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REAR ADMIRAL JOHN JOSEPH EKELUND, UNITED STATES NAVY

Rear Admiral John Joseph Ekelund, born on January 19, 1928 in Washington, DC graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland in 1949. Education beyond the Naval Academy has included Submarine School (1951), study at the Armed Forces Staff College (1964), and University of Rochester (MS Systems Analysis - 1968).

Following graduation from the Naval Academy he served in the destroyer escort USS COOLBAUGH (DE 217) and then in USS PIRATE (AM 275), until her sinking off Wonson, Korea on October 12, 1950. Subsequent assignments have included operational naval duties, advanced education and naval staff posts. Rear Admiral Ekelund's fleet duties with the Submarine Force have included assignments with USS COBIA (SS 245), USS RAZORBACK (SS 394), USS GROWLER (SSG 577), and command of USS GRAYBACK (SSG 574). His duties ashore have included tours with Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. Submarine School Staff, Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and on the combined staff of Commander U.S. Naval Forces and Chief Naval Advisory Group, Vietnam. Following a command tour in USS ALBANY (CG 10) he was assigned as Dean of Academics of the Naval War College. Since promotion to flag rank he has served as the Deputy Director of Naval Education and Training, National Intelligence Officer for General Purpose Forces of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Commander South Atlantic Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. He assumed the post of Superintendent of the Naval Postgraduate School on January 24, 1980.

Rear Admiral Ekelund is a member of the Naval Institute. He is qualified as Surface Warfare Specialist and Submarine Warfare Specialist and holds designated subspecialties in Systems Analysis and Strategic Planning (Nuclear).

