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FROM THE PRESIDENT

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members, Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! As 2019 wraps up this decade, our Association looks forward to a productive year continuing the initial actions to fully establish the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation, and kicking off the planning for the USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary and Reunion in Summer 2021. We will also set the stage for our Association's future as we enter the 2020 decade – hard to believe!

Importantly, I want to thank all of our Members, Friends and Corporate Supporters for their continued contribution to our Association. I also thank our Officers and those individuals who volunteer their time to run our Association. Specific thanks to Ron Struwing for his sustained effort in putting together our Association Newsletter, *The Destroyerman*. Thanks to all those who provide inputs to *The Destroyerman* as well - your contribution makes a difference in producing a truly outstanding Newsletter. In addition, thanks to all of those who contributed in 2018 to the USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship – we exceeded our goal and will again for the third year in a row fully fund the Schol-

arship for 2019-2020. Don't forget that all donations to the USS Arleigh Burke Anchor Scholarship are fully tax deductible under our 501C3 Charter.



Our Annual Meeting was held on Thursday 25 October 2018 via Teleconference as in past years. In 2018 we had the most participants in our Annual Meeting to date, and I thank everyone who called in for their time and contribution – excellent discussion. Following are the highlights which are also captured in Mark Fortune's Annual Meeting Minutes posted on our Association Website:

Your current officers were again reelected for another year. In addition to serving as your President, Rob Jobrack and Mark Fortune continue to serve as your Treasurer and Secretary respectively. We are looking for new volunteers to step into Association Leadership positions – this is a bit of a broken record, but we are serious in wanting “new blood” in leadership positions.

Rob reported that our bank balance is in

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 Dues: Ongoing
Please pay on line or directly to the Treasurer, Rob Jobrack

2019 Tentative Informal Dinner Get Together : based on interest

Annual Membership Meeting: Tentatively
1930-2015 Thursday 24
October 2018 - the 4th
Thursday of October

good shape with all 2018 taxes and bills paid. Thanks very much to our Members who paid their dues in 2018.

The Membership unanimously voted to continue support for the USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship. Zachary Bretz was the second recipient of the USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship, awarded this past June 2018. Zachary contributed a very nice introductory article in the October 2018 Issue of *The Destroyerman*. If you missed it I recommend that you take a look at that issue, which is available on our Association Website. Our commitment to this cause provides a Family Member of an Arleigh Burke Sailor, current or past, with a merit \$2,250 academic scholarship. It has to be applied for and is awarded to the best qualified applicant annually.

Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation Way Ahead. In 2019, VADM John Morgan and RADM Nevin Carr, The Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation CO-Chairmen, and I will be engaging with RADM Sam Cox, Director of the Navy History and Heritage Center, and others, to explore the most effective way to leverage the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation to both preserve Admiral Arleigh Burke's legacy and enable others to learn about the Admiral's significant contribution to our Navy and our nation. The Association Membership voted to provide \$1000 from the Association to assist with Foundation costs in 2019.

Establishment of Honorary USS Arleigh Burke Association Membership for all Destroyer Squadron 23 Commodores and Surface Warfare Officers School Commanding Officers – passed unanimously. As Destroyer Squadron 23 was Admiral Burke's Destroyer Squadron, and Admiral Burke established the first professional school for Surface Warfare Officers – initially called Destroyer School and today called the Surface Warfare Officers Schools Command, having those leaders be part of our Association helps with building our Association and disseminating the objectives of both our Association and the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation.

In 2019, we will conduct Association Board of Director Meetings from 1930-2015 (7:30-8:15pm) either the third or fourth Wednesday or Thursday of every other month commencing Thursday 24 January 2019. Board of Director Meeting dates for 2019 are published in *The Destroyerman* on the back page. All Members and Friends are welcome to join the teleconference! In addition, the 2019 Annual Meeting is scheduled for 1930-2015 Thursday 24 October 2019. (Teleconference for BOD/ Annual Meetings: 641-715-3580; Pass/AccessCode: 619219).

2019 Association Priorities:

Fully support publication of *The Destroyerman*

Raise the funds for the 2020-2021 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship

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TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK

Thank you to all who paid dues and contributed to the Anchor Scholarship in 2019 dues. We have either received or have pledged for the full \$2500 2019-2020 Scholarship.



Membership categories and dues for 2019 remain the same as last year:

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

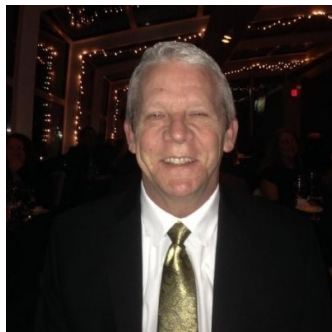
The USS Arleigh Burke Association is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt non-profit organization under section 501(c)(19) of

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FROM THE SECRETARY BY MARK FORTUNE

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members and Friends,

Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year!



The Association leadership encourages all Arleigh Burke sailors past and present to join us for our bi-monthly Association meetings held on either the third or fourth Thursdays from 1930-2015. The next meeting will be held 24 Jan 2019 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.

We held our Annual Meeting on Thursday, Oct 25th, 2018 via teleconference. The meeting minutes are captured in our President's, Rick Easton's input, and are also available on the association website.

The need to track down our former shipmates is a daunting task without help from those that have served across the nearly 28 years that USS Arleigh Burke has been in commission. If anyone has contact on former Sailors, to include Executive Officers and 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.)

the internal revenue code.

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

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

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

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

We're beginning to run out of our 25th anniversary memorabilia. Silver anniversary T-shirts (limited sizes) are only \$10. Hats (\$20) and coins (\$10) are also still available.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Establish the USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary and Reunion Committee

Support the USS Arleigh Burke Foundation establishment activities

Again, I am seeking a volunteer to help manage the Association Web Site. It will not take very much time, but we need someone who has some familiarity with websites and can dedicate one or two hours each month to keeping our Website current. In addition, it would be great if we can find a volunteer to organize an Informal Dinner Get Together in 2019. If you are interested in volunteering to help with these things please give me a call. Also, we still

need help tracking down and capturing contact information of former Arleigh Burke Sailors. Please reach out to Mark Fortune if you can spare some time pursuing old shipmates.

I look forward to seeing as many of our Association Members, as well as current and former USS Arleigh Burke shipmates in 2019 as possible. If you have questions regarding our Association, or ideas on how to do things better, please reach out to me, Rob or Mark – phone call, text, email, or however! My best for a Happy and Prosperous 2019! Sail safely!

Rick

SEA STORY FROM A FORMER SHIPMATE BY DR. CHARLES STUPPARD, CAPTAIN, US NAVY (RET)

Back in 1991, I was a second tour division officer in Pearl Harbor and attended an event like most other curious waterfront officers. CDR Morgan, CO of the famous brand new Navy destroyer USS Arleigh Burke, was giving a brief on the capabilities and status of this lead ship. I went to the brief and saw the captain and his combat system officer talk about this marvel of technology - it was fascinating! Especially for me, a Cornell Engineer and then fleet-up Combat System Officer on an NTU Cruiser. But that was where the awe stopped. That kind of assignment was for the very best of the best of crews!

Fast forward 12 years, I was working in the Pentagon in 2003 when I was called by the senior Navy Joint Staff officer about my next assignment. That was after 3 years on the Joint Staff including 9/11, Afghanistan's shock and awe operation and the long arduous days. The good VADM said "Charles, I have your assignment sheet in front of me, where would you like to go?" I said "sir, at this stage, I will take AFDM #7 - in Norfolk", which is a dry dock; I just wanted to get away from the puzzle palace and back to the fleet. Then the admiral said "son, you are going to the Arleigh Burke!" I could not believe what I heard and asked him to repeat all

after "son".

After that moment of shock, came the awe. Fortunately, I said that I had been working on a command philosophy for my command board as an XO. Realizing that VADM Morgan was upstairs, I went up to him and Admiral Morgan graciously reviewed the command philosophy with me and included two distinct lines and quotes that he said Admiral Burke would want to see in there. I incorporated them and followed them throughout my command tour.

The lesson learned and sea story is that one never knows where one can end up. Preparation is the key! Someone said that good fortune is a mix of preparation and hard work. I wish all of you, Arleigh Burke commissioning crew, a happy 2019.

Full Steam Ahead – 31KTS!

Warm regards,

Charles Stuppard, PhD

(Editor's note: Dr. Stuppard was the ninth commanding officer of Arleigh Burke. Mark Fortune, our Secretary, worked with him as commissioning combat system shipmates onboard USS Gonzalez.)

DONATION TO VA HOSITAL BY CHUCK KILLIAN

For over 70 years the VA Hospital in Lebanon, PA has been attending to our veterans in Central PA. Through my work, I've had the pleasure to provide work on the Security Systems at the hospital. In doing that, I've met some fabulous people that work for the hospital. These people have always treated our veterans with the highest of care. Recently I've started using the Lebanon VA for my own health care and got to see these people in

action. I've always felt these unsung heroes that support our veterans don't get the credit they deserve. I felt the least we could do was to present the 20th and 25th USS Arleigh Burke Commemorative prints to the hospital. Association President Rick Easton signed 4 prints, 2 for the hospital and 2 for the brave men and women of the Police Department in the hospital.



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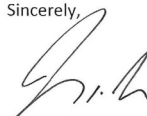
Chuck Killian
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Dear Chuck Killian:

On behalf of the Lebanon patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of two pictures to hang at the VA Medical center.

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Fees
Chief Voluntary Service

ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE BY ZACK BRETZ

Greetings from snowy Ohio!

My first semester of junior year at Cedarville University has come and gone, the second is well underway, and I've been able to accomplish and learn so much. The engineering course load has been heavy, but I have been able to acquire much about thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, and properties of engineering materials, as well as spending many hours preparing lab reports on vibrations, stress analysis, and more. I look forward to this semester full of topics like mechanical design, heat transfer, and finite

element analysis.

I have also enjoyed the challenge of leading our Supermileage engineering team, getting our cars ready for competition at the Shell Eco-marathon Americas this April in California (where we look to beat our 6th place finish from last year), and also the SAE Supermileage Competition in June. And I don't forget to take time occasionally to relax and recharge with my friends. Thank you all so much again for your support!



Campus in the snow

Supermileage cars in the engineering lab



ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE EDUCATIONAL TRUST TRUSTEES ESTABLISH NEW ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE EDUCATIONAL TRUST ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP

BY CAPT RICK EASTON AND VADM HANK GIFFIN

The Admiral Arleigh Burke Educational Trust trustees, VADM Hank Giffin USN (Ret.), CAPT Cam Ingram USN (Ret.) and CAPT Bob Perry USN (Ret.), recently voted for the Trust to support a new annual \$2,250 Admiral Arleigh Burke Educational Trust Anchor Scholarship – similar to the USS Arleigh Burke Association sponsored Anchor Scholarship. Based on Admiral Burke's wishes, the Admiral Arleigh Burke Educational Trust was established and funded after his death to provide expanded educational opportunities for USS Arleigh Burke active duty Sailors. Over the past several years, the Trust has provided thousands of dollars to support active duty USS Arleigh Burke current and former Sailors in their pursuit of continuing education and advanced certification programs. With the recent Trus-

tee decision, the Trust now provides, though the Anchor Scholarship Foundation, the opportunity for dependents of current and former USS Arleigh Burke Sailors to receive financial support for higher education programs.

The first Admiral Arleigh Burke Educational Trust Anchor Scholarship will be awarded this spring for the 2019-2020 academic year. It is great that dependents of USS Arleigh Burke that are still on active duty now have two opportunities each year to receive Anchor Scholarships – from both the Admiral Arleigh Burke Educational Trust and the USS Arleigh Burke Association! Many thanks to the Admiral Arleigh Burke Educational Trust trustees for supporting this new Anchor Scholarship!

A MESSAGE FROM THE USS ARLEIGH BURKE CAPTAIN

**BY CDR ERROL ROBINSON
USS ARLEIGH BURKE COMMANDING OFFICER**

(REPRINTED FROM THE OCTOBER 2018 USS ARLEIGH BURKE OMBUDSMAN NEWSLETTER)

During the month of October, the officers and crew stood on the flight deck on the Navy's Birthday toward the billowing American Flag, we took a moment to reflect. This silent moment gave us all the opportunity to remember just where we came from- not only whom we have become as a Sailor, but as a ship, and as a Navy. We took the time to acknowledge and recognize the men and women who have pushed us, and supported us to strive to that next level. To our mentors, peers, families, and inspirations- thank you for all you've done for us. Although we have had many accomplishments during the past few months, I look forward to seeing our team rise to the next challenge as we near the end of our 2018 5th and 6th Fleet deployment.



2019 BOD Meeting Dates

24 January 20 March 16 May 18 July 18 Sep
17 October 24 Oct Annual Meeting 21 November

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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 on-going 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.

