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Captain Pierre H. Vining, USN

Pierre Herbert Vining was born on 20 November 1924, in Moira, New York, to Pierre J. and Grace R. Vining, who now reside in North Syracuse, New York. He was commissioned Ensign at the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen School, Northwestern University, on 14 September 1944. He accepted a Regular Navy commission in 1946 and subsequently advanced to the grade of Captain, to rank from 1 November 1965.

After being commissioned, Ensign Vining completed a course in Diesel Engineering at North Carolina State College, and was assigned to duty as Engineer Officer, USS YMS 375. A variety of assignments in small ships followed, during which he commanded USS YMS 375, USS YMS 418, USS PCEC 872 and USS PGM 22. On 1 January 1948, he reported aboard USS AULT (DD 698). Subsequent billets in destroyers included Operations Officer, USS PHILIP (DDE 498), Executive Officer, USS MANLEY (DD 940), Commanding Officer, USS WILLIAM R. RUSH (DDR 714), and Commander Destroyer Division ONE FOUR TWO. Other sea tours were as Main Propulsion Assistant, USS NEW JERSEY (BB 62), 1955-1957, Executive Officer, USS BOSTON (CAG 1), 1964-1965, and Chief of Staff and Aide to Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla TWO.

Captain Vining has served ashore as: Repair Officer on the staff of Commander Sub-Group ONE, Texas Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet; Surface Operations Officer on the Staff of Commander Antisubmarine Warfare Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet; and Operations Officer on the staff of Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. He is a graduate of the George Washington University, the General Line School, Monterey, California, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the U. S. Naval War College.

Captain Vining is married to the former Betty Jane Sanders, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth G. Sanders, Portland, Oregon. They have one son, Pierre G., born in Honolulu, Hawaii, in March 1951, and now a Midshipman at the U. S. Naval Academy.

