

COMMANDER

6th Fleet



**VICE ADMIRAL
JOHN HOWARD CASSADY,
USN**

John Howard Cassady, born in Spencer, Indiana, on April 3, 1896, attended the U.S. Naval Academy and was graduated and commissioned Ensign in June 1918 with the Class of 1919. After graduation he joined the USS VIRGINIA, and served during the period until 1924 with the USS CASSIN, USS OLYMPIA, the destroyers WILKES, DIXIE, and TRUXTON, and as executive officer of the USS McCORMICK.

After a tour of duty with the Office of Naval Communications, he served with the USS AROOSTOOK until March 1928 when he reported to the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, for flight training. Designated naval aviator, he has served continuously with naval aviation since that time. In this connection he has served aboard the aircraft carriers RANGER, LANGLEY, and WASP; at the Naval Air Stations at Pensacola and Norfolk; with the American Embassy in Rome; as operations officer on the staff of Commander, Aircraft, Atlantic; and in the Training Division, Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department, Washington.

On August 22, 1943, Vice Admiral Cassady assumed command of the USS SARATOGA. Under his command the SARATOGA operated with a Task Force in a series of successful raids on enemy bases throughout the South and Central Pacific.

In October 1945 he became Commander, Carrier Division Four, Atlantic Fleet, and served in that command until January 1946. He then was ordered to duty as Commander Carrier Division One. He subsequently served as Commander, Fleet Air, Quonset Point, Rhode Island; Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Air); Commander, Fleet, Air, Jacksonville, Florida; and as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air). On 27 May 1952 he assumed command of the United States Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, relieving Vice Admiral Matthias B. Gardner, USN.

In addition to the Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars and Combat Distinguishing Device "V," Vice Admiral Cassady has the Victory Medal, Destroyer Clasp (USS CASSIN), and is entitled to the American Defense Service Medal, Fleet Clasp, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. He also has the degree of Honorary Commander of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire awarded him by the Government of Great Britain.

Admiral Cassady takes a vital interest in Naval Air Power. He has made many speeches on this subject, and has participated in the Naval Civilian Orientation Course. He will be well remembered aboard the Des Moines for his affable, agreeable personality.