



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Commander
L. S. Blankinship
United States Navy

Commander L. Scott Blankinship, a native of Virginia, graduated from the University of North Carolina NROTC class of 1967 with a Bachelor of arts degree in History. He was also awarded a Masters degree in Communications Management from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in 1974.

From July 1967 until June 1970, Commander BLANKINSHIP served in USS BORDELON (DD-881) as Communications Officer, Combat Information Center Officer and as Operations Officer. Upon completion of Destroyer School, he returned to sea as

Operations Officer in USS EUGENE A. GREENE (DD-711). Commander BLANKINSHIP'S next sea tour was as Executive Officer of USS McCLOY (FF-1038) from December 1974 until September 1976. He has been serving as Executive Officer of USS AINSWORTH (FF-1090) since October 1980.

Assignments ashore have included a tour from December 1976 to December 1979 as Assistant to the Navy Satellite Communications Program Coordinator for Plans, Programs and Resources, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. He also attended the Armed

Forces Staff College from January 1980 to June 1980.

Commander BLANKINSHIP'S awards include the Navy Achievement Medal with Gold Star, Combat Action Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Vietnamese Distinguished Service Ribbon and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Commander BLANKINSHIP is married to the former Carol L. Dunn of Maxton, North Carolina. They have one son, Wesley.