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# The Superintendent



**MASON B. FREEMAN**  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

Rear Admiral Mason B. Freeman was born in Chicago, Illinois, where he attended Austin High School prior to entering the Naval Academy in 1931. Commissioned an Ensign in 1935, he subsequently advanced in rank to Rear Admiral on July 1, 1963.

Following graduation from the Naval Academy, he joined the USS Oklahoma and in 1936 transferred to his first destroyer, the USS Zane. From 1939 to 1941 he continued duty afloat in the USS St. Louis, after which he had instruction in general ordnance at the Postgraduate School, Annapolis, Maryland. Assigned in 1942 to the Ammunition Section, Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, he remained there until the next year, when he reported on board the USS New Orleans. While attached to that cruiser he saw action during the Wake Island raid; operations in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands; the 1944 Asiatic-Pacific raids; Hollandia and Marianas operations; the capture and occupation of Tinian and the Western Caroline, Leyte and Okinawa Gunto operations. For meritorious service as Gunnery Officer of the USS New Orleans during operations against Japanese forces, Admiral Freeman was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V."

Detached from the New Orleans in 1945, he joined the Staff of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet as Ammunition Officer and in 1946 transferred, in a similar capacity, to the Staff of the Commander Service Force, Pacific. He next was Flag Secretary to the Commander in Chief, Pacific, after which he commanded the USS Rush. In 1950 he reported for instruction at the

Naval War College and then became Ammunition Procurement Officer in the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department.

Subsequent assignments included: Commanding Officer of the USS Conecuh (the Navy's first one-stop replenishment ship); Armament Officer on the Staff of Commander Operational Development Force; student at the Naval War College; Deputy Chief of Staff to Commander Second Fleet; Commander Destroyer Squadron Sixteen; Director of Electronic Warfare Division, Office of Chief of Naval Operations; Naval Command and Control Systems Executive, Office of Chief of Naval Operations; Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Two and Anti-Submarine Group "Charlie;" and Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Education and Training.

For exceptionally meritorious service as Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force, Pacific Fleet, from 1967 to 1970, Admiral Freeman was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

In January 1970 he reported as Vice Director, J-3 (Operations), Joint Staff Office, Joint Chiefs of Staff. In August of that year he was designated Vice Director of the Joint Staff, Joint Chiefs of Staff — the position he held prior to reporting to the Naval Postgraduate School in 1972.



# The Provost



**DR. MILTON V. CLAUSER**  
Academic Dean

Dr. Milton U. Clauser, a specialist in aeronautics, assumed the position of Academic Dean of the Naval Postgraduate School Sept. 1, 1970.

Dr. Clauser had spent the previous three years at Massachusetts Institute of Technology as professor of aeronautics

and astronautics and a Director of the Lincoln Laboratory.

He is a graduate of the California Institute of Technology, where he received his B.S. degree in theoretical physics in 1934, M.S. in aeronautical engineering in 1935 and Ph.D. in 1937.

Following graduate studies, Dr. Clauser spent 13 years at Douglas Aircraft Co. working in structures, aerodynamics, flight testing and design. In 1950 he became head of the School of Aeronautical Engineering at Purdue University, from which he holds an honorary doctor of engineering degree.

Later, Dr. Clauser joined Ramo-Wooldridge Inc. as director of the Astronautics Staff for systems engineering on the Air Force ballistic missile program. When Ramo-Wooldridge formed Space Technology Laboratories, he served as director of the Physical Research Laboratories and vice president of the company.

Dr. Clauser entered private consulting practice in 1962, after two years as president of the Clauser Technology Corporation, a business he formed to build atomic frequency standards and vacuum chambers. Before joining the faculty at MIT, he worked for two years as director of the Research and Engineering Support Division of the Institute of Defense Analyses.

Dr. Clauser is a member of Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi and Sigma Gamma Tau honorary fraternities and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is also a Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.