



James Sidle Elfelt was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, December 28, 1929 and resided there until his graduation from the University of Minnesota in June 1951. Upon graduation he was commissioned an Ensign and ordered to the destroyer USS WILLIAM R. RUSH at Newport, Rhode Island.

Four years duty in Atlantic Fleet destroyers was followed by duty as commanding officer of coastal minesweeper USS WARBLER during her building at Bellingham, Washington and subsequent assignment to Sasebo, Japan. Shore duty in Washington, D.C. was followed by post-graduate education in the field of Personnel Administration at Stanford University.

Upon return to sea in 1959, Commander Elfelt served as missile officer and later weapons officer of the heavy cruiser USS HELENA until transfer to duty as executive officer of the destroyer USS PRESTON in June 1961. When relieved as executive officer in May 1963, he reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel for two years duty as the Assistant Lieutenant Commander Detail Officer.

Attendance of the Command and Staff Course at the Naval War College was followed by assignment as commanding officer of the destroyer USS HENDERSON. Commander Elfelt was serving as commanding officer of USS HENDERSON when he received orders as executive officer, USS NEW JERSEY.

Commander Elfelt holds Masters degrees from Stanford and George Washington Universities.

In addition to the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" earned during HENDERSON's recent deployment to the Seventh Fleet, Commander Elfelt has the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star and the Vietnamese Service Medal with Bronze Star.

He is married to the former Sally Dahm of St. Davids, Pennsylvania. They have four children; Elizabeth, 12, Helen, 11, James, 10, and Cordelia, 8. The family currently makes their home in Los Alamitos, California.