

COMMANDER CHARLES R. GIRVIN, III COMMANDING OFFICER

Commander Girvin attended Purdue University, graduating in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Commissioned as an Ensign upon graduation, he was promoted to his present rank of Commander in 1986.

Commander Girvin's initial assignment was to **USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG-7)** where he served as Fire Control Officer, Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer and Combat Information Center Officer. In October 1974, he reported to **HMS GLAMORGAN (D-19)**, a Royal Navy County Class Guided Missile Destroyer homeported in Portsmouth, England, where he served as Weapons Officer in the Personnel Exchange Program.

After his return from the United Kingdom, Commander Girvin attended Department Head School and was subsequently assigned to **USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14)** as the Engineer Officer. He next served consecutive tours on the staffs of Commander, Destroyer Squadron Twenty-one and Commander, Naval Surface Forces Pacific.

In August, 1983 Commander Girvin returned to **USS BUCHANAN** as Executive Officer. He most recently was assigned to the Board of Inspection and Survey, Pacific as Combat Systems Inspector.

In addition to various service medals, Commander Girvin has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with combat distinguishing device and gold stars in lieu of second, third and fourth awards and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

