

Commander Lyle R. HAYS was born in Ava, Missouri. He attended Chaffey Junior College, Ontario, California, and LaVerne College, LaVerne, California. He was commissioned as Ensign E-V-G at New York in 1941 from the V-7 program; his designation was changed to unrestricted line in 1942.

His first assignment was as Engineering Officer in USS PREBLE (DM-20) from October 1941 to December 1944; he was aboard her at Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack in 1941. After studying at the Oil Burning School and the Destroyer Engineering Operations School, he helped commission, as Engineering Officer, USS McKEAN (DD-784).

He served as Intake Liaison Officer in the ELEVENTH Naval District during demobilization in 1945-46. He then served as Commanding Officer and Executive Officer of USS OWEN (DD-536), preparing the ship for decommissioning.

Commander HAYS has served as Executive Officer of USS HENDERSON (DD-785), in which he participated in

“Operation High Jump” in the Antarctic in 1946-47; and as Commanding Officer of USS BECOR (APD-127), USS GOSS (DE-444), and USS PERKINS (DDR-871). He has studied at the General Line School, and has taught navigation at Camp Hale, Colorado, for Army maneuvers in the arctic area.

Other duties have included serving on the staff of the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet; Executive Officer of the Service School Command, NTC, San Diego; Plans Officer of the Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier/Commander Antilles Defense Command; and the Fleet Anti-Warfare Training Center, San Diego.

He assumed duties as PIEDMONT’s Executive Officer in November 1962.

He holds the American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, China Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Navy Occupation Service Medal.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

