



Captain Walter T. Piotti, Jr.

Commanding Officer

Captain Walter Theodore Piotti, Jr. was born in Newton, Massachusetts on April 19, 1934. He graduated from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 1956 with a degree in Marine and Electrical Engineering. He was promoted to his present rank of Captain on July 1, 1974.

Upon commissioning in August 1956 he was ordered to the U.S. Naval Communications Facility, Port Lyautey, Morocco for duty. He subsequently served as Engineering Officer aboard the destroyers USS McKean (DDR-784) and the USS Cushing (DD-797) during the period 1958-1960. In November 1960, he was part of the commissioning crew of the USS King (DLG-10) and served as Weapons Officer and later as Executive Officer until his detachment in 1963. From 1965-1967 he served as Executive Officer of the USS Richard E. Kraus (DD-849) and from 1967-1969 Captain Piotti served as Commanding Officer USS Lester (DE-1022). From 1973-1974 he commanded USS Goldsborough (DDG)20).

Captain Piotti is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School at Monterey, California. He served as head of the Long Range Weapons Control Section of the Bureau of Naval Weapons from 1964-1965. From 1969-1972 he served as head of the Surface Missile Branch in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Immediately prior to reporting to USS Chicago, Captain Piotti served in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations as Executive Assistant and Senior Aide to the Director, Navy Program Planning.

Captain Piotti's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal.

Captain Piotti is married to the former Ruth Marie Giroux of Newton, Massachusetts. The Piotti's have three children; two daughters, Karen Leslie and Elaine Michele, and a son, Walter Scott.

