

CDR. RICHARD G. DONALDSON

Richard Glenn Donaldson was born on August 29, 1922 in Portland, Oregon and graduated from high school in Long Beach, California in 1940. In 1943, he received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

Upon graduation from the Academy, CDR. Donaldson served on merchant ships in the Atlantic, Pacific and Mediterranean taking part in the invasions of Guadalcanal, North Africa, Italy and Europe. His Merchant Marine duties continued until January of 1950 when he entered the Coast Guard at Long Beach, California as an Ensign.

His first assignment came aboard the Cutter PONTCHARTRAIN as Operations Officer. In June of 1952, he was transferred to the Cutter CHAMBERS as First Lieutenant.

CDR. Donaldson's first command came with assignment to the Cutter FREDERICK LEE in December, 1952. In June of 1955, he was transferred to the Marine Inspection Office in New York as hull inspector. In August of 1961 to September of 1962 he attended an industry training school in San Francisco, California.

Leaving San Francisco in September of 1962, he assumed his second command, the Buoy Tender MAGNOLIA in Astoria, Oregon.

Returning to the field of Marine Inspection, he served at the San Francisco Office from September of 1964 to June of 1966 and Duluth, Minnesota, from June of 1966 to May 1968.

Finally, in May of 1968, he assumed command of the KLAMATH.

CDR. Donaldson is married to the former Joan Mortimer of New York, New York. He lives with his wife and son at 9951 N.E. Lake Washington Blvd., Bellevue, Washington. Their one daughter, the present Susan G. Silva resides in Mill Valley, California.