

# **CDR GREGORY C. BUTLER**

## **COMMANDING OFFICER**



**Commander Gregory C. Butler graduated from Chico State College in California and was commissioned an Ensign in May, 1970 through the Reserve Officer Candidate Program.**

**His first tour of duty was aboard the USS TULARE (LKA-112) where he served as Boat Engineering Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, and Navigator through two cruises to the Western Pacific. He served as Flag Lieutenant to Commander U.S. Naval Force Philippines in Subic Bay, R.P. from 1973 to 1975, where the staff participated in refugee evacuation efforts after the collapse of South Vietnam.**

**Commander Butler attended the Surface Warfare School Command Department Head course and reported to subsequent tours on USS MANLEY (DD-940) as Operations Officer and USS PENSACOLA (LSD-38) as First Lieutenant. During 1977-1980 he deployed to the SIXTH FLEET and the Mediterranean on three occasions. Commencing in January 1981, Commander Butler attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, and in July of that year was assigned to the staff of Commander U.S. Naval Surface Forces Atlantic. During that tour he served as the Force Plans Officer.**

**His subsequent tours included duty as Executive Officer of USS DENVER (LPD-9) from November 1983 until January 1986 and Operations Officer on the staff of Commander Amphibious Squadron ONE from February 1986 until May 1988.**

**Commander Butler's awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal and the Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal in addition to various campaign awards.**

**Commander Butler is married to the former Kathy Metherd of Red Bluff, California. They have a daughter, Shannon, and son, Matthew.**