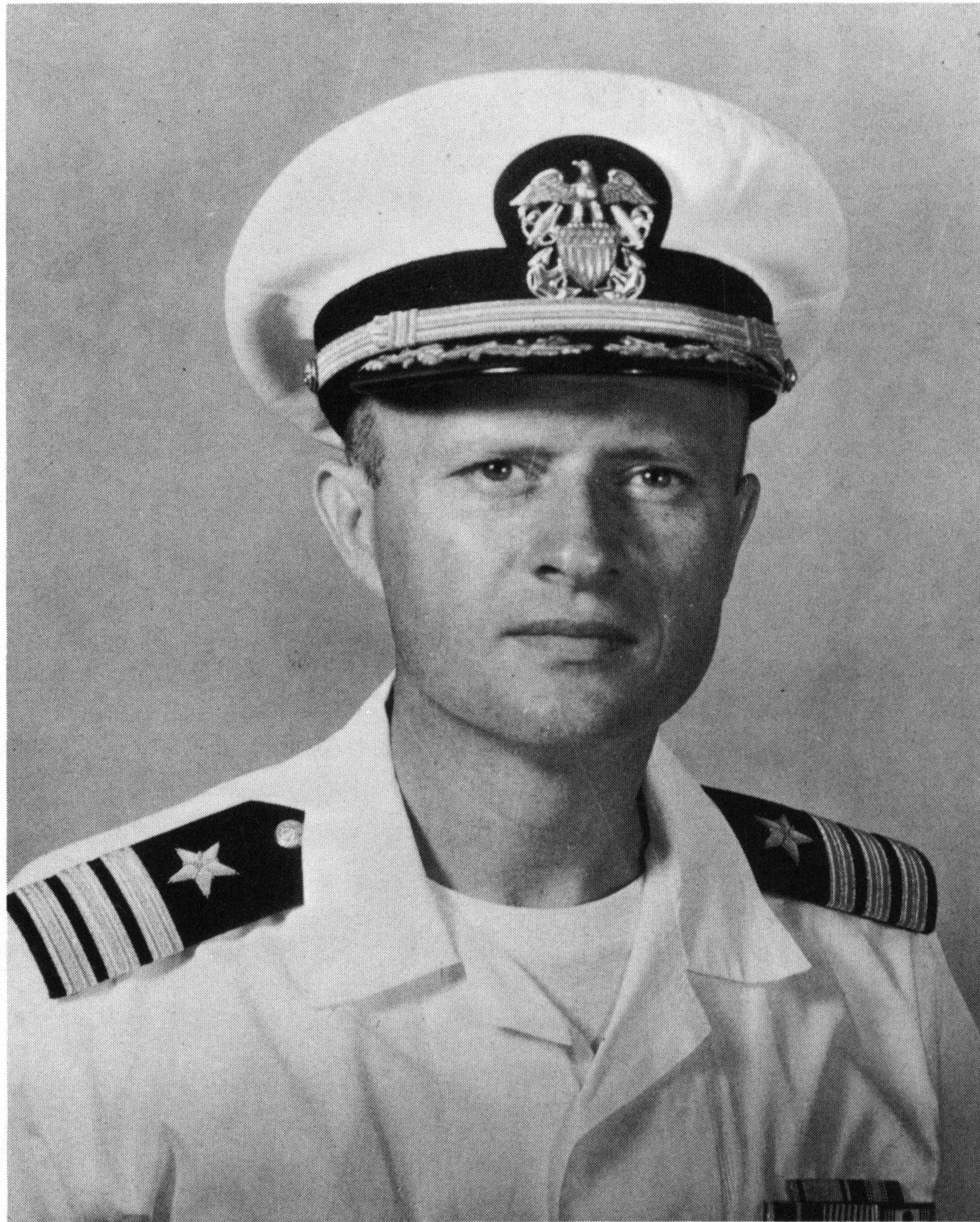


# THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER



COMMANDER FRANK L. KOVARICK

Commander Frank L. Kovarick was born in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania on 19 January 1928. He was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1952 and was commissioned an Ensign in the line, U.S. Navy.

Commander Kovarick served as Assistant Navigator in the USS MISSOURI (BB-63) during the ship's second Korean campaign tour. He entered flight training at Pensacola, Florida in February 1954 and after his designation as a Naval Aviator he served in Fighter Squadron One Hundred Fourteen in the USS ESSEX (CVA-9). He served in USS CARTER HALL (LSD-3) prior to attending the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in June 1959. Upon graduation from the Postgraduate School in 1961, Commander Kovarick served as Gunnery Officer in USS FORREST SHERMAN (DD-931). In April 1962, he joined the nucleus crew of USS LEAHY (DLG-16), building at Bath, Maine, for duty as Weapons Officer when she was placed in commission on 4 August 1962. In December 1963 he joined the Staff of the Commander Cruiser Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet in Newport, Rhode Island, and served as the Force Guided Missile Officer until September 1965 when he was ordered to report to USS RICHMOND K. TURNER (DLG-20).

Commander Kovarick was married in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania in September 1957 to the former Susan Harmon, also of Stroudsburg. They have two daughters, Jan Louise and Amy Elizabeth.