



CDR CHARLES TRAUB, III, USN

"Every surface line officer in the Navy aspires to command a destroyer. That achievement is the culmination of a goal long sought and treasured. For me it came after five prior tours on destroyer types in the usual variety of billets."

"In February 1970 my dreams were fulfilled in assuming command of WILLIAM M. WOOD. During the past fifteen months the days have been packed with rewarding experiences far more than expected or deserved. All this has been made possible only by the outstanding young officers, chief petty officers and crew that I have had the privilege to serve with on WOOD. There is no way that I could repay the devotion, achievements and friendships all so generously given me. My fondest hope is that, in some small way, I may have made a contribution to you and the "WILLIE" WOOD."

"It is with choked voice and heavy heart that I say "so long" to each of you and yours - may our courses cross again in the years ahead."

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Commander Charles Traub, III, USN, a native of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi was commissioned through the NROTC regular program at Oregon State College in June 1951. His first assignment was that of First Lieutenant and Assistant Gunnery Officer on USS GALLUP (PF-47), which was serving off the Korean coast. Subsequent tours afloat for Commander Traub included Operations Officer of USS GLOUCESTER (PF-22), Operations Officer of USS MACOMB (DMS-23), Fire Control Officer of USS TOLEDO (CA-133), Commanding Officer of USS NEMASKET (AOG-10), Commanding Officer of USS TAKELMA (ATF-113), and Executive Officer of USS ZELLARS (DD-777).

Commander Traub has served ashore in an operations billet with CINCPACFLT at Pearl Harbor, on the staffs of COMWESTSEA-FRON/COMNAVDEF EASTPAC and COMTWELVE, and the Navy Tactical Doctrine Development and Production Activity in Washington, D.C. Commander Traub has also attended the Naval War College in Newport, R. I.

On August 1, 1965, Commander Traub was promoted to his present rank and was assigned to the Staff, CINCLANT and CINCLANT-FLT. Here he served as assistant Strategic Policy Planning Officer for the Middle East, Africa south of the Sahara, South Asia and the Indian Ocean. From November 1968 to November 1969, Commander Traub served as the Force Operations Officer, Commander Naval Forces, Vietnam. He assumed command of the USS WILLIAM M. WOOD (DD-715) in February 1970.

Commander Traub is married to the former Dorothy Jean Slate of Tampa, Florida. Commander and Mrs. Traub have six children: Charles IV 14, Paul 13, Stephen 12, Jeanne Marie 9, Susan 7, and Mark 3.