

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ROBERT E. CARL
UNITED STATES NAVY

Robert Edgar Carl was born in Jeromesville, Ohio, on July 30, 1914, son of Clarence William and Irene (Alleman) Carl. He graduated from Jeromesville High School, enlisted in the U. S. Navy on June 12, 1934, and was discharged on August 14, 1943 to accept a commission as Ensign in the U. S. Navy. Advancing progressively in rank, he subsequently attained that of Lieutenant Commander to date from February 1, 1954.

Following his enlistment in 1934, he reported on board the USS SARATOGA, and continued duty on that aircraft carrier until January 1939. He was then ordered to the Fourteenth Naval District, Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii, where he was attached to communication activities, and also to fleet radio activities. He was serving there when the Japanese attacked the Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, on December 7, 1941, and remained throughout World War II and until February 1946. "For distinguished service...in support of military operations during the period from December 7, 1941 to September 2, 1945..." he received the Ribbon for, and a facsimile of the Navy Unit Commendation awarded the U. S. Naval Communication Intelligence Organization. The citation further states in part:

"By untiring and self sacrificing devotion to duty, the members of the United States Naval Communication Intelligence Organization have rendered service vital to the successful prosecution of the war..."

From February 1946 until September 1947 he was attached to the Navy Communication Station, Washington, D. C., after which he had instruction under the five term program at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He returned to the Navy Communication Station, Washington, D. C., in July 1948, remaining there until February 1950, when he reported for duty in the Office of the Naval Attache, Ottawa, Canada. In November 1951 he was assigned to the Naval Radio Facility (S), Kami Seya, Japan. "Formeritorious service while... (in that assignment) from November 3, 1951 to November 1, 1953..." he received a Letter of Commendation, with authorization to wear the Commendation Ribbon, from the Commander Naval Forces, Far East. The citation continues in part:

"Lieutenant Carl was responsible for supervising a special mission communication net covering the entire Pacific area. He worked untiringly in his efforts to improve the net and in liaison with other stations on the net, thereby contributing to the net's present effectiveness. He contributed in a large measure to the successful accomplishment of the mission of the U. S. Naval Radio Facility (S), Kami Seya, Japan..."

In December 1953 he was assigned to the Naval Security Group, Naval Communication Station, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and in July 1954 became Officer in Charge of the U. S. Naval Radion Station (R) Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico.

In addition to the Commendation Ribbon and the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Lieutenant Commander Carl has the American Defense Service Medal; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; the World War II Victory Medal; the National Defense Service Medal; Korean Service Medal; the United Nations Service Medal; and the Good Conduct Medal (for enlisted service).