



Commanding Officer

CAPTAIN WALTER R. SHAFER, USN

Captain Walter R. Shafer, USN, is a native of Troy, Ohio. He received his commission upon graduation as a Regular NROTC Student at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio in June 1950.

During the Korean Conflict he saw action on board USS PHILIP (DDE-498) where he served in the Operations, Weapons and Engineering Departments. His subsequent sea duty has been: Commissioning Detail and Weapons Department, USS MITSCHER (DL-2); Establishing Detail and Operations Officer, the Staff of Commander Escort Squadron SEVEN, the surface portion of the Pacific Barrier; Commanding Officer, USS POLK COUNTY (MST-1084); Commanding Officer, USS ADROIT (MSO-509); Commissioning Detail and Executive Officer, USS BELKNAP (DLG-26); and Commanding Officer, USS CONYNGHAM (DDG-17).

Ashore, Captain Shafer has served as Assistant Professor of Naval Science at the University of Michigan; as a student in Ordnance Engineering at the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California; and as Advanced Weapons Officer of the U.S. Navy Section, Military Assistance Advisory Group, working with the Italian Navy in Rome, Italy. He returns to BELKNAP from a tour as Point Defense Weapon Systems Manager at the Naval Ordnance Systems Command Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

Captain Shafer is married to the former Joanne DuBois of Highland, Indiana. They have three sons, Richard, John and Robert; and, one daughter, Elizabeth Ann.