



On 18 October 1965, Captain Willett E. WHITE, USN, took command of USS UNION (AKA-106). Prior to his appointment, in 1940, as a midshipman at the U. S. Naval Academy he attended New Mexico A & M College. He was commissioned in June of 1943, being a member of USNA class of 44. In Sept. 1943 he attended Submarine School followed by a tour with the USS R-18 (SS 95), where he received his Dolphins in November 1944. In September 1945 he went aboard the USS Sea Fox (SS 402) where he covered all Departments. In April 1948 he went, as Gunnery and Project Officer, aboard the USS Carbonerd (SS 337), a loon (V-1) firing ship. Capt. WHITE served as Asst. Professor, Ordnance and Gunnery, at NROTC unit, University of New Mexico from August 49 to June 51, followed by tours as Executive Officer of the USS Sea Cat (SS 399) and the US Naval Ordnance Unit at Key West, Florida. He attended the US Naval War College, Newport, R.I., Command & Staff Course, in July 1955. In August 56 he took command of the USS Argonant (SS 475). This was followed by Head of Surface Ship Applications Branch at Office of Naval Research in August of 58. He went to USPG School at Monterey, California in July 1960 and received his MS degree in June 61 in Navy Management. In June 1961 he reported to COMSUBFLOT ONE for duty as Staff Plans Officer. In July 1962 he assumed Division Commander of SUBDIV 13. Prior to taking command of UNION, Capt. WHITE was Submarine Personnel Program Manager at the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Capt. WHITE holds the following campaign and service medals: American Campaign; Asiatic Defense; American Defense; China Service; Victory Medal WWII; and National Defense Service Medal. On 2 November 1966 Capt. WHITE was relieved by Capt. WAGNER on board UNION anchored at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam. Capt. WHITE's next assignment is Staff, CINCPACFLT.