



**CDR C. L. Brown**  
**Past Executive Officer**

Commander C. L. (Dean) Brown was commissioned via the NROTC program in December 1972 upon graduation from the University of South Carolina with a BA in History.

His first tour of duty was aboard USS BELKNAP (CG 28) where he served successively as the Assistant CIC Officer, Assistant Communications Officer, and for the majority of his 32 month tour, as Gunnery Officer. Following the December 1975 decommissioning of the BELKNAP as a result of her tragic collision with the carrier JOHN F. KENNEDY, he was reassigned to USS ASSURANCE (AG 521) as Operations Officer and briefly as Executive Officer, completing his tour in 1977.

From August 1977 through August 1979, CDR Brown was assigned to the NROTC Unit, Rice University, Houston, Texas, as the Naval Engineering and Naval Weapons Instructor as well as Sophomore Class advisor. While there he attended the University of Houston involving postgraduate work in the Department of History.

Following completion of the Surface Warfare Officer Department Head curriculum in Newport, Rhode Island in May 1980, CDR Brown was assigned as Weapons Officer on board USS PAUL (FF 1080) until February 1982. CDR Brown's next duty was on USS KING (DDG 41) where he served until November 1983 as Operations Officer. For the next two years CDR Brown was assigned in the Operations section of the Headquarters Staff of Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia as the future scheduler for LANTFLT combatant ships. From there CDR Brown reported to his assignment as Prospective Executive Officer, USS THOMAS S. GATES (CG 51) CDR Brown was relieved in November 1988 and has reported to Seventh Fleet Staff as Assistant Operations.

CDR Brown wears the Navy Commendation Medal with three Gold Stars. CDR Brown is married to the former Robin E. Perrin of Union, South Carolina. They have two sons, David, age eleven and Robert, age eight. The Browns currently reside in Yokosuka, Japan.

LCDR Cox received his commission on 11 May 1975 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. After attending the Surface Warfare Officers School Division Officer Course in Newport, RI, LCDR Cox reported to USS DETECTOR (MSO 429) homeported in Portsmouth, NH. During this initial sea tour, he performed duties as First Lieutenant, Supply Officer, Mine Counter Measures Officer, Operations Officer, Navigator and Executive Officer. In August 1977, LCDR Cox crossdecked with the crew of (DETECTOR to) USS ADROIT (MSO 509) again homeported in Portsmouth, NH.

In March 1978, LCDR Cox attended the Tartar Missile Course at the Naval Guided Missile School in Dam Neck, VA. He then assumed duties as Fire Control Officer onboard USS SELLERS (DDG 11) homeported in Charleston, SC.

In October 1980, after completing the Department Head Course at Newport, RI, LCDR Cox joined the precommissioning crew of USS ANTRIM (FFG 20) which assembled in Norfolk, VA as Prospective-Combat Systems Officer. ANTRIM was commissioned 26 September 1981 in Seattle WA. During ANTRIM's first year of service, LCDR Cox won the COMNAVSURFLANT Junior Officer Shiphandler Award for the competitive cycle ending March 1982.

In May 1986 after completing a Master's Degree in Financial Management at the Naval Postgraduate School, LCDR Cox assumed command of USS FORTIFY (MSO 446) in Little Creek, Virginia. While in command, FORTIFY successfully completed the very first Operational Propulsion Plant Examination conducted on that ship. LCDR Cox was relieved of command in January 1988 and reported with the entire FORTIFY Gold crew to USS INFLICT (MSO 456) in the Persian Gulf. While in the Gulf, LCDR Cox operated in three live enemy mine fields. In the Rostam Field, LCDR Cox and the Gold crew set a new record for mine clearance, previously held since World War II, by neutralizing five Iranian moored contact mines in one day.

In May 1988, after serving four months in the Gulf, LCDR Cox was relieved of command of USS INFLICT and commenced pipeline training enroute to his present assignment as Executive Officer, USS THOMAS S. GATES (CG 51).

LCDR Cox's personal awards include the Bronze Star with Combat V, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, in addition to various campaign and theater ribbons.

LCDR Cox is married to the former Amry Stout of Greensboro, NC. LT Amry Cox holds a Master's Degree in Computer Systems Management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, and is currently assigned to the Operations Support Facility Atlantic Command in Norfolk, VA.



**LCDR Robert J. Cox**  
**Present Executive Officer**