



Captain William A. TEASLEY, Jr., was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1946, and first served on U.S.S. ATLANTA (CL-104) as Repair Officer. Then he held a variety of billets on the U.S.S. THOMPSON (DMS-38) for over 2 years. Next, he spent considerable time as a Gunnery Officer, both aboard U.S.S. MOALE (DD-693) and U.S.S. SALEM (CA-139).

Following these tours, the then Lieutenant TEASLEY spent 2 years in the Ordnance Engineering Curriculum at the Naval Post-Graduate School in Monterey, and another year at M.I.T. studying Ordnance Engineering for which he received his Master of Science degree.

Going back to sea, he served as Executive Officer of the U.S. EDMONDS (DE-406) for 3 years and as Weapons Officer on U.S.S. LITTLE ROCK (CLG-3) for 2 years. Interspersed with these assignments were several years of work with various missile systems, including Tartar and Terrier.

In 1965, Commander TEASLEY assumed command of U.S.S. PERKINS (DD-877). Then, after some more time at Monterey, where he helped to revise the curriculum, Captain TEASLEY was assigned as Commander DESTROYER DIVISION 152. ROWAN was his flagship for the second of two deployments made as COMDESDIV 152.



Commander Forrest R. JOHNS began his naval career in 1946 when he enlisted in the regular Navy. During a tour of duty at the Naval Radio Station, Haiku/Heeia, he received a Fleet appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy from which he graduated in 1951.

His duty at sea has included service in U.S.S. HAILEY (DD-556) as First Lieutenant, U.S.S. BARBET (AMS-41) as Executive Officer, U.S.S. NOBLE (APA-218) as First Lieutenant, U.S.S. ROBERTS (DE-749) as Executive Officer, U.S.S. BACHE (DD-470) as Executive Officer, and on the staffs of Commander Mine Squadron FOUR and Commander Amphibious Squadron THREE. In addition to ROWAN, he has commanded U.S.S. BOBOLINK (AMS-2) and Mine Division 85.

From 1961 to 1964, CDR JOHNS was Naval Advisor to the Venezuelan Naval Academy and Naval Training Center. He participated in the Cuban Quarentine operations in the Venezuelan destroyer ARV ZULIA (D-21). He was attached to the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as Military Secretary for the U.S. Delegation to the Inter-American Defense Board prior to reporting to take command of ROWAN in June 1969. He served as Commanding Officer until 1 January 1971, when relieved by Commander JAMES E. BAKER, Jr. Commander JOHNS then assumed duties as Chief Staff Officer for Commander Amphibious Squadron ONE.