

COMMANDER S. A. YONOV, COMMANDING OFFICER



Commander YONOV graduated from the George Washington University in June 1962, receiving a degree in International Affairs. He entered the Officer Candidate School, Newport, R.I. in August 1962 and was commissioned in December 1962. His first assignment was as CIC Officer, USS FRED T. BERRY (DD-858), followed by a tour as Squadron EMO on the Staff of COMDESRON TEN.

His first assignment ashore was as the Operations and Navigation Instructor at the NROTC Unit, University of California, Berkeley. In March 1965, he was ordered to the Naval Advisory Group, Vietnam, for duty as the Senior Naval Advisor to a VNN Coastal Group in the Mekong Delta. Later he served as the Assistant Flag Secretary to Commander, Naval Advisory Group, Saigon. In February 1966, Commander YONOV augmented into the U.S. Navy.

Returning to sea in May 1966, Commander YONOV reported to USS GOODRICH (DDR-836) as Operations Officer. Upon completion of this tour in late 1967, he was detailed as the Communications Officer, COMCRUDESFLOT FOUR. From January 1969 to March 1971, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, earning a Master of Science Degree in Management.

His next assignment was as Engineer Officer, USS ST. LOUIS (LKA-116). After completion of this two year tour, Commander YONOV received orders in November 1973 to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, Palestine. There he served in Egypt, the Sinai, and Israel as a member of the United States Military Observer Group. In the summer of 1974, he reported aboard USS RATHBORNE (FF-1057) as her Executive Officer.

Commander YONOV returned overseas in early 1976 as the Operations/Communication Advisor to the Imperial Iranian Navy, Tehran, Iran. In 1978 he was selected as the United States Representative to the Senior International Officer Course, Naval Command College, Naval War College, Newport, R.I. After graduating in June 1979, Commander YONOV was ordered to his present assignment as Commanding Officer, USS CONNOLLE (FF-1056).

Commander YONOV is authorized to wear the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", the Air Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Medal, United Nations Medal, Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals, and a number of Unit Commendations. He is married to the former Gail Helen KUBIAS of Pebble Beach, California. Commander and Mrs. YONOV reside with their daughter, Helen Alexis, in Portsmouth, R.I.