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FROM THE PRESIDENT

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members, Family and Friends,

Time is flying by – for me the Summer came and went in the blink of an eye! And, lots is going on relevant to our Association.



First, I am sad to report that we recently learned of Master Chief Joe Wojewodzic's passing in January of this year. An outstanding Sailor, Master Chief Wojewodzic was an important part of USS Arleigh Burke's Commissioning Crew, and contributed significantly to bringing the Admiral's Destroyer to life. Moreover, he was instrumental in forging the foundation of the Combat System in the most powerful Destroyer Class ever to sail the Earth's Oceans. Master Chief Wojewodzic's Obituary is on Page 9. He will be missed.

Also at the top of the list of noteworthy things since publication of the June 2023 Issue of "The Destroyerman", is USS Arleigh Burke's recent Change of Command. On Friday 25 August 2023, Commander Pete Flynn was relieved by Commander Ty Bowman in her homeport of Rota, Spain! I recommend

you take a look at the excellent article, on page 6 reprinted from the Commander Sixth Fleet Navy Press Room, and written by LTJG Benjamin Cusimano, the Ship's Public Affairs Officer (PAO). In addition, since the last Edition of 'The Destroyerman' was published, the Ship completed her third Forward Deployed Naval Force



(FDNF) Patrol with flying colors! Bravo Zulu to the Captain and Crew, we are proud of you and what you have accomplished!!

Further, on Friday 1 September, RADM Tom Anderson, former USS Arleigh Burke Auxiliaries and Electrical Officer, assumed Command of the Naval Sea Systems (NAVSEA) Command, relieving VADM Bill Galinis who retired. While aboard Arleigh Burke, in addition to his regular duties, then LT Anderson coordinated the first two Chief of Naval Operations Availabilities for the Admiral's Destroyer – and indeed the first two CNO Availabilities for the DDG 51 Class, setting the stage for the DDG51 Class Maintenance Plan. Con-

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Annual Membership Meeting: 1930-2015
Wednesday 25 October 2023 - the 4th Wednesday of October

gratulations to Admiral Anderson!



Rick with Admiral Anderson at the 01 September NAVSEA Assumption of Command Ceremony

Oral Histories. Pursuant to our Association Board of Directors approval to collect relevant Oral Histories from individuals who influenced the design, building and bringing to life the Admiral's Destroyer, as reported in the last Edition of *"The Destroyerman,"* and with the help of our Acting Secretary, Kenyon Hiser, we have developed the bank of questions to assist in guiding our Oral History Interviews. Also, we have identified an initial list of individuals we would like to interview, and anticipate that the first couple of Oral History interviews will be completed sometime this Fall. Furthermore, we are very interested in input from the Association Membership, to include Families and Friends, on any worthy stories or artifacts that contribute to USS Arleigh Burke's noteworthy Fleet Introduction and Service History, as well as any thoughts you may have regarding individuals you recommend be included on the Oral History Interview list. This is important work to capture those pearls of historical knowledge before they are lost due to the passage of time and it is too late. Please send your inputs to Kenyon.

Missing Roger Williams USS Arleigh Burke

Commissioning Painting. Tracking down the Roger Williams missing USS Arleigh Burke Commissioning Painting continues. We believe we have the period that it disappeared narrowed to a 2 year window – likely between 2002 to 2004. For anyone who served onboard, or was aboard the Admiral's Destroyer during that timeframe and have any recollection of seeing the Painting, or noticing it missing, please reach out directly to me or Kenyon. As we have validated that the

Painting is not aboard Arleigh Burke today, we are hopeful that it was removed for safekeeping during an availability or for some other reason, and we just need to get to the person who has it so it can be returned. All we want is the Painting back as it is an important historical artifact of both Admiral Arleigh Burke and USS Arleigh Burke.

Anchor Scholarship. I am happy to report that our Anchor Scholarship Winner, Anna Moninger, has started her Senior Year at James Madison University. As has been reported previously, Anna is the daughter of RDML Tom Moninger, USS Arleigh Burke's 15th Commanding Officer. On Page 10 you will find Anna's update which highlights her interesting overseas adventures this Summer!! Note: We are currently in the process of raising the funds to support award of next year's USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship for the 2024-2025 Academic Year. This will be our Association's Eighth Anchor Scholarship. The funds have to be provided to the Anchor Scholarship Foundation by February 2024, and our target is to achieve our \$3500 goal before December 31st again this year. My sincere appreciation to all the Association Members who contributed in 2022 and made our Seventh Scholarship a reality. All contributions are fully tax deductible. I thank in advance all of you who can make a contribution this year! You can contribute by sending a check, which is our preferred method, to our Treasurer, Rob Jobrack, or donate on our Official Website. Please see Rob's section for details. Thanks!! FYI: Our Eighth Anchor Scholarship will be awarded to a new recipient as Anna who will have completed her undergraduate studies is no longer eligible for future Anchor Scholarship awards.

National Museum of the Surface Navy (NMSN).

Things are moving forward rapidly as we approach the two-year mark to the Official Opening of Phase One of the NMSN – 13 October 2025, the Navy's 250th Birthday, aboard the Battleship Iowa, in the Port of Los Angeles. The NMSN Concept Slides, architected by Bran Ferren and his Company Applied Minds, have been showcased in earlier Editions of *"The Destroyerman"*. We are now well into what is called the "Experience Design", which is the next level down from the Concept Design, and is being done by Chick Russell, who similar to Bran, was also formerly part of the Disney Imagineers. The basic architecture includes both "Entry and Exit Experiences" through which all NMSN attendees have to pass, then there will be a number of interactive "Showcase Ex-

hibits” available along the “Backbone” which will be down the Starboard Side of the Battleship’s Second Deck. The key theme for our Surface Warrior Museum is “Freedom of the Seas” and its importance to both our National Security and Prosperity.

35th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration.

Hard to believe, but just around the corner is the stand up in 2024 of the 35th USS Arleigh Burke Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee. We are looking for input on both content and format from all our Association Members, Families and Friends, as well as the volunteers to make it all happen. Please forward inputs to Kenyon.

2023 Annual Meeting

Again, it is time for our Association’s Annual Membership Meeting and the election of Officers for 2024. All 2023 editions of *The Destroyerman* Newsletter have advertised the Annual Membership Meeting providing official notification. We are adjusting the date of this year’s Meeting to the left by one day to Wednesday 25 October to accommodate schedules. The Meeting will be held by Zoom Telcon, 1930-2015 Wednesday 25 October 2023. Telcon joining details are on the back page as well as in the Meeting Maker sent to Association Members for whom we have current contact information. Please mark your calendars and attend if at all possible – it is only 45 minutes and your participation and input is helpful and appreciated! While only Association Members can vote, all Association Friends and Family are most welcome to join, participate and contribute as well.

2023 has been another good year for our Association, highlighted by the spectacular performance of the Admiral’s Destroyer and her Crew on her Third FDNF Patrol! For the most part we met our goals as laid out and approved at our 2022 Annual Meeting. First, we fully supported the publication of another three outstanding issues of our Association Newsletter, ‘*The Destroyerman*’ – this being the third edition for 2023. Very well done to Ron Struewing, our *The Destroyerman* Editor, for his significant effort in making this happen once again! Second, we ultimately met our fundraising objectives for the 2023-2024 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship, and awarded our Seventh Scholarship. Third, our relationship with

the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation and the National Museum of the Surface Navy (NMSN) continues to mature and track in accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The NMSN is on path to open Phase One on the Navy’s 250th Birthday, 13 October 2025, and include an Admiral Arleigh Burke Exhibit. Fourth, Kenyon Hiser has continued to do an outstanding job with our Association Website, in particular tracking the Ship’s accomplishments and other newsworthy/relevant events. Many of his posts receive thousands of hits!! Fifth, during the year the Board approved two important new initiatives: Collection of Oral Histories – described above; and, participation in Service Selection Night at the US Naval Academy.

Similar to the past several years, there are two key objectives for this year’s Annual Meeting: Election of our 2024 Association Officers; and approval of our Association 2024 Goals. Your current Board of Directors continues to seek volunteers for all three positions: President, Treasurer and Secretary. Note: our Secretary Position is vacant. Kenyon, who has helped out with some of the Secretary duties since Mark Fortune stepped down at the end of last year, is not a candidate for Secretary this year.

As I have mentioned before, everyone is welcome to join our Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introduction
- Reports and Updates: President, Acting Secretary/ Webmaster, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor
- 2024 Association Officer Election
- 2024 Association Annual Goals Approval
- 2024 Administered Anchor Scholarship Support – Approval for \$3500
- 2024 Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation Support - Approval for \$500
- 2024 Oral History Support – Approval for \$500
- 2024 Website/IT Support – Approval \$300
- 2024 Support for the 35th USS Arleigh Burke Commissioning Anniversary Planning Committee - \$500
- Other items of Business
- Conclusion, Action Item Review and Adjourn

2024 Proposed Association Goals - for Approval:

- Support publication of three Issues of *The Destroyerman*

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TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK

Why bother? That is the fundamental question about any organization or association. Why join? Why become actively involved?

I've got enough to do in my life, why should I add one more thing to my schedule?

I had one answer jammed in my face the other day in an unfortunate manner: because those of us who have been lucky enough to contribute to the Admiral's ship aren't going to be around forever.



As you have read elsewhere in this newsletter, we lost a shipmate a few months back. In connecting with another shipmate about this, I learned my friend is seriously ill and needs a new liver. Without a transplant he won't last as long as he'd hoped or planned. It was a pretty sobering reminder that we don't last forever and we don't fully control when it will end.

The relationships we've made will eventually fade as the people fade. That is the way things go. But we shouldn't let the relationships fade through inaction or apathy.

What can you do to prevent these relationships from fading prematurely? Well, join the Association and help us provide a means to stay connected. Then become part of the process: plan an event in your local community. We'll provide names and make sure word gets out over our social media platforms. Keep it simple and informal, like a visit to a brew pub, or a minor league baseball game.

Each of us has helped contribute to the legacy of the Navy and Admiral Burke, something that not many people can say. If you are reading this, you have already been part of something special. We shouldn't let the relationships that sustained us through fun times and tough times wither because we can't be bothered to sustain them.

ASSOCIATION STORE IS OPEN

Ball caps (30th anniversary as shown and blue 25th anniversary ball caps: Crew ballcaps: \$20; O5/O6/Flag ballcaps: \$25. This includes shipping costs.

25th anniversary T-shirt for only \$5.



Our membership categories and dues for 2023:

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

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

Payments and donations to the association can be made in two 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

- Support the USS Arleigh Burke Association Web site and initiatives for continued improvement/ impact
- Support Regional Association Member Get Togethers/Mini Reunions
- Support award of the 2024 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship and raise the funds for the 2025-2026 Academic Year Scholarship
- Support USS Arleigh Burke Oral Interviews
- Support the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation, and related NMSN activities
- Establish the USS Arleigh Burke 35th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee – Target Date: July 2024
- Support an MOU between the USS Arleigh Burke Association and the Admiral Arleigh Burke Chapter (AABC) of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

Please forward any additional Annual Membership Meeting Agenda Items or other inputs/thoughts to Kenyon Hiser, copy Rob Jobrack and me. Also, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the USS Arleigh Burke Association Officers if you have any questions regarding the 2023 Annual Association Membership Meeting.

I close by thanking all those who actively support and participate in the USS Arleigh Burke Association. Collectively, as we strive to achieve the goals and live up to the values articulated in our Association Charter, we are making a difference and contributing to an important part of Naval History. Thank YOU.

As we enter the fall and the head toward the 2023 Holiday Season, my best to all for the remainder of 2023. And I wish each of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year! Be safe! Rick

ONLINE MEDIA BY KENYON HISER

Arleigh Burke around the internet

Loss of a Shipmate

<https://wp.me/pdmbEN-1yb>

Arleigh Burke completes Third FDNF-E Patrol

<https://wp.me/PdmbEN-1su#end-of-patrol>

Arleigh Burke Change of Command

<https://wp.me/pdmbEN-1xw>

Shipmate in the News - RADM Anderson assumes duties as NAVSEA

<https://wp.me/pdmbEN-1xX>

74th and 78th Arleigh Burke Class Destroyers Christened

<https://wp.me/pdmbEN-1x1>

Service Life Extended on four additional DDG51s (Arleigh Burke was previously extended to 40 years)

<https://www.navy.mil/Press-Office/Press-Releases/display-pressreleases/Article/3480104>

10 Additional DDG51 Class Ships Ordered

<https://www.navy.mil/Press-Office/News-Stories/Article/3483372>

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USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) HOLDS CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

BY LTJG BENJAMIN CUSIMANO, USS ARLEIGH BURKE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain —

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) held its change of command ceremony at Pier 1 in Naval Station Rota, Spain, August 24, 2023.

Cmdr. Tyrchra A. Bowman relieved Cmdr. Peter C. Flynn as Arleigh Burke's commanding officer, in a ceremony presided over by Capt. Ed Sundberg, Commodore, Destroyer Squadron 60.



CAPT Ed Sundberg, CDR Peter Flynn, CDR Tyrchra Bowman

"This team demonstrated that a ship is only as good as the crew who sails her," said Cmdr. Flynn during the ceremony. "It takes a crew of dedicated and skilled individuals to ensure excellence on the high seas. Just like our namesake, Admiral Arleigh Burke, once said, 'This ship is built to fight,' and time and time again, this crew lived up to that motto. Over my time in command of Arleigh Burke, we have accomplished incredible things, and I am forever grateful."

Cmdr. Flynn, with Cmdr. Bowman as Arleigh Burke's executive officer, led the ship through multiple NATO exercises and operations during two Forward Deployed Naval Forces-Europe (FDNF-E) patrols, and one surge patrol. During exercise ATLANTIC THUNDER 22, Arleigh Burke and the U.K. Royal Navy planned and executed a force maritime strike demonstration, resulting in a

successful SM-6 launch on its first anti-ship target. In Arleigh Burke's subsequent surge underway, she integrated with French Carrier Task Force 473, conducting multiple maneuvering exercises, helicopter operations, underway replenishments, and gunnery exercises in support of the Charles De Gaulle Strike Group's mission, ANTARES Phase I, in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

Arleigh Burke also participated in the U.K.-led JOINT WARRIOR 23-1 and gained more proficiency, interoperability, and experience in the surface, subsurface, and air domain with NATO allies, to include Denmark, France, Norway, Poland, and the U.K. To conclude Cmdr. Flynn's and Cmdr. Bowman's partnership as CO and XO, Arleigh Burke was a featured participant during exercise AFRICAN LION 23, U.S. Africa Command's largest annual combined, joint exercise with over 8,000 participants from 18 nations. Together, Flynn and Bowman executed 47 Sea and Anchor details, with port calls in Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Morocco, Norway, Poland, Scotland, and Sweden. Arleigh Burke also performed 26 strait and canal transits and traveled more than 45,000 nautical miles, navigating the world's most challenging waterways, including the Straits of Dover, Skagerrak, Kattegat, Gibraltar, Sicily, and the Suez Canal.

Flynn, a native of East Aurora, New York, commanded Arleigh Burke during two multi-mission, patrols throughout the U.S. Sixth Fleet and Fifth Fleet area of operations in support of regional and national security interests, operating in the Arctic Circle, North Sea, Baltic Sea, Eastern Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, and Red Sea, reassuring regional allies and partners with the ship's impressive antisubmarine warfare, integrated air and missile defense, surface warfare, and expeditionary warfare capabilities.

As a career surface warfare officer, Cmdr. Flynn completed his division officer tours as Anti-submarine warfare officer aboard USS Port Royal (CG 73) and reactor

electrical division officer aboard USS George Washington (CVN 73). For his department head tours, he served as chief engineer aboard USS Thach (FFG 43) and USS Mobile Bay (CG 53). Prior to assuming command, he served as Arleigh Burke's executive officer.

Bowman, a native of Eutawville, South Carolina, served as executive officer aboard Arleigh Burke since April 2022. He completed his division officer tours as electrical and auxiliaries officer aboard USS Roosevelt (DDG 80) and assistant scheduling officer of Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 2. For his department head tours, he served as chief engineer aboard USS Truxton (DDG 103) and navigator aboard USS Essex (LHD 2).

"I am proud of the accomplishments Arleigh Burke has garnered during my time as executive officer," said Cmdr. Bowman during the ceremony. "Cmdr. Flynn leaves a culture of excellence and operational efficiency from his tenure as the commanding officer. While I have significant shoes to fill, his mentorship and daily leadership examples have prepared me well. I know first-hand what this ship with this crew can do, and I am thrilled to be given this opportunity and honor to serve as the 23rd commanding officer. I look forward to the exceptional things the Arleigh Burke family will accomplish in the near future. Let us continue the legacy and tradition of excellence aboard Arleigh Burke and be ever mindful that 'This Is Our Ship.'"

Cmdr. Bowman will take Arleigh Burke to sea for the

first time as commanding officer during its fourth FDNF-E patrol. He will command the ship and crew in executing operations in the U.S. European Command (EUCOM) and U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) areas of responsibility, including sea lines of communication protection, maritime interdiction operations, direct support to NATO combined and joint operations and exercises, counter-terrorism operations, counter-piracy operations, Africa maritime law enforcement partnership operations, whole of government Africa partnership deployments, and theater security cooperation activities in-port and underway.

Today, there are 78 commissioned Arleigh Burke class guided-missile destroyers in active service. USS Arleigh Burke leads the way, not only as the first in her class, but also as one of the most technologically capable warships despite her age.

For over 80 years, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-U.S. Naval Forces Africa (NAVEUR-NAVAF) has forged strategic relationships with our allies and partners, leveraging a foundation of shared values to preserve security and stability.

Headquartered in Naples, Italy, NAVEUR-NAVAF operates U.S. naval forces in the USEUCOM and USAFRI-COM areas of responsibility. U.S. Sixth Fleet is permanently assigned to NAVEUR-NAVAF and employs maritime forces through the full spectrum of joint and naval operations.



See additional
photos on page 11

COMMANDER TYRCHRA A. BOWMAN

COMMANDING OFFICER USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51)



CDR Bowman is a native of Eutawville, South Carolina and a 2007 graduate of the University of South Carolina with a B.S. in Entrepreneurial Management. He holds an Executive-MBA with a concentration in Financial Man-

agement from Naval Postgraduate School and a Master of Military Studies from Marine Corps University.

At sea he completed his division officer tours as Electrical and Auxiliary Officer aboard USS Roosevelt (DDG 80) and Scheduling Officer in ESG2. For his department head tours, he served as Chief Engineer aboard USS Truxton (DDG 103) and Navigator aboard USS Essex (LHD 2). In these tours, he deployed to Fifth Fleet in support of operations ENDURING FREEDOM and INHERENT RESOLVE and to Sixth Fleet in support of Operations ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR and NOBLE MIDAS as part of Standing NATO Maritime Group TWO (SNMG-2) and BALTOPs. He most recently served onboard USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) as the Executive Officer and took command in August 2023.

Ashore, he served as an instructor for Cruise Missile Command Course and Deputy Executive Assistant to the Director, Navy Surface Warfare (N96) at the Pentagon.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3), and multiple unit, campaign, and service awards.

FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY BY KENYON HISER

Are you looking for a new challenge? Your association is looking for new talent to continue the achievements to date, and to build on them. There are multiple op-

portunities to assist. Mark Fortune served for 10+ years as secretary, and we are looking for his replacement.

LOSS OF A SHIPMATE

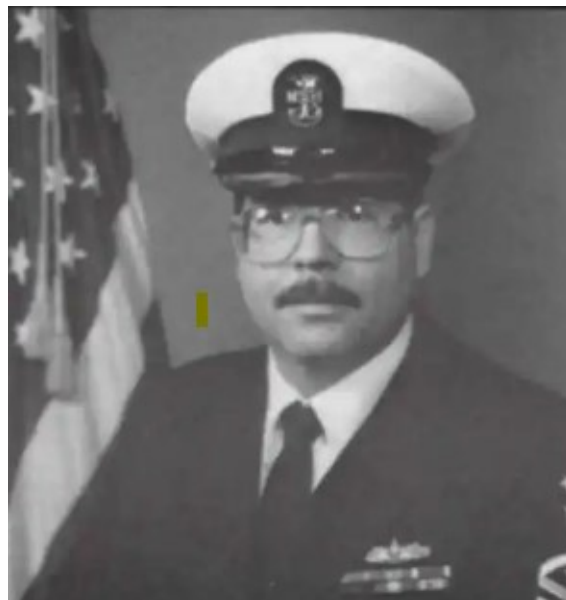
Master Chief Petty Officer Joseph Frank Wojewodzcic Jr.

April 9, 1955 — January 24, 2023

Commissioning CF Division Master Chief and Combat
Systems Maintenance Manager

Obituary

It is with heavy hearts that we announce that our father, Mr. Joseph (Joe, Ski) Frank Wojewodzcic Jr, son of the late Anna and Joseph Wojewodzcic Sr, passed away this month, January of 2023. Dad was born and raised in Mt Clemens, Michigan. In high school he played football and he was a wrestling champ. As soon as Dad graduated from high school in 1973, he enlisted in the United States Navy. Ski was a plankowner on the Aegis class cruiser, USS Arleigh Burke DDG 51. During his time at sea he went to many different countries and always brought back gifts for his family. Dad loved playing racquetball when he was younger and he loved watching football while rooting for the Detroit Lions. Dad retired from the Navy as a Master Chief Petty Officer after 22 years of service. After Dad retired he remained in New Jersey, working for Lockheed Martin and BAE Systems until we all graduated high school. A few years later Dad got to live his dream of retirement in North Michigan. Dad loved to hunt and fish so he retired to his house on Hunter's Lake in Glennie MI, the heart of the Huron National Forest. Dad's 6 grandchildren knew him as Gramps and loved visiting him in Michigan. Dad loved his grandchildren very much. Dad really valued the summer visits we took to spend time with him and the weekly facetime calls to catch up and just say "I love you". His beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of his children: Lauryn Wojewodzcic of Roebling, NJ, Alexandra (William Purcell) Wojewodzcic of Proctor, VT, and Maxwell (Caitlin) Bassett of Red Hook, NY. Gramps will also be remembered by his grandchildren: Regan Neal, David Crespo Jr, Vivian Crespo, Anya Crespo, Karmello Crespo, and Bear Bassett. Joe was predeceased by his sister Carol Pullis and his memory will live on in his sister Antoinette (James) Schweitzer of Oscoda, MI. Uncle Joe's memory will be cherished by his nephew, Charles Pullis of Richmond, MI. Joe's memory will remain in the heart of his ex-wife Susan Bassett of Sandyston, NJ, who is the mother of his



children and who he remained very close with. Our father was such a wonderful man and we will miss him immensely. Dad could be a grouch but in such a loveable way that we will remember that about him with a smile. Dad loved his children, grandchildren and family with everything he had. He would do anything he could to help us. Daddy, you were taken from us so suddenly that there were many things left unsaid. We hope you know how grateful and proud we are to call you our father. We love you and miss you.

2023-2024 USS ARLEIGH BURKE ASSOCIATION ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE UPDATE

BY ANNA MONINGER

Hello Arleigh Burke Association Members,

My name is Anna Moninger, and I am honored to be the recipient of this year's Arleigh Burke Association-sponsored Anchor Scholarship. I want to thank every member of this Association for your contribution towards helping students like me pursue a higher education. It is an honor to receive a scholarship in the name of such an incredible ship.

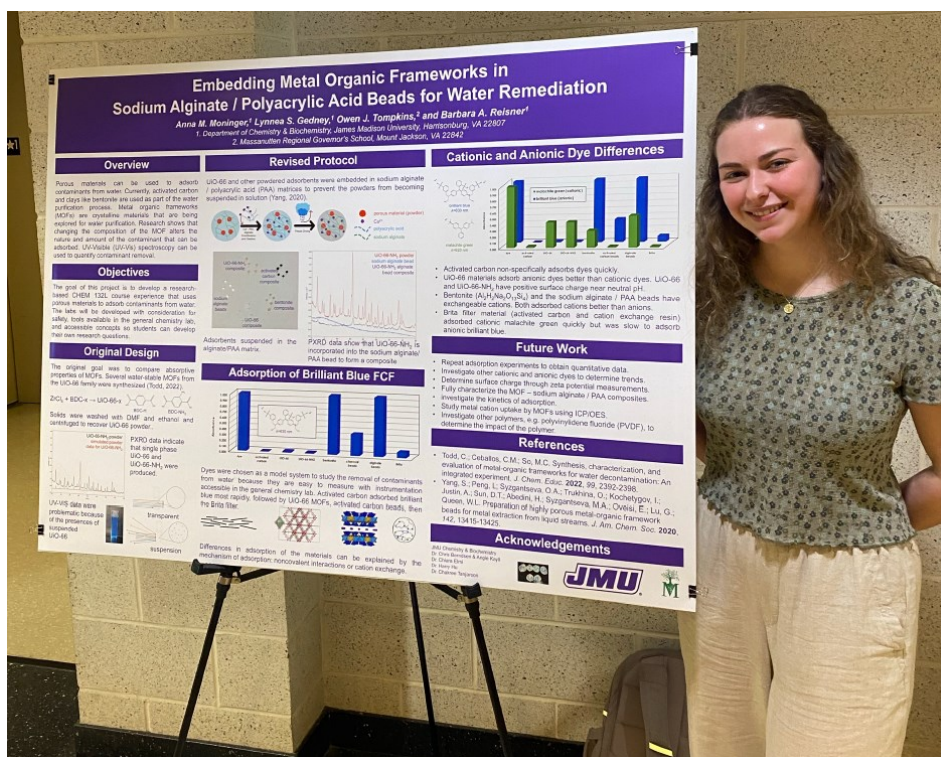
I am a senior at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. I will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and a Minor in Mathematics. The program has been challenging yet rewarding. I have found that the faculty are engaged, accessible, and have had a genuine interest in seeing me succeed. The Chemistry Department has provided many opportunities for me to learn and gain experience outside of my classes. During my junior year, I assisted Dr. Barbara Reisner's research group investigating inorganic materials synthesis and development of hybrid inorganic-organic materials synthesis. This year I will

continue to work part-time as a stockroom assistant for the department and as a lab assistant in the general chemistry lab. Outside of the department, I am a member of Alpha Omega Epsilon, a professional social sorority for women in STEM. I am also a member of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, an organization that conducts outreach to spark interest in the natural sciences.

Over the summer, I spent eight weeks in Florence, Italy with James Madison University's study abroad program. I took several courses including Italian language and culture, art history, and cooking. During my free weekends, I was able to do some sightseeing. I visited Siena, San Gimignano, Rome, Venice, Naples, Pompeii, Turin, Cinque Terre, and Pisa. It was amazing to immerse myself in Italian culture and see so much of Italy. I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to create so many memories in Italy and I hope to go back one day.

Thank you again for your generous support.

Anna Moninger



47th Annual Chemistry and Biochemistry Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium. Presented her research that she worked on during her junior year with Dr. Barbara Reisner on embedding metal organic frameworks in sodium alginate/polyacrylic acid beads for water remediation.



Anna riding on a gondola through Venice & Living in Florence watching the sunset from the Piazzale Michelangelo



USS Arleigh Burke Change of Command



CAPT Brian Mutty, Commanding Officer, Surface Warfare Schools Command (formerly SWOS), accepted the Peter Hsu Arleigh Burke 31st Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Commemorative Drawing on 21 September 2023.

2023 BOD Meeting Dates

OCT 19 Annual Meeting-OCT 25 Nov 16

2024 BOD Meeting Dates

Jan 18 Feb 15 Mar 21 Apr 18 May 16 Jun 20 Jul 18 Aug 15 Sep 19 Oct 17

Annual Association Meeting-Oct 24 Nov 21

All Telcons kick off at 1930 ET:

Zoom link:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88446377823?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.

