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FROM THE PRESIDENT

USS Arleigh Burke Association, Family and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are more than half way through spring, and summer 2018 is almost here!

On 9 March, I attended USS Arleigh Burke's Change of Command where Commander Jason Stepp was relieved by Commander Errol Robinson in a wonderful ceremony on the flight deck. Fortunately, they had an excellent tent covering the fantail as while the day was beautiful with lots of sunshine there was a good breeze blowing a cold wind off of the Chesapeake Bay. Ron Struewing, our *Destroyerman* Newsletter Editor, has included a couple of pictures of both the outgoing and incoming Commanding Officers with yours truly! We also welcome a new Executive Officer, Commander John Gaines and a new Command Master Chief, Jeanette Hafer! USS Arleigh Burke departed Norfolk in April for deployment and we look forward to her return around the end of the year.

On Friday June 1st, the 2018 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship was awarded to Zackery Bretz who is attending Cedarville University in southwest Ohio. Zackery has just

completed his sophomore year. This scholarship, which is our Association's second Anchor Scholarship award, will help support

Zackery's junior year 2018-2019 at Cedarville. Zackery's sponsor is his father, Captain David Bretz, who I understand served on Arleigh Burke as the Communications Officer in the 1994-1996 timeframe. Captain Bretz is presently the Commodore of Destroyer Squadron Thirty One in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Unlike last year where there was a Tidewater Navy League hosted combined Surface, Subsurface and Air Scholarship Awards Luncheon, this year the Anchor Scholarship Foundation, which sponsors the Surface Force Sponsored Anchor Scholarships, held an independent Awards Reception at the Pennsylvania House on Norfolk Naval Base. Rear Admiral Jesse Wilson, Commander Naval Surface Forces Atlantic, was the principle speaker. Mr. Ray Weber, our Association's first Life Member and Arleigh Burke's Commissioning Warranty Guarantee Engineer and I represented the



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UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 Dues: Ongoing
Please pay on line or directly to the Treasurer, Rob Jobrack

2018 Tentative East Coast Event: OCT/NOV
based on interest

Annual Membership Meeting: Tentatively
1930-2015 Thursday 25
October 2018 - the last
Thursday of October

USS Arleigh Burke Association at the Reception. Due to the distance, Zackery was not able to attend the Awards Reception. We anticipate that his father will present him his certificate at a future date in Hawaii, and hopefully in the next edition of *The Destroyerman* we will have some pictures to share of that event! Both Zackery and his father have short bios later in the Newsletter.

Our current 2017-2018 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship Awardee, Kathleen Ballard, who is attending Northeastern University in Boston as I have mentioned before, has just completed her second year. She has done extremely well in her many academic and other school related activities as she has noted in her previous articles in *The Destroyerman*, which if you have not read I strongly encourage you to do so. We cer-

tainly wish Kathleen well as she continues to pursue her pharmaceutical degree and hope to hear from her about her progress in the future. I want to personally thank all those who made tax deductible contributions to this year's USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship – you made a difference!

Upcoming 2018 events worthy of note: 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 25 October 2018. Please mark your calendars and join this meeting. Like last year, there are two key objectives for this year's Annual Meeting. First, elect our 2019 Association Officers, and second, establish our 2019 goals. Again, your current Board of Directors are unanimous in seeking volunteers for all three positions: President, Treasurer

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TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK

Still sad you missed the 25th reunion last year? Well, you can at least look the part. We have 25th anniversary memorabilia still available. Silver anniversary T-shirts (limited sizes) are now only \$10. Hats (\$20) and coins (\$10) are also still available.



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.

Payments, to include Annual Dues, and donations to the association can be made by either:

Using PayPal via the association website, USSArleigh-BurkeAssociation.org

Sending a check made out to USS Arleigh Burke Association to:

USS Arleigh Burke Association

32 King Georges Grant
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Funds can be directed to:

- Payment of annual membership dues
- The USS Arleigh Burke Association Administered Scholarship Fund managed by the Anchor Scholarship Foundation. 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.org>.

In addition, general contributions to support the USS Arleigh Burke Association or Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation are always extremely helpful and appreciated.

Membership categories and dues for 2018 are:

USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) Ship's Company:
Free

Member: \$20

Sustaining Member: \$125 (10 year sustaining equals Life Membership)

Lifetime Member: \$1000

FROM THE SECRETARY BY MARK FORTUNE

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members and Friends,

Spring has sprung, and summer is just a month away!

The Association leadership encourages all Arleigh Burke sailors past and present to join us for our bi-monthly Association meetings held on Thursdays from 1930-2015. The next three meetings will be held 21 June, 16 August, and 18 Oct 2018 via Teleconference: 641-715-3580; Access Code: 619219. We discuss the Association's business at these meetings, and the more participation we have, the stronger the Association will be. Highlights of the discussions of the last 2 Association meetings are contained in our president, Rick Easton's From the President report.

The need to track down our former shipmates is a daunting task without help from those that have served across the nearly 27 years that USS Arleigh Burke has been in commission. If anyone has contact on former Commanding Officers or Command Master Chiefs, please pass that information to me. I encourage each of you reading this to take 15 minutes a week or a month



to contact your former shipmates and encourage them to contact me (mark.w.fortune@gmail.com) through our website <http://www.arleighburkeassociation.org/registration.php>, or through any one of our numerous Facebook pages - Search for USS Arleigh Burke Association, Arleigh Burke Plank Owners, or USS Arleigh Burke. As we gain more members, our association will keep growing and we will ensure that our ship has a long and valued partnership with our nation's defense and success.

Please join the association today! Details on how to do that are contained in Rob Jobrack's Treasurer Report. Go to the USS Arleigh Burke Association website and 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.

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

Best regards,

Mark



Former Commanding Officer, CDR Jason Stepp (left), and present Commanding officer, CDR Errol Robinson (right), with CAPT Rick Easton (Ret.) at Change of Command 09 March 2018



PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

and Secretary. In addition, everyone is welcome to join our Board of Director's recurring meetings, which take place the third Thursday of every other month. The next three Board of Director's Meetings are currently scheduled from 1930-2015 on Thursdays 21 June, 16 August and 18 October 2017 via Teleconference: 641-715-3580; Access Code: 619219. Also, if there is enough interest, we would like to hold an informal dinner get together in the October or November timeframe – location either in the Washington DC or Tidewater Virginia areas. Please let me know if you have some time to help with organizing this event.

The Association Leadership Team continues to work on the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation which is specifically dedicated to the preservation and celebration of Admiral Arleigh Burke's life accomplishments and legacy. Reminder - we are looking for volunteers for the Foundation Officers, essential to getting this important organization up and running. Please let your Association Leadership Team know if you can help with the Foundation.

One more update, unfortunately we do not have good news regarding the Arleigh Burke Roger Williams Com-

missioning Painting. The Navy has decided to not further investigate the matter unless new evidence surfaces. I again request any information that anyone has regarding the painting, in particular if you know if the painting was onboard during the time frame from 1993 through 2011. We need to narrow down the likely time that the painting disappeared. We remain hopeful that if we can provide a narrow timeframe the Navy will reopen the investigation and find this historic work of art.

I want to make another plug for annual dues. If you have not paid them yet for 2018, please 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 this Newsletter. In addition, Rob is running a special sale on selected Arleigh Burke 25th Commissioning Celebration Memorabilia, details also in the Treasurers Report section.

My best for a wonderful and safe summer!

Rick

DDG-51 PROGRAM UPDATE (MAY 2018)

BY CAPT. CASEY MOTON (DDG-51 PROGRAM MANAGER)

The DDG 51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer program, with its long history of proven capability and success, continues to be at the center of the Navy's plans for current and future mission needs. The DDG 51 Program Office operates at a high tempo while being fully engaged in delivering ships to the fleet to meet those mission needs. The following program update provides details regarding the DDG 51 program events since my last update in October 2017.

As of this date, the DDG 51 Program has delivered 65 ships to the Fleet with the latest being USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 114), delivered by Huntington Ingalls In-

dustries (HII) in November 2017. The DDG 51 program is currently focusing on the progress-to-plan of the twelve ships under contract and, later this year, awarding the FY18 – 22 Multi-year Procurement (MYP) contracts. These MYP contracts will support the Navy's increased DDG 51 build rate and include 13 Flight III ships during these years. Of the twelve ships currently under contract, eight ships are in various phases of construction at Bath Iron Works (BIW) and HII, and four more are due to start fabrication over the next year. As of September 2017, two of the twelve ships under contract, DDG 125 (HII) and DDG 126 (BIW), have received contract modifications and will

DDG-51 PROGRAM UPDATE (CONT.)

deliver as Flight III ships with the new SPY-6 Air and Missile Defense Radar (AMDR) and support systems providing additional integrated air and missile defense capability to the Fleet.

In March, I had the honor of representing our government / industry team at the Commissioning ceremony for USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 114) in Charleston, South Carolina. Private First Class Johnson, a native of Charleston, was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in recognition of heroic actions performed in Vietnam in 1968. Distinguished guests attending the commissioning included the Commandant of the Marine Corps General Neller; the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition) the Honorable Mr. Geurts; Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command VADM Moore; and Program Executive Officer (SHIPS) RADM Galinis. It was an incredible event, attended by ~6,000 people, including a significant number of the Johnson family members, as well as veteran members of the Marine's First Recon Battalion, where Private First Class Johnson served. The Ship's Sponsor, Ms. Georgeann McRaven (wife of ADM(ret) McRaven), closed the ceremony by giving the order to "man our ship and bring her to life".

The next ship coming off the production line, DDG 116 (BIW), completed a successful combined Alpha/ Bravo Builder's Trials 30 March which will be followed by Charlie Trials prior to a planned Delivery in June; DDG 117's (HII) AEGIS Light Off completed in July

2017 with sea trials scheduled for this year; DDG 118 (BIW) Lay Keel was achieved on 25 March 2018; and DDG 119's Christening ceremony was held on 4 Nov 2017 with AEGIS Light-off scheduled in the coming months.

The Flight III Design upgrade is in the final stage of completion and the SPY-6 AMDR testing is on track in support of the Flight III ships' construction schedules, beginning with DDG 125 and DDG 126. The Navy's Report to Congress on the Annual Long-Range Plan for Construction of Naval Vessels for Fiscal Year 2019, which includes the Navy's 30-year shipbuilding plan, promotes an increased build rate with 2.5 DDG 51 Class ships per year over the next decade. Again, this is evidence of the Navy's strong support of the DDG 51 Program.

2018 marks 30 years of production for the DDG 51 Program – the lead ship of the class, USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51), had its keel laid in 1988. I remain humbled and extremely proud of the DDG 51 Program's past and current success, and the government/ industry team that has and continues to take a heavy strain on a daily basis in order to deliver the capability our Navy's sailors need. There is every indication, that throughout the remainder of this decade and the next, the DDG 51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyers will continue to be included in the Navy's "build plan" to a 355 ship Navy– something in which we can all take great pride!

USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 114) was commissioned in Charleston, South Carolina, on March 24 2018. The ship is named in honor of Medal of Honor recipient, Marine Corps Pfc. Ralph Johnson.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE USS ARLEIGH BURKE ASSOCIATION 2018 ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



Zachary Bretz



Scholarship: \$2250 USS Arleigh Burke Association Scholarship
sponsored by ARLEIGH BURKE ASSOCIATION

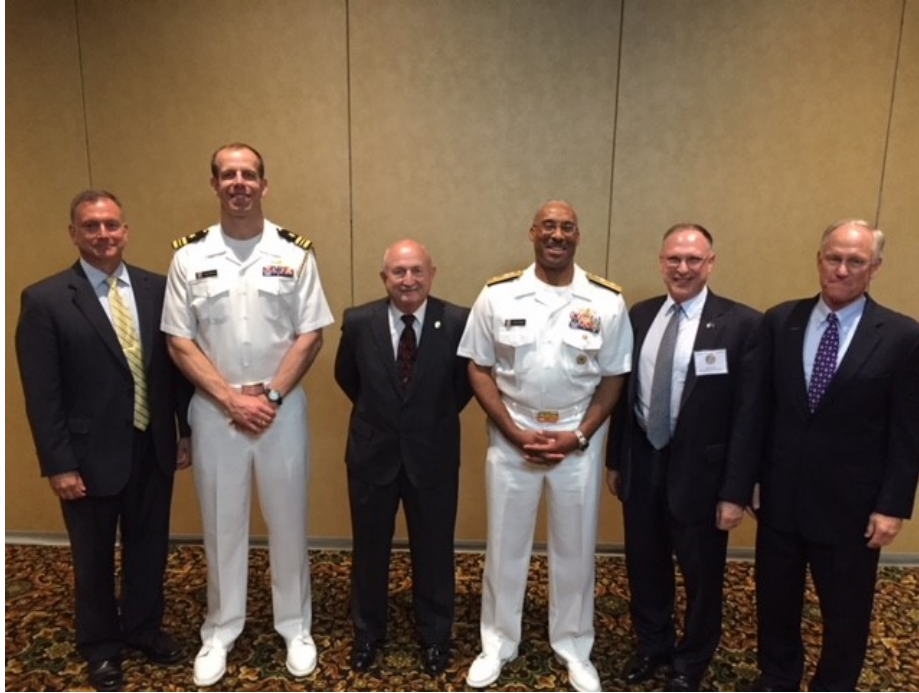
College: Cedarville University - Junior

Areas of Study: Studying Mechanical Engineering/Bible/Mathematics

Academic and Extracurricular Highlights:

- 3.69 College GPA
- Cedarville University "Supermileage" Team Member
- Freelance Artist

"Thank you so much! This scholarship will help me focus on learning and gaining valuable experience in the year to come. And with four younger siblings hoping to follow my path to college, and with one already there, that gratitude is multiplied many times over." **Zachary**



Picture of the five Arleigh Burke Sailors who attended the 2018 Anchor Scholarship Awards Ceremony with Rear Admiral Jesse Wilson, Commander Naval Surface Force Atlantic and Principle Speaker. Of note, as a Captain, Jesse Wilson Commanded Admiral Burke's Little Beaver Squadron, Destroyer Squadron Twenty Three and he is a fervent supporter of all things to do with Admiral Burke. From left to right: Larry Tindal - former Executive Officer, Kevin Walter – former Division Officer and now SURFLANT Aide, Ray Weber – Commissioning Warranty Guarantee Engineer, Jesse Wilson – Commander Naval Surface Force Atlantic, Rick Easton – Commissioning Executive Officer, Nevin Carr – fifth Arleigh Burke Commanding Officer.



Group Photo with the 2018 Anchor Scholarship Recipients, their Sponsors as well as Anchor Scholarship Foundation Board Members. In the back on the left together is Rick Easton and Ray Weber, and on the right Nevin Carr. Note: our Anchor Scholarship recipient, Zackery Bretz, was not present due to distance from Hawaii and Rick Easton along with Ray Weber accepted the Scholarship on his behalf. It will be presented to him formally in Hawaii by his father, Captain Dave Bretz, who served in Arleigh Burke as Junior Officer and is presently Commodore of Destroyer Squadron Thirty One.

2018 ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (CONT.)



Ray Weber and Rick Easton representing USS Arleigh Burke Association at the Reception



Dan Holloway (Huntington Ingalls), Michael Fierro (BecTech), Ray Weber (BAE Systems), and Rick Easton



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February 1, 2018

CAPT Rick Easton, USN (Ret)
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Dear Captain Easton,

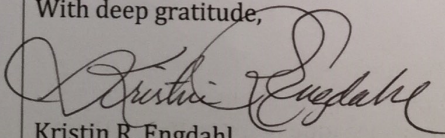
On behalf of Surface Navy families, thank you so much for the USS Arleigh Burke Association's recent \$2500 funding of the 2108 Arleigh Burke Association Scholarship. This administered scholarship will lessen the financial burden a Surface dependent carries as they pursue their college education.

The cost of a college education has skyrocketed; 44.2 million Americans carry student loan debt for a total of \$1.48 trillion dollars! Right now, college debt is the second highest form of debt in the US, second only to mortgages. This debt not only impacts the graduates, it also impacts their parents—almost 30% of student borrowers move back in with their parents after graduation!

As part of a diversified approach to funding a college education, scholarships are essential. Reducing the debt—at any level—gives these students an advantage upon graduation. Because of your help, the Anchor Scholarship Foundation can continue to impact the lives of our Surface Navy children and spouses.

It is our *mission* to make college more affordable for Surface Navy families; it is our *pleasure* to work with people like you to succeed in this mission. We look forward to awarding the 2018 Arleigh Burke Association Scholarship in June. Thank you for partnering with us to make a difference in the lives of Surface Navy families!

With deep gratitude,


Kristin R. Engdahl
Executive Director

Cc: Mr. R.L. Jobrack

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LTJG ARLEIGH BURKE SOUNDS OFF ON DOCTRINE

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

From *Arleigh Burke: The Sailor at War 1921-1945, Portrait of the Sailor and Commander in His Own Words*, compiled and edited by David Alan Rosenberg and Deborah L. Haines. Written in 1929; Original in Personal File, Fldr. #1, 1925-1938, Admiral Arleigh Burke papers, Operational Archives, Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington Navy Yard.

Introduction:

Ensign Arleigh Burke graduated the U.S. Naval Academy on 7 June 1923 and spent his first five years in the Navy on the battleship *Arizona*. He learned responsibility standing watches both in port and underway, and developed the basics of leadership commanding the enlisted crew of the battleship's number four 14-inch turret. In August 1924, following four months at the Destroyer Squadrons Torpedo Training School in San Diego, Burke became the *Arizona*'s torpedo officer, in charge of the ship's two 21-inch underwater tubes. In succeeding years, he also served as assistant engineer and ship's secretary. The duty that Burke found most fascinating, however, was gunnery. He had become interested in gunnery while still a midshipman and had told his future wife that he hoped to pursue "p.g." (postgraduate education) in ordnance as a path to success in the Navy as a member of the so-called "gun club" of the Bureau of Ordnance. Spurred on by *Arizona*'s gunnery officer, Lieutenant Commander Andrew Denney, who had taught him at the Naval Academy, Burke worked at developing a gunnery specialty and soon qualified as head of the plotting room, handling range direction using the Ford Instrument Company's Rangekeeper, one of the earliest analog computers, during the *Arizona*'s gunnery practices. In 1927 he formally applied for ordnance postgraduate work at the Postgraduate School at the Naval Academy. Competition was stiff--only eight out of fifty-four applicants were chosen for the 1928 courses--and despite strong recommendations, Burke's application was denied. Burke then directed himself to other pursuits while still working toward getting orders to ordnance postgraduate work (he was ultimately accepted in 1929).

Burke had enrolled in the Naval War College correspondence course in strategy and tactics as soon as he was eligible (upon passing his examinations in 1926 for promotion to lieutenant (junior grade). He worked on it in his spare time for three years, finally completing it in April 1929. The course consisted of twelve problems. The first six concerned war instructions, while the rest covered minor tactical cases. The college tactical section originated and critiqued the course in keeping with the current curriculum. There were no stock solutions. The "textbooks" were the 1926 edition of the pamphlet, "The Estimate of the Situation," which explicitly described the "thorough and methodical course of reasoning" military decision-making required, as well as the classified (Confidential) 1923 "United States Navy War Instructions" that provided direction on everything from tactical formations, to cruising and scouting operations, and the conduct of battle at sea by not just one ship but the entire fleet, to include submarines and aircraft. Published lectures dealing with policy and foreign affairs served as supplementary reading. This was heady material for a twenty-something junior officer but it established a strong interest in strategy and tactics that stayed with him for the rest of his time in the Navy.

Unfortunately, Burke's course records have not been found in the archives of the Naval War College. What has survived, however, is the following poem. Both Arleigh and Bobbie Burke were fond of doggerel, usually presented on hand-drawn Christmas cards, but this is the best example of one composed entirely by the young Lieutenant (j.g.), written while serving as navigator of the auxiliary *Procyon*, the flagship of the U.S. Fleet's logistics body, the Fleet Base Force:

DOCTRINE

Now this is the guide of the Base Force,
Learn it as well as you may,
For this is your basis for action,
To avoid dependence and delay.

Our watchword and mission is service,
That our Fleet may be ready to fight,
Let the habits you form in the peace time,
In war, keep your neck from the bight.

The Command needs your brain and your action,
Else the job that you hold would be less,
So advise what you deem to be proper,
But act when that seems to be best.

The man on the scene has the knowledge,
That the boss may not often possess,
So the goal is how best to use it,
That your job leave you not in distress.

Many are the ways to write orders,
There's but one that's sure to be clear,
In "paragraph two" of the order
The task to be done must appear.

In paragraph one is the reason,
That the order was issued at all,
The rest of the order are details,
To be changed when you're sure it's good ball.

Your solution should be sent with a problem,
Consider your boss at the top,
Be brief in all your despatches,
And discrepancies will frequently stop,

Depend not too much on your senior,
If you to the top do aspire,
If you're right the climb will be easy,
If wrong 'tis your funeral pyre.

Now the secret of this doctrine is thus stated,
You're expected to use the old head,
If you've acted and wrong 'tis much better,
Than to sit on your duff and play dead.

For when taps comes round to be sounded,
There'll be room for but one in the hole,
And no signals nor letters will help you,
As over the Jordan you roll.

ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP CONT.



Captain David Bretz

Captain Bretz sponsored his son, Zackery Bretz for the Anchor Scholarship Award for 2018. Captain Bretz is the Commodore of Destroyer Squadron THREE ONE at Pearl Harbor HI.



THOMAS HUDNER (DDG 116) at the christening ceremony at General Dynamics Bath Iron Works on Saturday, April 1, 2017.

The ship is named after Capt. Thomas Hudner, who received the Medal of Honor for exceptional valor during the Battle of Chosin Reservoir in the Korean War.

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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.

