



Commander Louis C. Potter was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma on 21 March 1928. He joined the Navy as an Aviation Cadet on 12 July 1946 following two years of attendance at the University of Missouri School of Engineering. On 12 December 1946 he became Aviation Midshipman and served in that rank as a flight student and Naval Aviator until he was commissioned as an Ensign on 13 December 1948. He served for 3 years with Patrol Squadron 21 in Atlantic Fleet Operations. Following tours with Ground Control Approach Unit 14 at the Naval Air Station, N.Y., and Air Transport Squadron 21 in the Pacific, CDR Potter attended the University of Kansas where he majored in Industrial Management and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in January 1958.

CDR Potter completed the General Line School at Monterey, California, in September 1958 and graduated from the Air Intelligence School in Washington, D.C., in July 1959. Subsequently, he served as Air Intelligence Officer on the USS MIDWAY (CVA-41) until November 1961. Commander Potter reported next to Patrol Squadron NINE and served as Operations Officer until December 1963. He then proceeded to Officer Air Force Base, Nebraska and returning to intelligence duties once again, was an Air Targets Officer on the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff. Continuing in the intelligence field, Commander Potter reported to the Fleet Intelligence Center, Pacific Facility where he served as Officer in Charge until April 1968. Prior to reporting to the USS UNION as Executive Officer in September 1968, Commander Potter was for a brief period the Executive Officer of the USS CAVALIER (APA-37).

Commander Potter, his wife, the former Lois Corene Lawson of Verona, Missouri, and their five children are currently living in Chula Vista, California.