



Navy Commendation Medal



Vietnam Service Medal



Combat Action Ribbon

**Dale Allen Fink**  
**Captain U.S. Navy Reserve**  
**June 1963 – July 1974**

Dale was born on 11 April 1945 in Allentown, Pennsylvania, while his family was living in Macungie, Pennsylvania. He grew up in Macungie, where he attended grade school from 1951 – 1957, and graduated from Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, in 1963. Prior to going on active duty with the Navy, Dale worked as a Newspaper Carrier for the Allentown Morning Call from 1956 to 1963. He also worked at the East Penn Foundry in Macungie during the summer of 1963. After he graduated from high school, Dale entered the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, as a Midshipman 4th Class the same year. He graduated from the Academy in 1967, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Naval Engineering and a commission as an Ensign in the Navy. Following graduation, Dale married **Theta Arlene Friend** on 10 June 1967 in the Naval Academy Chapel. Dale chose Surface Warfare as his Naval specialty. His first assignment was to the guided missile destroyer *USS Tattnall* (DDG-19) as the Main Propulsion Assistant. After serving aboard *USS Tattnall* for two and a half years, Dale was reassigned to Tank Landing Ship *USS Snohomish County* (LST-1126) in February 1970, where he served as Executive Officer. In July 1970, while in port at Guam, Dale and most of the entire crew of *USS Snohomish County* were transferred to *USS Page County* (LST-1076), flying into Saigon, Vietnam, where he boarded her. Dale continued to serve as Executive Officer aboard *USS Page County*, operating out of DaNang, Vietnam, from August to September 1971. He was then assigned back to the Naval Academy where he taught the Midshipmen seamanship and tactics from April 1971 to July 1974, when he left active duty. He remained active in the Reserves, rising to the rank of Captain. Dale initially went to live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for three years where he worked for Westinghouse PAD as an Engineer for the manufacture of two valves used on all nuclear-powered ships in the Navy. In 1977, Dale moved to Greenville, South Carolina, where began working for Michelin North America. He worked there until 1992, successively as an Engineer in the manufacture of tires with recommendation of ergonomics, as a Job Evaluator for all production steps, and in Human Resources in Personnel Compensation, rising to the position of Personnel Compensation Manager. Dale relocated to Michelin in Akron, Ohio, in 1992 for two years. In 1994 Dale and Theta returned to settle in Greenville. Dale's parents are **Allen Daniel Fink** (born 3 July 1913), who served in the Army during World War II, and **Gladys Arlene Lichtenwalner** (born 7 February 1920).



*USS Tattnall*



*USS Snohomish County*



*USS Page County*