



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Commander Gerald L. Sturvist, USN

Commander Sturvist was born in Chatham, Michigan in 1935. He is the son of Mrs. Tyne Justina Oja of Chatham, Michigan. He enlisted in the Navy in January 1954 and during his enlistment he attended Builders School in Port Hueneme, California and served with Mobile Construction Battalion NINE. After his first enlistment he attended Northern Michigan University. Upon graduation he attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and was commissioned in 1962.

After receiving his commission Commander Sturvist served on board USS CALIENTE (AO-53), USS KLONDIKE (AR-22), USS TRATHEN (DD-530) and USS STODDARD (DD-566). From June 1967 to March 1969 he served as CIC Observer at Fleet Training Group, San Diego, California. In May 1969 he was assigned to River Squad-

ron 15 in the Republic of Vietnam where he served as Chief Staff Officer and later as Commanding Officer. After his tour in Vietnam he served tours at the Naval Amphibious School, Coronado, California, on board USS DENVER (LPD-9), and at Fleet Training Center, San Diego, California.

While serving on board USS STODDARD (DD-566) he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V and while serving as Commanding Officer, River Squadron 15 he was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V.

Commander Sturvist reported on board USS PIEDMONT (AD-17) for duty as Executive Officer in March 1978.

Commander Sturvist is married to the former Norma Mazzali of Munising, Michigan. They have two children.