

COMMANDING OFFICER

RICHARD STRUYK
COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVY

Commander Struyk, a native of Paterson, New Jersey, enlisted in the U.S. Navy on 21 May 1943 and completed recruit training at USNRTC, Newport, R.I. Approximately one year later, he entered the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, having been competitively selected from a group of other enlisted candidates. He graduated, and was commissioned Ensign, U.S. Navy on 4 June 1948. He has served on various ships: Light Cruiser U.S.S. PORTSMOUTH (CL-102), Attack Cargo Ship U.S.S. OGLETHORPE (AKA-100), Escort Destroyer U.S.S. JENKINS (DDE-447), and

in August 1953, assumed command of Coastal Patrol Ship, U.S.S. WINNEMUCCA (PC-1145). In October 1954 he was assigned to the staff of Commander, Service Forces Pacific. He reported aboard U.S.S. MUNRO (DE442) as Executive Officer in February 1958 and assumed command 27 June 1959. Thereafter, upon completion of a one year course in Operations Research at the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California, he returned to the Naval Academy in July 1961 as an instructor in Naval Operations. In July 1963 he reported aboard the U.S.S. LEXINGTON (CVS-16) as Engineer Officer. He assumed his third command when he took command of U.S.S. BORIE (DD-704) on 15 May 1965.

He has participated in amphibious operations at Pohang Dong, Inchon and Wonson, Korea, in screening, bombardment and blockading tasks with the U.S. Seventh Fleet, and in training and patrol missions in the Formosan Straits. At other times he has made surveillance cruises throughout the U.N. Trust Territories, Islands of the Marshalls, Gilberts, Marianas, Carolines and Bonin-Volcano groups.

He is married to the former Harriet A. Bingham of Hawthorne, New Jersey, and they have three children.

