

# *Executive Officer*

LCDR Cooper reported onboard the STANDLEY on February 17th 1984 to relieve CDR Robert Colucci as the Executive Officer. Formerly a Radioman in the U.S. Navy, LCDR Cooper received a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies from Yale University in May of 1968. Since then he has furthered his education with a degree in Foreign Studies from Salve Regina College and an MBA from the University of Guam.

Since entering the Navy LCDR Cooper has served on five cruisers, the USS FARRAGUT, USS SPRINGFIELD, USS LITTLE ROCK, USS MISSISSIPPI, and now finally the USS WILLIAM H. STANDLEY. Here he serves as the ship's Executive Officer, the Captain's right hand man and next in command in the absence of the Commanding Officer. The Executive Officer is responsible to the Captain for the smooth and efficient operation of all administrative matters on the ship, screening all correspondence for the Commanding Officer, and informing the Captain on all matters which are brought to him to the Department heads. As the Executive Officer LCDR Cooper is the Administrative Department head.



LCDR A.T. Cooper

# *Command Master Chief*

HTCM Bragg fills the role as the Command Master Chief. Master Chief Bragg first enlisted in the U.S. Navy on June 19th, 1945 and saw action during the final months of World War II. After serving his obligation, he was discharged but recalled to active duty for the Korean Conflict where he served aboard the USS AMMEN (DD-527). During his time in service he has been stationed at the U.S. Naval Academy as an instructor. Master Chief Bragg's last command before the STANDLEY was the USS CAPE COD (AD-43).

As the Command Master Chief, Master Chief Bragg acts as an advisor to the Command on policy matters, morale and welfare concerns, and disciplinary actions. He also counsels the enlisted personnel who approach him with problems. In this way he is able to bring attention to the Command potential problems that are affecting the crew members. Master Chief Bragg, as the senior enlisted man, serves as the President of the Chief Petty Officers Mess.



HTCM (SW) P.E. Bragg