



**Captain David M. Rubel**

## **COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON 20**

On 21 August 1964, Captain David M. Rubel took command of Destroyer Squadron 20 consisting of the ships GEARING (DD-710), ZELLARS (DD-777), N. K. PERRY (DD-883), C. P. CECIL (DD-835), BEATTY (DD-756), M. C. FOX (DD-829) and NORRIS (DD-859). The Commodore and his staff are embarked aboard the GEARING.

Commodore Rubel was born in Fargo, North Dakota, on 2 December 1917. He attended grade schools in San Diego and graduated from Herbert Hoover High School and the Boydon Preparatory School in San Diego. Captain Rubel was appointed to the United States Naval Academy in 1937 by Senator Johnson (California). While a Midshipman he was a varsity Lacrosse player for several years. He graduated and was commissioned an Ensign on 7 February 41.

After graduation Captain Rubel joined the destroyer USS GRIDLEY. He served in various theaters of operation during World War II on the destroyers USS GRIDLEY, USS HOBBY and USS AARON WARD and in 1945 commanded the destroyer USS LAUB. In 1946 he reported to Joint Task Force ONE for the conduct of the Atomic Bomb tests at Kikini. After service on the staff he was ordered as Aide to Commander in Chief, U. S. Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

From 1948-1950 Captain Rubel served on the Staff of the Secretary of Defense. In 1950 he commanded the destroyers USS GEORGE and USS CHANDLER. He participated in two years of the Korean War. In 1954 he was ordered to the U. S. Naval Mission in Peru and in 1956 reported to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington for duty in the Plans and Policy Division. He served as Executive Officer of the heavy cruiser USS DES MOINES, the flagship of the SIXTH Fleet from 1958-59. He was stationed at the U. S. Naval Academy prior to reporting in July 1962 as the Chief of Staff and Aide to Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla SIX. He commanded the USS NORFOLK prior to assuming command of Destroyer Squadron TWENTY.

Captain Rubel holds the following decorations and awards: Navy Cross, Bronze Star, Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (12 Battle Stars), European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, American Defense Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, China Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Navy Expert Pistol Shot.

He and Mrs. Rubel, the former Shirley Joann Cane of Northfield, Minnesota, have two children, Carol Lynn and William Richard.

