

# Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVEN



Singapore



# Command History

DESRON 7 was first established as DESRON 60 in September 1920 as a reserve squadron of 15 ships homeported at Charleston, South Carolina. The squadron was deactivated and reformed several times until January 1946, when DESRON 60 was redesignated DESRON 7.

In December 2012, DESRON 7 commenced a homeport shift from San Diego to Singapore to assume duties as Commander Task Group (CTG) 73.1, responsible for execution of CARAT/Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT) and TACON of littoral combat ship (LCS) rotational deployments to Southeast Asia. DESRON 7 regularly participates in Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) exercises, key leader engagements, and multilateral cooperation on a number of shared transnational challenges.

In January 2020, DESRON 7 shifted operational control to Commander, Task Force 76, operating under Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 7 with the intent to embark USS America (LHA 6) as Sea Combat Commander (SCC) while also supporting advancements in naval integration in the littoral and expeditionary environments.

As the U.S. Navy's destroyer squadron forward-deployed in Southeast Asia, DESRON 7 serves as the primary tactical and operational commander of littoral combat ships rotationally deployed to Singapore, and builds partnerships through training exercises and military-to-military engagements.









# Previous Commodores of DESRON 7

✚ Capt. K. M. Bennett	January 1922	✚ Capt. R. R. Law	June 1966
✚ Capt. T. E. Van Metre	April 1939	✚ Capt. W. J. Rusch, Jr.	December 1967
✚ Capt. J. L. Kauffman	December 1940	✚ Capt. R. H. Rossell	March 1969
✚ Capt. A. G. Kirk	October 1941	✚ Capt. W. R. Johnson	November 1970
✚ Capt. F. D. Kirkland	December 1941	✚ Capt. D. F. Milligan	July 1972
✚ Capt. W. W. Warlick	June 1942	✚ Capt. T. M. Ward, Jr.	June 1974
✚ Cmdr. S. R. Clark	June 1942	✚ Capt. J. E. Addams	August 1976
✚ Cmdr. C. L. Menocal	January 1943	✚ Capt. J. R. Hogg	January 1978
✚ Capt. J. W. Adams, Jr.	January 1945	✚ Capt. R. T. S. Keith, Jr.	March 1977
✚ Cmdr. T. J. Van Metre	December 1945	✚ Capt. R. G. Zeller	May 1981
✚ Capt. B. R. Harrison	January 1946	✚ Capt. H. R. Jones, Jr.	July 1983
✚ Capt. E. N. Parker	May 1946	✚ Capt. R. E. Gaylord, Jr.	June 1985
✚ Capt. T. Burrowes	March 1947	✚ Capt. R. D. Baker	June 1987
✚ Capt. R. E. Braddy, Jr.	March 1948	✚ Capt. G. T. Forbes	June 1989
✚ Capt. E. C. Stelter, Jr.	April 1949	✚ Capt. J. G. Prout III	June 1991
✚ Capt. R. E. Martin	August 1949	✚ Capt. D. Watson	April 1992
✚ Cmdr. R. W. Mcelrath	January 1950	✚ Capt. T. R. Mooney	January 1994
✚ Capt. B. S. Smith	July 1950	✚ Capt. R. T. Conway, Jr.	January 1996
✚ Capt. S. R. Smith	July 1951	✚ Capt. D. M. Ryan	August 1997
✚ Capt. R. E. Myers	July 1952	✚ Capt. R. R. Arnold	February 1999
✚ Capt. P. R. Ross	July 1953	✚ Capt. R. A. Spicer	August 2000
✚ Capt. R. C. Lynch, Jr.	September 1954	✚ Capt. B. M. Balmert	August 2001
✚ Capt. J. A. Heath	August 1955	✚ Capt. W. P. Hoker	May 2003
✚ Capt. E. M. Brown	October 1955	✚ Capt. D. F. Steindl	April 2005
✚ Capt. A. A. Ovrum	November 1956	✚ Capt. M. M. Gilday	September 2006
✚ Capt. S. K. Santmyers	February 1958	✚ Capt. W. J. Nault	May 2008
✚ Capt. H. K. Nauman	March 1959	✚ Capt. P. M. Driscoll	July 2009
✚ Capt. J. S. Shilson	May 1960	✚ Capt. J. M. Morgan	April 2011
✚ Capt. V. A. Dybdal	September 1961	✚ Capt. P. J. Schlise	October 2012
✚ Capt. R. A. Olson	October 1962	✚ Capt. F. W. Kacher	July 2014
✚ Capt. G. J. Davis	December 1963	✚ Capt. H. B. Le	August 2015
✚ Capt. L. P. Spear	January 1964	✚ Capt. A. T. Walker	June 2017
✚ Capt. J. B. David, Jr.	April 1965	✚ Capt. M. J. Jerbi	August 2018
		✚ Capt. A. M. McCann	November 2019



USS Lofberg (DD-759) leading other destroyers of DESRON 7, circa 1960.





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