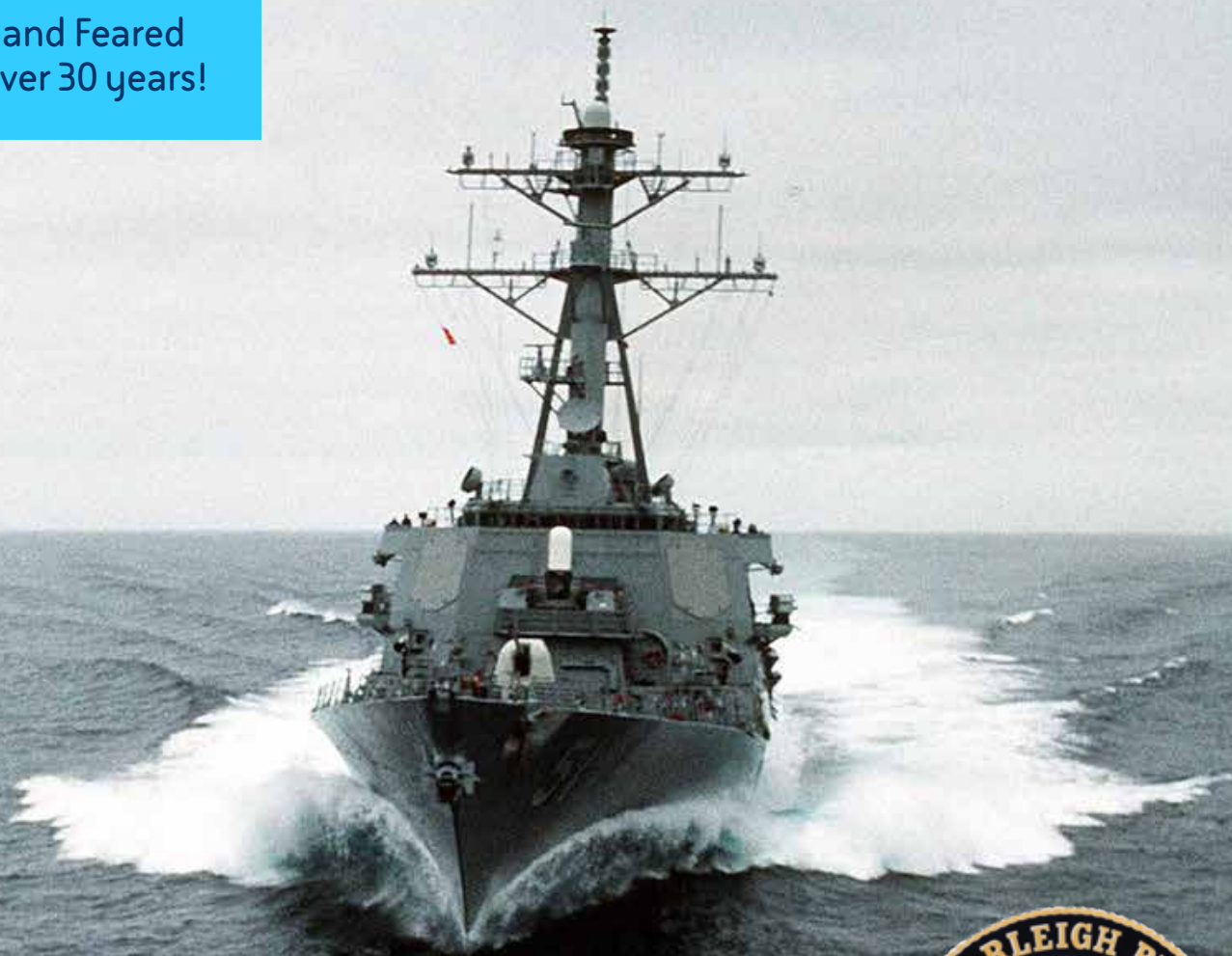




Commemoration of the Commissioning and Ship Class

USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51)

Fast and Feared
for over 30 years!





Forward from Vice Admiral John G. Morgan, Jr., USN (Ret.)

Our Body of Work

We are gathering on this special American holiday to celebrate our body of work. To that end and with a quiet sense of confidence, we have a lot to be proud of.

Our accomplishments stand tall because of the body of people who devoted themselves to the ideals of service before self, a deep and abiding respect for the legacy of Admiral and Mrs. Burke, and a drive to deliver more than promised.

While the commissioning crew can take special pride in what we accomplished, we are the first to acknowledge – and salute – the line of people that reaches far beyond our ranks.

Indeed, the reach is broad and deep. One must start with the people who designed and built the Admiral's destroyer. They built this monument to a man and we were privileged to sail her for the first time.

In the Aegis tradition of build a little, test a little and build some more, the ARLEIGH BURKE class of destroyers is now the largest and most successful ship class in our Navy's history since World War II. Each Flight is increasingly capable while passing those advancements back down the line spanning more than three decades to the first ships of the class.

Across time, so many people have cared for and excelled in the shadow of Admiral Burke's namesake. Former Commanding Officers and other high-ranking officials will stand with us this weekend because they share equally in the warmth of this celebration.

During this weekend, we will listen to many voices, recapture special memories, and look to the future knowing we made a difference in our body of work with our legendary body of people.

Today, we are all Destroyermen. I will be forever grateful to all of you for perpetuating the legacy of Arleigh Burke.

Vice Admiral John G. Morgan, Jr., United States Navy (Retired)
Inaugural Commanding Officer of USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51)

31st Celebration of USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) Commissioning

Schedule of Events

Friday, 1 July 2022

- 1800** Kick-Off Reception & Welcome Party – Blue Moon Taphouse, River Room, 333 Waterside Drive, Norfolk

Saturday, 2 July 2022

- 0700** Golf Challenge Saturday – Red Wing Lake Golf Course, 1144 Prosperity Road, Virginia Beach
- 0900** Association Member Meeting – Marriott Waterside, Association Hospitality Suite, Franklin/Shangri-La/Yorktown ballrooms, 2nd Floor, 235 East Main Street, Norfolk
- 1130** Association Picnic – Red Wing Park, 1398 General Booth Blvd, Virginia Beach
- 1800** 31st Commissioning Anniversary and Celebration Dinner – Marriott Waterside, Hampton Ballroom, 235 East Main Street, Norfolk
Keynote Speaker: VADM James Kilby, Deputy Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command

Sunday, 3 July 2022

- 0900** Pre-Tribute Service VIP Breakfast – By Invitation Only
- 1030** Tribute to ADM Arleigh Burke – Onboard USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS (DDG 95) at Naval Station Norfolk
Keynote Speaker: RADM Brendan McLane, Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic
- 1300** Golf Challenge Sunday – Red Wing Lake Golf Course, 1144 Prosperity Road, Virginia Beach
Visit Vietnam Exhibit, Decker Half Moon Center, One Waterside Drive, Norfolk
- 1700** Norfolk Tides Ballgame and Fireworks – Harbor Park, 150 Park Avenue, Norfolk

Monday, 4 July 2022

- 0700** Golf Challenge Monday – Red Wing Lake Golf Course, 1144 Prosperity Road, Virginia Beach
- 1100** Informal Beach Gathering – Meet at King Neptune statue, 31st Street and Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach
- 2000** City of Norfolk Fireworks Show – Meet at Town Point Park, adjacent to Decker Half Moon Center, One Waterside Drive, Norfolk

Tuesday, 5 July 2022

- 0900** Informal Departure Breakfast – Marriott Waterside, Hampton Ballroom, 235 East Main Street, Norfolk

Any schedule changes will be posted on arleighburkeassociation.org and in the association's hospitality suite on the second floor of the Marriott.



Admiral and Mrs. Arleigh Burke Biographies



Arleigh Albert Burke was born in Boulder, Colorado, on 19 October 1901. On 8 June 1923, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. Throughout his early naval career, Admiral Burke had prepared himself for combat, having served in battleships and destroyers, and earning a master's degree in engineering from the University of Michigan. After the United States entered World War II, he received orders to the South Pacific. There, he famously commanded Destroyer Squadron 23 from October 1943 to March 1944. The squadron, known as the "*Little Beavers*," was credited with destroying one Japanese cruiser, nine destroyers, one submarine, several smaller ships, and approximately 30 aircraft.



Admiral Burke's other senior officer assignments included serving as chief of staff to the Fast Carrier Task Force commander, deputy chief of staff to the commander of Naval Forces Far East, command of two cruiser divisions, director of the Strategic Plans Division in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), and command of Destroyer Force Atlantic Fleet. In August 1955, he relieved Admiral Robert Carney as CNO. Admiral Burke served an unprecedented three terms as CNO before retiring on 1 August 1961.

Admiral Burke received numerous combat awards during his forty-two years in the Navy, including the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Purple Heart.

After retirement, Admiral Burke served on the boards of business, educational, patriotic, and veteran organizations. He co-founded the Center for Strategic and International Studies at Georgetown University. In 1977, he received the Medal of Freedom.



USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51), the lead ship of its class of Aegis-equipped guided missile destroyers, was named in Burke's honor when it was commissioned on 4 July 1991. It was the fourth time since 1861 that a Navy vessel was named after a living figure.

Admiral Burke died on 1 January 1996, at the age of 94. He is buried at the Naval Academy's picturesque cemetery at Hospital Point.

Born in 1899, Roberta "Bobbie" Gorsuch Burke was a native of Lawrence, Kansas. She moved with her family to Westminster, Maryland, during World War I. She was working at the U.S. Treasury Department when she met Arleigh Burke on a blind date in Annapolis. She married Burke on 7 June 1923, the day of his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy.

As a young naval officer's wife, Mrs. Burke learned to stretch their slim pay to sustain accommodations near his assignments. As a senior naval officer's wife, she befriended many junior officers' wives, helping them to cope with their husbands' long absences during war years.

Mrs. Burke would become one of America's best known military wives, affectionately known as "the first lady of the United States Navy." She was married 73 years to Admiral Burke, until his death on New Year's Day 1996. Mrs. Burke died on 4 July 1997. She is buried with her husband at Hospital Point at the U.S. Naval Academy.



USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51)

Ship's History



The USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51), named for Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, U.S. Navy (Retired) (1901–1996), is the lead ship of its class of Aegis-equipped guided missile destroyers. Her keel was laid by Bath Iron Works at Bath, Maine, on 6 December 1988, and the ship was christened by Mrs. Arleigh Burke on 16 September 1989. Admiral and Mrs. Burke attended the ship's commissioning on 4 July 1991, at Town Point Park in Norfolk, Virginia.

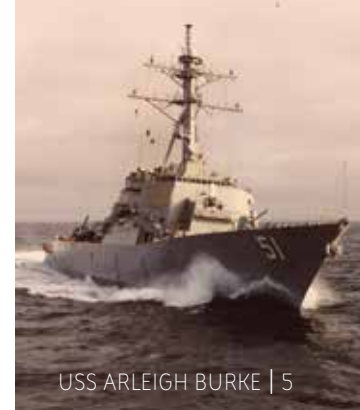
Following initial operational testing, the ARLEIGH BURKE was deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and the Adriatic Sea in 1993, serving as the "Green Crown" during Operation Provide Promise. During her second deployment in 1995, the ARLEIGH BURKE steamed in the Mediterranean and performed "Red Crown" duties in support of the No-Fly Zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina. During her third cruise in 1998, she sailed the Mediterranean Sea, Adriatic Sea, Red Sea, and Black Sea, and participated in American and Allied exercises. During her fourth cruise in 2000–2001, the ARLEIGH BURKE served in the Mediterranean and Red seas and in the Persian Gulf, enforcing United Nations sanctions against Iraq.

On her fifth deployment in 2003, the ARLEIGH BURKE and the other units of the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Carrier Battle Group participated in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. ARLEIGH BURKE fired Tomahawk missiles against targets in Iraq, escorted merchant ships and naval auxiliaries through geographic choke-points, and carried out "leadership interdiction" operations in the northern Arabian Sea. She also undertook counterpiracy missions in the Gulf of Aden. The ship made two additional overseas deployments between 2005 and 2007.

In 2009, the ARLEIGH BURKE was deployed to the eastern coast of Africa in support of AFRICOM's Africa Partnership Station. The ship represented the United States during a port visit to the island nation of Seychelles, where the crew played a role in securing the Defense Status of Forces Agreement between the two countries. In August 2010, the ARLEIGH BURKE entered BAE Systems Norfolk Ship Repair in Norfolk, Virginia, for DDG Modernization; a program to upgrade the ship's systems and extend her service life to 40 years. The ship next deployed in 2012.

On 23 September 2014, the ARLEIGH BURKE took part in the 2014 military intervention against ISIS, firing Tomahawk missiles on targets in Syria while the ship was in the Red Sea. In 2018, the ship made two three-month overseas deployments, returning to Norfolk, Virginia, between cruises. In 2019, the ship entered General Dynamics NASSCO's shipyard in Norfolk, Virginia, for continued work towards modernization for ballistic missile defense.

After 30 years in Norfolk, Virginia, ARLEIGH BURKE shifted homeports to Rota, Spain, on 26 March 2021, to be forward deployed with U.S. Sixth Fleet. The ship arrived at Naval Station Rota on 11 April 2021, and is now one of four U.S. Navy destroyers based in the Europe. The crew began their first forward-deployed patrol in May 2021, returning in December 2021. ARLEIGH BURKE has earned three Navy Unit Commendation, three Meritorious Unit Commendations, eight Battle Efficiency E Awards, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, 13 Sea Service Deployment Ribbons and one Overseas Service Ribbon. The ship is assigned to Destroyer Squadron 60.





USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) Commemoration Guest Speakers



Celebration Dinner Keynote Speaker

Vice Admiral James Kilby is a native of Pound Ridge, New York, and a 1986 graduate of the United States Naval Academy.

Kilby's sea tours were on USS SAMPSON (DDG 10), USS PHILIPPINE SEA (CG 58), and two tours on USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56). He commanded USS RUSSELL (DDG 59) where he received the VADM James B. Stockdale Award for inspirational leadership. His major command was on USS MONTEREY (CG 61) and included her maiden Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) deployment in 2011.

His shore tours included the Naval Postgraduate School, two tours in Office of the Chief of Naval Operations' Surface Warfare Directorate (OPNAV N96), Navy Personnel Command's Surface Warfare Division (PERS-41), and the Aegis BMD Program Office in the Missile Defense Agency.

Kilby's first flag assignment was standing up Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SMWDC). Following this, he served as commander, USS CARL VINSON Strike Group and deployed to the western pacific in 2017. He returned to the OPNAV Staff as Director, Warfare Integration (OPNAV N9I), and in July 2019, he became the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities (OPNAV N9).

He assumed his role as Deputy Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command in August 2021.



Tribute Service Keynote Speaker

Rear Admiral Brendan McLane is a 1990 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a bachelor's degree in history. He earned a master's degree in public administration from Troy University and graduated with highest distinction from the Naval War College with a master's degree in national security affairs. He completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Seminar XXI and the Naval Operational Planning Course (now Maritime Advanced Warfighting School).

At sea, he served aboard USS LEWIS B. PULLER (FFG 23), USS VICKSBURG (CG 69), USS MOOSBRUGGER (DD 980), Destroyer Squadron 14, and USS SIMPSON (FFG 56). While in command of USS CARNEY (DDG 64), his ship won the Battle E and Battenberg Cup, and deployed with the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER Carrier Strike Group to U.S. Fifth Fleet. In major command, he served as commodore of Destroyer Squadron 50; and commanded Task Force 55 and Coalition Task Force 152, U.S. Fifth Fleet. As a flag officer, he led Carrier Strike Group Ten.

Ashore, he served on the staff of the U.S. Naval Academy, the OPNAV N3N5 Staff, and as the chief of staff, Naval Surface Force Pacific. Overseas, he deployed to Iraq with the U.S. Army's 354th Civil Affairs Brigade, ran the Israel Desk in the J5 of the U.S. European Command, and directed the U.S. 6th Fleet Maritime Operations Center. He also served as commander, Navy Recruiting Command.

McLane serves as the 60th commander of Naval Surface Force Atlantic.



Tribute for ADM & Mrs. Arleigh Burke and Fallen Shipmates

Service Onboard USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS
3 July 2022 at 1030

Welcome and Arrival of Official Party

CDR Adam Walters, USN, Executive Officer,
USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS

National Anthem

Invocation

CAPT David Thames, USN CHC, Naval Surface
Force, Atlantic Chaplain

Gathering

Speakers

CDR Robert Ireland, USN, Commanding Officer,
USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS

VADM John Morgan, USN (Ret.), Commissioning
Commanding Officer, USS ARLEIGH BURKE

RADM Brendan McLane, USN, Commander,
Naval Surface Force Atlantic

Readings and Moment of Remembrance

CAPT David Thames, SURFLANT Chaplain

Benediction

CAPT David Thames, SURFLANT Chaplain

Going Forth

Fallen Shipmates

ADM Arleigh Burke
Mrs. Roberta Burke
BM2 Travis Acosta
LT Peter Armatis
FC3 Jeffrey Boose
LCDR Oscar Bowlin
YN1 Mark Burton
EMC Frank Bynum
CAPT Chris Cigna
DCFN Lesley Clanton
HM3 Brent Danicke (Plankowner)
BM1 Anthony Flowers
BM1 Shawn Grey
GSM1 Gilbert Henry (Plankowner)
SH3 Cedric Jones (Plankowner)
BM2 Brent Koel (Plankowner)
ENCS Kevin Kramer
PNCM Ramses Nabong
GM2 Stephanie Nguyen
GSCS Stephen O'Conner
BMCS Scott Portell (Plankowner)
FC1 Jason Potts
MRFN Drew Roones
FCCM Steven Rutkowski
OS1 Ron Stevick (Plankowner)
GSMC Chuck Vanzant
STG2 Zachary Walz
SM3 Jacob Wheaton
Mr. Dave McComb (Honorary Member)

We also commemorate shipmates whose
passings are not known to us today.

Navy Hymn

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep,
Its own appointed limits keep.
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea. Amen!*





USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) Association and Foundation

The USS Arleigh Burke Association was founded in 2010 to serve as the professional association for all USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) crewmembers and their supporters: past, present, and future.

The Association's purpose is to uphold the professional values of all who have served onboard USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) and to stimulate ongoing public interest in the ship and crew, the Arleigh Burke class of guided missile destroyers, as well as the U.S. Navy. The Association aims to promote the contributions of the ship and the class to the U.S. Navy and national security. To achieve its mission, the Association carries out several initiatives and activities each year:

- The Association maintains relationships with shipmates and makes new connections with those who support our purpose by sponsoring social events and periodic USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) Commissioning Anniversary celebrations, usually held in conjunction with former crew reunions.
- The Association recognizes and publicizes professional excellence in USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) via its newsletter, called *"The Destroyerman."* The publication is normally published three times per year: February, June, and October.
- In cooperation with the Anchor Scholarship Foundation, the Association sponsors a college scholarship for dependents of current or former USS ARLEIGH BURKE sailors.
- The Association actively seeks opportunities to engage in discussions of the tactical and strategic contributions of USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) and the ship class. It also promotes liaison and communication between the business, military, and academic communities to further understanding of the contributions of USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) to national security.

At its core, the Association preserves the contributions of Admiral Arleigh Burke, his wife Roberta Burke, and the USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) to the U.S. Navy.

Founded in 2018, the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation's purpose is to educate the public on the significant achievements of Admiral Arleigh Burke in his service to the United States of America as an officer in the United States Navy.

The foundation is an independent non-profit organization committed to research, collect, analyze, and exhibit artifacts from Admiral Burke's life work. The foundation seeks to develop an Admiral Arleigh Burke museum exhibit for the public to increase awareness of Admiral Burke's accomplishments and impact on the Navy.





USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) Celebration Themes and Highlights

31st Anniversary Celebration Themes

- The commemoration of Admiral Burke's legacy – in particular, a recognition of his vision, which set the stage that built today's 21st century Navy.
- The importance of the Navy/Industry team in the development and production of the Aegis Combat System and the Arleigh Burke-class destroyers.
- The contribution of USS ARLEIGH BURKE and the sailors that have served in her to our Nation's security for the past 30 years.
- USS ARLEIGH BURKE'S transfer to the Forward Deployed Naval Force in Rota, Spain in 2021 is a reflection of the ship's flexible, stout design and the insertion of the latest technology and equipment, including the Baseline 9C Upgrade.
- USS ARLEIGH BURKE and follow-on ships symbolize the Navy's commitment to fleet modernization and state of the art combat capability, while simultaneously minimizing life cycle costs.



Use the QRC to access the Association's website and event photos.



USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) Coat of Arms

SEAL

The coat of arms is emblazoned upon a white oval, enclosed within a blue collar and edged with a gold rope. The words "USS ARLEIGH BURKE" and "DDG 51" are inscribed on the collar.

CREST

Atop a blue and gold wreath, the mounted figure of Saint George recalls Admiral Burke's celebrated victory over Japanese naval forces in the Battle of Cape St. George. The knight's mantle bears a gold cross to represent the Navy Cross awarded to Admiral Burke.

The birch branch on the helmet is a reference to Admiral Burke's Scandinavian patronym, Bjorkegren, which is Swedish for "limb of a birch tree." The Admiral's nickname "31-knot Burke" is recalled by the number on the horse's harness. The red sea dragon symbolizes Japanese naval power engaged by Admiral Burke. The creature is adorned with the two gold stars that Admiral Burke was awarded for his outstanding wartime service. The golden lance spearing the dragon signifies putting ordnance on target. The visage of full knightly armor and equipment connotes the capabilities of the most powerful and survivable combatant ever built, the Arleigh Burke class of guided missile destroyers. The ship's crest was designed by Mr. John Sproston of the Institute of Heraldry.

SHIELD

The blue and gold colors represent the U.S. Navy. The fist and mace together symbolize the offensive and defensive power of the Arleigh Burke class of guided missile destroyers. The mace is a symbol of authority and represents Admiral Burke's outstanding service as 15th Chief of Naval Operations. The orle stands for Admiral Burke's outstanding achievements in battle against the formidable naval power of Japan. There are 23 bezants surrounding fist and mace to represent Destroyer Squadron 23, which was Admiral Burke's wartime command at sea. The bezants also refers to Admiral's Burke 1923 graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy. The canton of blue, yellow, and red bars represents the Presidential Unit Citation that the destroyer squadron earned under Admiral Burke's command.

MOTTO

Emblazoned upon a blue and gold scroll in gold lettering is the ship's motto, FAST AND FEARED.



USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) At-Sea Memorial



Celebrating the Admiral's Great Legacy

Aboard USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51), there is a tribute to Admiral Burke's life and service to the nation on display in the crew's mess, the chief petty officers' mess, and the officers' wardroom. This at-sea memorial seeks to connect the crew with the namesake of their ship.

Through the years, the Arleigh Burke Association and friends of USS ARLEIGH BURKE have located, photographed, cataloged, and stored hundreds of historically significant artifacts that belonged to Arleigh and Roberta Burke. With help from the surrounding surface warfare community, the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, and professional conservators from the Metropolitan Museum in New York, several items are preserved and exhibited throughout the ship. This educational effort was executed with the assistance of the Hampton Roads Naval Museum staff and the Hampton Roads Naval Historical Foundation.

The men and women of "The Admiral's Destroyer" are clearly dedicated to serving their country with honor and take great pride in what they do at sea. The at-sea memorial will be a timeless reminder to the crew of the culture they have inherited from their ship namesake's life.



"The difference between a good officer and an excellent one is about ten seconds. A fine rule is to get going sooner than anticipated, travel faster than expected, and arrive before you're due."





USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) 1991: First Year at Sea





USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) Former Commanding Officers

CDR John G. Morgan, Jr.	04 July 1991 – 18 December 1992
CDR Lyal B. Davidson	18 December 1992 – 27 October 1994
CDR Jeffrey F. Wepler	27 October 1994 – 07 August 1996
CDR Mark E. Kosnik	07 August 1996 – 03 April 1998
CDR Nevin P. Carr, Jr.	03 April 1998 – 15 October 1999
CDR Alan E. Eschbach	15 October 1999 – 02 March 2001
CDR Robin L. Russell	02 March 2001 – 09 August 2002
CDR William C. Harris	09 August 2002 – 05 March 2004
CDR Charles L. Stuppard	05 March 2004 – 26 March 2006
CDR Esther J. McClure	26 March 2006 – 21 May 2007
CDR Dan E. Voth	22 May 2007 – 07 November 2008
CDR Brian C. Moum	07 November 2008 – 07 May 2010
CDR Corey J. Keniston	07 May 2010 – 02 April 2012
CDR Thomas P. Moninger	02 April 2012 – 08 November 2014
CDR Camille G. Flaherty	08 November 2014 – 08 June 2015
CDR Thomas E. Myers	08 June 2015 – 14 October 2016
CDR Jason T. Stepp	14 October 2016 – 09 March 2018
CDR Errol A. Robinson	09 March 2018 – 08 August 2019
CDR John L. Gaines III	08 August 2019 – 03 September 2020
CAPT Chris Follin	03 September 2020 – 23 October 2020
CDR Patrick M. Chapman	23 October 2020 – 20 May 2022
CDR Peter C. Flynn	20 May 2022 – Present



USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) Commissioning Officers and Chiefs

Commissioning Wardroom

CDR John G. Morgan, Jr., Commanding Officer

LCDR Roger C. Easton, Jr., Executive Officer

LCDR Marshall E. Godwin

LT Frederic C. Stein

LCDR James K. Hiser

LT David H. Weeks

LCDR James A. Pearson

LTJG Scott Whitmore

LCDR Michael K. Weisskopf

LTJG Steven J. Lynch

LT Robert W. Corrigan

LTJG Paul R. Schellhammer

LT Thomas M. Ives

ENS Jeffery D. Bass

LT Robert L. Jobrack

ENS Leo F. Coleman

LT William C. Johnson

ENS Walter A. Coppeans III

LT Kirk S. Lippold

ENS Kenneth G. Harris

LT Andrew T. Paul

ENS Mark R. Vandroff

LT Jeffery R. Pitel

CWO2 Joseph N. Moore

LT Larry W. Small

Commissioning Chief Petty Officers' Mess

RMCM (SW) Gary L. Barnes, Command Master Chief

BMCM (SW) Charlie H. Lovett

FCC (SW) Louis A. Karnbach

FCCM (SW) Steven E. Pownall

ETC (SW) Jon K. Stephanson

HMCS (SW) Maurice L. Frear

MAC George A. Willis

RMCS (SW) A.J. Itri

GSCM (SW) Thomas J Mackey

DCCS (SW) Gerald F. May

FCCM (SW) Joseph F. Wojewodzic

FCCS Darrell J. Tatro

MSCS (SW) Donnie W. Holcomb

EMC (SW) Michael R. Cash

OSCS Patrick W. Joy

SKC Domingo A. Dulay

STGCS Robert F. Rufo

GMC (SW) Warren O. Filz

ENC Kevin F. Beatty

YNC Marcel R. Dube

GSEC Frederick D. Ehle

OSC (SW) Mark H. Jorden

EWC Leslie Roberson, Jr.

OSC (SW) Anthony H. Talbert



USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51)

Commissioning Crew

SH2 Renato A. Acap
 SR T. Lee Aguilar
 EW3 Gordon P. Ainsworth
 GMG2 John L. Albertini
 STG2 Gregory A. Anderoni
 DC1 Paul C. Anglin
 SN Terrance T. Barfield
 EWSR Donald Barnes
 ET1 Harold E. Barnes
 SR Ernell L. Barrett
 GM3 Daniel E. Bassford
 GSMFN Edward C. Bazala
 FC3 Thomas A. Beachman
 GSE1 Valentine K. Belgrave
 DC3 Todd J. Beville
 FC2 Denis B. Biron
 SHSN Claude V. Bishop III
 IC2 Glen D. Blevins
 FC2 Keith A. Bloom
 MSSN Robert F. Bolton
 MS2 Charles R. Bonsell
 OS1 Carlos V. Booker
 GMGSN Alfred W. Booty, Jr.
 STG3 Jerry L. Brady, Jr.
 RM2 Shaun I. Brahmsteadt
 GMM2 (SW) Mark Braunschweig
 ET2 Gregory P. Brionez
 SK1 Louis Broccardo II
 FS2 (SW) James D. Brown
 SR Kyle D. Brown
 SA Reginald M. Brown
 ENFA Terry D. Brown
 GSMFN Javan L. Buckner
 SR Anthony L. Butler
 PC2 Guadalupe M. Calderon
 BM3 David W. Campbell
 DC3 Abraham Cardona
 EW2 Scott M. Carpenter
 GSM1 Bob A. Cary
 FC1 Robert J. Chezem
 FC1 Earl V. Clapp
 RM1 John F. Cockerill
 DC1 (SW) Jerry C. Coleman
 PNSA James N. Compton, Jr.
 SHSN Derrick D. Conwell
 RM3 Christopher N. Cook
 IC2 Lawrence Cooper, Jr.
 DK1 Fletcher Craig, Jr.
 EM3 Jack L. Creasy
 STG3 Philip R. Crews
 ET1 Brian P. Crittenden
 MSSA Kelvin A. Cunningham
 MSSA Erick K. Curtis
 HM3 Brent L. Danicke
 GSM3 Ellis V. Davis
 STG2 Kevin J. Davis
 OS2 (SW) Steven A. Dean
 FC2 Gary F. Deuger

HT2 Alexander C. Deuz
 MS1 David A. Digou
 GSE2 Joseph M. Doliana
 GMM3 Marconi A. Doswell
 GMM1 Ronnie A. Douvia
 BM2 Roger E. Drew III
 OS1 (SW) Teddy D. Easter
 DC3 David A. Edwards
 YN3 Steve Elkins
 STGSN Charles C. Embry
 DC3 Kevin J. England
 FC2 Craig Estep
 EM3 Hylton M. Eures
 BM2 James D. Everett
 STG1 James D. Farrell
 SMSA Christopher Farrow
 GSMFN Harold J. Felder
 SM1 Kenneth B. Fields
 SR Tyrone Fields
 MSSA Mandlia M.T. Finley
 GSE2 Frederick L. Fleitz
 FC2 Mark W. Fortune
 STG1 Richard A. Franjose
 RMSA Tim Fredrick
 RMSA Clyde E. Fruster
 EN2 Kenneth L.G. Garvin
 SHSN James C. Gaskins
 SA Harold J. Gaston II
 ET3 William D. Geitz
 EN1 (SW) Daniel D. George
 FC2 Steven L. Gergens, Jr.
 EN2 William G. Gillis, Jr.
 FC2 (SW) John A. Gould
 FC3 David N. Grantham
 OS1 (SW) August Green
 OS1 James A. Green
 GMM2 Timothy P. Grener
 YN2 Christopher C. Grover
 BM2 Kelly W. Hall
 GSM2 Terry Hall, Jr.
 OS1 (SW) James J. Harrington
 QM3 Gregory J. Harrison
 FC2 Michael J. Haskell
 GSM3 Sonny A. Hayes
 FA Bret A. Heilman
 FC3 Tony G. Helms
 GSM2 Gilbert P. Henry
 MS1 Larry H. Herndon
 GSE2 David J. Herzog
 OS1 (SW) Vincent P. Hicks
 FA J.D. Hilliard
 SR Erik Howard
 FC1 Johnny B. Hoy
 SH2 Don Hudson
 GSE2 Aaron P. Hunt
 RM2 Charles E. Hutchinson, Jr.
 OSSA Scott C. Ilkenhons
 IC3 Terrance L. Jeffries

FN David Jimenez
 YNSN Phillip S. Johnson
 SR Cedric L. Jones
 QM2 Martin D. Kelly
 SR Steven P. Kennedy
 OS3 Carter P. Ketchup
 ET1 (SW) Charles L. Killian
 OS1 (SW) Fredric A. Kittle
 BM3 Brent Koel
 STG3 Brian T. Koon
 SA Charles J. Korte
 FC3 David M. Kuligowski
 EN3 David R. LaBonte
 SR Shannon E. Ladewig
 GSM2 Frank L. Lamb
 ET2 Steven D. Langhi
 GSM2 Kelly D. Lapeyre
 SR Jerry G. Latimore
 SHSR Alvin C. Lay
 OS2 Reginald Leach
 EN2 (SW) William C. Legette
 EN2 Brian L. Libby
 RM2 Jim K. Little, Jr.
 STG1 Brian D. Longaker
 PN1 Stephen B. Loveitt
 FC3 Steven R. Lowry
 FC3 Richard E. Ludwick
 GSM2 John A. Luhrs, Jr.
 BM2 (SW) Kenneth M. Lyndon
 OS1 Arthur T. Mahoney
 SA Ted M. Mamolo, Jr.
 EW2 (SW) Robert M. Marcotte
 MS1 Marco A. Marin
 GMG1 (SW) Gordon D. Mathis
 EN3 Thaddeus D. McCall
 RM2 (SW) Aaron L. McCarroll
 DK3 Michael McClendon
 GSM1 (SW) Peter J. McCormick
 STG1 Anthony McCoy
 FC2 John J. McDonnell III
 OS1 Laurence J. McGowan
 FC2 (SW) Gregory A. Meadows
 SR Jan Melford
 SK1 (SW) Gregory R. Menard
 FC1 Kenneth W. Michel
 RMSN Jay A. Miller
 GMM3 Scott Miller
 FC3 Robert D. Mims
 GSMFN Rudy C. Molina
 MS1 David N. Montgomery
 SH3 Kevin W. Mooring
 RMSA Zackery C. Moreland
 QM1 (SW) Thomas A. Morgan
 ET1 Richard M. Morris
 OS2 Lonnie J. Muncy, Jr.
 JO2 Randy L. Navaroli
 SK2 Barton S. Nelson
 BM2 (SW) Bradley Nelson

GSE2 (SW) Michael J. Novelli
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 FR Edward G. Werth
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 FA Keith Williams
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 GSM2 Donovan E. Wilson
 GSM3 Kevin K. Wilson
 GSM1 Brian D. Wolf
 SM3 Larry Wolf
 MSSR Vincent Maurice Woods
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LTJG Kirkpal Wellington

LCDR Eric Fields

LTJG Crystal Barnes

LTJG Ansofi Wreder

LCDR Colcord Moore

LTJG April Byun

ENS Alexandra Bosh

LT Elizabeth Barker

LTJG Terrence Campbell

ENS Benjamin Cusimano

LT Savannah Boleky

LTJG Jack Canady

ENS Maria EatonMercado

LT Lindsey Boyle

LTJG Michael Dougherty

ENS Heaven Holbrook

LT Madeline Farr

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ENS Serena Johnson

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LTJG Shamaal Fletcher

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USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51)

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EM2 Maris Arvinyoung
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CS1 Darnell Baylor
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FC2 Brett Beard
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GM2 Matthew Kramer
SA Connor Lambert
GSE3 Brian Landis
CS3 Matthew Lee
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PS3 Andrew Lopez
LS1 Charles Love
SN Izaiah Lovett
SR Andre Lucas
FR Sean Mandago
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CS3 Joshua Marshall
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ETSN Jake Marx
STG3 Joseph McCarthy
ET2 Katelynne McClelland
GSE2 Joshua McCord
FCA2 Riley McGinleyNolind

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GM1 Paul McKinney
GSMFR Julian McKnight
GSM3 Adrian McMillan
SR Trevor Meeks
CSSR Andrew Miller
STG2 Corey Miller
IC1 Shawn Miller
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RS3 Dandre Moore
ET2 Elliott Moore
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CTR2 Dante Navarro
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GM3 Justin Noll
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QM2 Carlos Paredes
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GSM3 Ian Patrick
IT1 Lisbeth Perdue
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RS2 Ulises Roberts
DC2 Louis Robins
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OS1 Michael Schultz
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STG2 Ethan Seiler
DC3 Avery Shepherd
DC3 Julius Simon
BMSR Troy Sitter
DCFN Alexander Smallwood
FC2 Landon Smith
MM1 Tiffany Smith
FC1 Wyatt Smith
FC3 Desiree Snead
DC2 Bryce Soldat
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EM2 Casey Stewart
MM1 Peter Stitzel
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The following ships are also participating the 31st commissioning anniversary celebration.



USS Stout (DDG 55)



USS Mitscher (DDG 57)



USS Mahan (DDG 72)



USS Gravelly (DDG 107)

USS James E. Williams (DDG 95) Tribute Host Ship

FUSS JAMES E. WILLIAMS (DDG 95) is the 45th ship of the Arleigh Burke class of guided missile destroyers. The ship was named for Boatswain's Mate First Class James Elliott Williams (1930–1999), a River Patrol Boat commander and Medal of Honor recipient from the Vietnam War who is considered to be the most decorated enlisted man in Navy history.

The JAMES E. WILLIAMS was laid down on 15 July 2002 by the Northrop Grumman Ship Systems at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The ship was launched on 25 June 2003, sponsored by Elaine Weaver Williams, Williams' widow. On 11 December 2004, JAMES E. WILLIAMS was commissioned in Charleston, South Carolina, with CDR Philip Vance in command.

On 2 May 2006, JAMES E. WILLIAMS deployed on its maiden deployment as part of the Global War on Terrorism Surface Strike Group (GWOT SSG) 06-2. On 17 October 2006, JAMES E. WILLIAMS completed its first deployment conducting anti-piracy operations off the coast of Somalia as part of the maritime security operations. The ship subsequently deployed from July to December 2007, from April to October 2009, from March to November 2012, from May 2014 to January 2015, from May to December 2017, and from January to August 2020.

The ship is currently homeported in Norfolk, Virginia and assigned to Destroyer Squadron 26. USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS is under the command of CDR Robert Ireland.

USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS is the tribute host ship for the 31st commissioning anniversary celebration of USS ARLEIGH BURKE.



Destroyer Squadron 23 Command History



CAPT Arleigh Burke reading on board his flagship, USS Charles Ausburne (DD 570).



The Story of 31-Knot Burke

DESTROYER SQUADRON 23 was activated on 11 May 1943, when CAPT M.J. Gilliam assumed command at the Boston Navy Yard. The squadron was initially comprised of eight destroyers and transferred to Admiral William F. Halsey's 3rd Fleet in the Pacific theater on 29 June 1943.

The squadron won its greatest fame and a Presidential Unit Citation under its second commander, CAPT Arleigh Burke, who broke his flag on 23 October 1943. Burke was a firm believer in the "attack-attack-attack" school of destroyer tactics. From 1 November 1943 to 23 February 1944, the period for which the Presidential Unit Citation was awarded, the squadron participated in 22 separate engagements, and reduced the Japanese Imperial Navy by sinking one cruiser, nine destroyers, one submarine and several smaller ships, as well as destroying approximately 30 aircraft. Following successful engagements at the Battle of Cape St. George, Burke gave the squadron the nickname *Little Beavers*. Burke was relieved by CAPT T.B. Duncan as squadron commander on 27 March 1944. Following World War II, the squadron was inactive from 1946 to 1956. On 12 December 1956, DESTROYER SQUADRON 23 was reactivated and has continued operations ever since.

Today, DESTROYER SQUADRON 23 is comprised of five Arleigh Burke-class ships: USS JOHN S. MCCAIN (DDG 56), USS RUSSELL, (DDG 59), USS PREBLE (DDG 88), USS PINCKNEY (DDG 91) and USS HALSEY (DDG 97). The squadron's mission is to support the ships' readiness for operations in forward areas with battle groups or other missions. The squadron's commodore is CAPT Patrick H. O'Mahoney.

On November 24, 1943, in the Southern Pacific, Burke's squadron of five destroyers was ordered by ADM William Halsey to proceed at best speed to its next mission. Normally capable of 34 knots, one of the destroyers had suffered an engine failure, thus limiting the squadron to 30 knots. Determined to meet the mission, Burke ordered the ship to cross-connect its steam plants, violating regulations, but squeaking out an additional knot. Burke then reported: "Proceeding at 31 knots." As a joke, ADM Halsey's staff directed its next message to "31-Knot Burke." Reporters learned of this nickname and used it in news items around the world about a hotshot destroyer.



USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) PMS 400D

PMS 400D is responsible for procuring and building the latest, most advanced surface combatants in the U.S. Navy – the Arleigh Burke class of guided-missile destroyers. Created in March 1982, as the destroyer branch under PMS 400, the current program office employs about 60 civilian and military personnel. These professionals oversee the work of the two prime DDG 51 shipbuilders – General Dynamics Bath Iron Works and Huntington Ingalls Industries' Ingalls Shipbuilding – as well as the efforts of numerous acquisition resource managers, field activities, and post-delivery maintenance yards.

As of June 2022, there are 21 Flight I destroyers, seven Flight II destroyers, and 42 Flight IIA destroyers in service. Nineteen more ships are under construction or planned.

Flight I

USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51)
USS Barry (DDG 52)
USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53)
USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54)
USS Stout (DDG 55)
USS John S. McCain (DDG 56)
USS Mitscher (DDG 57)
USS Laboon (DDG 58)
USS Russell (DDG 59)
USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)
USS Ramage (DDG 61)
USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62)
USS Stethem (DDG 63)
USS Carney (DDG 64)
USS Benfold (DDG 65)
USS Gonzalez (DDG 66)
USS Cole (DDG 67)
USS The Sullivans (DDG 68)
USS Milius (DDG 69)
USS Hopper (DDG 70)
USS Ross (DDG 71)

Flight II

USS Mahan (DDG 72)
USS Decatur (DDG 73)
USS McFaul (DDG 74)
USS Donald Cook (DDG 75)
USS Higgins (DDG 76)
USS O'Kane (DDG 77)
USS Porter (DDG 78)

Flight IIA

USS Oscar Austin (DDG 79)
USS Roosevelt (DDG 80)
USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81)
USS Lassen (DDG 82)
USS Howard (DDG 83)
USS Bulkeley (DDG 84)
USS McCampbell (DDG 85)
USS Shoup (DDG 86)
USS Mason (DDG 87)
USS Preble (DDG 88)
USS Mustin (DDG 89)
USS Chafee (DDG 90)
USS Pinckney (DDG 91)
USS Momsen (DDG 92)
USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)
USS Nitze (DDG 94)
USS James E. Williams (DDG 95)
USS Bainbridge (DDG 96)
USS Halsey (DDG 97)
USS Forrest Sherman (DDG 98)
USS Farragut (DDG 99)
USS Kidd (DDG 100)
USS Gridley (DDG 101)
USS Sampson (DDG 102)
USS Truxtun (DDG 103)
USS Sterett (DDG 104)
USS Dewey (DDG 105)
USS Stockdale (DDG 106)
USS Gravelly (DDG 107)
USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108)
USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109)
USS William P. Lawrence (DDG 110)
USS Spruance (DDG 111)
USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112)
USS John Finn (DDG 113)
USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 114)
USS Rafael Peralta (DDG 115)
USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116)
USS Paul Ignatius (DDG 117)
USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118)
USS Delbert D. Black (DDG 119)
USS Frank E. Petersen Jr. (DDG 121)

Flight IIA Under Construction

PCU Carl M. Levin (DDG 120),
commissioning in July 2022
John Basilone (DDG 122)
Lenah H. Sutcliffe Higbee (DDG 123)
Harvey C. Barnum Jr. (DDG 124)

Flight III Under Construction

Jack H. Lucas (DDG 125)
Louis H. Wilson Jr. (DDG 126)
Patrick Gallagher (DDG 127)
Ted Stevens (DDG 128)
Jeremiah Denton (DDG 129)
William Charette (DDG 130)
George M. Neal (DDG 131)
Quentin Walsh (DDG 132)

Flight III Under Contract

Sam Nunn (DDG 133)
John E. Kilmer (DDG 134)
Thad Cochran (DDG 135)
Richard G. Lugar (DDG 136)
John F. Lehman (DDG 137)
TBD (DDG 138)
Telesforo Trinidad (DDG 139)

USS Arleigh Burke Association supports National Museum of the Surface Navy



In 2019, efforts began towards establishing the National Museum of the Surface Navy (NMSN) aboard the battleship USS IOWA (BB 61) in Los Angeles, California, at America's Port. As planned, in 2025, the NMSN will be the first and only national museum dedicated to the men and women of the Surface Navy.



**National Museum
of the Surface Navy**
at the Battleship IOWA

The NMSN will tell the story of the Surface Navy, to raise the nation's awareness of the importance of the United States Surface Naval Forces' role in international relations, free trade, humanitarian assistance, and technological innovation, not just in the past, but today and into the future. It is clear that America's Surface Navy is as important as ever and sails the world's oceans ensuring security, democracy, and prosperity for the American people and the world.

The NMSN will be integrated into 30,000 square feet of space aboard the battleship USS IOWA museum ship. Located in America's busiest seaport and one of the top museums and tourist attractions in Los Angeles, the battleship IOWA is a natural showcase for the Surface Navy's museum.

NMSN is part of the Pacific Battleship Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation is a founding sponsor of the NMSN and is actively involved in the planning and promotion of the museum's opening on October 13, 2025 – the 250th birthday of the Surface Navy.

An aerial photograph of a large naval shipyard. Two grey destroyers are docked in parallel dry docks. The ship in the foreground is a Zumwalt-class destroyer, and the one behind it is a Burke-class destroyer. The shipyard is filled with various structures, cranes, and equipment. In the background, a city is visible. A large orange and red graphic overlay is on the left side of the image.

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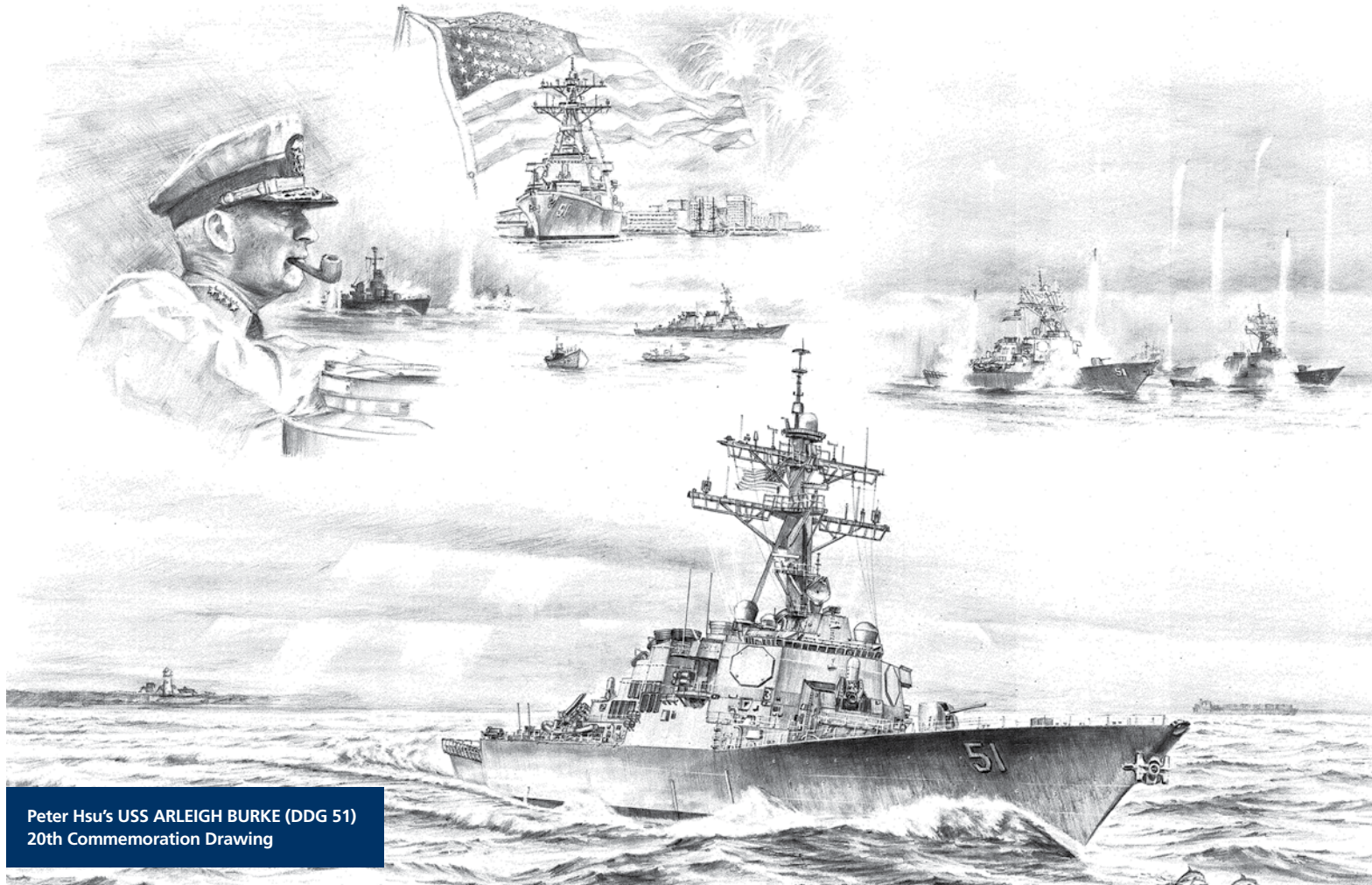
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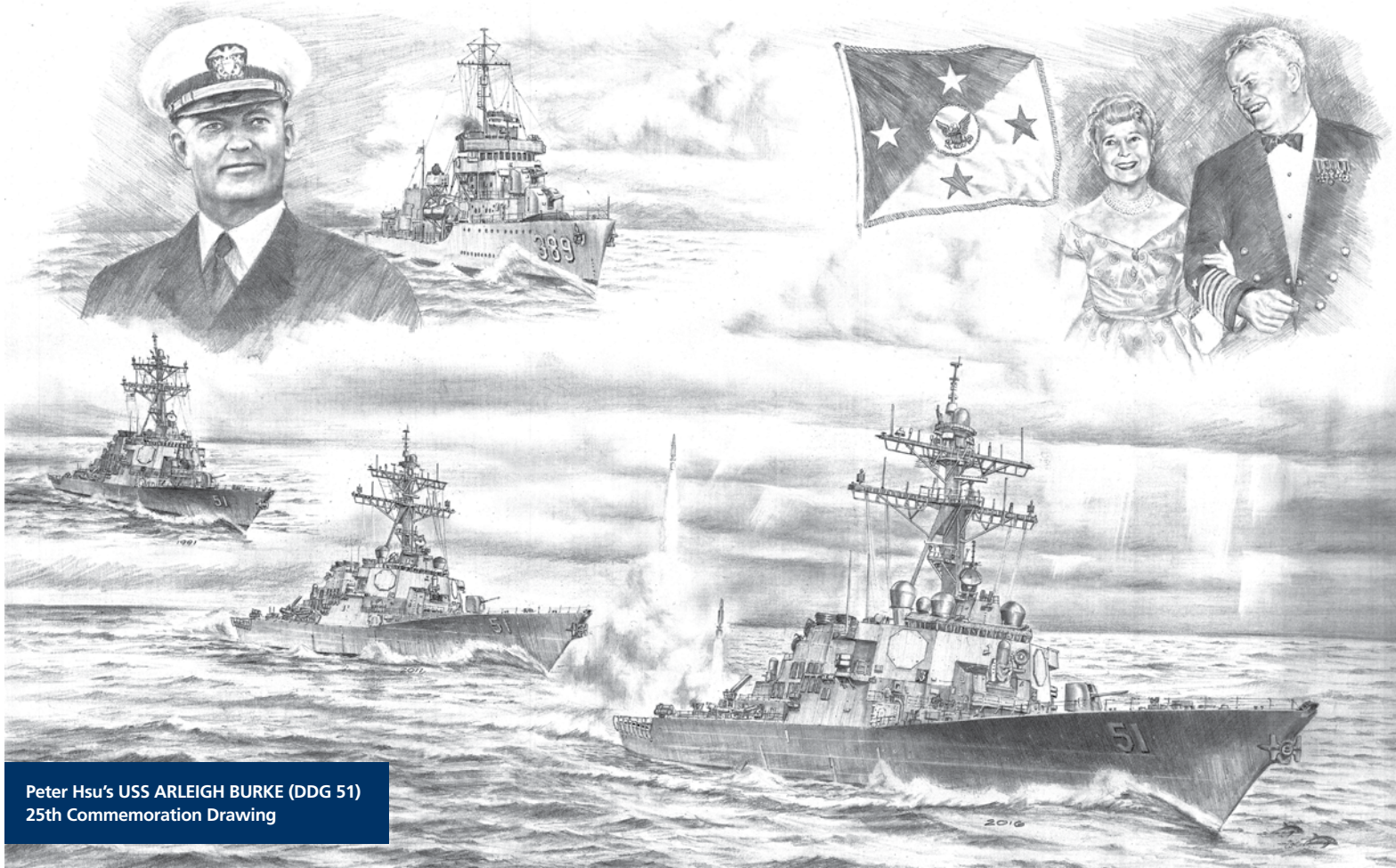
CDR Peter Flynn (left)
exchanges salutes with
CDR Patrick Chapman
(right) during the 22 May
2022 USS ARLEIGH BURKE
change of command
ceremony, while Destroyer
Squadron 60 Commodore
CAPT Kyle Gantt (center)
and CMDRCM Rafael Barney
(far right) look on.





Peter Hsu's USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51)
20th Commemoration Drawing

The 31st Commemoration drawing will be unveiled on 2 July 2022.



Peter Hsu's USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51)
25th Commemoration Drawing

