



Commander David N. Denton entered the Navy in 1953 and received recruit training at the U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, California. He subsequently entered the Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve that same year. Following graduation, he served in the Gunnery Department of the **USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31)**. In August, 1956, he began a tour as Administrative Assistant and Aide to the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Naval Reserve). It was on this tour of duty that he was appointed as an officer in the regular Navy.

After attending Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California in 1958, he served as Operations Officer and Executive Officer of the **USS JOHNSTON (DD-821)**. In August, 1961, CDR Denton reported to the Chief of Naval Personnel in Washington, D.C. where he became as Assistant ENS/LTJG Assignment Officer (Surface).

CDR Denton was a student at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, when ordered to report on July 1, 1964, as Commanding Officer, **USS DEALEY (DE-1006)**. On July 1, 1966, he returned to Washington and joined the Staff, Director ASW Programs in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations. In this assignment he was responsible for Special Studies, Speeches, Presentations, Government and Industrial Liaison. In June, 1969, CDR Denton was assigned as Prospective Commanding Officer, **USS JOHN S. McCAIN (DDG-36)**.

CDR Denton is a native of Jefferson City, Tennessee and a graduate of Carson-Newman College with a Master's Degree in International Affairs from George Washington University. He is married to the former Rita F. Hartington of Providence, Rhode Island. They have four children: David N. Denton, Jr; Emily Kate; Jennifer Louise; and Mark Hartington.

