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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 Members, Family and Friends,

Unfortunately, and as reported in Mark Fortune's email to our Membership, Family and Friends on August 27th, 2021, due to the recent rise in COVID19 infections throughout the United States, and in particular in the Hampton Roads, Virginia area, it had become highly likely that the Navy would not be able to participate, to include assignment of an Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer for Visit Ship over Columbus Day Weekend Downtown Norfolk at Waterside, and attendance of any Active Duty Sailors at any of the official events to include the Saturday Evening Dinner and Memorial Service for Admiral Burke. Consequently, your Association Board of Directors and the USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee unanimously voted at the Association Board of Directors and Planning Committee Meeting on August 24th, 2021, to postpone for the second time our 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion, and execute our Contingency Plan. Per

that Plan, our USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion has been moved from Columbus Day Weekend 2021 to the July 4th Weekend 2022.



USS Arleigh Burke 30th/31st Commissioning Anniversary Celebration & Former Crew Reunion (Revised Details)

The new dates for what are now our USS Arleigh Burke Combined 30th/31st Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion include: Friday 1 through Tuesday 5 July 2022, with fireworks anticipated on Monday evening July 4th, following a similar timeline to what we did for both the 20th and 25th Commissioning Anniversary Celebrations. Doing our celebration in the Summer of 2022 enables us to, in a twist of fate, celebrate 31 years of commissioned service in honor of Admiral Arleigh Burke's renowned nickname "31-knot Burke"! I have outlined the revised schedule below. The USS Arleigh Burke

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Annual Membership Meeting: 1930-2015
Thursday 28 October 2021
- the 4th Thursday of October

30th/31st Commissioning Anniversary Celebration: Fri 1 JUL through Tue 05 JUL 2022

ASSOCIATION WEBSITE UPDATE !!!!!

CHECK IT OUT ON PAGES 8 & 9

ArleighBurkeAssociation.org

30th/31st Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee is in the process of reviewing the schedule and shifting the events to the new dates with the various supporting vendors, which I expect to be complete by the end of October, if not sooner. Following the Board's decision, I spoke with Rear Admiral Brendan McLane, Commander Naval Surface Forces Atlantic, regarding the shift in plans and we are very grateful for his support for the new dates!

Following is the Revised Weekend Schedule for 1-5 July 2022:

Friday 1 July anticipate an Arleigh Burke Sister Ship Transit from NOB to Norfolk Half Moon Pier

Friday Evening 1 July Kick Off Reception/Welcome Party – Blue Moon Tap House Waterside

Saturday 2 July Daytime Activities - Picnic Location TBD- Looking at Red Wing Park as getting this event off base makes it easier for those that do not have base access to get to it, Golf Challenge Round One, Top Golf

Saturday Evening 2 July Official Dinner - Marriott Waterside

Sunday Morning 3 July Memorial Service for Admiral Burke - anticipate onboard Sister Ship

Sunday Afternoon 3 July Activities - Nauticus Vietnam Exhibit (Anticipate Free), BB Wisconsin Tour, Golf Challenge Round 2, Top Golf

Sunday Evening 3 July Free Time - Evaluating Other Options

Monday 4 July Daytime Activities - Nauticus Vietnam Exhibit (Anticipate Free), BB Wisconsin Tour, Golf Challenge Round 3, Top Golf, Potential Beach Party

Monday Evening 4 July Anticipate Reception onboard Arleigh Burke Sister Ship in conjunction with Fireworks

Tuesday Morning 5 July Informal Departure Breakfast - Marriott Waterside

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

Note: The Norfolk Tides schedule for 2022 has been published and they are playing at home over the Fourth of July Weekend, the plan is to include one or more of those games in the Reunion Events Schedule.

Note: Anticipate Sister Ship Visit Ship Tours Saturday through Monday, and anticipate a dedicated Tour Window for former Arleigh Burke Sailors on one or more of those days

Note: Anticipate informal gatherings each evening following completion of the day's Official Schedule of Events in the Marriott Waterside Second Floor Piano Bar

For those whom made payments to Rob Jobrack to attend the 2021 Celebration, he will simply hold your funds for the new dates, unless you would prefer a refund, in which case please drop him a note at treasurer@arleighburkeassociation.org.

For those that made reservations with the Marriott, your reservation has been automatically moved to reflect the same nights around 1-4 July 2022.

Note: As it has been two years since the previous Marriott Room Rate was established for the Arleigh Burke 30th Room Block, and the current rates for the Fourth of July Weekend 2022 are \$265 Non-Refundable, \$300 Flexible and \$274 Senior, and with a very reasonable expectation the Marriott Waterside will completely sell out that weekend, I had to re-negotiate our Room Block Rate. The best I could do, which is the least expensive rate the hotel is offering to any Group for that weekend is \$159 / night. While I do understand that this is about a 25% increase in the rate, I do believe that it is an excellent value for the money in the Summer of 2022 at a 5 Star Hotel at Waterside. If it is an issue, please let me know.

Note: If you no longer plan on attending, please contact the Marriott and cancel your reservation.

Note: Our Marriott Room Block is limited, and over half of the rooms are already taken, so if you have any interest in potentially staying at that property, please make your reservation ASAP - you can always cancel within 72 hours. If we need to add rooms at our current Room Block rate, I can only do it if there are rooms available in the Hotel, and they are willing to give us the same or another discounted rate. Making reservations earlier in this situation is beneficial.

Note: If you have any issue with your Marriott Waterside reservation, please let us know and we will work with the Marriott Waterside Event Planner for our Reunion and get it sorted out.

Once the new Weekend Agenda has been finalized, a new Registration Form will be emailed to all so you can update the events you want to participate in. We hope that everyone who was on track for this year's Celebration will still be able to attend in 2022.

The Board unanimously agreed that the only prudent course of action at this juncture, out of consideration for everyone's safety and health, the importance of Navy participation, and the importance of executing a worthy and dignified event, was to delay our 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Crew Reunion to next year. It remains our goal to have the best USS Arleigh Burke 30th/31st Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion possible!

USS Arleigh Burke's 30th Birthday Celebration on the ship in her new Homeport – Rota, Spain!!! (Article and pictures on pages 10, 11, and 12)

While in the endgame the Association did not participate directly, USS Arleigh Burke's Captain, Commander Pat Chapman, and the Arleigh Burke Crew, celebrated the ship's 30th Birthday over the Fourth of July Weekend this past summer. Your Association provided every USS Arleigh Burke Crewman with a commemorative USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Commemorative Poker Chip – which were very well received! Commander Chapman's note to me after he made the presentation: "The crew LOVED the 4th of July Poker Chips. We gave them out at our big 30th Birthday Bash right before July 4th – people stood in a long line for these things. It was a big hit!!"

30th Memorabilia!

Rob Jobrack has what is now the "Limited Edition" 30th Ball Cap – in both traditional Blue as well as Khaki colors, and in Crew, CDR/CAPT and Flag variants. Just a few are left and we won't be ordering any more as we are moving to a new design for the 30th/31st Commissioning Anniversary Celebration. In addition, Rob has a 30th Challenge Coin similar to the Challenge Coins we had minted for the 20th and 25th. If you are interested in

those legacy keepsakes, please see Rob's section below for details and how to order.

Anchor Scholarship Update

It is great to have our 2021 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship Fifth Award Winner, Emma Rose Wappelhorst, in the saddle. Emma matriculated at Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, at the end of the summer. Emma plans on majoring in Secondary Education with a focus on Science. You will see Emma's father, CWO3 Benjamin Wappelhorst, formerly an Arleigh Burke Sailor, article on "Where They are Now" later in this edition of *The Destroyerman*. Warrant Wappelhorst is currently serving onboard the USS George H. W. Bush and he is a member of the USS Arleigh Burke Association. We look forward to watching Emma successfully negotiate her Freshman Year at Rider University, and look forward to her updates on her college experience.

We are currently in the process of raising the funds to support award of next year's USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year. The Funds have to be provided to the Anchor Scholarship Foundation by February 2022, and our target is to achieve our \$2500 goal before December 31st again this year. My sincere appreciation to all the Association Members who contributed in 2020 and made our fifth scholarship a reality. All contributions are fully tax deductible. I thank in advance all of those who can make a contribution this year! You can contribute by sending a check, which is our preferred method, to our Treasurer – see Rob's Section for details, or donate on our Official Website. Thanks!!

2021 Annual Meeting

Despite the continuing COVID19 Pandemic, it is hard to believe that we are already into the Fall of 2021. As you read this issue of *The Destroyerman*, it won't be long before we are in the midst of the 2021 Holiday Season! So..., that means it is time for our Association's Annual Membership Meeting and election of Officers for 2022. All 2021 editions of *The Destroyerman* Newsletter have advertised the date providing official notification of the 2021 USS Arleigh Burke Association Annual Membership Meeting which will be held 1930-2015 Thursday 28 October 2021 via Tele-

conference – additional details below. Please be sure to mark your calendars, and again I encourage all Association Members to join the call – it is only 45 minutes and your participation and input is helpful and appreciated! While only Association Members can vote, all Association Friends and Family are welcome to join, participate and contribute.

In 2021 we did very well on our Association's annual goals. First, we again met our fundraising objectives for the 2020-2021 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship, and awarded our fifth scholarship as mentioned above. Second, we have developed and adopted our Official Association Logo! Our relationship with the new National Museum of the Surface Navy (NMSN) through the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation, is tracking along well in accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The NMSN is on track to open on the Navy's 250th Birthday 13 October 2025 and include an Admiral Arleigh Burke Exhibit. Third, we have fully supported the publication of another three outstanding issues of our Association Newsletter, *The Destroyerman* – this being the third edition for 2021. Kudos to Ron Struewing, our *The Destroyerman* Editor, for his significant effort in making this happen! Fourth, the USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee continues to deal with the ramifications of COVID 19 and is planning the best yet now 30th/31st Commissioning Anniversary Celebration over the Fourth of July Weekend 2022. With agility, they again this year adjusted fire and implemented our Contingency Plan, as addressed earlier! Thinking that the third time will be a "charm"!!

Similar to the past several years, there are two key objectives for this year's Annual Meeting. First, elect our 2022 Association Officers; and second, establish our 2022 goals. Your current Board of Directors continues to seek volunteers for all three positions: President, Treasurer and Secretary. As I have mentioned before, everyone is always welcome to join our recurring Board of Director Meetings, which take place notionally the third Thursday of every month. The next Board of Director's Meeting is currently scheduled from 1930-2015 Thursday 21 October 2021. Teleconference: 276-807-9605; Access Code: 619219.

Agenda:

-Welcome and Introduction

-Routine Reports and Updates: Secretary, Treasurer, President

-2022 Association Officer Election

-USS Arleigh Burke 30th /31st Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Plans – COVID19 continued Impact

-2022 Administered Anchor Scholarship Support – Approval for \$2500

-Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation Support – Discussion and approval for \$500

-Approval of the Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the USS Arleigh Burke Association and the Admiral Arleigh Burke Chapter (AABC) of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

-Approval of 2022 Association Annual Goals: Anchor Scholarship, Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation, *The Destroyerman*, 30th/31st Commissioning Anniversary Celebration

2022 Proposed Association Priorities for Approval:

Support publication of *The Destroyerman*

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

Support the USS Arleigh Burke 30th/31st Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee, and conduct the Celebration and Former Crew Reunion over the Fourth of July Weekend 2022

Support the MOU between the USS Arleigh Burke Association and the Admiral Arleigh Burke Chapter (AABC) of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

Support the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation, and related NMSN activities

-Other items of Business: Publicity, Website, Archives/History, Memorabilia Sales, Social Events

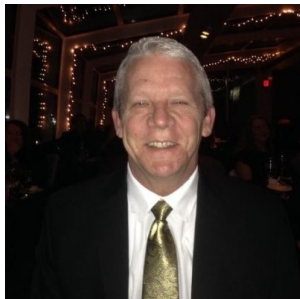
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FROM THE SECRETARY BY MARK FORTUNE

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 21 Oct 2021 via Teleconference: 276-807-9605; Access Code: 619219. We discuss the Association's business at these meetings, and the more participation we have, the stronger the Association will be.

The Association Annual Meeting will be held Thursday 28 Oct 2021 via Teleconference: 276-807-9605; Access Code: 619219. The annual meeting is critical to the Association as we use this meeting to elect officers for 2022, renew our commitment to the USS Arleigh Burke Association Sponsored Anchor Scholarship for 2022, and set the Association goals for 2022!

By this time, most of you should be aware that we have postponed the USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion to July 4th weekend 01-05, July 2022. More details of how we plan to celebrate the 30th /31st Commissioning Anniversary will be available after the Association's Annual Meeting in October. For our shipmates that signed up for the celebration we will hold your funds for the 4th of July weekend or you may request a full refund from Rob Jobrack if you are no longer going to be able to attend. For our shipmates that made hotel reservations with the Marriott, your reservation has already been moved to the 4th of July weekend. If you can no longer attend, please contact Marriott and cancel your reservation. Should you have additional questions, please feel free to email me at secretary@arleighburkeassociation.org.

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 30th/31st Commissioning Anniversary Celebration 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 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. Additionally, if you know of Arleigh Burke sailors who have passed away, we would like to have a list of those names so we can remember them during the Memorial Service on Sunday Morning, 03 July 2022 during the upcoming reunion weekend. Please send those names to me at my email address above.

We made changes to our Association website! The link to the enhanced page is unchanged. I think you will like what you see! Many thanks to Kenyon Hiser, Commissioning Chief Engineer, for his efforts to update the website.

Since the publishing of the last newsletter, we have added 80 current USS Arleigh Burke shipmates to the rolls of the association. We welcome all of our current shipmates and ask you to spread the word as new shipmates come aboard. Many thanks to CMC Barney for his assistance in getting our current shipmates signed up for the association!

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

Best regards,

Mark

-Conclusion, Action Item Review and Adjourn

Please forward any additional Annual Membership Meeting Agenda Items or other inputs/thoughts to Mark Fortune, copy Rob Jobrack and me. Also, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the USS Arleigh Burke Association Officers if you have any questions.

A few more Important Things:

Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation/National Museum of the Surface Navy (NMSN)

In May, I traveled with Dave Rosenberg, our USS Arleigh Burke Association and Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation Official Historian, to Boulder Colorado for the Official Opening of the Broomfield Veteran's Museum (www.broomfieldveterans.org) Admiral Arleigh Burke Exhibit, sponsored by the Admiral Arleigh Burke Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). Dave was the Keynote Speaker at the Exhibit Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. I had the distinct privilege of meeting a number of Admiral Burke's currently living relatives from his hometown of Boulder, as well as the Leadership and many of the Members of the MOAA Boulder Admiral Arleigh Burke Chapter. I presented to both the Burke Family and the Admiral Arleigh Burke MOAA Chapter framed Peter Hsu 20th and 25th USS Arleigh Burke Commissioning Anniversary Drawings on behalf of our Association. And, based on interaction with the MOAA Admiral Arleigh Burke Chapter Leadership and Members, and specifically with the help of Jay Balzer who developed a first draft, we are moving forward to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between our organizations for mutual benefit of preserving the memory and legacy of Admiral Arleigh Burke!

In that vein, the Broomfield Veteran Museum Curator, Ms. Elizabeth Beaudoin, recently passed along a recount of a Sailor's chance encounter with Admiral Arleigh Burke, and the interaction speaks to the Admiral's character and devotion to United States Navy Sailors. The gentleman, Mr. Norbert E. Cygan, generously provided his permission to print the account of his interaction with Admiral Burke in our Newsletter (See Page 7).

NMSN Update: Things are moving forward quickly for the NMSN with many things open despite COVID19 continuing challenges. The number of visitors is now close to pre-pandemic times. More new employees are being

hired and fundraising is proceeding forward at a rapid pace. Although LA Fleet Week over Labor Day weekend was cancelled, it has been rescheduled for Memorial Day Weekend next year! And, the first NMSN Freedom of the Seas Awards Gala is scheduled for Saturday evening 23 October 2021 onboard the Battleship Iowa. Awards include: The Freedom of the Seas Award, The Vice Admiral Samuel L. Gravely, Jr. Leadership Award, The Humanitarian Service Award, and The Global Trade and Communications Award.

Reminder: The NMSN is FREE to join, and everyone that joins between now and the Official Ribbon Cutting, is a NMSN PLANKOWNER!! If you have not joined yet, I encourage you to do so. More information regarding the NMSN can be found on the Museum's Official Website: SurfaceNavyMuseum.org. If you have any questions regarding the NMSN please give me a shout!

Our Association Officers and several Members are planning a visit to Admiral and Mrs. Arleigh A Burke's Grave on the Naval Academy grounds in Annapolis this fall. We will follow the graveside visit with lunch in Annapolis. If you are potentially interested in joining us, please let Chuck Killian and me know.

Our sincere thanks to our Corporate Sponsors: Huntington Ingalls, BAE Systems Norfolk and NASSCO Norfolk. Your support makes all the difference and it is greatly appreciated!!

I again close by thanking our Treasurer, Rob Jobrack, Secretary, Mark Fortune, and our Newsletter Editor, Ron Struewing, as well as all those others who have routinely supported our Board of Director's Meetings, or assisted with running our Association in any way, for their time and effort. Our Association is a volunteer organization and nothing would get done if not for the individuals who commit their time and make things happen!

My best to all USS Arleigh Burke Association Members, Families and Friends for a wonderful fall, 2021 Holiday Season, and 2022 New Year! I look forward to seeing you in Norfolk over 4th of July Weekend 2022!

Continue to be safe! Rick.

CHANCE ENCOUNTER WITH CNO ARLEIGH “THIRTY-ONE KNOT” BURKE

BY NORMAN E. CYGAN

In 1956, as a brand new Ensign (a Mustang from a PO3), I was assigned to the USS Wahkiakum County, LST-1162, at Little Creek, Virginia. Because the LST was at sea, I was housed at a Norfolk Naval Base BOQ Thursday night. Friday evening two Lieutenants (one a doctor) picked me up to drive me to the ship. We learned the Norfolk Tower Officers Club had a great Friday night seafood buffet, and once inside we found a small empty dining room where we could talk in private about the LST and the Captain.

After awhile a small group of men and women in civilian clothes came into the room and took a table on the far side. Also with that group was a officer in dress uniform who came over to our table and commented they observed that I had brand new gold stripes on my uniform. He asked if I was newly commissioned; I answered ‘yes’ and my assignment was to an LST at Little Creek (the two officers with me were also from the ship).

The Navy officer expressed that one of the gentlemen in the group wanted to meet me specifically, and by the way he is Admiral Arleigh Burke, the CNO of the Navy. The Admiral, dressed in civies, welcomed me as new Ensign into the USN officer corps and noted my initial service as an enlisted man (a Mustang). He took time to talk about my new assignment to an LST and the significance of LSTs to the fleet. Quite a memory because it took place in the Norfolk Officers Club where the two junior officers and I were having dinner in a quiet room – designated for very senior officers only! – but we didn’t know that until the uniformed Adjutant with the Admiral’s group politely pointed it out!

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TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK

Thanks to those of you who've submitted your 2021 dues payments. It's not too late to make your tax deductible contribution to the Association. 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

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

Using PayPal via the association website, [Arleigh-BurkeAssociation.org](https://www.arleighburkeassociation.org)

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

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

ANNIVERSARY PAYMENTS: As you know, our anniversary celebration is rescheduled for July 4 weekend, 2022. We understand that not everyone who has sent in reservations and made payments will be able to



attend during the new date. If you need a refund, please email me and let me know (USSArleighBurkeAssoc@gmail.com or treasurer@arleighburkeassociation.org and I will send you a check reimbursing for the full amount.

ASSOCIATION STORE IS OPEN

Interested in 30th reunion ball caps or coins? 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. Coins are \$10.



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.

ASSOCIATION WEBSITE UPDATE !!!!!

Thanks to Kenyon Hiser, the Association Website has been overhauled and is now running on Wordpress. The address is unchanged; [ArleighBurkeAssociation.org](https://www.arleighburkeassociation.org). The overhaul was planned in two phases:

Phase One was to get the site up and running which is now complete.

Phase Two is in progress and will entail filling in historic content, and current content as it occurs.

One big improvement you will notice with Wordpress over the old site is the formatting for a mobile device is much improved. As you can see below, we now have Association email addresses for President, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and Online Media / Webmaster

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admin@arleighburkeassociation.org Online Media, Kenyon Hiser

Kenyon will continue to update the site and add items as he receives them. If you have something you would like to have included, please send it to Kenyon via the Online Media Address: admin@arleighburkeassociation.org

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

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August 23, 2021

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Dear Members of the Arleigh Burke Association,

I thought you might like an update about the impact your 2020-2021 gift to Anchor Scholarship Foundation made on the dreams of our Surface Navy families.

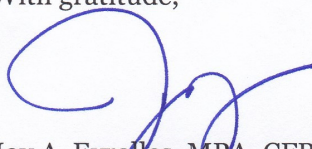
Because of you, and donors like you, we were able to award over \$106,000 in scholarships to 32 deserving Surface Navy dependents in June. In fact, you helped us increase the impact on these students because we were also able to increase our scholarship amounts! With your help, we have lessened the financial burden of higher education for these families, allowing them to focus on something we can all smile about...a brighter future.

Enclosed is our impact statement for the 2020-2021 year. I hope you enjoy reading it, but more importantly, you understand the significance of your gift through the words of a few of our 2021 scholars. They are truly thankful for your kindness. Please know that you've made a difference.

I realize that there are plenty of organizations out there asking for your philanthropic support; therefore, I would like to personally thank you for making Anchor Scholarship Foundation one of your giving priorities. Without you, we simply cannot do what we do.

I hope that I will be able to say thank you in-person one day soon, and I look forward to your continued support.

With gratitude,



Joy A. Eyrolles, MPA, CFRE
Executive Director

FAST AND FEARED FOR 30 YEARS

USS ARLEIGH BURKE CELEBRATES HISTORIC MILESTONE

BY LTJG ROBINSON MCMILLAN

At 0140 on the night of 25 November 1943, five Fletcher class destroyers, known collectively as DESRON 23 and colloquially as the “Little Beavers”, made 31 knots towards Cape St. George. They were on a mission to intercept and sink vital Japanese reinforcements transiting south, through the Solomon Islands chain.

From his flagship, USS CHARLES AUSBURNE (DD-570), the squadron commander, CAPT Arleigh Burke stood poised to inflict a fatal blow to the enemy. In the battle that ensued, CAPT Burke’s forces unleashed a deadly combination of torpedo salvos and gunfire, resulting in the sinking of three Japanese destroyers. Meanwhile, DESRON 23 remained unscathed.

In recognition, DESRON 23 received a Presidential Unit Citation and Arleigh Burke was awarded a Navy Cross. CAPT Burke would eventually go on to become ADM Burke and serve as the fifteenth Chief of Naval Operations, the crowning achievement of a career defined by courage, innovation, and fighting spirit. These attributes made Arleigh Burke a natural choice as the namesake for the Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyer. The lead ship of the class, USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51), was commissioned by ADM Arleigh

Burke and his wife Bobbie on July 4th 1991. During the ceremony, ADM Burke reminded the crew, “This ship was built to fight...you better know how!”

Since then Arleigh Burke class destroyers have formed the backbone of a fleet that is constantly evolving to overcome the challenges of an increasingly complex strategic landscape. From the South China Sea to the Arctic Circle, the silhouette of an Arleigh Burke class destroyer steaming over the horizon serves as a visible reminder of global maritime security and US naval superiority.

The class’ durability is matched perhaps only by its versatility. Today, Arleigh Burke class destroyers are deployed across the globe and boast advanced combat systems designed to achieve victory in a high end fight across multiple warfare areas. Whether tracking submarines, launching Tomahawk missiles, or providing air and missile defense, Arleigh Burke class destroyers have proven to be among the US Navy’s most capable assets.

After residing in Norfolk, Virginia for nearly 30 years, USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) is now forward deployed to Rota, Spain. She joins



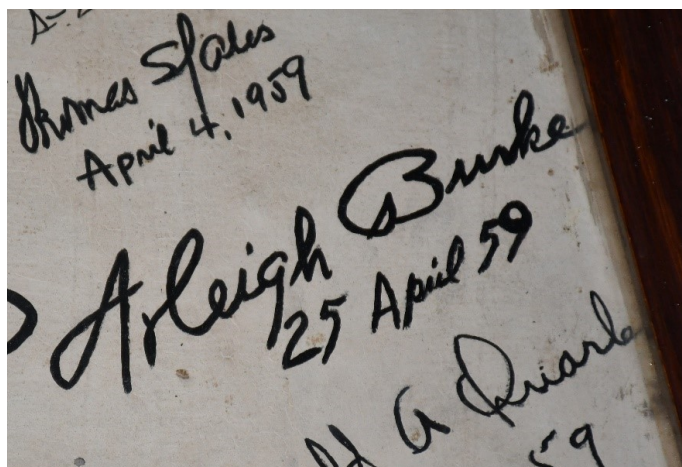
ADM Arleigh Burke (far right) during the commissioning ceremony for USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51), July 4, 1991.



USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) arrives in Rota, Spain, April 11, 2021.

USS ROSS (DDG 71), USS PORTER (DDG 78), and USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80), as part of DESRON 60. On July 4th 2021, she celebrated her 30th birthday.

To commemorate the success of the last three decades, the officers and crew of ARLEIGH BURKE joined together for several events including a gathering at one of Naval Station Rota's oldest establishments, Hay Motivo. Over the years, Hay Motivo has hosted several distinguished visitors, including ADM Arleigh Burke himself on April 25, 1959. In fact, his signature can be found on the wall, alongside other VIP's.



ADM Arleigh Burke's signature at Hay Motivo

During the event, the ARLEIGH BURKE Wardroom and Chiefs Mess dressed up in summer whites and gathered around Arleigh Burke's bold signature to reflect on the legacy of the Arleigh Burke class and its namesake. (photo on pg. 12)

The celebration continued a few days later as ARLEIGH BURKE hosted over 300 sailors and family members for a command wide picnic at Naval Station Rota's Sea View Pines amphitheater. The festivities included games, raffles, Spanish food and even commemorative Arleigh Burke poker chips courtesy of the Arleigh Burke Association.

There is no end in sight for ARLEIGH BURKE and the rest of her class. Though active for over 30 years, she has been outfitted with the latest technology as the Navy continues to re-invest in this trailblazing ship. Currently, ARLEIGH BURKE is underway on her inaugural patrol as a forward deployed asset in Sixth Fleet. Meanwhile, the US Navy recently awarded the contract for DDG-139, the latest example of ADM Arleigh Burke's enduring legacy.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? BY CWO3 BENJAMIN WAPPELHORST

For those who may remember me, I was an FC2 and the CF03 Workcenter Supervisor during the 2003 deployment. I served on board from October 1999 - October 2004.

After leaving Arleigh Burke, I served as Small Arms Marksmanship Instructor at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes from January 2005 to October 2007 where I was responsible for the training and qualifications of all Recruits in Basic Training on the 9mm and M500 shotgun.

Following RTC and a quick stint in "C" School, I checked onboard the USS Chafee in Pearl Harbor in April 2008. While onboard Chafee, I served as CSM-MA, CF Division LPO, AT-TRASUP, SAMI, MWR President and FCPOA President. Also, while serving on Chafee I was selected and Advanced to Chief Petty Officer in 2012. Following that selection, I served as CF LCPO and WEPS Dept CPO. I served on Chafee from April 2008 through May 2013 where we conducted 4 deployments to 7th fleet. I assisted in planning and executing multiple missile training shots while serving onboard USS Chafee.

Following Chafee, I began a recruiting tour with NRD Minneapolis, specifically NRS Council Bluffs, Iowa. I

served as station LCPO, and eventually moved up to Officer Processor. While on recruiting duty, I was selected to Senior Chief Petty Officer and Chief Warrant Officer (7160 now 7180). I commissioned as Surface Ordnance Warrant on November 1, 2016.

My first commissioned tour was as Systems Test Officer on USS McFaul. While there I plan and executed the first SM-6 firing using BL4.1 as well as Standard missile firing exercise. During my time on McFaul, I assisted the CSO in guiding CS department and McFaul through multiple training events, real world exercises and a 5th fleet deployment where I directed the Ballistic Missile Defense as the BMD Commander. Also, while on McFaul, I was selected for the Integrated Air and Missile Defense Warfare Tactics Instructor Program.

Currently, I am serving onboard USS George H. W. Bush (CVN-77) as the Fire Control Officer and CS5 Division Officer. My current duties include leading both CS5 and CS7 Divisions as well as leading CSTT Technical Team and somewhat filling the STO billet.

I live in Smithfield, VA with my wife and 4 children at home. I also have 4 children that are out of the house or at college. One of those children was lucky enough to be awarded a 2021 Arleigh Burke Scholarship award.



Members of the ARLEIGH BURKE Wardroom and Chiefs Mess at Hay Motivo

BROOMFIELD VETERAN'S MUSEUM, BOULDER, CO



Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum



Members of the Admiral Arleigh Burke Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) gathered at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the 2021 Admiral Arleigh Burke Exhibit hosted in the Broomfield Veterans Museum in the Boulder Colorado area.
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Lead display in the Broomfield Veterans Museum Summer 2021 Admiral Arleigh Burke Exhibit



Mrs. Verna Burke, the oldest living member of the Burke Family and widow of Ralph Burke, ADM Burke's only brother, Victor

America and the Broomfield



Above Left: David Rosenberg, USS Arleigh Burke Association Admiral Arleigh Burke Historian and Principal Speaker at the Admiral Arleigh Burke Exhibit Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Above: Admiral Arleigh Burke Park in Boulder Colorado



Left: Admiral Arleigh Burke's School House in Boulder Colorado - Property originally donated by the Burke Family - now a church

ARLEIGH BURKE CLASS UPDATE BY CAPT SETH MILLER, PMS400D

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. With the delivery of the future USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118) in March, the DDG 51 Class Shipbuilding Program has now delivered 69 ships to the Fleet. The future USS Frank E. Petersen Jr (DDG 121) is scheduled to deliver in November by Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII). The DDG 51 program is currently in serial production with 11 ships under construction and a total of 20 under contract, including 14 Flight III ships. The following provides highlights regarding DDG 51 Program events since our last update in February.

The DDG 51 Class Shipbuilding Program Office and our shipbuilding partners and industry team celebrated a number of significant events and milestones over the past eight months. USS Delbert D. Black (DDG 119) completed her Post Shakedown Availability in August at BAE Jacksonville Ship Repair in Jacksonville, FL. A formal Ship Custody Transfer ceremony was held on September 9 to commemorate the transfer of custody from new construction (PMS 400D) to in-service sustainment (PMS 443). The future USS Frank E. Petersen Jr (DDG 121) completed very successful Builder's Trials in August and Acceptance Trials in September. The future USS Carl Levin (DDG 120) achieved Aegis Lightoff (ALO) at General Dynamics – Bath Iron Works (GD-BIW) in June, and will be christened on October 2. The keel for the future USS Harvey C. Barnum Jr (DDG 124) was ceremoniously laid down on April 6 at GD-BIW.

In April, I had the honor of representing our Program Executive Office, Ships (PEO Ships) at the Christening ceremony for the future USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee (DDG 123) at HII in Pascagoula, Mississippi. As the first female recipient of the Navy Cross, Mrs. Higbee joined the Navy in October 1908 as part of the newly established Navy Nurse Corps, and later went on to become the second superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps. Mrs. Higbee's legacy was honored that day by distinguished guests including the Honorable Mr. Jay Stefany, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition (Acting)) and Chief of Naval Operations representative RADM Cynthia Kuehner, Commander, Naval Medical Forces Support Command. Former Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus was the Principal Speaker and the Ship's Sponsors, Louisa Dixon, Virginia Munford, and

Pickett Wilson, closed the ceremony with the traditional bottle breaking.

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 capability to the Fleet. The Flight III destroyers are centered on the AN/SPY-6(V)1 Air and Missile Defense Radar (AMDR) and will provide cutting edge Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) capability to include significantly greater detection range and tracking capacity. The first Flight III Destroyer, the future USS Jack H. Lucas (DDG 125), was successfully launched on June 5 at HII. The ship is over 65% complete with ALO planned for December. There are now five Flight III ships under construction at both shipyards.

Land-based integration testing of the Flight III electric plant and combat systems infrastructure is ongoing. These efforts are focused on testing the Hull, Mechanical and Electrical (HM&E) equipment that will facilitate the increased power and cooling requirements for the radar as well as integration testing with the Aegis Combat System. To mitigate risks prior to shipboard activation, the Land Based Engineering Site (LBES) began Electric Plant remote cold testing via MCS in August and will begin Electric Plant Remote testing in the Fall. The SPY-6 AMDR radar at the Combat Systems Engineering Development Site (CSEDS) in Moorestown, N.J successfully radiated in June and integration testing with the Aegis Combat system is on track. These land based testing efforts are burning down risk in support of shipboard activation milestones on the critical path to sea trials and delivery, including Aegis Lightoff (ALO) and main engine lightoff (MELO).

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) begins activation 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.

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. Please email me at:

NewsLetter@arleighburkeassociation.org

Thank you,

Ron

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	

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