



**COMMANDER  
WILLIAM G. PRIVETTE, JR.**

Commander Privette reported as Executive Officer of the USS Block Island in October 1952. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1936 and after completing flight training in 1937 served in VT-5 on the old USS Yorktown. He served two tours as Commanding Officer of VT-6 on the Enterprise, Intrepid and Hancock. After World War II and General Line School, Commander Privette assumed command of VS-23 operating on the USS Mindoro, and from this, went to Cabiniiss Field which was his last duty station before reporting to the Block Island.

Commander Privette holds campaign ribbons for his service in the Gilbert Islands 1943, the Marshalls and Truk 1944, Okinawa and the Japan assaults 1945. He has the Distinguished Flying Cross and one star, the Air Medal and 4 stars and the Naval Unit Commendation with one star.

Commander and Mrs. Privette have two boys, Bill and Mac, and one girl, Janet.

He and his family now live at Virginia Beach.

**LIEUT. COMMANDER  
PAUL L. RUEHRMUND**

LCDR Ruehrmund has been the Executive Officer of Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 30 since December 1952. He came to the Squadron from the USS Wright (CVL-49) where he had served as navigator.

During World War II he served aboard the USS Savannah and was with this vessel when it was seriously damaged in the landings at Salerno.

LCDR Ruehrmund was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1942 and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1944. He has served as head of the Aviation Ordnance Inventory Control Section of the Bureau of Ordnance in Washington, D.C.

He was born in Richmond, Virginia and is married to the former Miss Marcelle Lash. They have two children, Paul and Shelley.

