

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER THOMAS R. DANIEL, JR, USN EXECUTIVE OFFICER



LCDR Daniel was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1952. He graduated from St. Augustine High School in 1970 and Xavier University of Louisiana in 1976.

He attended Officer Candidate School at Newport, RI and received his commission as an Ensign in 1976. Following completion of Surface Warfare Basic School in 1977, he was assigned as First Division Officer aboard the **USS NIMITZ**. Highlights included one Med/North Atlantic Cruise and one Med/Indian Ocean Cruise. The latter prompted by the 1979/80 American hostage crisis in Iran involved an unprecedented 144 days at sea and an historic ration of two cans of beer per man by the Secretary of the Navy at the 100-day at sea milestone. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant junior grade in 1978.

Reassigned in July 1980, LCDR Daniel served aboard **USS SPIEGEL GROVE (LSD-32)**, as Operations Officer and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in December 1980. **SPIEGEL GROVE** participated in **TEAMWORK 1980**, a joint NATO exercise in the Norwegian fjords, and the test/evaluation of the Amphibious Air Cushion Landing Craft (LCAC).

Between 1982 and 1984 LCDR Daniel was assigned as an assistant professor of Naval Science at Louisiana State University and Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He simultaneously earned a Masters of Arts Degree in Personnel Management from Central Michigan University in December 1983.

In 1984/85, LCDR Daniel attended Surface Warfare Officer Department Head School in Newport, RI. He was promoted to Lieutenant Commander and assigned as Operations Officer aboard **USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON (FFG-13)** in May 1985. **S.E. MORISON** participated in western Atlantic operations from Bar Harbor, Maine to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

LCDR Daniel between 1987/88 was Operations Officer aboard **USS BIDDLE (CG-34)**. His **BIDDLE** tour included the Chief of Naval Operations New Threat Upgrade (anti-air warfare missile) project, a Mediterranean Cruise and freedom of navigation operations in the Black Sea.

He then attended the Armed Forces Staff College (AFSC), Norfolk, VA between Jan-Jun 1989 followed by the prospective Executive Officer Course in Newport, RI.

LCDR Daniel is married to the former Oliver Kacelia Miller of Drew, MS and has two children, Danika and Tom III. He was relieved as Executive Officer of **MCINERNEY** in April, 1991.