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FROM THE PRESIDENT

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members, Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! Welcome 2021!!

Well, 2020 certainly turned out to be a lot different than we projected in our February 2020 edition of *The Destroyerman*, thanks to the COVID19 Pandemic!! Despite the many challenges 2020 presented to our Association, the key impact of COVID19 was the delay of our USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and former Crew Reunion. Originally scheduled over Presidents Day Weekend in February 2021, it is now re-scheduled for Columbus Day Weekend 8-11 October 2021. Highlights of our 2020 accomplishments include planning for the 30th, support for the USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship Award including raising the funds to support a 2021 Award, publication of three outstanding editions of *The Destroyerman*, our Association's critical support for the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation, and completion of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Museum of the Surface Navy (NMSN). The NMSN has committed to incorporating an Admiral Arleigh Burke Exhibit on the Museum's opening anticipated in

2025 aboard the Battleship Iowa in the Port of Los Angeles. Bottom line, I am very proud of all of our 2020 accomplishments!!



Well done to the Association and in particular to those individuals who routinely support the Board of Directors.

Looking forward, 2021 is indeed a very important year for our Association. Topping the list is the final planning for, and most importantly, the execution of USS Arleigh Burke's 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and our Association's Reunion. Mark your calendars for the revised dates – Columbus Day Weekend Friday 8 through Monday 11 October 2021, as I mentioned above! Ultimately, Columbus Day Weekend 2021 was chosen to push the date out to the end of 2021 giving the COVID19 vaccine the best opportunity to work, and hopefully things can get back to mostly normal for travel and in person events. In addition, it is close to Admiral Burke's 120th Birthday - October 19th -- and as reported in the October 2020 edition of *The Destroyerman*, that

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 Dues: Ongoing
Please pay on line or directly to the Treasurer, Rob Jobrack

30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration: Fri 8 OCT through Mon 11 OCT 2021

Annual Membership Meeting: 1930-2015
Thursday 22 October 2021
- the 4th Thursday of October

date topped the list of alternatives from our Member-ship Survey conducted last fall by our Secretary, Mark Fortune.

The USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Schedule of Events for 8-11 October 2021 is essentially the same as what we originally planned for this month, with one key exception: USS Arleigh Burke will not be in Norfolk to support the Celebration as she sails in the first quarter of 2021 to join the Forward Deployed Naval Forces (FDNF) in Rota, Spain. We are working to virtually include the ship for selected events and I anticipate that Commander Pat Chapman, USS Arleigh Burke's Commander Officer, along with other members of the crew, will virtually join the Official Dinner on Saturday evening 9 October. In addition, I am working with SURFLANT and Fleet Forces Command to support the 30th Celebration with one of USS Arleigh Burke's sister ships, to be at the Half Moon Pier/Nauticus in Downtown Norfolk as Visit Ship for Columbus Day Weekend this year. I am optimistic this will come together as a celebration of both the USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary as well as the USS Arleigh Burke Class – the most successful Destroyer Class in modern history.

- Following is the Official Weekend Schedule (8-11 October 2021):

- Friday Anticipated Arleigh Burke Sister Ship Transit from NOB to Norfolk Half Moon Pier

- Friday Evening Kick Off Reception/Welcome Party (TBD)

- Saturday Daytime Activities: Picnic (Vista Point Club: Indoor or Outdoor based on the weather), Top Golf

- Saturday Evening Official Dinner (Marriott Waterside)

- Sunday Morning Memorial Service for Admiral Burke (Anticipated onboard Sister Ship)

- Sunday Afternoon Activities: Nauticus Vietnam Exhibit/BB Wisconsin Tour, Top Golf

- Sunday Evening Reception (Anticipated on Sister Ship or alternate venue)

- Monday Morning Informal Departure Breakfast (Marriott Waterside)

- Tuesday Anticipated Arleigh Burke Sister Ship Transit from Norfolk Half Moon Pier to NOB

To help our planning effort, it would be great if those who intend to or anticipate attending the Reunion fill out the Reservation Form – page 15 in this Newsletter below, and return it to our Secretary, Mark Fortune, with your payment by June 1st. Note: June 1st is also the last date for the Package Discount which includes the Welcome Reception, Official Dinner and Sunday Reception – almost a 30% savings. That will really help us work the total numbers and the costs. Note: You can cancel with a full refund up to 15 September 2021. Also, if it turns out that we again cannot hold the event in October, you will get a full refund. If you need lodging, the Marriott is offering a very good deal for our event at \$129/night – link is in the Reservation Form instructions. If you previously had a Marriott reservation for February, it should have transitioned over to the new dates in October, and you should have gotten a new confirmation email from Marriott with your new dates. If you did not get a confirmation from Marriott with your new dates, be sure to contact them. If you have any issues, please do not hesitate to give Mark Fortune or me a call and we can coordinate directly with the Marriott Event Planner assigned to our Reunion to resolve the issue. For those that signed up and paid previously for the February dates, everything has carried forward to the new October 2021 dates.

In addition, our Association Leadership is planning on virtually participating in USS Arleigh Burke's anticipated Fourth of July 2021 actual 30th Birthday Celebration in Rota. The ship's current schedule has her in port Rota on the Fourth. We anticipate a Cake Cutting Ceremony as well as other activities. All Association Members and Friends are more than welcome to participate – the more the better!! Details on joining, to include the virtual link will be published in the June edition of *The Destroyerman*, as well as distributed by Mark Fortune via email immediately ahead of the Fourth.

30th Memorabilia! Rob Jobrack has designed and expects to receive in February both a 30th Ball Cap – traditional Blue as well as Khaki colors in Crew, CDR/CAPT and Flag variants, and a 30th Challenge Coin. See Rob's section on page 8 for more details and how to order. Mark Fortune will also be forwarding to everyone an email on how to get these initial, limited production, 30th collector's items/mementos. Be ahead of the power curve and order your USS Arleigh Burke Association 30th keepsakes now!

One final note on the 30th. While I certainly hope it is not the case, if we have to postpone again our contingency plan will be to hold an event in the summer of 2022.

Our Annual Meeting was held on Thursday 22 October 2020 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. We are still looking for "new blood" in leadership positions to help keep the association fresh!!

Rob reported that our bank balance is in good shape with all 2020 taxes and bills paid. Thanks very much to our Members who paid their dues in 2020.

The Membership unanimously voted to continue support for the USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship. Kathleen Ballard was the recipient of the fourth USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year – her third and final award as going forward in her Pharmacy PhD Program at Northeastern University in Boston she is no longer an undergraduate, and thus not eligible per the Anchor Scholarship Foundation rules. You will see Kathleen's note and update on her activities on page 10 in this edition of our Newsletter.

Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation Way Ahead. In 2020 the Foundation Charter was updated, legal reviews completed, and our application to the IRS for our 501(c)(3) Educational Foundation Tax Exempt Status submitted. In addition, the NMSN Founding Partners Program MOU, defining the relationship between the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation and the NMSN, was completed and signed by VADM Morgan and RADM Carr, Co-Chairmen of the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation, and RADM Shatynski along with Mr. Jonathan Williams Chairman of the Board and President/CEO of the NMSN respectively. The Association Membership voted to provide \$2000 from the USS Arleigh Burke Association to assist with the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation costs in 2021.

In 2021, we will conduct the 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 from January through November 2021. We will hold our Annual Association Membership Meeting on the Fourth Thursday of October 2021. Board of Director and Annual Membership Meeting dates for 2021 are published in *The Destroyerman* on the back page. All Members and Friends are welcome to join any/all of these teleconference calls! (Teleconference for BOD/Planning Committee/Annual Meetings: 712-770-5505; Pass/AccessCode: 619219).

2021 Association Priorities:

Support publication of *The Destroyerman*

Support award of the 2021 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship and raise the funds for the 2022-2023 Scholarship

Support the USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee, and conduct the celebration on Columbus Day Week-end 2021

Support the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation and NMSN activities

Despite the COVID19 Pandemic, things have been moving forward for the NMSN. Rear Admiral Mike Shatynski, USNR (Ret.), Chairman of the NMSN Board of Directors, along with Mr. Jonathan Williams, President and CEO, have addressed the NMSN Board of Directors several times over the past year, updating them on the status, progress and evolving plans for the new NMSN. I have again included the artist concept in this edition of *The Destroyerman* - take a look below at the concept which highlights the NMSN with the Battleship Iowa as artifact number 1 - 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. On page 6 is a picture of the Admiral Arleigh Burke Banner which hangs on the fence adjacent to the Battleship Iowa today, which the Association helped put together with input

from the Board, David Rosenberg, our Historian, and others! As mentioned previously, in 2020 we consummated the MOU establishing the official relationship between the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation and the NMSN. Dave Rosenberg continues to work on an initial Admiral Arleigh Burke Exhibit for the new Museum, and I am working directly with Admiral Shatynski and Mr. Williams on Defense Industry Fundraising. 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 information on the NMSN can be found on the Museum's Official Website: [SurfaceNavyMuseum.org](https://surfaceNavyMuseum.org). If you have any questions regarding the NMSN please give me a shout! It really is exciting to see our new Surface Warrior Museum come together!

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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 Feb 2021 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.

By this time, most of you should be aware from that we moved the USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion from President's Day weekend in February 2021 to Columbus Day weekend 08-11, Oct 2021. 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.

A MARK YOUR CALENDARS email that establishes the dates for the celebration and the schedule of events will be going out shortly. A registration form and a sample on how to fill it out for the 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion is included in this newsletter on pages 15 and 16 and will be posted on the Association website, and emailed to your inboxes. Early registration which



comes with a discount for the 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion is available until 01 Jun 2021. 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 June to pass me the contact information you have on former shipmates, I would be extremely grateful. 15 minutes is all I ask. In addition, I have a list of plankowners that I do not have contact information on. If you would like me to give you some names to see if you can get contact information on them I can do that as well. Just reach out to me and I will pass you the info.

Rick Easton and I are also trying to get contact information on each of our former Commanding Officers and Command Master Chiefs. We are currently missing information on CDR Weppeler, CMC Lovett, CMC Caldwell, and CMC Johnson. 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

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ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE

Admiral Arleigh Albert Burke was born on the family farm three miles east of Boulder, Colorado, on October 19, 1901. The first of six children, he was the grandson of Swedish immigrant Anders Bjorkgren who changed the family name to Burke. Young Arleigh never completed high school because of the 1918 flu epidemic but won appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1919. He graduated June 7, 1923, 70th in a class of 412, and married Roberta "Bobbie" Gorsuch the same day.

After five years in battleship Arizona, Burke was selected for postgraduate education. He earned a Master's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Michigan in 1931 and served as a design and production specialist at the Bureau of Ordnance. While he spent only three years on destroyers before World War II, his first command, USS MUFGORD, won the Destroyer Gunner Trophy in 1939. His bold and innovative combat tactics as Commander, Destroyer Squadron 23 during the night engagements of Empress Augusta Bay and Cape St. George in the Solomon Islands in November 1943 won him a Navy Cross and Distinguished Service Medal and a permanent place in naval legend as "Thirty-One Knot" Burke. Burke subsequently served as Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's chief of staff in Fast Carrier Force 58.33 during the New Guinea, Marianas, Philippines, Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns. After the war, he developed the Navy's first postwar long range plan, helped coordinate the service's testimony before Congress during the 1949 "Admiral's Revolt" hearings on defense strategy, and served as the top planner for Commander Naval Forces, Far East and as a member of the first UN Truce Negotiation Team during the first eighteen months of the Korean War.

Rear Admiral Burke was serving as Commander, Destroyer Force, US Atlantic Fleet, when he was appointed by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1955 over 92 senior admirals to become Chief of Naval Operations. He served a record six years. As CNO, Burke fought against increased unification and restriction of command authority in the armed forces, and for maintenance of a balanced, flexible Navy capable of responding quickly and effectively to crises and limited wars. He played a key role in planning military responses to the Suez, Lebanon, Indonesia, Taiwan Straits, Berlin, and Cuban crises of 1956-1961. Burke also accelerated the development of innovative weapons systems including nuclear powered submarines and surface ships, anti-submarine and anti-air warfare systems and platforms, computers for command and control, and extensive Navy use of space for communications and intelligence. He played the crucial role inside the Navy in championing development of the Polaris submarine-based ballistic missile, deployed in 1960, as a national nuclear deterrent. Burke linked the Navy's nuclear strategy to the need to prepare for limited as well as general war. Deeply concerned by the threat of unconventional warfare, Burke initiated development of the Navy SEALs in 1961. His service as CNO helped insure the U.S. would continue to exploit the strategic advantages of the oceans, and that the Navy could keep its own counsel on budgets, programs and personnel, if not operations. Retiring from the Navy on 1 August 1961, Burke had a distinguished career on corporate boards, as co-founder of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and in public service with the USO and the Boy Scouts of America. Arleigh Burke died 1 January 1996 and is buried at the U.S. Naval Academy.



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ADM Arleigh Burke Banner that hangs on the fence adjacent to the Battleship Iowa

A few more important things:

First, congratulations to our two new Association Life Members - Mark Braunschweig and Dave Rosenberg!! Your above and beyond support for our Association as Life Members contributes directly to our Association's financial strength and long term stability and viability. Welcome to the Life Member rolls!

Second, our hearty congratulations to Commander Pat Chapman on taking Command of the Admiral's Destroyer this past October!!! We know the Admiral's ship is in very good hands!

Third, I was privileged to visit with Commander Chapman on Thursday 21 January aboard USS Arleigh Burke in Norfolk. During that visit I presented him a signed Peter Hsu 25th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Commemorative Drawing as thanks for his outstanding support for our Association and specifically the preparations for the 30th. See picture on page 7. Thanks "Captain" and "Fair Winds" as you and your crew sail for FDNF Rota!!

Fourth, but not least, our sincere thanks to two of our Corporate Sponsors, BAE Systems Norfolk who is again supporting the 30th by providing the Commemorative Program, and NASSCO Norfolk who is one of our 30th Official Dinner Sponsors. Your support makes all the difference and it is greatly appreciated!!

Now, a special thanks to all of our Members, Friends and other advocates for their continued contribution to our Association. Without your support we really would not have an engaged and healthy USS Arleigh Burke Association. I also thank our Officers and those individuals who volunteer their time to run our Association. Again, specific thanks to Ron Struewing for his exceptional effort in putting together our Association Newsletter. And, as I have said before, thanks to all those who provide inputs to *The Destroyerman* - your contribution makes a BIG difference in producing a truly outstanding Newsletter!! In addition, thanks to all of you who contributed in 2020 to the USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year, which will be awarded in June of 2021 - our fifth year supporting this worthy endeavor!

I look forward to seeing our Association Members, as well as current and former USS Arleigh Burke shipmates in person in 2021. What a nice change that will be compared to 2020! As I close, if you have questions regarding our Association, or ideas on how to do things better, please reach out to me, Rob or Mark - phone call, text, email, or however! My very best to all for a Happy and Prosperous 2021! Sail safely!

Rick



CAPT Rick Easton, USN (Ret.) presenting CDR Pat Chapman, USN, CO USS Arleigh Burke, with a signed Peter Hsu USS Arleigh Burke 25th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Commemorative Drawing.



Commodore Joseph Gagliano, Commander of Destroyer Squadron 60 and Task Force 65, unveils the USS Arleigh Burke crest at his headquarters in Spain with Commander Patrick Chapman, the ship's commanding officer.

TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK

First, I'm happy to congratulate our two newest Lifetime Members of the Association::

- Mark Braunschweig
- David Rosenberg



Mark was a plankowner on USS Arleigh Burke and now lives in Maryland . He is still doing Navy work at PEO IWS Fleet Readiness, responsible for the testing and certification of AEGIS In Service Baselines.

David is a noted naval historian and retired Captain (Special Duty, Intelligence) in the Navy Reserve. His multi-volume collection of the papers of Admiral Arleigh Burke and the full life and times biography of the admiral are his current major personal scholarly projects.

Thanks to both for their generosity towards the Association.

.Our membership categories and dues for 2021 remain unchanged:

- 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 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

ASSOCIATION STORE IS OPEN

Interested in 30th reunion ballcaps? We have a limited quantity of sample ball caps (in traditional blue and coyote brown this year) with our 30th anniversary markings. These early production hats are \$30.00.



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 marking, are also available.

LOSS OF A SHIPMATE BY KENYON HISER

Chief Petty Officer Gilbert Paul Henry

August 22, 1958 - January 12, 2021

Chief Petty officer Henry graduated from Berenice High School in 1976. He served in the commissioning crew of USS ARLEIGH BURKE in MP Division. His final assignment in the was on USS COLE from 2002 until 2004 as Engineering Senior Enlisted Advisor and Quality Assurance Officer. After retirement he worked for Teague Ford Motor Company and Americable.

Chief Petty Officer Henry was Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) qualified. During his Navy career, he earned Navy Commendation and Navy Achievement medals, in addition to campaign and command awards.

His family reported he was quite a character, and no one could stay angry with Gilbert very long because you were laughing too hard at his jokes. He never met a stranger, and people loved his sense of humor.



Reminiscing: USS Arleigh Burke Dry-docked at BIW Yard in Portland, Maine!

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 2020 Arleigh Burke Association sponsored Anchor Scholarship recipient for the third time. Your organization's support has followed me throughout my college career - thank you all so much.

I have arrived upon my final semester of undergraduate college courses - time flies! I trudged on through Zoom classes all of 2020 and will be finishing up my B.S. in Pharmacy Studies this May. After which, I will start my year-long Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs), completing six, six-week rotations at various hospitals/clinical sites throughout the Greater Boston Area. These experiences are designed to teach us through real-world application of our classroom knowledge in preparation for our licensing exam to become pharmacists. As long as all goes well, I'll be Dr. Kathleen Ballard, PharmD in May 2022!

Currently, in addition to classes I am still working per diem at Brigham & Women's Hospital in the Anticoagulation Management Service department. We manage pa-

tients on anticoagulation medications including warfarin, Eliquis, Xarelto, Lovenox, and more. My job is primarily to input patient bloodwork into our medical record system, then call patients to discuss any changes we make to their medication regimen. I've found it very fulfilling to care for patients long-term in this capacity, and it's definitely influenced my decision to pursue a career in ambulatory care in the future.

I hope everyone is feeling hopeful for our future in light of the pandemic. Support from this scholarship has certainly helped me and my family in our time of need. I started volunteering with a local high school's public health club and administering substance use screenings last semester, as a means of passing forward some support to my community. I want to thank you all for your part in my success as I round out my undergrad career. I wish you all a safe and healthy new year.

Sending all my love and thanks from a safe distance!

Kathleen Ballard



Top Left: Got a fermenting jar for Christmas - I've made pickles and two batches of sauerkraut so far.

Left: Anyone else gotten really into chess over quarantine?

Top Right: A few friends and I (far right) catching up briefly after months.

ARLEIGH BURKE CLASS UPDATE BY CAPT SETH MILLER

The DDG 51 Arleigh Burke Destroyer Program sets the Navy standard in shipbuilding by delivering combat system 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 Class Shipbuilding Program continues to be at the center of the Navy's plans for current and future mission needs. The following provides highlights regarding DDG 51 Program events since our last update.

The DDG 51 Class Shipbuilding Program has delivered 68 ships to the Fleet to date, with the future USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118) and the future USS Frank E. Petersen Jr (DDG 121), scheduled for delivery in 2021 by General Dynamics - Bath Iron Works (GD BIW) and Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII) respectively. The DDG 51 program is currently in serial production with 11 ships under construction and a total of 21 under contract, including 14 Flight III ships.

In September, I had the honor of representing our government / industry team at the Commissioning ceremony for USS Delbert D. Black (DDG 119) in Port Canaveral, Florida. As the first ever Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON), Delbert Black oversaw the establishment of the senior enlisted advisor position that eventually became known as Command Master Chief, and he was the first Navy enlisted man to receive the Distinguished Service Medal. MCPON Black's legacy was honored that day by distinguished guests including the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition) the Honorable Mr. James Geurts, and Vice Chief of Naval Operations ADM William K. Lescher. MCPON Russell Smith was the Principle Speaker and placed the ship into commission. The Ship's Sponsor, Ms. Ima Black (widow of MCPON Black), closed the ceremony by giving the order to "man our ship and bring her to life".

The DDG 51 Class Shipbuilding Program Office and our shipbuilding partners and industry team continue to operate at a high tempo. The future USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118) recently completed very successful Builder's Trials in December, with Acceptance Trials planned for February and delivery in March 2021. USS Delbert D. Black (DDG 119) is undergoing CSSQT with Final Contract Trials planned for March followed by her Post Shakedown

Availability in Jacksonville, FL.

The U.S. Navy also recently reached several important milestones for the DDG 51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer Flight III upgrade, representing significant progress toward delivering critical Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) capability to the Fleet. The DDG 51 Flight III upgrade is centered on the AMDR/SPY-6 (V)1 Air and Missile Defense Radar (AMDR) system that provides improved capability over earlier DDG 51 class ships by enabling Flight III ships to simultaneously perform Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) and Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD).

With Flight III ships currently under construction at shipbuilders HII in Pascagoula, MS and GD BIW in Bath, ME, implementing a test program to demonstrate that upgrades can be successfully integrated prior to shipboard activation is fundamental. These efforts are focused on testing the Hull, Mechanical and Electrical (HM&E) equipment required to facilitate the increased power and cooling requirements for the radar as well as integration testing with the Aegis Combat System.

In the Fall of 2020, the Navy achieved light-off of the Flight III electrical plant at the Land-Based Engineering Site (LBES) at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Philadelphia Division (NSWCPD) in Philadelphia, PA, representing completion of the LBES Flight III HM&E equipment installation and marking the beginning of land-based HM&E system integration testing of the Flight III power system. Concurrent to these efforts the Navy also accepted and installed an AMDR array for land-based testing of the Flight III combat system at the Combat Systems Engineering Development Site (CSEDS) in Moorestown, N.J. This array, along with the rest of the SPY-6 power distribution equipment, will be used for integration testing with the Aegis Combat System.

Maintaining the schedule of the test programs at both engineering sites is critical to successfully integrating these complex components and systems onboard as the future USS Jack H. Lucas (DDG 125), the first Flight III under construction, begins acti-

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USS ARLEIGH BURKE SURPASSES BASIC PHASE

BY ENS URIAH WOODYARD-FAIR

The engines aren't the only ones going 31 knots on the USS ARLEIGH BURKE! Since the last newsletter, this ship and its crew have faced, and surpassed tremendous challenges in the ship's preparation to homeport shift.

During this quarter, the ship was in the Basic Phase in preparation for our homeport shift to Rota, Spain this upcoming spring season. "During the Basic Phase, a ship is trained, tested, and certified in 23 varied warfare areas including combat roles such as Ballistic Missile Defense and Anti-submarine warfare; to more conventional maritime roles such as navigation, engineering, and the conduct of maintenance. Afloat Training Group Atlantic (ATG) is the training and certification authority for ships on the East Coast".

Kicking off the month of September, the ship began drills for our medical qualification, Fleet Support Operations-Medical (FSO-M). During FSO-M, the ship's crew is placed into a simulated training environment in which, due to some catastrophic event, many sailors suffer injury.

"The goal of the training is for the remaining crew members to respond and assist the small onboard medical team in this mass casualty situation, minimize death and further injury. In order to provide greater realism, the ship's medical team, ATG, and Navy Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP) came together to create a gruesome scene".

Overall, the evolution was a huge success! The sailors learned many lessons, gained confidence in their life saving skills whether for training or in real life, and enjoyed themselves while doing it.

Rolling into October, the crew completed Surface Warfare Advanced Tactical Training (SWATT), Fleet Synthetic Training – Unit (Completed AW, SW, CRY, Intel, EW), and celebrated the Navy's birthday the best way a warship could- out at sea, driving fast, and leaving salt in our wake.

While the ship completed many major evolutions, one of

the most celebrated on the deck plates was Life Fire With A Purpose (LFWAP/MISSILEX). In the days leading up to the finale of this event, you could hear the crew buzzing with the excitement of witnessing the firing of the SM-2; Then came game day.

Sailors lined up in front of monitors and along the bridge to witness what would be the talk of many underways to come. Inside the Combat Information Center, as the SM-2 fired, you could hear cheering and clapping. The celebration heard could be equated to the joys of watching your team score on Football Sunday. That one moment shared between the crew would serve as a constant reminder of the purpose of our great Navy.

While this quarter brought on many changes, the ship endured one of the biggest changes to close-out the month of October- Change of Command. The sailors, family, and friends witnessed the Change of Command between CAPT Christopher Follin whom passed command to CDR Patrick Chapman.

Despite the challenges COVID-19 pandemic continues to bring, the ceremony proved to be a beautiful one. All guests as well as the special party donned masks while socially distancing as the ceremony was set up pier side with all near-by to witness this special occasion.

Continuing on the great stride to complete Basic Phase, entering November, the crew tackled Forced Protection Exercise (FPEX). Although our ship is one of the oldest ships in the Navy, she will continue to hold down the title of Best in Class by a superb performance in the FPEX Qualification and recognition as one of the best ships thus far to complete it.

With no breaks, the ship rolled into our 3M Certification to further prove our readiness to homeport shift overseas. After a grilling few weeks, the ship proved that despite our age, this ship can still compete with the best of them with an overall score of 93%.

In the final month of the year, the crew would celebrate an anticipated completion of Basic Phase moving us onto the next chapter of preparing to leave Norfolk, Virginia. Currently in the CMAV period, the ship has received MK 59 floating decoys and the Transportable Electronic Warfare Module (TEWM) to increase our electronic warfare capabilities.

While 2020 was an uphill battle, USS ARLEIGH BURKE remains optimistic and continues to build on

the legacy from which we derive. While there has been many cold and rainy days, there is always a rainbow left in the completion of the storm.

In this New Year, we will continue to ensure we are prepared for the time our nation calls upon us to fulfill our purpose as one of the fastest and feared warships on the great seas. USS ARLEIGH BURKE and her crew are on the brink of what will be one of her best chapters yet.



ARLEIGH BURKE CLASS UPDATE (CONT)

vation and test. The program remains on track to deliver this tremendous capability to the Fleet. Completion of these most recent milestones is a significant accomplishment and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Flight III team.

**USS ARLEIGH BURKE 30th COMMISSIONING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION &
FORMER CREW REUNION WEEKEND, NORFOLK, VA 08-11 OCTOBER 2021
RESERVATION FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS**

This event will be held in Norfolk, VA over Columbus Day Weekend 08-11 October, 2021. This weekend was chosen in order to have max participation at the event. Although the Admiral's ship will not be able to participate, we are working with SURFLANT and Fleet Forces to have another Arleigh Burke-class Destroyer available.

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 SEP 2021. In addition, cancellations made between 16 Sep 2021 and 01 Oct 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 Oct 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 being planned, but the final details are not available yet at the time of this publishing. A follow-on email will discuss the parameters of the dependent's cruise planning.

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 Jun 2021, 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 Sep 2021. 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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Date Submitted:	01 June 2020
Name:	1. David Jones
Address:	31 Knot Pkwy, Boulder, CO 80301
Phone:	313-131-3131
Email:	fastandfeared@gmail.com

How many people are in your party? 3 (Please include first and last names below)
2. Linda Jones
3. Stephen Jones
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	1			113.30
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	1,2,3	\$10.00 or \$10.30	Free	41.20
Top Golf - Saturday	\$45.00	\$46.35				
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	\$46.35	1			46.35
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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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO FILL OUT THE FORM

Using the sample, David Jones is filling out the form. He submitted the form on June 1st and provide his address, phone number, and email address.

Next, he indicated that there were 3 people in his party. Linda Jones and Stephen Jones. David's number is 1, Linda's is 2, and Stephen's is 3. This will be important as you fill out the next part of the form.

David has elected to take the Weekend Package Deal because he wants to participate in all of the events listed in blue. He places a 1 in the Number from Above box. He wants to charge the cost to his credit card, so the fee would be \$113.30.

Neither Linda nor Stephen want to participate in the Welcome Reception, so David leaves this line blank. David is participating because it is part of the Weekend package.

All three want to participate in the Indoor picnic, so David places a 1,2,3 in the Number from Above box. He wants to charge the cost to his credit card, so the fee is \$41.20 for him and Linda, and because Stephen is under 10 he is free.

No one is participating in Top Golf because they will be at the picnic.

Linda is participating in the official dinner, so David places a 2 in the Number from Above box. David receives the dinner because it part of the Weekend Package Deal. He wants to charge the cost to his credit card, so the fee is \$103.00 for Linda.

All three want to participate in the Memorial Service, so David places a 1,2,3 in the Number from Above box. The Memorial Service is free.

Linda and Stephen want to participate in the Vietnam Memorial Nauticus Battleship Wisconsin, so David places a 2,3 in the Number from Above box. The Vietnam Memorial Nauticus Battleship Wisconsin is free.

David wants to participate in Top Golf, so he places a 1 in the Number from Above box. He wants to charge the cost to his credit card, so the fee would be \$48.35.

Linda is participating in the Ship Reception, so David places a 2 in the Number from Above box. David receives the Ship Reception because it part of the Weekend Package Deal. He wants to charge the cost to his credit card, so the fee is \$20.60 for Linda.

All three want to participate in the Farewell Breakfast, so David places a 1,2,3 in the Number from Above box. He wants to charge the cost to his credit card, so the fee is \$71.07.

The grand total to submit through the USS Arleigh Burke Association website because David is paying by credit card is \$395.52.

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 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.

2021 BOD Meeting Dates

18 February	18 March	15 April	20 May	17 June	15 July	19 August
16 September	21 October	28 Oct Annual Meeting			18 November	

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

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