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1900 April 6 Born, Jerome, Arizona, son of Lewis E. Robbins and Mae Belle Cook, stepson of George A. Miles  
1917 Apprentice seaman, U.S. Navy  
1918-1922 Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy  
1922-1927 Commissioned as Ensign and promoted to Lieutenant (Junior Grade), U.S. Asiatic Fleets  
1927-1929 Post Graduate School, U.S. Naval Academy  
1928 Promoted to Lieutenant  
1929 M.S., Columbia University  
1929-1932 Electrical officer, U.S.S. Saratoga  
1932-1934 Member, Bureau of Engineering, Navy Department  
1934-1939 Destroyer duty, U.S. Pacific and Asiatic Fleets  
1937 Promoted to Lieutenant Commander  
1939-1942 Member, Interior Control Board, Navy Department  
1942 Promoted to Commander and Captain  
1942-1943 U.S. Naval Observer, Chung King, China and Chief of OSS (Office of Strategic Services) for the Far East  
1943-1945 Deputy Director, Sino-American Cooperative Organization (SACO)  
1944-1945 Commander, U.S. Naval Group, China  
1945 Appointed Rear Admiral, for temporary service  
1946 Commanding Officer, U.S.S. Columbus  
1947 Planning Officer, Staff of Commander Service Force, Atlantic Fleet  
1948 Promoted to Rear Admiral  
1948 Commander, Cruiser Division One  
1949 Commander, Cruiser Division Six
1949    Commander, Cruiser Division Four
1950-1954  Director, Pan American Affairs and U.S. Naval Missions in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and Senior Naval Delegate to Inter-American Defense Board
1954  Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District, Panama Canal Zone
1955  On-site Commander, Operation Friendship, flood relief program, Tampico, Mexico
1956  Commandant, Third Naval District, New York, and Commander, U.S. Naval Base, New York
1958  Promoted and retired as Vice Admiral
1961 March 25    Died
1967  Author (posthumously) A Different Kind of War: The Little-Known Story of the Combined Guerilla Forces Created in China by the U.S. Navy and the Chinese during World War II

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