

Commander Jerry Pulley, USN(Ret)

Jerry Pulley was born October, 25 1922 in King City, MO. He enlisted as a seaman Apprentice in November 1940, and was later selected as the only photographer into the LDO program, and was commissioned as an Ensign on July 22, 1952.

Pulley ' s Navy career included service under Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, during the U.S. classified South Seas exploration aboard the USS Concord from September 5, 1943 through November 24, 1943. He served in China aboard the USS Princeton as part of the official task force to close out the military activities in the area, in various missions during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict, and as the Officer in Charge of the Fleet Air Photographic Laboratory in Jacksonville Florida, during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Pulley ' s group was responsible for the development of the aerial reconnaissance surveillance photographs taken over Cuba under code name Blue Moon.

Pulley also served as the military White House Photographer to President Harry S. Truman following the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. During the famous " Whistlestop " tour of 1948, Pulley followed the President ' s campaign, covering 32,000 miles in 33 days.

Following Truman's election , Pulley left his position with the White House but returned in January 1952 to document the meeting between President Truman and Prime Minister Winston Churchill aboard the USS Williamsburg.

He is the first President and a founder of the National Association of Naval Photography.