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FROM THE PRESIDENT

USS Arleigh Burke Association, Family and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are already publishing the May/June 2017 edition of *The Destroyerman*, the USS Arleigh Burke Association world class Newsletter! Two upcoming 2017 events are worthy of note. On Friday June 9th the very first USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship will be awarded at the Anchor Scholarship Association's Annual Awards Luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Norfolk. We will let everyone know those results via email as well as post them on our Association's Website as soon as possible after the Awards Luncheon where they will be announced for the first time. And then as we move from summer into fall our Association's next Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place via Teleconference at 1930-2015 on Thursday 26 October 2017. Please mark your calendars and join this meeting. There are two key objectives for this year's Annual Meeting. First, explore options for and identify the Association's Long Term Goals. Second, elect our 2018 Association Officers. Your current Board of Directors is unanimous in seeking volunteers for all three positions: President, Treasurer

and Secretary. Please note, everyone is welcome to join our Board of Director's recurring meetings, usually the third Thursday of every other



month. The next three Board of Director's Meetings are currently scheduled from 1930-2015 on Thursdays 22 June (4th Thursday in June), 17 August and 19 October 2017 via Teleconference: 641-715-3580; Access Code: 619219.

One new idea that we are currently exploring, which Mark Fortune explains in detail in this Newsletter in his Secretary's Report, is to establish "Local" USS Arleigh Burke Association Chapters. As we have many former crewmembers scattered in various places around the United States, it may make sense to do get togethers which minimize travel. Some initial thoughts discussed at the last Board of Directors Meeting in April was that perhaps Local Chapters in Hampton Roads/Tidewater, New England and Southern California San Diego area would make sense. Please weigh in with your thoughts, and to make this work we

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2017 Dues: Ongoing

Anchor Scholarship Award Lunch: 09 JUN

Annual Membership Meeting: 26 OCT; 1930-2015 (EST)

Fall East Coast Event (if sufficient interest): (TBD)

need volunteers willing to establish a Local Chapter to step forward. Mark can help with the addresses of current Association Members in particular areas. And it would only be necessary to do maybe one or perhaps two get togethers a year, unless the local membership wanted to do more. Please let us know if you are interested in just participating in, or potentially organizing a Local USS Arleigh Burke Association Chapter.

Rob Jobrack has made initial progress on establishing an Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation specifically dedicated to the preservation and celebration of Admiral Arleigh Burke's life accomplishments and legacy. The purpose of establishing an Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation is to provide the appropriate structure for both individual and corporate donations and not co-mingle them with the Association's finances. We are looking for volunteers for the Foundation Officers.

On another front, during last year's USS Arleigh Burke 25th Commissioning Celebration weekend, it was noticed that the original Roger Williams Arleigh Burke oil painting, which was hung in the Wardroom at the ship's Commissioning, was missing. Captain Charlie

Cragin, USNR (Ret.), who supported the ship from a Public Affairs perspective during the preparations for and during the ship's Commissioning, helped initiate a Navy investigation to try and find this valuable piece of Arleigh Burke history. We certainly hope this work of art has just been misplaced and can be found. If anyone has any knowledge of or inkling as to the painting's whereabouts, please let us know – email, phone call or whatever! Thanks.

In closing, I want to make another plug for annual dues. If you are in arrears, please either pay them through our Website, or send a check to our Treasurer, Rob Jobrack – details as to where to send your check is in the Treasurer's Report section of this Newsletter. In addition, Rob is running a "Spring/Summer" Arleigh Burke 25th Commissioning Celebration Memorabilia Sale – again details in the Treasurer's Report section. Finally, I am still looking for a couple of willing volunteers to organize one of two social events in 2017/2018.

My best for a wonderful and safe summer!

Rick

TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK

Interested in obtaining 25th reunion memorabilia? We still have crew ball caps and T-shirts and they are available at a 25% discount. Anniversary crew caps and shirts are available for \$15.

The Association began financing the USS Arleigh Burke Association Administered Scholarship Fund through the Anchor Scholarship Foundation. The purpose of this administered scholarship is to recognize Admiral Arleigh Burke's significant Naval career accomplishments, the contribution of his namesake, USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) and those Sailors and their families that contribute to our nation's defense through service aboard USS Arleigh Burke. This is a \$2,250 annual scholarship that the association will continue to fund



each year. More information can be found on the Anchor Scholarship web site, <http://www.anchorship.com>.

Please remember that the USS Arleigh Burke Association is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt non-profit organization under section 501(c)(19) of the internal revenue code.

Membership categories and dues for 2017 are:

- USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) Ship's Company: Free
- Member: \$20
- Sustaining Member : \$125 (10 year sustaining equals Lifetime)
- Lifetime Member: \$1000

Checks should be made out to USS Arleigh Burke Association and mailed to: (continued on page 3)

FROM THE SECRETARY BY MARK FORTUNE

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members and Friends,

Spring is upon us and summer is right around the corner! I hope everyone is looking forward to a fun filled summer.



The Association is looking for ways to get more people excited about the Association. We held a Board of Directors meeting in April and it was suggested at the meeting that we look into possibly creating local chapters of the Association so that our shipmates may get together more often to socialize and contribute to your communities or regions in a charitable way. We would like to hear from those on our email distribution your thoughts on creating local chapters. We believe this would be a way to carry for Admiral and Mrs. Burke's legacy on a broader scale. Please let me, Rick, or Rob know if this is something that interests you. Please join us for our Monthly Board of Directors Teleconferences that deal with the Association's business. They take place the third Thursday of each Month and are from 1930-2015 EST. If you are interested in participating or attending, please contact me and I will provide you with the dial-in information.

I will mention this again as the need to track down our

former shipmates is a daunting task without help from those that have served across the 25 years that USS Arleigh Burke has been in commission. Join the association for \$20 a year or \$1000 for a lifetime and then take 15 minutes a week to contact former shipmates and encourage them to join as well. As we gain more members, our association will keep growing and we will ensure that our ship has a long and valued association with our nation's defense and success. Please join the association today and help us track down our former shipmates. If you know the location of former USS Arleigh Burke sailors, please contact me via email mark.w.fortune@gmail.com and pass me there information. The better thing to do is to have them go to the USS Arleigh Burke Association website at <http://www.arleighburkeassociation.org/registration.php> and ask them to please register under the membership tab. If you have not registered, please go to the website and do so today! This is also the best way to ensure that you receive all of the newsletters, emails, and details about upcoming events.

You can find us on Facebook! Search for USS Arleigh Burke Association, Arleigh Burke Plank Owners, or USS Arleigh Buke.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the other Association Officers if you have questions or comments.

Best regards, Mark

TREASURER'S REPORT (CONT.)

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You can also pay via the association website, USSArleighBurkeAssociation.org, using our PayPal button.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Association members, It has been a while since we posted a "Where are they now?" article in The Destroyerman and I would like to get that going again. If you would like to submit a short article such as Dom Domingo and Ray Weber have in the past and I did in this issue, letting everyone know what you have been up to since you left the ship, please contact me, rstruewing@cox.net, and provide a short article for publication in a future issue.

ARLEIGH BURKE PROMOTES SAPR VICTIM AWARENESS

BY ENSIGN NICOLAS MAHONE, USS ARLEIGH BURKE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

(Norfolk, VA) – The guided-missile destroyer USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) hosted their second annual walk in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month on April 07, 2017 at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Norfolk.

Leading this year's walk was USS Arleigh Burke's Commanding Officer, Commander Jason Stepp. "We must lead from the front and by example in everything we do", Commander. Jason Stepp said. "We are determined to treat each other as shipmates and family because in war and underway, there is no one to turn to except each other. Trust is what makes that happen."

The command gathered for a grand aerial all hands photo shoot in which the crew formed up on the flight deck to outline the shape of a giant SAPR ribbon and displayed a number of teal victim advocacy posters. The posters were created by various divisions within the ship. Later, the crew participated in a command group walk on base – continuing the tradition of upholding a bold stance against sexual assault and its victims.

The Arleigh Burke sailors along with supporting family members donned teal ribbons and carried sexual assault awareness and prevention (SAPR) posters. Service members and families walked from Pier 10 on Naval Station Norfolk to Vista Point to help raise awareness about the Navy's efforts to combat the crime of sexual assault and sexual abuse.

The SAPR victim advocates always strive to promote an all-hands effort to reduce the threat of sexual violence and provide the sailors a safe environment. Culinary Spe-

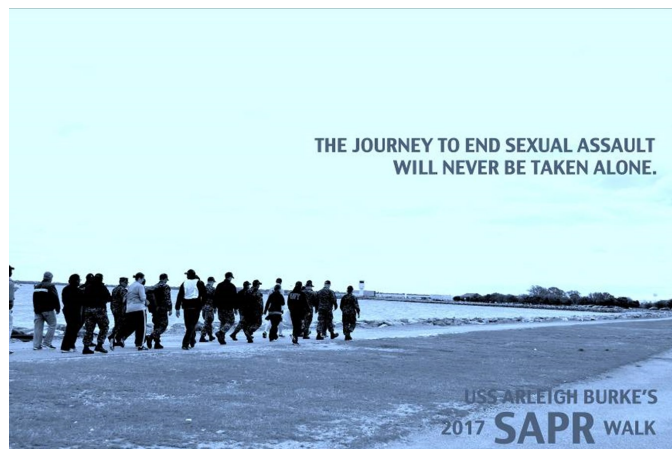
cialist 2nd Class Gary Freeman, one of USS Arleigh Burke's victim advocates, was one of many members to join the walk. "I believe this walk shows our unified strength across the waterfront in how we support the fight against sexual assault" Freeman said. "In our actions we represent an extension of the fight to end these assaults, and I'm proud to be apart of this walk and tree planting."

Adding to the momentous event, DDG 51 SAPR victim advocates planted a tree this year in honor of sexual assault prevention on the pathway by Vista Point. "Planting a tree of honor is a beautiful and unique way to express our stance on this matter of SAPR prevention" Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Gary Freeman said. "As a SAPR VA, I believe it is our profound duty to do what it takes to provide our Sailors with a safe and comfortable environment."

"SAPR advocates want to thank our chain of command for once again showing full support in our walk and tree planting idea," Chief Petty Officer Wellons said. "I believe that we all have a role in preventing sexual assault and spreading awareness. This walk and tree helps to extend that message."

USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) is named after the late Admiral Arleigh A. Burke and serves as the flagship of the Navy's class of guided missile destroyers.

For more upcoming news of Arleigh Burke, visit : <http://www.navy.mil/local/ddg51/> . Search for updates and photos of the command's official social media page on www.facebook.com/ .



SAPR AWARENESS (CONT)



REAR ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE ON NAUTICAL WORD USAGE

BY DAVID ALAN ROSENBERG, PH.D., CAPT, USN (RET.)

Rear Admiral Arleigh Burke took command of the Destroyer Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, in January 1955. Headquartered on a destroyer tender in Newport, Rhode Island, DESLANT was a prized sea command for a two star flag officer. For Burke, it was the first opportunity he had had to return to “those lovely destroyers” since he had relinquished command of Destroyer Squadron 23 in March 1944. During much of the previous year he had commanded Cruiser Division Six, first on a midshipman practice cruise to Europe and then on a deployment to the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. The new job would not involve overseas deployments, but he relished the opportunity to work again with what he considered “the key ships of the fleet” and with

a new generation of “tin can sailors.” As COMDESLANT, Burke started a range of initiatives to improve the force’s training, equipment and readiness for combat as well as to significantly upgrade shore quarters, family support and medical services for officers and enlisted. Burke, a graduate of the Naval Academy Class of 1923, was a sailor of the old school, well steeped in nautical traditions and the correct use of language in speech and in print. In March 1955, his patience ran out with respect to one word choice in official correspondence. The Memorandum for Staff, Subject: “Ship” versus “Vessel”, was the result. The carbon copy of that memo from his personal papers at the Naval History and Heritage Command is reproduced on the facing page.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? BY RON STRUEWING

For those who may remember me, I was an EW1 and the OT Division LPO during pre-commissioning and in the first year and a half after commissioning. I served on board from March 1990 March 1993.

After leaving Arleigh Burke, I served as the Automated Data Processing LPO at Transient Personnel Unit, Norfolk from March 1993 to May 1996 where I was responsible for the daily operations of the command’s Automated Data Processing (ADP) office and managing the development of a computer-based Transient Tracking Program. I left TPU in May 1996 and reported to the Pre-commissioning Det. for USS Bataan (LHD 5) but shortly after arriving was selected for CPO and was reassigned to PCU Hopper (DDG 70). I arrived in Feb of 1997 and was the LCPO for OT02 Division. I was on Hopper (Pearl Harbor) until January 2001 and completed 2 Arabian Gulf deployments.

I stayed in Hawaii and reported to Afloat Training Group, Middle Pacific in January 2001 and was assigned to the Underway Combat Systems Department to conduct/assess underway training for the Pearl Har-

bor-based ships and Coast Guard Cutters. While there, I also was in instructor for the Visit, board, Search, and Seizure and Force Protection classes being taught to the fleet units. After Leaving ATGMIDPAC in OCT 2003, I stayed at Pearl Harbor for a third tour and reported to USS Lake Erie as the OT02 LCPO. I was on Lake Erie from October 2003 to March 2006 and was involved with the Ballistic Missile Defense testing and went on a Seventh Fleet deployment.

My last command while in uniform was Commander Operational Test & Evaluation unit in Norfolk where I was the Operational Test Director for the Surface Electronic Warfare Improvement Program Block 1B2 (follow-on upgrade for the SLQ-32). I was there from March 2006 until I retired in SEP 2009 after 25 years. While at OPTEVFOR I was selected for SCPO in May of 2006.

Since leaving the Navy in 2009, I have been in the Norfolk area working as a Defense Contractor with three different companies and various Navy commands. I currently live in Virginia Beach with my wife, Karen.

ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE HISTORY

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MEMORANDUM for Staff

Subj: "Ship" versus "Vessel"

1. Although usage does accomplish wonders -- and makes one-time derogatory remarks presently remarks of praise --

I still think of sailing a "ship" --

and

putting a "vessel" under the bed.

2. Please don't use "vessel" unless necessary.

Respectfully,

ARLEIGH BURKE

Copy to:
Chief of Staff
Flag Captain

ARLEIGH BURKE CLASS UPDATE BY CAPTAIN CASEY MOTON

Greetings, Shipmates.

In August 2016, I reported to my current assignment as Program Manager (PM), DDG 51 Shipbuilding program, relieving CAPT Mark Vandroff. I am proud and honored to be following in the footsteps of my predecessors, each of whom contributed to the success of this long-running surface combatant ship program - the Arleigh Burke Class (30 years) is second only to the Nimitz Class (44 years).

When I took office, the DDG 51 Program had delivered 62 Arleigh Burke Class ships to the Fleet and was in the last phase of delivery of its first ships since the restart of the program in 2009. It was great to immediately jump into the “haze gray and underway” mode onboard these ships as they went through a rigorous and successful series of sea trials. Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII) delivered DDG 113 in December 2016. That was closely followed by the Bath Iron Works’ (BIW’s) delivery of DDG 115 in February 2017. Both ships’ Acceptance Trial scores were on par with performance of DDG’s before the gap in ship production. The program

has re-entered serial production with an additional eight ships currently under construction and four more under contract as part of the 10-ship FY13-17 Multi-Year Procurement (MYP).

In parallel with the ongoing construction of restart ships, the Flight III design upgrade is in development. It’s the largest design upgrade since the mid-1990s Flight IIA design upgrade, which was implemented for DDG 79 and follow. Flight III will bring twenty-first century technology to bear on a Navy ship hull design borne in the last century. Flight III’s core technology advancement is the SPY-6(V)1 Air and Missile Defense Radar (AMDR), which will provide improved sensitivity for long-range detection and engagement of advanced threats. Development and testing of AMDR is well underway with an Engineering Development Model (EDM) at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) in Hawaii. Testing to date has yielded successful results in both Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) and Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) scenarios which will meet the Navy’s need for Integrated Air and Missile Defense



SM-2 Firing during DDG 113 Bravo Trials, October 2016.



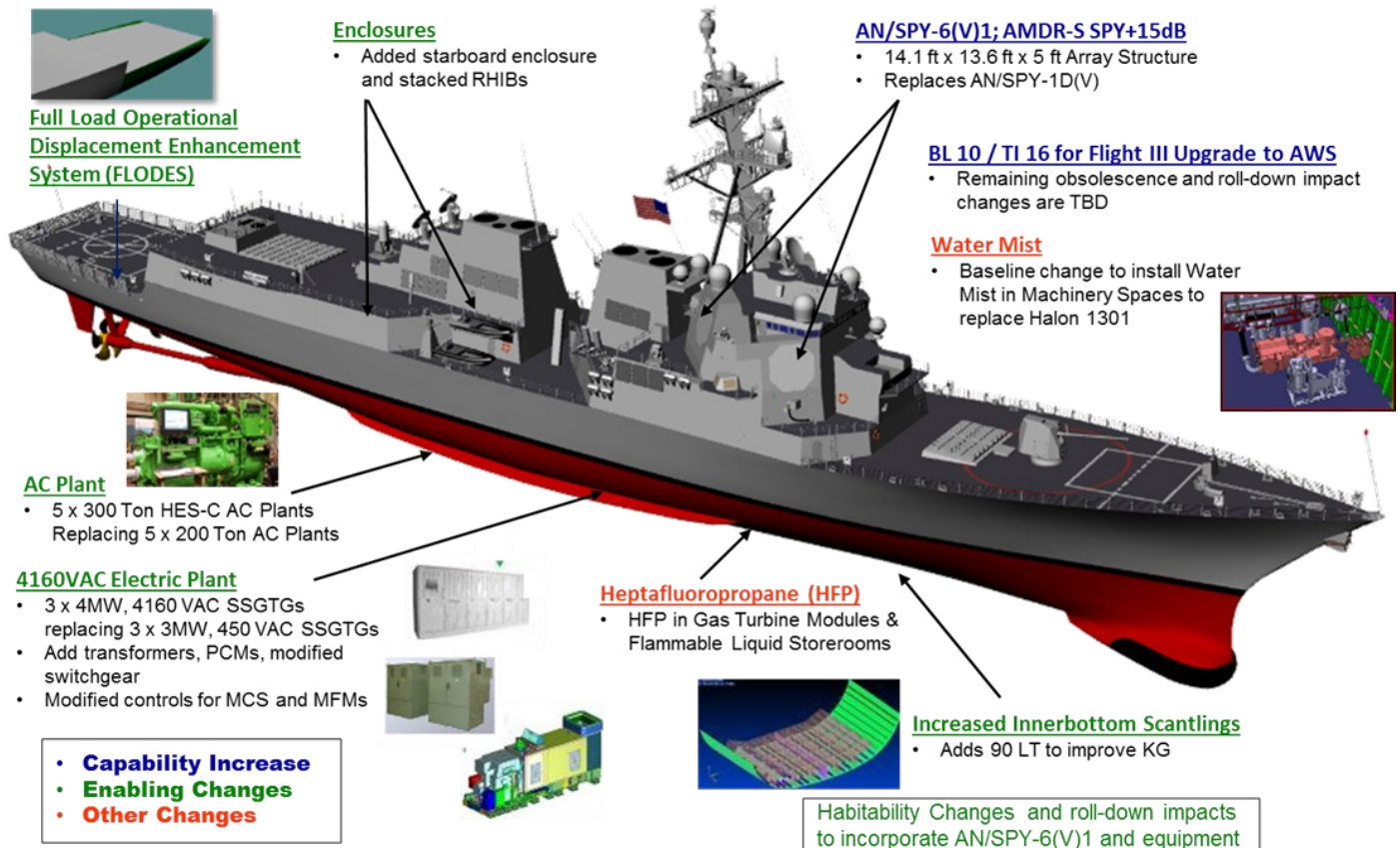
SPY-6(V)1 AMDR EDM Array in Far Field Range PMRF Advanced Radar Detection Lab (Kauai, HI)

(IAMD) capability. The AMDR requires additional power and cooling, and to meet that demand the design includes high voltage power technology first introduced on DDG 1000, and an enhanced A/C Plant upgrade. As of May 2017, the Flight III Design effort is more than 50% complete and on track

to finish prior to Start Fab of the first Flight III ship. This is an unprecedented milestone for any Navy Com-

batant ship program to-date. This new generation of Flight III ships will continue the long and successful tradition of delivering highly capable DDG 51 destroyers to the Fleet.

We are approaching 30 years of production on the Arleigh Burke-class, which laid its first keel in 1988. The Navy's current Long Range Shipbuilding Plan calls for continued procurement of the class well into the next decade. Remarkably, this means that the last of the Arleigh Burke-class ships, with their 40-year service life, will be in the fleet beyond the middle of this century, an amazing 80 to 90 years after the Concept Design was completed on the class. The success and longevity of the Arleigh Burke-class is a testament to the hard work and dedication of those who have worked on the program over the decades, to the shipbuilders who have produced and delivered these great ships to the Navy, and to the Sailors who operate them at sea in defense of our national interests around the globe.



Flight III Design Changes

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July 12, 2016

The Honorable Susan Collins
United States Senator
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC

Dear Senator Collins:

I'm writing to request your assistance and that of the Department of the Navy in investigating the disappearance and effectuating recovery of an iconic oil painting entrusted to the USS Arleigh Burke DDG-51 at its commissioning in Norfolk, Virginia in July 1991.

The story begins at Bath Iron Works in 1990. In the Fall of 1989 noted Maine artist Roger Williams of Lovell, Maine is introduced to the Prospective Commissioning Unit (PCU) of the Arleigh Burke, DDG-51 under construction at Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine. He receives briefings by the ship's prospective commanding officer, Commander John Morgan, Jr., USN, and is so taken by the story of the ship and its namesake, Admiral Arleigh Burke, former Chief of Naval Operations and a World War II hero, that he offers to paint a commemorative painting of the commissioning of the USS Arleigh Burke and to donate it to the U.S. Navy. His offer is graciously accepted by Commander Morgan and, in the Summer 1990, Mr. Williams begins work on a painting which will take over a year to complete. The 3 by 4 foot oil on linen painting depicts the ship, portraits of Admiral Burke, the Battle of Cape Saint George, and textual engraving, all in oil.

Early in July 1991, the Navy provided an aircraft to transport Mr. Williams and his completed painting to Norfolk, Virginia, the site of the planned commissioning of USS Arleigh Burke on the 4th of July. In a ceremony, Mr. Williams presented the painting to Commander Morgan and the chairman of the commissioning committee, Mr. H. Ross Perot. Commander Morgan accepted the painting on behalf of the U.S. Navy and has it installed in the wardroom of the ship where it was on display during commissioning ceremonies on July 4, 1991 and where it remained for a currently indeterminate period of time. Smaller dimension posters of the painting were made available at the commissioning ceremony and, to this day, can be found at Navy facilities around the world, most prominently in the offices of senior Navy officials in the Pentagon. I know the foregoing to be true as I served as the senior Navy Public Affairs Officer in conjunction with the commissioning.

The scene changes to 25 years later. I am a member of the Arleigh Burke Association, an organization formed to represent the professional values of all those who have served aboard USS Arleigh Burke DDG-51 or have an ongoing interest in promoting the ship and crew, the Arleigh Burke Class Aegis Guided Missile Destroyer, as well as the United States Navy. Early this year the Association made plans to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the commissioning of the ship by saluting its 25 years of honorable service through a series of events in Norfolk, Virginia over the 4th of July weekend. Indeed, Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, keynoted the Memorial Service conducted onboard on July 4th.

The Association, recognizing Mr. William's lasting contribution to the ship (art appraisers estimate the value of his painting to be between \$50,000 and \$75,000) invited Mr. Williams to travel from Maine to attend the events as a Guest of Honor providing him with the opportunity to see his painting for the first time in 25 years.

Arriving at the USS Arleigh Burke DDG-51 on Saturday, July 2nd, Mr. Williams sought an opportunity to see the painting he donated to the ship and the Navy 25 years ago. Thus began an intense search of the spaces of Arleigh Burke to locate "the painting". This search continued over several days. Adding to the confusion was the fact that a poster of the painting had been presented in 1991 to "The Chiefs of Arleigh Burke" by Mr. Williams and recollections, in many instances, focused upon the poster rather than the original oil painting. The "Chiefs" poster remains on the ship. Commander Thomas E. Meyers, USN, the current commanding officer of Arleigh Burke, was most helpful and facilitating in the search. However, he had no recollection of seeing the original oil painting upon his assumption of command and assured Mr. Williams that the painting is no longer aboard the USS Arleigh Burke.

Senator Collins, this is a travesty of custodial care that must be investigated. A historic iconic oil painting has gone missing in the course of 25 years, at some point during the command of one of sixteen commanding officers. Certainly, an iconic 3 by 4 foot oil painting, recognizable by many in the U.S. Navy, cannot be secreted off a ship without anyone noticing. Was it responsibly removed to a Navy Museum; was it damaged or destroyed during a yard period; or is it currently feloniously displayed in a private residence? That is the question that needs to be answered. The objective: Find the Arleigh Burke painting and return it to the USS Arleigh Burke.

I respectfully request that you use your good offices to enlist the support and assistance of the Secretary of the Navy to initiate and conduct an in-depth investigation to locate and recover the Arleigh Burke painting by Roger Williams of Lovell, Maine.

Preservation of heritage is important!

Respectfully,
Charles L. Cragin



Roger Williams, artist, as he was completing the now Missing Arleigh Burke Oil Painting which was Presented to the Ship at Commissioning



Charlie Cragin's 2016 Christmas Card - a Roger Williams original which captures the Arleigh Burke 25th Commissioning Anniversary

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