

COMMANDING OFFICER



COMMANDER CHARLES P. VION
UNITED STATES NAVY

Commander VION was born in Nesconset, New York. He graduated from the State University of New York at Oswego in 1965 and was commissioned in the grade of Ensign upon graduating from Officer Candidate School in 1966.

Following commissioning, Commander VION was assigned to USS WESTCHESTER COUNTY (LST-1167) Yokosuka, Japan as Damage Control Officer and Engineer Officer. He was reassigned in 1969 as an Instructor/Department Head at the Naval Damage Control Training Center in Philadelphia, PA. Following an assignment as assistant Operations Officer on USS JULIUS A. FURER (FFG-6), he attended U.S. Naval Destroyer School and subsequently reported for duty in 1972 as Engineer Officer, USS JOHN KING (DDG-3). Commander VION next served as Academic Director at Surface

Warfare Officer's School in Newport, RI. During this tour, he earned his MED Degree from Providence College in January of 1978 and was designated as an Education and Training Sub-Specialist. After attending the Armed Forces Staff College, Commander VION was assigned as Executive Officer USS BARNEY (DDG-6). In June of 1980, he reported for duty as Chief Staff Officer, Commander Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-SIX. Following this tour, he served as Executive Officer, Fleet Composite Operational Readiness Group TWO before reporting to USS MANITOWOC (LST-1180).

Commander VION is married to the former Carol Ann Johanson of Long Island, New York. They have two daughters, Christine and Cheryl, and a son, Charles, all presently residing in Virginia Beach, Virginia.