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FROM THE PRESIDENT

USS Arleigh Burke Association, Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! As we enter the first year of the new decade, I have already heard it called the Roaring Twenties – but that seems a bit trite, our Association looks forward to a very important year. Topping our list of priorities in 2020 is preparing for USS Arleigh Burke's 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and our Association's Reunion. We have the DATE – so mark your calendars: President's Day Weekend next year, Friday 12 through Monday 15 February 2021! Great news is that the Navy has scheduled the ship to be at the Half Moon Pier at Towne Point Park in downtown Norfolk for Visit Ship for that Holiday Weekend, just as they did for the ship's 20th and 25th Commissioning Anniversary Celebrations! We moved the date to the left of the Admiral's Ship's actual 30th Birthday - July 4th, 2021, as USS Arleigh Burke sails late in the first quarter of 2021 to join the Forward Deployed Naval Forces (FDNF) in Rota, Spain. Consequently she will not be in Norfolk for the Fourth of July next year. Most importantly, holding this historic event on President's Day Weekend 2021 enables USS Arleigh

Burke and her crew to participate and be an integral part of USS Arleigh Burke's 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration.



The 2021 USS Arleigh Burke Association 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee is already sketching out the Weekend's Program. Key events include a Kick Off Welcome Reception Friday evening, an Official Dinner Saturday evening, and either Sunday morning or Monday morning a Memorial Service for Admiral and Mrs. Burke. I also anticipate that the ship will host a Reception on Sunday evening. Shortly, Mark Fortune, our Association Secretary, will be forwarding a quick Survey soliciting your input regarding attendance, as well as your input on format and other activities that you may be interested in seeing included in the weekend's events. It is very important for the Planning Committee to understand as soon as possible the number of folks that either intend to, or think they might, participate, so that we can find the right size venue for the Official Din-

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2020 Dues: Ongoing
Please pay on line or directly to the Treasurer, Rob Jobrack

Annual Membership Meeting: 1930-2015
Thursday 22 October 2020
- the 4th Thursday of October

ner as well as other activities, and make arrangements for group rate hotel accommodations. So, please..., respond to Mark's Survey as soon as possible and not later than his due date. Thanks in advance for your help here.

With our top priority for 2020 addressed above, I want to mention that also on our Association's Priority List for this year is continued focus on bringing the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation to life. Part of that focus is to mature our relationship with the new National Museum of the Surface Navy (NMSN) – more details on this priority are discussed below.

Before I get into other details, thanks to all of our Members, Friends and Corporate Supporters for their continued contribution to our Association. Without your support we really would not have an engaged and healthy USS Arleigh Buke Association today. I also thank our Officers and those individuals who volunteer their time to run our Association. Again, specific thanks to Ron Struewing for his sustained effort in putting together our Association Newsletter. And, as I have said before, 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 you who contributed in 2019 to the USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year, which will be awarded in June of 2020 – our fourth year sup-

porting this worthy endeavor! We still are a little short of our goal for the 2020-2021 fund, so if you have some flexibility in your 2020 charitable giving, please consider sending Rob Jobrack a check – fully tax deductible under our 501c(19) Charter. We have to provide the funds to the Anchor Scholarship Foundation by 1 March 2020.

Our Annual Meeting was held on Thursday 24 October 2019 via Teleconference as in past years. I thank everyone who called in for their time and contribution – another excellent Annual Meeting 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. Still looking for "new blood" in leadership positions!!

Rob reported that our bank balance is in good shape with all 2019 taxes and bills paid. Thanks very much to our Members who paid their dues in 2019.

The Membership unanimously voted to continue support for the USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship. Kathleen Ballard was the recipient of the third USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year, although this was the second time that she won the Scholarship also

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TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK

Thank you to those who contributed to the USS Arleigh Burke Association so we can maintain our website, plan activities, and cover the administrative costs common to every organization, even non-profits. Your donations also allow us to sponsor the USS Arleigh Burke Association Administered Scholarship Fund managed by the Anchor Scholarship Foundation and to help with the establishment



of the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation.

SALE ON MEMORABILIA: For 2020 we are also reducing the price of our remining 25th anniversary T-shirts: now only \$5. Crew ball caps (\$20) and coins (\$10), both with 25th anniversary marking, are also available.

Your 2020 dues can be submitted anytime. Membership categories and dues are:

- USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) Ship's Company: Free
- Member: \$20

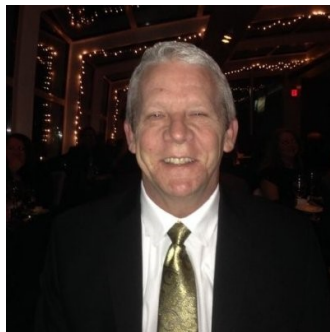
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FROM THE SECRETARY BY MARK FORTUNE

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members and Friends,

Happy New Year!

The Association leadership encourages all Arleigh Burke sailors past and present to join us for our monthly Board of Director's Association meetings (nominally) held on Thursdays from 1930-2015. The next meeting is on Thursday 20 Feb 2020, 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.



At our last BOD meeting held 12 Dec 2019, your BOD along with Ron Spaulding and Bill Johnson discussed the following items:

Website update – The website was updated to reflect the latest happenings in the association.

February Newsletter Topics - National Museum of the Surface Navy, David Rosenberg article on Admiral Burke legacy, Article from the Ship, PMS 400 article, Where are they now?

Reunion Committee Chairman – Identify a Reunion Committee Chairman to create a Reunion Committee

with support from the BOD, schedule the reunion dates, send out a survey to the association membership for input

Our Annual meeting was held on 24 Oct 2019. The minutes from the meeting were mailed out to the membership on 25 Oct 2019. If you did not receive them and would like a copy, please email me at

mark.w.fortune@gmail.com

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 June to pass me the contact information you have on former shipmates, I would be extremely grateful. Fifteen minutes is all I ask. Additionally, 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 cur-

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TREASURER'S REPORT (CONT.)

- 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, 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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

being our first recipient to winning the 2017-2018 Scholarship. You will see Kathleen's note and update on her activities later in this edition of our Newsletter.

Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation Way Ahead. I expect to have the Foundation Charter legal review completed early in 2020, and after any revisions which are deemed necessary, to be followed by application to the IRS for our 501c(3) Educational Foundation Tax Exempt Status. Also, I will be forwarding shortly for legal review, the NMSN Founding Partners Program Memorandum of Agreement defining the relationship between the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation and the NMSN. Again, the Association Membership voted to provide \$1000 from the USS Arleigh Burke Association to assist with the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation costs in 2020.

In 2020, we will conduct Association Board of Director and 30th Commissioning Anniversary/Celebration and Reunion Planning Committee Meetings together from 1930-2015 (7:30-8:15pm) on the third Thursday of every month commencing in February - specifically Thursday 20 February 2020. Board of Director Meeting dates for 2020 are published in *The Destroyerman* on the back page. All Members and Friends are welcome to join the teleconference! In addition, the 2020 Annual Meeting is scheduled for 1930-2015 Thursday 22 October 2020. (Teleconference for BOD/Planning Committee/Annual Meetings: 712-770-5505; Pass/AccessCode: 619219).

2020 Association Priorities:

Support publication of *The Destroyerman*

Raise the funds for the 2021-2022 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship

Support the USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary/Celebration Committee

Support the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation and NMSN activities

Just this January, it was great to get together with the NMSN Leadership at the recent Surface Navy Association (SNA) Annual Symposium, held at the Crystal City Hyatt in Arlington, Virginia – see the picture on page 6! This

event provided the official forum for the NMSN Individual Membership Drive Kick Off. Rear Admiral Mike Shatynski, USNR (Ret.), Chairman of the NMSN Board of Directors, addressed the SNA Symposium Board of Directors, as well as the Retired Flag Officers attending, updating them on the status and plans for the new NMSN in the Battleship Iowa in the Port of Los Angeles. Take a look at the artist concept on page 5 featuring the Battleship as the centerpiece attraction in a new Veterans Parks in the redevelopment of a currently dilapidated section of the Port of Los Angeles waterfront in close proximity to the Cruise Ship Piers – where the Iowa currently is berthed. Note: The NMSN is FREE to join, and everyone that joins between now and the Official Ribbon Cutting, anticipated in the 2025 timeframe, is a NMSN PLANKOWNER!! More background information on the new NMSN was published in the June 2019 issue of *The Destroyerman*, which can be found on the USS Arleigh Burke Association Website; and more information on the NMSN can also be found on the Museum's Official Website: SurfaceNavyMuseum.org. In addition, Rob Jobrack and I are working on the establishment of the official relationship with the NMSN as mentioned above, Dave Rosenberg is working on what an Admiral Arleigh Burke Exhibit will look like in the new Museum, and I am working on the Fundraising Strategy for the MMSN to incorporate an Admiral Arleigh Burke Exhibit in the NMSN. If you have any questions regarding the NMSN please give me a shout! This is exciting!

Although a small group, we had a great Association Pot Luck Dinner at my house in Fairfax on Saturday evening October 26th! As you can see from the picture – and the hats, (page 8) it was a lot of fun!! Thanks for all who made the time to join!

I look forward to seeing as many of our Association Members, as well as current and former USS Arleigh Burke shipmates in 2020 as possible. My very best for a Happy and Prosperous New Year and 2020 Decade! Sail safely!

Rick

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)



SECRETARY'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

rently missing information on CDR Wepler, 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 Rick Easton (eastonadvisors@gmail.com) and me (mark.w.fortune@gmail.com).

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



National Museum of the Surface Navy Rear Admiral Mike Shatynski USNR (Ret.), Chairman of the Board (Second from left), and Mr. Jonathan Williams (Left), President and Chief Executive Officer, along with Rear Admirals Nowakowski (L) and Dodgen (R) at the January 2020 Surface Navy Association Annual Symposium

Rick Easton with the Banquet Dinner Chaplain at the January 2020 Surface Navy Association Annual Symposium



USS ARLEIGH BURKE EMERGES FROM THE MAINTENANCE PHASE

BY ENS LUCIUS CAMPBELL AND CDR PATRICK CHAPMAN

USS Arleigh Burke and her crew have officially returned to Norfolk Naval Base and are ready to transition from shipyard life to the training cycle.

After nearly a year in the General Dynamics NASSCO shipyard, to include over six months in drydock, USS Arleigh Burke is in the final stages of its maintenance phase.

During this extensive overhaul, USS Arleigh Burke was outfitted with some of the most advanced technologies our Navy has to offer. These technologies will give our crew maximum warfighting capability as we gear up for deployment next year and prepare to tackle the challenges posed by Russia, Iran, China, North Korea, and terrorism.

The ship has been upgraded with new electronic warfare, cryptologic, and computer network capabilities. We've received software upgrades for our Aegis, Tomahawk, and Undersea Weapons Systems, as well as our Navigation System.

In addition, new hardware has been installed in the form of SeaRAM, an advanced close-in missile defense system, which has replaced our aft CIWS (Close-In Weapons System) mount.

In the coming weeks and months, our crew will train to these systems and prepare to use them to their maximum capability during the training cycle and beyond.

In the meantime, we are working through maintenance phase exit criteria, a very challenging time in any ship's life cycle.

In January 2020, the ship conducted Damage Control Material Assessment (DCMA), a detailed inspection of all damage control equipment on the ship. It is an evaluation to make sure that in the event of a fire, flooding, or any casualty to the ship, the crew is able to combat the casualty and minimize damage.

Upon completion of that event, the crew rolled into Light Off Assessment (LOA). This week requires long hours and extreme attention to detail from the crew. The main focus during the final week of LOA is being certain that all engineering spaces are safe to operate.

All ship spaces, and engineering spaces in particular, must be cleaned and wiped down, deck plates must be secured, electrical equipment must be operating in accordance with electrical safety, and damage control equipment must be within periodicity.

Once the inspection is complete, watch standers begin a series of equipment checks and demonstrate that the equipment in the engineering plant works within parameters.

At the time of this writing, the ship is in the final stages of LOA.

Once complete, we will conduct Dock Trials, which requires us to test all our equipment, and then transition to Fast Cruise, which is a two-day long simulated underway in which the entire crew steps through the underway routine, to include man overboard and general quarters drills.

When Fast Cruise concludes, the crew will head out to sea for Contractor Sea Trials, in which we will demonstrate all our installed equipment and ensure USS Arleigh Burke still operates as originally designed.

Exciting times are ahead for USS Arleigh Burke and her crew. After a year in the shipyards, we look forward to returning to sea as one of the Navy's most advanced and capable warships.

ASSOCIATION POT LUCK DINNER AT RICK'S HOUSE ON SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER



Left to Right: Rob Jobrack, Kirk Lippold, Rick Easton, Ron Struewing, Jim Green, and Mark Fortune



L-R (Rob Jobrack, Judy Jobrack, Nicole Segura, Kirk Lippold, Kaye Easton, Rick Easton, Ron Struewing, Jim Green, Linh Green, Kristina Fortune, Mark Fortune

ARLEIGH BURKE CLASS UPDATE BY CAPT SETH MILLER

The DDG 51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer program 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 consistently high tempo while being fully engaged in support of delivering ships to the Fleet that meet current and future mission needs. To date the DDG 51 Program has delivered 67 ships to the Fleet with two more ships, USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118) and USS Delbert D. 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.

Significant milestones have been achieved since my last DDG 51 Program update in October. USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116) recently completed a successful Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) at BAE Systems Jacksonville Ship Repair. USS Paul Ignatius (DDG 117) completed her CSSQT and Final Contract Trials, and began her PSA in January at BAE Systems Jacksonville. USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118) achieved Aegis Light Off in September, followed by Launch in October. USS Delbert D. Black (DDG 119) completed Alpha Trials in December with Bravo Trials planned for February. In addition, the Keel Laying ceremony for USS John Basilone (DDG 122) was held at BIW on January 10, 2020, with both ship sponsors, Ms. Amy Looney and Ms. Ryan Manion, in attendance.

The Keel Laying for the first Flight III ship, USS Jack H. Lucas (DDG 125) occurred on October 7, 2019, at HII, with a ceremony held in November. The 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). Flight III leverages the proven Flight IIA platform with modifications for hull stability, cooling (350-ton AC plants) and power (4 MW generators / 4160 VAC) to accommodate AMDR. The first Flight III delivery is planned in FY23 with Initial Operational Capability (IOC) in FY24.

The Navy is proceeding with testing efforts for both the Aegis Baseline 10 combat system and Flight III electric plant. At the Land Based Engineering Site (LBES) in Philadelphia, PA, electric plant hardware integration testing has begun, with initial light off of the 4160VAC generators achieved and standalone testing of the first Power Conversion Module achieved in December. At the Combat System Engineering Development Site (CSEDS) in Moorestown, NJ, Aegis Baseline 10 and AMDR interface and power distribution testing is underway. Additionally, the Executive Steering Committee, which I introduced in my last update, continues to meet quarterly to ensure effective communication and collaboration across all Navy and industry stakeholders.

I remain extremely proud of and humbled by the continuing success of the DDG 51 program. The program's achievements and longevity are a testament to the decades of hard work and dedication by Government and Industry teams, to the shipbuilders who have built and delivered these great ships to the Navy, and to the Sailors who operate them at sea in defense of our national interests around the globe. The Arleigh Burke Class ships have been an integral part of U.S. military strategy, defense, and deterrence for almost 30 years, and our Flight III ships will continue the legacy of this program and deliver the capability our Navy's sailors need.

USS ARLEIGH BURKE CLASS DESTROYERS

	SHIP NAME	HULL#	H/P			SHIP NAME	HULL#	H/P
1	ARLEIGH BURKE	DDG-51	Norfolk	FLIGHT I	46	BAINBRIDGE	DDG-96	Norfolk
2	BARRY	DDG-52	Yokosuka	FLIGHT II	47	HALSEY	DDG-97	Pearl Harbor
3	JOHN PAUL JONES	DDG-53	Pearl Harbor	FLIGHT IIA	48	FORREST SHERMAN	DDG-98	Norfolk
4	CURTIS WILBUR	DDG-54	Yokosuka	FLIGHT III	49	FARRAGUT	DDG-99	Mayport
5	STOUT	DDG-55	Norfolk		50	KIDD	DDG-100	Everett
6	JOHN S. MCCAIN	DDG-56	Yokosuka		51	GRIDLEY	DDG-101	Everett
7	MITSCHER	DDG-57	Norfolk		52	SAMPSON	DDG-102	Everett
8	LABOON	DDG-58	Norfolk		53	TRUXTON	DDG-103	Norfolk
9	RUSSELL	DDG-59	San Diego		54	STERETT	DDG-104	San Diego
10	PAUL HAMILTON	DDG-60	San Diego		55	DEWEY	DDG-105	San Diego
11	RAMAGE	DDG-61	Norfolk		56	STICKDALE	DDG-106	San Diego
12	FITZGERALD	DDG-62	Pascagoula		57	GRAVELY	DDG-107	Norfolk
13	STETHEM	DDG-63	San Diego		58	WAYNE E. MEYER	DDG-108	Pearl Harbor
14	CARNEY	DDG-64	Rota		59	JASON DUNHAM	DDG-109	Norfolk
15	BENFOLD	DDG-65	Yokosuka		60	WILLIAM P. LAWRENCE	DDG-110	Pearl Harbor
16	GONZALEZ	DDG-66	Norfolk		61	SPRUANCE	DDG-111	San Diego
17	COLE	DDG-67	Norfolk		62	MICHAEL MURPHY	DDG-112	Pearl Harbor
18	THE SULLIVANS	DDG-68	Mayport		63	JOHN FINN	DDG-113	San Diego
19	MILIUS	DDG-69	Yokosuka		64	RALPH JOHNSON	DDG-114	Everett
20	HOPPER	DDG-70	Pearl Harbor		65	RAFAEL PERALTA	DDG-115	San Diego
21	ROSS	DDG-71	Rota		66	THOMAS HUDNER	DDG-116	Mayport
22	MAHAN	DDG-72	Norfolk		67	PAUL IGNATIUS	DDG-117	Mayport
23	DECATUR	DDG-73	San Diego		UNDER CONSTRUCTION / CHRISTENED			
24	MCFAUL	DDG-74	Norfolk		68	DANIEL INOUE	DDG-118	Bath
25	DONALD COOK	DDG-75	Rota		69	DELBERT D. BLACK	DDG-119	Pascagoula
26	HIGGINS	DDG-76	San Diego		70	CARL M. LEVIN	DDG-120	Bath
27	OKANE	DDG-77	San Diego		71	FRANK E. PETERON JR.	DDG-121	Pascagoula
28	PORTER	DDG-78	Rota		72	JOHN BASILONE	DDG-122	Bath
29	OSCAR AUSTIN	DDG-79	Norfolk		73	L.H. SUTLIFF HIGBEE	DDG-123	Pascagoula
30	ROOSEVELT	DDG-80	Mayport		74	HARVEY C. BARNUM JR.	DDG-124	Bath
31	WINSTON CHURCHILL	DDG-81	Norfolk		75	JACK H. LUCAS	DDG-125	Pascagoula
32	LASSEN	DDG-82	Mayport		76	LOUIS H. WISON JR.	DDG-126	Bath
33	HOWARD	DDG-83	San Diego		77	PATRICK GALLAGHER	DDG-127	Bath
34	BULKELEY	DDG-84	Norfolk		ANNOUNCED			
35	MCCAMPBELL	DDG-85	Yokosuka		78	TED STEVENS	DDG-128	Pascagoula
36	SHOUP	DDG-86	San Diego		79	JEREMIAH DENTON	DDG-129	Pascagoula
37	MASON	DDG-87	Norfolk		80	WILLIAM CHARETTE	DDG-130	Bath
38	PREBLE	DDG-88	Pearl Harbor		81	GEORGE M NEAL	DDG-131	Pascagoula
39	MUSTIN	DDG-89	Yokosuka		82	QUENTIN WALSH	DDG-132	Bath
40	CHAFEE	DDG-90	Pearl Harbor		83	SAM NUNN	DDG-133	Pascagoula
41	PINCKNEY	DDG-91	San Diego		84	JOHN E. KILMER	DDG-134	Bath
42	MOMSEN	DDG-92	Everett		85	[Unnamed]	DDG-135	
43	CHUNG-HOON	DDG-93	Pearl Harbor		86	[Unnamed]	DDG-136	
44	NITZE	DDG-94	Norfolk		87	[Unnamed]	DDG-137	
45	JAMES E. WILLIAMS	DDG-95	Norfolk		88	[Unnamed]	DDG-138	

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? BY BILL JOHNSON

Hello ARLEIGH BURKE Shipmates. Bill Johnson here at the keyboard. You may remember me as the Commissioning Fire Control Officer. So, a quick synopsis of where I've been and what we have been up to.

Currently we live in Colorado Springs, CO where I am working as a defense contractor for Jacobs Engineering. So, if you are passing though, please look us up.

Following my time on ARLEIGH BURKE, I attended Dept Head School and headed west to USS SHILOH where I was the Weapons Officer and Combat System Officer. I did two deployments to the Arabian Gulf over almost 4 years and then proceeded to DC. I was a detailer in DC for about two years and then transferred down to Norfolk where I reported as the Executive Officer on USS ANZIO. Following my ANZIO tour we proceeded up to the Naval War College for a year and then back down to DC where I worked in the Surface Warfare Requirements Shop. Just after 9/11, I moved over to Navy Warfare Requirements Integration. Upon completion there, we proceeded out to Hawaii where I took command of the destroyer PAUL HAMILTON, DDG 60. We were one of the first DDGs with the Long Range Surveillance and Track capability which has now evolved in to Navy Ballistic Missile Defense (there is a theme here). After DDG 60 we moved to San Diego where I was an Assistance Chief of Staff in charge of Surface Warfare Training requirements and policy. Following that tour, we moved to Colorado where I reported to Schriever Air Force Base and USSTRATCOM's missile defense shop. It was time to teach the Army and Air Force about Navy Ballistic Missile Defense. I took on the role as the J-5 for BMD policy. Upon completion there, we re-

ceived orders to USS LAKE ERIE, CG 70 back to Hawaii where I was fortunate enough to take command for a second time. This was the Navy's BMD Test ship back then. Although we did many other things, BMD drove our schedule and we demonstrated state of the art future Navy capabilities. Upon completion of that tour, we decided to go back to Colorado and STRATCOM's BMD shop again. I served as both the Chief of Staff and then the Deputy Commander there to the Three Star Commanding General.

I retired in July 2014 after 29 and ½ years, six deployments and subsequently went to work on MDA's Information Technology contract at Schriever for Northrop Grumman. After a year there, I moved over to Business Development for Northrop. Once the contract supporting MDA changed in February 2018, I signed on with Jacobs Engineering, and I was back to supporting MDA. Currently I am the Director of Mission Assurance, Quality Assurance, Risk Management and Safety. I am also the Deputy Director for Event and Warfighter Support. It all keeps me pretty busy.

I am married to Heidi and we have two grown children, Kyra and Corbin. My free time is taken up with golf, fly fishing, skiing, a little wood working and whatever Heidi tells me to do. ;)

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you from the Commissioning Crew that took the time to teach a young LTjg (at the time) so much. All of those lessons came in very handy in future operations, missile shots, exercises and laid the path for a successful career which included two commands. You guys are awesome! Thanks for reading. I look forward to seeing you at the next reunion and in the future.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR BY RON STRUEWING

Association members, It has been a while since we posted a "Where are they now?" article in *The Destroyerman* and I would like to get that going again. If you would like to submit a short article such as Bill Johnson did in this issue, letting everyone know what you have been up to

since you left the ship, please contact me and provide a short article for publication in a future issue. My email address is: rstruewing@cox.net,

Thank you.

ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE BY KATHLEEN BALLARD

Hello Arleigh Burke Association!

My name is Kathleen Ballard and this past summer I was blessed to be selected as the 2019 Arleigh Burke Association sponsored Anchor Scholarship recipient for the second time. As always, I want to thank each and every member of the Association for their help in making my education possible.

Since the last newsletter, I have completed my third and final co-op (like a paid internship). This time I worked from September to December 2019 in an outpatient pharmacy at Boston Medical Center, the health safety net hospital of New England. There is always so much learning on the job that simply can't be taught in the classroom! In addition to learning the workflow, I was able to really engage with a diverse patient population and practice my healthcare communication skills.

I am now embarking on my first of four consecutive semesters in class (spring, summer, fall, and next spring), which is where I really get into the nitty gritty of pharmacy. My hardest class seems to be Comprehensive Disease Management (CDM), which is taken during all four semesters and teaches us how to actually apply our clinical

knowledge to real patient cases. It's astounding to me that by May of 2021, I will be done with all of my pharmacy classes and ready to start a full year of rotations before receiving my Doctorate. It seems far away now, but I know the time will fly by and I'll be graduating...

As I progress through school, I am reminded more and more that this profession is built around helping people. It will be my responsibility to do my due diligence, complete the double- and triple-checks, and make every effort to provide the best care I can to patients. As a senior in high school, I had no idea what I was getting myself into when I applied to this pharmacy program. As a fourth-year now, I can say I am falling in love with this field more every day, whether it be through counseling a patient at my part-time job in the pharmacy or learning something interesting in the classroom. I am so grateful to have the privilege of following my passion in pursuit of this degree, and look forward to all the people I will be able to help.

All my gratitude,

Kathleen Ballard

My sorority sisters and me at our flag football philanthropy event, Kappa Kickoff.





Happy Halloween from the Brigham & Women's Hospital Anticoagulation Management Service! The co-ops and I dressed up as the Boston MBTA subway.



Visiting Cape Elizabeth in Maine to celebrate the New Year!

2019 BOD Meeting Dates

20 February 19 March 16 April 21 May 18 June 16 July 20 August
17 Sep 15 October 22 Oct Annual Meeting 19 November 17 December

Teleconference for BOD/ Annual Meetings: 641-715-3580

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USS ARLEIGH BURKE ASSOCIATION

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