



# COMMANDING OFFICER

CAPTAIN  
ROLAND G.  
GUILBAULT,  
USN



To all Ticonderogamen,

This cruisebook is dedicated to you and your families. It covers the birth of TICONDEROGA, highlights her first nine months of operations and attempts to capture some of the experiences of her first deployment. It reflects, I trust, the professionalism, character, toughness, humanity, spirit, good naturedness and dedication which I see everyday in you. It is a book of a fantastically capable ship on her maiden extended voyage and of her proud and professional crew. It covers the real world operational commitments we met off Lebanon, where TICONDEROGA fired her guns, while touching on the lighthearted side of shipboard life and the "educational events" encountered in our port visits. It shows our homecoming and the fantastic support and enthusiasm of our families. Finally, it provides tangible evidence of TICONDEROGA's unique and splendid personality which you have created and of which I am proud to be a part.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R.G. Guilbault". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

R.G. GUILBAULT  
CAPTAIN USN