

COMMANDING OFFICER



ROBERT S. BELL
COMMANDER
USN

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Commander Bell was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland in 1960. Upon graduation and commissioning in June 1964, he was assigned to **USS EUGENE A. GREENE (DD-711)**, homeported in Norfolk, Virginia, as Gunnery Officer and later as ASW Officer. Following this initial assignment, Commander Bell was assigned as Officer-in-Charge of a PCF (Swift) Boat involved in combat operations with Coastal Division Eleven, Anhoi, Vietnam.

His first tour ashore was as a Seamanship and Tactics instructor in the Naval Science Department at the U.S. Naval Academy. During this tour Commander Bell earned his Masters Degree in Personnel Administration from George Washington University, Washington, DC. Following attendance at the Naval Destroyer School, Commander Bell returned to sea duty as

Operations Officer in **USS NOA (DD-841)**, homeported in Mayport, Florida. He was then assigned to the Fleet Combat Direction Systems Training Center, Atlantic, Dam Neck, Virginia, for duty as Training Support Officer and Assistant to the Director for Training.

Following this shore assignment, Commander Bell was assigned to Charleston, South Carolina, as Operations Officer in **USS MACDONOUGH (DDG-39)** and Executive Officer in **USS SELLERS (DDG-11)**. Following his Executive Officer tour, Commander Bell was assigned to the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Surface Warfare (OP-03), where he served in the Surface Combatant Requirements and Readiness Branch of the Surface Warfare Division. Commander Bell assumed duties as Commanding Officer, **USS WILLIAM V. PRATT** on 12 February, 1982.

Commander Bell's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V", and the Combat Action Ribbon.

