

COMMANDING OFFICER

CAPT. Clyde J. Vanarsdall III, USN

Captain Clyde J. Vanarsdall III is the son of a retired Navy rear admiral. After attending high school in France and Norfolk, Va. he was enrolled in the U.S. Naval Academy with the class of 1963.

After graduation and basic nuclear power training, Captain Vanarsdall was assigned as "A" and "M" division officer aboard the **USS BAINBRIDGE (DLGN-25)**. While assigned to the **BAINBRIDGE**, Captain Vanarsdall successfully completed the around-the-world cruise of Nuclear Task Force One.

From 1966 through 1968 Captain Vanarsdall was an instructor at the Navy Nuclear Power School in Mare Island, Calif.

Transferred to the **USS TALBOT (FFG-4)** in June 1969, Captain Vanarsdall functioned as the operations officer.

In 1971, Captain Vanarsdall served as a member of the System Analysis Division of OPNAV (OP-96).

Receiving a master's degree in financial management from George Washington University in 1974, Captain Vanarsdall once again rotated to sea duty serving aboard the **USS LONG BEACH (CGN-9)** as her main propulsion assistant.

In January 1977, Captain Vanarsdall was assigned to CINCPACFLT Pearl Harbor, Hawaii as a member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board.

Once again going afloat, Captain Vanarsdall found himself commanding officer of the **USS LANG (FF-1060)**. Upon the end of his tour aboard the **LANG** in 1981, he was transferred back to the **USS LONG BEACH (CGN-9)**, acting as her executive officer.

Leaving the **LONG BEACH** in November 1983, Captain Vanarsdall completed various schools and training at COMNAVSURFPAC before reporting as commanding officer of the **USS TRUXTUN (CGN-35)** in July 1984.

Captain Vanarsdall currently holds a Surface Warfare Specialist pin, two Sea Service ribbons, Vietnam Service ribbon, Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with a gold star, Navy Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and is among the Navy service members privileged to be a Golden Shellback.

He is married to the former Sybil G. Mainhart of Alexandria, Va. They have two children, Clyde and Michael, and reside in Coronado, Calif.

