



CDR Derek R. Thorsrud Executive Officer

Commander Thorsrud reported to Air Station New Orleans in 2015. Initially assigned as the air station Operations Officer, he currently serves as the Executive Officer and is an aircraft commander in the MH65D Short Range Recovery helicopter. Commissioned in May of 2000, his first assignment was to Group Air Station Atlantic City NJ, where he served as an HH-65A/B Aircraft Commander. While in Atlantic City he deployed twice to the Caribbean onboard Coast Guard Cutters.

After completing his initial tour, Commander Thorsrud was assigned to HITRON Jacksonville where he served as an MH-68 Instructor Pilot and Flight Examiner. During his tour at HITRON he flew drug interdiction missions in the Eastern Pacific and Caribbean during five deployments to include HITRON interdiction number 100.

Commander Thorsrud was then assigned to Air Station Savannah, GA, where he served as a Search and Rescue and Shipboard Helicopter Pilot. While stationed in Savannah, he served as the Supply and Assistant Operations Officer and deployed twice to the Caribbean onboard Coast Guard Cutters.

After Air Station Savannah Commander Thorsrud completed a staff tour as the Training Officer at the Aviation Technical Training Center in Elizabeth City, NC. While stationed at ATTC he qualified as a Coast Guard Instructor, Instructional Designer and Master Training Specialist. He also helped to open the Rescue Swimmer Training Facility and stand-up the Coast Guard dunker program.

Commander Thorsrud has flown over 3900 hours and holds FAA Airline Transport Pilot and Certificated Flight Instructor ratings. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and several unit and team awards.

Commander Thorsrud earned a Masters in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, as well as a Bachelor of Architecture and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design, both from North Dakota State University.

Prior to his commission in the United States Coast Guard, Commander Thorsrud served for over eight years in the United States Army. He was stationed at Fort Rucker, AL (twice), Fort Wainwright, AK, Fort Hood, TX (twice) and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Derek is married to Donna Thorsrud of Jack, AL. They are blessed with three children.