



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

*Commander
Vernon F. Anderson,
USN*

Commander Vernon Franklin Anderson, USN was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on 10 January 1923, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Anderson. He was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and commissioned an Ensign in June 1944.

Ensign Anderson's first duty was that of Turret Officer aboard the USS MOBILE (CL-63) where he took part in the invasion of Okinawa as part of Task Force 38 and Task Force 58. Ensign Anderson received the following decorations during World War II: American Defense, American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater (4 stars), Phillipine Liberation, Pre-Pearl Harbor, and the World War II Victory Medals.

He was ordered to Flight Training in October 1945 at NAS Dallas, Texas, where he was designated a Naval Aviator in March 1947.

In June 1947, LTJG Anderson reported to duty with Patrol Squadron 21 where he was assigned as Electronics and Communications Officer. After two years of duty in Patrol Squadron 21, he was assigned as a student in Aviation Electronics Officer's School and then as Assistant Training Officer for two years at NATTC, Memphis, Tennessee.

In January 1951, LTJG Anderson was

promoted to Lieutenant. He was assigned to HATU and FAETULANT at Norfolk, Virginia, as an instructor in ASW tactics, Electronics Warfare, and Nuclear Weapons Delivery from August 1952 to June 1955. LT Anderson received his promotion to Lieutenant Commander in July 1955.

Lieutenant Commander Anderson was assigned as Assistant Professor of Naval Science in Naval Weapons at Rice Institute in Houston, Texas, from July 1956 to June 1959. In July 1960, he was promoted to his present grade of Commander.

Commander Anderson was assigned to Patrol Squadron Eighteen as Operations Officer in December 1961 until January 1962 when he became the Executive Officer. In January 1963, he relieved Commander R. F. Lyons as Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron Eighteen.

In February, Commander Anderson reported to the USS PRINCETON to serve as the Ship's Navigator and fleeted up to Executive Officer in September 1964.

Commander Anderson resides in San Pedro, California with his wife, the former Constance Rae Waters of Galveston and LaMarque, Texas, and their four children.