Commander William J. Marshall, III graduated from Villanova University and was commissioned in the U.S. Navy via the NROTC program in December 1972. He was stationed at NAS Bermuda (Port Royal Bay) as the Port Operations Officer while awaiting his initial sea duty.

Continuing his overseas assignment, Commander Marshall was ordered to the **USS SAMPSON (DDG-10)**, homeported in Athens, Greece from 1974 until 1977. In his next assignment, he served as a Warfare specialty instructor at the Newport Basic Division Officer School until 1980.

Following training at Department Head School, Commander Marshall was assigned as the Weapons Officer on board USS AYL-WIN (LST-1180) as First Lieutenant. Reporting in June 1982, Commander Marshall participated in the initial landing of U.S. Marines in Beirut, Lebanon as part of the multi-national Peacekeeping Force, and their final extraction two years later. During this tour, Commander Marshall also participated in Operation Urgent Fury/Grenada.

Commander Marshall attended the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA., receiving a Masters in Business Administration (Financial Management) in 1985. From 1986-1987 he served as Executive Officer on USS SAGINAW (LST-1188).

Prior to receiving orders as Commanding Officer of **USS GERMANTOWN** (**LSD-42**), Commander Marshall most recently served on the staff of Commander, Naval Surface Forces Atlantic.

Commander Marshall is married to the former Tricia Herion of Glenmore, PA. The Marshalls have three children; Kelly age ten, Katie age eight and Bud age four.



