

# Executive Officer

## Commander M. O. Geary

Commander Mervin O. Geary is our Executive Officer and the right hand man of the skipper. When ever there was a job to be done, he was there with that vitality and drive which was a challenge to all of us. He often found it necessary to call upon his understanding and experience, acquired through many years of dedicated service to his country and fellow man, to solve the problems we encountered in the Mediterranean. Without the help of his personal guidance, GALVESTON could not have achieved the high degree of competence she had on this cruise.



Commander Geary was born in Oakland, California on 25 May 1925, and received his education at the University of Washington, Whitman College and Princeton. On 23 August 1945 he was commissioned as an Ensign, U. S. Naval Reserve, from the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipman School, Columbia University. He was married on the same date to Betty Marie McLafferty of College Place, Washington. The Gearys have one son, Michael.

During his naval career Commander Geary has had three commands. He also attended several schools and served on the Staff of Commander Service Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. He assumed the duties of Executive Officer aboard GALVESTON on 19 March 1967.

