

# USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG-51)



# History of Ship Crest:

## The Shield

The crest, outlined in blue and gold, stands for the outstanding achievements in battle of Admiral Burke against the naval power of Japan, a formidable foe.

The fist and mace symbolize the offensive and defensive power of the new destroyer. The mace, also a symbol of authority, represents Admiral Burke's outstanding service as Mitscher, an influential figure and mentor, for whom Admiral Burke served as Chief of Staff.

Admiral Burke's Destroyer Squadron 23, represented by the border of 23 ovals, was the only United States Destroyer Squadron awarded a Presidential Unit Citation, signified by the canton of blue, gold, and red. The ovals also refer to the year 1923 in which Midshipman Burke was graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Twenty-three also reflects Admiral Burke's distinguished service on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations as OP-23.



## The Crest

The mounted figure of St. George recalls Admiral Burke's celebrated victory in the Battle of Cape St. George over Japanese naval forces. His mantle bears a gold cross for the Navy Cross awarded to the Admiral. The birch branch on the helmet, a reference to his name derived from his Scandinavian heritage, the red sea Dragon symbolizes Burke's command. It is gorged with the two gold stars he was awarded for outstanding service. The lance impaling the dragon signifies ordnance on target. The capabilities of the new destroyer, the most powerful and survivalbe ever built, are signified by the full armor and equipment of the warrior St. George. The Admiral's nickname "31-Knot Burke" is recalled by the number 31 on the horse's harness.

# Admiral Arleigh Burke

The Navy's most famous Destroyer sailor was born in Boulder, Colorado, in 1901, and graduated from the Naval Academy in 1923. His first sea assignments were in USS ARIZONA (BB 39) and (USS PROCYON (AG 11). After completing his initial sea duty, Admiral Burke returned to the Academy briefly before attending the University of Michigan, where he received a Master of Science Degree in Engineering in 1931. Promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 1939, he commanded USS MUGFORD (DD 389) before being assigned as Ordnance Inspector at the Washington Navy Yard.

Captain Burke took command of Destroyer Squadron 12 in August 1943. Two months later, he assumed command of Destroyer squadron 23-nicknamed the "Little Beavers," after the character from the popular Red Ryder comic strip. Captain Burke also commanded on of the Squadron's two divisions, DESDIV 45, with USS CHARLES S. AUSBURNE (DD 570) as his flagship.

In November 1943, he distinguished himself by leading several torpedo attacks against Japanese combatants, sinking a number of enemy warships. During the Battle of Cape St. George, in what has been termed a "near perfect tactical action" by military historians, the Little Beavers destroyed three ships of a larger Japanese force while sustaining no damage. It was at this time that Captain Burke's ability to lead his squadron in spectacular dashes at high speed earned him the name "Thirty-One Knot Burke."

Following World War II, Captain Burke served in a number of senior staff positions. Promoted to Rear Admiral in 1950, he served in Korea as Commander, Cruiser Division Five. In 1951, he was appointed as United Nations Delegate to the truce talks with North Korea.

In May 1955, President Eisenhower nominated the 53 year-old Burke to the position of Chief of Naval Operations, bypassing 87 active duty officers senior to him. He retired in August 1961 after serving an unprecedented three terms as Chief of Naval Operations.

Admiral Burke died on January 1st, 1996 at the age of 94. His wife of 72 years, the former Roberta (Bobbie) G. Gorsuch, died on the ship's birthday, July 4, 1997.



# Commanding Officer:

## CDR William Claiborne Harris, USN

Clay Harris, a second-generation Surface Warfare Officer, hails from Richmond, Virginia, and Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He was commissioned in 1984 at the Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, and earned his Surface Warfare qualification in 1986 while assigned as Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer in USS ARKANSAS (CGN 41).

His other sea duty billets include tours as Damage Control Assistant in USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52); as Weapons Officer and Combat Systems Officer in USS NORMANDY (CG 60); and as Commanding Officer in USS PIONEER (MCM 9) and USS ARDENT (MCM 12).

Commander Harris' shore duty assignments include tours as an Action Officer in the Force Capabilities and Objectives Branch of the OPNAV Staff; as Aide to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy, and Operations; and as the Assistant Surface Commander Assignments Officer at the Navy Personnel Command.

Commander Harris is a 1982 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, where he was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a Master of Arts degree in French from the University of Virginia in 1984, and a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard University in 1996.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and the Pacific Fleet Junior Officer Shiphandling Award.

Commander Harris is married to the former Karen Popovich, a native of San Francisco. They have a son, Spencer, and a daughter, Katherine



# Executive Officer:

## LCDR Randall Charles Hardy, USN

Randall Hardy was commissioned in 1989 upon his completion of Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. Assigned to USS SPARTANBURG COUNTY (LST 1192), he earned his Surface Warfare Officer qualification in 1991 while serving as the Damage Control Assistant and Assistant 1st Lieutenant.

He completed his second sea tour onboard USS ANZIO (CG 68) as the Fire Control Officer. For his Department Head tour, LCDR Hardy served as the Weapons Officer and Combat Systems Officer onboard USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55).

Lieutenant Commander Hardy's shore duty assignments include a tour as Surface Requirements Officer for the Commander-in-Chief Atlantic Fleet. In addition, he has also served as AIDE-de-CAMP at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia.

Lieutenant Commander Hardy graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in Corporate Finance and Investment Management in 1988. He is a Life Member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and is a Third Generation Prince Hall Mason.

His awards include Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal.



# Command Master Chief:

## CMDCCM(SW/AW) David L. Flamand

Master Chief Flamand was born and raised in Florida. Following graduation from Buchholz High School in Gainesville, Florida, he enlisted in the Navy in June 1979 and reported to RTC Orlando for Recruit training. Upon completion of recruit training, he attended Hull Maintenance Technician "A" School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

His tours of duty have included the USS WILLIAM H. STANDLEY (CG 32), USS YOSEMITE (AD 32), USS FORRESTAL (CV 59), USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74), and tours at Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity Mayport, Fl., and Fleet Information Warfare Center, San Diego Ca.

A Graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy in Newport, RI May 2002, and currently the Command Master Chief of USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51).

His awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, numerous unit and campaign ribbons.

Master Chief Flamand is married to the former Donna Bolinger and both enjoy their six children, Andrea, Aaron April, Andrew, Joshua, Sarah, as well as their grandson Ryan.



# The President Speaks:

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## Global Message

*"All the decades of deceit and cruelty have now reached an end."*

- President George W. Bush, March 17, 2003

Events in Iraq Have Now Reached the Final Days of Decision. the Iraqi Regime has used diplomacy as a ploy. Peaceful efforts to disarm the Iraqi regime have failed because we are not dealing with peaceful men.

- The Iraqi regime continues to conceal some of the most lethal weapons ever devised. It has used weapons of mass destruction. It has a history of reckless aggression and a deep hatred for America and our friends. And it has aided terrorists, including al-Qaida. Using chemical, biological, or one day, nuclear weapons, obtained with the help of Iraq, terrorists could kill thousands, or more.

"The United States and other nations did nothing to deserve or invite this threat, but we will do everything to defeat it."

**"Saddam Hussein and his sons must leave Iraq within 48 hours. Their refusal to do so will result in military conflict."**

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

# Wardroom

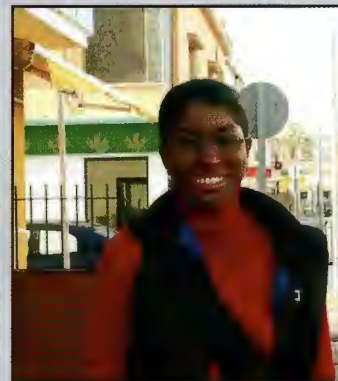




**LTJG Arron Hill**



**LTJG William T. Rimmer**





**LT Christopher S. Dignan**  
**Operations Officer**

LT Christopher S. Dignan, USN, a native of Burlington, MA, earned a B.S. in Marine Engineering from Massachusetts Maritime Academy, and a


commission as an Ensign in June 1993. In addition to his degree, he earned his license as Third Assistant Engineer, Steam and Motor Vessels (Unlimited).

LT Dignan reported for training in the Naval Nuclear Power program in Orlando, FL in July 1993, completing prototype training at Ballston Spa, NY in July 1994. LT Dignan's initial sea tour was spent as M-Division Officer in USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) from January 1995 to September 1997. Here he qualified as Propulsion Plant Watch Officer, Officer of the Deck, Surface Warfare Officer, and Nuclear Engineering Officer. Following this tour and upon completion of Aegis Combat Systems training, LT Dignan reported to USS MONTEREY (CG 61) where he served as Training Officer and Assistant Operations Officer from December 1997 to April 1999.

From April 1999 to January 2001, LT Dignan served as a Mathematics Instructor at the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, RI. He also volunteered his services there as Cross Country Coach for two successful seasons. To further his professional knowledge, he studied two non-resident JPME courses at the Naval War College – Strategy and Policy, and Joint Maritime Operations. Upon completion of Department Head School and Aegis Combat Systems training, LT Dignan reported aboard USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) in November 2001 as Operations Officer. His next tour is expected to be on a CVN as a Principle Assistant in May 2003.

LT Dignan is single, and resides in Norfolk, VA. His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4 awards).

**Lieutenant Jeffrey A. Gregor**



Lieutenant Jeffrey A. Gregor is a native of Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Graduating from Carnegie-Mellon University, he received his commission as an Ensign through the

Navy Reserve Officer Training Corp program and served as Training Officer at Naval Reserve

Readiness Center, Pittsburgh from June 1994 to September 1994. After completing training at Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, Rhode Island, LT Gregor served his initial sea tour in USS ANTIETAM (CG 54).

While onboard, he served as Assistant Engineering Officer, Strike Warfare Officer, Combat Information Center Officer and Assistant Operations Officer from March 1995 to February 1997. During this tour, LT Gregor qualified as Tactical Action Officer and deployed to the Arabian Gulf.

Following his tour in USS ANTIETAM, LT Gregor completed training at Navy Nuclear Power School, Orlando, Florida and Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa, New York. LT Gregor reported to USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) and served as Reactor Mechanical Division Officer from June 1998 to May 2000. During this tour, LT Gregor qualified as a Nuclear Engineer Officer.

LT Gregor holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering (minor in Biomedical Engineering) from Carnegie-Mellon University, as well as, Master of Science degrees in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and Civil and Environmental Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. LT Gregor has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal (Gold Star in lieu of second award), and the Navy Achievement Medal.

LT Gregor is married to the former Leisa Maree French of Gympie, Queensland, Australia.



**LT Andrew G. Chicoine**  
**Chief Engineer**

LT Andrew G. Chicoine, USN, a native of Colchester Vermont, enlisted in the Navy in 1983 as a Nuclear Electronics Technician.

Following completion of the nuclear training pipeline he reported onboard the USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728) where he qualified as Reactor Operator and Engineering Watch Supervisor. Following selection to the Enlisted Commissioning Program and completion of a B.S. in Physics at The University of Idaho, LT Chicoine was commissioned on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 1995.

LT Chicoine's initial sea tour was spent onboard USS TAYLOR (FFG-50) as First Lieutenant. While onboard TAYLOR, LT Chicoine completed a Mediterranean deployment as part of SNFM, taking part in extensive NATO operations in the Adriatic and Black Seas. LT Chicoine's second Division Officer tour was onboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) in the Engineering Department as The Aft Propulsion Officer. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's operations included a Mediterranean/Arabian Gulf deployment.

LT Chicoine's next assignment was as a student at The Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey California where he completed his M.S. in Applied Physics. Following Department Head School and the AEGIS training pipeline LT Chicoine reported onboard USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG-51) on 18 November 02.

LT Chicoine's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.



**LT Christopher F. Cigna**  
**Combat Systems Officer**

LT Christopher F. Cigna, USN, a native of Long Island, NY, received a B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from Clarkson University in 1995. Following graduation, he reported to Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fl and was commissioned an Ensign on 1 Sep 1995.

LT Cigna's initial sea tour was spent as part of the Forward Deployed Naval Forces aboard USS MOBILE BAY (CG 53) homeported in Yokosuka, Japan from July 1997 to September 1999. He served primarily as Communications Officer and Main Propulsion Assistant through such exercises as COBRA GOLD, TANDEM THRUST, IMDEX 99, FOAL EAGLE, ANNUALEX and others.

Following his Division Officer tour and graduation from Department Head School in Newport, RI, LT Cigna reported aboard USS JOHN YOUNG (DD 973) as Combat Systems Officer in June 2000. Significant operational highlights of this tour included Counter-Narcotics Operations in which JOHN YOUNG seized over nine tons of illegal cocaine as well as a deployment to FIFTH and SEVENTH FLEET areas of responsibility in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

LT Cigna has been Combat Systems Officer aboard USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) since May 2002.

LT Cigna is married to the former LT Suzanna G. Brugler, a Navy Public Affairs Officer from Defiance, Ohio. His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 awards) and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 awards).



**LT Anthony Ray Gonzalez**  
**Weapons Officer**

LT Anthony Ray Gonzalez, USN a native of Houston, Texas, earned a B.S. in History from the U.S. Naval Academy and was commissioned an Ensign on May 31, 1995.

LT Gonzalez reported to Surface Warfare Officer course in the summer of 1995 and completed the course in December of that year. His first sea tour was on USS DEFENDER (MCM 2) in Ingleside, TX from January 1996 until March 1998. He performed initially as the 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant onboard, then served as the Electrical Division Officer and Damage Control Assistant. Later, he became the Main Propulsion Assistant. On DEFENDER, he qualified Officer of the Deck, Engineering Officer of the Watch, Command Duty Officer, and completed Surface Warfare Officer qualification. Upon completion of his tour, he reported to Norfolk, VA for Senior QM / Celestial Navigation training.

Upon completion of his training in Norfolk, LT Gonzalez went to the Mediterranean Sea where USS SIMPSON (FFG 56) was deployed as a STANAVFORMED ship. He reported onboard as the Navigator / Admin Officer from April 1998 until October 1999. After a successful tour, LT Gonzalez reported to Newport, RI for Department Head school.

After completing the AEGIS Pipeline, LT Gonzalez reported onboard PCU MASON (DDG 87) as the Weapons Officer from August 2000 until March 2002. He also served as the Anti-Terrorism / Force Protection officer while serving onboard MASON. In March 2002, he was transferred to USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) to again assume the duties as Weapons Officer.

LT Gonzalez is single, and resides in Virginia Beach. His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 awards).

**LIEUTENANT K. F. TRAORE**  
**UNITED STATES NAVY**



Lieutenant Kadiatou F. Traore was born and raised in Bamako, Republic of Mali, West Africa.

Lieutenant Traore attended Moscow Institute of Economics and Statistics (MIES) from 1988 to 1994 and received a Masters of Science in Statistics. She is qualified to teach Russian as a foreign language, and is also fluent in French, and Bambara.

After moving to the United States, Lieutenant Traore received her commission through Officer Candidate School (OCS) in January 1997. In October 1998, Lieutenant Traore graduated with distinction from the Navy Supply Corps School (NSCS), Athens, Georgia. She reported to the USS MCKEE (AS-41) in November 1998 where she served as the Disbursing officer and the Sales and Postal officer. During this tour, Lieutenant Traore earned her Service Warfare Supply Corps Officer Insignia. Following the decommissioning of the USS McKee, Lieutenant Traore reported to the United States Naval Academy where she served as a master instructor. She developed numerous innovative methods to convey the difficult concepts of Economic Statistics to her students, created a new travel study course, "Economies in transition: the Russian Economy".

Lieutenant Traore is married to Salif Traore of Mali. They have an eleven year old daughter, Aissata and reside in Virginia.



**ENSIGN STERLING RAY  
WOOLRIDGE  
UNITED STATES NAVY**

Ensign Woolridge, a native of Independence, Louisiana enlisted in the United States Navy in September 1987. Following Recruit

Training, he completed Operation Specialist "A" School at Dam Neck, Virginia was subsequently assigned to the USS TRIPPE FF 1075 as an Anti-Submarine Air Controller. After serving a five-year tour onboard USS TRIPPE and after her de-commissioning he transferred to the Naval War College, Newport RI. War Gaming Department in 1992. After completion of his one-year obligation he volunteered for a Recruiting assignment. In November 1992, he reported to Enlisted Naval Recruiting Orientation Pensacola, Florida. Upon completion of ENRO he was assigned to NRD Houston as a canvassing Recruiter. In October 1993 he was named North Zone Recruiter Of the Year and followed up in 1994 as NRD Houston Recruiter of the Year and was advanced to Petty Officer First Class. In January 1997, he returned to sea aboard USS TAYLOR FFG 50 Mayport, Florida completing two MEF deployments as leading Petty Officer. In 1997 He was named USS TAYLOR's Sailor of the Year. During his tour aboard TAYLOR he was selected and initiated to Chief Petty Officer in 1997.

Following his sea tour, he volunteered for overseas duty at Atlantic Fleet Weapons training Facility, Puerto Rico. Shortly after reporting in 2000 he received his qualification as a Range Control Officer and supervisor of a FACSAC. Ensign Woolridge was commissioned as a Limited Duty Officer Ensign on 1 October 2001. Following his indoctrination at LDO/CWO School, Pensacola, Florida, he reported as the Electronic Warfare Officer aboard USS ARLEIGH BURKE DDG 51, Norfolk, Virginia.

Ensign Woolridge is married to the former Mrs. Denise White from New Orleans



Louisiana, they have three children and reside in Suffolk, VA. Ensign Woolridge decorations include the Navy and Marine Corp Commendation Medal with two gold stars, Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal with four gold stars, and various other campaign and unit citations.

**Carlus A. Greathouse  
Lieutenant Junior Grade, U.S. Naval Reserve  
Training and EW Officer**

LTJG Greathouse, a native of Camp Hill, Alabama, graduated with honors from Dadeville High School in 1994. At Dadeville High, LTJG Greathouse was Treasurer of the Beta Club, President of the Key, and Voted Most Likely to Succeed by his Senior Class.

LTJG Greathouse was commissioned in 1999 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at University of Memphis. A Manufacturing Engineering Technology major, LTJG Greathouse was Vice President of the National Society of Black Engineers, Member of the Campus chapter NAACP and Resident Assistant.

As a midshipman, LTJG Greathouse participated in summer cruises in USS CALIFORNIA and USS MONTEREY. He was also selected to serve as Midshipman Battalion Executive Officer at University of Memphis' Naval ROTC Unit during his senior year.

LTJG Greathouse reported aboard ARLEIGH BURKE in May 2002 and earned Command Duty Officer Qualification in June 2002. While serving as Training Officer and Electronic Warfare, LTJG Greathouse completed a deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

His awards include the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2).

He is single and resides in Virginia Beach, VA.



**Chad M. Lamb  
Lieutenant Junior Grade,  
U.S. Naval Reserve  
Combat Information Center  
Officer**

Chad Lamb, a native of Rapid City, SD, graduated salutatorian of his Belle Fourche High School class in 1995. At Belle Fourche High, he lettered in band, theatre, and Knowledge Bowl; sang with his church choir; and wrote for the yearbook staff.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Lamb was commissioned in 1999 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Iowa State University of Science and Technology. A Computer Science major, he was an actor in five Iowa State Theatre productions and social chairman of the Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society.

As a midshipman, he participated in summer cruises in USS ARKANSAS (CGN 56) and USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51). He was also selected to serve as Information Systems Officer, Academics Officer, Squad Leader, and Platoon Commander at Iowa State University's Naval ROTC Unit.

LTJG Lamb reported aboard USS FORD (FFG 54), home-ported in Everett, WA, in November 1999 and earned his Surface Warfare Qualification in March 2001. While serving as Communications Officer, he completed a PACMEF deployment of MIO/VBSS operations in support of UN sanctions on Iraq.

LTJG Lamb reported aboard ARLEIGH BURKE in March 2002 as the Combat Information Center Officer. He completed a deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, serving both with the ARLEIGH BURKE and with the DESRON TWO staff embarked on USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71).

His awards include the Battle Efficiency "E," National Defense Medal, Armed Expeditionary Service Medal, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.



**Walter Johnson  
Lieutenant Junior Grade,  
U.S. Naval Reserve  
Direct Support Officer  
NSGA Medina, Texas**

Walter Johnson, a native of Pensacola, Florida, graduated from Pensacola High School in 1986. At Pensacola High School, Lieutenant Junior Grade Johnson lettered in football and was elected Deputy Group Commander in AFJROTC.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Johnson was commissioned in September 2000 through the Officer Candidate School program at Pensacola, Florida. A Computer Information Systems Management major, Lieutenant Junior Grade Johnson was also a thirteen-year prior enlisted Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force.

As a Cryptologic Officer, Lieutenant Junior Grade Johnson participated in a prior deployment with the USNS INDOMITABLE (TAGOS-7). He was also selected to serve as Watch Floor Operations Officer at NSGA Medina, Texas.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Johnson reported aboard USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) in February 2003 and worked on his Surface Warfare Qualification. While serving as Direct Support Officer, Lieutenant Junior Grade Johnson completed a deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

His awards include the Air Force Achievement Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

He is married to the former Roberta Anderson, a native of Pensacola, Florida. The Johnson's reside in San Antonio, Texas.



**Kelly A. Colloton**  
**Ensign, U.S. Naval Reserve**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> LIEUTENANT**

Kelly Colloton, a native of Nassau, New York, graduated from Columbia High School in 1997. At Columbia, Ensign Colloton lettered in Cheerleading, played in the band, and was elected to membership in the National Honor Society.

Ensign Colloton was commissioned in 2001 through the Officer Candidate School. A Criminal Justice Major, Ensign Colloton was a President of Sigma Delta Tau National Sorority and played third man on the women's lacrosse team.

Ensign Colloton reported aboard ARLEIGH BURKE in May 2002. While serving as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Ensign Colloton completed a deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Her awards include the National Defense Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.



**Ebony Johnson**  
**Lieutenant Junior Grade,**  
**U.S. Naval Reserve**  
**Ordnance Officer**

Ebony Johnson, a native of Sumter, South Carolina, graduated with honors from Sumter High School in 1997. At Sumter High, Lieutenant Junior Grade Johnson participated in various clubs, played in the school's concert and jazz band, and was elected to membership in the National Honor Society.

Lieutenant Junior Grade was commissioned in 2001 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Cornell University. An Economics major, Lieutenant Junior Grade Johnson played various intramural sports such as ice hockey, floor hockey, and ultimate frisbee.

As a midshipman, Lieutenant Junior Grade Johnson participated in summer cruises on USS ASHLAND (LSD 48), USS SAFEGUARD (ARS 50), and USS SPRUANCE (DD 963). She was also selected to serve as Company Executive Officer at Cornell University's Naval ROTC Unit during her senior year.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Johnson reported aboard ARLEIGH BURKE in May 2002 and earned her Surface Warfare Qualification in February 2003. While serving as Ordnance Officer, Lieutenant Junior Grade Johnson completed a deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Her awards include the National Defense Ribbon, Battle Efficiency "E," and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.



**LTJG Anthony P. Bannister**  
**Disbursing Officer**

A native of Kalamazoo, Michigan, LTJG Bannister entered the United States Navy in 1995. After graduating from Recruit Training Center, Great

Lakes, Illinois, he transferred to Naval School of Health Sciences in San Diego, CA to attend Basic Hospital Corps School.


Upon graduation, LTJG Bannister received orders to Naval Hospital Pensacola where he served in the Emergency Medical Services department as an EMT and the Pediatrics department.

In December 2000, LTJG Bannister graduated from Troy State University with a Bachelor of Business Management. Consequently, he was commissioned at Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL on May 11, 2001. His follow on tour was at Naval Air Station Pensacola as a special assistant to the Supply Officer. Directly following that tour, LTJG Bannister took orders to Naval Supply Corps School where he attended Basic Qualification Course for Supply Officers Afloat.

His initial sea duty assignment was in USS Arleigh Burke (DDG-51) where he reported as the Disbursing Officer in April 2002. During that tour he completed the Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer qualification.

LTJG Bannister is married to the former April Danielle Whitmore of Pensacola, FL. They currently reside in Virginia Beach, VA.

**LTJG Brent A. Rohrbaugh**  
**ASWO**



LTJG Rohrbaugh was born in Harrisonburg, VA and enlisted in the Navy in 1994.

He attended Electricians Mate Nuclear Field "A" School and Naval

Nuclear Power school in Orlando Florida. He next transferred to Charleston, SC for nuclear prototype training at Moored Training Ship (MTS-635) before reporting to USS Pintado (SSN-672) in Pearl Harbor, HI in 1996. Upon decommissioning the USS Pintado in 1998 at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, WA, he reported to USS Alaska (SSBN-732B) homeported in Bangor, WA. He was selected for ECP. He attended Naval Science Institute during the summer of 1999 and then transferred to the University of Washington Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. Upon commissioning in March 2001, he reported to USS Arleigh Burke (DDG-51) for temporary duty prior to reporting to Surface Warfare Officer's School in Newport, RI in May 2001.

LTJG Rohrbaugh began his first Division Officer tour as Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer aboard USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) in December 2001.

LTJG Rohrbaugh is married to the former Michele Denise Farmer of Chesapeake, VA.



Mediterranean/Persian Gulf deployment in May, 2001. LT Bowlin assumed duties as Fire Control Officer in March 2002 and completed a Mediterranean/Persian Gulf deployment in 2003.

His awards include the Navy Commendation

Medal, two Navy-Marine Corps Achievement medals, two Battle Efficiency "E" ribbons, five Sea Service Deployment ribbons, three Good Conduct medals, Meritorious Unit commendation, Navy Expeditionary medal, National Defense medal and the Arctic Service ribbon.

He is married to the former Angela Thomas, a native of Hamilton, Ohio. The Bowlins have three sons; Matthew, Thomas and Jason. The Bowlins reside in Virginia Beach.

**LTJG Mary L. Clark  
Systems Test Officer**

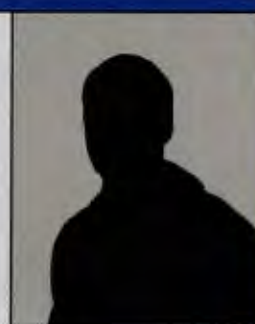
A native of Saxton, Pennsylvania. After graduating from high school in 1985 went to RTC Orlando Florida. During her Navy career she has completed classes with Mohegan Community College, Central Texas College and University Of Maryland. Advanced to Chief Petty Officer in 1995 and LDO Ensign in March 2000.

Duty assignments and achievements include Ammunition Administrator: NSSF Groton Connecticut (Junior Sailor of the Quarter); Department LPO: USS Yosemite (AD-19) Mayport Florida (Sailor of the Year); QA Inspector and Production Division Officer: NAVMAG Guam (Sailor of the Year and 1 of 3 finalist for CINCPACFLT Sailor of the Year); Recruiter and Enlisted Production Supervisor: NRD Houston Texas.

Awards include Navy Achievement and Good Conduct Medal, numerous unit and service medals/ribbons.

Married to LT Robert J. Clark, native of Mountain Home Arkansas, assigned to PCU Ronald Reagan.

**Louis P. Bergeron  
Lieutenant Junior Grade,  
U.S. Naval Reserve  
Strike Warfare Officer**



Louis Bergeron, a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, graduated with honors from Knoxville

West High School in 1996. He then attended Centre College, a small, private liberal arts college in Danville, KY under an academic scholarship, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in May 2000. He majored in History with a minor in Government. While at Centre, LTJG Bergeron ran cross-country for the college, participated in study abroad programs in London, England and Greece, and served as social chairman for the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Joining the Navy in July 1998 under the Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program (BDGP), after completing his degree he attended Officer Candidate School (OCS) in July 2000. He was commissioned on October 6, 2000, graduating as a distinguished naval graduate from OCS. He next reported to the USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) before transferring to Newport, Rhode Island for Surface Warfare Officer's School (SWOS) in January 2001. He returned to ARLEIGH BURKE upon completion of SWOS in July 2001.

LTJG Bergeron earned his Surface Warfare Qualification in July 2002, and his Engineering Officer of the Watch letter in April 2003. While serving as Strike Officer, he completed a deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM where he and his strike team participated in numerous Tomahawk launches against Iraq.

His awards include the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Battle Efficiency "E," and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

He transfers to Ingleside, Texas to serve as Operations Officer in USS CORMORANT (MHC 57) in July 2003.



**Archer S. Pangilinan**  
**Ensign, U.S. Naval Reserve**  
**Combat Electronics**  
**Officer**

Archer Pangilinan, a native of New Jersey, graduated with honors from Academic High School in 1991. At Academic High, Ensign Pangilinan lettered in soccer, was in student government, and was elected senior class president.

He joined the Navy in 1991 and started his career as a nuclear trained machinist mate. He served on board the USS OHIO SSBN 726, USS ALABAMA SSBN 731, USS Pittsburgh SSN 727, IMF Bangor for shore duty.

Ensign Pangilinan was commissioned in 2002 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Norfolk State University. A Summa Cum Laude Physics, Math and Naval Science major, Ensign Pangilinan was the first to Graduate from the new STA-21 Program.

As an Officer Candidate, Ensign Pangilinan was an important asset to morale and welfare of other midshipmen in the battalion. He was a squad leader, mentor and tutor.

Ensign Pangilinan reported aboard ARLEIGH BURKE in April 2003. While serving as Combat Systems Electronics Officer, Ensign Pangilinan completed a deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

His awards include two Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, three Good Conduct Ribbons and two National Defense Ribbons.

He is happily married to the former Ana DeLeon, a native of Calgary, Canada and have twin Daughters, Kayla and Kamille. The Pangilinan family resides in beautiful Chesapeake.



**Oscar E. Bowlin**  
**Lieutenant, U.S. Naval**  
**Reserve**  
**Fire Control Officer**

Lieutenant Bowlin enlisted in the Navy in 1986 and attended Boot Camp at Great Lakes, Illinois. After completing various Navy schools at Great Lakes, Groton, CT and San Diego, CA, LT Bowlin was promoted to Sonar Technician (Submarines) Third Class. His first assignment was the USS Lapon (SSN-661) in Norfolk, VA in 1988. While assigned to the Sonar Division, he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for conducting an Acoustic Analysis Survey on the USS Arleigh Burke, providing valuable acoustic signature discrepancies for the Navy's newest Destroyer. LT Bowlin completed two Mediterranean Sea deployments and one Arctic Ocean Special Operation, prior to the decommissioning of USS Lapon at Mare Island, CA in 1991.

LT Bowlin then served aboard the USS Jacksonville (SSN-699) in Norfolk, VA for two years, participating in an extensive yard period, sea trials and new weapon system testing.

In 1993, LT Bowlin was promoted to STS1(SS) and transferred to Oceana Naval Air Station Security Detachment in Virginia Beach, VA. LT Bowlin served as a Base Policeman and the Administrative Officer. In 1996, LT Bowlin was selected as Sailor of the Year, received a Navy Commendation Medal and selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program.

In 1998, LT Bowlin was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Old Dominion University. He graduated cum laude, majoring in Electrical Engineering Technology.

LT Bowlin reported aboard USS ARLEIGH BURKE in August 2000 and earned his Surface Warfare Qualification in February 2001. While serving as Ordnance Officer, LT Bowlin completed a



**Chief Warrant Officer  
Gregory D. Knapp  
MPA**

CWO2 Knapp was born in Woodland Hills, Ca on September 6, 1960. He graduated from Foothill High School, Tustin, Ca in

1978.

Upon completion of High School, joined the Carpenters Union and enrolled in Apprenticeship school becoming a Journeyman Carpenter in 1981. Attended College of the Redwoods from 1984 to 1986. Additionally, became certified Carrier Corporation factory Technician for Air Conditioning and Refrigeration through Hawaii Vocational School.

CWO2 Knapp then enlisted in the Navy in September 1986. Upon completion of Basic Training in San Diego, Ca, he attended MM "A" school in Great Lake's, Il. Upon Graduation reported to USS Dahlgren DDG-43 from 1987 to January 1990. In 1990 he reported to MM "C" school, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration and upon Graduation reported to USS Josephus Daniels CG-27 in May of 1990 until November of 1994. In 1994 transferred to Pearl Harbor Hi to NAVIMFAC, 25D Engineering services until transferring to USS Mount Hood AE-29 in March of 1997 in San Francisco Ca. After a homeport shift to Bremerton Wa in 1998 was advanced to CPO in late 1998 and transferred to USS Shreveport LPD-12 in March of 1999. He was commissioned in January 2002. Following his commission, he reported to Surface Warfare Officer's School in Newport, RI. At the completion of SWOS, he reported to USS Arleigh Burke for his initial Division Officer tour in April 2002 as the Main Propulsion Assistant. Soon after was reassigned as Chief Engineer.



**Wayne Moore, Jr.  
Lieutenant Junior Grade,  
U.S. Naval Reserve  
Electrical Officer**

Wayne Moore, a native of Atlanta, Georgia graduated from Benjamin E. Mays High School in 1997. At Mays HS, LTJG Moore lettered in track, basketball, football, and was the President of the Student Government Association.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Moore was commissioned in 2001 through a cross-town Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of California, Berkeley. He earned a degree in Industrial Engineering at Stanford University, where he was Vice President of Stanford's Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

As a midshipman, Lieutenant Junior Grade Moore participated in summer cruises in USS OAK HILL (LSD 51) and USS ESSEX (LHD 2). He was also selected to serve as Platoon Commander at Berkeley's Naval ROTC Unit during his senior year.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Moore reported aboard ARLEIGH BURKE in May 2002 and earned his Surface Warfare Qualification in February 2003. While serving as Electrical Officer, LTJG Moore completed a deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

His awards include the, Battle Efficiency "E," and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

He is the proud son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne A. Moore, Sr.



**Christopher A. Durant**  
**Ensign, U.S. Naval Reserve**  
**Main Propulsion/Legal**  
**Officer**

Chris Durant, a native of Florence, South Carolina, graduated from South Florence High School in

1998. At South Florence High, Ensign Durant, was an active member in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, advancing through the ranks up the position of Battalion Commander. He also was an active member and player of the basketball and football teams. He also played with the school's jazz band during his freshman year.

Ensign Durant was commissioned in 2002 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at University of South Carolina. A Business Administration major, Ensign Durant specialized in the fields of Human Resources and Insurance/Risk Management.

As a midshipman, Ensign Durant held several positions including, squad leader, platoon leader, Athletics Officer, Drill Team Commander, and also was on the Color Guard. Prior to his senior year, he participated in the challenging and strenuous, Mini BUD/S boot camp, in Coronado, California.

Ensign Durant reported aboard ARLEIGH BURKE in December 2002 after completion of SWOS and Legal School. He just recently earned his Engineering Officer of the Watch qualification in May 2003. While serving as Main Propulsion and Legal Officer, Ensign Durant completed a deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, and RESOLUTE BEHAVIOR.

His awards include the Military Service Ribbon, and soon to follow, Sea Service, and Combat Action Ribbons.

**ENS Corbin D. Morris**  
**AUXO**

ENS Morris was born in Little Rock, AR. and enlisted in the Navy in 1996.

He received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Industrial Technology at University of Arkansas. He enlisted into the Navy in December 1996. He served as a Plane Captain and Avionics Technician on the S-3 Viking at Sea Control Squadron VS-33. He received a Battle "E" Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, and qualified as an Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist. He was awarded Junior Sailor of the Quarter of Sea Control Wing Pacific Fleet in 1999. He attended Officer's Candidate School in Pensacola, FL. He was commissioned in January 2002. During his TAD assignment as Main Propulsion Officer aboard USS ARLEIGH BURKE, ENS Morris was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal.





**LIEUTENANT HEZEKIAH  
NATTA  
EMO**

LT Natta was born in ST. Croix U.S.V.I. Moving to Augusta, GA in 1982 he graduated from Lucy Laney High

School in 1986 and enlisted in the United States Navy.

Upon graduation from Boot Camp, he attended Basic Enlisted Submarine School, STS "A" school and several "C" schools before reporting onboard USS George Bancroft (SSBN 643) in Charleston, SC in January 1988. Re-enlisting under the STAR program in 1989 he was advanced to Second Class Petty Officer and awarded AN/BQQ-5 "C" school. Upon the completion of "C" school he reported onboard USS Greenling (SSN 614) in Groton, CT. In 1993, LT Natta was Command Advanced to First Class Petty Officer and transferred to USS Parche (SSN 683) in Mare Island, CA. Selected to the rank of Chief Petty Officer in 1996. Commissioned under the Limited Duty Officer program in July 1998. Upon Completion of LDO training in Pensacola, FL he reported to USS Austin (LPD 4) as the Electronics Material Officer. In 2001, he transferred to USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) as the Electronics Material Officer.

**LTjg WILLIAM L.  
SCARBOROUGH**



LTjg Scarborough was born in Corpus Christi, TX. After graduating from high school, he joined the Navy in 1991.

After graduation from basic training, he reported to Nuclear Field "MM" A-School. In January of 1992, he reported to Security Police School at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. He then reported to U. S. Naval Facility Argentia, Newfoundland Canada. In November 1994 he reported aboard USS MOUNT WHITNEY for duties in M-Division. Upon completion of initial enlistment, LTjg Scarborough departed active duty to return home to Texas to pursue a college degree. ENS Scarborough joined the U.S. Naval Reserves while attending college at Texas A&M University at Kingsville. While assigned to the reserves, he pursued a rating conversion to Builder and was assigned to NMCB 22 DET 0722 in Corpus Christi, TX. In May of 2000, LTjg Scarborough received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. He then applied for Officer Candidate School and was accepted in Aug of 2000. In December of 2000, he was commissioned Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve. Upon Completion of Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, RI, LTjg Scarborough reported aboard USS ARLEIGH BURKE in August of 2001, for duties as Communications Officer and assumed duties as Admin Officer in March of 2003.

LTjg Scarborough's personal decorations include Battle "E" (3), Good Conduct, Armed Forces Expeditionary, Sea Service Deployment, Overseas Service, National Defense (2) and 45 Cal. Marksman Medals.



## LTJG THOMPSON XIAO DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT

LTJG Xiao was born in China and came to the United States of America in 1986. He attended City College of New York and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in June 1996.

LTJG Xiao enlisted into the Navy in February of 1997. After completing Boot Camp and GSE "A" school, LTJG Xiao reported to the USS Vella Gulf (CG72) and served as a Gas Turbine Electrical Technician for nearly two years. LTJG Xiao deployed to the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Baltic seas while serving onboard USS Vella Gulf.

Following this tour, LTJG Xiao was selected to attend OCS in the winter of 1999. Three months later, LTJG Xiao graduated and was commissioned in February 2000. Following his commission, he reported to USS Arleigh Burke for 5 months TAD duty as the Engineering Training Officer. He qualified as EOOW before he reported to Surface Warfare Officer's School in Newport, RI. At the completion of SWOS, he returned to USS Arleigh Burke (DDG-51) for his initial division officer tour. As Damage Control Assistant, he worked shoulder to shoulder with his people and lead by example achieved zero damage control discrepancies during the Light Off Assessment 2002, zero damage control related incident during EDSRA 2002 and the successful completion of the Initial Assessment and Underway Demo 2002 as the acting MPA/DCA. Pass the FEP first time up with the highest grade on the waterfront.

As the DCA, he lead his damage control organization show to the world that the Arleigh Burke's DC organization can and know how to fight the real fires with skills and determinations to win, to

support our combat missions for the deployment of 2003.

As the repair division officer, Repair division has the highest advancement rate in this command for the past two years. He firmly believes that he works for his people.

LTJG Xiao qualified Engineering officer of the watch and Surface warfare officer pin. His next assignment is Navigator for a destroyer.

LTJG Xiao is happily married to the former Lily A. Yang of Bronx, New York. She is a Registered Nurse. They have two incredible boys: Johnny 43 months, Vincent 27 months.

The Xiaos reside in Kempsville, Virginia Beach.



# Chief Petty Officer Mess





**ETC(SW) PHILIP GARY KINNEER  
JR.  
CE DIVISION LCPO**

ETC Kinneer was born in Aurora, Colorado on 13<sup>th</sup> of February 1966. After graduating from

Northwestern High School in Rock Hill SC, he entered the Navy in July 1984.

After graduation from basic training he reported to the USS San Diego, 1<sup>st</sup> Division. He struck for ET and in 1986, attended ET "A" school in Great Lakes. Graduating "A" school in 1987, he was advanced to Petty Officer Third Class and reported to Combat Systems Training School Command, Mare Island for LINK "C" school. Upon graduation, he reported for duty as the LINK technician onboard the USS Wainwright (CG 28) in Charleston, SC where he was advanced to Petty Officer Second Class. Transferring in 1990, he reported for duty to Naval Telecommunications and Computer Center, Charleston SC as the AIS Security Officer and Maintenance Department Leading Petty Officer. In 1993 he was advanced to Petty Officer First Class. In 1994, he received a 1 year unaccompanied tour to United States Forces Korea as the Theater LINK/WMMCCS/TCCS/GCCS technician. In 1998 he transferred to the USS Mitscher (DDG 57) as CE Division Leading Petty Officer. In 2000 he screened for duty as an Instructor and transferred to Fleet Combat Systems Training Command Atlantic, Dam Neck VA. He was promoted to Chief Petty Officer and served as the LINK/WSN-7/CEC/LHD EXCOMM Division LCPO. Kinneer is married to the former transferred to the USS Arleigh Burke as the CE Division Leading Chief. Patricia Ann Taylor of Brookfield, Illinois. They reside in Virginia Beach, VA and have one daughter Kristina and one son Philip.

ETC's personal awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, 2 Navy Commendation Medals, Joint Service Achievement Medal, 5 Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Combat Action Ribbon, 5 Good Conduct Medals, and various unit awards.

**GSCS(SW)  
Stephen A. O'Conner  
Engineering Department  
Leading Chief Petty Officer**

GSCS Stephen A. O'Conner was born and raised in Dunkirk, Indiana. After graduating from high school, he lived and worked in Cleveland, Ohio for two years. He joined the United States Navy in 1985.

After graduation for recruit training and GSE "A" school, he reported for duty on the USS Dewert (FFG45) until February 1988. Following GSE "C" school he reported to USS Hawes (FFG53). In September 1990, he reported aboard GTMO, Cuba for physical security duty. Following this tour, he reported aboard USS Arleigh Burke (DDG51) for three years. In May of 1996 he then reported aboard FCTCLANT Dam Neck as Command Fitness Coordinator and DAPA. In July 1999 to present Senior Chief O'Conner reported back aboard USS Arleigh Burke for a second tour of duty. GSCS O'Conner personal decorations include 5 Navy achievement Medals and 5 good conduct medals.



**BMC(SW) CHARLES EVAN  
GUM  
DECK DIVISION LEADING  
CHIEF PETTY OFFICER**

BMC Gum was born in Seattle, Washington on 07 Jul 1968. After graduating from High School in Clovis New Mexico, he entered the Navy on December 1986. He accepted orders to the USS Arleigh Burke (DDG-51) as WD Division leading Chief Petty Officer in Sept 2002.

BMC Gum has two sons, Lance and Jared. BMC Gum's personal awards include The Navy Commendation Medal, 6 Navy Achievement medals, 4 Good Conduct Medals and various unit awards.





**GSMC(SW) Terrence L.  
Dornford**

Originally from Georgetown Guyana, South America. Moved to Miami, Florida. He attended recruit training at Great Lakes.

His sea duty assignments include USS MONETERY (CG 61), USS SUPPLY (AOE 6), USS VELLA GULF (CG 72), and currently serving onboard USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51). His shore duty assignment was SIMA Norfolk, VA.



**Damage Controlman Chief  
Petty Officer  
Micah Alexander Furse Sr**

Chief Petty Officer Furse was born and raised in South Carolina. Following graduation from Denmark-Olar High School in Denmark,

South Carolina, he enlisted in the Navy in June 1982 and reported to RTC Orlando for Recruit training. Upon completion of recruit training, he attended Seamanship Apprenticeship Training at Orlando Naval Station, Orlando, Florida.

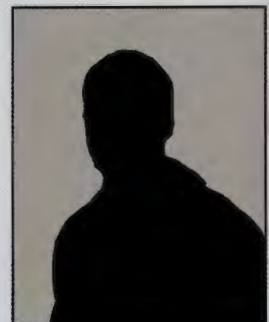
His tours of duty included the Naval Communication Station Harold E. Holt, Northwestern Australia, USS Malon S. Tisdale (FFG-27) home ported in San Diego, CA, USS Los Alamos (AFDB-7) Holy Loch, Scotland UK, Shore Inter-mediate Maintenance Activity, Norfolk, VA, USS Arthur W. Radford (DD-968) home ported in Norfolk, VA, USS Stout (DDG-55), Shore Inter-mediate Maintenance Activity San Diego, CA, USS Porter (DDG-78) home ported Norfolk, VA and currently USS Arleigh Burke (DDG-51) assigned to Engineering Department as Repair Division Officer and Leading Chief Petty Officer.

His awards include the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and numerous unit and campaign

ribbons.

Chief Petty Officer Furse is married to the former Margaret Nixon Rhea and both enjoy their four children, Cherlydean, Ommeshanay, Michala, Micah Jr as well as their grand daughter Charrell.

**Alan R. Groat  
Engineman Chief Petty  
Officer Surface Warfare  
3M Coordinator**



ENC(SW) Groat enlisted in the navy in 1984 and attended Engineman class "A" school after graduating from boot camp. His Shore Duties include Recruiter In Charge NRD Detroit and Instructor duty Great lakes II. His sea duties consist of USS LaSalle, AGF-3 COMNAVMIDEASTFORCE; USS Proteus AS-19, Guam; USS Safeguard ARS-50, HI; and USS Arleigh Burke DDG-51 Norfolk VA.

ENC (SW) Groat reported aboard ARLEIGH BURKE in June 1999 and was a member of Auxiliary division. In September of 2000 he was reassigned to the 3MC billet. While serving as 3MC, Chief Groat has completed a dry dock assignment 6 FMAV periods, qualified EOOW, was divisional Chief for A and E division and two deployments one of which was in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

His awards include the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal with 5 stars, Meritorious Unit Commendation with 5 stars, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Battle Efficiency "E," with 2 stars, Good Conduct Medal with 5 stars, National Defense Medal with 2 stars, Sea Service Ribbon with 7 stars, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Recruiting Service Ribbon.

He is married to the former Linda Nowak, a native of Tecumseh Michigan and Graduate of Southern Baptist University. Chief Groat has one daughter Hali who is an honor role student at Grafton Bethel Elementary. The Groat's reside in Yorktown VA.



**Roy E. Heringer**  
**Engineman Chief Petty**  
**Officer**  
**Leading Chief Petty Officer**  
**of Auxiliary Division**

Roy Heringer, a native of South Lebanon, Ohio, graduated from Kings High School in 1985.

Chief Heringer started his Naval career at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes Illinois in January of 1991. There he was nominated Honor recruit for recruit company 071. He attended Engineman "A" school and was rated and engineman.

He reported to USS REID (FFG-30) on 15 August 1991 as a rated engineman fireman recruit, and gained his ESWS qualification and as Second Class Petty Officer.

In July 1996 he reported to pre-commissioning detachment for USS ROSS (DDG-71) and was advanced to First Class Petty Officer.

In March of 1999 he attended Engineman "C" school for LSD-41 class propulsion technician in route to USS CARTER HALL (LSD-50) as the ships oil king and in July of 1999 was selected as a Chief Petty Officer.

Chief Heringer reported aboard ARLEIGH BURKE in February 2003. Since reporting aboard he has re-qualified EOOW and is a part of the engineering training team. While serving as Auxiliary Division Leading Chief Petty Officer, Chief Heringer completed a deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Chief Heringer's awards include the Navy Achievement Medal (5<sup>th</sup>), Navy Unit Commendation (2<sup>nd</sup>), Battle E (2<sup>nd</sup>), Southwest Asian Service Medal (2<sup>nd</sup>), NATO Peace Keeping Medal, Sea Service Deployment (4<sup>th</sup>), Good Conduct Medal (3<sup>rd</sup>), National Defense Service Medal (2<sup>nd</sup>), Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the Kosovo Liberation Medal. He resides peacefully in Norfolk Virginia.

**EMC (SW) Eric C. Drees**  
**LCPO E and R DIVISION**

Chief Eric C. Drees was born and raised in Iowa. Following graduation from West Marshall High School in State Center, Iowa, he enlisted in the Army 103<sup>rd</sup> COSCOM and was discharged January 1986 and enlisted into the Navy.

Upon completion of recruit training, at Great Lakes, ILL. He attended Electrician Mate "A" School in Great Lakes ILL. His tours of duty have included the USS PRESERVER (ARS-8), USS SHILOH (CG-67), and a recruiting tour at NRD Omaha, Nebraska. His awards include the Army Commendation Medal, Navy/Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and numerous unit and campaign ribbons.

Chief Drees is married to the former Cami Hoffmester and both enjoy their three children, Hunter, Dustin, and Emma.

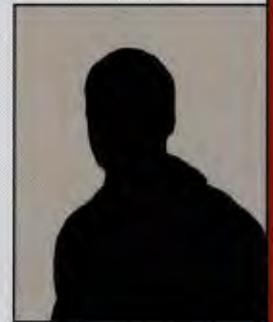


**SKC (SW/AW) PATTERSON**

Chief Patterson is a native of Macon, MS and a graduate of Noxubee County High School. He enlisted in the Navy in March of 1986.

His first sea duty assignment was on USS Dewey (DDG 45) where he as Financials Storekeeper. His follow on tours were Naval Hospital Patxent River as a Procurement Agent, USNS Comfort as Supply LPO, USS Ashland (LSD 48) as Stores Officer, Oak Ridge as Supply Department LCPO, Afloat Training Groups Atlantic as Supply Officer.

He arrived onboard ARLEIGH BURKE in October 2001. His personal awards include the Navy Achievement Medal Awards (7), Good Conduct Medals (3).





**Chief Roseberry  
Chief Hospital Corpsman**

Chief Roseberry was born in Hartford, Connecticut. Following graduation from Middleton High School in Middleton, Tennessee, he enlisted in

the Navy in September 1984 and reported to RTC Great Lakes for Recruit training. Upon completion of recruit training, he attended Hospital Corp "A" school also in Great Lakes. He later attended Independent Duty Corpsman "C" school in Portsmouth, Va. He currently holds a AA degree from the University of Maryland and is currently progressing toward a physician assistance degree.

His tours of duty have included the USS Texas (CGN 39), USS Gladiator (MCM 11), Special Boat Unit Two (USS Firebolt PC 10), tours at Naval Hospital Millington, Tn., Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Fl., and overseas tours at Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan, Naval Hospital Guam, Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia.

His awards include the Navy Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, numerous unit and campaign ribbons.

Chief Roseberry is married to the former Jeanette Diaz and both enjoy their three children, Robert II, Matthew and Laura.

**EMMITT E COURTNEY  
PNC(SW) UNITED STATES  
NAVY  
PERSONNEL CHIEF**



Emmitt Courtney, a native of Waco, Texas, graduated with from Waco High School in 1979. At Waco High School PNC(SW) Courtney played football, baseball and played the trumpet in the concert band.

PNC(SW) Courtney enlisted in the Navy

on 3 July 1979 and attended recruit training at RTC San Diego California.

PNC(SW) Courtney's first duty station was onboard the USS RICH (DD 820), in Philadelphia, PA. Subsequent sea duty commands were, USS MANLEY (DD 940), USS HAWKINS (DD 973), USS RALEIGH (LHD 1) and the USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3). Shore Duty stations include PSD Washington, D.C, Navy Recruiting District, Washington, D.C., COMINEDIV ONE TWO FIVE, Charleston, SC, BUPERS Washington, D.C. and PERSUPACT Naples, Italy.

PNC(SW) Courtney reported aboard ARLEIGH BURKE in November 2002. While serving as Personnel Officer, he completed a deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

His awards include the two Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, five Good Conduct Medals, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and seven Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

He is married to the former Vanessa Jackson, a native of Texas. They have three children, Alexander, Taylor and Tyler Courtney. The Courtney's reside in Norfolk.



**Michael P. Springer  
CPO, U.S. Navy  
Electronic Warfare**

EWC(SW) Springer, a native of New England, graduating from Noble High School, in 1986. Between his Junior and

Senior year, he enlisted into the U.S. Naval Reserve and completed boot camp before his Senior year. While in the Reserves Chief Springer was attached to the USS Fulton (AS-11) and completed EW "A" school in 1987, then transferred to Active Duty in February 1989. His duty assignments after entering Active Duty include: USS Sterett (CG-31) homeported in Subic Bay, Philippines from

April 1989 to April 1991; "C" School in Pensacola, FL from May 1991 to February 1992; USS Nicholson (DD-982) Homeported in Charleston, SC from March 1992 to February 1995; He did Theater Ballistic Missile Defense working with Joint Tactical Ground Station (JTGS) and the Army Space Command while at Naval Space Command from March 1995 to April 1998; operated a war-gaming system for training Amphibious and Carrier Battle Group Staffs, as well as operate an Amphibious Warfare Demonstrator while at EWTGLANT from May 1998 to October 2000; USS Ramage (DDG-61) homeported in Norfolk, VA from November 2000 to November 2001. Chief Springer joined the Admiral's Destroyer and crew during EDSRA in November 2001.

Chief Springer's personal awards include ESWS, a Navy Commutation Medal, an Army Commutation Medal, a Navy Achievement Medal, Three(3) Battle 'E', Four(4) Good Conduct Medals and various campaign and deployment awards.

He is married to the former MaGirlie Almario, a native of Bagac, Bataan, Philippines. He has three children, there names are Ainsley, Amina and Ariana. The Springer's currently reside in Chesapeake, Virginia.



**OSC(SW/AW) Gerald Davis JR**

OSC(SW/AW) Davis was born in Brooklyn, NY. After graduating High School he joined the

Navy in 1984. After graduation from basic training and "A" school he reported to USS Vincennes (CG-49)PCU until April 1988. He then reported to USS Gettysburg (CG-64) PCU until November, 1994. Then OSC Davis reported to CCDG-12 until February 1997. OSC Davis reported to Fleet Training Center ASW Center for Instructor Duty until

September, 2000 when he reported to USS Arleigh Burke (DDG-51). OSC(SW/AW) Davis personal decorations

include Navy Commendation Medal (1), Navy Achievement Medal (6), Good Conduct Medal (4).



**GMC(SW) MICHAEL BENTLEY WALL**

Born in Portland Oregon in 1965. Family of 5 which includes wife Ronda, Daughter Samantha (15), and two sons - Seth (13) and Austin (11). Joined the Navy in 1982 and reported to my first command in August 1983 aboard the USS New Jersey BB-62. Follow on Commands have been; NTC Great Lakes, USS Philippine Sea CG-58, FTC Damneck 5 inch C School Instructor, USS Gettysburg CG-64, FTSLANT Tech Sup Mayport, USS Caron DD-970, ATG Det Everett Wash, and USS Arleigh Burke DDG-51. Major Qualifications achieved include; Associates of Arts Degree (Majoring in Electronics Engineering), Afloat Training Specialist, and Combat Systems Team Leader While at ATG Everett, Ships Weapons Coordinator(SWC) while attached to DD-970, and ASUWC duties aboard USS Gettysburg and USS Arleigh Burke. Attending Theological Seminary (3 years) in pursuit of Pastoral Degree.



**STGC(SW/IUSS) Thomas J. Kuhrt**

A native of Buffalo, NY. STGC Kuhrt has been on active duty for 19yrs. He graduated from RTC Great Lakes. His first duty station was the USS Lexington(AVT-16) as an undesignated seaman. After graduating from OTA A School and my first duty assignment was NAVFAC Adak Alaska. He was promoted through 2<sup>nd</sup> class during that

our. He was transferred to NAVFAC Brawdy, Wales. His subsequent tours have included NOPF Dam Neck, NAVFAC Keflavik Iceland (selected to CPO), Navfac Argentia New Foundland, NRD Los Angeles California, Commander Undersea Surveillance Va.. He is currently the WA LCPO on board USS Arleigh Burke (DDG-51). STGC Kuhrt's wife is Susan, and he has three daughters, Leslea, Margrette, and Hannah.



### **FCC(SW) MICHAEL A. BLACK**

FCC (SW) Black was born in Latrobe, PA on 24SEP1958. Upon graduating from Bayside High School, he entered the Navy in Oct 1977.

After basic training in Great Lakes, IL he attended SK "A" school in Meridian, MS, and was assigned a two year tour at Assault Craft Unit Two, Little Creek, Va. Upon transfer he reported for duty aboard the US Mount Whitney, (LCC 20).

After 3 years of broken service, he returned to the Navy and Great Lakes, IL. After graduating from Fire Controlman "A" School and MK86 "C" School he reported the USS Tarawa (LHA-1) for a five-year tour. Upon completion, he returned to Great Lakes, IL serving at MK86 "C" School maintenance department. In 1994, he rotated back to sea where he served aboard and decommissioned the USS Conolly (DD 979) in Mayport, FL in 1998.

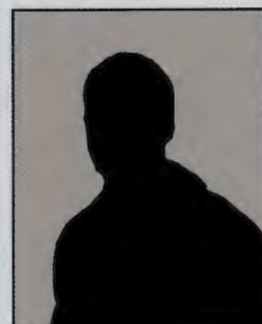
Upon transfer, he reported to Great Lakes, IL, taught Electronics Technician "A" School and served as Course Officer for MK86 "C" School. Upon completion of MK160 GWS "C" School he accepted orders to the USS Arleigh Burke (DDG-51) May 2003.

FCC Black's personal awards include 3 Navy Achievement medals, 6 Good Conduct Medals, and various unit awards, and has an Associate of Arts Degree from the University of Phoenix.

### **GMC(SW) Robert R. Dumont**

A native of Fall River, MA, Chief Dumont enlisted in the Navy on 23 March 1983.

He attended recruit training at Great Lakes, IL. Sea duty assignments include USS MCANDLESS (FF-1084), USS CAPPODANNO (FF 1093), USS WHIDBEY ISLAND (LSD-41), USS GUAM (LPH-9) and presently USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51). His shore duty assignments include SIMA Newport, RI, COMREGSUPPGRU, Norfolk.



### **ITCS(SW) ANTHONY (TONY) ADAMS BIO**

Graduated from ST. Clairsville High School in 1987 and left for the United States Navy. Senior Chief Adams is the Leading Chief Petty Officer for the Combat Systems Department. After graduation from basic training he reported to RM "A" school. Graduating "A" school in 1988 he reported for duty as a plank owner onboard the USS Defender MCM-2. Transferring in 1990 he reported for duty to Commander Amphibious Group Two embarked onboard the USS Nassau LHA-4 forward-deployed ISO Operation Desert Shield/Storm. He earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) qualification during this tour of duty. In 1992 he reported to SSC San Diego for Radioman "C7" school, Upon completion of "C" school he reported to Naval Ocean Processing Facility Dam Neck VA. In 1994 he was selected for orders and reassigned to Naval Special Warfare Development Group Dam Neck VA. In 1998 he transferred to Naval Computer Telecommunications Station Bahrain for a 1



year unaccompanied tour. During this tour of duty he was selected as Sailor Of the Year. In 1999 he screened for duty as an Instructor and transferred to the Navy Marine Corp's Intelligence Training Center, Dam Neck VA. He was promoted to Chief Petty Officer and obtained the qualification as a Master Training Specialist. In 2002 he transferred to the USS ARLEIGH Burke where he was promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer in 2003.

Senior Chief Adams is married to the former Heather Ann Campbell of St. Clairsville, Ohio. They reside in North Carolina and have one son Anthony (TJ) and two daughters Taylor and Brooke.

Senior Chief's personal awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, 3 Navy Commendation Medals, 4 Navy Achievement Medals, 4 Good Conduct Medals, and various unit awards.

#### **FCC (SW) Robert S. Herr**

Chief Herr hails from Jeffersonville, In. He attended St. Xavier High School and graduated in 1981. He joined the Navy in 1985 as an FTM.

His first Sea tour was onboard USS SEMMES

DDG-18, homeport Charleston, SC. Duties included Mk 152 Computer Tech, Harpoon SWG-1 and 51C/D radar Tech.

In 1991, he took orders to Recruiting Duty in Terre Haute, In. While on Recruiting Duty, he enlisted 70 young men and women into the Navy.

He entered the Aegis pipeline in 1995 as a Spy Radar Technician. Upon completion of "C" school in Dahlgren, Va. He accepted orders to USS Monterey CG-61.

In 1998, he again returned to Dahlgren as a SPY radar instructor. While there he assumed the role as LPO for the SPY instructor element and later assumed the role as the Course Supervisor for the

SPY-1B side of the house. He also attended the Aegis Weapon System and Combat System Maintenance Manager Courses. He accepted orders to USS Arleigh Burke DDG-51 in 2001 and reported aboard in March 2002. He is married to Jacqueline Fernandez Herr. They have 2 sons.

#### **John J. Parsons**

John Parsons, a native of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, graduated from West Wilkes High School in 1981. At West Wilkes High, Chief Parsons lettered in football, track, and wrestling.

Chief Parsons was initiated in 1998 at Naval Surface Weapons Center, Dahlgren, Virginia. He was assigned as the Leading Chief Petty Officer for Tactical Maintenance Department at the Aegis Training and Readiness Center.

Chief Parsons started his career onboard the USS BROOKE (FFG-1) as a Weapons Direction System technician. He then commissioned the USS ANTIETAM (CG-54) and USS LAKE ERIE (CG-70) where he served as an AN-SPY Radar technician and Division Leading Petty Officer.

Chief Parsons reported aboard ARLEIGH BURKE in October 2000. While serving as Combat Systems Leading Petty Officer, Chief Parsons completed two deployments. The latest in January of 2003 was in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

His awards include the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Battle Efficiency "E," Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, South West Asia Service Medal, and Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist.



# Combat Systems

## Fire Control Division

CF Division started the deployment with 100% operability on all AEGIS equipment, completing a rigorous and difficult in-port period due to casualties. CF Division personnel spent many off duty hours correcting several casualties prior to deployment, ensuring that all AEGIS equipment was prepared for possible combat action in a hostile environment. Within 10 days of getting underway, the Fire Controlman and their equipment were put to the test, successfully launching two Standard Missiles against multiple inbound targets. While supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, CF Division was thrust into the spotlight again, assisting in Tomahawk Missile launching. Numerous personnel filled key watch stations in direct support during all STRIKE missions. CF Divisions paved the way for Arleigh Burkes Combat Camera Crew, providing photographic and editing expertise. Behind the scenes, CF Division provided data recording for all facets of the AEGIS Weapons System. Once analyzed, these recordings will be used to mold future procedures for Tomahawk Strike missions, contributing to a more prepared and ready Navy in the future. Fire Controlmen are an integral part of all command operations including VBSS, security watches for escort duties and inport security forces, line handling for UNREPS and numerous stores onload working parties. CF Division kept the ship "Built to Fight".

## CS01 DIVISION

Best CS01 division on the waterfront. Leading the crew is the Systems Test Officer "STO", LTJG Mary Clark, **OCSOT OGRE**. Holding it all together is the Combat Systems Maintenance Manager "CSMM", FCC(SW) Robert Herr, **MAINTENANCE MONSTER**. Keeping things smooth flowing are the Admin/Technical Publications Supervisors, FC2(SW) Carlos Harris and STG1 Michael Courtney. CS01 is the small, quiet, behind the scenes division with many unique responsibilities within Combat Systems and Weapons department. Some of those responsibilities even take us into Operations and Engineering department. Our job titles describe a few of those responsibilities: Testing Aegis & Non-Aegis systems; corrective & preventive maintenance management; electronic & paper publications administration. The opportunity to work around so many different ratings is priceless and one of the best things about our job is working with some really great technicians. WE ARE PROUD TO CLAIM THE TITLE OF CS01.

## CX DIVISION

CX DIVISION makes up ARLEIGH BURKE's Strike Team. The Strike Team is in charge of the tactical employment of Tomahawk Land Attack Cruise Missiles. CX Division also maintains the ship's Force Over the Horizon Track Coordinator (FOTC) picture as Database Managers.

When the Strike Team sounded the salvo warning alarm for real, CX Division earned distinction as the first ARLEIGH BURKE Strike Team to launch Tomahawks from the Admiral's Destroyer in anger, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. All the countless exercises during COMPTUEX and in theatre in the Mediterranean paid off when ARLEIGH BURKE received the call to head through the Suez Canal into the Red Sea. Over the next two weeks, CX Division was responsible for successfully launching over 20 Tomahawks into Iraq from both the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf. For the Tomahawk FC's it was the culmination of years of training exercises, CX Division will always remember their vital role in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

# Combat Systems



## ROW 1

FC3 DARIAN GRAHAM  
ET1(SW) MELVIN DAVIS  
FC3 DEON DUNN  
ET1(SW/IUSS) MICHAEL DRASHCOVICH



## ROW 2

FC1(SW) WILLIAM GEORGE  
FC1(SW) CHARLES NOBLES  
ET2 KEITH BEGIS  
STG1(SW) MICHAEL COURTNEY



## ROW 3

ET2(SW) JEREMY DOSS  
FC2 ROBERT GRADY  
ET2 SKAGGS GRAFTON  
FC2 CARLOS HARRIS



## ROW 4

FC2 JOHN STAMEY  
FC2 EARL THURMAN JR  
FC2 BEN WAPPELHORST  
FC3 JOHN BEJARANO



## ROW 5

FC3 LANCE BENTLEY  
FC3 HARLESS BLANKENSHIP  
FC3(SW) DONALD CORMIER  
FC3 IAN COVILL

# Combat Systems

## ROW 1

ET3 JOHN GENO  
FC3 NICHOLAS HASH  
FC3 RICHARD HOVATTER  
IT JUSTIN JOHNSTON



## ROW 2

FC3 THOMAS RIVERA  
ET3 JOHN SCHWAB  
ET3(SW) MATTHEW SHAW  
FC3 RAYMOND VONDISSEN



## ROW 3

FC3 JASON WAYMAN  
FC3(SW) MATT WEISS  
ETSN JEREMY BRYSON  
ETSN TRISTAN HEMBREE



## ROW 4

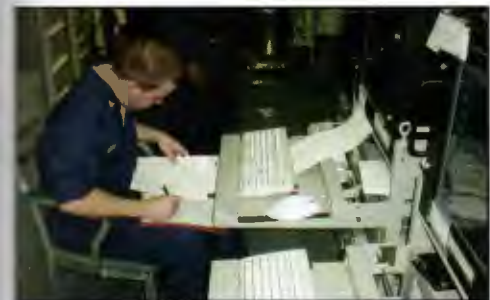
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FCSN MATTHEW KESTNER  
FC3 RICHARD DIXON  
ET1 DRASHCOVIC



## ROW 5

ET3 JAMES ENGLISH  
ET3 JASON FISHER  
FC3 DAVID GAUTHIER-RICHMOND  
FC2 HARRIS





# Combat Systems

## OC Division

The Information Systems Technician of the 21st century operates and maintains the Navy's global satellite telecommunications systems, mainframe computers, local and wide area networks, and micro-computer systems used in the fleet. Administrative support is also provided with the operation of automated equipment that keeps records of personnel training, disbursement, health, assignments and promotions within the Navy. They ensure the all-important communications link between units at sea and stations ashore.

The duties performed by "IT's" are designing, installing, operating and maintaining state-of-the-art information systems technology including local and wide area networks, mainframe, mini and microcomputer systems and associated peripheral devices. They write programs to handle the collection, manipulation and distribution of data for a wide variety of applications and requirements and perform the functions of a computer system analyst. All while operating and coordinating telecommunications systems including automated networks and the full spectrum of data links and circuits, transmitting, receiving, operating, monitoring, controlling and processing all forms of telecommunications through various transmission media including global networks and applying diagnostic, corrective and recovery techniques to all facets of the integrated information systems;

## OI Division

Down in the bat cave known as Combat Information Center (CIC) resides a league of war fighters known as Operations Specialists (OS's). From displaying and disseminating sensor data to providing the bridge with navigational recommendations, OS's are always on the call. The breadth of their knowledge and volume of work that they accomplish in a normal day is daunting.

During this deployment, OI Division's super-heroic achievements speak for themselves: logging 168 hours of control time with various helo's and P-3's, helping pilot the ship through 88 escort transits, supporting and setting the ship up for successful strike operations in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and providing crucial information on countless surface and air contacts for over five months. Throw in their support for special evolutions such as UNREP's, Naval Surface Fire Support exercises, MIO boardings and entering and exiting port, and you might have an idea of the range of our OS's abilities.

Enter the darkness of CIC, the true battlefield of the ship, but don't be afraid. She's manned by that league of war fighters known as OI Division.

# Combat Systems



## ROW 1

ET3 JOHN BRUGOS  
FC3 DEON FORD  
FC3 DAVID GRAY  
IT2 DICKERMAN



## ROW 2

FC2 EARL HINKLE  
FC1(SW) CHARLES KALER  
STG1(SW) MICHAEL POTE  
IT2 JAMES RIDDLE



## ROW 3

IT3 PHILLIP SCOTT  
IT1 CALVIN STANFORD  
ITSN DENNIS SAYLOR  
IT1 MARILYN YOUNG



## ROW 4

IT1(SW) CHARLES ZETTINIG

# ENGINEERING

It's two am and the watch is relieved  
the logs turned over my oily rags received.  
Now oil samples in Main One  
generator temps for Main Two  
looking high then low in every space I pass through.

Mine is the task of keeping good order  
fill the tank , pump the bilge , turn that rotor.  
The roar of my turbines fills the space all to loud  
I wipe all greasy deck plates  
this is my engine room and I'm proud.

All is order and running so clean  
through the Arabian Gulf  
all this night we will steam.

Willing to fight all missiles stay armed  
we stand at the ready  
just sound the alarm.

But for now we run quiet  
resting for the dawn  
our spirits stand hopeful  
we crushed Saddam.

While floating in this sea  
just a few nautical miles west of hell  
I report to my senior.  
"Sir.... she's running well."

On back to labors again looking hi then low  
this watch is half over  
only three hours to go.

When asked why I do it  
why a Naval career  
I say it's my purpose  
this seems quite clear.  
So my mates can sleep well and never need fear  
for down in the hole I stand the watch

The Vigilant Engineer  
HT2 JUSTIN L. SMITH

# ENGINEERING

## AUXILIARY DIVISION

AKA "JACK-OF-ALL TRADES DIVISION" OR BETTER KNOWN ON THE WATER FRONT AS "A-GANG" IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING FROM SHIP'S LAUNDRY AND GALLEY EQUIPMENT TO MAINTAINING ARLEIGH BURKE'S FOUR 200 TON AIR CONDITIONING UNITS TO THE STEERING GEARS. OUR MOTTO, "GIVE US THE TOOLS AND PARTS AND WE'LL FIX IT!"

DURING MEDITERRANEAN/ARABIAN GULF DEPLOYMENT AND IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM OPERATIONS ONBOARD USS ARLEIGH BURKE A-DIVISION SUPPORTED COMBAT SYSTEMS IN THEIR 100% SUCCESSFUL STRIKE OPERATIONS. A-DIVISION'S UNYIELDING DEDICATION TO SERVE THEIR SHIPMATES RESULTED IN AN UNPRECEDENTED RESPONSE TO CORRECTING DISCREPANCIES PROVIDING HEALTH AND COMFORT TO THE CREW.

## E DIVISION

Electrically charged, ARLEIGHBURKE'S E DIVISION, is comprised of Electricians Mates and Interior Communications Electricians. Despite being one of the smallest divisions onboard, E Division carries quite a considerable load as the master's of all that is electrical. As ARLEIGH BURKE's own General Electric, you can find E Division personnel making repairs on equipment ranging from the 1MC to navigational running lights. E Division is also responsible for all interior communications, site television, and the movie channels we have all come to enjoy. If it has electrical power, we own it! If it doesn't, we'll make sure it does!

## MP DIVISION

The story for the men of MP division began much earlier. Throughout the year the men of MP division pulled off the impossible with nothing but stamina, ingenuity, and creativity. After coming out of an abbreviated yard period straight into an IDTC that measured the true fabric of the division and earned the Department the Engineering Excellence Award from Commander Atlantic Fleet, the GSM's and GSE's readied the Main Propulsion Plant for a deployment. It was now time to take the Pride and Joy of Arleigh Burkes 7 engines to sea in support of Combat System's and Operation's Departments in support of Iraqi Freedom. The age-old motto: "Engineering Department Manned and Ready to answer all bells," sounded once again thanks to the hard work and dedication of these men.

While on station these men performed under harsh conditions with little in the way of outside support: from numerous repairs to the ship's Gas Turbine Generators; Gas Turbine Main Engines and a Main Space fire in Main One and a host of other repairs and maintenance issues to numerous to mention. Furthermore, these men were able to supply full power at a moments notice and maintain stable 60-Hertz electricity to the "Loop" in support of Tomahawk Missile launches and VBSS boarding teams.

# ENGINEERING

## REPAIR DIVISION

HULL TECHNICIANS, DAMAGE CONTROLMAN, MACHINE REPAIRMEN responsible for preventive maintenance and repairs to ship's piping systems, Fire-Fighting systems, machine fabrication of repair parts for vital shipboard equipment and Emergent & DEPOT level repairs. Repair Division personnel are highly trained and qualified specialist and technicians. They all earned the name 911 from their team actions during an actual Main Space Fire casualty. The team efforts saved the ship and enable ARLIEGH BURKE to continue it's SURGE Deployment mission and ship engagement during Operation Iraqi Freedom. *LEADING FROM THE FRONT*

### Row 1

EMFN DANIEL WALKER  
IC1(SW) MARTY EVERETT  
GSM1(SW) CHRISTOPHER GALOSI  
EM1(SW) RANDY GWYNN



### Row 2

EN1 OSWALDO NAVA JR  
EN1 TRAVIS WILLIAMS  
EM2 FRANCISCO ANDINO  
EM2 CHADWICK BRADLEY



### Row 3

GSM BRADY CARMACK III  
HT2 CHARLES CUMMINGS  
GSM2(SW) JEFFREY CUSEY  
DC2 RYAN CUTRIGHT



# ENGINEERING



## Row 1

EM2 JOSHUA DORRIS  
IC2 ZEPHAN GOODWIN  
IC2 DAVID HOLMBERG  
EM2 MARIA PEDROSA



## Row 2

DC3 JOSEPH BEAMAN  
GSE3 GLENN BROWNE  
IC3 TODD COCHRAN  
GSE3 NATHAN DUNN



## Row 3

EN3 LARRY FRIEND  
HT3 IAN GEORGE  
GSE3 COREY GILLIARD  
IC3 NATHAN GRENINGER



## Row 4

IC3 GREYBOWSKI  
MR3 STEPHEN KING  
EM3 RIGO KITMANYEN  
GSE3 TRAVIS LEA



## Row 5

GSM3 SAUL PEDRAZA  
GSE3 MISAEL SEMANA  
GSM3(SW) BRANDON SNYDER  
EN3 DAVID SPITZER

# ENGINEERING

## Row 1

GSE3 DANIEL TUBB  
EN3 PATRICK WHEELER  
GSM3 BRETT WORD  
GSMFN MITCHELL COCHRAN



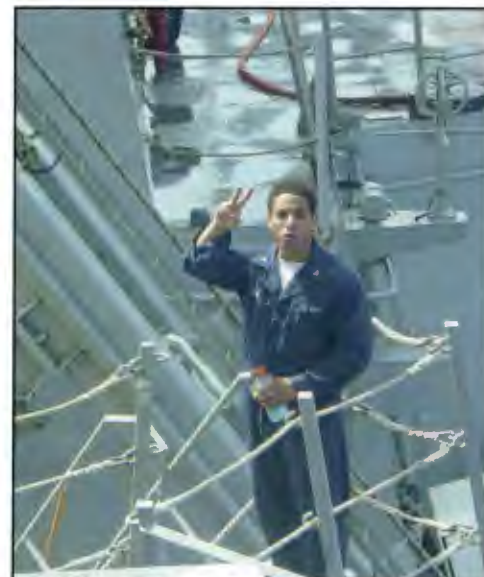
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DCFN JASON HINKLE  
ENFN DANIEL KEOUGH  
FN STEPHEN LABAR  
DCFN BRENT LOCKE



## Row 3

ENFN JORGE SAGUAY  
FN MARTEZ THORNTON  
EN DARYL WILCHER



# Navigation- Administration

The Navigation Division (NN01) consists of the ship's Quartermasters (QMs) and Signalmen (SMs). The QMs are responsible for plotting ship's course by means of charts, radar, celestial navigation, and global positioning. The SMs are responsible for ship-to-ship communication via flags and/or lights.



# Navigation- Administration

## Row 1

YN1 KEN DAWSON  
SM1 NATHANIEL HARRIS  
SM1 DEREK JOHNSON  
NC1 THOMAS SCHROEDER



## Row 2

QM1(SW) WAYNE TAYLOR JR  
YN2 CHARELS MEADOWS  
YN3 CHARLES ADAMS  
YN3 TERRENCE BOOKER



## Row 3

QM3 ROBERT DENNISON  
HM3 ADAM FISKE  
QM3 MARK GARRETT  
PN3 (SW) JAMES MACK



## Row 4

YN3(SW) DAVID PETERSON  
SMSN KEVIN WASHINGTON  
PNSN LERUNE WHITE  
SMSA RICARDO DAVIS

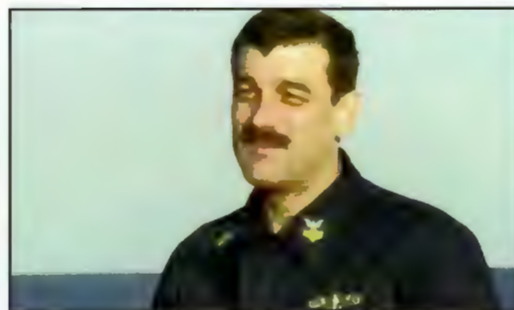
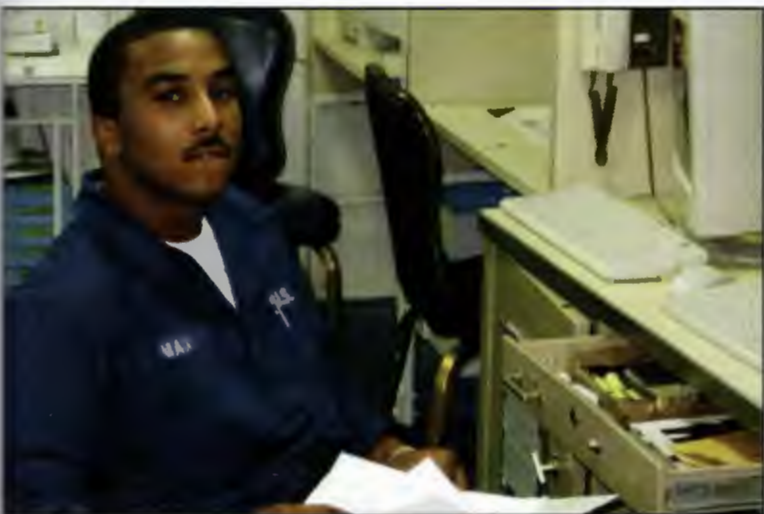


## Row 5

PRSR SCOTT WHISTLER



# Medical-Administration



# Medical-Administration

## Medical Department

The Medical Department (MH01) is made up an Independent Duty Corpsman and one general duty corpsman. They are responsible for the health and well being of the ships crew. The independent duty corpsman treats and diagnosis a wide range of medical and dental ailments. They are also trained in emergency medicine. They also act as the preventive medicine representative, industrial hygiene and safety observer.

Administrative Division (XX01) is the ship's clerical division and boasts the reputation of being the best on the waterfront and lives by the motto "there is no administrative task to great for us to handle". The Division also prides itself in the quality of customer service provided to the ship's crew along with embarked detachments. The Division consists of Yeomen (YNs), Personnelmen (PNs), Chief Master-at-Arms (CMAA) and Career Counselor. The YNs are in charge of the Ship's Office and process all of the ship's administrative paperwork. The YNs also maintain data and manning pertaining to all officers onboard and attached TAD. The PNs maintain all crew service records and process all enlisted transactions. The CMAA is the ship's law enforcement specialist, ensuring that Navy Regulations and the UCMJ are enforced. The CMAA also acts as the ship's liaison with civil authorities. The Career Counselor is responsible for all enlisted Sailor career intentions and liaisons with the Bureau of Naval Personnel on crewmember's behalf. The Career Counselor has also spearheaded the attainment of the prestigious Golden Anchor Award for the last two years. The award is for exceeding the Navy's goal for retaining Sailors in the Navy.

# Operations

## OT Division

OT Division is comprised of, what I shall call the crème de la crème. It's members are outgoing, energetic, always optimistic. Lead by **EW(CSW) Springer**, code name Kodak, whose motto is have camera, will travel. **IS1(SW) Abbott** has set and broken several records, including being called over the 1MC, as the head Beagle on the Snoopy INTEL Team. **EW1(SW) McCullar**, besides being our lead Tech, has set the standard as our host of our weekly Bingo, look out Vanna. **EW2(SW) 'Tactical' Ahn**, has terrified,.....well inspired us to be the best that we can possibly be by intimidating.....we mean encouraging us every step of the way. **EW2 'Scarface' Olivier**, on his first trip away from home, has discovered that bring civilian clothes is a good thing, and sometimes necessary. **EW3 'Captain Kirk' Rogers**, our resident Commander of the Starship EW, is looking forward to the day when he will NOT BE THE JUNIOR GUY. And last but not least, lets not forget the LPO, **EW1(SW) Prioleau**, a.k.a. Barry White, spinning his soulful sounds on the R/T while waiting for Batteries Release. Atop the EW food chain is our illustrious leader **LTJG Greathouse**. He is the EWO this week, TRAINO the next week and Work-Out king the week after that. With that said, Team OT has been able to blend experience with various styles to achieve many goals and lead the way from the Tip of the Sphere by providing Signal Analysis and INTEL that has led to a successful deployment and mission accomplishment.



# Operations

## Row 1

IS1 GORDON ABBOTT  
OS1(SW) WILLIAM GALLAGHER  
OS1 CLEVELAND JACKSON  
EW1 SAMUEL MCCULLAR



## Row 2

OS1 RICARDO VARGAS  
OS2(SW) JASON FRENCH  
OS2(SW) CRAIG GERMEYER  
OS2 BOBBY GREGORY



## Row 3

OS2 CHARLES HILL  
OS2 RUFUS JACKSON  
OS2(SW) CHARLES KAZER  
OS2 RICHARD KNAUSS



# Operations



## Row 1

OS2	MATTHEW	LAGARES
OS2	DARELL	LITTLE
OS2	ADAM	MACKE
OS2	JEFFEREY	MURRAY

## Row 2

EW2	CHRISTOPHER	OLIVIER
OS2	TRI-SHONE	RANDALL
OS	RANDOLPH	STRAHAN
EW3	KIRK	ROGERS

## Row 3

OSSN	DAVID	SMITH
OSSN	NICHOLAS	DAVIS
OSSN	KELVIN	DENNIS
OSSN	ERIC	RING

## Row 4

OSSN	ANTWUAN	SMOAKES
OSSA	VICTOR	RODRIGUEZ

## Row 5

OSSN	DARIO	SMITH
OSSN		DENNIS



# Supply Department

## Supply Department

Supply Department is the life's blood of the ship. Whether it is a Steel Beach Picnic, Dining In, processing Casreps, passing out mail from loved ones, or just quality items in the Ship's Store. The morale of the Ship's Crew lies with us and like Allstate "It's in good hands"

With the mantra of, "Always Ready": The Food Service Division served over 720 meals, supported 24 Steel Beaches, too many Ice Cream Socials to count, and 8 birthday meals in support of the crew.

The Ship's Storekeepers ordered over 200 CASREPS PARTS and 3,000 other parts requests, to include paint, paper supplies, and numerous consumables. Managing over 4 million in Ship's OPTAR in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The ship's Postal Clerk received over 3 tons of mail to support the morale of the Team 51.

The Ship's Servicemen had their hands full this deployment. The barbershop (T-51 Cuts) produced 3,000 extraordinary haircuts. While the laundry crew had their hands busy processing over 67,500 lbs of laundry. The sales outlets didn't do to shabby either, collecting over 50,000 dollars in profits that will go to the ships MWR program. The poor vending machines, or if you have ever lost money in it, slot machines may have had the toughest cruise of us all. Running 24-7, the vending machines did their job with a refreshingly cool willingness despite the constant abuse of shipmates demanding that they never display a red burning light.

We're not your average 9 to 5 bankers, we are the Mighty Disbursing Clerks that have successfully managed, disbursed, and collected over half a million dollars in 5 short months. When you mention 100% satisfaction in Customer Service, you automatically think DKs. Pay problems are words we never hear! Our ATM system is top of the line and never once had a hiccup, when we say 24-7, we mean 24-7! When we are not providing superb customer service, you can find us competing in challenging mind games such as, Chess, Win-A-Million, and Operation Code Blue.

The Supply Department successfully handled 10 conreps for provisions, parts, sodas, and mail. The determination and tenacity of the Supply Department helped keep the ship's morale high and ensured a successful deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



# Supply Department



## Row 1

MS1 CHARLES BIGGER  
MS1 AMTOMZOLN GEE  
DK1 BOBBY JESSIE  
SK2 KWANE ADON



## Row 2

SH WILLIE BRIMAGE  
MS2 CHARLES DUMADAG  
MS2 VICTOR MURPHY  
PC2 KENNETH NORMAN



## Row 3

SK2(SW) BENJAMIN PAGE  
SK2 JERMAINE SUTTON  
SK2 KEITH VANIER  
DK3 EDWARD BLACK



# Supply Department

## Row 1

MS3 DENNIS BORDOK  
MS3 WILLIAM BURGESS  
SH3 SAMUEL COLEMAN  
MS3 JASON GOOCH



## Row 2

SH3 JAMES LINDSEY  
DANIEL PALMER  
SHSN JOSE CORONA  
FN BRYAN ELLIS



## Row 3

SN CARLIN MILLS  
MSSN RONALD PRIDE JR  
KESSELER TARVER  
SKSA MICHAEL KREINER



## Row 4

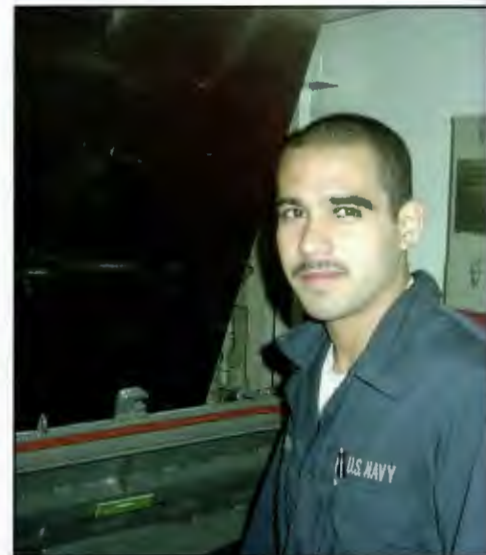
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PC2 NORMAN  
FN ELLIS



# Supply Department



# Supply Department



# Weapons Department



# Weapons Department

## First Division

First Division. Blood and Sweat, the heart of USS ARLEIGH BURKE'S special evolutions. From Underway Replenishments to Sea and Anchors to Flight Quarters you'll find Deck hard at work. The pride in a ship is the way it looks when it pulls into port, thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> Division ARLEIGH BURKE is bright and shiny and nowhere near looking her 13 years.

Deck was busy this Deployment with many Underway Replenishments with such ships as USS SUPPLY, USS KANAWHA AND ITS STROMBOLI, vertical Replenishments of up to 40 pallets at once and the always-loved mail drops, and Flight Quarters with visits from such helo's as DESSERT DUCK who left their mark on our flight deck for years to come. Small Boat operations and LIO/MIO boardings.

***1st Division is always ready when needed no matter the time or place.***

## WA

WA, We are the masters of the world of Underwater. We detect, classify, track, and destroy if necessary enemy submarines. Our reputation in the DESRON is unparalleled after "One Shot One Kill" Ray had the only confirmed kill by a Surface Ship in COMPTUEX. We are not a 1 dimensional group for we have be known to clean a Bilge or two and are pretty handy at being TOPSIDE WARRIORS. Last but not least we are some of the most prolific topside 50 CAL Watchstanders the Admiral's Destroyer has seen to date. We do what it takes to support the Mission.



# Weapons Department



## Row 1

GM1 MICHAEL CARTER  
EM1 CHRIS DUTTON  
GM1(SW) JHOHN JOINER  
GM1 FRANK MAGNOTTA



## Row 2

BM1(SW) STEVE MCCORMICK  
STG1(SW) RAY  
STG1(SW) MICHAEL WATKINS  
STG1(SW) COLIN WEST



## Row 3

GM2 MIGUEL ARROYO-BURDETT  
STG2(SW) REGINALD CARTER  
GM1(SW) LOVELL COX  
FC2 ALAN DANIEL



# Weapons Department

## Row 1

GM2 BRIAN DUNCAN  
GM2 TRISTAN DURHAM  
STG2 JOHN FAULKNER  
TM2 LARRY FINCH



## Row 2

GM2 JASON GILLILAND  
FC2 BRADLEY HAWKINS  
STG2(SW) THOMAS HOBAN  
STG2(SW) NATHAN MAINE



## Row 3

STG2 CHRIS ORTIGOZA  
GM2 JEREMY PESCRILLO  
STG2(SW) JUSTIN PFISTER  
BM2 JASON RODGERS



# Weapons Department



## Row 1

STG2 CHRISTOPHER SIMMS  
FC2(SW) JAMES TAYLOR  
BM3 CASEY HAMMOND  
BM3 DONNIE HARTSOCK



## Row 2

BM3 WILLARD HEWING  
STG3 DUSTIN KROB  
GM3 KENNETH LINDQUIST  
GM3 JESSE LONGFORD



## Row 3

STG3 JOHN STOCKTON  
BM3 HASSAN SULUKI  
FC3(SW) ERIC WAGNER  
STG3 WISKUR



# Weapons Department

## Row 1

SN CARMINE BARBARISE  
SN ALEXANDER CASTRO  
SN ALEXANDER COOPER  
SN JAMES FLIPPIN



## Row 2

SN TRAY LACEY  
STGSN CHAD MAYFIELD  
SN KENECHUKEN OKWUOSA  
SN DAVID PETIX



## Row 3

SN KEITH RAKES  
STGSN BOBBY RICH  
STGSN BOBBY RICHEY JR  
BMSN CARSON STRATTON



# Weapons Department



## Row 1

SGTSN JAMES SYFOR  
SN JOEL WALTERS  
SN DANNY WATSON  
GMSA JASON ROSS



## Row 2

SN ANDREW SCHLEMMER  
SA STEVEN STEWART  
SR AURELIO LOPEZ



# Weapons Department



# Weapons Department



# Special Evolutions:

## Shots Around the World



# Strog Transit:

## 20 February 2003



# Suez Transit:

23 May 2003



# Unrep:

29 April, 27 May 2003



# Unrep USNS Supply:

3, 7, 9 February 2003



# VBSS Boarding:



# SEA & Anchor



# Port Visits

## Cartegna, Spain



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## The Spanish Countryside



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## In Port





# Fun Times at Sea

## Steel Beach







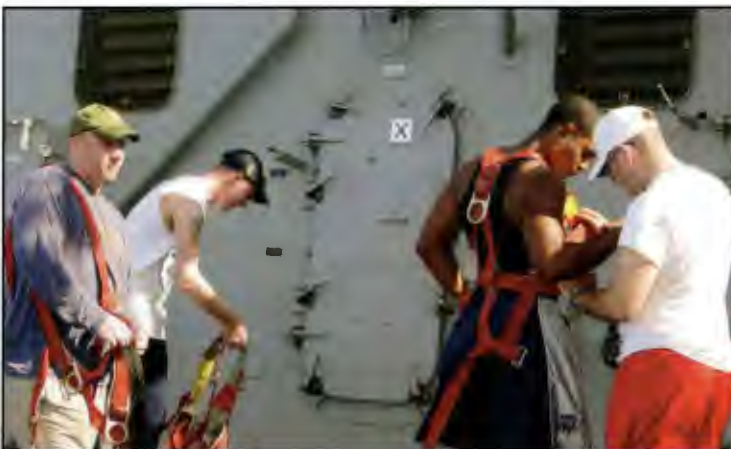
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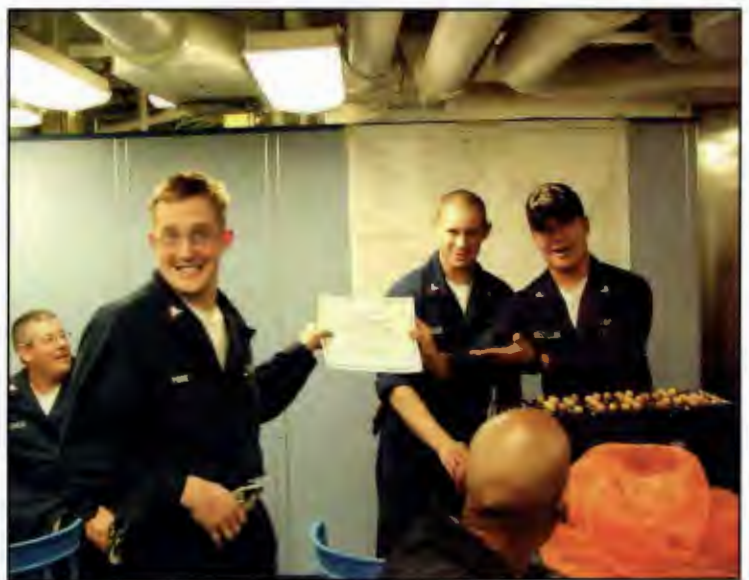




# All Hands:



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# Beer Day:



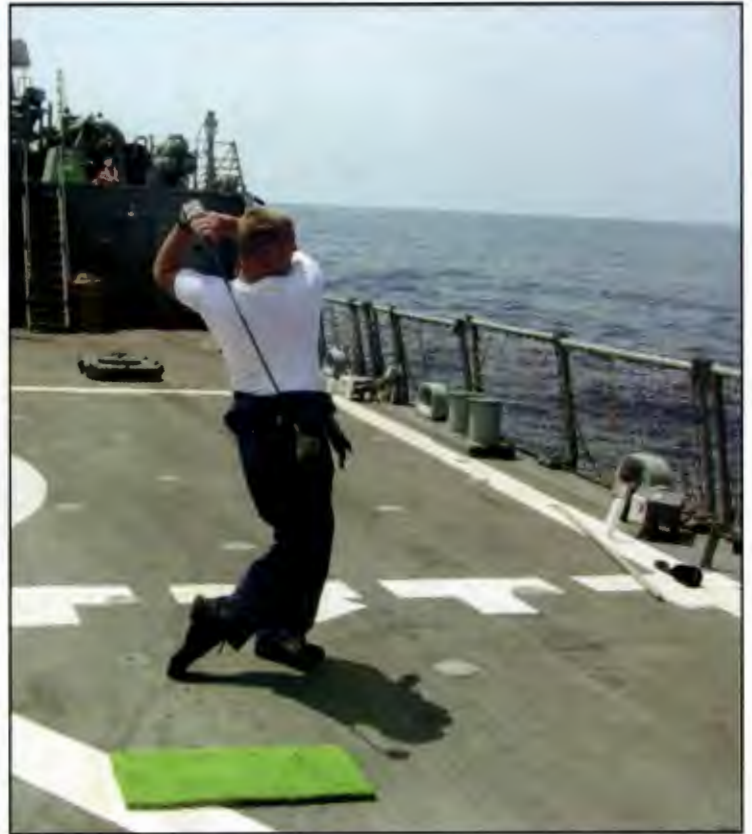


# Ship Life:

## Christmas in May



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## Wash Down



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# ARLEIGH BURKE:

## Ship's Faces



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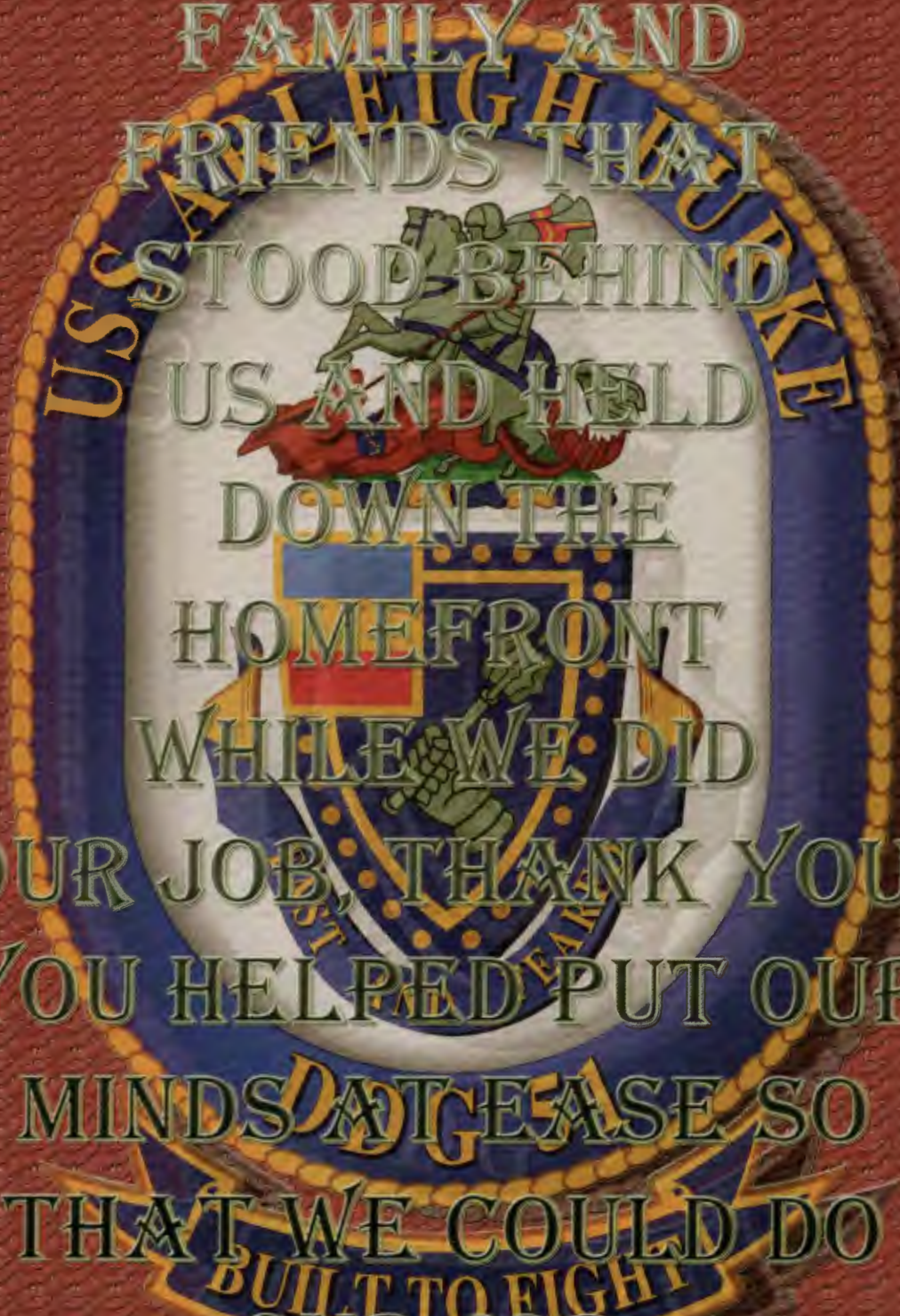
# HOMECOMING









The background of the text is the official crest of the USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51). The crest is an oval shield with a blue border containing the ship's name "USS ARLEIGH BURKE" in gold. Inside the shield, there is a central shield with a red field and a white field, a green hand holding a sword, and a blue field with a white star. Above the central shield is a green horse and a red figure. The crest is surrounded by a gold rope border.

TO ALL OF OUR  
FAMILY AND  
FRIENDS THAT  
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DOWN THE  
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WHILE WE DID  
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