



Vice Admiral Charles L. Melson

PRESIDENT, 31 JULY 1964 – 25 JANUARY 1966

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Vice Admiral Charles LeRoy Melson (1904 – 1981) graduated from the Naval War College in 1948 and served on the staff the following year. As the thirty-third president, Melson supported greater emphasis on basic naval subjects, and he expanded the use of the Naval Electronic Warfare Simulator (NEWS) for the use of war gaming in both the senior and junior courses. It was during his term also that an addition was made to Mahan Hall for an expanded library collection. Before coming to the presidency of the Naval War College, he was Superintendent of the Naval Academy, 1958 – 1960; Commander, First Fleet, 1960 – 1962; and Commander, Taiwan Defense Command, 1962 – 1964.

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