



## FOREWORD

THIS BOOK REPRESENTS A BRIEF GLIMPSE INTO THE LIVES OF 160 MEN WHO SAILED THE USCGC OWASCO HALFWAY ROUND THE WORLD TO THE BATTERED SHORES OF VIET NAM DURING 1968-1969.

PORT VISITS, BOARDING OPERATIONS, NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT MISSIONS, UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENTS, MEDCAP TRIPS, HONG KONG STATION SHIP ASSIGNMENT, LOGISTICS SUPPORT OF NAVY AND COAST GUARD PATROL CRAFT, MAIL CALLS AND THE MANY INTANGIBLE ASPECTS OF SHIPBOARD LIFE HAVE ALREADY INSCRIBED AN INDELIBLE MARK ON OUR MEMORIES.

THOUGH LIGHT-HEARTED IN TONE, THESE PAGES WILL ALSO RECALL THOSE SERIOUS HOURS OF HARD WORK AND SEA WATCHES WHICH ACCOMPANIED OUR ELEVEN MONTH DEPLOYMENT.



## DEDICATION

TO THE WIVES, SWEETHEARTS, PARENTS,  
FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE  
USCGC OWASCO  
WHO SHARED THIS YEAR WITH US.

