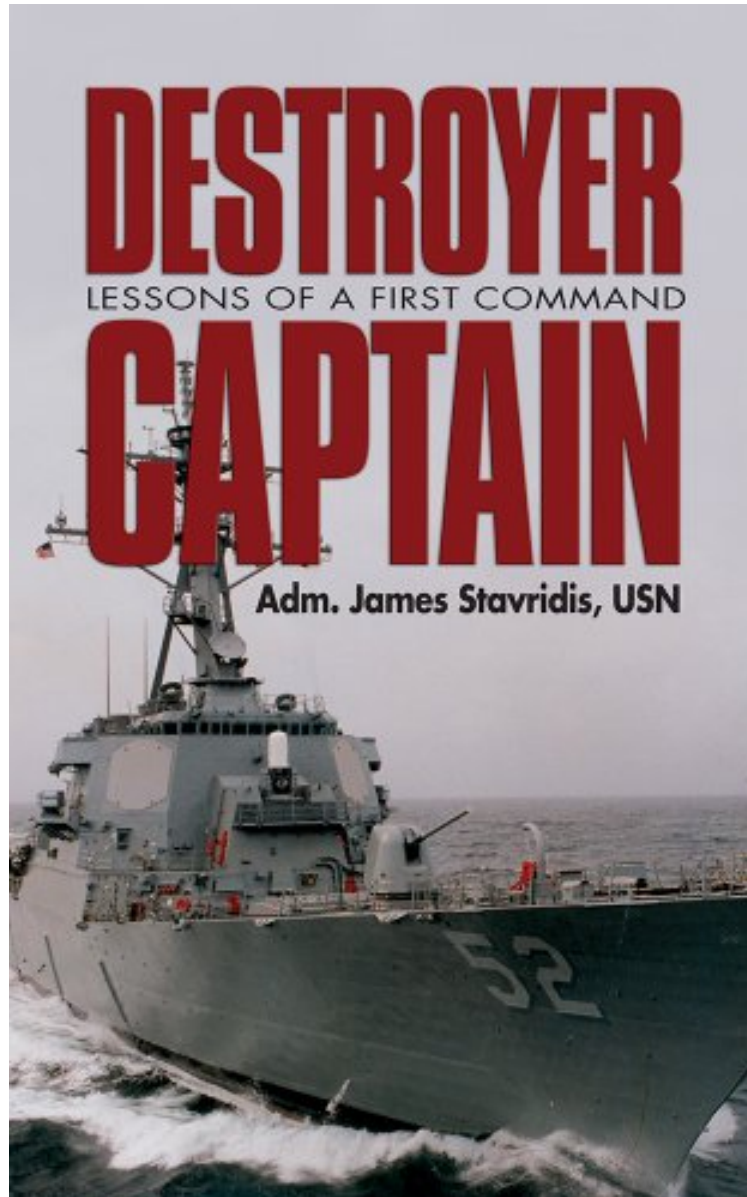


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Adm. James Stavridis, USN (Ret.) commanded the destroyer USS Barry (DDG 52) from 1993–1995 and Barry won the Battenberg Cup as the top ship in the Atlantic Fleet while under his command. In 1998, he commanded destroyer Squadron 21 and deployed to the Arabian Gulf, winning the Navy League's John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership. He became Commander of European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe in early summer 2009.

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