

THE DESTROYERMAN

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members, Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! I trust that everyone is off to a good start in 2023!

As reported at the Annual USS Arleigh Burke Association Membership Meeting this past October, highlights of our 2022 Association accomplishments include:

- An outstanding 31st USS Arleigh Burke Commissioning Anniversary Celebration over the Fourth of July Weekend 2022 in Norfolk
- Support for and Award of the 2022-2023 Academic Year USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship to Ms. Anna Moninger
- Publication of three superb editions of *The Destroyerman*
- Continued improvement of our Association's Website
- Our Association's important support for the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation
- Our Founding Sponsor relationship with the National Museum of the Surface Navy (NMSN) which has committed

ted to incorporating an Admiral Arleigh Burke Exhibit at the Museum's opening

I am immensely proud of all of our 2022 accomplishments, and especially of all the Association Members and our other supporters who made things happen!! In particular, thanks very much to the 31st Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee, the Association's Board of Directors, along with the several individuals who routinely work to support the Board, our Newsletter Editor – Ron Struewing, and our Webmaster – Kenyon Hiser, for their significant time and effort. They are the ones who earned the credit!! Looking forward, 2023 will be a little less busy, but nevertheless an important year to continue to grow and mature our Association.

Our Annual Membership Meeting was held on Thursday 27 October 2022 via Teleconference, as in past years. I thank everyone who called in for their time and contribution – another excellent Annual Meeting!

At the outset of our Annual Membership Meeting, Mark Fortune announced that he



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Rick Easton

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Acting Secretary

Kenyon Hiser

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Treasurer

Rob Jobrack

[Email](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

2023 Dues: Ongoing
Please pay directly to the Treasurer, Rob Jobrack, or online

Annual Membership Meeting: 1930-2015
Thursday 27 October 2023
- the 4th Thursday of October

would be stepping down as Association Secretary at the end of his current term – 31 December 2022, in order to pursue other endeavors. Mark has done a superb job as our inaugural Secretary for the past decade plus. He has been the key driver identifying and signing up Members, as well as performing all the important Association Administrative Functions – particularly in support of three USS Arleigh Burke Commissioning Anniversary Celebrations!! None of those Celebrations would have been successful if not for Mark's tireless effort. On behalf of the USS Arleigh Burke Association Membership, we collectively THANK Mark for his significant contribution. Mark remains an Association Life Member!

Following are the highlights of the 2022 USS Arleigh Burke Association Annual Membership Meeting, which were also captured in Mark Fortune's Annual Membership Meeting Minutes posted on our Association Website:

- Rick Easton and Rob Jobrack were nominated for and elected to continue to serve as your President and Treasurer respectively. There was no nomination for Secretary. Following the Annual Membership Meeting, Kenyon Hiser volunteered to temporarily fill the Secretary position starting in January 2023 until a permanent replacement is found.

- Rob Jobrack reported that our bank balance is in good shape with all 2022 taxes paid, noting only a couple of small bills remain for the USS Arleigh Burke 31st Commissioning Anniversary Celebration.

- The Membership unanimously voted to continue support for the USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship for the 2023-2024 Academic Year at an increased level of \$3,000, with authorization for up to \$3,500 if Association Members and Friends Anchor Scholarship contributions are sufficient.

- The Membership unanimously voted to continue support for the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation and provide \$500 from the USS Arleigh Burke Association to assist Foundation costs in 2023.

- In 2023, we will conduct Association Board of Direc-

tor Telcons from 1930-2015 (7:30-8:15pm) on the third Thursday of every month from February through November 2023. We will hold our Annual Association Membership Meeting on the fourth Thursday of October 2023. Board of Director and Annual Membership Meeting dates for 2023 are published in *The Destroyerman* on the back page. All Members, Family and Friends are welcome to join any/all of these teleconference calls! Join by Zoom Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88446377823?pwd=dG9GZm5OdXF4WGdoVE0weGVlbEJOZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88446377823?pwd=dG9GZm5OdXF4WGdoVE0weGVlbEJOZz09;); Phone: +1 301 715 8592, Meeting ID: 884 4637 7823, Passcode: 9031

2023 Association Goals/Priorities:

- Support publication of three Editions of *The Destroyerman*

- Support Award of the 2023-2024 Academic Year USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship, and raise the funds for the 2024-2025 Academic Year Scholarship

- Support the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation and associated NMSN activities.

- In addition, the Board is committed to support the recurring costs of, and continued improvements to, the USS Arleigh Burke Association Website.

My sincere thanks to all of our Members, Family and Friends, for your continued support and contribution to our Association. Thanks very much to all those who provided inputs to *The Destroyerman* - your contributions do make a BIG difference in producing our truly outstanding Newsletter!! In addition, thanks very much to all of you who contributed in 2022 to the USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year, which will be awarded in June of 2023 – our seventh year supporting this worthy endeavor!

As I close, if you have questions regarding our Association, or ideas on how to do things better, please reach out to me, Rob or Kenyon – phone call, text, email, or however! My very best to all for a Happy and Prosperous 2023! Be safe!!

Rick

FROM THE SECRETARY BY MARK FORTUNE

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members and Friends,

If you haven't heard by now, I have stepped down as Secretary of the USS Arleigh Burke Association. After 14 years as your Association Secretary, I decided to step away. Although an official replacement for Secretary hasn't been elected, our Online Media Director, Kenyon Hiser has volunteered to cover the Secretary duties until an official replacement is elected. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Secretary and look forward to seeing everyone at future events.



The Association conducted our Annual Meeting on 27 Oct 2022. Specific details of the meeting are provided in the Presidents input! Summary of the agenda is as follows:

Welcome and Introduction

Reports and updates

Commissioning Anniversary Summary/Feedback

Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation and National Museum of the Surface Navy update

2023 Association Officer Election

2023 USS Arleigh Burke Anchor Scholarship commitment

2023 Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation support

2023 Association Goals/Priorities/Plans support

Other items for discussion/consideration

Adjourn

The Association leadership encourages all Arleigh Burke sailors past and present to join us for our monthly Board of Director's Association meetings (nominally) held on Thursdays from 1930-2015. The next meetings will be held Thursday 16 Feb 2023 via Join by Zoom Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88446377823?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88446377823?pwd=dG9GZm5OdXF4WGdoVE0weGVlbEJOZz09;Phone:+13017158592,MeetingID:88446377823,Passcode:9031)

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If you haven't seen our new website in a while, check it out! <https://arleighburkeassociation.org/>. We hope you enjoy what you see, and have you also noticed our increased presence on Social Media:

Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/USSArleighBurkeAssociation>

Twitter at https://twitter.com/DDG51_Assn

LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/uss-arleigh-burke-association>

I think you will like what you see! When you do, give us a 'LIKE' on Facebook and 'FOLLOW US' on Twitter and LinkedIn!

There is no better time than the present to help me track down former shipmates that have sailed in USS Arleigh Burke. This where I need your help.

The association has a list of plankowners for whom we do not have any contact information. Each of you reading this section probably has contact information on a former shipmate either through personal contact, or through social media. If you would, please take 15 minutes to pass to our Secretary the contact information you have on former shipmates. We would be extremely grateful. Additionally, a running list is kept of Arleigh Burke sailors who have passed away so that we can pay tribute to them in our newsletters, the website, and during Commissioning Anniversary Celebrations. If you know of any Arleigh Burke sailors who have passed away, please send those names to our Secretary at the email address below.

Please don't hesitate to contact any of the Association Officers if you have questions or comments. You can reach us at president@arleighburkeassociation.org, secretary@arleighburkeassociation.org, or treasurer@arleighburkeassociation.org

Wishing you all the best!

Mark

TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK

It's not too late to donate to the Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship for 2023. Administered by the Anchor Scholarship Foundation, this annual scholarship is awarded to an Anchor scholarship applicant who is the dependent (child or spouse) of a current or past USS Arleigh Burke (DDG-51) sailor (officer or enlisted) and the applicant's sponsor must be a current Arleigh Burke Association member. You can find more information at <https://anchorscholarship.org/administered-scholarships/>.

Thank you to those who have fulfilled their pledges for this cause. If you have not yet contributed and still wish to, it is not too late.

Membership categories and dues for 2023 are:

- USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) Ship's Company: Free
- Member: \$20
- Sustaining Member: \$125 (10 year sustaining equals Lifetime)
- Lifetime Member: \$1000

Why are your dues important? They enable us to keep the infrastructure in order to fulfill our objectives: to represent the professional values of all those who have served onboard USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) or have an ongoing interest in promoting the ship and crew, the Arleigh Burke Class of Aegis Guided Missile Destroyers. Your dues allow us to maintain contact with one another through our web site and our newsletter and to organize reunions and anniversary events. Please support the association.



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

ASSOCIATION STORE IS OPEN

31st anniversary hats and coins are available. Hats are available in coyote brown and have the DESRON 23 Little Beaver on one side and our anniversary slogan "Fast and Feared for Over 30 Years" on the other. "Built to Fight" is embroidered on the back above the arch. Prices: Crew ballcaps: \$20; O5/06/Flag ballcaps: \$25. This includes shipping costs. Coins are \$10 each.



All payments and donations to the association can be made in two ways:

Using PayPal via the association website, USSArleigh-BurkeAssociation.org

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

USS Arleigh Burke Association

32 King Georges Grant

Fredericksburg, VA 22405

ARLEIGH BURKE CLASS UPDATE BY CAPT SETH MILLER, PMS400D

Now in its 38th year of production, the DDG 51 Arleigh Burke-class Destroyer program is one of the Navy's longest-running production lines and continues to deliver capability and capacity to the Fleet. With the delivery of the future USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee (DDG 123) in November 2022, 71 DDG 51-class ships have been delivered to the Fleet. Serial production of Arleigh Burke-class destroyers continues with 18 ships under contract and 12 ships in various stages of production. The future USS Carl M. Levin (DDG 120) will be the next ship to deliver in early 2023.

The Navy has accomplished several significant milestones in the past year and continues to work with industry partners to accelerate delivery of this critical capability to the Fleet. Since the program's most recent update in September 2021, the Navy has celebrated the following set of achievements:

Future USS George M. Neal (DDG 131) start fabrication

Future USS Quentin Walsh (DDG 132) start fabrication

Future USS Sam Nunn (DDG 133) start fabrication

Future USS Patrick Gallagher (DDG 127) Keel Laying ceremony

Future USS Ted Stevens (DDG 128) Keel Laying ceremony

Future USS Jeremiah Denton (DDG 129) Keel Laying ceremony

Future USS John Basilone (DDG 122) Christening

Future USS Jack H. Lucas (DDG 125) Christening

Future USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee (DDG 123) Delivery

Future USS Carl M. Levin (DDG 120) Acceptance Trials

Future USS Jack H. Lucas (DDG 125) Builder's Trials

USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118) Commissioning

USS Frank E. Petersen, Jr. (DDG 121) Commissioning

In addition to these remarkable shipbuilding milestones, Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro named DDG 138 (future USS J. William Middendorf), DDG 139 (future USS Telesforo Trinidad), and DDG 140 (future USS Thomas Gunning Kelley). On January 10, 2023 I had the honor of representing the program when the Secretary introduced the ship sponsors for DDG 139 at a small ceremony in the Rayburn House Office Building. The very next day, Secretary Del Toro surprised the Surface Navy Association audience by announcing the name of DDG 140 during his keynote address at the annual symposium.

In addition to ongoing progress on delivering the final few Flight IIA destroyers, the Program continues to make great strides on production and testing of the first Flight III destroyer, the future USS Jack H. Lucas (DDG 125). The ship completed an initial set of sea trials in December 2022 with plans for additional at-sea testing in early 2023 prior to delivery. The Navy plans to continue DDG 51 production through at least FY27 and Congress has provided multiyear procurement authority toward that end.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Association members, I am trying to keep the "Where are they now?" articles going. If you would like to submit a short article letting everyone know what you have been up to since you left the ship, please contact me and provide a short article for publication in a future issue. This is not just for Plankowners. I will be glad to send you some examples of articles other association members submitted. Please email me at:

NewsLetter@arleighburkeassociation.org

You might notice that this newsletter is coming from a different e-mail address: admin@ddg51assn.org. This is because we now have one paid email address that we will be using for outbound emails, including the newsletter. Please save this new address as a trusted address so any received emails will not go to your spam folder.

Lastly, thanks to Mark for all the great work he did as Association Secretary! We really appreciate all your efforts.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE SURFACE NAVY UPDATE

BY RICK EASTON AND ROB JOBRACK

Why does our Association have such a strong relationship with the National Museum of the Surface Navy (NMSN)?

The NMSN's mission is to tell the story of the Surface Navy's past, present and future. That story can't be told correctly without the history of Admiral Arleigh Burke and the ship that bears his name. Without the generational foundation set by Admiral Burke as Chief of Naval Operations and through his many exceptional career accomplishments, and the work that every Member of the Association has done in making DDG 51 and the Arleigh Burke Class successful, today's Surface Fleet would look far different. This important story that links both Admiral Burke and the ship with the NMSN is being developed right now and our Association has an opportunity to influence the way it is told.

The NMSN initial phase is scheduled to open on the Navy's 250th Birthday, October 13th, 2025, aboard the Battleship Iowa in the Port of Los Angeles, and includes plans for an exhibit on Admiral Burke.

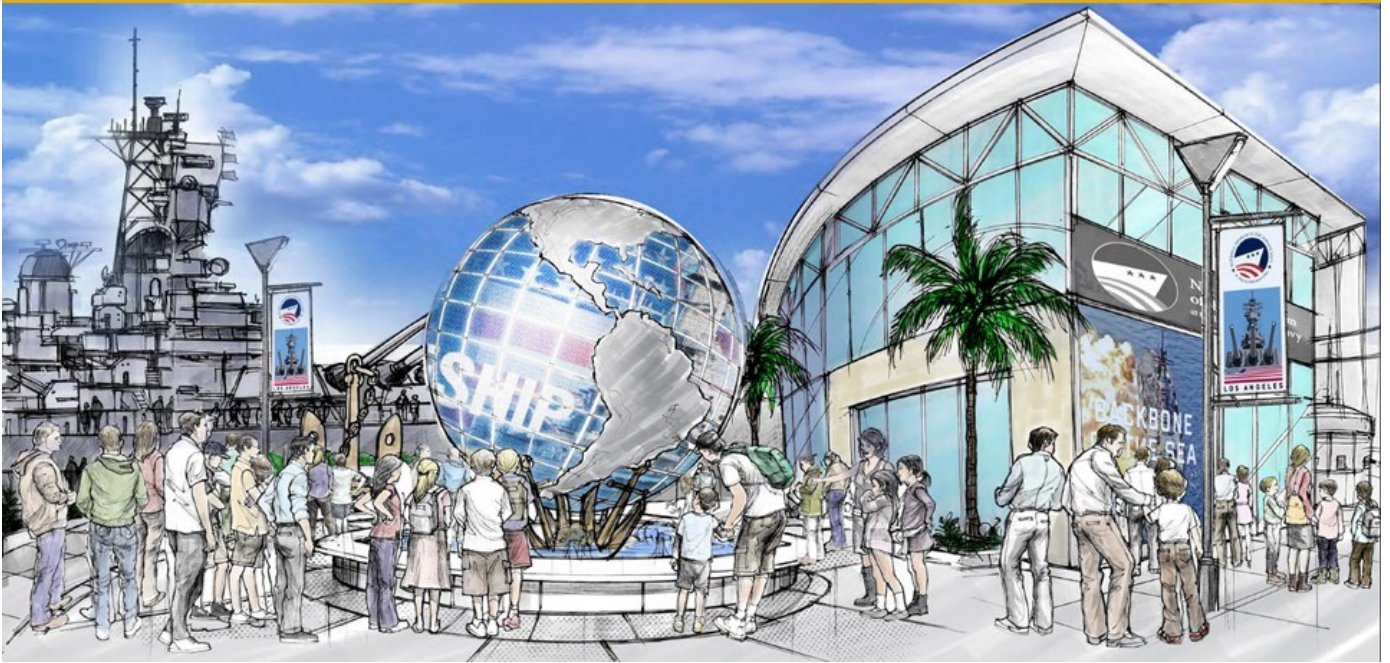
Mr. Bran Ferren – an accomplished former leader of the

Disney Imagineers, and now a Museum, Command Center and Entertainment Center Master Designer – completed his initial design effort. The following artist concept drawings, on pages 6 to 8, depict the vision for the Museum. It starts with an aerial view of the Battleship Iowa, which will house the Museum, alongside a Veterans Park and Shoreside Visitors Welcome Center. Access to the ship is through a special Gangway/Tunnel depicting various Naval Heroes - note Admiral Arleigh Burke in the overhead, arriving in the ship on the "Landing Pad" which provides access to three different paths the Visitor can take – History, Today or Tomorrow. The Museum experience ends on the upper decks. Please let me know what you think.... The Museum Staff is looking for feedback!

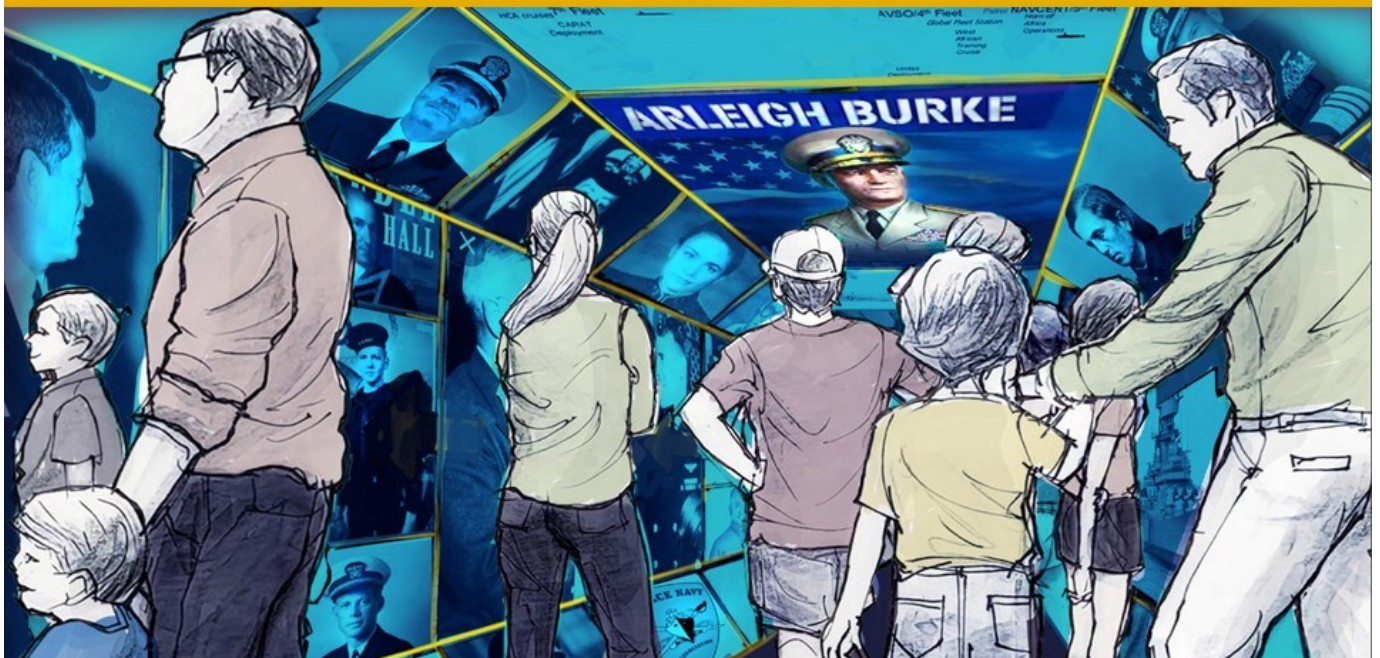
EDITORS Note: There are more conceptual drawings on our web page and also on the NMSN webpage: surfacenavymuseum.org, where you can also sign up as an NMSN Plank Owner.



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IMMERSIVE SURFACE NAVY HIGHLIGHT TUNNEL TO MUSEUM ENTRY



ENTRY PORTAL: HISTORY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW



EDUCATIONAL INTERACTIVES & GAMES





Click the QR code to see many more pictures from the 30th/31st Reunion weekend.

DDG-51 Designer, Andy Summers, displays some of his DDG-51 memorabilia to those at the 31st reunion



31st Productive And Successful Year!

- Second FDNF patrol
- 157 days underway
- 69 Sailors promoted
- SECNAV and CNO visits
- SM-6 live firing
- Successful INSURV

Providing current Ballistic Missile Defense (SM-3) and Air Defense (SM-6) capabilities to Sixth Fleet!



Forward Deployed
Operationally Relevant
Capable

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2023 BOD Meeting Dates

Feb 16 Mar 16 Apr 20 May 18 Jun 15 Jul 20 Aug 17 SEP 15 OCT 20
Annual meeting OCT 27 Nov 17 DEC 15

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/884446377823?pwd=dG9GZm5OdXF4WGdoVE0weGVlbEJOZz09>

Teleconference for BOD/ Annual Meetings: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 884 4637 7823, Passcode: 059031

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The purpose of the USS Arleigh Burke Association is to represent the professional values of all those who have served onboard USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) or have an ongoing interest in promoting the ship and crew, the Arleigh Burke Class of Aegis Guided Missile Destroyers, as well as the United States Navy. Toward that end, this Association serves as the professional association for all ARLEIGH BURKE crewmembers and their supporters, past, present and future.

