



## John W. Brown COMMANDING OFFICER

Commander Brown is a native of Phoenix, Arizona where he graduated from West Phoenix High School. He attended Arizona State University, before enlisting in the United States Navy as a Seaman Recruit in February 1956. Since being on active duty, Commander Brown has received an associates Degree in General Studies from City University, Seattle, Washington.

Following completion of Recruit Training and Interior Communication Electrician "A" School, he served on **USS TWINING (DD-540)**. This tour was followed by assignment as an instructor at the Naval Reserve Training Center, Tucson, Arizona. He then was assigned to the **USS AJAX (AR-6)**, homeported in Sasebo, Japan. During this tour he was advanced to Chief Petty Officer. He then served on the **USS DELTA (AR-9)** and was appointed a Warrant Officer during this tour.

Since being promoted to officer status, Commander Brown has served on the **USS CORAL SEAS (CVA-43)**, **USS PRAIRIE (AD-15)**, **USS CAPE COD (AD-43)**, **USS RANGER (CV-61)**, and as Commanding officer, **STEADFAST (AFDM-14)**. He has also had assignments ashore as the Enlisted Programs Recruiting

Director, Kansas City, Missouri; Inspector with the Sub-Board of Inspection and Survey, Pacific; and as Officer-in Charge of the Magnetic Silencing Facility, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Commander Brown assumed command of **SUSTAIN (AFDM-SEVEN)** on October 10, 1990.

Commander Brown has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, (three awards), Navy Achievement Commendation Medal, (three awards with Combat "V"), Navy Achievement Medal (three awards with Combat "V"), the President Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation (two awards), and Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (five awards). He also wears the Combat Action Ribbon and five Battle Efficiency awards, plus various campaign and theater ribbons.

Commander Brown is married to the former Mary Ellen Hernandez of Long Beach, California. He has two sons; Garth, who resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Greg, who is in the Navy and is presently stationed at Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida as an Aircraft Landing Systems Technician, and one daughter; Stacy, who resides in Springfield, Missouri.

10 October 1990 Change-of-Command

