

Commander James A. Boland was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on 16 August 1946. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1969 with a bachelor of science degree in engineering.

Following graduation, Commander Boland reported to the USS JOHN KING (DDG-3) as Main Propulsion Assistant. His next tour was as Operations Officer for Destroyer Division 82 and Officer in Charge of the Mobile Training Team for the Turkish Ship TCG ADETPE. Other shipboard duty included a department head tour as Engineering Officer on USS BARBEY (FF-1088), and a tour as Main Propulsion Assistant on the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67). He served as Executive Officer of USS BRISCOE (DD-977) from August 1982 until March 1984.

Shore assignments have included the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterrey, CA. where Commander Boland was awarded a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served a tour of duty at the Navy's Surface Effect Ship Test Facility in Patuxent River, Maryland where he set the world speed record for a surface ship at 91.9 knots (105.6 MPH) in the SES-100B. Commander Boland's most recent tour was with the Office of the Chief of Naval Material where he served in various billets before being assigned to the Shipboard Non-Tactical ADP Program (SNAP) where he served as Logistic Systems Officer until February 1986.

Commander Boland's personal awards and decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal as well as various campaign and service medals.

Commander Boland is married to the former Susan E. Van Varick of Wayne, New Jersey. They have a daughter, Carrie Ann.

