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Walter Tinling is Vice President for Finance and Administration at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) in Bethesda, Maryland. He was born in Ruislip, England and served as a medical service corps officer in the United States Navy, retiring at the rank of Captain in 2004.

Mr. Tinling holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science from San Jose State University (1980), a Master of Public Health degree in Health Education from the University of North Carolina (1982), and a Master of Arts degree in Secondary Education from George Washington University (1996).

During his Naval career, Mr. Tinling served in a variety of staff and leadership positions. His first assignment was to the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), where he specialized in patient administration. While stationed at NNMC he deployed to Beirut, Lebanon with Surgical Team Two and assisted in the response to the US Embassy Bombing. He then served as Officer in Charge of the branch clinics in Brooklyn and St Albans in New York City. He returned to Washington as the medical training officer for the Naval Reserve Readiness Command Region Six at the Washington Navy Yard. Transferring to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Mr. Tinling served as the Reserve Program Manager, where he supported Operation Desert Shield and Storm by recalling over ten thousand medical reservists and then on the personal staff of the Surgeon General as a legislative analyst. He had two tours in the Pentagon as a staff officer to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. He served as the Vice Chief's health, education and training program analyst and then his head resource programmer for the Medical Accounts. Returning to the NNMC, Mr. Tinling served on the Board of Directors as the Chief Financial Officer and Director for Resource Management. For his last tour on active duty, Mr. Tinling was assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, where he was the Director of Private Sector Care Requirements and Integration on the staff of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs at the TRICARE Management Activity. In this position he was responsible for TRICARE contracts worth \$15 billion annually and he led the effort to design the financial model for the next generation of TRICARE contracts.

After retirement from the Navy, Mr. Tinling accepted a position as the Assistant Vice President for Congressional and External Affairs at USU. He also holds an appointment as an Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics in the School of Medicine. Mr. Tinling has served the University as the Acting Vice President for Finance and Administration, the Interim Chief of Staff and the Assistant Vice President for Resource Management. He currently serves as the Vice President for Finance and Administration, and the Principal Business Officer of the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine.

Mr. Tinling's military awards include: the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4), the Navy Commendation Medal (2), and the Navy Achievement Medal (2). He is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a Certified Defense Financial Manager of the American Society of Military Comptrollers.