



COMMANDER RODNEY L. BENSON UNITED STATES NAVY

Commander Benson is a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology. He was commissioned at the Georgia Tech Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit in 1969.

His initial sea tours were aboard USS KILAUEA (AE 26) as Main Propulsion Assistant where he participated in that ship's first deployment to Vietnamese waters, followed by a tour of duty as Engineering Officer on USS HOOPER (DE 1026).

From July 1973 to March 1975, he attended the naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he graduated with distinction receiving a Master of Science Degree.

After completing the Surface Warfare officer Department Head Course, he reported in January 1976 to USS BREWTON (FF 1086) as Weapons Officer. Immediately following that tour, he reported to the staff of Commander Destroyer Squadron Twenty-One as Combat Systems Officer.

From February 1980 to February 1983, Commander Benson was assigned to the Naval Communications Unit at the headquarters of Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe in London, England. During that tour he was designated a proven subspecialist in telecommunications.

In June 1983, he assumed duties as Executive officer on USS LANG (FF 1060) and in August 1985 he reported to the staff of Commander Naval Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet where he served as the Force command, Control and Communications/Tactical Navigation coordinator.

Commander Benson's decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, and various service and campaign awards.

He is married to the former Linda Marie Flowers of Tucker, Georgia. They have one daughter, Deborah Kathleen, who resides with them in Poway, California.