

[Picture of Wesley L. McDonald]  
Capt. Wesley L. McDonald  
Son of Arlington Man Selected for Admiral

Aboard USS Coral Sea (CVA-43) is Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, San Francisco – Capt. Wesley L. McDonald, son of Wesley E. McDonald, 3675 Military Rd., Arlington, and the late Mrs. McDonald, and currently commanding officer of this veteran aircraft carrier, has been selected for the rank of rear admiral.

The 49 Navy captions chosen by Presidential order to assume flag rank included astronaut Alan Shepard and represented a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. McDonald was “deep selected” or chosen before he would ordinarily have been, but will not assume his new rank for several months.

McDonald came aboard CORAL SEA for his fourth tour of duty here in October of 1970. A 1946 graduate of the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., McDonald came to CORAL SEA from the amphibious ship USS HERMITAGE.

He and his wife Norma and their family now make their home in Alameda, Cal.

CORAL SEA is winding up an extensive overhaul at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, where she has been for nearly a year. She is scheduled to deploy to the Western Pacific this fall.