

COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON NINE

CAPTAIN JAMES BLENN PERKINS III

Captain Perkins graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1974 and first served in USS SARATOGA (CVA 60) as Deck Division/Watch Officer during two Mediterranean deployments. Following a brief tour in USS CHARLES H. ROAN (DD 853), he attended Destroyer School and subsequently reported as Weapons Officer in USS HENDERSON (DD 785) in November 1967. Upon return from a Western Pacific deployment in response to the Tet Offensive of 1968, he served as Executive Officer of USS JOHN WILLIS (DE 1027) until being ordered to Postgraduate School in March 1972. After graduating with a Masters of Science Degree in Engineering Acoustics, he attended the Armed Forces Staff College. He was then assigned as Executive Officer in USS DOWNES (FF 1070) from September 1975 to January 1977 during the rest and evaluation of the Harpoon, NATO Seasparrow and TAS MK-23 combat systems in that frigate. His next assignment was as Aide and Flag Secretary to Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group FIVE until March 1979. Following that tour Commander Perkins served in the ASW section on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (surface Warfare). Captain Perkins commanded USS SCHOFIELD (FFG3) from January 1983 to July 1985. During his tenure, SCHOFIELD completed a successful deployment to the Persian Gulf and was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation and won the CINCPACFLT Golden Anchor Award and DESRON ONE THREE Battle Efficiency "E". Captain Perkins graduated with distinction from the Naval War College in June 1986. As COMDESRON NINE he deployed to the Western Pacific/Indian Ocean from August 1986 to February 1987, embarked in USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) as Anti-Submarine Warfare Commander for Battle Group CHARLIE. During this deployment DESRON NINE was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for operations in the Northern Pacific.

Captain Perkins is authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V (Gold Star in lieu of the second award), Meritorious Unit Commendation (third award) and Battle Efficiency "E" (second award).

Captain Perkins is married to the former Connie Deam Patten of Neptune Beach, Florida and has two children: Susan and Jimmy.



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