

THE DESTROYERMAN

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Dedicated to preserving the heritage of Admiral Arleigh A. Burke and USS Arleigh Burke class since 2011

FROM THE PRESIDENT

USS Arleigh Burke Association, Family and Friends,

I start this edition of *The Destroyerman* with some very unfortunate news.

This past April we lost Peter Armatis, USS Arleigh Burke's second Navigator and an Association Member, to COVID19. His Obituary is included later in this Newsletter.

Peter was a great Sailor and the consummate family man. He leaves behind his wife Stacy and three children: Olivia (21), Jacob (16) and William (14). The Association has made a gift on behalf of all of our Members to the Armatis Children's Education Fund. I encourage anyone who would like to make an individual donation to do so as well. Easiest way to donate is through Rob Jobrack, our Treasurer, and the specific information on how to do that is included in Peter's Obituary on Page 6. Again, very sad news and we extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire Armatis Family.



USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion – Update and Early Registration Discount

Turning now to our top priority: Planning USS Arleigh Burke's 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and our Association's Former Crew Reunion. If you have not already marked the date in your calendar, please do so: **President's Day Weekend Friday 12 through Monday 15 February 2021**, or Tuesday 16 February 2021 if you elect to ride the ship from downtown Norfolk back to NOB that day! As I mentioned in the February 2020 edition of *The Destroyerman*, the Navy has scheduled the ship to be at the Half Moon Pier at Town Point Park in downtown Norfolk for Visit Ship for President's Day Holiday Weekend 2021. Again, we moved the date to the left of the Admiral's Ship's actual 30th Birthday of 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. It truly will be great to have the USS Arleigh Burke, and most

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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

30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration: 12- 15 FEB 2020

importantly her crew, participate in this historic 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration.

Since I last reported to you in February, the 2021 USS Arleigh Burke Association 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee has made great progress in putting together all aspects of the 2021 Celebration's Events and Activities. Importantly, I want to thank all of our Association Members, Families and Friends who responded to the Survey for the 30th – your input has been very helpful in informing and guiding our thought process and plans. At this juncture, we have finalized the Celebration's Program, Event/Activity Venues, Lodging and Costs.

Following is the Official Weekend Schedule (12-16 February 2021):

- Friday - USS Arleigh Burke Transit from Yorktown NWS to Norfolk Waterside
- Friday Evening - Kick Off Reception/Welcome Party (Location TBD)
- Saturday Daytime Activities - (Indoor Picnic Vista Point Club, Top Golf)
- Saturday Evening - Official Dinner (Marriott Waterside)
- Sunday Morning - Memorial Service for Admiral Burke (On Ship)
- Sunday Afternoon/Valentine's Day Activities - (Vietnam Exhibit/BB Wisconsin Tour, Top Golf)

- Sunday Evening - USS Arleigh Burke Reception (On Ship)
- Monday Morning - Informal Departure Breakfast (Marriott Waterside)
- Tuesday - USS Arleigh Burke Transit from Norfolk Waterside to NOB

Based on Captain Corey Keniston's, former Arleigh Burke Commanding Officer at the time of the ship's 20th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration, significant research and evaluation of a number of potential venues in the downtown Norfolk area, the Marriott Waterside has been selected for the Saturday Evening Official Dinner, as well as the Official Reunion Weekend Lodging Site. This decision was based on two factors: The Marriott's ability to accommodate our anticipated number of participants per the Survey results - and also scale up or down from there based on the final numbers, and the Marriott's overall lowest cost/best value profile.

For the 30th, there are two pricing options for the Weekend's Events/Activities: 1) A **Discounted Package** which includes three of the key Events, to which you can supplement additional Activities from the A la Carte options; 2) Solely A la Carte:

The Package includes: The Friday Welcome Party with No Host Bar, Saturday Official Dinner to include a Peter Hsu Commemorative 30th Anniversary Celebration Drawing and a Commemorative Wine Glass, Sunday Evening USS Arleigh Burke Reception

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TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK

As we prepare for our 30th commissioning anniversary celebration, we are continuing to offer reduced pricing of our remaining 25th anniversary T-shirts: now only \$5. Crew ball caps (\$20) and coins (\$10), both with 25th anniversary markings, are also available.



We'll be sending out reminders for 2020 dues soon. Membership categories and dues are:

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

-Member: \$20

-Sustaining Member: \$125 (10 year sustaining equals Lifetime)

-Lifetime Member: \$1000

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

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FROM THE SECRETARY BY MARK FORTUNE

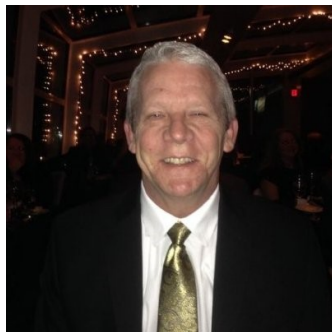
USS Arleigh Burke Association Members and Friends,

Greetings!

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 will be held Thursday 18 Jun 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.

Beginning with our BOD meeting in February we started to incorporate our 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion Planning Committee meetings. We have enlisted numerous former shipmates and friends of the ship to participate in the Planning Committee meetings in order to put together the best Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion we can. There is still plenty of room to take on more volunteers if you are interested in helping out.

Since the beginning of the year, you should have received two critical emails from me relative to the efforts the Planning Committee is undertaking. The first one requested your participation in the 30th Commis-



sioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion survey. This survey was used to gauge your interest in participating in the celebration. Your participation was overwhelming and I thank all of you who took the time to fill out the survey. The deadline for the survey was 15 April. Your responses helped the Planning Committee begin to organize the schedule and events for the 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion. The second email was a MARK YOUR CALENDARS email that established the dates for the celebration and the schedule of events. I hope that if you are reading this, you received both of those emails. A registration form for the 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion is included in this newsletter, posted on the Association website, and emailed to your inboxes. A sample on how to fill out the form is available in the newsletter, on the Association website, and was also included with the email. Should you have questions, please feel free to email me at mark.w.fortune@gmail.com.

There is no better time than the present to help me track down former shipmates that have sailed in USS Arleigh Burke. We would like to have as many former USS Arleigh Burke sailors present for the reunion as possible. 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 ship-

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the internal revenue code.

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

1): Using PayPal via the association website, [USSArleighBurkeAssociation.org](https://www.USSArleighBurkeAssociation.org)

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

USS Arleigh Burke Association

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

on board the ship, as well as access to the dedicated Hospitality Suite at the Marriott, all at a discounted price if purchased and paid for by 1 September 2020. Note: you can do this at no monetary risk up to and including 15 December 2020, as the cancellation policy provides a full refund for cancellations during that period. Other day-time activities from the A la Carte menu can be added to the Package – Saturday Indoor Picnic and Saturday and/or Sunday Top Golf – for an additional price. Note: the Sunday Memorial Service, as well as the Nauticus Vietnam Exhibit and Battleship Wisconsin tours are free. A la Carte includes: A la Carte! Please see the Registration Form for details. See Pages 14-16

To register for the USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion Weekend, please fill out and submit the **Registration Form referred to above**. The form includes the Event/Activity details, associated pricing, as well as payment options and payment process. You can print it directly from the Newsletter, see page 15, or access it from either the Association's [Website](#), or Mark Fortune's email. I encourage everyone who expects to attend, or thinks they might attend, to register as early as possible, but by 1 September 2020 as it will save you money, and significantly help the Planning Committee in completing plans for the Weekend. Remember, you can cancel with a full refund anytime up to and including 15 December 2020. After that, you can still cancel with a 70% refund up to and including 01 February 2021, and while not attending still receive via mail your Peter Hsu 30th Commissioning Anniversary Commemorative Drawing. Note: After 01 February 2021, there is no refund, as we will have fully paid for all Activities/Events at that point. One additional reminder, if you want to stay at the Marriott Waterside and take advantage of the special \$129/night rate, I recommend you make those reservations as soon as possible as there is only a limited number of rooms available at that price. Details are on the Registration Form

Anchor Scholarship – Kathleen Ballard Wins the 2020-2021 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship – Third Award!!

I am very proud to announce that Kathleen Ballard has been selected by the Anchor Scholarship Foundation for the USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship Academic Year 2020-2021 Award! This is Kathleen's third USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship Award, having won the 2017 and 2019 Awards as well. Kathleen will be entering her fourth year this fall 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. Kathleen is the daughter of one of USS Arleigh Burke's former Gunner's Mates! Due to the COVID19 situation this year, the Anchor Scholarship Foundation is conducting a Virtual Awards Ceremony for Kathleen at Noon, Thursday 11 June 2020 via Zoom. An email with joining instructions will be sent separately. I encourage all that can to join this event!

You will see Kathleen's note updating us on her activities at Northeastern later in this edition of *The Destroyerman*. We all extend our hearty congratulations to Kathleen – very well done!! And, thanks to all of our Members, Family and Friends who contributed to make this Scholarship a reality. Please see Joy Eyrrolles', Anchor Scholarship Foundation Executive Director, letter thanking the Arleigh Burke Association for our support on page 7 of the Newsletter!

Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation / National Museum of the Surface Navy Update

Quick update on the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation (AABF) and the National Museum of the Surface Navy (NMSN). The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the AABF and the NMSN, which lays out the expectations and terms of our relationship, along with our IRS Tax Exempt Status Application, are both with our Lawyer and under review. I expect to have those documents finalized by the end of June, and hopefully the 501(c)3 application submitted to the IRS for processing and approval. Separately, the COVID19 situation has directly impacted the Battleship Iowa as she has had to close her gangway and

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

cease public programs and tours, as well as significantly slowed down the NMSN planning and fundraising efforts. RADM Mike Shatynski (Retired), Chairman of the NMSN Board of Directors, and Mr. Jonathan Williams, NMSN President and Chief Executive Officer, are hopeful that they will be able to open up with some level of operation in June. You can get updates on the Battleship IOWA and the NMSN on the Website:

www.surfacenavymuseum.org. As I have mentioned before, joining the NMSN as a PLANKOWNER is FREE! If you are interested in joining, please let me know and I will get you signed up, or you can join directly on the Website.

Other Odds and Ends

Reminder, we are conducting Association Board of Director and 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion Planning Committee Meetings together by Teleconferences from 1930-2015 (7:30-8:15pm) on the third Thursday of every month – next Teleconference is scheduled for 1930 Thursday 18 June 2020. All Board of Director Meeting dates for 2020 are published in *The Destroyerman* on the back page. All Association Members, Family and Friends are welcome to join the teleconference! (Teleconference #: 712-770-5505; Passcode: 619219)

I want to thank all those on the USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion Planning Committee for their effort – I appreciate it. Thanks also to the man who brings our terrific Newsletter to life three times a year, Ron Struwing! I very much appreciate his sustained effort in collecting the material and forging the layout – it takes a lot of talent! Again, thanks to all those who provide inputs to *The Destroyerman* as well - your contribution makes a difference.

And to close – my usual plea: We really want to track down as many former USS Arleigh Burke shipmates as possible – from any time in her almost 30 years of Commissioned Service. If you can review your contacts and where you can reach out to those who served in the Admiral's Destroyer, and send Mark Fortune and/or me their contact information, I would certainly appreciate it. As always, if you have questions regarding our Association, or ideas on how to do things better, please give me, Rob or Mark a shout – phone call, text, email, or however!

Be careful and stay safe!

Rick

SECRETARY'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

shipmates, I would be extremely grateful. 15 minutes is all I ask. In addition, I have a list of plankowners for whom I do not have contact information. 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 Wepler, CDR Flaherty, CMC

Lovett, CMC Caldwell, CMC Johnson, CMC Stigler, and CMC Creonte. 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.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the other Association Officers if you have questions or comments.

Best regards,

Mark

LOSS OF A SHIPMATE AND ASSOCIATION MEMBER

Peter Armatis, USS Arleigh Burke's second Navigation Officer and a member of the association, passed away from COVID-19 on April 1. Those who served with him remember him as a great friend and a great officer. Pete was Navigation Officer during the ship's first deployment to the Mediterranean in 1993 and also stood watch as the ASW Evaluator. He spent time after his active duty days working to improve the ship class for those who came after him.

The obituary below appeared in the Fredericksburg Free-Lance Star on April 15, 2020:

Peter Anthony Armatis, 54, born November 11, 1965 in Omaha, Nebraska, passed away from COVID-19 complications on April 1, 2020 at Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Devoted husband of 28 years to Stacy (nee Bazaar); beloved father of Olivia (21), Jacob (16), and William (14); son of Leo and Monica Armatis of Naples, Florida; brother of Maria (Robert) Armatis-Carnes of Ocean Springs, Mississippi and Rebecca (Jonathan) Armatis-Furr of Chicago, Illinois; adoring uncle to Niclas, Eric, Emily, Jonny, Leo, Hans, and Elsa; loved by his maternal relatives in Sweden. Peter began his childhood in Clinton Township, Michigan and in 1976 moved to Des Moines, Iowa. He graduated from Valley High School in West Des Moines in 1983. After high school Peter enlisted in the Navy and subsequently attended the University of Mississippi where he received a BA in Marketing, participated in Navy ROTC, and was commissioned as a Navy officer in 1989. Peter's years of military service led to service in Operation Desert Storm on the USS San Jacinto, on the USS Arleigh Burke, and as a Flag Aide in New Orleans. Peter was honorably discharged from active duty in 1997 and served several years in the Navy Reserves, including serving time overseas after 9/11. In the civilian world Peter excelled in various professional



capacities working with defense contracting and federal government consulting. His coworkers described him as a dynamic leader, mentor, and motivator who truly cared about everyone. Outside of work, Peter's passions were endless. He had a great appreciation of music, was the DJ of Ole Miss's first Alternative radio station, and had a playlist spanning from Randy Travis to Wilco. An avid outdoorsman and sports enthusiast, he loved Ole Miss football, the Saint Louis Cardinals, the Washington Capitals, and Chelsea FC. He was a lifetime golfer, tactical billiards player, and he would never turn down a glass of fine bourbon or craft beer. In recent years, Peter brought his leadership and passion to Fredericksburg Football Club as a youth soccer coach. Wherever he was and whatever he was doing, Peter loved to connect with people. He was the life of the party and never met a stranger. Most importantly, Peter was a family man. "Family is everything" he would often say. He delighted in his children's successes and loved spending time at home watching British mysteries, playing pool and video games. Peter cherished his time with Jacob on the golf course and coaching Will's team on the soccer pitch. Each year he made time to visit his "Sunshine" Olivia at Ole Miss to eat BBQ and catch a football game. It is difficult to imagine a world without his charisma and big heart. Full military burial and memorial service will be held at Quantico National Cemetery at a later date to be announced.

Those wishing to honor Peter's memory can offer support with a donation to the Armatis Children's Education Fund. These donations can be submitted via the Arleigh Burke Association through either our PayPal account or by sending a check to:

Armatis Children's Education Fund
C/O USS Arleigh Burke Association
32 King Georges Grant
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Please include a memorandum on the check or with the Paypal submission indicating that this donation is for this purpose.

If you have more questions about the fund, please contact Maria Armatis-Carnes at mhasteberg@gmail.com or (954) 802-3440.

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February 16, 2020

Mr. Rick Easton
Mr. Rob Jobrack
Arleigh Burke Association

Dear Rick and Rob,

Your continued support speaks volumes about the Arleigh Burke Association's commitment to our shared Surface Navy community. Through your generosity, our Anchor Scholars will thrive – both today and tomorrow.

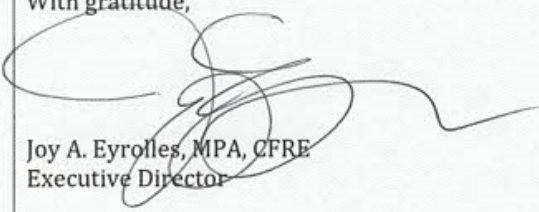
Thank you for your recent gift of \$2,500 received on January 31, 2020 to our Anchor Scholarship Program. With this gift, we will continue to administer the Arleigh Burke Association's Scholarship for the 2020 Scholarship Year. Per our agreement, we will distribute one \$2,250 scholarship to a Surface Navy dependent, whose sponsor served on the USS Arleigh Burke.

We value your trust and deeply appreciate your partnership. Your generous donation will certainly lessen the financial burden our Surface Navy dependents carry as they pursue their college education.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or would like to discuss the impact of your giving. I will be in contact about our awards ceremony in June.

Thank you for helping us to meet our mission of *making college more affordable for Surface Navy families*. Your help truly makes a tremendous difference.

With gratitude,


Joy A. Eyrolles, MPA, CFRE
Executive Director

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USS ARLEIGH BURKE COMMENCES THE TRAINING CYCLE

BY ENS LUCIUS CAMPBELL AND CDR PATRICK CHAPMAN

Busy few months on USS Arleigh Burke! Since the last newsletter, this ship and its crew have made tremendous strides in the ship's lifecycle.

In January we executed our engineering Light-Off Assessment (LOA), an intensive week-long inspection of our engineering plant, complete with a full-blown main space fire drill. It was a grueling week, but this crew kept a positive attitude and pushed hard – mission accomplished!

From there, we immediately rolled into Dock Trials, Fast Cruise, and Contractor Sea Trials. This was another challenging stretch of time, but the crew rose to the occasion and executed high speed runs, lit off its combat systems equipment, conducted a precision anchorage, streamed its towed array, and tested many capabilities.

In February and March, the ship was in port Norfolk getting emergent repairs done on its fuel tanks. We capitalized on this unplanned in port time by getting ahead on some of our certification events.

Early mornings, late nights, and lots of teamwork enabled us to earn early certifications in Anti-Terrorism, Communications, and Visit Board Search & Seizure warfare areas. As it always does, the crew came together as a single warfighting unit to pass these inspections led by Afloat Training Group (ATG).

In February, our wardroom hosted Capt. (ret.) Rick Easton on board for the first of our Leadership & Legacy Luncheon series. Capt. Easton spoke with our officers about leadership, warfighting, and the power of enthusiasm. It was a memorable luncheon, and we look forward to having him aboard again!

Later that month, we hosted the second in our Leadership & Legacy Luncheon series, this time with Capt. Corey Keniston, former Commanding Officer of USS Arleigh Burke from 2010-2012. This was another fantastic event, and our officers learned about career planning vs. life planning, and discussed complex leadership issues such as conduct and morale.

In March, the COVID-19 pandemic added a layer of complexity to our lives that no one expected. Social distancing became the norm, and we have worked together as a

crew to navigate these uncharted waters.

On the messdecks and in the wardroom, every other seat is taped off to ensure social distancing guidelines are followed. On the mess line, blue tape is spaced out every six feet help crew members keep their distance from each other. Meetings that used to occur in smaller spaces have been relocated. We all wear masks onboard. Social gatherings have been cancelled.

The COVID-19 problem has been a challenging one, but we were determined not to let it get in our way, and we found a way to overcome this obstacle and get back out to sea.

In mid-April, we got underway for TYCOM Sea Trials and our READ-E 5 inspection, a prelude to INSURV. We shot all our guns, conducted an anchor drop test, executed a detect-to-engage sequence with a leer jet, ran the ship at full speed, and received all kinds of material inspections. Our results were not perfect, but they were pretty good. We are proud of the material condition of the oldest (or "saltiest", as we like to say) destroyer in the fleet!

After that inspection, we tested our newest weapons system, SeaRAM. As mentioned in the last article, this was one of our major upgrades from the last shipyard availability. This test involved a live-fire missile shoot, and our weapons department executed it to perfection! The drone didn't stand a chance. (phot on bottom of page 11)

We remain out to sea and are continuing to march forward on training phase certification events. Since the missile shoot, we have certified in our Aviation and Damage Control warfare areas. We have made great strides in our navigation, seamanship, and engineering warfare areas as well.

We remain out at sea, working hard in this COVID-19 environment to ensure we are ready to go when our nation calls on us. It's great to be out to sea and carrying on the proud legacy forged by the sailors who have gone before us on this mighty warship. We will keep you posted as our story unfolds.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

BY KENYON HISER, COMMISSIONING ENGINEERING OFFICER

ARLEIGH BURKE was my third ship and the third ship I reported aboard in dry dock. For my next tour as XO, the detailer assigned me to another ship in dry dock. I asked him to reconsider, and he gave me orders to USS KIDD (DDG 993). Turned out we were in two dry docks prior to my first underway on ship's power.

After USS KIDD, I reported to the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, in the basement of the Pentagon. The second day, my former CO's wife set me up on a blind date. Maggie and I have now been married 24 + years. Several of the pre-comm crew served with her later, believe Boats and EW1, maybe others. (She tells how Boats always made everyone stand when DDG51 was mentioned.)

After the Pentagon, we got orders to Hawaii. I was on PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60) (PHM) and Maggie on CPF staff. In a break from my four prior ships, we were underway within days of the CoC for RIMPAC 98, fired all ships weapons within the first few weeks, and deployed very quickly thereafter. My first Sea & Anchor, I didn't even know the conning officer's name - fortunately he was very good. We participated in operations Desert Viper and Desert Fox, operated with four different Battle Groups, had four port calls in Australia, then back to Pearl.

Back in Pearl, we joined with Rick for a quick run to Kauai for a BMD test. I remember giving a ball cap to the Kwaj CO. Of course, Army preferred the challenge coin. This was about the time coins were starting to gain popularity in the Navy, so I ordered some on return to Pearl. They just arrived when the Korean J2 visited PHM. I very proudly pulled out the brand-new PHM challenge coin - and you could see all the faces fall. So I also had to pull out ball caps. This was not an improvement, having to give both.

Another round with my detailer - the officer Perspective magazine said volunteering for an overseas tour

was important to your career. So I "volunteered" for somewhere in NATO. This got me a lecture from the detailer - you are going to DC whether you want to or not.

The first year in DC was preparing the CEC Battle-group for OPEVAL and deployment.

After that, I moved to PMS 452 - Navy Theater Wide Program Office. I stated with a small international cooperation program that grew into the SM-3 Blk IIA missile. Shortly after President Bush made missile defense a priority, I became the AEGIS BMD Technical Director, and led deployment of BMD 3.0E and BMD 3.0 with the SM-3 Blk I. For about one blissful year during this period, the program office did not appear on any org chart - amazing what you can get done when no one thinks they are your boss. One of our first ships was PHM, now commanded by Bill Johnson. We would work together again later when he had LAKE ERIE.

I retired in 2005 and worked for the MDA Chief Engineer on a classified program. In 2008 I worked on transition of the SBX from MDA control to the USN (SBX is a freaking huge missile defense radar on a similarly large self-propelled oil platform.)

In 2009, I was hired by Raytheon to work on SM-3. I helped navigate SM-3 BLK IB from final development, initial testing, production, deployment, and eventually multi-year contract. This led to a move to Tucson in 2014. I returned to the IIA program, helping set it up for initial successful intercept test, operational test, and initial production contracts.

In 2017 I retired from Raytheon. We spent nine weeks camping the Rockies in a small travel trailer, and then moved to Annapolis. We currently spend spring and fall in Annapolis, doing some boating. In the heat of the summer we head north, in winter we head south or southwest in our trailer.

ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE BY KATHLEEN BALLARD

Hello Arleigh Burke Association!

I am writing to update you all on my progression through pharmacy school with some very exciting news: I have just been informed that I will receive the 2020 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship! I am blessed to be chosen as a recipient for a third time, and I can never thank you all enough for the help this brings to me and my family. Not only am I able to further my education with the help of this scholarship, but I am one step closer to my goal of helping people in my community as a licensed pharmacist.

In the last newsletter I recapped on my past three co-ops (paid internships) at various pharmacies throughout Massachusetts. I now am in the midst of completing 4 consecutive semesters of class, before graduating from Northeastern University with my Bachelor of Pharmacy Studies in May of 2021. As you may imagine, this pandemic has made classes a bit more challenging as we are now completely transitioned online until at least September. Thankfully, I have been able to stay in Maine at my boyfriend's family home as a relaxing getaway from Boston. They've got a home gym, two adorable cats, and a few rounds of cards waiting to be played each night after dinner.

I am technically only taking three classes this summer, but they certainly keep me busy! Anti-Infectives are very intriguing to learn about while witnessing this pandemic. My Jurisprudence class introduces us to pharmacy laws and regulations, which can vary greatly between states. Lastly, my Comprehensive Disease Management (CDM) 2 class is the "meat" of pharmacy, where we learn different disease states and the various drug therapies for each. Coupled with CDM 2 lab, I get to practice counseling "patients" virtually – today in fact I will be counseling on proper inhaler technique!

School continues to challenge me, and I am loving every moment. I had no idea what I was in for when I elected to major in pharmacy at Northeastern four years ago. What a monumental decision I made at 18! There is still so much ahead for me to learn, especially during my sixth year where I will be completing rotations as a soon-to-be Doctor of Pharmacy. One thing I know for certain now is that I chose the right path and am continuously grateful to all who have helped me in my pursuit.

Wishing you and yours well,

Kathleen Ballard



Celebrating my boyfriend Andrew's graduation from college, at-home style!



I'm trying to read, Milky Way is trying to snuggle.



Kathleen took this beautiful picture on a walk at Higgins Beach in Maine.



USS ARLEIGH BURKE testing the new SeaRAM Weapon System (photo courtesy of the ship)

USS ARLEIGH BURKE SUCCESSFUL DSRA

BY ROBERT SANDOVAL, SHIP MANAGER NASSCO-NORFOLK

On January 31, 2020 NASSCO-Norfolk successfully completed a Drydocking Selected Restricted Availability (DSRA) on the USS Arleigh Burke (DDG-51), delivering much needed warfighting capability to the U.S. Navy. During this availability NASSCO-Norfolk executed more than 263 production work items which included 44 undocking critical work items and an array of critical Ship Alterations.

In addition to the critical work items, NASSCO-Norfolk, with the support of small business teaming partners, managed, executed, and completed a complete hull preservation, 71 tank inspections and repairs, to include 24 blast and preservation tanks, 992 ft² of deck plating removal and replace, and removal and reinstallation of all 580 sonar transducers. Working with our counterparts from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Maintenance Center (MARMC) we were able to identify areas of high risk and mitigate any issues to allow the completion of work on time.

NASSCO-Norfolk, working with the government

Alteration Installation Teams (AITs), supported the extensive install of SeaRAM, an advanced close-in missile defense system which has replaced the Close-In Weapons System (CIWS), and the Surface Electronic Warfare Improvement Program (AN/SLQ-32(V)6 SEWIP Block 2 Upgrade), requiring the overhaul of Radar room number one and electronic workshop number one. These upgrades greatly improved the warfighting capabilities of the USS Arleigh Burke.

The ship departed NASSCO-Norfolk shipyard to Naval Station Norfolk on December 21st, 2019, where she completed all milestones on time including Damage Control Material Assessment (DCMA), Light Off Assessment (LOA), and was three days early for dock trails and subsequent completion of a successful Sea Trails on January 31, 2020. Completing her DSRA on time allowed her to commence Fleet workups to be ready to join the Forward Deployed Naval Forces (FDNF) in Rota, Spain in early 2021.



Ship's Force Team



NASSCO-Norfolk Team



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docking on
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**USS ARLEIGH BURKE 30th COMMISSIONING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION &
FORMER CREW REUNION WEEKEND, NORFOLK, VA 12-16 FEBRUARY 2021
RESERVATION FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS**

This event will be held in Norfolk, VA over President's Day Weekend 12-16 February, 2021. This weekend was chosen so the Admiral's ship and crew can participate before the ship shifts homeports to Rota, Spain and joins Sixth Fleet's Forward Deployed Naval Force, which occurs shortly after the celebration.

IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING: Please fill out the Registration Form on page 2, scan and return it via e-mail to Mark Fortune at: mark.w.fortune@gmail.com, copy Rob Jobrack at: jobrack@cox.net.

IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, PLEASE PAY BY CHECK: Enclose a copy of this Form with your check mailed to: Rob Jobrack, 32 King Georges Grant, [Fredericksburg, VA 22405](#).

IF YOU PAY BY CREDIT CARD: Please click the following link [USS Arleigh Burke Association](#) and use the donate button. Please add the 3% fee that PayPal charges the Association per transaction. Be sure to email the Registration Form as described above.

NOTE: YOU MAY CANCEL FOR A FULL REFUND THROUGH 15 DEC 2020. In addition, cancellations made between 16 Dec 2020 and 01 Feb 2021 will result in a 70% refund but you will receive the Peter Hsu Commemorative Drawing which will be mailed to you. Cancellation requests made after 01 Feb 2021 will not receive a refund as the Association is required to fully pay for all events at this point.

IF YOU REQUIRE LODGING: There are rooms available at the Norfolk Marriott Waterside - cost is \$129.00 per night/per room/double occupancy. Self-parking is available. Reservation Link: [Marriot Arleigh Burke Reservation Link](#). **ROOMS AT THIS PRICE ARE LIMITED, SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY. STANDARD MARRIOTT CANCELLATION POLICY APPLIES: 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF CHECK-IN TIME DAY OF ARRIVAL.**

DEPENDENT'S CRUISES are planned onboard USS Arleigh Burke from Yorktown NWS to Norfolk's Half Moon Pier on Friday, 12 Feb 2020, and from Norfolk's Half Moon Pier to Norfolk Naval Station on Tuesday, 16 Feb 2020. You may participate in one or both as your schedule allows. An email to solicit interest and further details will be sent out separately.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP If you are not a member of the USS Arleigh Burke Association, we encourage you to join. If you want to join, please check the box on the Registration Form, bottom of the next page, we will sign you up, and you will be billed \$20.00 annually for the dues.

ARLEIGH BURKE 30TH COMMISSIONING ANNIVERSARY RESERVATION FORM

There are two (2) options for your 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration: 1) The "Package Deal" plus selected A la Carte; 2) Solely A la Carte. The Package Deal is \$110.00 per person until 01 Sep 2020, after which the price increases to \$130.00 per person. We encourage you to register early as it saves you money, aids our planning, and the cancellation policy provides for a full refund through 15 Dec 2020. Please specify the option you wish to take by assigning the corresponding numbers and fill out the payment form per the example below:

Date Submitted:	
Name:	1.
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	



How many people are in your party? (Please include first and last names below)
2.
3.
4.
5.

Weekend Package Deal	Payment by Check	Payment by Credit Card	Number from Above			Total
Option 1: Weekend Package: Includes Welcome Reception – No Host Bar (Friday), Official Dinner (Saturday) including Peter Hsu drawing and commemorative wine glass, Ship Reception (Sunday), Marriott Waterside Hospitality Suite and extended access and hours at the Marriott Bar (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)	\$110.00 through 01 Sep, \$130.00 thereafter	\$113.30 through 01 Sep, \$133.90 thereafter				
A la Carte	Payment by Check	Payment by Credit Card	Number from Above	11-17	10 and under	Total
Welcome Reception – No Host Bar - Friday	\$20.00	\$20.60				
Indoor picnic to be held at the Vista Point Club and Conference Center - Saturday	\$20.00	\$20.60		\$10.00 or \$10.30	Free	
Top Golf - Saturday	\$45.00	\$46.35				
Official Dinner (Saturday) including Peter Hsu drawing - Saturday	\$100.00	\$103.00				
Memorial Service - Sunday	Free	Free				
Vietnam Memorial Nauticus Battleship Wisconsin - Sunday	Free	Free				
Top Golf - Sunday	\$45.00	\$46.35				
Ship Reception - Sunday	\$20.00	\$20.60				
Farewell Breakfast - Monday	\$23.00	\$23.69				
**NOTE: A LA CARTE ITEMS IN BLUE ARE INCLUDED IN WEEKEND PACKAGE				Grand Total		

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EXAMPLE

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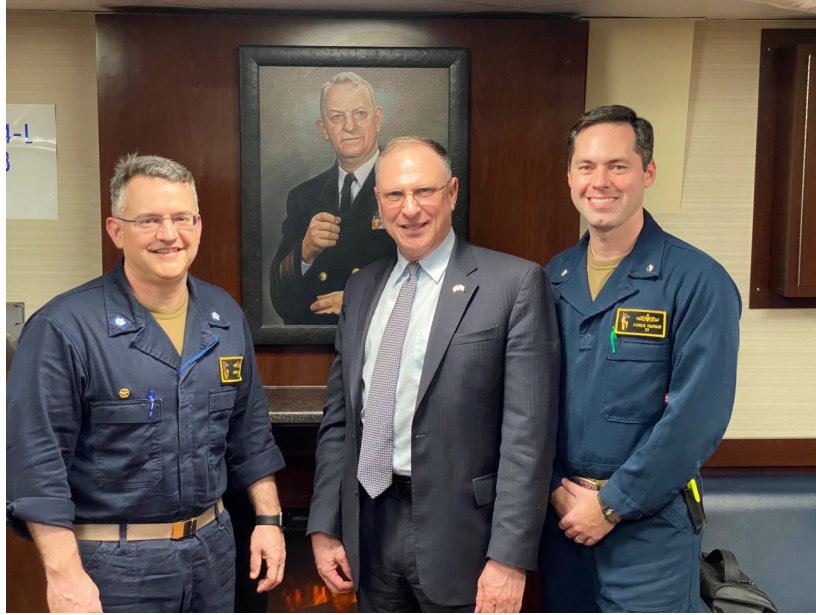
Date Submitted:	01 June 2020
Name:	1. David Jones
Address:	31 Knot Pkwy
Phone:	Boulder, CO 80301
Email:	fastandfeared@gmail.com

How many people are in your party? (Please include first and last names below)
2. Linda Jones
3. Stephen Jones
4.
5.

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Indoor picnic to be held at the Vista Point Club and Conference Center - Saturday	\$20.00	\$20.60	1,2,3	\$10.00 or \$10.30	Free	41.20
Top Golf - Saturday	\$45.00	\$48.35				
Official Dinner (Saturday) including Peter Hsu drawing - Saturday	\$100.00	\$103.00	2			103.00
Memorial Service - Sunday	Free	Free	1,2,3			Free
Vietnam Memorial Nauticus Battleship Wisconsin - Sunday	Free	Free	2,3			Free
Top Golf - Sunday	\$45.00	\$48.35	1			48.35
Ship Reception - Sunday	\$20.00	\$20.60	2			20.60
Farewell Breakfast - Monday	\$23.00	\$23.69	1,2,3			71.07
**NOTE: A LA CARTE ITEMS IN BLUE ARE INCLUDED IN WEEKEND PACKAGE				Grand Total		395.52

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EXAMPLE



Rick Easton with Commander John Gaines (L), USS Arleigh Burke Commanding Officer, and Commander Pat Chapman (R), USS Arleigh Burke Executive Officer, in Arleigh Burke's Wardroom - February 2020



Rick Easton with The USS Arleigh Burke Wardroom Officers after a Delicious Lunch and Leadership Discussion - February 2020

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Association members, I am trying to keep the “**Where are they now?**” articles going. If you would like to submit a short article such as Kenyon Hiser 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. This is not just for Plankowners. My email address is: rstruewing@cox.net. Thank you.

2020 BOD Meeting Dates

18 June 16 July 20 August 17 Sep

15 October 22 Oct Annual Meeting 19 November 17 December

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

Pass/AccessCode: 619219

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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.

