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COMMANDING OFFICER Captain Ronald R. HANSEN, USN

Captain HANSEN was commissioned in the U. S. Navy upon graduation from the University of California (Berkeley) in 1952.

His initial assignment was in the Service Forces, Pacific Fleet where he served on the *USS PICTOR* (AF-54), followed by duty on the *USS CHOURRE* (ARV-1) and *USS GRAPPLE* (ARS-7). In 1957 he joined the Atlantic Fleet serving on the amphibious command ship *USS MOUNT MCKINLEY* (AGC-7) followed by operations and engineering billets in the Destroyer Forces, Atlantic Fleet.

In 1961 he embarked on his first shore assignment serving as a Flag Lieutenant and Aide in Washington, D.C. He returned to the Pacific Fleet in 1962 for Executive Officer assignments on the destroyer *USS HULL* (DD-945) and the guided missile frigate *USS KING* (DLG-10). A course of instruction at the Armed Forces Staff College was completed in 1965 followed by a return tour in Washington, D.C. where he served as a strategic plans officer in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Captain HANSEN commanded the guided missile destroyer *USS GOLDSBOROUGH* (DD-20) from 1966-1968 and was twice cited for destroyer actions off the coast of North Vietnam. He remained in the Western Pacific for an additional two years while attached to the staff of the Commander, Seventh Fleet where he served as the Amphibious Warfare Officer during the final thirteen amphibious assaults of the Vietnam War.

He returned to Washington, D.C. in 1970 for duty in the Officer Distribution Division, Bureau of Naval Personnel. Prior to reporting to the *USS KANSAS CITY* in July of 1974, he was a student of Defense Management at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.