



COMMANDING OFFICER
CAPTAIN
PAUL K. BLESCH

Captain Blesh was born in Pennsylvania, and raised in New York. He graduated from Syracuse University in 1935 and became a naval aviator in 1937. Before assuming Command of the Hancock in December of 1961, he was the Skipper of the USS Elokomin (AO-55).

On the Hancock, his knowledge and leadership have brought the ship and crew through exercise after exercise with relative ease and excellent accomplishment. A firm and just disciplinarian, quick and sound in decisions, Captain Blesh sits high in the esteem of his crew.

