

Change of Command – 1964

# COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON THIRTY-TWO



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USS MULLINNIX (DD 944)  
FLAGSHIP

AT 1000

2 JUNE 1964

**PROGRAM**

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION BY CHAPLAIN

REMARKS BY  
CAPTAIN T. H. SUDDATH

REMARKS BY  
CAPTAIN L. H. SELL

CAPTAIN R. W. HAYLER, JR.  
READS HIS ORDERS

REMARKS BY  
CAPTAIN R. W. HAYLER, JR.

REMARKS BY REAR ADMIRAL BEN W. SARVER, USN  
(COMMANDER CRUISER-DESTROYER FLOTILLA FOUR)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY RADM W. A. STUART, USN  
(COMMANDER HUNTER KILLER FORCE, U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET)

ANCHORS AWEIGH  
DESTROYER FLOTILLA FOUR BAND

Following the ceremony guests are cordially invited to the wardroom and crews mess for refreshments.

**DESTROYER SQUADRON THIRTY - TWO**

**CAPTAIN L.H. SELL, USN, ACTING**

**DESTROYER DIVISION 321**

USS MULLINNIX (DD 944)

USS LOWRY (DD 770)

USS HAROLD J. ELLISON (DD 864)

USS HOLDER (DD 819)

CDR R. S. TISDALE, USN

CDR H. M. LAMB, USN

CDR S. D. SEAY, USN

CDR R. S. SMITH, USN

**DESTROYER DIVISION 322**

**CAPTAIN L.H. SELL, USN**

USS VOGELGESANG (DD 862)

USS STORMES (DD 780)

USS O'HARE (DD 889)

CDR J. K. JENKINS, USN

CDR D. A. YORK, USN

CDR F. D. BOWDEY, USN



**CAPTAIN ROBERT W. HAYLER, Jr., U.S. NAVY**

Captain Robert W. HAYLER, Jr., USN, is the Commander of Destroyer Squadron 32. He is the son of Vice Admiral R.W. HAYLER, USN, (Retired), and Nola Birch HAYLER, and was born 29 November 1918 in Muncie, Indiana. He was graduated from Rogers High School, Newport, R.I., and attended Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts. After one year enlisted service in the Naval Reserve, he entered the Naval Academy, and was graduated in the Class of 1941.

For four years during WWII he served in the destroyer USS FANNING (DD 385), as Gunnery Officer and later as Executive Officer of that ship. In 1945 he commissioned the USS GEARING (DD 710), as Executive Officer. In 1946 he commanded the USS HARMON (DE 378). He made two cruises to the Mediterranean in 1947-1948, as Navigation Officer of USS HUNTINGTON (CL 107). From 1951-1953 he commanded the destroyer GOODRICH (DR 831), and completed two Mediterranean cruises.

In 1956 he commissioned the USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DD 932), as Commanding Officer making two cruises with the U.S. SIXTH Fleet in the Mediterranean in that ship. Also during this tour, he made a ceremonial visit with the ship to Scotland, visiting Kircudbright, the birthplace of the ship's namesake, Commodore John Paul JONES. Subsequently, he served on the staff of Commander SIXTH Fleet in the USS DES MOINES in the Mediterranean.

During tours of shore duty in Washington, D.C. he served in the Officer Distribution Division of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, as Aide to the Chief of Naval Operations, and Aide at the White House. He has attended the Armed Forces Staff College, and the NATO Defense College in Paris, France. During 1959-1961 he was attached to the Joint Staff of U.S. Commander-in-Chief Europe, Paris, France.

From 1961-1962 he served as Commander Destroyer Division 132 with a Hunter-Killer Group in the Pacific. From 1962-1963 he was Chief of Staff to Commander Carrier Division 17, a Pacific ASW Group. He came to Destroyer Squadron 32 from the staff of Commander, Fleet Activities Command, Washington, D.C.

Captain HAYLER, is married to the former Barbara Silliman of Bangor, Maine. They have two children, both born in France: Robert III, and Nicole. His family is now residing in Annandale, Virginia.

For service in the Pacific during World War II, Captain HAYLER, wears the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V". His hobbies are sailing, tennis, and swimming. He is a member of the New York Yacht Club.