

# COMMANDER ROBERT R. BRINER, USN



Robert Rathbone Briner was born on 1 June 1932 in Newport, Rhode Island. After graduating from Marblehead High School, Marblehead, Massachusetts, in 1950, he entered the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, where he graduated in 1954.

Following his commissioning as an Ensign in the U. S. Navy, he received orders to USS YARNALL (DD-541) homeported in San Diego, California, where he served as Navigator, First Lieutenant, and CIC Officer. From 1956 to 1958 he served on USS WIDGEON (MSC-208) in Sasebo, Japan, as the Executive Officer. His next assignment was to Norfolk, Virginia, where he served from 1959 to 1960 as Aide and Flag Lieutenant to Commander Training Force Atlantic Fleet.

From 1961 to 1963 he was assigned to USS BLANDY (DD-943) homeported in his birthplace of Newport, Rhode Island. Following his time on BLANDY where he served as Chief Engineer and Operations Officer, he was assigned to Buenos Aires, Argentina as Assistant Naval Attache where he served until 1966.

His next assignment was Executive Officer on USS HAROLD J. ELLISON (DD-864) homeported in Norfolk. Following his tour on ELLISON, he was assigned to the Pentagon in Washington, D. C., where he served in the Department of Naval Operations as head of Foreign Military Sales to Latin America.

Commander Briner wears the China Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one bronze star.

Commander Briner took command of MC CAFFERY in Bahrain 15 July 1971.