

# Rear Admiral David B. Robinson

Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group EIGHT

Rear Admiral Robinson is a native of Texas. He attended Texas A&M University prior to entering the United States Naval Academy. He graduated with the class of 1963 and was commissioned an Ensign.

After two years of destroyer duty on USS STORMES (DD-780) as Main Propulsion Assistant and Damage Control Assistant, he reported to Destroyer School, graduating in 1965. His next assignment was as Engineering Officer on USS ROWAN (DD-782). Following his graduation from Post-graduate School with a Masters of Physics in Oceanography, he assumed command of USS CANON (PG-90), operating in Southeast Asian waters. Completing another tour as Commanding Officer in USS READY (PG-87), Lieutenant Commander Robinson assumed duties as Administrative Aide to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1974 he returned to sea as Executive Officer in USS DALE (CG-19), followed by a tour as Commanding Officer in USS LUCE (DDG-38) in 1976. His next two tours were at the Naval Military Personnel Command, where he served as Surface Commander Assignment Officer and Director, Fiscal Management and Procedural Control Division.

Following an assignment as a member of the Foreign Service Institute's Executive Seminar in National and International Affairs, Captain Robinson took command of USS RICHMOND K. TURNER (CG-20) homeported in Charleston, South Carolina. Next, he served as Chief of Staff for Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and then as Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Rear Admiral Robinson's first flag assignment was as Director, Surface Warfare Manpower and Training Requirements Division (OP-39) from March 1986 to September 1986. His next assignment was as the Director, Surface Warfare Division (OP-32) from September 1986 to June 1988. He assumed command as Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group EIGHT in July 1988.

Rear Admiral Robinson's personal decorations include the Navy Cross, Legion of Merit (four awards), Bronze Star with Combat "V", Meritorious Service Medal, and Purple Heart.

He is married to the former Gene Kirkpatrick of Denton, Texas. They have two sons, Kirk and David.

