



Commander Ellis is a native of Fresno, California. He attended the University of California and received his commission through the NROTC program at this school on 13 May 1942.

Commander Ellis served aboard the USS BAGLEY DD 386 during World War II, participating in action at Guadalcanal, first battle of Savo Island, New Guinea, Saipan, and the landings in the Philippines.

Commander Ellis was the first Gunnery Officer on the USS POWER DD839 when the ship was commissioned in October 1945. Following this service, he completed the Ordnance Engineering course at the Navy's Post Graduate School at Annapolis and at Cornell University.

While serving aboard the USS FLETCHER DDE 445 from her recommissioning in October 1949 as Executive Officer he was awarded the Commendation Ribbon by the Commander of the Seventh Fleet.

Following a tour of duty in the Ammunition Research Section of BuOrd, Commander Ellis served as Gunnery Officer aboard the USS MISSISSIPPI, evaluating new equipment for the fleet including the new Terrier Guided Missile.

Commander Ellis served the USS PERKINS DDR 877 as commanding officer from 29 October 1955 until 15 May 1957.

OUR CAPTAINS

Captain HAYS attended La Verne College at La Verne, California. Upon graduation, he was commissioned an Ensign in September 1941. Some of the highlights of our captain's naval career include being aboard the USS PREBLE DM 20 on 7 Dec 1941 at Pearl Harbor during that notorious moment in our history. He served as Executive Officer and Navigator aboard the USS HENDERSON DD 785 on Operation Highjump at the Antarctic in 1947. Captain HAYS has been in command of the USS BEGOR APD 127, the USS GOSS DE 444, and prior to reporting to the PERKINS he was the Executive Officer at Service School Command, NTC, San Diego. Our Captain assumed command of the PERKINS in Hong Kong on 15 May 1957.

