



"THE EXEC"

Commander Darrel Starr, Jr. was graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in June, 1948. While Commander Starr had never served on board a "Secretary" class Cutter prior to his arrival as Executive Officer in July of 1966, he is not a newcomer to weather patrol vessels.

After graduation, Commander Starr reported aboard the 255' Cutter MINNETONKA for line officer duty. After his assignment, his next two tours were aboard two buoy tenders, the Cutters BLACKTHORN and HEATHER. He then was assigned Commanding Officer of the Bikati Island Loran Station on Makin Atoll in the Gilbert Islands.

In Alameda for the first time, Commander Starr participated in the engineering training program on board the Cutter GRESHAM. He later served as Assistant Engineer on that vessel, and later as Engineer Officer on the Cutter WINNEBAGO.

Other assignments include those of instructor and Company Officer at the Academy, Engineer Officer on the Cutter Humboldt, and two years of postgraduate study in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering at the University of Michigan. Commander Starr then was designated Chief of Naval Engineering in the 17th and 9th Coast Guard Districts.