

## **CAPTAIN THOMAS W. MADER, U. S. NAVY**

Captain Mader began his Navy career in the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of California, Berkeley. He received his bachelor's degree and was commissioned in June 1970. He subsequently completed graduate studies at the Naval Postgraduate School and was awarded a master of science degree in July 1971. In preparation for his first shipboard assignment he completed practical training at the Nuclear Power School, Mare Island, CA the Nuclear Power Training Unit, Idaho Falls, ID and the Naval Submarine School, Groton, CT.

Captain Mader reported to USS HADDOCK (SSN621) in November 1972. Aboard HADDOCK he served as Communicator and Main Propulsion Assistant, and completed two Western Pacific deployments. He reported to USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSBN642)(GOLD) as Engineer Officer in December 1975. While serving board KAMEHAMEHA he completed six strategic deterrent patrols and his department was awarded the Engineering Red "E" for 1977 and 1978. He served as Executive Officer aboard USS SHARK (SSN591) from October 1981 to April 1984. During this time SHARK completed overhaul at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, changed homeport to Groton, CT, and completed shakedown training and certification.

In December 1987, Captain Mader assumed duties as Commanding Officer of Precommissioning Unit MIAMI (SSN755). Commissioned in June 1990, MIAMI was the first improved LOS ANGELES Class submarine to be delivered from new construction with the full capabilities of the AN/BSY-1 Combat System. He relinquished command of USS MIAMI after the completion of shakedown training in September 1990.

Captain Mader was the Commanding Officer of USS FLORIDA (SSBN728)(BLUE) from May 1993 to July 1995. Under his command the Blue Crew completed three strategic deterrent patrols and was awarded the Submarine Squadron 17 Tactical Operations "T" and Communications "C" for 1993, the 1994 CINCPACFLT Golden Anchor Award, the Submarine Squadron 17 Battle Efficiency "E", Strategic Operations White "S", Engineering Red "E" and Navigation Excellence "N" for 1994, and the 1994 TRIDENT Submarine Outstanding Performance Award.

Captain Mader served overseas as the Material Officer on the Submarine Squadron FOURTEEN staff in Holy Loch, Scotland from August 1979 to August 1981. His other assignments ashore have included Deputy Commander for Operations, Readiness, and Training on the Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE staff from September 1990 to July 1991, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans on the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet from September 1997 to June 2000, and three tours involving acquisition program management in Washington, DC. He served as a Special Assistant to the Program Manager for submarine combat systems at the Naval Sea Systems Command from May 1984 to April 1987. His responsibilities at NAVSEA included technical management of the AN/BSY-1 Combat System development and derivation of specifications for the SSN-21 Combat System. He served in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, DC as the Head of the Tactical Weapons Section in the Attack Submarine Branch of the Submarine Warfare Division from July 1991 until January 1993. His responsibilities at OPNAV included management of all programs for the development, procurement and maintenance of submarine tactical weapons and defensive systems. He served in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology as the Deputy for Navy Strategic Systems from August 1995 until August 1997. At OSD he served as the Program Manager for a classified science and technology program and

provided acquisition oversight of all programs for procurement, operation and maintenance of the TRIDENT Strategic Weapons System and OHIO Class fleet ballistic missile submarines. His last active duty assignment was Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations on the staff of Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. His responsibilities there included the scheduling and operational control of submarines across the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

Captain Mader was transferred to the retired list on July 1, 2000. He is entitled to wear the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with one Gold Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Gold Stars and the Navy Commendation Medal with one Gold Star.