



Commander William B. ALTHOFF, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Althoff of Long Island, New York graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1945 (class of 1946). His first duty assignment was to the destroyer USS Charles S. SPERRY (DD-697) where he served as Gunnery Officer. Subsequent tours in destroyer types included two years as Engineer Officer in the USS FITCH (DMS-25) and a year as Executive Officer of the USS Richard S. EDWARDS (DD-950).

CDR ALTHOFF attended the Russian Language School in 1948 and the Naval Intelligence School in 1952, both in Washington, D.C. Upon graduation from the latter, he was assigned to the staff of Commander Middle East Force, whose flagship was based in the Persian Gulf. Following this and after attendance at the American University, Beirut, Lebanon, he reported to the Fleet Intelligence Center at Port Lyautey, Morocco, for duty. He also has served in the Officer Distribution Branch of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C.

CDR ALTHOFF has commanded the USS E-PCS 1431, a vessel engaged in experimental anti-submarine warfare development at Key West, Florida, and the USS LOYALTY, an ocean-going minesweeper based at Long Beach, California. In March 1961, he took command of the radar picket destroyer USS DUNCAN, then undergoing FRAM at the Long Beach

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Naval Shipyard. In October of the same year, DUNCAN's home port was changed to Yokosuka, Japan, and she became a permanent unit of the Seventh Fleet operating in the Western Pacific. On 9 May 1963, CDR ALTHOFF returned to the Atlantic Fleet to take command of the USS FARRAGUT (DLG-6), first of a class of 5600-ton guided missile frigates equipped with the latest in electronic detection equipment and long range anti-submarine missiles.

CDR ALTHOFF is married to the former Marilyn Eustace of Charleston, South Carolina, and has two children, a daughter, Susan, and a son William.

