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RESUME OF ROBERT ALEXANDER PERSELL, JR.

Robert A. Persell, Jr., Commander, U. S. Navy was born in Oceanside, New York, on 3 September 1939.

Commander Persell attended the University of Virginia on an NROTC scholarship where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1961. Following commissioning he reported for duty to USS HANK (DD 702) where he served as Main Battery, Navigation and ASW Officer. He then attended the Naval Destroyer School and, on completion, was assigned as Weapons Officer on USS SANSFIELD (DD 837). Commander Persell next entered the Nuclear Power Program at Bainbridge, Maryland, and completed his prototype training at West Milton, New York. His next tour was as ASW Weapons Instructor at the Naval Destroyer School. Following this was a tour on the USS LONG BEACH (CGN 9) where he served as Nuclear Weapons, Main Battery, and Senior Watch Officer.



On completion of this tour, Commander Persell returned to Newport where he attended the Command and Staff course at the Naval War College. While in Newport, Commander Persell earned an MS degree in International Affairs from The George Washington University. His next tour was on the USS EPPERSON (DD 719) as Executive Officer. Commander Persell then entered the Communications Management curriculum at the Naval Postgraduate School and was awarded an MS in Management "With Distinction" in 1975. Following this he served in the Plans and Programs Directorate of the Defense Communications Agency.

In July 1978, Commander Persell reported to the Naval Postgraduate School as Curricular Officer for Electronics and Communications Programs.

Commander Persell has been awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.