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CDR James Sullen

Executive Officer

Commander James Sullen, Jr, a native of Tuskegee, Alabama, joined the United States Navy in 1997 and was commissioned under the Seaman to Admiral -21 program in 2004, receiving a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Auburn University.

His first assignment was onboard USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80) as the Electronic Warfare Officer, where he was twice deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. After attending the Navy's Nuclear Power School, he reported to USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) in August 2007 as the Reactor Mechanic Division Officer where he conducted a homeport shift to Yokosuka Japan, becoming the first nuclear powered warship not stationed in the United States.



In July 2012 assignment was to the USS MOMSEN (DDG 92) as the Operations Officer where he conducted an independent deployment in support of Seventh Fleet Operations. In February 2014 he was assigned to USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) where he served as the Chemistry and Radiological Controls Assistant.

In February 2016, he took over as the Navigator onboard USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3) where he conducted relief following Hurricanes land falls on Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. His shore tour was to Surface Warfare Development Group JEB Little Creek. While here, he was selected for an Individual Augment as the Postal Officer in Charge for all postal operations in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Commander reported to USS JOHN C. STENNIS as the Assistant Reactor Officer in June 2018. His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (3 awards), the Navy Achievement Medal (3 awards), and the Army Achievement Medal.