



He served as Executive Officer aboard the destroyer USS Hale and when the Hale was selected for transfer to the Colombian Navy as part of the Military Assistance Program, he was designated Officer-in Charge. Once the ship was commissioned into the Colombian Navy, Commander Kaufman remained aboard as Officer-in-Charge of the U.S. Navy team that aided in training the new crew. His first command was the radar picket destroyer escort USS Calcaterra. He served as the Commanding Officer until October 1962.

The Commander served as Head, Mobilization Plans Section, Policy Division at the Bureau of Naval Personnel following his command of the Calcaterra. His next assignment found him attending the Armed Forces Staff College. In February 1965, he once again was given a command at sea as he was piped aboard the destroyer USS Laffey. Commander Kaufman then reported aboard the Saint Paul as her Executive Officer in November 1966.

Commander Kaufman holds the American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, China Service Medal (extended), National Defense Medal with bronze star, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Commander Norman L. Kaufman is a native of New York City and was graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1948. Following his graduation he served as a ship's officer aboard the U.S. Army Transport General Edwin D. Patrick until the latter part of 1949.

From January 1950 to June 1951, he was attached to the USS LSM 398 of the Atlantic Fleet Amphibious Force. He served as Operations Officer, First Lieutenant and Navigator.

Intensive instruction at the Submarine School and the Deep Sea Diving School prepared Commander Kaufman for duty aboard the submarine rescue ship USS Kittiwake where he was assigned as Rescue and Salvage Officer, Operations Officer and Navigator. He was later to become the Executive Officer before orders transferred him to the USS Blue where he served as Operations Officer and Navigator until January of 1957.

Commander Kaufman completed the General Line Curriculum at the Naval Postgraduate School and then reported to the U.S. Naval Base in Newport, R.I.. While at Newport, he served as the Officer-in-Charge, Service Craft, with collateral duties of Engineer and Repair Officer.

