

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## CDR RICHARD W. RUSSELL February 1971 - May 1972

Commander Richard W. RUSSELL was born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska. He enlisted in the Navy in 1952 and served four and one-half years prior to selection for the Integration Program where he received his commission in June of 1957. CDR RUSSELL's duties from 1957 until 1964 include tours with **USS SAMUEL D. ROBERTS** (DD-823), COMDESDIV 242 staff, and Personnel Accounting Machine Command, Continental United States. From 1964 to 1966 he commanded **USS CHEWAUCAN** (AOG-50). CDR RUSSELL then served with BUPERS and coastal Squadron One, Vietnam, before assuming command of **USS AFFRAY** (MSO-511) in 1969. In February 1971 he joined **USS BIDDLE** as Executive Officer and served **BIDDLE** until May of 1972. CDR RUSSELL departs **USS BIDDLE** to assume command of **USS ROBERT L. WILSON** (DD-847).

## CDR CLAIR E. HECKATHORN May 1972 - Present

Commander HECKATHORN was born and raised on a farm near Mercer, Pennsylvania. He graduated in 1958 from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering and was commissioned from the Regular NROTC Program. His first assignment was on the **USS TICONDEROGA** (CVA-14). Subsequently he graduated from the U.S. Naval Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut and was sent to **USS TUNNY** (SSG-28200, a Regular Missile Submarine). In 1961 he was transferred to **USS PICKEREL** (SS-524).

His next tour was a student at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Cal. where he graduated in 1966 with an Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. After a tour aboard **USS TIRU** (SS-416), his next assignment was as MK 48 Torpedo Project Officer at the Submarine Development Group Two at Groton Conn. Prior to reporting to **BIDDLE** as Executive Officer, he was the Executive Officer of the **USS PICODA** (SS-382), based in Key West.

