

Captain Frederick H. Kela, SC, USN (Ret.) passed away Saturday, 17 May. He was visiting family in Tennessee at the time of his passing.

CAPT Kela retired on March 1, 1980, after 27 years of active naval service.

He was commissioned in the Navy in 1954 after receiving a bachelor's degree from University of Minnesota. He received a master's from Michigan State University in 1964.

CAPT Kela's duty stations included Military Traffic Management Command, Western Area, Oakland, Calif.; Commanding Officer, Naval Supply Center, Puget Sound, Bremerton, Wash.; Naval Supply Systems Command, Washington, D.C.; USS Ticonderoga (CVA 14); U.S. Naval Support Activity, DaNang; Navy Aviation Supply Office, Philadelphia, Pa.; U.S. Naval Supply Depot, Subic Bay, Republic of Philippines; Office of Naval Inspector of Ordnance, Minneapolis, Minn.; USS Bowers (APD 40); USS McClelland (DE 750); and USS Briareus (AF 12).

He was awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and two Meritorious Unit Commendations, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Stars, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.