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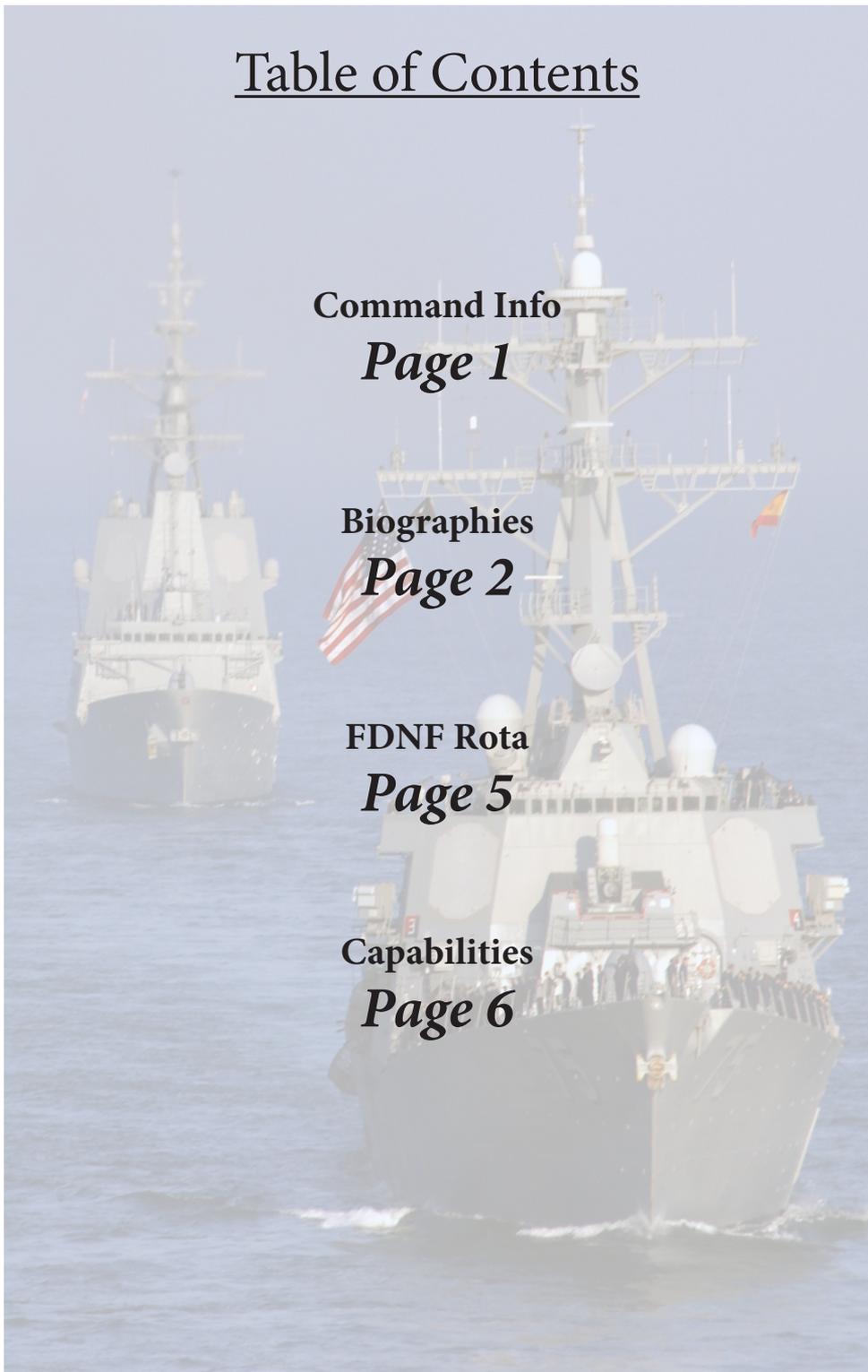
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# USS DONALD COOK (DDG 75)

## *“Faith Without Fear”*

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) is a multi-mission destroyer. She is designed to destroy enemy aircraft, missiles, submarines, and surface ships in order to prohibit attacks against Allied Forces.

Donald Cook is equipped with the most advanced Naval weapons systems in the world. In addition, she has the most advanced underwater surveillance system available today. Her antisubmarine warfare equipment can locate ships or submarines over 100 miles away. Donald Cook’s vertical launching system can launch both long-range surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missile. The 5-inch gun mount is used against threatening ships and boats or to bombard shore targets.

Propelled by powerful, quick response gas turbine (jet) engines to speeds in excess of 30 knots, Donald Cook is a formidable warship and represents the technology, craftsmanship, and spirit of the American people.

Commissioned Dec. 4, 1998, Donald Cook was named in honor of Marine Corps Col. Donald G. Cook, a Vietnam War prisoner of war who died in captivity.

While imprisoned, Cook established himself as the senior American officer in defiance of the Vietnamese attempts to break down all military rank and structure among the prisoners. He inspired his fellow prisoners, cared for injured service members, and shared what food he had.

Cook succumbed to malaria Dec. 8, 1967 after nearly three years in prison. He was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and promoted to colonel.

Guided by the memory of Col. Cook, USS Donald Cook displays the same unyielding selflessness and exemplary service to the United States and to the Navy.

# CMDR. SCOTT A. JONES

*Commanding Officer, USS Donald Cook (DDG 75)*



Cmdr. Scott A. Jones, commanding officer, Arleigh-Burke class guided-missile destroyer USS Donald Cook (DDG 75), was commissioned in Dec. 1995 through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Virginia where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

After six months at the NROTC Unit, Jones reported to Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, R.I. for the Division Officer Course during the summer of 1996.

He served as the Repair Division Officer aboard USS Independence (CV 62), stationed in Yokosuka, Japan from Dec. 1996 through Oct. 1998. From Nov. 1998 through Aug. 2000, he served as the combat information center officer and electronic warfare officer in USS Stump (DD 978). He was then selected for the Washington, D.C. Internship Program where he earned a Masters of Arts in Organizational Management through George Washington University while serving as an action officer for six months on the staff of Office of the Chief of Naval Operations N765 Theater Air Warfare, then one year on the Joint Staff, J-7 Operational Plans and Joint Force Development.

Jones attended the Department Head Course at Surface Warfare Officer School from July 2002 to April 2003, then went on to serve as the chief engineer aboard USS Porter (DDG 78) from May 2003 to Nov. 2004. He next reported to Commander, Destroyer Squadron Two (CDS-2) where he served as the Material Officer from Dec. 2004 to Nov. 2006.

In Dec. 2006, Jones reported to OPNAV N43 in Washington, D.C. where he served as an action officer and resource sponsor for Joint and Fleet Training. During his final year there, he became a plankholder of the Navy's Energy Office and drafted Secretary of the Navy's Energy Strategy.

From Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2011, Jones worked in the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy where he served as the Deputy Military Assistant, providing military assistance and advice to the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy in regard to general national security, foreign policy, intelligence oversight and the DOD's Maritime Domain Awareness.

From March through Oct. 2011, Jones completed the Prospective Executive Officer/Prospective Commanding Officer training pipeline enroute to Donald Cook where he became the executive officer on 17 Oct. 2011. He became the Commanding Officer of Donald Cook May 10, 2013.

# CMDR. CHARLES E. HAMPTON

## *Executive Officer, USS Donald Cook (DDG 75)*



Cmdr. Charles E. Hampton, executive officer, Arleigh-Burke class guided-missile destroyer USS Donald Cook (DDG 75), a native of Corpus Christi, Texas, was commissioned in 1997 through Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla. Hampton received a Bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University in 1992. He is a former educator and Texas High School Football and Baseball Coach.

Hampton graduated from Surface Warfare Officer School in May 1998 and reported to USS Ford (FFG 54) where he served as First Lieutenant. Ford deployed to the Arabian Gulf in 1999 where Hampton conducted Maritime Interception Operations (MIO) as a Visit Board Search and Seizure Boarding Officer, enforcing United Nations sanctions against Iraq. Ford was awarded the Battle Efficiency award for calendar years 1998 and 2000.

His next assignment was to the Pre-Commissioning crew of the USS Howard (DDG 83). Hampton served as navigator and conducted the maiden deployment and sailed from Bath, Maine to San Diego. In 2002, Hampton reported to Surface Warfare Officers School in Newport, Rhode Island as a Navigation, Seamanship, and Shiphandling instructor. While in Rhode Island, Hampton completed a Masters Degree from the University of Rhode Island in Education Training and Management.

Upon completion of Surface Warfare Department Head training in 2005, he reported to USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81) as Weapons Officer and deployed from 2005-2006 to the Arabian Gulf. Hampton was awarded the 2005 Admiral Arleigh Burke Surface Warfare Operational Excellence Award and the 2006 Command Destroyer Squadron Two Junior Officer Award for Tactics Excellence.

Hampton deployed with Winston S. Churchill in 2007 - 2008, as part of the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) Carrier Strike Group, to the Arabian Gulf as Combat Systems Officer. The deployment consisted of MIO and Oil Platform Defense in the Northern Arabian Gulf. He was awarded the 2007 COMDESRON 26 Junior Officer Award for Tactics Excellence and the Commander Naval Surface Force 2007 Navy and Marine Association Leadership Award.

Hampton graduated from the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College in 2009 where he received a Master's Degree in Strategic Military Studies. Following completion of his graduate education, he reported to Commander United States Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. as the Ballistic Missile Defense Surface Operations Action Officer in Global Force Management until June 2012. His duties encompassed fleet operations of ballistic missile defense capable ships and management of the Standard Missile 3 (SM-3) inventory for the Navy.

In April 2009, Hampton was selected for Commander Command at Sea. He reported to Donald Cook in May 2013.

His awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (4), Navy Achievement Medal (4), and several other campaign and service awards.

# MASTER CHIEF WAYNE D. WELCH

*Command Master Chief, USS Donald Cook (DDG 75)*



Command Master Chief Wayne D. Welch Jr., Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Donald Cook (DDG 75), graduated from Trinity Christian Academy in Jacksonville, Fla. 1991. He enlisted in the Navy and attended Basic Training in 1992 in Orlando, Fla.

He reported to USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55) in 1992 as an undesignated seaman where he advanced to boatswains mate 2nd class and earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist qualification while completing three deployments.

In 1997, he reported to Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. As Recruit Division Commander, he earned the Division Commanders Excellence badge while training 11 Divisions including a coveted "Hall of Fame" Division.

He reported to USS Underwood (FFG 36) in 2000 as the Leading Petty Officer of 1st Division and held the collateral duty of Command Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Coordinator. While onboard, he completed one deployment to the Persian Gulf and was selected for Chief Petty Officer.

In 2004, he reported to Naval Air Station Jacksonville as the port operations officer. He was the base CPO Transition Coordinator in 2006 for 135 Chief Petty Officer Selects and was selected for Senior Chief Petty Officer.

In 2007, he transferred to Expeditionary Riverine Squadron Three, Yorktown Va. Serving as the Leading Chief Petty Officer of Boat Detachment One, he earned the Enlisted Expeditionary Warfare Specialist and Small Craft Petty Office In Charge Insignia qualifications while completing one combat deployment to Iraq.

In 2009, he reported to Naval Station Mayport, Fla. as the Senior Enlisted Leader for Port Operations Department. In June 2011, he was selected to be the acting Command Master Chief of Naval Station Mayport, the third largest U.S. Navy fleet concentration area in the world.

He reported to Donald Cook as the Command Master Chief in May 2012.

His personal awards include four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, five Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, six Good Conduct Medals and various unit and campaign awards.

Welch holds an Associates of Arts Degree in General Education and was a distinguished graduate of the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy Non-Resident Course Class 11.

# FORWARD DEPLOYED NAVAL FORCE STATIONED IN ROTA, SPAIN

- USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) will depart her homeport at Naval Station Norfolk Jan. 31 as the first of four Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers to be stationed in Rota, Spain in support of the President Obama's European Phased Adaptive Approach (EPAA) to enhance the security of the European region.
- Three additional Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD)-capable destroyers will also join the USS Donald Cook over the next two years.
- The EPAA is the U.S. contribution to NATO BMD, and supports the commitment made by NATO Allies at the Lisbon Summit to provide full coverage and protection for all NATO European populations, territory, and forces against the increasing threats posed by the proliferation of ballistic missiles. U.S. Navy Aegis BMD provides scalability, flexibility, and mobility. These systems are equally beneficial to U.S. assets, allies and regional partners in all areas of the world.
- By hosting these ships, Spain is making a vital contribution to NATO BMD, enhancing the security of the European region, the Mediterranean Basin, and the Atlantic Ocean.
- Beyond missile defense, these multi-mission ships will perform a myriad of tasks, including the full spectrum of maritime security operations, bi-lateral, and multi-lateral training exercises, and NATO operations and deployments, including participation in the Standing NATO Maritime Groups.
- Stationing Donald Cook in Spain supports the U.S. Maritime Strategy by enhancing deterrence and providing an umbrella of protection to forward-deployed forces and allies.
- The EPAA also enables the United States to provide rapid and responsive support to the U.S. Africa and U.S. Central Commands, as needed.

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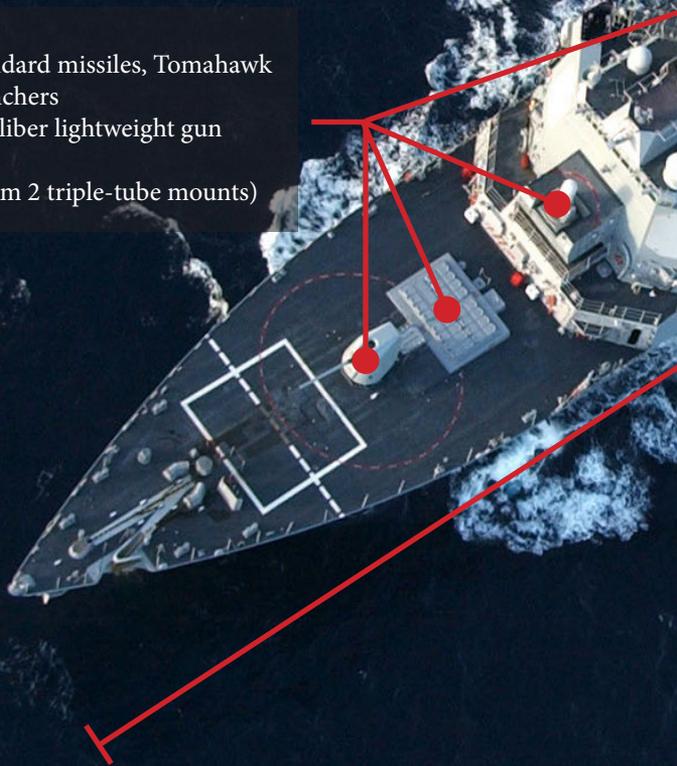
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# USS DONALD COOK (DDG 75)

Commissioned Dec. 4, 1998, Donald Cook is a multi-mission destroyer built by Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine. It is designed to destroy enemy aircraft, missiles, submarines and surface ships in order to prohibit the employment of such forces against U.S. Forces and to carry out offensive actions against the enemy through the employment of long range anti-shipping missiles, land attack missiles and naval gunfire.

## Armament:

- 2 Mk 41 VLS for Standard missiles, Tomahawk
- Harpoon missile launchers
- 1 Mk 45 5-inch/54 caliber lightweight gun
- 2 Phalanx CIWS
- Mk 46 torpedoes (from 2 triple-tube mounts)



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- LAMPS 3 electronics installed on landing deck for helicopter operations

- 2 propellers, driven by 4 General Electric LM 2500 gas turbine engines
- Speed: 30+ knots

- Length: 505.25 feet (154 meters)
- Beam: 67 feet (20.4 meters)
- Draft: 30.5 feet (9.3 meters)
- Displacement: ~8,300 tons full load

- Crew:
- 23 Officers
  - 24 Chief Petty Officers
  - 291 Enlisted





