



**CAPTAIN
ROBERT B.
HOFFMAN**
25 June 1976 ...
Present

Commanding Officer

Captain Robert B. Hoffman, U.S. Navy reported to **USS SAMUEL GOMPERS** from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) where he served as the Manager of the Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy Appropriation.

Captain Hoffman was born in St. Helena, California, and reared in San Francisco. He was a graduate from Lowell High School in June 1949 and entered the U.S. Naval Academy in July. He was commissioned Ensign in June 1953. His first assignment was to the **USS IRWIN (DD-749)** homeported in Newport, Rhode Island. He then served on the **USS COLONIAL (LSD-18)** on the West Coast. He then attended the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, majoring in Engineering Electronics (Acoustics). After graduating in 1959, he commanded **USS FAIRVIEW (EPCER-850)**, homeported in New London, Connecticut. In 1962 Captain Hoffman reported to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Following this tour, he served as Executive Officer of the **USS TURNER JOY (DD-951)** homeported in Long Beach, California, and then as Head of the Sonar Systems Evaluation Section of the Key West Test and Evaluation Detachment, Operational Test and Evaluation Force. In June 1969, he assumed command of the **USS ARNOLD J. ISBELL (DD-869)**, homeported in Long Beach, California. He then served as the Operations and Plans Officer on the Staff of Commander Cruiser Destroyer Flotilla THREE: During the academic year 1972-1973 Captain Hoffman attended and was a Distinguished Graduate of the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island.

Captain Hoffman has been awarded three Bronze Star Medals, Two Navy Unit Commendation Medals—one with Combat V—Two Navy Unit Commendations, the Combat Action Ribbon and the Navy Distinguished Service Order 2nd Class from the former Republic of Vietnam.

He is married to the former Anne Lawver of Westwood New Jersey. The Hoffmans have five daughters and reside in San Diego.

