

## CHIEF OF STAFF

Captain Victor A. Dybdal, Chief of Staff and Aide to Commander Carrier Division FIFTEEN reported from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations where he was Head, Navy Strategic Plans Section, Strategic Plans Division.



CAPTAIN VICTOR A. DYBDAL  
UNITED STATES NAVY



Captain Dybdal entered the Naval Academy from Fergus Falls, Minnesota and graduated with the Class of 1938. Following a tour on board the battleship ARIZONA, he was transferred to the USS HELM (DD-388). During World War II, he served, in addition to the HELM, aboard the destroyers MORRISON (DD 560) and DRAYTON (DD-360). Highlights of World War II action experiences include Pearl Harbor, 1st Battle of Savo Island and the Saipan and Philippine Landings.

Following WW II, Captain Dybdal attended the Armed Forces Staff College and in 1951 was assigned to Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE). Significant commands following duty in Europe include command of USS DAMATO (DD-871) and Commander, Escort Squadron 16. Captain Dybdal is a graduate of the Naval War College (1954) and the National War College (1958).

Captain Dybdal's decorations include the Bronze Star with Gold Star and Combat "V", Navy Unit commendation (USS MORRISON) and commendation ribbon with Combat V. In addition, he wears the Pacific Theater Ribbon with 8 stars, the Defense, American Theater, Philippine Liberation and Victory Medals.