

Captain Nigel E. Parkhurst Commanding Officer

Captain Nigel E. Parkhurst of Clackamas, Oregon received his commission in June, 1963 upon graduation from Oregon State University. On his first duty assignment he served as Main Propulsion Assistant and Gunnery Officer on USS MULLANY (DD-528). Following attendance at the U.S. Naval Destroyer School in Newport, Rhode Island, he reported to USS Richard S. Edwards (DD-950) as Engineer Officer. He was subsequently assigned as Material Officer for Commander Destroyer Squadron ONE. Capt. Parkhurst had additional sea duty as Damage Control Assistant on USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64), Executive Officer of USS THOMASTON (LSD-28) and USS DURHAM (LKA-114), Commanding Officer of USS FORT FISHER (LSD-40), Chief Staff Officer for Commander Amphibious Squadron FIVE, and Commanding Officer of USS Denver (LPD-9).

Capt. Parkhurst has been assigned ashore as Special Intelligence Officer on the staff of Commander Naval Forces Korea; Strike Warfare Officer for Commander Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Damage Control Training Officer for Commander Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet; and as Commander Fleet Activities, Sasebo, Japan. Capt. Parkhurst attended the Naval War College and Salve Regina College where he received a Master of Arts Degree in International Relations in 1986.

Capt. Parkhurst has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, Navy Achievement Medal, as well as other campaign and service medals.

Capt. Parkhurst is married to the former Delores E. Bee of Portland, Oregon. They have two daughters, Melissa and Valerie.

(Left) Captain Parkhurst has a sip of a virgin Daquiri during sea and anchor.

