

COMMANDER(SEL) FERNANDEZ L. PONDS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

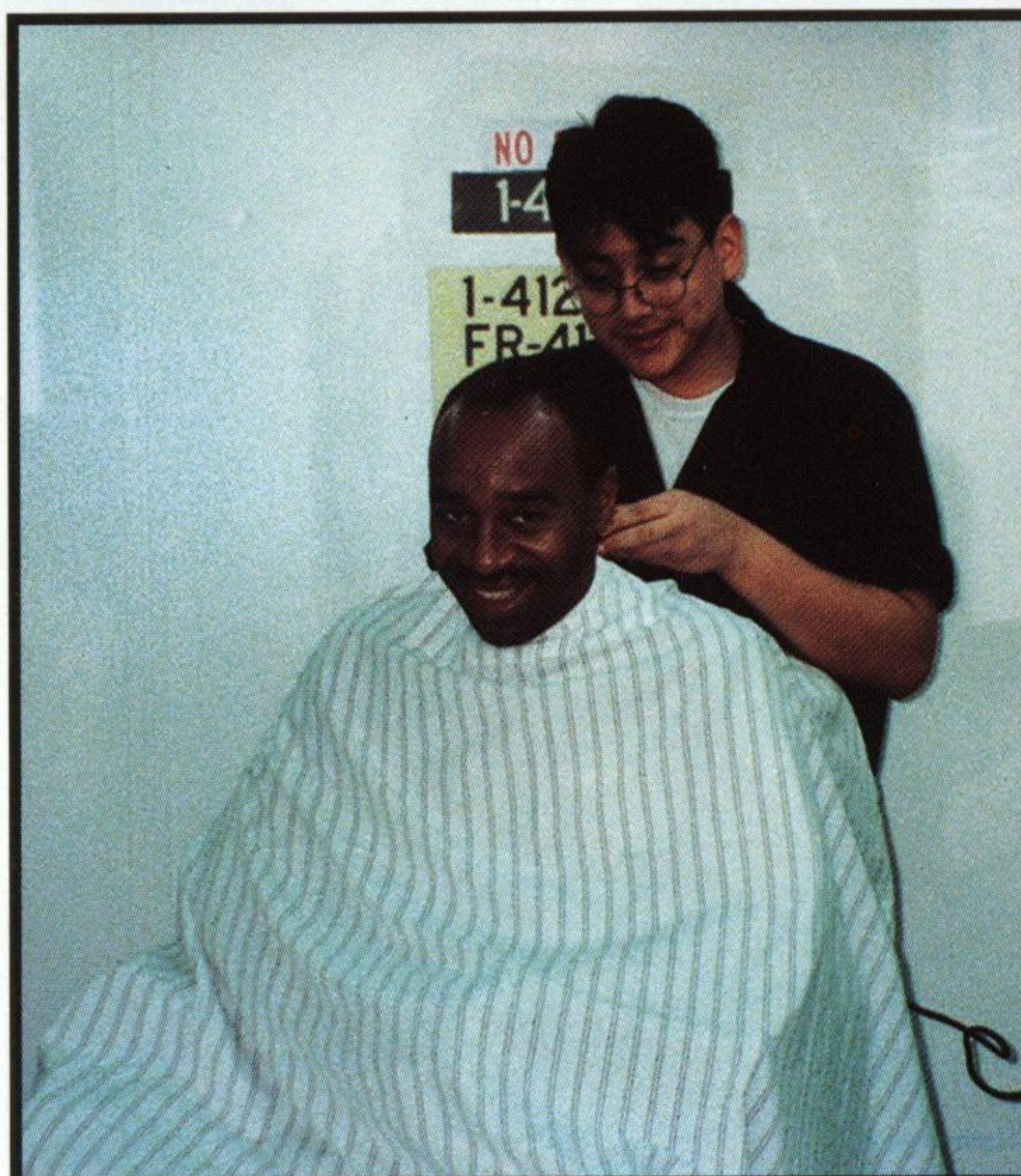
Commander (SEL) Fernandez L. Ponds graduated from the University of Alabama in 1982 and was commissioned in June 1983 from Officer Candidate School. He holds a degree in Military Science for Military Strategic Affairs from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

Initially assigned to USS MAUNA KEA (AE 22) where he served as Damage Control Assistant, he later served as Assistant First Lieutenant. In 1986 he transferred to USS MIDWAY (CV 41) as Boiler Officer under the Carrier Improvement program. Next he attended Department Head School and in 1987 reported to USS BERKELEY (DDG 15) as Engineering Officer. In 1990 he reported to CINC-PACFLT Propulsion Examining Board as a Steam and Diesel Inspector.

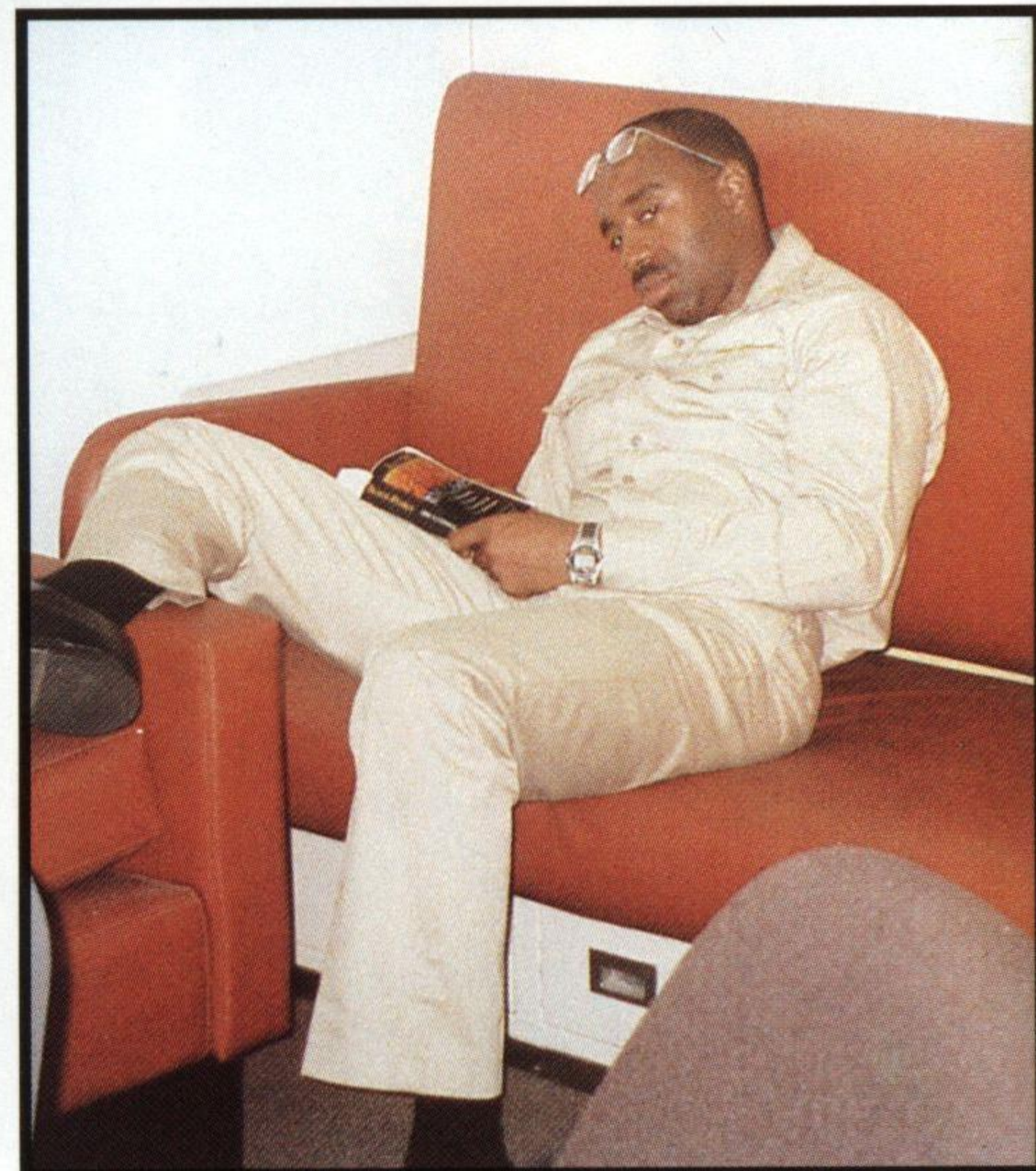
Beginning in 1993 he reported to the Marine corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, VA where he was awarded the Navy Leagues Most Outstanding Navy Student Award. In 1994 he reported to Commander Amphibious Group ONE, Okinawa, Japan as Flag Secretary. In 1997 he reported to USS PAUL F. FOSTER (DD 964) as Executive Officer.

His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (two awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Commander(SEL) Ponds is married to the former Carol Hayes of San Diego, CA. They have two children Sharese and Fernandez Jr.



“Don’t worry sir, I’ve done this before.”



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