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Captain Curtis O. Anderson, USN, was born in Towner, North Dakota. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in January 1948, received a Fleet appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1949 and was commissioned Ensign in June 1953.

Shipboard assignments early in his career were in USS OZBOURN (DD-846) and USS MT. MCKINLEY (AGC-7). Captain Anderson was Commanding Officer of USS LIPAN (ATF-85), USS EXCEL (MSO-439) and USS GEORGE K. MACKENZIE (DD-836).

His shore assignments include duty with the fleet training group, Pearl Harbor; at the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School; as an Operations Analysis Instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy; as Assistant Chief of Staff for Vietnamese Naval Training, Naval Advisory Group Vietnam; Staff, Chief of Naval Operations; and as Senior Combat Systems Inspector, Board of Inspection and Survey, Washington, D.C.

Captain Anderson has been awarded the Legion of Merit with Combat "V", the Bronze Star with Combat "V", the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation with two Bronze Stars, Republic of Vietnam Service Medal with seven stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation, Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal.