



## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Commander Wade J. Pharis has served as Executive Officer of **USS GUAM** since May of 1976. He started his career with the Navy by enrolling in NROTC Class of 1957 at the University of Mississippi, just east of his home town, Clarksdale, Mississippi.

After graduation, Commander Pharis was commissioned an Ensign and sent to his first operational aviation environment aboard **USS ANTIETAM**. After seeing aviation operations first hand, he entered flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator thirteen months later, in December of 1958.

Several aviation missions lead Commander Pharis to new responsibilities. In April of 1972 he reported to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Three as Executive Officer. Later, in April of 1973 he was promoted to Commanding Officer of the command while maintaining his previous Helicopter Aircraft Commander status. He also commanded Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron, Light Thirty before assuming the Executive Officer position with **GUAM**.

