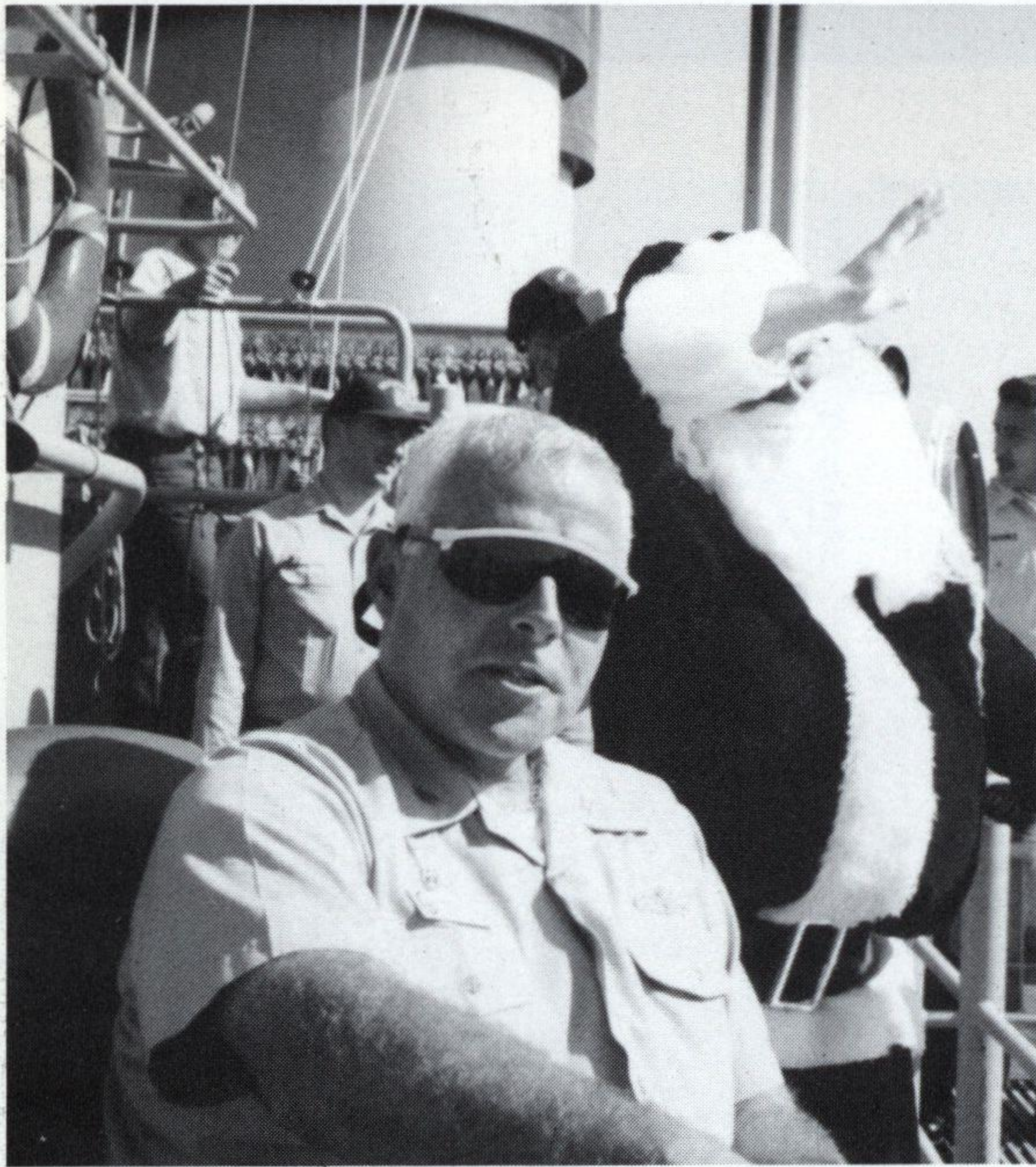


Captain William L. Snyder

Commanding Officer



Captain Snyder graduated in 1968 from Redbank Valley High School in New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Following graduation he attended the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned an Ensign in 1972. During his initial tour at sea he served in various engineering billets in USS LEONARD F. MASON (DD-582) Following his tour in MASON, Captain Snyder was assigned to Coastal River Squadron 13 where he served as Officer-In-Charge of a Fast Patrol Boat (PTF-26). After RIVDIV 13 Captain Snyder attended Surface Warfare Officer Department Head training and returned to sea as Engineering Officer in USS HOEL (DDG-13). Following HOEL Captain Snyder served as Material Officer in Destroyer Squadron 31. Next he attended Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California.

After serving as Executive Officer in USS LEWIS B. PULLER (FFG-23), Captain Snyder remained at sea and took command of the Minesweeper (USS PLUCK (MSO-464). He was subsequently assigned a follow-on Minesweeper tour as Commanding Officer of USS ENHANCE (MSO-437). A one year shore assignment followed where Captain Snyder attended the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Returning to sea, Captain Snyder took command of USS JARRETT (FFG-33). He then served as Head, Surface Commander Assignment Branch at the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington D.C.

Captain Snyder assumed his duties as Commanding Officer, USS COWPENS on January 14, 1995.

Captain Snyder holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering, a Masters Degree in Management, and a Masters Degree in Foreign Affairs. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars with Combat "V", two Meritorious Service Medals, and two Navy Commendation Medals.

Captain Snyder is married to the former Joan Andrews. They reside in Coronado, California.