

# USS Robert A. Owens DDK/DDE/DD 827



**“Any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction, I SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY”**  
*President John F. Kennedy, August 1, 1963*

## COMMANDING OFFICERS



CDR Wheeler  
1949-1951



CDR English  
1953-1955



CDR Spore  
1957-1959



CDR Holter  
1959-1960



CDR Johnson  
1960-1962



CDR Parke  
1962-1964



CDR Martin  
1966-1968



CDR Bradford  
1969-1971



CDR Paterson  
1971-1973



CDR Hart  
1973-1974

(Of the 23 Commanding Officers for the USS Robert A. Owens DDK/DDE/DD-827 over the 33 years of service, only these thirteen pictures are available. Anyone having additional pictures are asked to please provide a copy of them in order that this section can be completed.)

## COMMANDING OFFICERS (Continued)



CDR Richard Joseph  
Keough  
Photo thanks to Joe Myles.

CDR Keough  
1974-1976



CDR Charles R. Crigler  
Photo thanks to Ed DeForest

CDR Crigler  
1978-1981



CDR Edward Francis Stokes  
Photo thanks to Joe Myles

CDR Stokes  
1981-1982

Not just our Commanding Officers, but many of our junior officers for our ship went on in the Navy to command ships of their own. Some even reached much higher levels of command.



**Admiral Carlisle Trost**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Chief of Naval Operations**

After graduating first in his class at the Naval Academy, USS Robert A. Owens was the first duty station for a newly minted Ensign. We are proud to have the Admiral as a member.



*Commander  
Johnson & Officers  
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1960-62*