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FROM THE PRESIDENT

USS Arleigh Burke Association, Family and Friends,

Another busy few months for the USS Arleigh Burke Association! And again, it seems like summer has just whizzed by this year. With fall upon us as you read this issue of The Destroyerman, it won't be long before we are in the midst of the 2019 Holiday Season!

That means it is again time for our Association's Annual Membership Meeting and election of Officers for 2020! This edition of The Destroyerman Newsletter follows up our May 2019 edition which included official notification of the 2019 USS Arleigh Burke Association Annual Membership Meeting which will be held 1930-2015 Thursday 24 October 2019 via Teleconference – additional details below. Please be sure to mark your calendars and I encourage all Association Members to join the call – it is only 45 minutes and your participation and input is helpful and appreciated! It is always valuable when new folks join the Meeting and provide objective/fresh input. In this issue of The Destroyerman, we also cover the recent USS Arleigh Burke Change of Command Ceremony which occurred this past August 8th at Hospital Point in

Portsmouth Virginia, as well as a number of other events and topics of interest.

Update on our USS Arleigh Burke Association Sponsored Anchor Scholarship. The third recipient of our scholarship is, for the second time, Kathleen Ballard! Kathleen won the first USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship two years ago in 2017. Kathleen is now in her third year at Northeastern University in Boston participating in their six year Pharmacy Program which will culminate with the award of both her Bachelor and Doctorate degrees in 2022. I had the privilege recently to present Kathleen with her official 2019-2020 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship Certificate in Boston, as she was not able to attend the official Anchor Scholarship Foundation Ceremony which was held aboard the Battleship Wisconsin at Nauticus in downtown Norfolk in early June of this year. Kathleen is the daughter of one of USS Arleigh Burke's former Gunnersmates! You will see Kathleen's note updating us on her activ-



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Pot Luck Dinner at Rick & Kaye Easton's:
1700 Saturday, 26 October

ities at Northeastern later in this edition of *The Destroyerman*. We all extend our hearty congratulations to Kathleen – very well done!! See Kathleen's Article along with pictures on pages 13, 14, and 15.

It was a privilege for me, along with RADM Retired Nevin Carr, Captain Corey Keniston (both former USS Arleigh Burke COs) and LCDR Retired Ray Weber, our Commissioning Bath Iron Works Warranty Guarantee Engineer and first Life Member of the USS Arleigh Burke Association, to attend the Anchor Scholarship 2019 Official Awards Ceremony aboard the Battleship Wisconsin at Nauticus in Norfolk this past June 5th. Admiral Chris Grady, Commander Fleet Forces, was the principal speaker and presiding officer. It was an outstanding ceremony where we accepted the 2019-2020 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Foundation Scholarship on behalf of Kathleen Ballard as she was not there to accept it in person as mentioned above. On page 12, you will see the picture of the four of us with Admiral Grady on the bow of the Wisconsin!

Of note: we are in the process of raising the funds to support award of next year's USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year. Funds have to be provided to the Anchor Scholarship Foundation by February 2020, and our target is to achieve our \$2500 goal before December 31st this year. Again, my sincere appreciation to all the Association Members who contributed in 2018 and made our

third scholarship a reality. Those contributions make a material difference for a truly deserving candidate each year. 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. Thanks!!

On August 8th, I had the honor of attending the USS Arleigh Burke Change of Command, where Commander Errol Robinson was relieved by Commander John Gaines in a dignified ceremony at Hospital Point on the grounds of the Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. Although at some distance, USS Arleigh Burke could be seen across the Elizabeth River in Dry-dock at General Dynamics NASSCO Shipyard in Norfolk. Commander Robinson heads to the Washington DC area for his next assignment, and we certainly look forward to his continued membership in our Association! Commander Gaines and Arleigh Burke's Crew is very excited to be heading to Rota, Spain in the not too distant future to join the Forward Deployed Naval Force in the Mediterranean!

In, September I had the distinct privilege of presenting our Peter Hsu USS Arleigh Burke 25th Commissioning Anniversary Commemorative Drawing to the Surface Warfare Officers School (SWOS) in Newport, Rhode Island. SWOS's Commanding Officer, Captain Chris Alexander accepted the drawing on behalf

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TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK

If you haven't contributed your 2019 dues yet, you should have received an email reminder with the amount outstanding by now.



Your dues are essential to the operations of the association. We rely on this small contribution from each member to maintain our website, plan activities, and cover the administrative costs

common to every organization, even non-profits. They also allow us to sponsor the USS Arleigh Burke Association Administered Scholarship Fund managed by the Anchor Scholarship Foundation and help with the establishment of the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation.

If you owe dues, it would be greatly appreciated if you can send them in by our Annual Meeting October 24th.

Membership categories and dues for 2019 are:

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

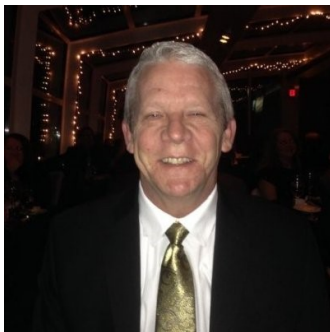
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FROM THE SECRETARY BY MARK FORTUNE

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members and Friends,

Fall is here and Winter 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 held on Thursdays from 1930-2015. The next meeting will be held 17 Oct 2019 via Teleconference: 712-770-5505; Access Code: 619219. We discuss the Association's business at these meetings, and the more participation we have, the stronger the Association will be.

Our Annual meeting this year will be held on 24 Oct 2019 via Teleconference: 712-770-5505; Access Code: 619219. We will report on the Association finances, membership, elect officers, gain approval to support the 2020 Administered Anchor Scholarship, discuss the 30th anniversary of the commissioning of USS Arleigh Burke and more...

We will be holding a USS Arleigh Burke Association Pot Luck Dinner at Rick and Kaye Easton's house on 26 Oct 2019 at 1700. If you are interested in joining us, please let Rick know as soon as possible along with the dish (appetizer, main course, desert and/or beverage)

you plan to bring – but no later than Oct 12th to Rick's email address: EastonAdvisors@gmail.com. The address for the potluck is 3511 Prince William Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031. There are hotels in the area for those that would like to get a room for the evening.

At our last two BOD meetings since the publishing of the Jun edition of The Destroyerman, your BOD along with Ron Spaulding, Chuck Killian, Ray Weber, Kirk Lippold, and David Rosenberg have discussed the following items:

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 Surface Navy Museum.

Three committees have been established to make this a reality. They are the charter committee, the fundraising committee, and the exhibit committee. If you are interested in assisting in any of these committees, please let one of us know.

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

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TREASURER'S REPORT (CONT.)

- 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:

- 1) Using PayPal via the association website, USSArleigh-BurkeAssociation.org
- 2) Send a check made out to USS Arleigh Burke Association to:

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

of the School - see picture page 6 below. Great Navy Day!!

Due to Chuck Killian's initiative in researching all things related to Admiral Arleigh Burke, he discovered the Admiral Arleigh Burke National Destroyermen Museum in Fall River Massachusetts at Battleship Cove. After contacting the Museum Director, Mr. Rich Angelini, Chuck arranged to have our two Peter Hsu Commemorative Drawings for both the 20th and 25th Commissioning Celebrations framed, and together on Monday September 16th we presented them to Rich on the fantail of the last gearing Class Destroyer, USS Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., which houses the Museum on the Second Deck in the aft two compartments. It was a beautiful "almost fall" New England day with bright sun, wispy clouds and a 10 knot wind blowing off the water! If you are in New England I recommend you consider paying a visit to Battleship Cove. My sincere thanks to Chuck for his initiative and effort in putting this together – very well done! See Picture on page 11.

In 2019 we have progressed well on our Association's annual goals. First, we met our fundraising objectives for the 2019-2020 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship and awarded our third such scholarship as mentioned above. Second, we established the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation, and have drafted the By-Laws – thanks to Rob Jobrack for his effort here! We are awaiting legal review of those before we move to officially adopt them, and I hope to have that complete before the end of the current year and if not then by early next year. In addition, we have established a productive relationship with the new National Museum of the Surface Navy (NMSN). We have fully supported the publication of three issues annually of our excellent Newsletter, The Destroyerman – this being the third edition for 2019. We certainly appreciate Ron Struewing, our The Destroyerman Editor, for his significant effort in making come together and happen! And, at the Board of Director's Meeting/Teleconference last week, we officially established the 2021 USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Reunion Committee. We already have our first action items!

As I mentioned in my opening paragraph, our 2019 Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place via Teleconference at 1930-2015 on Thursday 24 October 2018 – Agenda below. Again similar to the past several years, there are two key objectives for this year's Annual Meeting. First, elect our 2020 Association Officers; and second, establish our 2020 goals. Your current Board of Directors continues to seek volunteers for all three positions: President, Treasurer and Secretary. It is great to report that we have several new volunteers to help our Secretary find the remaining one third of the Commissioning Crew that we have not been able to establish contact with, as well as many other former Arleigh Burke Shipmates to encourage them to join our Association and if practical join us for the ship's 30 Commissioning Celebration in 2021. Also and as I have mentioned before, everyone is always welcome to join our recurring Board of Director Meetings, which take place notionally the third Thursday of every other month. The next Board of Director's Meeting is currently scheduled from 1930-2015 Thursday 17 October 2019, and the Annual Membership meeting will take place the following Thursday 24 October 2019 also from 1930-2015, both meetings via Teleconference: 641-715-3580; Access Code: 619219.

Agenda:

- Attendance, Welcome and Introduction
- Treasurer's Financial Report and Update
- Secretary's Update
- President's Update
- 2021 Officer Election
- 2020 Administered Anchor Scholarship Support for \$2500 Approval
- Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation Status, Way Ahead and Continued USS Arleigh Burke Association Support for \$1000 Approval
- Bits and Pieces: Publicity, Website, Archives/History, Memorabilia Sales, Social Events

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

-Any Other Items of Business?

-Conclusion

-Adjourn

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.

Rob has recently forward 2019 Annual Dues emails. If you have not paid them yet please do so either through our Website or send a check to our Treasurer, Rob Jobrack, as soon as possible – 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 as well. 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 still has some limited USS Arleigh Burke 25th Commissioning Celebration Memorabilia for sale, details in the Treasurers Report section.

One reminder, Kaye and I are hosting a Pot Luck Association Dinner/Get Together at our home in Fairfax,

Virginia at 1700 on Saturday October 26th. Per Mark Fortune's email announcing this event, if you are interested in joining us, please let me know as soon as possible along with the dish (appetizer, main course, desert and/or beverage) you plan to bring – but no later than October 12th to my email address: EastonAdvisors@gmail.com, so that Kaye and I can plan accordingly. I hope to see as many of you as can join us this fall!

One piece of sad news, Mr. Ross Perot, USS Arleigh Burke's Honorary Commissioning Committee Chairman, passed on this summer. I want to note that Mr. Perot contributed substantially to the USS Arleigh Burke Commissioning Committee to ensure that USS Arleigh Burke was appropriately commissioned in a dignified Ceremony along with associated events on July 4th 1991. Please see the article, which includes highlights of Mr. Perot's Obituary on page 10.

I want to close by thanking our Treasurer, Rob Jobrack, Secretary, Mark Fortune, and our Newsletter Editor, Ron Struewing, as well as all those others who have routinely joined our Board of Director's Meetings, or assisted with running our Association in any way 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, 2019 Holiday Season, and 2020 New Year!

Best always, Rick

SECRETARY'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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.

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.

Best regards, Mark

PRESENTATION OF THE USS ARELIGH BURKE SILVER COMMISSIONING ANNIVERSARY PETER HSU DRAWING TO SURFACE WARFARE OFFICERS SCHOOL



Rick Easton presenting The Silver Commissioning Anniversary Peter Hsu Drawing to the Commanding Officer of SWOS, CAPT Chris Alexander, on 16 SEP

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.

USS Arleigh Burke Holds Change of Command

SUBMITTED BY USS ARLEIGH BURKE PAO, LTJG NICHOLAS VANDIVER

The guided-missile destroyer USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) held a change of command ceremony at Hospital Point Park, Portsmouth, Va., Aug. 8.

CDR. John Gaines relieved CDR. Errol Robinson relieved as the commanding officer of Arleigh Burke.

Speaking to the crew of about 300 Sailors, as well as waterfront leaders and family members he said, "It has been a privilege to serve alongside the greatest crew in the fleet." He added, "You pushed your limits, in many aspects, and I am extremely confident you will continue to excel and show the tenacity needed to excel in future endeavors."

Robinson assumed command of the ship in March 2018 and successfully led the destroyer through a strategically predictable and operational unpredictable deployment, as part of the Dynamic Force Employment concept. The ship supported maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. Navy's 2nd, 5th, and 6th Fleet areas of operation. Additionally, he led the crew through part of a Chief of Naval Operations maintenance

availability at a local Norfolk-based shipyard.

Gaines previously served aboard the ship and served as the executive officer from January 2018 to June 2019.

"I am humbled to have the opportunity to serve the awesome Sailors of USS Arleigh Burke," said Gaines. "I look forward to working with all of you as we prepare ourselves and our ship to go back where we belong -- at sea."

Robinson hails from New York and graduated from Old Dominion University. Gaines is a native of Florida and graduated from the United States Naval Academy.

The Arleigh Burke is the first of 67 commissioned ships in its class, named after Adm. Arleigh Burke. Arleigh Burke Sailors are mission-oriented and will continue to focus on readiness, training and certifications as they complete an ongoing maintenance availability.

USS ARLEIGH BURKE CREW SPONSORS BOOT CAMP DIVISION BY LTJG ANNE GRIMMKE, USS ARLEIGH BURKE

USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) Sailors recently sponsored Division 248 during its final weeks of boot camp at Recruit Training Command (RTC) Great Lakes, Ill.

During their time at RTC, recruits spend eight weeks learning and preparing for shipboard life prior to entering the fleet. Skills are constantly being evaluated by instructors, each week building on the previous, with increasing difficulty.

Toward the end of this training, the ship's officers and chief petty officers spent time at RTC, sponsoring their namesake division of 55 recruits.

"Being back at Great Lakes was a very humbling experience to me; coming back to where it all began, it brought back a lot of memories and emotions," said LTj.g. Amber Zufelt, the ship's Combat Information Center Officer, who attended RTC in November 2004.

"It was a great opportunity to spend time with the new recruits and hear their excitement to join the fleet. They are very eager to see the world and be a part of something bigger."

RTC barracks are named after ships from the fleet, both past and present. For the last two months, Division 248 was housed in barracks named for DDG 51, the lead ship in its class of guided-missile destroyers.

Over the last several weeks, Sailors aboard the Norfolk-based ship have been at RTC supporting and mentoring the proud recruits of Division 248, forging a bond over their shared namesake. Because of this shared heritage, some of the ship's crew volunteered to sponsor this division and connect another link in the legacy chain of Adm. Arleigh Burke, the 15th Chief of Naval Operations and World War II hero.

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COMMANDER JOHN GAINES

SUBMITTED BY USS ARLEIGH BURKE PAO, LTJG NICHOLAS VANDIVER

CDR John Gaines is a native of Florida. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and was commissioned at the United States Naval Academy in May 2000. He holds a Masters in Business Administration and a Masters in Advanced Finance from the University of Maryland, and a Masters in National Security Studies from the US Naval War College.

He first served aboard USS CHOSIN (CG 65), homeported in Pearl Harbor, HI, as the First Lieutenant and later as the Main Propulsion Assistant, and completed two deployments to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. His department head assignments were as Weapons Officer and Combat Systems Officer in USS VICKSBURG (CG 69), homeported in Mayport, FL. He deployed twice in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and NEW DAWN. He assumed duties as USS ARLEIGH BURKE's Executive Officer in January 2018, and completed his tour in June 2019.

His shore tours include the Aegis Training & Readiness Center in Dahlgren, VA, where he served as an Aegis Instructor in the Officer Training Department; the US Naval War College, where he focused on the Aegis Weapon System and Integrated Air & Missile Defense (IAMD) practices; on the staff of Commander, Naval Forces Central Command in Bahrain as the IAMD Officer; and PERS-41 (Surface Warfare Officer Distribution Branch), where he served as the LANTFLT CRUDES Placement Officer and later as the PERS-41 Assistant Director. Prior to joining USS ARLEIGH BURKE, he completed a Joint tour in Colorado Springs while serving as the Branch Chief for USCENTCOM Exercises at the Missile Defense Agency's Integrated Operations Center.

His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal, along with various campaign and unit decorations.

He is most proud of his marriage to his wife Shauna, and of their two sons Ronnie and Jake.

Boot Camp Division (CONT.) These shipboard Sailors served as motivators and observed the recruits' physical fitness, drill, and pass-and-review assessments. Additionally, Sailors answered recruit questions and gave advice about life in the fleet.

The eight weeks spent at Recruit Training Command culminates in one final event called "Battle Stations." This event is a 24-hour test of endurance, teamwork, mental toughness, and for many, is one of the most challenging, yet prideful, obstacles they have faced. As sponsors, Arleigh Burke Sailors had the privilege of participating and encouraging the recruits to push their limits, while reminiscing and reflecting on their own experiences.

On the day before graduation, Cmdr. Patrick Chapman, the ship's executive officer, and the ship's Command Master Chief, Jeanette Hafer, spent several hours with Division 248 answering questions, observing drill maneuvers, dining with them during lunch, and enjoying "Pizza Night" with them - a recruit's favorite. Chapman and Hafer presented commemorative challenge coins to high performing recruits on behalf of Cmdr. Errol Robinson, the DDG 51 commanding officer.

The sponsorship of Division 248 culminated on Graduation Day when, during the Pass and Review, the 55 recruits marched in formation before their friends and family.

"I was fortunate to spend the last 48 hours with three phenomenal Recruit Division Commanders (RDC) and 55 young men and women that are the future of our United States Navy," said Hafer. "It is evident that these recruits have been physically and mentally prepared by their RDC's and possess the 'warrior toughness' that is needed for their next mission as a Sailor in the world's greatest Navy.

"There is no question in my mind that the Great Lakes RDCs are training our newest Sailors the right way, preparing them to be 'ready on arrival' at their first duty station!"

Following graduation, some recruits spend up to another year in various Navy schools, while others head straight for their first command, applying the knowledge and skill sets that they have just mastered.

"It would be amazing if one of these Sailors ended up on Arleigh Burke at some point in the future," said Chapman. "This ship has a legacy, history, and pride that is truly special, and it's a privilege to be able to extend these bonds outside the lifelines."

USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) is the first ship of 63 commissioned ships in its class, named after Adm. Arleigh Burke. She is currently undergoing a Chief of Naval Operations Availability period to maintain and upgrade systems throughout the ship.

ARLEIGH BURKE CLASS UPDATE BY CAPT SETH MILLER

In April, I took over as the Major Program Manager for the Arleigh Burke Class (DDG 51) Destroyer Shipbuilding Program. It is a homecoming of sorts for me as I have had the privilege of several tours with the DDG 51 Shipbuilding Program. The program has a rich heritage of success and I am honored to again be a part of the outstanding AEGIS shipbuilding team.

The Arleigh Burke Class (DDG 51) Destroyer Shipbuilding Program sets the Navy standards in shipbuilding by delivering combat superiority through the AEGIS tradition of Build a Little, Test a Little, Learn a Lot. With its long history of proven capability and success, the DDG 51 Shipbuilding Program continues to be at the center of the Navy's plans for current and future mission needs. The following program update provides details regarding the DDG 51 program events since our last update in June.

As of this date, the DDG 51 Program has delivered 67 ships to the Fleet with two more ships, USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118) and USS Delbert Black (DDG 119), scheduled for delivery in 2020 by General Dynamics - Bath Iron Works (GD BIW) and Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII) respectively. The DDG 51 program is currently in serial production with nine ships under construction and a total of 21 under contract, including 13 in the Flight III configuration.

In July, I had the honor of representing our government / industry team at the Commissioning ceremony for USS Paul Ignatius (DDG 117) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The ship's namesake, Paul Ignatius, served honorably as Secretary of the Navy under President Lyndon Johnson from 1967 to 1969 and as a commissioned lieutenant during World War II aboard the Casablanca-class escort carrier USS Manila Bay (CVE 61). Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer was the ceremony's principal speaker and Dr. Elisa Ignatius, granddaughter to the ship's sponsor, the late Nancy Ignatius, ordered the crew to bring the ship to life.

The DDG 51 Program Office and our shipbuilding partners and industry team continue to operate at a high tempo. The USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116) is scheduled to finish her Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) in

September at BAE Systems Jacksonville Ship Repair with the USS Paul Ignatius' (DDG 117) PSA starting in January. The USS Delbert Black (DDG 119) will conduct her Alpha/Bravo Builder's Trials later this year followed closely by the USS Daniel Inouye's (DDG 118) trials in early 2020. In addition, the Keel Laying for the first Flight III ship, USS Jack H. Lucas (DDG 125) is planned for November.

DDG 51 class Flight III destroyers will provide enhanced surface combatant Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) capability with the integration of the AN/SPY-6(V1)1 Air and Missile Defense Radar (AMDR) along with upgrades to the electrical power and cooling capacity. The Flight III baseline begins with DDGs 125-126 and continues with DDG 128 and follow. The first Flight III delivery is planned in FY23 with Initial Operational Capability (IOC) in FY24.

The Flight III upgrade design is complete and the Navy is proceeding with testing efforts for both the Baseline 10 AEGIS Combat System and Flight III HM&E systems. To facilitate integration and testing of the radar, combat system, and shipbuilding program, the Navy has stood up the Flight III Executive Steering Committee (ESC). The ESC is responsible for leading the capability development effort and ensuring delivery of the first Flight III and achieving IOC no later than August 2024. This committee will meet quarterly to effectively communicate and collaborate across all Navy and Industry stakeholders to manage Flight III risks and opportunities.

The DDG 51 Destroyers are the foundation of the Navy Force Structure, delivering lethality and capability to meet 21st Century warfighting requirements. We will continue to build on the professionalism, maturity, and legacy of the PMS 400D and DDG 51 shipbuilding program. 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!

HENRY RAY (ROSS) PEROT

JUNE 27, 1930 – JULY 9, 2019

Henry Ross Perot was born Henry Ray Perot on June 27, 1930, in Texarkana, Texas. He was an American business magnate, billionaire, philanthropist and politician. Mr. Perot was the son of Lula May (née Ray) and Gabriel Ross Perot, a commodity broker specializing in cotton contracts. He started his first job at 8 years old, helping to distribute the Texarkana Gazette as a paperboy. From 1947 to 1949, he attended Texarkana Junior College before entering the U.S. Naval Academy in 1949 graduating and commissioned an Ensign on June 5, 1953. While at the Academy, Midshipman Perot served as Class President, Chairman of the Honor Committee, and Battalion Commander. His first assignment was aboard the destroyer USS Sigourney (DD-643), followed by his second assignment to the aircraft carrier USS Leyte (CVS-32). Mr. Perot married the former Margot Birmingham of Greensburg, Pennsylvania in 1956, and he resigned from the regular Navy on July 2, 1957 at the rank of Lieutenant. He continued to serve in the Naval Reserve until June 30, 1961. After leaving the Navy,



Ross Perot, USS Arleigh Burke Commissioning Committee Honorary Chairman

Mr. Perot founded Electronic Data Systems (EDS). During the Iranian Revolution in 1979, some of his EDS employees were taken hostage, and he hired a rescue team led by retired U.S. Army Special Forces Colonel Arthur D. Simons to go into Iran and bring his people out. Mr. Perot sold EDS to General Motors in 1984, later founding Perot Systems in 1988. He ran for President of the United States in the 1992 and 1996 Presidential Elections, with former Vietnam POW VADM James B. Stockdale as his running mate in the 1992 election. Of particular note, Mr. Perot was USS Arleigh Burke's Commissioning Committee's Honorary Chairman. He generously contributed substantial resources towards USS Arleigh Burke's Commissioning Ceremony on July 4th 1991, supporting the Ceremony and associated activities. It was Mr. Perot's explicit desire to ensure that Admiral Arleigh Burke and his destroyer were appropriately honored as the Admiral's ship was commissioned and brought to life. Mr. Perot died on July 9, 2019, in Dallas, Texas, from leukemia, at the age of 89.



Midshipman Perot at the Naval Academy



Officers and guests honor the flag during the Commissioning Ceremony of the guided missile destroyer USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG-51) on July 4, 1991. They include, from left to right: ADM. Leon A. Edney, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet/Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic; H. Ross Perot, USS Arleigh Burke Commissioning Committee Honorary Chairman; ADM. David E. Jeremiah, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; H. Lawrence Garrett III, Secretary of the Navy; Richard B. Cheney, Secretary of Defense, and CDR. John G. Morgan Jr., Commanding Officer USS Arleigh BURKE.

PRESENTATION OF THE USS ARELIGH BURKE 20TH AND 25TH COMMISSIONING ANNIVERSARY PETER HSU DRAWINGS TO ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE NATIONAL DESTROYERMEN MUSEUM



Above and left: Chick Killian and Rick Easton presenting the Admiral Arleigh Burke 20TH AND 25TH Commissioning Anniversary Peter Hsu Drawings to Mr. Rich Angelin, director of the National Destroyermen Museum in Fall River Massachusetts at Battleship Cove.

USS ARLEIGH BURKE ASSOCIATION 2019 ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



Rick Easton speaking at the Anchor Scholarship 2019 Official Awards Ceremony aboard the Battleship Wisconsin at Nauticus in Norfolk this past June 5th. Pictured left to right are: RADM Retired Nevin Carr, CAPT Retired Rick Easton, and LCDR Retired Ray Weber. They accepted the 2019-2020 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Foundation Scholarship on behalf of Kathleen Ballard.

Left to right: Captain Corey Keniston, LCDR Retired Ray Weber, Rick Easton, Admiral Grady, and RADM Retired Nevin Carr on the bow of the Wisconsin!



Rick Easton presenting the USS Arleigh Burke Anchor Scholarship Citation to Kathleen Ballard on Sep 16th in Boston

ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE BY KATHLEEN BALLARD

Hello Arleigh Burke Association!

My name is Kathleen Ballard and this past summer I was blessed once more to be selected as the 2019 Arleigh Burke Association sponsored Anchor Scholarship recipient for the second time. I extend my gratitude to each member of the Association for their efforts and contributions to our country. I must also express my sincerest thanks for all the support you give me through this scholarship. My goals are more achievable and my future is brighter thanks to you!

A lot has happened in the past couple of years for me! I am a fourth-year student at Northeastern University, though it will be my second year of Pharmacy School. At the end of my six years at NEU, I'll graduate with my Doctorate of Pharmacy (PharmD) - woop woop! My plans for post-graduation have changed quite a bit throughout college, and currently I intend to pursue a career where I can merge my interests in pharmacy and nutrition. I'm looking into ambulatory care options, like a diabetes management clinic where I could counsel patients on diet and lifestyle changes while monitoring their insulin dosage. What motivates me right now is bringing patients off medications for a healthier, happier life.

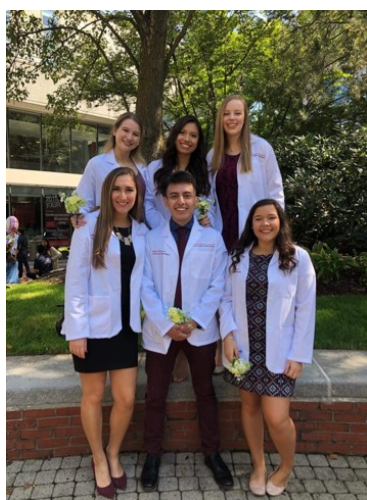
During the past three years, I've explored many different campus clubs and causes, a few of which I've found genuine passion in. Last year, some friends of mine wanted to build a "universal events calendar" of sorts for the Northeastern community. I joined the team (Parade Inc.) as

head of communications and outreach, and in just one year we've built a mobile app, incorporated as an official company, established a partnership with our university, and much more! Through trying to solve this campus-wide problem for students, I've learned so much about entrepreneurship, marketing, and executing a large-scale independent project.

Northeastern is known for the co-op program, in which we spend 4-6 months working full-time at a company in our field (similar to a paid internship). I spent last summer co-oping in Hyannis, MA at Cape Cod Hospital in their Inpatient Pharmacy, filling prescriptions for patients in the hospital and learning the workflow of the department. This past spring, I worked at Brigham & Women's Hospital in the Anti-coagulation Management Service - a satellite clinic dedicated solely to managing warfarin and other anti-coagulant medications for our patients. Now, I am headed to my third and final co-op at Boston Medical Center Outpatient Pharmacy. Co-ops let me apply what I'm learning in school while getting real pharmacy experience!

It's tough to recap all that I've been up to recently, but I am so glad for the opportunity to check-in with the Association and let you all know who this scholarship is helping. I send all of my thanks and love to each of you!

Kathleen Ballard

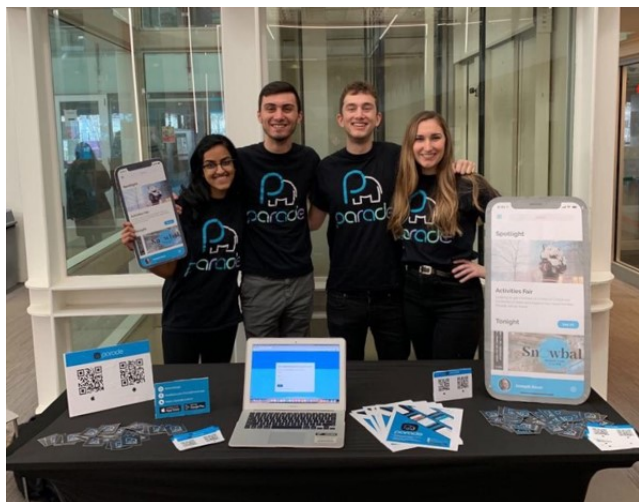


Some friends and I at our White Coat Ceremony, honoring our start of Pharmacy School.



My first time entering a case competition. None of us knew each other before it but we were able to snag first place!

MORE PHOTOS FROM KATHLEEN BALLARD



The Parade team at our campus Spring Festival, eager to share our mobile platform with students.

Our flag football team at my sorority's annual event, Kappa Kickoff! We were raising money for our local philanthropy, Chris-



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