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Vice Admiral Douglas C. Plate, U. S. Navy (Retired)

Admiral Plate was graduated from the Choate School in Wallingford, Connecticut, in 1938, and was a December, 1941, graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy. He served in a number of surface ship assignments during WWII and later years, including on the USS Missouri, during the surrender ceremony in 1945. He is a 1953 graduate of the Naval War College and a 1960 graduate of The Industrial College of The Armed Forces. During his 34 years of commissioned service, he held a variety of positions, mostly with the forces afloat. These included command of three ships, the Naval Destroyer School, a cruiser destroyer flotilla, The Mine Force of the Atlantic Fleet, and during Vietnam, the Cruiser Destroyer Force of the Pacific Fleet. He was promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral in 1972 and became Commander of the U. S. Second Fleet and NATO's Striking Fleet, Atlantic. From that position, he was assigned as Deputy Commander in Chief, Atlantic Command and U. S. Atlantic Fleet in February of 1973.

Admiral Plate retired from active service in 1975 and joined the staff of The Citadel as Director of Planning. He retired for the second time in June, 1981, and has since served as a consultant to the College of Charleston, as a Director of Braswell Shipyards, Inc, and on a variety of civic committees and boards. Admiral Plate is a member of St. Michael's Church in Charleston and The Carolina and New York Yacht Clubs. He is a Trustee<sup>and Treasurer</sup> of the Historic Charleston Foundation. He and his wife, the former Peggy Deane of San Francisco, have two children, both of whom are married and living in California.

*He is currently Chairman of the City of Charleston  
Tourism Commission.*