

COMMANDER PETER A. MORRILL, USCG Executive Officer

Commander Peter A. Morrill was born March 18, 1930, in Winchester, Massachusetts, the son of Commander Arthur G. Morrill (USCG-Retired). His secondary education was received in Washington, D.C. where he graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in June, 1948. He entered the Coast Guard Academy in 1948, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering in June, 1952. Our Executive Officer was commissioned an Ensign in the Coast Guard on June 6, 1952. Future promotions were well within the established time zones and he was promoted to his present rank on April 1, 1967. The date of promotion (April Fools Day) may have caused him some concern, but fortunately the information received was authentic and not a jest from some practical joker.

The Commander has had a wide and varied career within the Coast Guard and has served at numerous commands in many positions. He served as the Commanding Officer of Patrol Boats CG-95318 and CG-95303 and the Cutter **Ojibwa**; as an Engineer Student, Watch Officer and finally Engineer of the Cutter **Matagorda**; as Executive Officer of several units including the International Ice Patrol Command; and as an Instructor at the Coast Guard Academy.

At Age 35 and as a Lieutenant Commander he served as the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Sailing and Training Vessel **Eagle**. His grade was the most junior and his age was the youngest of any officer to command this vessel.

He has acquired experience in many fields of endeavor and is well qualified and trained for his position as Executive Officer of this unit. In 1957, he was assigned to duty under instruction at the University of Washington. Upon completion of postgraduate training

he was stationed at International Ice Patrol Headquarters, aboard the Cutter **Evergreen**, at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and later at Argentina, Newfoundland. He was subsequently transferred to the Academy as an Instructor in oceanography and meteorology. These assignments provided him with a good background for his present duty. Commander Morrill has been assigned to the Cutter **Westwind** since November, 1965, and his interest in ice studies and polar exploration are well known by all who are acquainted with him.

Sailing and navigation have always been of interest to Commander Morrill. While a student at the Academy, he served as Captain, and later Commodore, of the Academy Sailing Team. He also served as coach to the Academy Sailing Teams of 1961 through 1965. These teams, incidentally, won one North American and two New England championships.

He has demonstrated his ability as an effective and capable officer in his dealings with the officers and men of this command. His sociable and pleasant personality and fairness in disciplinary matters have endeared him to the crew. Perhaps admired most by the men of **Westwind** are his seamanship and navigation abilities. All who have watched him maneuver the vessel in close waters have been impressed by his control and "know how".

Reassignment of Commander Morrill upon completion of this deployment will create a vacancy which will not be easily filled by another man of such caliber. To the Commander, the officers and men of the **Westwind** bid a warm farewell and best wishes for "smooth sailing" in all his endeavors.