



*Commander Thomas R. Mooney, USN*

## ***Commanding Officer***

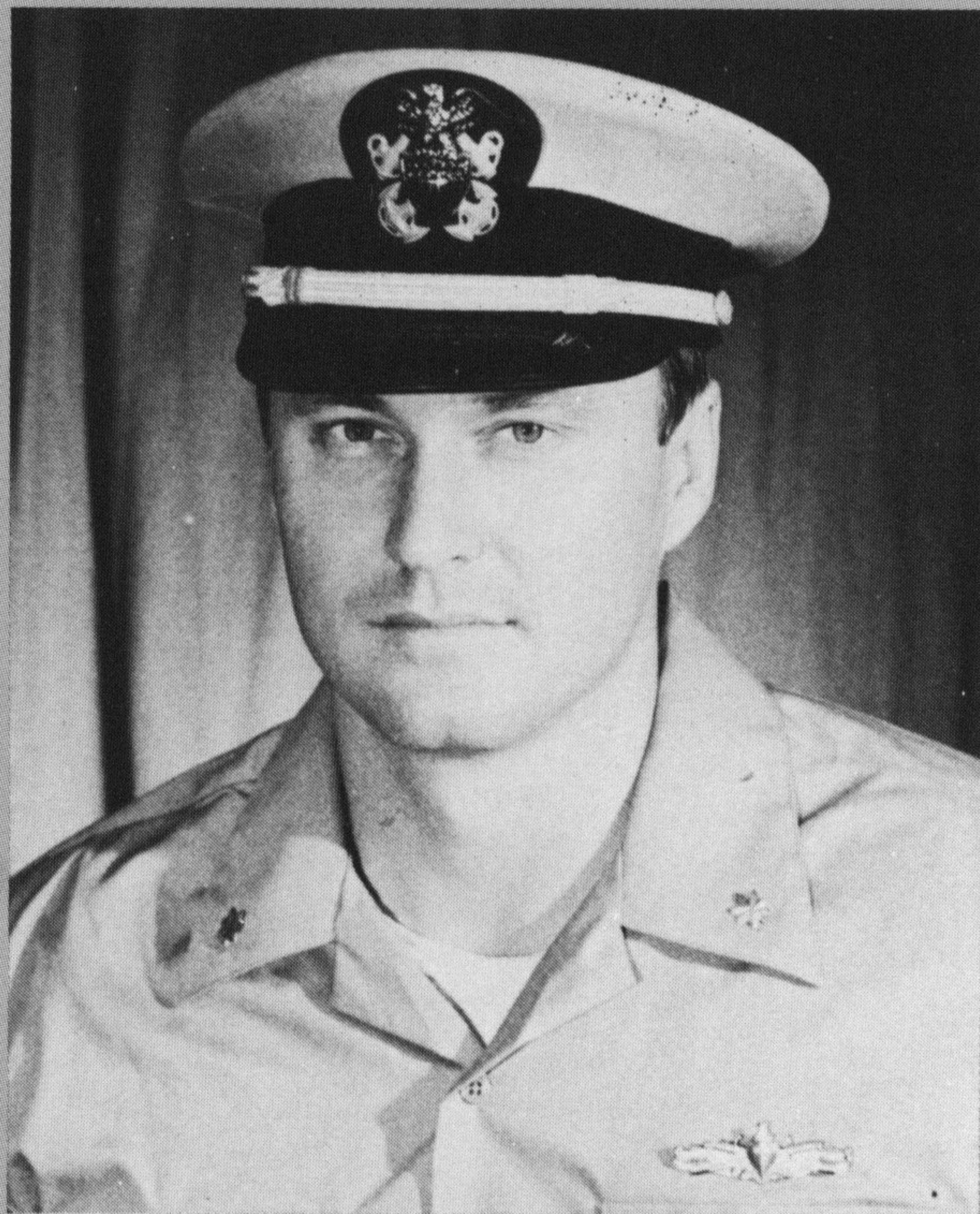
CDR Thomas R. Mooney, USN was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on 20 MAR 1945. He attended Park College, Parkville, Missouri, where he received a Bachelors Degree. He was commissioned an Ensign upon completion of Officer Candidate School in July 1968.

CDR Mooney served on USS CHICKASKIA (AO 54) and USS HOLMES COUNTY (LST 836) until July 1971. Upon completing Department Head School in MAR 1972, he served as Operations Officer on USS BRADLEY (FF 1041) and XO on USS INFLICT (MSO 456), followed by a two year tour in the Belgium Navy aboard BMS ZINNIA. CDR Mooney then attended Naval Post-graduate School in Monterey where he received a Masters Degree in National Security Affairs, Western European, and Russian Studies. From APR 1979 to OCT 1981 he served as Scheduling Officer for COMCRUDESGRU Five. He then became XO of the USS FLETCHER (DD 992) until SEP 1983 when reported for duty as an Action Officer in the Strategy, Plans, and Policy Division, Office of the CNO. He reported as Commanding Officer in July 1986.

## ***Executive Officer***

Lieutenant Commander Steven J. Busch was born October 18, 1952 in Covina, California. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Oceanography from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1974. Upon graduation he received his commission as an Ensign.

LCDR Busch served his first tour of duty as Operations Officer aboard USS CONSTANT (MSO 427) from February 1975 to November 1976. He was subsequently assigned to the pre-commissioning crew of the USS DAVID R. RAY (DD 971) as navigator. Upon completion of this tour in February of 1979, he attended the Naval Post Graduate School where he graduated in March of 1981 with a Master of Science in Physical Oceanography. Following completion of Department Head School in January 1982, LCDR Busch served as Chief Engineer onboard USS CUSHING (DD 985) until December of 1983. He then reported for duty as Officer-in-Charge of the Gas Turbine Mobile Training Team. LCDR Busch assumed duties as Executive Officer of USS ELLIOT (DD 967) in February 1986.



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