



Born and raised in Oceanside, New York, GRESHAM's XO graduated from the US Coast Guard Academy and was commissioned an Ensign in 1957. Ensign Combs' first assignment was as a deck watch officer aboard the USCGC Ingham (WPG-35) homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. In 1959 LTJG Combs assumed command of a 95-foot patrol boat, also homeported in Norfolk. From 1960-61 his next tour was an isolated duty assignment as Commanding Officer, Cape Christian LORAN Station in the Canadian Arctic. Coincident with his promotion, Lt. Combs reported to the Academy at New London, Connecticut, for a four-year assignment as an instructor in the Humanities Department. During his Academy tour he was also an assistant baseball coach for three years and head baseball coach the last year he was assigned there. In 1965 he reported to the US Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, California, for a year's study in the school's management curriculum. In August 1966 his postgraduate school degree still hot in his hand, LCDR Combs reported to Gresham to commence his present tour.

LCDR Combs at present possesses a BS degree in Engineering (US Coast Guard Academy 1957), an MA in Government (Trinity College, 1965) and an MS on Management (USNPGS, 1966).

He and his wife Mary and their four children now reside in Union City, California.