

COMMAND



COMMANDING OFFICER

CDR J. F. Frost III, USN

The Commanding Officer of the USS BERKELEY is CDR J. F. Frost III, USN. Born in the navy town of Newport News, Virginia in September of 1929, he entered the Naval Service as a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve in September of 1947. In 1949 he was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy, and graduated with the rank of Ensign in 1953.

CDR Frost has served on USS BARTON (DD-722), USS HIGBEE (DD-806) and USS GOLDSBOROUGH (DDG-20), in addition to duty on the Staff, Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force, Pacific Fleet. Other duty includes tours as Commander LCU Division Twenty-Three and Head, Advanced Missile Branch, Naval Ordnance Systems Command Headquarters. Advanced schooling includes the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Nuclear Power Training, the U.S. Naval War College and the George Washington University Center at the Naval War College. He holds B.S. and M.S. in Electrical Engineering, and an M.S. in International Affairs.

In August of 1969 he became the fifth man to command the USS BERKELEY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LCDR L. E. Wood Jr., USN

The Executive Officer of the USS BERKELEY is LCDR L. E. Wood Jr., USN. Born in Newberry, South Carolina, he attended college as an NROTC student at Auburn University. He was commissioned Ensign upon graduation in 1958 and served for a short time aboard the USS BOSTON (CAG-1) before commencing flight training in the fall of 1958.

Designated a Naval Aviator in June 1960, LCDR WOOD served in Attack Squadron 145 operating from the carriers LEXINGTON (CVA-16) and CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) until 1963. After voluntarily terminating flight status, he was assigned in August 1963 as Navigator on the USS KING (DLG-10). During the next three years aboard KING he moved from Navigator to CIC Officer and finally Operations Officer.

In June 1966, LCDR Wood was ordered to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. where he was Head, Mobile Undersea Surveillance Systems in the ASW and Ocean Surveillance Division. In August 1969, he was ordered to the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va., and shortly thereafter, in February of 1970, reported to BERKELEY as Executive Officer.

