

# COMMANDER KEITH M. OTT

Commander OTT was born December 11, 1937 in Los Angeles, California. He graduated from Holy Trinity School, Okarche, Oklahoma in 1956. He was selected for regular NROTC program at the University of Kansas. Commander OTT graduated from that institution and was commissioned as Ensign, US Navy in June 1960.

He served his initial sea tour from 1960 until 1965 in Weapons and Operations Departments; first on USS ORLEK (DD-886) homeported in Yokosuka, Japan as ASW Officer and then as a member of the commissioning crew of USS GRIDLEY (CG-21) as ASW Officer and later as CIC Officer.

Commander OTT then reported to the staff of Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force U.S. Pacific Fleet San Diego in July 1965 as Current Operations Officer. Following that tour, he was assigned to the Naval Air Facility Cam Ranh Bay, Republic of Vietnam from June 1967 until 1968. He next reported to USS COONTZ (CG-9) as Operations Officer. Her deployment to the U.S. Seventh Fleet ending in May 1969 marked over four years of duty assignments in the Western Pacific for Commander OTT.

Upon detachment from COONTZ in November 1969, he reported to the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California and graduated in December 1970 with a Master of Science in Business Administration from the financial management curriculum and received orders to USS STICKELL (DD-888) as Executive Officer. Commander OTT served in the capacity as Executive Officer until February 1972 at which time he assumed command. He decommissioned STICKELL on her sale to the Hellenic Navy in July 1972 and then headed the mobile training team onboard thereafter. Upon dissolution of the team, Commander OTT attended the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia, graduating in January 1973.

Reporting to the office of the Chief of Naval Operations in February 1973, Commander OTT served as a financial management officer in the Fiscal Management Division. He was designated as Proven Subspecialist (Financial Management) in June 1974 by Financial Management Subspecialist Board action. When the Fiscal Management Division (OPNAV) and the Office of Budget and Reports (NAVCOMPT) were merged in February 1975, Commander OTT was initially assigned to the Fleet Operations Branch and then was Head, Security assistance Control Branch.

Commander OTT and his wife, the former Noreen Mitchell, along with their two daughters, Christine and Lara, make their home in San Diego.

