

CAPT NORMAN L. SCHERER 3583, USCG

Commanding Officer

USCGC GRESHAM (WHEC 387)

Born: 14 July 1923 in Boston, Massachusetts. The son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Scherer, 70 Robin St., West Roxbury, Mass.

Education: Graduated from Roxbury Latin School, West Roxbury, Mass. (Class of 1941)

Graduated from U. S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn. on 6 June 1945. Commissioned an Ensign USCG and awarded Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Engineering. (Class of 1946).

Upon commissioning, served as a deck watch officer on USS FS 226, which participated in the Philippine Campaign during WWII, and on USS LST 208 during the occupation of Japan. Between WWII and Korean War, LTJG SCHERER served on the following units in the capacity of a deck watch officer or engineering training student; USCGC AURORA (WMEC 103), USCGC JONQUIL (WLB 330), USCGC CONIFER (WLB 301), USCGC PONCHARTRAIN (WHEC 70), USCGC CHINCOTEAGUE (WHEC 375), and USCGC INGHAM (WHEC 35). During the Korean War served as Executive Officer and then commanded the USCGC VANCE (WDE 487). He also has held two billets on the USCGC CASTLE ROCK (WHEC 383). He was her engineering officer from February 1955 to June 1956 and returned as Executive Officer from November 1960 to November 1962. CAPT SCHERER assumed command of GRESHAM in October 1965.

CAPT SCHERER's various shore duty assignments have been Assistant Chief Aids to Navigation Branch, Third Coast Guard District; Chief Military Personnel Branch, Fourteenth Coast Guard District; Industrial Manager, Coast Guard Base, San Juan, P.R.; Industrial Manager, Coast Guard Base, Boston, Mass.; and Chief, Naval Engineering Section, Twelfth Coast Guard District. CAPT SCHERER is a general duty line officer whose principal specialty is in the Naval Engineering Field and whose sub-specialty is Industrial Management.

CAPT SCHERER is married to the former Rose Valariani of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The couple have three sons and presently reside in Hayward, California.

CAPT SCHERER's medals and decorations include: American Theatre, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre, Philippine Campaign, Navy Occupation and Victory Medal for WWII; the National Defense Medal with star for second award, Vietnam Service Medal with bronze star and the Republic of Vietnam campaign medal with device (1960-).