

# COMMANDING OFFICER

**CDR KENNETH H. JOHNSON, USN**



Commander Kenneth H. Johnson is a native of Hallandale, FL and Buffalo, N.Y. He is a graduate of Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry. Commander Johnson earned his commission in 1964 at Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island.

His afloat duties include tours as 1st, 2nd and 3rd division officer in USS PLYMOUTH ROCK (LSD-29). During this tour he was promoted to LTJG and "fleeted" up to First Lieutenant. Commander Johnson served as Operations Officer on board USS VENTURE (MSO-496) following his detachment from PLYMOUTH ROCK. Commander Johnson's third shipboard tour was aboard USS DAMATO (DD-871) as Weapons Officer. He was split tour as the First Lieutenant on USS FRANCIS MARION (LPA-249). Commander Johnson's last job at sea was as Executive Officer on USS MANITOWOC (LST-1180).

Ashore Commander Johnson served as the Advisor for Minority Affairs in the Candidate Guidance Office at the United States Naval Academy from 1970-1974. For a six month period he was the Plans and Policy Officer for Drugs and Alcohol in OP-15. From July 1979 to February 1982 Commander Johnson was a Special Assistant to Commander, Navy Recruiting Command.

Commander Johnson is a graduate of Mine Warfare School, Destroyer School, and the Armed Forces Staff College.

He is eligible to wear the following awards: National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Meritorious Service Medal (second award), Navy Unit Commendation Medal and the Navy Expeditionary Medal.

Commander Johnson is married to the former Bernadine V. McCall of Buffalo, N.Y. The Johnson's have two children; Monica and Kenneth Jr. The family currently resides in Stafford, Virginia.

