



COMMANDER DES DIV 122

JOHN F. DRAKE
CAPTAIN, USN

Captain John F. Drake is a native of Massachusetts. He was born in Boston in 1925, attended public schools, and enlisted in the U.S. Navy upon graduation from Dedham High School in 1943. After a short period of duty in the sonarman rating, he was selected for officer training and attended Whitman College and the University of Washington, where he received his commission in 1946.

From 1946 to 1952 Captain Drake served successive sea tours in USS T. E. CHANDLER (DD-717), USS FAIRVIEW (EPCER-850) and USS T. E. FRASER (DM-24). His first tour ashore was as an instructor in Anti-Submarine Warfare and Emergency Ship Handling at the Fleet Training Center, Norfolk, Virginia. From 1954 to 1956 he commanded the USS FORDCOUNTY (LST-772) in the Pacific Fleet. Since 1956 he has been with the Atlantic Fleet, as a member of the Fleet Commander's staff from 1956 to 1959, as Executive Officer of the USS

CONY (DD-508) in 1959 and 1960, Operations Officer on the staff of Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force from 1961 to 1963, Commanding Officer of the USS COMPTON (DD-705) from 1964 through 1965, and Commanding Officer USS LUCE (DLG-7) from 1966 to 1968.

During his career Captain Drake has attended many of the service schools and advanced courses. He graduated from General Line School in 1954, the Armed Forces Staff College in 1959, and the Naval War College in 1964.

Captain Drake is married to the former Frances June Warren of Dedham, Massachusetts. They have nine children and currently reside at 17 Redwood Road, Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

Captain Drake assumed command of Destroyer Division ONE TWO TWO on 26 March 1968.