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FROM THE PRESIDENT

USS Arleigh Burke Association, Family and Friends,

Summer certainly whizzed by quickly this year, at least it did for the Easton family! As you read this issue of *The Destroyerman*, fall is upon us and we only have to look out a couple of months and we will be in the midst of the 2018 Holiday Season! That means that it is time to have our Association's Annual Membership Meeting and elect Officers for 2019! This edition of *The Destroyerman* Newsletter, following up Mark Fortune's official Email Announcement on Monday 24 September, also provides notification and details of the 2018 USS Arleigh Burke Association Annual Meeting scheduled 1930-2015 Thursday 25 October 2018 via Tele-conference – see 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 will definitely be helpful and appreciated! Last year we had a number of new folks join the Meeting and it would be great to meet or best that this year!

Quick update on the USS Arleigh Burke Association Sponsored Anchor Scholarship. Our second recipient of

the scholarship, Zachery Bretz, has commenced his junior year at Cedarville University in southwest Ohio. We are fortunate to



have an outstanding introductory note from Zack later in this edition of *The Destroyerman* which includes an update on his Junior year fall semester activities and past accomplishments.

Importantly, we are starting to raise the funds to support award of next year's USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year. Funds have to be provided to the Anchor Scholarship Foundation by February 2019, and our target is to achieve our \$2500 goal by December 31st this year. Again, my sincere appreciation to all the Association Members who contributed in 2017 and made our second scholarship a reality. All contributions for next year's award are fully tax deductible, and I thank in advance all of those who can make a contribution between now and the end of the year. You can contribute by sending a check to our Treasurer – see Rob's section for details or donate on our official website.

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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

In 2018 we made some good progress on our Association's annual goals. First, we met our fundraising objectives for the 2018-2019 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship and awarded our second scholarship; and second, we initiated action to establish the USS Arleigh Burke Foundation. However, regarding the Foundation, we did not get as far as we had hoped in approaching and finding significant "founding" donors. Much of this was due to the limited time your Officers had to commit this year. This will be an important topic of discussion at the upcoming October Annual Meeting. Also on the unfortunate side, at this juncture we have to declare the original Roger Williams USS Arleigh Burke Commissioning Painting lost as we have not received any new information despite repeated requests, and the Navy will not further investigate the matter as I have previously reported. Unless I get some new information, this will be my last update on this topic.

As I mentioned in my opening paragraph, our 2018 Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place via Teleconference at 1930-2015 on Thursday 25 October 2018 – Agenda below. Like the past several years, there are two key objectives for this year's Annual Meeting. First, elect our 2019 Association Officers, and second, establish our 2019 goals. Your current Board of Directors are seeking volunteers for all three positions: President, Treasurer and Secretary. In addition, we need volunteers to help the Secretary find former Arleigh

Burke shipmates and encourage them to join our Association. As I have mentioned before, everyone is welcome to join our recurring Board of Director Meetings, which take place the third Thursday of every other month. The next Board of Director's Meeting is currently scheduled from 1930-2015 on Thursday 18 October 2018 via Teleconference: 641-715-3580; Access Code: 619219. This year we will likely skip our December Board of Director's Meeting, so the next Board of Directors Meeting after the October meeting I expect will be 21 February 2019. In addition, we are still looking for volunteers to lead local Arleigh Burke Association events.

Agenda:

- Attendance, Welcome and Introduction
- Financial Report
- Secretary Update
- President Update
- Officer Election
- 2019 Administered Anchor Scholarship Support Approval
- Foundation Way Ahead and Continued Support Approval
- Bits and Pieces: Publicity, Website, Archives/History, Memorabilia Sales, Social Events
- Any Other Items of Business?
- Conclusion
- Adjourn

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TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK

It's not too late to pay your 2018 dues. 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 Lifetime)



- Lifetime Member: \$1000

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 and donations to the association can be made in two simple ways:

Using PayPal via the association website, [USS Arleigh-BurkeAssociation.org](http://USSArleigh-BurkeAssociation.org).

Send a check made out to USS Arleigh

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FROM THE SECRETARY BY MARK FORTUNE

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members and Friends,

Hope everyone had a nice summer!

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 meeting will be held 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.

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! 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

TREASURER'S REPORT (CONT.)

Burke Association to:
USS Arleigh Burke Association
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Want to contribute more than just dues? You can specify that any additional contributions be directed toward:

- 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.com>.

- General contributions to support the USS Arleigh Burke Association or Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation

We still have 25th anniversary memorabilia available. Silver anniversary T-shirts (limited sizes) are now only \$10. Hats (\$20) and coins (\$10) are also still available.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Please forward any additional agenda items or other inputs/thoughts to Mark Fortune, copy Rob Jobrack and me, and 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 upcoming Annual Meeting, or any other aspect of our Association.

It seems like I am always making a plug for annual dues. But, 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 our 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. In addition, Rob is still running a special sale on the remaining Arleigh Burke 25th Commissioning Celebration Memorabilia, details in the Treasurer's Report section, which make great Holiday gifts!!

I want to close by thanking our Treasurer, Rob Jobrack, Secretary, Mark Fortune, and our Newsletter Editor, Ron Struewing, as well as those others who have routinely joined our Board of Director's Meetings for their time and effort. It is greatly appreciated!! My best to all USS Arleigh Burke Association Members, Families and Friends for a wonderful fall, 2018 Holiday Season, and 2019 New Year!

Rick

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? BY TONY TALBERT

My name is Tony Talbert, I was an Operations Specialist Chief onboard ARLEIGH BURKE from pre-commissioning through October of 1992, when I was commissioned through the LDO program.

After leaving ARLEIGH BURKE, I transferred to CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54) as the commissioning Electronic Warfare Officer. Not long after the ship commissioned, I took over the Operations Intelligence Division and assumed duties as the CIC Officer and Assistant Operations Officer.

In December of 1995, I transferred to Fleet Combat Training Center Pacific as the Director for Tactical Warfare Training. In 1996, I was named the Navy-Wide Instructor of the Year and spent the remainder of my tour as the Director of Academic training. I then transferred to Commander, Carrier Group 1 as the Air Defense Officer, where I planned and executed 12 Comprehensive Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) events. In June of 2000, I transferred to the Aegis Training and Readiness Center (ATRC) Detachment San Diego as the Officer in Charge. During that tour I was promoted to Lieutenant Commander, then transferred to Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group 5 as

the Tactical Flag Command Center (TFCC) Officer and Strike Group Joint Interface Control Officer (JICO). In June of 2004, I transferred to the newly formed Center for Surface Combat Systems (CSCS) in Dahlgren Va. While at CSCS, I served as both the Director of Skills Management (N3) and the Director of Training (N7). During that tour I was promoted to Commander, then transferred to Commander, Strike Force Training Atlantic (CSFTL), as the Air Defense / Ballistic Missile Defense officer and the Staff Joint Interface Control Officer. In 2009, I transferred to the newly formed Navy Air and Missile Defense Command (NAMDC) as the Director of Training - where I served until my retirement in 2011, giving me a total of 31 years of active duty service. In January of 2011, I accepted a Government Service position at the NAMDC as the Director of Training. In 2014, NAMDC was absorbed into the new Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center – Integrated Air and Missile Defense Division (NSMWDC-IAMD) – where I continue to serve as the Training and IAMD Warfare Tactics Instructor (WTI) Branch Head. I currently live in Dahlgren with my wife, Debra.

WHAT ARLEIGH BURKE ACCOMPLISHED AS CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS: THE NEW NAVAL STRATEGY

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

- A PEACETIME STRATEGY: FORWARD DEPLOYMENT
- A WARTIME STRATEGY: FORWARD DEFENSE
- AN ALTERNATIVE NUCLEAR STRATEGY: FINITE DETERRENCE, CONTROLLED RETALIATION, SECURE BASING
- A NAVY FOR CRISES AND LIMITED WAR

DRIVEN BY:

- SOVIET MILITARY AND TECHNOLOGICAL PEER COMPETITION (RED ARMY AND WARSAW PACT IN EUROPE, SPUTNIK, ICBMS, WORLD'S LARGEST SUBMARINE FORCE (400+) AND DEVELOPING NUCLEAR STALEMATE)
- LIMITED WAR IN KOREA, 1950-53, AND CRISES IN TAIWAN (1954-55, 1958), SUEZ, (1956) LEBANON AND INDONESIA (1958), LAOS (1960-61), BERLIN (1959-61), CUBA (1961-62)

ENABLED BY DECISIONS TO:

- SUSTAIN STRIKING FORCES FORWARD (2ND, 6TH AND 7TH FLEETS)
- MAKE ALL SUBMARINES NUCLEAR-POWERED BASED ON ALBACORE HULL
- DEVELOP/DEPLOY A SEA-BASED IRBM (POLARIS SSBN) AS NATIONAL DETERRENT, SYSTEM NOT A WEAPON AIMED AT "TARGETS OF NAVAL INTEREST"
- ADOPT USMC STRATEGY OF VERTICAL ENVELOPMENT (BIG-DECK AMPHIBS-LPH)
- MODERNIZE NAVAL AVIATION: F4H PHANTOM II, A2F INTRUDER, A3D SKYWARRIOR, A3J VIGILANTE, A4D SKYHAWK, HSS-2 SEA KING, P3V ORION, CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR POWERED ATTACK AND ASW AIRCRAFT CARRIERS
- TRANSFORM SURFACE WARFARE: NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL MISSILE CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS (CGN, DLGN, DLG, DDG) AND FAST COMBAT LOGISTICS SHIP (AOE)
- INVEST IN COMMAND AND CONTROL AND INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE: NAVAL TACTICAL DATA SYSTEM (NTDS), SINGLE SIDE-BAND RADIO, SPACE COMMUNICATIONS (TRANSIT), SOUND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (SOSUS), ACCLIMATE SUBMARINE SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS, HF/DF BULLSEYE ANTENNAS, GRAB/POPPY ELINT SATELLITES
- DEVELOP UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE CAPABILITY (SEALS)



ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE ZACHARY BRETZ



Zachary receiving the award from his father, CAPT David Bretz, Commander of Destroyer Squadron THREE ONE, in Hawaii



ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE BY ZACHARY BRETZ

Greetings, Arleigh Burke Association!

My name is Zachary Bretz, and I have the privilege of being selected as this year's Arleigh Burke Association-sponsored Anchor Scholarship. First off, thank you all who are part of this Association. You all are the reason this sponsorship contributes to students like me to be able to pursue their academic dreams. The scholarship becomes all the more meaningful to me because it honors the first ship my dad was on as a commissioned officer.

I am currently a junior at Cedarville University, an exceptional, Christ-centered institution of 4,000 students in southwest Ohio. I'm studying in the university's rigorous, accredited Mechanical Engineering program, and have enjoyed it so much. The program has thus far given me much experience in the broad field of engineering, and I look forward to my next two years here. After graduation, I plan to go into some sort of research and design, combining my artistic and engineering mindset to create and invent products that shape our world today.

Outside of classes, labs, and homework, I am involved in several aspects of the campus life. I mentor and

spend time with the close-knit group of guys in the dorm, and I play competitive intramural soccer. Art is another passion of mine: I draw or paint on my own, and complete freelance work like portraits. But my biggest extracurricular activity is leading the Cedarville University Supermileage team. Let me explain. We design, fabricate, improve, and drive high-efficiency vehicles, placing well in international competitions each year, including the Shell Eco-marathon and SAE Supermileage. Our small, steel-and-fiberglass, gasoline-powered cars get upwards of 1,000 miles per gallon, and we're still climbing. We project this year's car to get nearly 4,000! This is my third year on the team, and I have learned so many practical shop and fabrication skills, from 3D CAD modeling to fiberglass work. The experience of managing a team of 20+ people has been exciting and humbling, and I look forward to the continued challenge of leading and creating the energy-efficient technology of the future.

Thank you again. I am so grateful for this generous opportunity. I will use it well and not take it for granted.

Zachary



Zack with his mother, Christy,
and father, CAPT David Bretz



Zack with his family after his father's Change of Command at Pearl Harbor. left to right are:

AJ, Josh, Ben, Capt. Bretz, Mrs. Bretz, Hanna, and Zack.



More than two years after the 25th - still lots of fond memories of our Reunion in Norfolk over the Fourth of July 2016. Individuals from left to right: Tony Burk, Mike Haskell, Tim Potter, Rick Easton, Tim Reed, Paul Brionez, Dave Kuligowski, Scott Woody, Ivan Ulrich, and Chuck Killian

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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.

