



**Captain
W.C. Rogers, III**
Commanding Officer

**CAPTAIN WILL C.
ROGERS, III, USN**

Captain Will C. Rogers, III, was born in Fort Worth, Texas. After attending Baylor University, he was commissioned in December 1965 through Officer Candidate School. His first tour of duty was on board USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62) where he qualified as Engineering Watch Officer and served as Main Propulsion Division Officer and Assistant Combat Information Center Officer.

Following his tour in USS INDEPENDENCE, Captain Rogers was transferred to USS GEORGE K. MACKENZIE (DD-836) for duty as Main Propulsion Assistant and, subsequently, Combat Information Center Officer.

In December 1969, following graduation from Destroyer School, Captain Rogers reported as Commissioning Operations Officer to USS VREELAND (FF-1068). After his tour onboard USS VREELAND, Captain Rogers received orders to USS EXPLOIT (MSO-440), for duty as Commanding Officer.

Upon detachment from USS EXPLOIT, Captain Rogers attended the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia, followed by duty in the office of the Secretary of Defense (Weapons Systems Evaluation Group) and the Systems Analysis Division (OP-96) of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

After departing OP-96, Captain Rogers was assigned as Commissioning Executive Officer of USS DAVID R. RAY (DD-971). Upon completion of his Executive Officer tour, he was assigned as the Gas Turbine Type Desk Officer on the Staff of Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

In September 1981, Captain Rogers took command of USS CUSHING (DD-985). Upon relief in August 1984, he was assigned to the Chief Of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group as a CNO Fellow.

Prior to receiving orders as Commanding Officer of USS VINCENNES (CG-49), Captain Rogers served as Head, Unified CINC and Joint Program Analysis Section in the Program Planning Division (OP-90) of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Captain Rogers' decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and Gold Star in lieu of third award, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation with Bronze Star, and various campaign and service medals.

Captain Rogers is married to Sharon Rogers of Fort Worth, Texas. They have a son, Will Rogers IV, and currently reside in San Diego, California.