

Commander George G. PEERY was born in Salem, Virginia in 1921. He received a congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy from Virginia in 1940 and graduated in 1943.

CDR. PEERY's naval career began with duty aboard the U.S.S. SOMERS (DD 381) during which time he served as Gunnery Officer from December 1943 until late 1945. The SOMERS sank a German blockade runner in the South Atlantic in January 1944. During the invasion of Normandy and Southern France in 1944, SOMERS served as a gunfire support and screening ship. SOMERS sank two German destroyer-escort type vessels in a night surface engagement. CDR. PEERY was awarded the Bronze Star medal with "V" for his part in this action.

January 1946 to December 1947 saw CDR. PEERY studying Naval Engineering at the Post Graduate school at Annapolis. He reported to the U.S.S. MACON (CA 132) as Damage Control Officer in February 1948. In October 1948, CDR. PEERY was ordered to Commander Cruiser Division EIGHT as aide and flag lieutenant aboard the U.S.S. MANCHESTER (CL 83).

Following a brief tour ashore at the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Virginia, CDR. PEERY assumed command of the U.S.S. LST 551 in May 1950. In June 1952, he was assigned as Material and Logistics Officer to the staff of Commander, Amphibious Group TWO. CDR. PEERY reported to the Bureau of Ships as Mobilization Planning Assistant to the Assistant Chief of Bureau for Shipbuilding and Fleet Maintenance in September 1955.

He assumed command of the U.S.S. ROWAN (DD 782) in July 1958. Upon being relieved of his command of the U.S.S. ROWAN (DD 782) in July 1960, PERRY will report to the U.S. Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island.

CDR. PERRY wears the following medals and ribbons: Bronze Star "V", American Defense, European Theatre, Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.



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Lieutenant Commander Andrew J. ZAVOY was born in Plains, Pennsylvania in 1925. He first enlisted as an apprentice seaman, USNR, at the University of Pennsylvania in December 1942. In July 1943, LCDR ZAVOY reverted to the V-12 NROTC program at the University.

LCDR ZAVOY was commissioned an Ensign, USNR, in February 1945 and was assigned for duty to the U.S.S. ARIDED (AK 73) operating in the Pacific. During this time, he participated in the Okinawan invasion.

After the war, Mr. ZAVOY became a member of the regular navy and received orders to the U.S.S. DIXIE (AD 14). While on the DIXIE, Mr. ZAVOY participated in the Atomic Bomb Tests at Bikini.

During the period from 1948 until early 1950, LCDR ZAVOY served on three destroyers: the U.S.S. MEREDITH (DD 890), the U.S.S. PICKING (DD 685), and the U.S.S. SAMUEL B. ROBERTS (DD 823).

LCDR ZAVOY is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Post Graduate course in Intelligence and the U.S. Language School (Swedish).

Prior to reporting on board the ROWAN on 11 November 1959, LCDR ZAVOY was Assistant U.S. Naval Attaché in Stockholm, Sweden.

LCDR ZAVOY wears the following medals and ribbons: Asiatic Theatre, American Theatre, Chinese Service, World War II Victory Medal, European Occupation, and National Defense.



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