

Captain Carroll enlisted in the Navy in February 1944 in the V-5 Aviation Cadet program and received his commission at the University of Notre Dame in June 1946. He attended Submarine School in 1949, graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1955, from the Naval War College in 1960, and the Army War College in 1965. Upon completion of his initial duty assignment as Main Battery Division Officer in the Battleship MISSISSIPPI (BB-41), Captain Carroll was a student at the Naval Gunfire Liaison School in Little Creek, Virginia. This specialized training was followed by four consecutive assignments as Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer in Second Marine Division, Attack Transports NOBLE and OKONOGAN, and Aircraft Carrier KEARSARGE.

In May 1949 he was ordered to the Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut, and served aboard the submarine IREX (SS-482) while awaiting Submarine School. During the next five years he had duty in submarines CAIMAN (SS-323) and SEA FOX (SS-406) which were based at Pearl Harbor and spent twenty-one months in the Western Pacific during the Korean War. In 1955 he was assigned to the Plans and Policy Division of the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Captain Carroll qualified for command of submarines during a two year assignment as Executive Officer of SEA POACHER (SS-402) in Key West, Florida. He was the Commanding Officer of USS SABLEFISH (SS-303) from June 1960 to June 1962, relinquishing that command to return to the Submarine School as the Director of the Tactics Division and in June 1963 as Director of the Basic Officers Department. In July 1965 he was assigned as Aide and Flag Secretary to the Deputy Commander, Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. On 7 August 1967, he assumed command of Submarine Division EIGHTY-ONE.

Captain Carroll returned to Washington as Military Deputy to the Deputy Assistant Oceanographer for Science in August 1968. In September 1970 he was assigned as Commanding Officer of BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19).



Captain Kent J. Carroll
Commanding Officer