



## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COMMANDER  
WILLIAM R. BURNS  
UNITED STATES NAVY

CDR William R. Burns, Jr., is a native of Des Moines, Iowa. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1967. Commander Burns was initially assigned as Weapons Officer in *USS GALLUP (PG-85)*, a unit of the Market Time forces in South Viet Nam. He subsequently obtained a Master of Public Administration degree from the John F. Kennedy School at Harvard University and then completed department head training at the Naval Destroyer School. CDR Burns returned to sea as operations Officer in *USS MEYERKORD (DE-1058)* and then as Commanding Officer of the *USS UTE (ATF-76)*. After a brief tour as a junior officer detailee, he was ordered to training in the Nuclear Power Program. Following qualification, CDR Burns was assigned as Main Propulsion Assistant in *USS LONG BEACH (CGN-9)* and subsequently as Nuclear Type Desk Officer on the staff of Commander Naval Surface Force Pacific. CDR Burns relieved as Executive Officer of *USS ARKANSAS (CGN-41)* in October, 1981. He wears the Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star as well as various unit and service awards.

CDR Burns is married to the former Barbara Newman. They have a daughter, Bobbi, and a son, Billy.

