

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COMMANDER
ROBERT D. PACE, JR.
USN



Commander Robert D. Pace, Jr., born in Long Beach, California, January 29, 1925, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Pace. His deceased father was a former naval officer. He was graduated from Coronado High School, Coronado, California, in 1942, and from the University of California at Los Angeles (NROTC) in 1946.

After being commissioned an Ensign in February 1946, Commander Pace served aboard the light cruiser USS MONTPELIER as first division junior officer. From August 1946 to January 1947 he was assigned to the destroyer USS BARTON as first lieutenant.

After a four-month tour ashore with Pacific Reserve Fleet, San Diego, Commander Pace served as executive officer aboard the submarine chaser PCS 1399, until November 1947. Then followed a seven-month assignment on the escort ship PCE 881 as engineer and first lieutenant.

From June 1948 until March 1950, Commander Pace was assigned to the submarine chaser PCS 1444 as engineering officer, executive officer and commanding officer. After attending a Naval Electronics School he was assigned to the destroyer LOFBERG, where he served as gunnery officer during the Korean War. Upon promotion to Lieutenant in May 1952, Commander Pace served as Assistant Professor of Naval Science at the University of Idaho for two years.

Returning to sea duty in 1954, he was stationed aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS WASP for two years as communications officer. In August 1956, Commander Pace joined the staff of Commander Naval Forces Marianas. After his promotion to Lieutenant Commander in November 1957, he served as executive officer and navigator of the destroyer USS HOPEWELL. Upon graduation from the Naval War College in 1961, Commander Pace was assigned as aide and flag secretary to Commander SEVENTH fleet. He was promoted to Commander in 1962.

Commander Pace commanded the destroyer USS TRATHEN from April 1963 until March 1965. He became executive officer aboard TOPEKA in March, 1966.

Married to the former Dawn Stewart Schott of Rockville, Maryland and North Hollywood, California, Commander Pace has three children -- Robert D. III, Loren Elizabeth and Jennifer Stewart.