



Commanding Officer

COMMANDER CHARLES E. RAWSON, USN

Commander Charles E. Rawson was born in Lincoln, Nebraska and is a graduate of the United States Mer-Marine Academy, Kingspoint, New York. He was commissioned in 1946 and assigned to the heavy cruiser USS ST. PAUL (CA-73) as an Engineering Division Officer. During this tour of duty ST. PAUL was flagship for the Battleship, Cruiser Force Pacific Fleet and toured the UN mandated islands in the Pacific as well as spending considerable periods of time on the China Station. In 1949-1951, he served on USS HAMUL (AD-20) as Gunnery Officer and Operations Officer. HAMUL was homeported in England until the start of the Korean War at which time it was transferred to the Pacific Fleet as flagship for COMDESFLOT ONE. Subsequent duties included a tour in Naples, Italy as Industrial Relations Officer for the Headquarters Support Activity.

Commander RAWSON then reported aboard USS BROWNSON (DD-868) as Engineer Officer and went around the world on that ship in 1953-1954. He was Executive Officer when detached for a tour of duty under instruction at the University of North Carolina. This was followed by duty on the Staff of Commander Escort Squadron EIGHT.

In 1957 Commander RAWSON was Executive Officer of USS BASILONE (DD-824) and participated in the Lebanon Operation.

During the period 1958-1960 he was Head, Advanced Bases and Special Projects in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations after which he served in USS VIGIL (AGR-12) as Commanding Officer. His duty immediately prior to assuming command of USS STORMES (DD-780) was with the Office of Naval Research as ASW Project Officer, Undersea warfare Division.

Commander RAWSON is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School where he majored in Navy Management.

Commander RAWSON is married to the former Heather Barber of Plymouth, England. They have one child, a daughter, Devon Marie.