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## **CAPTAIN Richard W. Durham** **Biography**

Captain Richard W. Durham was born in Lebabon, Missouri in 1956. He was commissioned through the NROTC program at the University of Kansas in December 1978, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering.

After completing the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Training Program in 1980, Captain Durham's initial sea tour was in the Engineering Department of USS VIRGINIA (CGN 38). Other sea tours include Operations Officer in USS BARNEY (DDG 6), Station Officer in the Reactor Department of USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) and Executive officer of USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52).

Captain Durham commanded USS FLETCHER (DD 992) from November 1997 to June 1999, during which time the USS FLETCHER participated in Operation DESERT FOX. After completing his command tour, Captain Durham served as Reactor Officer in USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74). His next assignment was Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans at Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group ONE.

Captain Durham's shore tours include serving in the Readiness and Training Division for the Commander, Naval Surface Force, United States Pacific Fleet, as a member of the Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team, and as a program head for the Director of Theater Air Defense on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations.



Captain Durham earned a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School. He is also a graduate of the Army Senior War College Advanced Operational Arts Fellowship Program. While there, he earned a Masters Degree in Military Art and Science from the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

Captain Durham's awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and various other personal and unit awards.

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