

## **MISSION**



Execute operational control (OPCON) or tactical control (TACON) over forces assigned; Plan, direct, coordinate and integrate assigned forces to execute theater campaign plans, theater security cooperation plans, theater engagement activities and other assigned missions to include OPCON of rotational deployed Littoral Combat Ships (LCS); Support increased force presence in Southeast Asia to maintain region stability and to assure regional Allies, partners and friends; Ensure access to and freedom of movement within the maritime domain.



## **HISTORY**

DESRON 7 was first established in September 1920 as a reserve squadron of 15 ships homeported at Charleston, South Carolina. The squadron was deactivated and reformed several times until January 1946, when DESRON 60 was re-designated DESRON 7.

In May 2004 DESRON 7 embarked USS RONALD REAGAN, the Navy's newest aircraft carrier, to serve as the Sea Combat Commander for the RONALD REAGAN STRIKE GROUP. As Sea Combat Commander, DESRON was responsible to the Strike Group Commander for the overall planning and execution of maritime operations including Surface and Subsurface Warfare, Maritime Interdiction Operations and Force Protection.

In December 2012, DESRON 7 executed a historic homeport shift from San Diego, California to Southeast Asia in support of America's rebalance to the Asia-Pacific. DESRON 7 is currently tasked as tactical commander of LCS rotationally deployed to Singapore, and also leads the execution of the entire Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) series for Commander, Task Force 73.



## **COMMAND PHILOSOPHY**

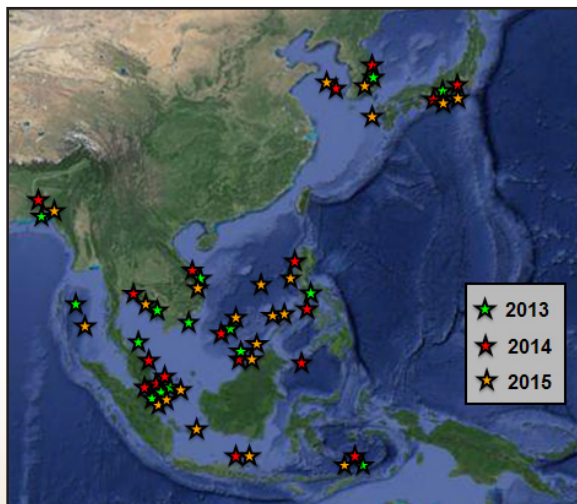
At DESRON 7, we believe in and we live the Navy's rebalance to the Indo-Asia-Pacific.

We are in the maritime security business ... knowledgeable that security helps protect the maritime commons and promotes the stability that underwrites regional prosperity.



Through interactions, exercises and operations with partner and allied navies and armed forces, we develop ourselves as professionals, broaden our perspectives, deepen relationships and enhance regional capacity and security.

We conduct advanced planning, organize resources and directly support the execution of maritime exercises such as the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) series, the Naval Engagement Activity with Vietnam, Guardian Sea with Thailand and the multilateral Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT).



Our staff is active throughout the region, and each year we expand our coverage while continually sharpening our skills as warfighters, as the on-call destroyer squadron forward deployed to Southeast Asia ... as the Golden Arrows.

We believe in the Navy's Core Values and cultivate essential qualities:

- Service ... aim to be servant leaders
- Humility ... aim to be great teammates
- Integrity ... aim to be trustworthy
- Novelty ... aim to be innovative
- Enthusiasm ... aim to be wholehearted

We are the Golden Arrows of DESRON 7 -- we aim to shine at any mission assigned!

## COMMODORE



Capt. H. B. Le assumed command in August, 2015. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1992 and holds master's degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School and Touro University. Prior to reporting to DESRON 7, he was the junior military assistant to the secretary of defense.

His sea duty assignments include auxiliaries officer and first lieutenant USS Ticonderoga (CG 47), fire control officer USS Wasp (LHD 1), weapons officer and combat systems officer USS Hué City (CG 66), executive officer USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54), commanding officer USS Lassen (DDG 82) and executive assistant to two commanders, U.S. 7th Fleet.



# DESTROYER SQUADRON 7



The U.S. Navy's Only Forward Deployed Destroyer Squadron in Southeast Asia

***Conducting prompt, sustained operations at sea in support of United States national policy and maritime security objectives as part of Forward Deployed Naval Forces***