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Repair Officer

Lieutenant Commander Wessinger attended Batesburg-Leesville High School and Newberry College, South Carolina. He served in the Merchant Marine aboard the MS J.S. Moffett, Jr., Standard Oil tanker.

In 1935, he enlisted in the Navy, graduated from the Navy's Group III Service Schools and served aboard the United States Ships Trenton and Utah. He served seven years aboard the USS Medusa (AR-1), where he received his commission. He attended Amphibious Warfare School. Then followed 30 months duty on LST 390 as First Lieutenant, Executive Officer, and Commanding Officer of that ship. He participated in the invasions of the Russels, Woodlark, Rhendova, Velle La Velle, Treasury, Bouganville, Green, Emiru and Siapan Islands.

He commanded the Rocket Ship, LSMR 505 and later was Disision Commander of LSM Rocket Division 33. He assumed Command of LSM 382 in May 1946 and operated that vessel for Military Government and U.S. Commercial Company in the Marshall Islands. Other assignments include Decommissioning Coordinator at Terminal Island Naval Shipyard and Ship Superintendent at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. Before reporting to the Delta, he was Commanding Officer of U.S. Naval Barracks, U.S. Naval Base, Bremerton Washington.