

**7. Captain Virgil Chester Snyder, USN 1/21/1978 – 12/15/1978**



Captain Virgil Snyder is a graduate of Michigan State University and was commissioned Ensign in 1954. His first tour of duty was with the Naval Security Group in Washington, D.C. He then reported aboard the USS LAPWING (MSC (O) 48) AS Engineering officer, and subsequently served in every officer billet aboard that ship. Capt. Snyder was her Commanding Officer at her decommissioning in 1957.

He served as Commander LCU Division 22, Gunnery and Operations Officer on the USS CHARLES P. CECIL (DDR-835), Operations Officer for COMDESRON 26, Assistant Operations Officer for Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force U.S. Atlantic fleet, Executive Officer and

Commanding Officer of the USS CORRY (DD-817), Commanding Officer of the USS VITAL (MSO-474), Chief Staff Officer of the US Delta River Patrol Group and Advisor to the Vietnamese Navy River Assault Groups. Capt. Snyder is also a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat "V", Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and Gold Star. Meritorious Service Medal with two Gold Stars, Navy Achievement Medal and Presidential Unit Citation.

Captain Virgil C. Snyder is deceased.

In our search we could not locate details of when Captain Snyder passed. Please let us know if you know details or where we can locate details.