



Executive Officer

The Executive Officer of *Bainbridge* is Commander John Bell, USN, a graduate of the Naval Academy in 1947. He served aboard the aircraft carrier *Coral Sea* with the U. S. Atlantic Fleet until 1950, with duties in the Navigation, Engineering, and Executive Departments. Next he had a short tour of duty on the minesweeper *Lorikeet*, followed by further minesweeping operations as Executive Officer of *Mocking Bird* and Commanding Officer of *Gull*, taking part in combat operations off Korea. On returning to the United States, he served as Navigator of the Presidential yacht *Williamsburg* until she was decommissioned in 1953, and during this period he was also Officer in Charge of Camp David, the Presidential summer camp in Maryland.

After normal tours of duty in the Bureau of Ships and aboard *Brown (DD 546)*, he spent the year 1957-58 at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, in the command and staff course. He was assigned next as Chief Staff Officer of Destroyer Development Group RWO at Newport, and later completed the one-year Nuclear Power Training Course at Mare Island, California, and Arco, Idaho. His awards include the Bronze Star with Combat "V" for combat minesweeping operations at Hungnam, Wonsan, Inchon, and Chinnampo, Korea.

