

# Commanding Officer



**Gerald H. Kaffer, Jr.**  
**COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY**

CDR. KAFFER was born on 29 March 1924 at Denver, Colorado and attended grade and high schools in Denver. After graduation from High School, CDR. KAFFER received an appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

CDR. KAFFER reported on active duty with the Navy as an ENSIGN, USNR. He was assigned to USS GENERAL H. W. BUTNER (AP-113) and served on board that ship as Assistant First Lieutenant, Assistant Navigator and Communications Officer.

CDR. KAFFER next served in USS VERMILLION (AKA-107) as Communications Officer. He was then transferred to USS CORREGIDOR (CVE-58), serving as Communications Officer and later as Navigator.

He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, USNR, in 1955, and later accepted a commission as a Lieutenant, U.S. Navy. He was assigned to USS AMMEN (DD-527) as Operations Officer.

In January 1958 CDR. KAFFER reported for duty as Assistant to the Commander Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy in March 1958.

In January 1960 he was assigned to USS CHARLES P. CECIL (DDR-835) as Executive Officer.

CDR. KAFFER was detached from CECIL in July 1961 and reported for duty on the staff of the Naval Destroyer School. He was promoted to the rank of Commander, U.S. Navy in September 1962.

CDR. KAFFER possesses a Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Merchant Marine Academy and has studied Business Administration at the University of Denver Graduate School.

