

CAPTAIN LEWIS EDWARD CONNELL, USN 1976-1979

Captain Lewis Edward Connell joined the Naval Reserve in 1948. He was called to active duty after graduation from the University of Texas and attended class number two of the newly formed Officers Candidate School in Newport, RI, being commissioned Ensign in March of 1952. He attended Air Intelligence School in Washington, DC, and became Intelligence Officer of USS Point Cruz (CVE 119) and the embarked squadron, VS 892. He then attended Photo Interpretation School and was attached to the Ninth Naval District as Assistant District Intelligence Officer (Air). He was assigned to the Fleet Air Intelligence Augmenting Unit, Pacific, serving first with the Special Weapons Employment Group and then with the staff of the Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet. He returned to Washington for duty in the Targeting Shop of the Office of Naval Intelligence. He became one of the first Integrated Operational Intelligence Center (IOIC) Supervisors aboard USS Saratoga (CVA 60). Returning to Washington, Captain Connell became Operations Officer and, later, Executive Officer of the Naval Reconnaissance and Technical Support Center. Captain Connell served as Head, Reconnaissance and Indications (N-23) on the staff of the Commander in Chief US Pacific Fleet. Upon graduation from the Naval War College, Captain Connell then served for one year as the Edwin T. Layton Military Chair of Intelligence at the Naval War College before assuming command of Fleet Intelligence Center, Pacific. Captain Connell was then assigned as Assistant Commander, Naval Intelligence Command (Operations) in Alexandria, VA., followed by assignment as the Commander, Naval Investigative Service Command.