

COMMANDING OFFICER



Commander Corwin A. Bell was born in Birmingham, Alabama and attended high school in Columbus, Georgia. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and his commission via a Navy scholarship to Duke University. He later earned a Master of Degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.

Commander Bell has served at sea on USS CONSTELLATION (CV64), USS REEVES (CG 25) and USS ROBERT E. PEARY (FF1073). During 1969-1970 he served as Senior Advisor to Vietnamese River assault and interdiction division (AID) Seventy-two in the U-Minh Forest of the Mekong Delta. His ashore assignments include Headquarters, U.S. Forces Japan; Staff, Commander Third Fleet; and, most recently, Staff, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Commander Bell has attended the Naval Destroyer School, Surface Missile Systems School, and Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course.

Commander Bell has been awarded a Bronze Star Medal with Combat Distinguished Device "V", a gold star in lieu of a second award of the Bronze Star, a Joint Services Commendation Medal, a Navy Commendation Medal, and various unit and campaign awards.

Commander Bell assumed Command of the USS MORTON on 19 January 1981 in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.