



**CAPTAIN HAL C. CASTLE, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER**

Captain Hal C. Castle, USN, was born on 26 December 1921, in Peoria, Illinois and is the son of Mrs. Helen M. Castle and the late Earl E. Castle. After attending St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota for a year, he won an appointment to the Naval Academy, and was commissioned an Ensign in June 1943. His first duty station was the USS PHELPS (DD-360), the first ship to anchor in Japanese territorial waters in World War II.

Captain Castle's postwar duties included tours of duty aboard the USS BRISTOL (DD-857) and the USS DICKSON (DD-708). In 1948, he returned to the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School and subsequently earned an M.S. in Metallurgy from Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1951.

He obtained cruiser experience when he reported for duty to the USS WORCESTER (CL-144) as Air Defense Officer and the Gunnery Officer. After leaving WORCESTER, he served for two years as Assistant Terminal Ballistics Officer at the U.S. Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Va.

In July 1956, Captain Castle became Executive Officer of the USS WILLIAM M. WOOD (DDR-715) and then took command of the USS STRONG (DD-758) in January 1958. On leaving the STRONG in December, he attended the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia and Nuclear Power School at New London, Connecticut. Prior to reporting to USS LONG BEACH (CG(N)-9) as Projective Executive Officer in April 1960, he received additional training in naval reactor prototype operations.

As Executive Officer of our first nuclear surface ship, he participated in her first Mediterranean deployment and a Northern Europe cruise. In early 1964 Captain Castle reported to the Director, Naval Reactors.

Captain Castle assumed command of the nuclear powered frigate USS BAINBRIDGE (DLG(N)25) 27 July 1964.

Captain Castle wears the following ribbons: American Defense, American Theater, European Theater, Pacific Theater (with one silver star), the World War II Victory Ribbon, the Navy Occupation Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Captain Castle is married to the former Miss Martha Shelton of Washington, D.C. They have four children; three boys and a girl, residing in Norfolk, Va. Hal, Jr., is a Midshipman, class of 1967 at the U.S. Naval Academy.