



F. E. Field
Captain, USN
Commanding Officer

Captain Francis E. Field, USN was born on November 20, 1923 in Casper, Wyoming. He attended public school in Lander, Wyoming, and the University of Wyoming for one year before entering the U.S. Naval Academy to graduate in the Class of 1946.

After attending Gunnery Officer Ordnance School, he reported to the pre-commissioning detail of the USS PHILIPPINE SEA (CV-47), and served on board after commissioning. While in Philippine Sea, he participated in Operation High Jump, Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd's first Antarctic expedition following World War II.

In 1950, he was ordered to the pre-commissioning detail of the USS ESSEX (CVA-9), at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, to serve in Essex during her reconversion and after her commissioning until 1953. ESSEX was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for her operations in the Korean War.

After completing a two year tour of duty

in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, he reported to USS JENKINS (DDE-447) as Operations Officer. In 1957, he was ordered to duty under instruction in the Command and Staff Course, U.S. Naval War College.

Following graduation in 1958, he became Aide and Flag Secretary to Commander Seventh Fleet until reporting as Executive Officer, USS SOMERS (DD-947) in 1960. Command of USS SOUTHERLAND (DD-743) followed from 1961 until 1963, when he was posted to the U.S. Naval Academy with duties in the Command and Executive Departments. Command of Destroyer Division 262 was assumed in 1965. While serving as COMDESDIV 262, he performed additional duty as COMCRUDESANT representative as the Operational Requirements Officer of the DX/DXG (DD-963) Program in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Assignment in 1967 as Chief of Staff, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Flotilla Four and COMCRUDESANT Representative Norfolk was followed in February 1969 with orders as Executive Assistant and Senior Aide to the Chief of Naval Material. Advance education includes a Master of Arts (International Affairs) from George Washington University and completion of the Advanced Management Program, Harvard Business School.

Captain Field is married to the former Margaret Jane O'Bryan. They have three children, Gregory, Christopher and Sheridan Diane.