



## Commanding Officer

CAPTAIN M.C. PINKEPANK

CAPTAIN PINKEPANK was born in Sweet Springs, Missouri, June 3, 1925. He enlisted in the Navy in March, 1943. Following graduation from high school, he was called to active duty in July, 1943, at which time he was ordered to Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Missouri, under the V-12A program. In March, 1944, he was ordered into the Navy's Flight Training Program from which he graduated in February, 1946, receiving his commission and designation as a Naval Aviator.

AFTER OPERATIONAL Flight Training, Captain Pinkepank reported to Bombing Squadron 17 where he served three years. Following a tour of duty as Ground Controlled Approach Controller at Jacksonville, Florida, he was ordered to Fighter Squadron 44, flying the F4U "Corsair" in the Mediterranean and the F2H "Banshee" jet fighter in the Pacific. Subsequent tours included one year of instruction at the University of Colorado, General Line School, and two years as a flight instructor at Pensacola, Florida.

FOLLOWING THE flight instructor tour, Captain Pinkepank reported aboard the **USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN** (CVS-39) as Aircraft Handling Officer and then attended the Naval War College, Newport, R.I. He was Commanding Officer of Attack Squadrons 115 and 122.

IN NOVEMBER, 1965, Captain Pinkepank reported to the **USS ROOSEVELT** (CVA-42), where he served as Navigator until February, 1967. From March, 1967, to January, 1969, he served in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Aviation Plans and Program Division. After a year of instruction at George Washington University, from which he received a Bachelor of Science Degree, he assumed command of **USS CONCORD** (AFS-5) on 31 March 1970.

HE IS MARRIED to the former Miss Jean Ann Pope of Platteville, Wisconsin. They have three children: Louise, 18; Bill, 15; and Jimmy, 6; and are currently residing in quarters on the Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia.