

COMMANDER DAVID AUGUST GSCHWEND



CDR Gschwend's Navy career began on 2 April 1957 at Little Rock, AR. After completing recruit training at Great Lakes, IL and attending aviation training at NATTC's Norman, OK and Millington, TN, he reported to his first permanent duty station, USS VALLEY FORGE (CVS45). He then served overseas at NAS Port Lyautey, Morocco, where he changed his rating to general service to strike for yeoman. Follow-on sea tours included USS TARAWA (CVS40), USS CADMUS (AR14), and USS PAGE COUNTY (LST1076). CDR Gschwend's first shore tour was in OPNAV where he served on the CNO's personal staff. In 1966 he volunteered for submarine duty and was assigned to USS LEWIS & CLARK (SSBN644) (Blue) where he was promoted to YNC in January 1967 and to Warrant Officer (WO1) on 30 June 1967. Following training at Warrant

Officer Indoctrination and Naval Justice Schools, he was assigned to USS PROTEUS (AS19). His second shore tour was again in Washington, DC in BUPERS where he served three years as a Rating Control Officer and Administrative Assistant to the Director of Enlisted Personnel Assignment. Follow-on sea tours included USS CANOPUS (AS34) and COMSUBRON FOURTEEN at Holly Loch, Scotland, thence to COMSUBRON FIFTEEN at Apra Harbor, Guam. In September 1979, he reported to COMNAVMARIANAS Guam as Staff Personnel Officer and Staff Action Officer for implementation of the Pay/Personnel Passenger Transportation Administrative Support System and establishment of Personnel Support Activity Guam. His next assignment, in October 1980 was as the first Executive Officer of PERSUPPACT Guam. In May 1982, he transferred to PERSUPPACT Memphis where he served as Executive Officer until January 1988 when he transferred to Chief of Naval Technical Training Millington, TN. At CNTECHTRA Millington, CDR Gschwend served as Staff Personnel Officer and Flag Administrative Officer until his retirement on 31 March 1992; having completed 34 years, 11 months, and 29 days continuous active duty.

CDR Gschwend is submarine qualified (enlisted), surface warfare qualified (officer), is qualified OOD underway, and is qualified to succeed to command at sea. He has been promoted 16 times from E1 through E9, WO1 through CWO4, and LTJG to CDR. His Personal awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal (2), Navy Commendation Medal (3), Navy Achievement Medal (2), Meritorious Unit Commendation (5), Navy Good Conduct Medal (2), National Defense Service Medal (2), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and Overseas Service Ribbon (4).

CDR Gschwend is a native of Marvell, AR. He and his wife, the former Laurie Lee McDonald of San Diego, CA, reside in Millington TN.