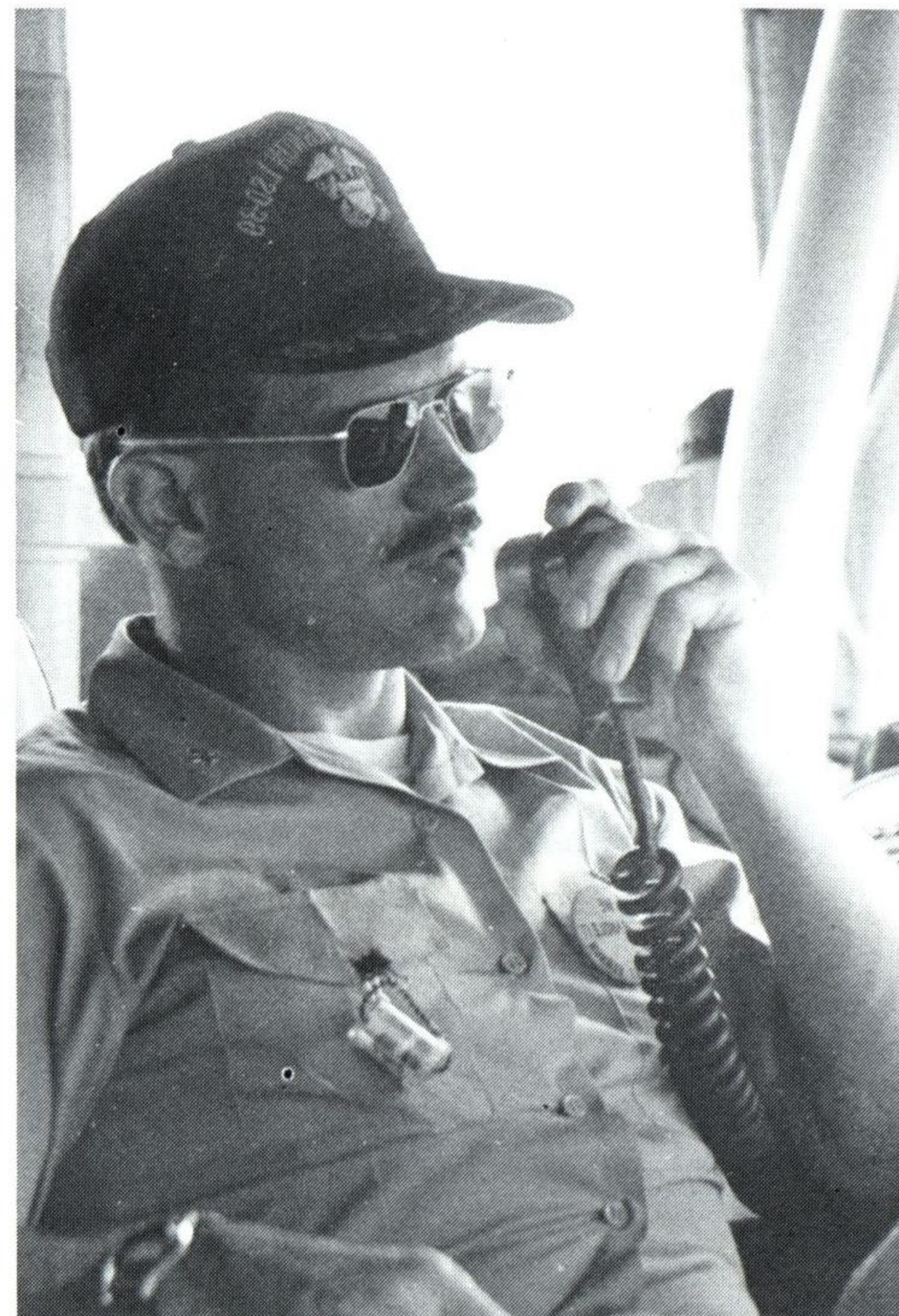


# CDR JOHN W. CONRAD COMMANDING OFFICER



Commander John W. Conrad was born in Buffalo, New York on May 30, 1947. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1969 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Commander Conrad's first afloat assignment was aboard USS MANITOWAC (LST 1180) where he served as Combat Information Center/Electronic Material Officer, Assistant First Lieutenant and Operations Officer. Subsequent sea tours have included duty as Engineering Officer aboard USS JOSEPH STRAUSS (DDG 16), Material Officer for COMDESRON TWO FIVE, Executive Officer of USS RACINE (LST 1191) and Material Officer for COMCRUDESGRU ONE.

Commander Conrad's first shore assignment was at U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California where he earned a Masters Degree in Physical Oceanography. A subsequent tour was as Tactical Development Officer for Commander Area ASW Forces, Sixth Fleet.

Commander Conrad is a Surface Warfare Officer and holds sub-specialties in Naval Engineering, Anti-Submarine Warfare and Operational Oceanography. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (Second Award) and various campaign awards.

Commander Conrad is married to the former Kris Kirkland, a successful business woman in Long Beach, California. They have two daughters, Lynette and Nicole.



TOP: "Good afternoon, Gents." CENTER: Talking to MM1 (SW) Becker at the command inspection. RIGHT: CDR Conrad letting the crew know what to expect from him and what he expects from them.