

# THE DESTROYERMAN

## NEWSLETTER OF THE USS ARLEIGH BURKE ASSOCIATION

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Dedicated to preserving the heritage of Admiral Arleigh A. Burke and USS Arleigh Burke class since 2011

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

USS Arleigh Burke Association, Family and Friends,

This edition of *The Destroyerman* Newsletter provides official notification of the 2017 USS Arleigh Burke Association Annual Meeting which will be held on Thursday, 26 October 2017 from 1930-2015 via Teleconference – additional details below. Please be sure to mark your calendars and I encourage all Association Members to join the call – it is only 45 minutes and your participation and input definitely will be helpful and appreciated!

On Friday June 9th 2017, the very first USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship was awarded to Kathleen Ballard at the Anchor Scholarship Association's Annual Awards Luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Norfolk. Kathleen is studying Pharmacy at Northeastern University in Boston and is in a six year program which will end with both undergraduate and graduate degrees. She and her family currently live in Durham North Carolina. Kathleen will be keeping all of us up to date on her activities and progress at Northeastern contributing regularly to *The Destroyerman*! You will see her first update in this edition along with her picture! At this juncture we are seek-

ing fully tax deductible contributions to the Association for the 2018 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship.

Our Association's commitment for next year is \$2500 and any amount you can contribute will be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your support in advance!

Update regarding the missing Roger Williams Arleigh Burke oil painting which was originally hung in the ship's wardroom at commissioning: Captain Charlie Cragin, USNR (Ret.), who supported Arleigh Burke's Commissioning leading our Public Affairs effort, recently received an update from Senator Collins of Maine regarding the investigation into the missing painting which was discovered missing at USS Arleigh Burke's 25th Commissioning Celebration over July Fourth Weekend last year. Unfortunately, the Navy has not made much progress and has only determined that the painting is not currently onboard the ship and none of the limited individuals that the investigating officer spoke with



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**2017 Dues:** Ongoing

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

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

have any knowledge of what might have happened to it. Again, I am soliciting from our Association Members or Friends any information regarding the painting that you may have to include just knowledge that it was hanging in the ship's Wardroom or onboard someplace while you served aboard or visited the ship. It stands to reason that the painting was most likely not destroyed and we just need to find out where it is. The Association will continue to encourage the Navy to increase their effort to locate this iconic commemoration of USS Arleigh Burke's Commissioning in order to have it for future generations to enjoy.

We continue to make progress towards establishing an Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation dedicated to the preservation and celebration of Admiral Arleigh Burke's life accomplishments and legacy. The initial thought process starting to gel is to commission, in an appropriate location, a permanent Admiral Arleigh Burke Museum Exhibit. In this regard, the first objective would be to establish a target date to commence design work for such an exhibit, and gain the financial support to fund that initial effort. We will discuss and seek Association Membership approval for this initiative at the upcoming October Annual Meeting. Annual Meeting will be held at 1930-2015 Thursday 26 October 2017 via Teleconference (Phone #: 641-715-3580;

Pass/AccessCode: 619219). Meeting Agenda is below. We will elect Officers for 2018, review the Association's Financial Status, as well as receive President, Treasurer and Secretary Updates, address the establishment of an Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation and conduct any other Association business that requires Membership involvement or approval. Please forward any agenda items or other inputs/thoughts to Mark Fortune, copy me and Rob Jobrack.

#### Agenda:

- Attendance, Welcome and Introduction
- Financial Report
- President, Treasurer and Secretary Updates
- Officer Election
- 2018 Administered Anchor Scholarship Support Approval
- Foundation Way Ahead and Support Approval
- Bits and Pieces: Publicity, Website, Archives/History, Memorabilia Sales, Social Events
- Any Other Items of Business?
- Conclusion
- Adjourn

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the USS Arleigh Burke Association Officers if you have any questions regarding the USS Arleigh Burke Association or any

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## TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK

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.

To send funds to the association, checks should be made out to USS Arleigh Burke Association and mailed to:

USS Arleigh Burke Association  
32 King Georges Grant  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405



You can also pay via the [association website](#), using our PayPal button.

Funds can be directed to:

- Payment of annual membership dues
- Support the USS Arleigh Burke Association Administered Scholarship Fund managed by 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 contin-

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## FROM THE SECRETARY BY MARK FORTUNE

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members and Friends,

I hope everyone enjoyed a nice summer and is looking forward to a fall filled with family gatherings, football, and fellowship!



The Association is looking for ways to get more people excited about the Association. We held a Board of Directors meeting in August and I mentioned that I hadn't received any feedback on our proposal to start local chapters in fleet concentrations areas; namely, Norfolk, Jacksonville, and San Diego. We would like to hear thoughts from those on our email distribution list about creating local chapters. We believe this would be a way to carry forward Admiral and Mrs. Burke's legacy on a broader scale. Please let Rick, Rob, or me 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 who have served over the 25 years since USS Arleigh Burke has been in commission. Join the association for \$20 a year or \$1000 for a lifetime membership 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](#) and pass me their information. The best thing to do is to have them go directly 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

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## TREASURER'S REPORT (CONT.)

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

- Purchase remaining 25th anniversary memorabilia. We still have T-shirts (\$15), crew ball caps (\$15), and coins (\$7.50) available.

- General contributions to support the Association

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

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

input or questions regarding the upcoming October Annual Meeting. It is hard to believe that Arleigh Burke has now faithfully served our Nation for over 26 years!

In closing, I ask all of our Members who have not already paid your annual dues to do so. Your dues are important to our Association's financial foundation. You can pay them either through our Website, or send a check to our Treasurer, Rob Jobrack – details as to where to send your check is in the Treasurers Report section of the Newsletter. I also encourage all those who can afford to join our Association as either a Sustaining or Life Member to do so. If you pay Sustaining dues annually over 10 years it converts to a Lifetime Membership. Your participation at one of those levels helps strengthen our Association. Thanks again for those who have joined this year as Sustaining and Life Members! In addition, Rob still has some Arleigh Burke 25th Commissioning Celebration

Memorabilia for sale – details also in the Treasurers Report below. I am still looking for volunteers to help with social activities and/or tracking down former Arleigh Burke Sailors and getting them signed up in the Association!

Finally, I want to thank our Secretary and Treasurer, Mark and Rob, as well as our Newsletter Editor, Ron, as well as those who regularly join our recurring Board of Directors Teleconferences for their effort and contribution this past year - they are the ones who enable all of us to have an Arleigh Burke Association.

My best to the entire USS Arleigh Burke Association Members, Families and Friends for a wonderful fall, 2017 Holiday Season, and 2018 New Year!

Rick

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW? BY LARRY MCGOWAN

For those who may remember me, I was an OS1 during pre-commissioning and served on board from until March 1996.

After leaving ARLEIGH BURKE, I served as Operations Department Leading Petty Officer and Leading Chief Petty Officer at AEGIS TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE (AEGIS TECHREP), Moorestown, NJ from March 1996 to August 1997 where I was responsible for the research and development of Aegis Baseline and combat system development and testing. I left AEGIS TECHREP and reported to DESTROYER SQUADRON TWO EIGHT, Norfolk VA from Aug 1997 – Aug 2000 as the Combat Information Center Officer for six ships. Following 17 years of enlisted service (E3-E8) I was commissioned as a Chief Warrant Officer -2 and served in newly established INTEGRATED UNDER-SEA SURVEILLANCE (IUSS) SEA COMPONENT EAST and served as Military Detachment Officer in Charge on Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System ships from August 2000 – Oct 2002. My next assignment was at SUBMARINE TRAINING FACILITY (SUBTRAFAC), Norfolk as the Anti-

Submarine Warfare School Coordinator from Oct 2002 to October 2004. Following SUBTRAFAC I reported to DDG GOLD CREW in October 2006 as the Combat Information Officer and served in USS LABOON (DDG 58) and USS GONZALEZ (DDG 66) as part of Sea Swap Program through January 2009. My next assignment was in NAVY CYBER FORCES within the Combat Systems Division in N4 until July 2011 for my final assignment as joint interface control officer (JICO) at COMMANDER, U.S. NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND/COMMANDER, U.S. FIFTH FLEET until my retirement on 1 July 2012. This ended my twelve years of commissioned service.

After retiring I became a civil servant at NAVY CYBER FORCES now NAVAL INFORMATION FORCES in June 2012 and served in the Combat Systems branch later promoted to serve as the branch head for Maritime Operations Center and Command and Control requirements.

I currently live in Chesapeake, VA with my wife of 31 years, Nancy.

## REPRINT OF THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE USS ARLEIGH BURK ASSOCIATION 2017 ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



*Kathleen Ballard*



**Scholarship:** \$2,250 Arleigh Burke Association Scholarship  
sponsored by ARLEIGH BURKE ASSOCIATION

**College:** Northeastern University

**Major:** Pharmacy

**Academic and Extracurricular Highlights:**

- GPA 3.35 (college)
- UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy Leadership, Excellence, and Development (LEAD) Program
- Student Government Association (SGA) of Northeastern University
- Peer Health Exchange (PHE), Northeastern University Chapter

**Quotes:**

Kathleen is a bright young woman who always asks thoughtful questions. The quality of her work is always outstanding. She seems to be a well-rounded student and would highly recommend her for this scholarship.

Paula Ries  
Lecturer

"I especially appreciate the prospect of receiving this scholarship in the future too, and I want to thank the Foundation for playing such a critical and helpful role in the lives of so many students. It is truly an honor to be chosen for a scholarship."

Kathleen



## ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE BY KATHLEEN BALLARD

Hello Arleigh Burke Association,

My name is Kathleen Ballard and this summer I was blessed to be selected as the 2017 Arleigh Burke Association sponsored Anchor Scholarship. I want to start off by thanking each individual who is a part of the Association--it is with your help and support that I chase excellence in my scholastic pursuits. My dreams are more attainable with this gracious scholarship you have provided me. I am thrilled to be connected with a ship my father once served on, and I urge you to continue this benevolent sponsorship because of the profound impact it will have on students in their respective academic endeavors.

I am a 2nd-year student at Northeastern University, an outstanding institution of about 18,000 undergraduates located in the great city of Boston. I study pharmacy in the 0-6 PharmD program the university offers, which enables me to achieve my Doctorate of Pharmacy on an accelerated 6 year track. After graduation, I have plans to enter the field of pharmaceutical legislation, delving into the greatest issues that face consumers of medication today (affecting the whopping 70% of Americans who are on at least one prescription drug).

Outside of my classes, I am an engaged student on campus. I am the Chair of Elections Committee for Northeastern's Student Government Association, which means I get to plan and prepare for the upcoming elections cycle--a very important event on campus! I also am a Senior Health Educator for our chapter of the national organization Peer Health Exchange (PHE). Many public high schools lack proper funding to support a health education curriculum, so students lose the privilege of receiving critical information on alcohol, drugs, sex, and mental health support. Through PHE, I volunteer to teach different skills-based workshops to local Boston public high schools and empower students to make informed, healthy decisions. I also serve as a class representative in our Pharmacy Student Governing Organization, and will be facilitating an Introduction to College class for 1st-year pharmacy students.

I am wholeheartedly grateful for the opportunity to receive a higher education, and to do so at an institution where I can investigate each and every interest of mine. Thank you for your role in making this my reality.

Kathleen



Kathleen with her closest friends; photo taken before walking to the Boston Marathon finish line to watch the runners last spring.

Kathleen with her friend, Nathan, at the Student Government Association (SGA) banquet where they were sworn in as officers of the executive board.



Getting ready to watch the Patriots win the Super Bowl!

## ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEEE KATHLEEN BALLARD



Kathleen at the 2017 Awards Ceremony which was held at the Sheraton Waterside, Norfolk, VA on June 09, 2017



Kathleen with USS Arleigh Burke Association President, Rick Easton, at the Awards Ceremony

## THE NEW CNO ENCOURAGES SENIOR OFFICERS TO TAKE LEAVE, WITH UNEXPECTED RESULTS, FALL 1955

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

Admiral Arleigh Burke became the Navy's 15th Chief of Naval Operations on 17 August 1955. He served three two year terms, retiring on 1 August 1961. As CNO, Burke was still in command of the operating forces of the Navy worldwide. (This responsibility stayed with him until the National Security Act Amendments of 1958 became law on 1 January 1959.) He exercised that command, as well as responsibility for organizing, training and equipping the service, through the 630 officers, plus enlisted and civilians, who made up the Office of the CNO (OPNAV). Burke himself was a well-seasoned OPNAV veteran. He served there in 1948-1949 running Op-23, the Organizational Research and Policy Division, during debates over unification legislation and the so-called "Admirals' Revolt" in hearings before the House Armed Services Committee, as well as in 1951-1954, as Director of Op-30/Op-60, the Strategic Plans Division, building Navy strategy, war plans and policies for the long haul in the global Cold War.

Noting the tendency of flag and senior naval officers to work twelve and fourteen hour days and to not take leave (a practice of which he himself was guilty), the new CNO decided to start his tour off right by writing on 10 September to Vice Admiral James L. Holloway, Jr., the chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, to request "that such steps as may be necessary" be taken to get Navy senior leaders to take some annual leave "in order that they may recharge their batteries."

Less than a month later on 3 October, Admiral Burke wrote back to Vice Admiral Holloway reflecting distress at how "several Flag Officers have completely misinterpreted" this order. The two memoranda, from Admiral Burke's personal papers at the Naval History and Heritage Command, are reproduced here. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to identify the three flag officers he mentions in the 3 October memo.

(Note: The 10 SEP memo is on page 8 and the 03 OCT memo on page 9)

## ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE LEAVE



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

*Per H*

10 September 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR VICE ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY

1. It is noted that Flag Officers and Senior Captains are the first to get here in the morning and the last to leave at night. It is also noted that those Flag Officers and Senior Captains consider their work so important and so arduous that they do not take leave. I have been guilty of both of these myself, but for the good of the Navy and the good of their work, our senior officers should have leave. The junior officers, I think, are usually getting leave since the Flag Officers are looking out for their junior subordinates better than they are for themselves and their senior subordinates.
2. It is requested that such steps as may be necessary be taken for Flag Officers and Senior Captains to take some annual leave each year in order that they may recharge their batteries.

*Arleigh Burke*

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All Deputies  
All ACNOs

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## NEW CNO ENCOURAGES LEAVE (CONT.)



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

3 October 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR VICE ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY

Ref: (a) My memorandum of 10 Sep 55 in regard to senior officers taking leave

1. It has been distressing to note that several Flag Officers have completely misinterpreted the order to take leave and relax. At least three senior and knowledgeable Flag Officers have interpreted this order to mean "take exercise" and as a result have become temporarily incapacitated through this change in their mode of life.
2. One Flag Officer went fishing, rowed his own boat for miles, repeatedly fell off rocks in the river, and became thoroughly wet over a weekend. Upon reporting for work at the usual hour of 0730 on Monday morning he had a bad cold and was stiff in all joints, and incidentally---no fish.
2. Another Flag Officer decided that he would play golf and believe it or not fell off the first tee and broke his wrist, an almost impossible act which he accomplished successfully.
3. The third Flag Officer, possibly induced by his daughter, decided to spend his weekend riding. He over estimated the conditioning influence of sitting at a desk and found himself next morning unable to do more than to complain that modern saddles were not as efficient as they once were.
5. Although personally I have no desire to restrict exercise for those who desire and are able to take it, I do wish it well understood that the order previously issued does not "require" exercising and officers who do take exercise and thereby incapacitate themselves should not report their incapacitation as a "result of orders."

ARLEIGH BURKE

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All Deputies

## ARLEIGH BURKE CLASS UPDATE BY CAPTAIN CASEY MOTON

DDG 51 Program Update for October USS Arleigh Burke Association Newsletter

Significant milestones have been achieved since my last DDG 51 Program update for the June newsletter: The first two Restart ships (DDGs 113 and 115) were commissioned in July, and the first Flight III ship (DDG 125) was awarded to Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII). The following program update provides details regarding DDGs 113 and 115 Sail Away and Commissioning events, the Flight III ECP award to HII, an update on the eight ships under construction at HII and Bath Iron Works (BIW), and status of Flight III Detail Design progress

The DDG 51 Program Restart began in 2009 and enormous progress has been made in the ensuing years. Two ships have now been delivered, eight are under con-

struction, and four more are under contract. Following sail away from the shipyard, the USS John Finn (DDG 113) and its crew transited to Pearl Harbor, HI for commissioning in July. I was proud and honored to attend the DDG 113 commissioning at the site where then Chief Petty Officer John Finn performed the heroic actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor which led to his Medal of Honor award. Also during July, the USS Rafael Peralta (DDG 115) was commissioned at its home port of San Diego, CA, which was also the hometown of Navy Cross recipient Sergeant Rafael Peralta. Both of these events were incredibly fitting tributes to the ship namesakes, and to the fighting spirit of the Navy and Marine Corps.

With two Restart ships delivered, the focus is now on ships under construction. DDGs 114, 116-121 & 123



### DDG 113, 114, 117, 119, 121, 123 Status (HII)



- DDG 113 (Delivered)
  - Trial ALPHA completed Aug '16
  - Trial BRAVO completed Oct '16
  - Trial CHARLIE completed Nov '16
  - Delivery completed Dec '16
  - Commissioned Jul '17



- DDG 114 (96% complete)
  - MELO completed Dec '16
  - Trials ALPHA/BRAVO completed Jul '17
  - Trial CHARLIE planned Sep '17
  - Delivery planned Oct '17



- DDG 117 (79% complete)
  - Christening completed Apr '17
  - ALO achieved Jul '17
  - Trial ALPHA planned Mar '18



- DDG 119 (55% complete)
  - Start Fab achieved July '15
  - Lay Keel completed May '16
  - Launch planned Sep '17



- DDG 121 (35% complete)
  - Start Fab achieved Apr '16
  - Lay Keel completed Feb '17



- DDG 123 (16% complete)
  - Start Fab achieved Jan '17
  - Lay Keel planned Nov '17

As of 24 August 2017

construction is progressing, and DDG 122 Start Fabrication is scheduled for October. At HII, DDG 114 is nearing completion and will get underway for Acceptance Trials in September with a planned delivery in October. DDGs 117, 119, 121, and 123 are tracking to scheduled milestones including DDG 119 Launch in September, and DDG 123 Lay Keel in November. At BIW, DDG 116 is 88% complete, with delivery planned for April of next year. DDG 118 has achieved the one third completion mark, whereas DDG 120 is in the first construction phase. See Figures (1) and (2) for additional details regarding status of the HII and BIW ships currently in various construction stages.

Flight III progress also continues to be excellent, and the ships will soon transition from the CAD Modeling phase to the Build phase. A very significant milestone was achieved with the first Flight III ship ECP was awarded in June to HII (DDG 125). The Flight III Detail Design has been a major focus of both the program office and the builders, and the efforts will be complete

as scheduled prior to start of construction. Development of Flight III components including the combat systems, electrical plant, and Air & Missile Defense Radar (AMDR) continue to progress as planned. Testing at the Pacific Missile Range Facility, where the AMDR Engineering Development Model is currently located, has included successful tests in both Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) and Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) scenarios. The capability that will be delivered by Flight III will enable the Navy to counter the most advanced missile threats for years to come.

In closing, it seems appropriate to look at the big picture: 64 DDG 51 Class ships delivered to the US Navy Fleet, 12 more under contract which includes the first Flight III ship, and 11 more planned. Pretty impressive stats for a Navy ship program. The Arleigh Burke Class ships are an integral piece of our past and present US military defense, and our Flight III ships will take the reputation of this prestigious ship class to the next level.



## DDG 115, 116, 118, 120 Status (BIW)



- **DDG 115 (Delivered)**
  - Trial ALPHA completed Oct '16
  - Trial BRAVO completed Nov '16
  - Trial CHARLIE completed Dec '16
  - Delivered and Crew Move Aboard Feb '17
  - Commissioning completed Jul '17
- **DDG 116 (88% complete)**
  - ALO completed Apr '17
  - Launch completed Apr '17
  - Trials ALPHA/BRAVO planned Jan '18
  - Trial CHARLIE planned Mar '18
  - Delivery planned Apr '18
- **DDG 118 (35% complete)**
  - Start Fab completed Aug '15
  - Lay Keel planned Feb '18
- **DDG 120 (6% complete)**
  - Start Fab milestone achieved Sep '16
  - Lay Keel planned Jan '19



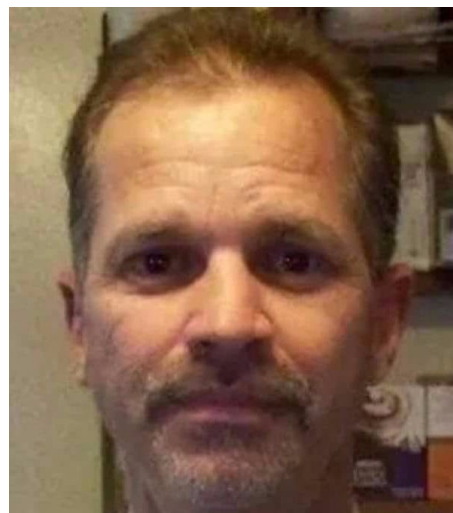
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## LOSS OF A FELLOW SHIPMATE

We were recently saddened to learn of the loss of one of our shipmates. Ronald Joseph Stevick of Fredericksburg, VA passed away Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at his home. For those who may remember, Ron was part of USS ARLEIGH BURKE's commissioning crew and a First Class Operations Specialist while on board. Ron lead multiple efforts that led to certifying the ship and her crew. In short, Ron was the consummate Surface Warfare Operations subject matter expert. He will be missed.

A link to the obituary is [here](#).



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The purpose of the USS Arleigh Burke Association is to represent the professional values of all those who have served onboard USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) or have an ongoing interest in promoting the ship and crew, the Arleigh Burke Class of Aegis Guided Missile Destroyers, as well as the United States Navy. Toward that end, this Association serves as the professional association for all ARLEIGH BURKE crewmembers and their supporters, past, present and future.

