

The Commanding Officer
Commander
Albert Lee Kaiss, USN



Commander Albert Lee Kaiss was born in Hagerstown, Maryland on 10 January 1940. He graduated in 1962 from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Management. He was promoted to the rank of Commander on 1 October 1977.

His initial sea duty was to the USS ALAMO (LSD 33), followed by assignment to the USS LESTER (DE 1022) in August 1963. From March to September 1964, he attended the U.S. Naval Destroyer School (Class 12) in Newport, R.I.

Upon completion of Destroyer School, he reported to the USS CHARLES BERRY (DE 1035) and served as Weapons and Operations Officer. In June 1968 he was assigned to the USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG 7) as Weapons Officer. In June 1970, he reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel and served in the Enlisted Personnel Detailing Section.

He attended the Naval War College at Newport from August 1972 to August 1973. While at the Naval War College, Commander Kaiss received his Masters Degree in International Affairs from the George Washington University. He became the Executive Officer of the USS McCANDLESS (FF 1084) in October 1973. He was assigned as Executive Officer of the Navy Recruiting District Seattle from May 1975 to November 1977. His present tour, which began in April 1978, is on board the USS PAUL F. FOSTER (DD-964) as the Commanding Officer.

Commander Kaiss' personal decorations and awards include the Navy Commendation Medal with gold star (Second Award), Navy Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with bronze star, Republic of Vietnam Honor Medal First Class, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Navy Unit Commendation Medal.

His Wife, Veronica (Resch), is formerly of Tacoma, Washington. They have two children: Julie Veronica and Andrew Lee. The Kaiss' reside in Chula Vista, California.