

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

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 20 July 1920, New York, New York

YEARS OF ACTIVE COMMISSIONED SERVICE: 33+

SECONDARY SCHOOL: The Choate School, Wallingford, Connecticut  
(Cum Laude) 1938

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

U. S. Naval Academy, Class of 1942 (Graduated December 19, 1941)  
Command and Staff Course, Naval War College (10 mo. Junior Resident Course) '52  
Naval Warfare Course, Naval War College (Senior Resident Course) '55  
Industrial College of the Armed Forces (10 mo. Senior Resident Course) '60

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES:

U. S. Naval Academy - B.S. Degree

SIGNIFICANT NAVY ASSIGNMENTS:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Various shipboard, school and staff assignments, including two ship commands	Jan 42	Jul 59
Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C.	Aug 59	Jun 60
Naval Aide and Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Logistics), Washington, D.C.	Jul 60	Nov 63
Commanding Officer, USS RICHMOND K. TURNER (Guided Missile Cruiser)	Nov 63	Aug 65
Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Destroyer School, Newport, Rhode Island	Sep 65	Jun 67
Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla TWO	Jul 67	Oct 68
Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla TEN (concurrent)	Dec 67	Feb 68
Commander, Mine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Charleston, South Carolina	Nov 68	Jan 70
Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Force, U.S Pacific Fleet San Diego, California	Jan 70	Jul 71
Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C.	Aug 71	Jul 72
Commander SECOND Fleet/Commander Striking Fleet Atlantic (NATO)	Jul 72	Jan 73
Deputy Commander in Chief and Chief of Staff, U.S. Atlantic Command and U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia	Jan 73	Aug 75

SIGNIFICANT COMMAND/MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE OTHER THAN SHIP COMMANDS:

November 1945 - January 1948: Assistant Director Congressional Liaison,  
Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C. Coordinated handling of all Navy  
Department correspondence, telephone inquiries, special projects, etc., with  
both Houses of Congress, The White House and other Executive Departments.

July 1960 - November 1963: Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Logistics. This office was responsible for management and policy direction of all Navy procurement, ship construction, real property construction, contract administration, etc.

September 1965 - June 1967: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Destroyer School with staff of 77, student body of 180 Lieutenants (junior grade)/Lieutenants and 100 enlisted. Responsible for complete management of school including curriculum development, discipline, plant maintenance.

November 1968 - January 1970: Commander, Mine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet with staff of 100. Responsible for command, training, logistic support of seventeen minesweeps, numerous small minesweeping craft, and 2,000 personnel.

January 1970 - July 1971: Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet with staff of 300. Responsible for command, training and logistic support of 200 destroyer and cruiser type ships, plus six destroyer tenders, with a total of 47,000 personnel.

August 1971 - July 1972: Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C. Responsible for management of Bureau of Naval Personnel with 1065 military personnel and 1300 Civil Service employees. Participated as the Deputy Chief in the policy development and management of Navy-wide Personnel programs, including personnel procurement, training, distribution, discipline, promotion and retirement. Acted as Congressional witness in support of various pieces of personnel legislation.

July 1972 - January 1973: Commander SECOND Fleet/Commander Striking Fleet, Atlantic (NATO). This is the principal operating fleet in the Atlantic area, and the command is responsible for the command and conduct of all major fleet operations including joint operations with Army and Air Force forces. The Commander serves concurrently as Commander of the Striking Fleet and is responsible for all major Atlantic fleet operations under NATO. The size of the fleets varies depending on the forces assigned for any particular operation. This SECOND Fleet is one of four major operational fleets of the U.S. Navy. (FIRST, SECOND, SIXTH and SEVENTH).

January 1973 - August 1975: Deputy Commander in Chief and Chief of Staff, U.S. Atlantic Command and U.S. Atlantic Fleet. With and for the Commander in Chief, responsible for management and operation of U.S. Navy forces in the Atlantic Fleet and of forces of all other U.S. Armed Forces for Joint exercises and in time of crisis. Directed both day-to-day functions of, and long range planning for, these forces which consisted of approximately 315 ships, 168,300 military and civilian personnel.

MILITARY PROMOTIONS:

Rear Admiral  
Vice Admiral

DATES OF APPOINTMENT:

1 May 1968  
19 July 1972

MILITARY DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit (Two Awards):

Commander Mine Force;  
Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel

MILITARY DECORATIONS (con't):

Distinguished Service Medal  
(Two Awards):

Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer  
Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet;

Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S.  
Atlantic Command and U.S.  
Atlantic Fleet

CIVILIAN EXPERIENCE:

August 1975 - November 1979: Special Assistant to President (the Citadel) for Planning. Responsible for development of plans for an institute of international studies under the aegis of the Citadel. Involved with various special projects and studies plus college seminars.

November 1979 - June 1981: Director of Planning (the Citadel). Responsible for coordination of all college planning and related special studies. This included preparation of College Five Year Plan.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Served temporary duty in US State Department on Special Secretariat which developed Marshall Plan legislation for presentation to Congress - (1947).

Co-author of Naval War College Text on the Military Planning Process - (1953-54).

Vestryman - St. Columba's Protestant Episcopal Church, Middletown, Rhode Island - (1966-68).

One week Senior Executive Orientation Course, Department of Defense Computer Institute - (1967).

Three week management course, Sloan Institute of Management, M.I.T. - (1968).

Committee Chairman, North Charleston Council, Boy Scouts of America -- (1968-69).

Member of Department of Defense Prisoner of War Committee - (1971-72).

Author for Charleston Trident Chamber of Commerce of Report of South Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas - Exploration, Development and Production - (1976).

Consultant to the Center for Metropolitan Affairs and Public Policy, College of Charleston - (1981-83).

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS:

Charleston Neighborhood Association (President 1980)

Preservation Society of Charleston

South Carolina Historical Society

Trustee and Treasurer, Historic Charleston Foundation

Chairman, City of Charleston Tourism Commission

~~Chairman~~, City of Charleston Sail Heritage Committee

~~Board of Directors~~, Braswell Shipyards, Inc., Charleston, S.C.

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CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS (con't):

St. Michael's Church, Charleston  
Navy League of United States  
US Naval Academy Alumni Association  
Carolina Yacht Club, Charleston, S.C.  
New York Yacht Club, New York, NY

FAMILY:

Married to former Peggy Deane in 1945. One daughter and one son, both married and living in California.