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Name of your Command or Organization: USS DECATUR

Unit Identification Code (UIC): 21947

Name, rank, and contact information of Commander/Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge:

Last: Hays                      First: Mary                      M.I.: K                      Rank: CDR

Email: [REDACTED]                      Phone: [REDACTED]

Date Assumed Command (date format is YYYY-MM-DD): 2016-11-18

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: 2017 SRA, Light Off Assessment, Basic Phase

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): Naval Station San Diego, San Diego, CA

Immediate Superior in Command:

Operational: Destroyer Squadron TWENTY ONE

Administrative: Destroyer Squadron TWENTY ONE

Identify your assigned Task Force/Group/Unit name(s) and mission(s). Include OPLAN(s) and/or named operations you participated in during Task Force assignment (if applicable): N/A

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable): N/A

Type and number of Aircraft/Ships Assigned and Tail Codes/Hull Numbers, if applicable: N/A

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): N/A

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 33      Enlisted: 273      Civilian: 0

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- News articles
  - Commanding officer biography
  - Executive officer biography
  - Senior enlisted leader biography
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**USS DECATUR (DDG-73)  
COMMANDER'S ASSESSMENT**

**Overview:**

During 2017, DECATUR completed an extended availability, Light Off Assessment (LOA), and several basic phase events. From February to August DECATUR was moored at BAE shipyard just North of Naval Station San Diego. During her Selected Restricted Availability, DECATUR received much needed upgrades and repairs that were essential for her 2018 deployment.

In order to exit the maintenance phase, DECATUR had to complete a series of assessments to prove that the ship was ready to proceed to the basic phase. The first task was getting through Damage Control Material Assessment (DCMA). DCMA is a comprehensive assessment that validates the material readiness of onboard equipment required for damage control at sea. Following DCMA the next step is to complete Light Off Assessment (LOA). LOA is an inspection that tests the crews ability to light off the engineering plant. Finally, the maintenance phase concludes after a successful sea trials, which is a weeklong underway that allows the ship to assess her new systems and validates pre-existing equipment.

After passing DCMA, LOA, and Sea Trials DECATUR was allowed to proceed to the Basic Phase. This afforded the crew the opportunity to focus on the basics of underway operations.

**SRA:**

DECATUR began preparations for SRA early in January of 2017. Once the crew returned from holiday leave, DECATUR transited North to Seal Beach for a post deployment ammunition offload. After offload, DECATUR headed back to Naval Station San Diego to begin defueling and preparing for the transit to BAE Systems shipyards. This was a

lengthy process that required extensive coordination. The crew moved onto a barge which included everything from mattresses to the Local Area Network. It was a long process, but successful in the end.

The next milestone for DECATUR was the transit to BAE Systems shipyard on February 21st. This required the ship to conduct a deadstick transit 2 miles to the north to BAE's pier with barge in tow. The lack of communication by BAE resulted in a total of 8 hours where both the ship and the barge did not have water or power.

Following the deadstick DECATUR settled in for what was supposed to be a four month availability. As the shipyard progressed with the scheduled work it became apparent that they would need more time to complete all of the assigned work. In the end DECATUR was extended until October of 2017 to ensure all required installations and repairs were completed correctly. This ultimately resulted in a compressed basic phase leading into DECATUR's 2018 deployment. With this in mind DECATUR again performed a deadstick move back to the naval station in August and began preparing for the remaining challenges of her availability.

#### **Exiting SRA:**

The first event scheduled back at Naval Base San Diego for DECATUR was Damage Control Material Assessment (DCMA). This was a two week event in August that examined all of the ships Damage Control equipment. DECATUR performed admirably and was given high marks and the recommendation to proceed to Light Off Assessment (LOA). It was a great first step to exiting the maintenance phase.

Next was LOA. LOA is a notoriously difficult inspection that validates a warship's ability to light off their engineering plant and combat a fire in case of an emergency. While it is engineering focused, the main space fire drill at the end of the inspection is an all hands event.

DECATUR's first LOA attempt in September did not go well. A combination of work that was done in the yards and a misunderstanding of expectations for LOA resulted in a failed attempt. The ship



regrouped and made a second attempt in October. Although the ship improved dramatically, DECATUR came up slightly below standards. The week following this failure was the hardest part of the year for the crew. In true DECATUR fashion the crew re-grouped for the third attempt and succeeded! The crew performed superbly in the main space fire drill and it allowed us to proceed on to our final test: Contractor Sea Trials.

Contractor Sea Trials is the first underway following the yard period. The purpose of it is to test equipment that has been modified or has been stagnant for some time and to make sure the crew is able to operate the ship safely out to sea. DECATUR conducted these trials at the beginning of November making it the first time the ship had been underway since January of 2017.

The very first portion of Contractor Sea Trials was passing the Navigation Check Ride. This event graded by DECATUR's Immediate Superior In Command (ISIC), Destroyer Squadron 21 to evaluate our ability to transit in the harbor safely while handling navigation casualties. Although a challenging assessment as our crew had not been to sea in almost a year, we received the guidance we required to proceed.

Once out to sea DECATUR conducted a series of operational tests and demonstrations. Overall it was a successful underway that proved our equipment was running up to standards and our crew was ready to begin the basic phase.

**Basic Phase:**

With a compressed timeline, the crew was busy every week with basic phase events up until the end of the year. In November alone, DECATUR conducted everything from Navigation to Engineering to Intelligence events. These events consisted of administrative reviews and training. The first event of a warfare area in the basic phase consists of an administrative review of the program. Second is a training event with Sailors tied to that warfare area. Third is another training event, where Sailors run drills and in some cases have the opportunity for early certification. The fourth and final

stage is the assessment portion where a warfare area is assessed as fully certified to conduct their mission.

Following the two weeks of basic phase events DECATUR shifted gears to conduct a new inspection. The Readiness For Sea Assessment (RFSA) was promulgated by The Commander of Surface Forces as a way to assess all ships on their readiness for sea. It is a two day event that focuses on administration on day one and at sea operations on day two. DECATUR conducted day one as scheduled, but due to administrative failures in our flex hose program, was not recommended to proceed to day two. The ship took a lot of lessons learned and corrected all discrepancies by the end of 2017. DECATUR will be granted another opportunity to pass the inspection in 2018.

Following RFSA and Thanksgiving, DECATUR made one last push toward certification with a few more basic phase events. In December the ship got underway to certify in MOB-S (Seamanship) and FSOM (Medical). DECATUR was gone for one week conducting medical drills and special at sea evolutions. Although medical drills are conducted throughout the year, it is not too often that the ship is able to practice anchoring, towing and mooring to a buoy. DECATUR and her crew, even though relatively inexperienced, pulled through and passed both events early and with record achievement.

**Conclusion:**

As a whole DECATUR had a phenomenal year. The ship was able to receive much needed repairs, exit the shipyards, and began certifying in preparation for deployment. There were several obstacles in our path, but the crew walked away from 2017 stronger and more prepared to execute her mission in 2018. With the timeline leading up to deployment compressed, DECATUR will have a steady strain of inspections and training. The crew proved that they are up to any task in 2017 and I expect to see another year of perseverance marked with success for DECATUR in 2018.

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**USS DECATUR (DDG 73)****JAN17-DEC17 EVENTS**

2017-01-01 - 2017-01-05	Pre-SRA Combat System Assessment
2017-01-06 - 2017-01-13	Weapons Off-Load Seal Beach, CA
2017-01-17 - 2017-01-20	Readiness Evaluation 3
2017-01-24 - 2017-01-27	Underway for DLQ's
2017-02-05 - 2017-11-01	Enter Maintenance Phase
2017-02-05	SRA Begins
2017-02-08 - 2017-02-10	LAN Migration
2017-02-11 - 2017-02-16	Crew Move Off
2017-02-21	Deadstick to BAE
2017-03-06 - 2017-03-10	Basic Shiphandling
2017-03-11	20% SRA completion
2017-04-05	25% SRA completion conference
2017-04-10 - 2017-04-14	Bridge Resource Management
2017-04-10 - 2017-04-14	Fleet Synthetic Training-Joint (FST-J)
2017-04-18	Electronic Key Management System Inspection
2017-05-03	50% SRA completion conference
2017-05-08 - 2017-05-12	Physical Fitness Assessment
2017-05-23	MOB-A 1.0
2017-06-12 - 2017-06-16	MOB-E 1.0A/AT 1.1
2017-06-21	MOB-S Limited Training Team
2017-06-28	SRA 75% completion conference
2017-07-05 - 2017-07-07	Refuel
2017-07-05 - 2017-07-07	SAR 1.1/1.2/1.3
2017-07-17 - 2017-07-19	SAR 1.4
2017-07-21 - 2017-07-29	LAN Migration
2017-07-24	AEGIS Light Off Begins
2017-07-24 - 2017-07-26	Crew Move Aboard
2017-07-31 - 2017-08-04	MOB-E 1.0B

2017-08-04	Deadstick to Naval Station
2017-08-14 - 2017-08-18	FSOM Limited Training Team
2017-08-21 - 2017-08-25	MOB-D 1.1A/FSOM 1.1
2017-08-28 - 2017-08-31	MOB-D 1.1B/3M 1.1/1.2
2017-09-02 - 2017-09-25	Continuous Maintenance Availability
2017-09-05 - 2017-09-08	MOB-E 1.0C
2017-09-12 - 2017-09-15	Light Off Assessment
2017-09-13 - 2017-09-14	VBSS 2.1
2017-09-15	Chiefs Pinning
2017-09-25 - 2017-09-29	MOB-S 1.1
2017-10-02 - 2017-10-06	AT 1.2/COMMS 1.1/STW 2.1A
2017-10-02 - 2017-10-03	3M Limited Training Team
2017-10-04 - 2017-10-06	Damage Control Material Assessment
2017-10-06	MOB-D Limited Training Team
2017-10-10 - 2017-10-13	MOB-E Limited Training Team
2017-10-10 - 2017-10-13	ETS/VLS Ships Assist Groom Training
2017-10-10 - 2017-10-13	C4I Ships Operability Test
2017-10-17	Major Fuel Oil Leak
2017-10-17 - 2017-10-20	Light Off Assessment
2017-10-23 - 2017-10-25	Crew Certification
2017-10-23 - 2017-10-27	Supply Limited Training Team
2017-10-25	Light Off Assessment Remediation
2017-10-26 - 2017-10-27	Refuel
2017-10-27	Fast Cruise/Dock Trials
2017-10-30	Fast Cruise
2017-10-31 - 2017-11-03	Contractor Sea Trials
2017-10-31 - 2017-11-03	FSOM 1.2
2017-11-01	Replenishment at Sea

2017-11-03	SRA Complete
2017-11-06 - 2017-11-09	MOB-N 1.1
2017-11-06 - 2017-11-17	BMD/AW/SW 2.1
2017-11-06 - 2017-11-07	MOB-E 1.1B
2017-11-08 - 2017-11-09	MOB-A 1.1/1.2
2017-11-09	Aviation Certification
2017-11-13 - 2017-11-17	INT/EW/CRY 2.1
2017-11-13 - 2017-11-17	MOB-S/MOB-N/MOB-E 1.2
2017-11-20 - 2017-11-20	Ready For Sea Assessment
2017-12-04 - 2017-12-08	MOB-S/FSOM 1.3
2017-12-11 - 2017-12-15	Supply 1.1/AT 1.3
2017-12-11 - 2017-12-15	Bridge Resource Management
2017-12-15 - 2017-12-31	Holiday Leave and Upkeep

**USS DECATUR (DDG-73)  
CHRONOLOGY NARRATIVE**

2017-01-01 - 2017-01-05 Pre-SRA Combat System Assessment

Narrative: Prior to SRA DECATUR's Combat systems suite was examined to determine any equipment issues that could be repaired prior to or during SRA.

2017-01-06 - 2017-01-13 Weapons Off-Load Seal Beach, CA

Narrative: DECATUR had to off-load weapons that had been received for deployment prior to SRA.

2017-01-17 - 2017-01-20 Readiness Evaluation 3

Narrative: RE-3 is a final evaluation of warfare areas that ships are required to complete prior to entering the maintenance phase. DECATUR passed this event with an overall score of 96.

2017-01-24 - 2017-01-27 Underway for DLQ's

Narrative: This was DECATUR's final underway prior to entering the maintenance phase. Deck Landing Qualifications is an event when a helicopter squadron practices takeoffs and landings for pilot and deck crew proficiency.

2017-02-05 - 2017-11-01 Enter Maintenance Phase

Narrative: Began the maintenance phase which was supposed to last for 4 months, but ended up being 9 months.

2017-02-05 SRA Begins

Narrative: Began the SRA at Naval Station San Diego.

2017-02-08 - 2017-02-10 LAN Migration

Narrative: Conducted a LAN migration which is the process of moving the computer/network system from the ship to the Barge.

2017-02-11 - 2017-02-16 Crew Move Off

Narrative: To prepare to enter the ship yards DECATUR's crew moved their berthing's and belongings from the ship to the barge. While a ship is in the yards the crew is unable to live onboard the ship.

2017-02-21 Deadstick to BAE

Narrative: Deadstick from Naval Station San Diego to BAE shipyards 2 miles north. A deadstick is when the ship moves under the power of tugs vice its own propulsion system.

2017-03-06 - 2017-03-10 Basic Ship-handling

Narrative: Basic ship-handling is a week long course for new Junior Officer's that is conducted at the ship-handling simulators at Naval Base San Diego. This course taught DECATUR's new Junior Officers learned how to effectively handle a DDG in different scenarios.

2017-03-11 20% SRA completion

Narrative: DECATUR hit the 20% completion mark of SRA.

2017-04-05 25% SRA completion conference

Narrative: DECATUR hit the 25% completion mark of SRA.

2017-04-10 - 2017-04-14 Bridge Resource Management

Narrative: Bridge resource management is another course that is offered at the ship-handling simulator. Members of DECATUR's Wardroom conducted a five day class that is designed to build teamwork and skills of a bridge team. This course is required to be completed every 18 months.

2017-05-03 50% SRA completion conference

Narrative: DECATUR hit the 50% SRA completion point. It was apparent at this meeting that BAE was not going to be able to complete all jobs by the scheduled end of the SRA.

2017-05-08 - 2017-05-12 Physical Fitness Assessment

Narrative: Conducted 02-17 Physical Fitness Assessment.

2017-05-23 MOB-A 1.0

Narrative: Completed training for MOB-A (Aviation) 1.0. This event was training provided by ATG (Afloat Training Group) to the Aviation team on what the expectations were for certifying in MOB-A.

2017-06-12 - 2017-06-16 MOB-E 1.0A

Narrative: Completed MOB-E (Engineering) 1.0A which is an administrative review of all engineering programs.

2017-06-12 - 2017-06-16 AT 1.1

Narrative: Completed AT (Anti-Terrorism) 1.1 which is an administrative and minimum equipment check for AT certification.

2017-06-21 MOB-S Limited Training Team

Narrative: Conducted an LTT for MOB-S (Seamanship). An LTT is a focused training event that a ship can request to assist in areas that they feel need attention prior to conducting a graded event. For this LTT ATG came over to conduct equipment checks for the seamanship team.

2017-06-28 SRA 75% completion conference

Narrative: Decatur hit the 75% point of SRA.

2017-07-05 - 2017-07-07 Refuel

Narrative: Completed refueling in preparation for leaving the shipyards.

2017-07-05 - 2017-07-07 SAR 1.1/1.2/1.3

Narrative: Completed SAR (Search and Rescue) 1.1/1.2/1.3 which is material, equipment checks, and training in preparation for certification.

2017-07-17 - 2017-07-19 SAR 1.4

Narrative: Completed SAR 1.4 for certification. The event involved having the SAR swimmers conduct different types of search and rescue evolutions that are required for at sea operations.

2017-07-21 - 2017-07-29 LAN Migration

Narrative: Transferred the computer network system from the barge back onto the ship.

2017-07-24 AEGIS Light Off Begins

Narrative: ALO (AEGIS Light Off) is the process of bringing the combat system equipment online to support underway operations.

2017-07-24 - 2017-07-26 Crew Move Aboard

Narrative: The Crew moved from the barge back onto the ship in preparation for leaving the yards.

2017-07-31 - 2017-08-04 MOB-E 1.0B

Narrative: Completed MOB-E 1.0B consisting of material checks, deck-plate compliance with engineering management programs, and at least one MSFD (main space fire drill) rehearsal.

2017-08-04 Deadstick to Naval Station

Narrative: DECATUR was towed back to the Naval Station from the shipyards.

2017-08-14 - 2017-08-18 FSOM Limited Training Team

Narrative: Completed training with ATG on Medical casualties.

2017-08-21 - 2017-08-25 MOB-D 1.1A

Narrative: Completed MOB-D 1.1A which was conducted prior to LOA and primarily focused on engineering space Damage Control



readiness in preparation for LOA/MOB-E 1.1A to include 100 percent readiness with DC equipment.

2017-08-21 - 2017-08-25 FSOM 1.1

Narrative: The focus of this event was a complete review of the Medical ASA check sheets, and material condition of equipment to make sure that DECATUR was safe to train for future ATG events. It was also an inspection on critical medical programs to include Heat Stress and Hearing Conservation.

2017-08-28 - 2017-08-31 MOB-D 1.1B (Damage Control Material Inspection)

Narrative: Completed MOB-D 1.1B which was similar to MOB-D 1.1A, however the focus of this inspection was the rest of the DC equipment throughout the ship, not just the engineering spaces.

2017-08-28 - 2017-08-31 3M 1.1/1.2

Narrative: Completed 3M 1.1/1.2 with ATG. The training provided focused on preparing DECATUR for self-assessment and ensuring 3-M systems are operational. ATG also provided training on how to properly conduct, record, and spot check maintenance that is done on the ship.

2017-09-02 - 2017-09-25 Continuous Maintenance Availability

Narrative: Entered a CMAV to repair equipment that was damaged during the yard period.

2017-09-05 - 2017-09-08 MOB-E 1.0C

Narrative: Completed MOB-E 1.0C which was a LOA rehearsal conducted by ATG. The primary focus was to ensure that DECATUR would meet Safe To Operate (STO) criteria. Once STO was met engineers began checks on all of their equipment.

2017-09-12 - 2017-09-15 Light Off Assessment (LOA)

Narrative: LOA was to ensure that DECATUR is capable of safely lighting off and operating its engineering plant prior to going to sea, to include a main space Fire Drill. DECATUR failed this event.

2017-09-13 - 2017-09-14 VBSS 2.1

Narrative: The Visit Board Search and Seizure team was inspected to make sure all minimum qualifications were met and the equipment was ready for upcoming Basic Phase events.

2017-09-15 Chiefs Pinning

Narrative: Held a ceremony and pinned two brand new Chief Petty Officers, STGC Zamudio and MAC Parafina.

2017-09-25 - 2017-09-29 MOB-S 1.1

Narrative: The Seamanship team completed MOB-S 1.1 which was an inspection of administration and equipment in preparation for basic phase events. This inspection focused on DECATUR's deck department.

2017-10-02 - 2017-10-06 AT 1.2

Narrative: ATG provided classroom and watch station training to DECATUR that focused on developing watchstander proficiency for defending against threats while in port.

2017-10-02 - 2017-10-06 COMMS 1.1

Narrative: ATG assessed DECATUR's COMMS team on their administrative and material readiness in order to conduct basic phase training.

2017-10-02 - 2017-10-06 STW 2.1A

Narrative: ATG assessed DECATUR's Strike Warfare team's equipment to ensure they were prepared for follow on basic phase events.

2017-10-02 - 2017-10-03 3M Limited Training Team

Narrative: Completed a 3M LTT with ATG to help ensure that the maintenance program was ready for follow on events.

2017-10-04 - 2017-10-06 MOB-D 1.1B (Damage Control Material Inspection)

Narrative: DECATUR had to repeat MOB-D 1.1B (full inspection of Damage Control equipment) in preparation for conducting Light Off Assessment again.

2017-10-10 - 2017-10-13 MOB-E Limited Training Team

Narrative: MOB-E LTT training as provided by ATG to assist DECATUR in passing the next Light Off Assessment.

2017-10-10 - 2017-10-13 ETS/VLS Ships Assist Groom Training

Narrative: The Combat Systems equipment received upgrades in preparation for Basic Phase and deployment.

2017-10-10 - 2017-10-13 C4I Ships Operability Test

Narrative: SPAWAR was onboard DECATUR and conducted tests on the ships Combat System equipment.

2017-10-17 Major Fuel Oil Leak

Narrative: DECATUR had a major fuel oil leak in Auxiliary Equipment Room #2 caused by a ruptured fuel pipe.

2017-10-17 - 2017-10-20 Light Off Assessment

Narrative: DECATUR's second attempt at LOA. The ship again did not pass the event and had to be remediated prior to getting underway.

2017-10-23 - 2017-10-25 Crew Certification

Narrative: Completed Crew Certification with DESRON 21. DESRON 21 assessed the ship's training programs and crew qualifications to ensure she was prepared to get underway.

2017-10-23 - 2017-10-27 Supply Limited Training Team

Narrative: DECATUR's Supply Department received training on their upcoming certification events by ATG.

2017-10-25 Light Off Assessment Remediation

Narrative: A one day remediation that required DECATUR and her crew to pass a Main Space fire drill. The successful completion of the drill was the final outstanding assessment of LOA.

2017-10-26 - 2017-10-27 Refuel

Narrative: Received a refueling barge alongside to re-fuel in preparation for Contractor Sea Trials.

2017-10-27 Fast Cruise/Dock Trials

Narrative: Conducted a Fast Cruise and Dock Trails. During this event the ship ran through all watch sections in preparation for Contractor Sea Trials. This was to identify and discrepancies that needed to get corrected prior to getting underway.

2017-10-31 - 2017-11-03 Contractor Sea Trials

Narrative: DECATUR went to sea for the first time since being out of the yards. The purpose is to test equipment to make sure that it is operating at the standard that it needs to be. Any equipment that did not perform up to standards would be fixed in the next Maintenance Availability.

2017-10-31 - 2017-11-03 FSOM 1.2

Narrative: FSOM 1.3 was training that focused on developing watch stander proficiency for treating medical casualties. ATG provided DECATUR's crew with training on basic first aid and how to respond to medical emergencies. This training was also in preparation for DECATUR's certification event.

2017-11-01 Replenishment at Sea

Narrative: Conducted her First Replenishment at Sea in 11 months to receive fuel.

2017-11-03 SRA Complete

Narrative: DECATUR's SRA is officially complete.

2017-11-06 - 2017-11-09 MOB-N 1.1

Narrative: ATG inspected DECATUR on Navigation administration and equipment in order to properly train during the rest of Basic Phase.

2017-11-06 - 2017-11-17 BMD/AW/SW 2.1

Narrative: ATG inspected DECATUR on Air Warfare administration and equipment in order to properly train during the rest of Basic Phase.

2017-11-06 - 2017-11-07 MOB-E 1.1B

Narrative: Completed MOB-E 1.1B which was an assessment of any engineering equipment that was not getting looked at during LOA.

2017-11-08 - 2017-11-09 MOB-A 1.1/1.2

Narrative: Completed MOB-A 1.1/1.2 which was a material and equipment inspection of aviation operations. It was then followed up by classroom and training on helicopter operations.

2017-11-09 Aviation Certification

Narrative: Successfully certified in aviation operations by landing helicopters during the day and night.

2017-11-13 - 2017-11-17 INT/EW/CRY 2.1

Narrative: The Information Warfare team was assessed by ATG to ensure all administration and equipment were ready for future training events.

2017-11-13 - 2017-11-17 MOB-S/MOB-N/MOB-E 1.2

Narrative: Received training from ATG in Seamanship, Navigation and Engineering for upcoming certification events.

2017-11-20 - 2017-11-22 Ready For Sea Assessment

Narrative: Readiness for Sea assessment was a Type Commander inspection on DECATUR to ensure the ship was ready to go to sea. DECATUR failed the first day of this event due to an ineffective critical flex hose program.

2017-12-04 - 2017-12-08 MOB-S 1.3

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Narrative: Completed MOB-S 1.3 which was an assessment on the ship's ability to perform various seamanship evolutions to include small boat operations, Replenishment at Sea, and Precision Anchoring. DECATUR certified early without requiring a 1.4 event.

2017-12-04 - 2017-12-08 FSOM 1.3

Narrative: FSOM 1.3 involved multiple medical emergency drills with different departments onboard. The culmination event was a mass casualty drill which tested DECATUR's ability to respond to multiple casualties and perform triage care. DECATUR certified early without requiring a 1.4 event.

2017-12-11 - 2017-12-15 Supply 1.1

Narrative: ATG inspected DECATUR's supply department in order to prepare for upcoming Basic Phase events.

2017-12-11 - 2017-12-15 AT 1.3

Narrative: Completed AT 1.3 which was a shipwide assessment on the inport duty sections' ability to respond to simulated threats.

2017-12-11 - 2017-12-15 Bridge Resource Management

Narrative: Members of DECATUR's Wardroom participated in another five day class that is designed to build teamwork and skills of a bridge team. This course is required to be complete every 18 months.

2017-12-15 - 2017-12-31 Holiday Leave and Upkeep

Narrative: To close out the year DECATUR entered the holiday leave and upkeep period. This was the opportunity for the crew to re-charge their batteries from a busy year.



# United States Navy **Biographies**

## **USS DECATUR (DDG 73) COMMANDING OFFICER Commander Mary K. Hays, U.S. Navy**



*Commander Mary Katey Hays, a native of Tampa, Florida, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1999.*

*Sea duty assignments include: Engineer Officer in USS CARNEY (DDG 64) and USS ANTIETAM (CG 54), and Navigator and Damage Control Assistant in USS MILIUS (DDG 69).*

*Ashore, Commander Hays has served as the Commander, THIRD Fleet Scheduler and as the Congressional Liaison in the Surface Warfare Division of the OPNAV Staff. Additionally, she completed an Individual Augmentation assignment with Seal Team ONE, deploying to Iraq as the Civil Affairs Team Officer in Charge.*

*Commander Hays holds a Master of Arts degree in National Security Affairs (Middle East subspecialty) from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and graduated from the Defense Language Institute with a certification in Modern Standard Arabic.*

*Commander Hays's personal awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), and Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).*



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## **USS DECATUR (DDG 73) EXECUTIVE OFFICER Commander John R. Bowen, U.S. Navy**



*CDR Bowen is a native of Jacksonville, North Carolina. He enlisted in the Navy and advanced to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He was selected for the Limited Duty Officer program and later selected to Unrestricted Line as a Surface Warfare Officer.*

*CDR Bowen's first Division Officer assignment was to Pre-Commissioning Unit HOWARD (DDG 83) as Electronics Materiel Officer where he served from commissioning to maiden deployment. Upon completion of Department Head School, CDR Bowen reported to Pre-commissioning Unit KIDD (DDG 100) as Chief Engineer. He led KIDD's Engineering department from commissioning to certification. Following KIDD, he assumed duties as Materiel Officer (N4), DESTROYER SQUADRON TWO THREE.*

*While ashore, CDR Bowen attended the Naval War College and completed two Global Support Assignment (GSA) billets as Assistant Secretary to the Joint Staff, EUCOM and to Commander Task Force FIVE ONE (CTF 51) forward deployed to Bahrain. He also served on the staff of Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (CNSP) as Force Navigator and SWO Programs Coordinator assigned to N7.*

*CDR Bowen's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (six awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards). He holds a Masters of Art in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, Bachelor of Science in Management Studies and an Associate of Science in Management from the University of the State of New York.*



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*USS DECATUR (DDG 73)  
COMMAND MASTER CHIEF  
CMDCM (SW) John Averette Beekman*



Command Master Chief John A. Beekman is a native of Savannah, Georgia. He graduated from Effingham County High school and reported to Basic Training Great Lakes in July 2002. Upon completion of Basic Training in Great Lakes, Illinois, he was assigned to the Basic Seamanship Apprentice School.

Master Chief Beekman reported to his first command, USS DOYLE (FFG-39), homeported in Mayport, Florida, where he served from 2002-2007. While onboard USS DOYLE, he completed three deployments in support of counter-drug operations in the Mediterranean, Caribbean and the horn of Africa. As an E-5 and LPO, he qualified OOD Underway and was nominated and selected for the Surface Navy Associations Arleigh Burke Award for Surface Warfare Operational excellence.

February 2008, he transferred to Navy Recruiting School in Pensacola, Florida. Upon completion, he reported to the Navy Recruiting District-Jacksonville, Florida and served as Recruiter in Charge of Navy Recruiting Station-Statesboro, Georgia until 2011. He was advanced to Chief Petty Officer in August 2008 and his station was awarded Small Station of the Year in 2010.

May 2011, he reported to USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG-53), homeported in San Diego, CA as the Operations Department Leading Chief Petty Officer. Onboard John Paul Jones, he re-qualified OOD Underway and completed a seven month deployment to FIFTH FLEET. In 2012, Master Chief Beekman was selected for Senior Chief Petty Officer and was awarded the Surface Navy Association's George Sirian Meritorious Service Award for outstanding Chief Petty Officer Leadership. February 2013, he was selected for the Command Senior Chief program.

May 2015, while completing the CMC/COB course, he was selected for Master Chief Petty Officer. Following graduation, CMDCM Beekman reported as the dual-hatted Command Master Chief of United States Military Entrance Processing Commands 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion and San Diego Military Entrance Processing Command (MEPS).

Master Chief Beekman is a graduate of the United States Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 187). His military decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Accommodation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (7), and various other unit and service medals.