



Commanding Officer LCDR John W. Ackerman bio

Lieutenant Commander John William Ackerman was born and raised in Dearborn, Michigan. Enlisting in the Navy in 1956, he attended recruit training at Great Lakes, Illinois. LCDR ACKERMAN was next assigned to USS BETELGEYSE (AK-260) and to USS TRUCKEE (AO-147) prior to reporting to the staff of Commander Service Squadron FOUR.

Graduating from Basic Enlisted Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut in 1960, he served aboard the submarines USS ARGONAUT (SS-475) and USS GROUPER (AGSS-214), attaining the rate of Chief Quartermaster. In 1968 he was selected and promoted to Warrant Boatswain. In April 1975, he was selected for the Limited Duty Officer program and promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade.

As a commissioned officer, his tours included Third Division Officer aboard USS SIMON LAKE (AS-33). He then attended the Naval School of Diving and Salvage, Washington, D.C., graduating as a qualified Helium/Oxygen Deep Sea Diver. He then served as Diving Officer, Salvage Officer, Communications Officer, First Lieutenant, and Navigator in USS CHANTICLEER (ASR-7) from 1970 until her decommissioning in 1973. His follow-on tour included the duties of Diving Officer, First Lieutenant, and Navigator in USS DIXON (AS-37). His next assignment was Executive Officer, USS FLORIKAN (ASR-9). Detaching from FLORIKAN in 1984, he reported aboard USS CONSERVER (ARS-39) as Commanding Officer from 1 June 1984 until her decommissioning on 30 September 1986.

Lieutenant Commander Ackerman's shore assignments have include duty as a Navy Recruiter. a three year tour with the Board of Inspection and Survey, Pacific, and Naval Submarine Base, San Diego where he held a variety of positions including acting Executive Officer.

Lieutenant Commander Ackerman's decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (Navy), Navy Commendation Citation with Bronze Star, Navy Good Conduct Medal (three awards), National Defense Service Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Expert Pistol and Rifle Medals.

Lieutenant Commander Ackerman is married to the former Theresa Alongi of Highland Park, Michigan. They have one Son, James.