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FROM THE PRESIDENT

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members, Family and Friends,

It is hard to believe that the 2018-2019 School Year is coming to an end and we are more than half way through spring – well on the way to summer! 2019 is shaping up to be an important year for our Association on several fronts: Our 2019-2020 Anchor Scholarship recipient will be announced around the 1st of June with the official awards ceremony on the Battleship Wisconsin adjacent to Nauticus at Waterside in downtown Norfolk on Wednesday June 5th. Commander Errol Robinson will be relieved by Commander John Gaines as Commanding Officer of USS Arleigh Burke this summer; Commander Pat Chapman is in the process of relieving Commander Gaines as Executive Officer in the Admiral's ship as I write my spring Newsletter input. We will establish the Association's USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Committee this fall, and start the important work to put together our third Association Reunion to be held in 2021. We anticipate that we will complete the USS Arleigh Burke Foundation Charter, AND implement a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), or

other agreement, with the National Museum of the Surface Navy, which is being established at the Battleship Iowa in the Port

of Los Angeles – more on this below. And, we plan to hold an informal get together in the Washington DC area this fall – most likely a dinner in late September or the first half of October.

The Anchor Scholarship Foundation has wrapped up another very competitive candidate selection process and selected the 2019-2020 Anchor Scholarship Awardees. The recipients will be recognized at a ceremony on 5 June 2019 on the fantail of the USS Wisconsin BB-64 at 1 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, Virginia. This year the Anchor Scholarship Foundation is awarding 44 scholarships to include our USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship, as well as the new Admiral Arleigh Burke Educational Trust Anchor Scholarship, funded by the Admiral Arleigh Burke Educational Trust, as reported in the February 2019 issue of *The Destroyerman*. I expect to be attending the Awards Ceremony on



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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

Wednesday June 5th, and I hope that our recipient will be present. As you probably remember, the 2018-2019 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholar was awarded to Zackery Bretz, who is attending Cedarville University in southwest Ohio, and has updated us a couple of times with articles on what he is doing in *The Destroyerman*. This year's scholarship is our Association's third Anchor Scholarship award. The principle speaker at the upcoming Awards Ceremony is Admiral Chris Grady, Commander United States Fleet Forces. Again this year, Mr. Ray Weber, our Association's first Life Member and Arleigh Burke's Commissioning Warranty Guarantee Engineer, will join me at the Ceremony and following Reception.

Our Association's next Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place via Teleconference at 1930-2015 on Thursday 24 October 2019. Please mark your calendars and join this meeting!! The two key objectives for this year's Annual Meeting include: Elect our 2020 Association Officers; and establish our 2020 goals. Your current Board of Directors are looking for new candidates for all three positions: President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested, please let me and our Secretary, Mark Fortune, know. In addition, everyone is welcome to join our recurring Board of Director's meetings. For the remainder of 2019, we will conduct Association Board of Director (BOD) Meetings from 1930-2015 (7:30-8:15pm) on the following dates: Thursday 18 July, Wednesday 18 September, Thursday

17 October (includes prep for our Association Annual Membership Meeting), 24 October Annual Membership Meeting/Teleconference - we will continue to set the stage for our Association's future as we enter the decade of the 2020s, and Thursday 21 November. BOD Meeting dates are also published in *The Destroyerman* on page 11. As always, all Association Members and Friends are welcome to join our BOD teleconferences! Note: We have a new Teleconference number, but retain the same passcode: Teleconference #: 712-770-5505; Pass/Access Code: 619219. As a reminder, our 2019 Association Priorities that were established at our 2018 Annual Membership Meeting are:

- Fully support publication of *The Destroyerman*
- Raise the funds for the 2020-2021 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship – we will kick this off in earnest in the fall, but contributions are welcome and appreciated anytime!
- Establish the USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary and Reunion Committee which will also happen in conjunction with the September 2019 BOD Meeting
- Support the USS Arleigh Burke Foundation establishment activities

On the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation front we are moving forward. Retired Admiral Sam Cox, Director of

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TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK

Your dues are essential to the operations of the association. They enable us to maintain our website, plan activities, and cover the administrative overhead costs common to every organization, even non-profits. They also enable us sponsor the USS Arleigh Burke Association Administered Scholarship Fund managed by the Anchor Scholarship Foundation.



Your 2019 dues can be submitted anytime. Membership categories and dues for 2019 are:

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

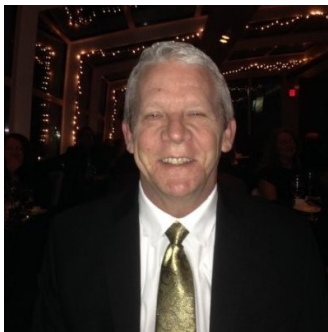
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FROM THE SECRETARY BY MARK FORTUNE

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members and Friends,

Spring is here and Summer is just around the corner!



The Association leadership encourages all Arleigh Burke sailors past and present to join us for our bi-monthly Board of Director's Association meetings. We discuss the Association's business at these meetings, and the more participation we have, the stronger the Association will be. At our last two BOD meetings since the publishing of the Feb edition of *The Destroyerman*, your BOD along with Ron Spaulding, Chuck Killian, Ray Weber, Kirk Lippold, and David Rosenberg have discussed the following items:

- Ways to better market the USS Arleigh Burke Association (i.e. golf events, Navy Balls, Anchor Scholarship)
- 30th USS Arleigh Burke Commissioning Anniversary Celebration may take place in the January-February 2021 timeframe vice July, since the ship may be in Rota by that time. More to follow.
- Establishment of the USS Arleigh Burke Foundation and participation in the National Museum of the Surface Navy. More about that in Rick's update.

The biggest role I perform as the Secretary of the USS Arleigh Burke Association is the tracking down of former shipmates that have sailed in USS Arleigh Burke. Not only do I try to track down former shipmates, but keeping current information on the ones that I have tracked down is difficult as well. This where I need your help. Each of you reading this has contact information on a former shipmate either through personal contact, or through social media. If you could please take 15 minutes between now and the publishing of our next newsletter in October to pass me the contact information you have on former shipmates, I would be extremely grateful. 15 minutes is all I ask. In addition, I have a list of plankowners that I do not have contact information on. If you would like me to give you some names to see if you can get contact information on them I can do that as well. Just reach out to me and I will pass you the info.

Rick Easton and I are also trying to get contact information on each of our former Commanding Officers or Command Master Chiefs. We are currently missing information on CDR Wepppler, CDR Flaherty, CMC Lovett, CMC Caldwell, CMC Johnson, CMC Stigler, CMC Creonte, and CMC Hess. All I need is a good phone number and email address.

Please pass any of that information to me, (mark.w.fortune@gmail.com) and Rick Easton (eastonadvisors@gmail.com).

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TREASURER'S REPORT (CONT.)

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, 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

If your 25th anniversary memorabilia is looking worn, we still have some T-shirts, ball caps and coins if you need to refresh your wardrobe. T-shirts (limited sizes) are now only \$10. Hats (\$20) and coins (\$10) are still available.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

the US Navy's History and Heritage Command, which is responsible for the charter and oversight of official Navy Museums, has recently approved the establishment of the first National Museum of the Surface Navy at the Battleship Iowa in the Port of Los Angeles, as I mentioned above. Admiral Morgan, Admiral Carr (The Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation's two Co-Chairmen) and I (The Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation Executive Director) are engaged with Admiral Mike Shatynski, (USS Iowa Museum Chairman of the Board) and Jonathan Williams (USS Iowa Museum President and Chief Executive Officer) to establish a formal relationship between the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation and the new National Museum of the Surface Navy. We anticipate that this will occur sometime in 2019. In this edition of *The Destroyerman*, I have included a reprinted article by Donna Littlejohn from the Daily Breeze of 5 April 2019, which provides background information and the current status of the National Museum of the Surface Navy. In addition, I have included a short excerpt on the current Battleship Iowa Museum.

To help chart the way forward for the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation and the National Museum of the Surface Navy relationship, we have set up three Working Groups within the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation. The first, led by Rob Jobrack, is looking at the Foundation Charter to make sure that it provides for the relationship with the National Museum of the Surface Navy; the second, led by David Rosenberg, is looking at what an initial Admiral Arleigh Burke Exhibit in the National Museum of the Surface Navy might include and look like; and the third, led by me, is developing our fund raising strategy. All good stuff that will significantly help preserve and promote the legacy of Admiral Arleigh Burke.

If you are interested in helping with the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation, please let me know. We can certainly use help in the three current Working Groups.

Again, specific thanks to Ron Struewing for his sustained effort in putting together our Association Newsletter, *The Destroyerman*, as well as to all those who provide inputs - your contribution continues to make a difference in producing a truly outstanding Newsletter. My broken record continues on this: We really need help with our Association Website - anyone who can assist with the Association Web Site PLEASE step forward and volunteer. Some website experience would be great - but none is needed. It will not take very much time, one or two hours each month will keep our Website current. And..., we need volunteers for the 2021 30th Arleigh Burke Commissioning Celebration Committee - part of which is help tracking down and capturing contact information of former Arleigh Burke Sailors. In addition, it is my plan to figure out how to do an informal get together in the Washington DC area in the fall - probably late September or the first half of October. If anyone is willing to help me in this endeavor, please let me know!

If you have questions regarding our Association, or ideas on how to do things better, please reach out to me, Rob Jobrack our Treasurer or Mark Fortune our Secretary - phone call, text, email, or however. In addition, as we move into summer and are involved in more outdoor and adventurous activities, please keep safety in mind. Always sail safely!

Rick

SECRETARY'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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 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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National Surface Navy Museum coming to San Pedro hailed as a ‘big’ deal by sponsor



A rendering shows what the planned Museum of the Surface Navy will look like on the second deck of the Battleship USS Iowa Museum. (Courtesy photo)

By [DONNA LITTLEJOHN](#) | dlittlejohn@scng.com | Daily Breeze Local News
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Three months after signing an agreement with the U.S. Navy, administrators at the Battleship Iowa are getting ready to launch an ambitious fundraising project and preparing deck space for what will be the [National Museum of the Surface Navy](#).

The project is expected to cost between \$30 million and \$32 million — fundraising begins this summer — and the first phase of the museum itself will be unveiled in 2023, with the project set for completion in 2030.

A separate plan — still only in the talking stages — could also move the World War II battleship from its current berth, just south of the World Cruise Terminal, to the Southern Pacific Slip around the same time the San Pedro Public Market is slated to open in 2021. The market is the port's long-planned waterfront development to replace Ports O' Call Village.

The planned museum, said Jonathan Williams, Pacific

Battleship CEO and president, is a significant development.

"This will be a national museum and I don't think people understand how big a deal this is," Williams said.

"The surface Navy is the oldest community in the Navy, it's any ship that sails on top of the sea."

The museum, he said, will be licensed by the U.S. Navy.

He compared it to the National [Naval Aviation Museum](#) in Pensacola, Florida. The museum, which will go on 27,000 square feet on the second deck — below the main deck — will feature interactive exhibits, and will serve as a hub for seminars and other events at a national level. It will also have technically advanced theatrical lighting. The ship area has already begun being developed with the [Robert Ballard "Lost at Sea" exhibit](#). Chair-lifts have been installed to help those

NATIONAL SURFACE NAVY MUSEUM (CONTINUED)

unable to scale the ladder-style stairs to the lower levels.

The museum's mission is the raise awareness of the surface fleet's role in international relations, free trade, humanitarian assistance and technological innovation, according to the website, surfacenavymuseum.org.

With its iconic battleship profile, history and status, the Iowa — a floating museum in San Pedro for the past six years — is a natural location for the museum, Williams said.

The museum will be entirely privately funded, he said, with a capital-campaign package, still in the works, that will lay out more specifics for prospective donors.

"Since this is a national museum," Williams said, "this will be a building of relationships across the country."

The network, he added, is potentially vast, taking in all those whose family members have served on ships throughout the U.S. Navy's history.

The new feature also provides a natural link to L.A. Fleet [Week](#), a high-profile event held every Labor Day weekend that brings tens of thousands of people, including active-duty sailors, into the Port of Los Angeles.

The possible move of the Iowa is far from guaranteed at this stage, Williams said. It will depend on community input on which projects should receive port infrastructure funds in the next few years.

But the idea is to create a more cohesive connection between waterfront attractions and the rest of the nearby downtown. Moving the Iowa south will put it closer to the new San Pedro Public Market and other nearby tourist draws.

"One of the biggest problems is the 'silo' destination we have now," Williams said, referring to attractions that are too isolated. "Tourists come (to one attraction) and they leave, spending \$25 rather than \$100."

With movement on a new waterfront development and other construction in town, Williams said, the waterfront especially has "a lot of traction right now."

"I wish people understood that more," he said. "When you live in San Pedro, you can see the worse sides of it and it's easy to focus on that. But I can tell you that the people visiting the ship are shocked that such an authentic, quaint, cute place exists in Los Angeles."

BATTLESHIP IOWA MUSEUM

BY BATTLE SHIP IOWA MUSEUM STAFF

Battleship IOWA is an international symbol of freedom and diplomacy. The "Battleship of Presidents" boasts a history-laden service as a leading U.S. Navy surface warship and portrays core pillars of the American Spirit: individuality, self-reliance, national unity, overwhelming strength, civic responsibility, and technological innovation.

The USS IOWA was launched more than 75 years ago to defend American ideals of freedom, justice and liberty. Her construction, design, and the service of her veterans, reflect these principles inspiring all who visit the iconic ship. Forged in war but a guardian of peace, IOWA is now the great gray sentry of

the Los Angeles Waterfront.

Today, proud veterans, their honored families, eager school children and inquisitive tourists are awed by IOWA's powerful legacy as it continues a role in public education, and the ability to unite communities with a common purpose in our history. Teak decks and steel bulkheads echo the words and deeds of significant individuals including three U.S. Presidents, distinguished military figures, countless foreign dignitaries, and most importantly, thousands of her own heroic IOWA sailors.



USS Wisconsin at Nauticus Waterside Downtown Norfolk - Site of the Upcoming 2019 Anchor Scholarship



Battleship Iowa, Home of the Future National Museum of the Surface Navy, in the Port of Los Angeles

REAR ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE PROVIDES THE DESLANT STAFF DIRECTION ON PROPER WORD USAGE MARCH 1955

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

Admiral Arleigh Burke was best remembered by his fellow Sailors as the United States Navy's premier destroyerman. His bold and innovative combat leadership as Commander, Destroyer Squadron 23 during the November 1943 night engagements of Empress Augusta Bay and Cape St. George earned the squadron a Presidential Unit Citation and won him a Navy Cross and a Distinguished Service Medal as well as a permanent place in naval legend. Significantly, Burke only began serving in destroyers when he became executive officer of USS CRAVEN (DD-382) in June 1937, fourteen years after his commissioning at the Naval Academy. Further, he only commanded destroyers for less than two and a half years in his forty-two year naval career. His first command, USS MUGFORD (DD-389), was in 1939-40. His next destroyer tours were during thirteen months in the South Pacific in February 1943-March 1944 leading Destroyer Divisions 43 and 44 and Destroyer Squadrons 12 and 23. His only other tour in his beloved "Dog Dogs" began on 23 January 1955 when he took command of the Destroyer Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet on board the destroyer tender USS YOSEMITE (AD-19) in Newport, Rhode Island.

"COMDESLANT" was a dream job for Burke. He told the Chief of Naval Operations, long-time mentor and friend, Admiral Robert "Mick" Carney, who had ordered him there, that he hoped to stay at for a long tour of at least two years. Burke came to DESLANT from ten months in command of the Atlantic Fleet's Cruiser Division Six during which he sailed on a three month midshipman cruise to Europe followed by a five month deployment to the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. Burke developed a number of concerns about the readiness of the fleet and its officers and men during these deployments and by December 1954 he had a long list of things he believed should be done. They included increasing the authority and responsibilities of destroyer division commanders, obtaining stability in the number and experience of personnel on board DESLANT ships, improving

the morale and professionalism for the (mostly reserve) junior officers, possibly by establishing a competitive school for the best of them, creating a Prospective Commanding Officer School for captains and executive officers of DESLANT destroyers, improving communication among destroyer captains, making destroyer exercises more realistic and useful, improving the annual schedule, and fixing the materiel condition of the ships under his command. He also envisioned creation of a pamphlet that would extol the virtues for DESLANT and the Navy of "The Destroyer: Key Ship of the Fleet."

Burke worked hard at all these matters in his first six weeks in DESLANT. In mid-March, however, he discovered another problem that needed urgent correction. The proper use of Navy phraseology in DESLANT correspondence. The result was the memorandum below.

Less than two months later, on 10 May 1955, Secretary of the Navy Charles Thomas offered Rear Admiral Burke the position of Chief of Naval Operations. Burke was startled and somewhat dismayed by the offer. There were 92 active duty flag officers senior to him on the Navy Register, more than 80 of whom were potential candidates for the post, but ultimately, with the warm endorsement of the man he would be replacing, he accepted the appointment and on 17 August 1955, Burke became the fifteenth Chief of Naval Operations.

Burke served as CNO for six years until 1 August 1961. While no similar memoranda to the one below appear to have ever been issued by the CNO, members of his CNO staff all recall that throughout their tour in "OPNAV" the term "vessel" was never used unless it was appropriately applied to the situation described by Rear Admiral Burke on 18 March 1955.

REAR ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE ON PROPER WORD USAGE

Arleigh Burke Papers, Navy - 2nd Flr, Navy Official Correspondence Papers

DESTROYER FORCE
UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET

Care of Fleet Post Office
New York, N. Y.

00:Wd

18 March 1955

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 RDML CASEY MOTON

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 May 2018.

As of this date, the DDG 51 Program has delivered 67 ships to the Fleet with the latest being USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116), delivered by General Dynamics - Bath Iron Works (GD BIW) in June 2018, and USS Paul Ignatius (DDG 117), delivered by Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII) in February 2019. The DDG 51 program is currently in serial production with nine ships under construction and a total of 21 under contract at the two DDG 51 Class shipbuilders GD BIW and HII.

The Navy awarded two contracts for the DDG 51 FY18-22 Multi-Year Procurement (MYP) for a total of 10 Flight III destroyers on September 27, 2018. The MYP continues the procurement for the proven DDG 51 Class shipbuilding program, leveraging competition, a strong industrial base, and a stable design in order to achieve savings. On December 21, 2018, the Navy awarded the FY19 option ship bringing the total number of Flight III ships on contract to 13. The first FY18-22 MYP ship will begin construction in mid-2020.

The Navy is currently procuring Flight III ships which will provide enhanced surface combatant Integrated Air Missile Defense (IAMD) capability. The Flight III baseline consists of the integration of the AN/SPY-6 Air and Missile Defense Radar (AMDR) along with upgrades to the electrical power and cooling capacity plus additional associated changes. The Flight III baseline begins with DDGs 125-126 and will continue with DDG 128 and

follow. DDG 125 started fabrication on May 7, 2018. The first Flight III delivery is planned in FY23 with IOC in FY24.

The Flight III upgrade design is complete and the SPY-6 AMDR testing is on track in support of the Flight III ships' construction schedules. The Navy is proceeding with testing efforts for both the Baseline 10 AEGIS Combat System and Flight III HM&E systems. The SPY-6 AMDR successfully completed its final developmental test in January 2019. With the final developmental BMD test complete, the SPY-6 Engineering Design Model (EDM) will stay at the Advanced Radar Development Evaluation Laboratory (ARDEL) to focus on combat system integration risk reduction. A production representative system will go to the Combat System Engineering Development Sits (CSEDS) facility in Moorestown, NJ for combat systems integration testing and ship risk reduction.

The DDG 51 Shipbuilding Program Office Change of Office occurred on 15 April, 2019 with Captain Seth Miller taking command. Captain Miller's most recent assignment was as Program Manager for the ZUMWALT Class Integrated Combat System (PEO IWS 9.0). I have no doubt that the program will continue to excel under the capable leadership of Captain Miller. I remain humbled and extremely proud to have played a part in the DDG 51 Program's past and current success, and stand in awe of the government and industry team that continues to deliver the capability our Navy's sailors need. There is no doubt in my mind that the DDG 51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyers will continue to be something in which we can all take great pride!

Editor's note: For more information on the SPY-6 AMDR, see the June 2017 edition of *The Destroyerman*.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: As always I am looking for inputs for the "Where are they now" section of this newsletter. These inputs need not only come from a Plankowner but anyone who has served on

DDG-51 since commissioning. If you were a prior crew member from years ago, please consider submitting a short article to me so everyone can see what you have been up to since you departed the ship.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? BY KIRK LIPPOLD, CDR, USN (RET.)

Maybe once or twice in a lifetime you're given the gift to choose your path in life. I retired from the Navy in June 2007 following an adventurous 26-year career serving our great nation. As with all of us, after that moment when you take off the uniform for the last time, you choose what we want to do as we write the next chapter of our lives. For me, however, it became a path I never envisioned.

About six months out from my retirement date, I knew I wanted to be independent and not pursue a career in the defense industry. For the previous four-and-a-half years I traveled to SWOS in Newport, RI, to give a blunt and brutally honest three-hour presentation to the Prospective Commanding Officer/Executive Officer course about the attack on my ship, USS Cole. It was from those lectures that I realized that I had actually been given a gift of keeping history alive and honoring my crew, including the seventeen Sailors killed in that al Qaeda suicide attack. I decided to share that story with the American people through Keppler Speakers – a speaker bureau specifically oriented to highlight the unique stories of people who experienced life-altering events.

For the past eleven-and-a-half years, I have been blessed to vividly recount an amazing story about leadership, courage, and crisis management to businesses, associations, and organizations across our country. Eleven months after the attack on USS Cole, the 9/11 attacks occurred and fundamentally altered our nation's approach to terrorism. Today, the nation remains engaged in that fight as it threatens to destroy our way of life. To be able to tell the story about our attack and what my crew accomplished during that

defining moment in our nation's history remains one of proudest achievements in life.

While my primary job is being an inspirational speaker, I have also spoken about national security issues on every major news network in our country, as well as numerous international news organizations around the world. Following the attack on my ship and then 9/11, I now view the world through the lens of national security and frame my facts and analysis of current events through that lens. Since I don't receive compensation for these appearances, it gives me the freedom to speak in a candid and unbiased fashion. I view it as a privilege and responsibility to inform the American people about current events.

All that heavy-duty stuff aside, I also have fun. In 2009, I earned my private pilot license and subsequently my instrument rating and currently fly a 1990 Beechcraft Bonanza F33A around the country as much as possible. Who knew a black-shoe could learn how to fly? I have also reinvigorated an old hobby of homebrewing and hope to have the first batch ready in time for summertime enjoyment.

Though all of this, I know the crew I served with on USS Arleigh Burke was instrumental in helping me build the foundation of leadership, confidence, and professional competence that enabled me to survive a seminal event in our nation's history. To each of you, thank you for shaping me into the commanding officer I became. Without each of you, I would have never been able to save my ship and I will always be grateful for your guidance, support, and prayers over the years. God bless USS Arleigh Burke and our great nation!

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETING DATES

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

Teleconference for BOD/ Annual Meetings: 712-770-5505

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USS Arleigh Burke leaving Bath, ME

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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.

