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

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

WHY OUR ASSOCIATION MATTERS

On September 11th, our nation observed the 25th anniversary



of the devastating 9/11 attacks that forever altered how our nation viewed terrorism. At the forefront of the fight against terrorism has been the USS Arleigh Burke and the Arleigh Burke Class of guided missile destroyers. While the hardware, firmware, and software make our ship operate as an integrated warfighting platform, the real strength comes from you, that Sailors who manned and fought Admiral Burke's ship.

Today, while the attacks on the Twin Towers in New York City, the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and a quiet field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, mark hallowed ground where we honor and remember those who died, it is now our responsibility to carry on a similar legacy.

Admiral Burke was right when he said, "This ship is built to fight, you better know how." USS Arleigh Burke set the standard for how the Navy defends our national security interests at sea

around the world. Each Sailor who served aboard our ship is part of history and contributed to its lasting legacy. As members of the Association, we honor the Admiral's service to our nation. Each of us choose to be members of the Association because we want to keep the memory of our ship and its numerous accomplishments alive in our own minds and more importantly, the eyes of the American public.

Making the conscious commitment to become a member of our association is more than filling out a form, writing a check to pay your annual dues (life members don't have this problem), and glancing through newsletters like this one. It signifies that you believe in the legacy of what our ship means to the United States Navy and the nation.

Every time we update our biography or curriculum vitae, we proudly list that we served on USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51). We wear lapel pins of our ship's crest, drink from wine or beer glasses etched with that same crest and proudly wear the ship's ballcap to sporting events and other public functions. In doing those small things, we keep our ship's legacy alive in the memories of

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Membership

Meeting: 1930-2015

Wednesday 21 October
2026- the 4th Wednesday
of October

the American public.

It is said that the only time someone really dies is when their name is never spoken again. In the case of ships, the same is true. As members of the Arleigh Burke Association, we spread the word in everything we do that our ship helped mold us into a proud and quiet, confident group of veterans. This past August, we built on that legacy in a unique way.

For the first time ever, the USS Arleigh Burke Association partnered with the Tin Can Sailors Association and several of our shipmates attended their annual conference in Providence, Rhode Island. It was a first but important step. While relatively small in numbers, we shared our history and our service aboard the Admiral's ship and what that time meant to each of us.

We not only swapped a few sea stories, but we also showed Sailors from previous generations how proud we are of the legacy of USS Arleigh Burke and what it means to have served aboard our ship. It also means that more Americans are learning about how the first ship of the Arleigh Burke Class guided missile destroy-

ers set the standard for the most successful shipbuilding program in our nation's history and how service on our ship helped shape each of us into the proud veterans we are today.

So, when someone asks what you do in your spare time, tell them that you proudly belong to the USS Arleigh Burke Association and you're helping keep history alive. Take a minute as we approach the holiday season and reach out to one, or hopefully more, of your shipmates that served with you on USS Arleigh Burke and just check in with them. Treasure this time as you reconnect, catch up on the years gone by, and listen to how they and their families are doing. Use it as an opportunity to tell former shipmates about our Association and why their membership matters. Building our Association will help keep Admiral Burke's legacy of service alive as it also ensures that the legacy of our ship will never be forgotten.

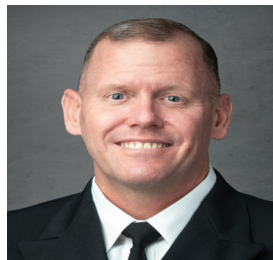
Cheers,

Kirk

FROM THE SECRETARY BY COREY KENISTON

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members and Friends,

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 35th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration in August held in conjunction with the Tin Can Sailors 50th Reunion in Warwick, Rhode Island. A great event by all accounts and the establishment of a strong partnership with the Tin Can Sailors Association [Home - Tin Can Sailors](#). We are today's Tin Can Sailors and the opportunity to interact with those who have served as the workhorses of the fleet in past conflicts is priceless. Sailors from across the Arleigh Burke class have an obligation to continue their legacy and traditions. The USS Arleigh Burke Association, representing the entire class, is leading the effort to



connect today's Sailors with our history.

You can find pictures and a description of the 35th Commissioning Anniversary on our website <https://ddg51.org/>. It remains a treasure trove of information about the Admiral, the Ship, the Ship Class, and news about our Shipmates. I invite you to spend some time in the History Interviews collected from those who made significant contributions to the success of the ship and class. This is how we perpetuate our history and capture the lessons we learned in the most successful class of ships our Navy has ever known. We are always looking for others to interview so that their secrets of success from the Arleigh Burke program might be brought forward into today's challenging shipbuilding environment. Please let me know if you, or someone you respect, should be added to our list of those to interview.

Congratulations to CDR Jamie Jordan who relieved CDR

Ethan Reber as Commanding Officer on 24 Jul 2026. The Admiral's Destroyer remains forward deployed to Rota, Spain and assigned to Forward Deployed Naval Forces-Europe (FDNF-E) homeported in Naval Station Rota, Spain as part of Task Force 65. Under the direction of Naval Forces Europe/Africa, TF 65 ships execute operations from as far north as the Norwegian Sea and south to the Cape of Good Hope. They are involved in missions that include Ballistic Missile Defense, Sea Lines of Communication enforcement, 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 Station deployments, Safety of Life at Sea, and Theater Security Cooperation activities both inport and underway. You should be proud of their performance as they stand the watch on our behalf. We anticipate their return to Norfolk in the next few years and are already thinking about a homecoming party. The ship is built to fight and this crew has proven they know how. We should welcome them home in style!

It's hard to believe fall is here and we are preparing for our Annual Membership meeting on 21 October. This

is a shift in the previously published date from Thursday to Wednesday to accommodate more of the Association Leadership's participation. Our remaining Board of Directors meetings for 2026 are on Oct 14 and Nov 18 (we meet on the third Wednesday of each month). We invite you to join us for each meeting at 1930 (Eastern Time Zone). When we discuss the Association's business, the more participation in the conversation, the stronger the Association will be.

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84945831836?pwd=xRMPeJHoWGEkz17TrmqVjcaDa9CCen.1>

Phone: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 849 4583 1836, Passcode: 552200

I hope you are continuing to enjoy the yearlong celebration of our 250 years as a nation and for all of the accomplishments our service members around the world are accomplishing. You have contributed to their success and should be proud. Happy Birthday Americans and BZ Shipmates!

Sail safe!

Corey



The 35th reunion dinner was held on Aug 23, 2026 .

Attendance was small, but we had a good meal, and many sea stores got (re)told.

More photos can be found on page 7 and 14.

TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK

35th Anniversary Reunion:

I had the privilege of attending the 35th anniversary of the Admiral's ship this past August. We teamed up with the National Association of Destroyer Veterans, also known as The Tin Can Sailors for a five-day reunion and celebration.



Founded in 1976 the threefold mission of the Tin Can Sailors is:

- To educate and broaden the public's understanding of the contribution made by destroyers and those who served aboard them and to promote and to preserve destroyer history.
- To support today's destroyer Navy and encourage understanding of its importance and mission.
- To promote camaraderie among our members through many events, our magazine, library, website, social media and by facilitating reunions of former shipmates.

So why should we care? Because these missions align really well with the USS Arleigh Burke Association: "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."

It was a rare pleasure to mingle, talk and enjoy the company of over 300 older veterans & families, many of whom started serving in the 1950s all the way through the cold war. Some things about destroyers never change: every Sailor knows everyone else in the crew, everyone has more than one job, everyone pulls together or the evolution doesn't go well, telling a good sea story generates a laugh and a reciprocal true tale, and every ship has a distinct personality. Oh yeah: and certain liberty ports are always fun, regardless of the era.

The keynote speaker at the Tin Can Sailors farewell dinner was Admiral James Kilby, the Vice Chief of Na-

val Operations. Among other things, he spoke about the remarkable job the Arleigh Burke class is performing around the world and made sure everyone understood how valuable this ship class is to our Navy and entire nation.

35th Anniversary Reunion and dinner: It's always a pleasure to see old shipmates. There were some whom I hadn't seen since our kids were a lot smaller and we had serious catching up to do. Now we talk about stuff like our current or planned retirement and grandkids, which makes us feel old. In order to not feel so old, some of us celebrated late into the night.

We had some other Association members there:

- Admiral and Mrs. Burke's family: his great-niece Mary Ann Burke and great nephew Martin Weaver. Mary Ann stayed for the entire convention before journeying back to Colorado, so she got to interact with a full complement of Destroyermen, not just those from DDG 51.
- Two active-duty officers who had served aboard DDG 51 in Spain and were now stationed in Rhode Island joined us. I had the privilege of sitting at a table with these two officers, with the Burke family representatives, and CAPT (Ret) Bill Johnson and it was really a joy to hear different perspectives about the Admiral & Mrs. Burke, and the ship as she is operating out of Rota, Spain.

I urge you to take a look at the Association web site to see some photos from our reunion. Note the original artwork done by Peter Hsu, which captures the images of Admiral Burke's legacy in the missions she has performed and in the class that bears his name.

<https://ddg51.org/reunions/35th/>

Many thanks to generous donations from Corey Keniston (Association Secretary and former CO of DDG 51) and Ray Weber (the ORIGINAL Port Engineer for DDG 51) to help sponsor the 35th anniversary reunion.

See Treasurer's Report continues on page 6.

FROM THE PRESIDENT EMERITUS BY RICK EASTON

I want start by thanking Rob Jobrack, Corey Keniston and Kenyon Hiser for putting together and making the USS Arleigh Burke 35th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration, held in conjunction with the Annual Tin Can Sailors Reunion in Warwick, Rhode Island at the end of August this past Summer, happen. It took significant effort on their part. Catered by the Warwick Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, the Dinner and associated events came off flawlessly. Truly a fitting tribute to our Ship on her 35th, and one that I am sure would have made Admiral Burke proud.

I also want to thank Peter Hsu for creating another Masterpiece Drawing to commemorate the 35th Commissioning Anniversary Milestone in the Admiral's Destroyer's life. Peter's drawing brilliantly captures the wartime operations USS Arleigh Burke has been involved with for the past three years as a part of Forward Deployed Naval Forces Europe. Three major events are highlighted: The first wartime employment of the SM3 in defense of Israel, the 12 Day War with Iran, and the current ongoing operation Epic Furry with Iran. Please see the picture of Peter's Drawing below. Thanks, Peter, for recording Arleigh Burke's significant accomplishments in a truly unique and impactful way! We owe you a big debt of gratitude!

Thanks also to those Arleigh Burke Sailors who attended the USS Arleigh Burke 35th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration. It was great to see old Shipmates and yet again relive some of our best Sea Stories!! None of this happens without the support and involvement of Arleigh Burke Sailors! Thanks to those who participated in the 35th for taking the time and making the effort to get together.

It is an exciting time for the National Museum of the Surface Navy (NMSN) with the official opening this past Memorial Day Weekend 2026! It is all about Sailors and what Sailors do on ships! The Museum is conveying a very important message to US Citizens educating them on what our Surface Navy does every day and how that preserves "Freedom of the Seas" and ultimately our way of life. In addition, site preparation is almost complete for the new Multi-Use Pier Side Facility. Official groundbreaking is anticipated before the

end of the year! This facility will greatly expand the Museum's capacity to host large functions in a nautical context. See the NMSN Slides on page 10.

Notably, USS Arleigh Burke is prominently highlighted in the Great Ships Showcase as one of 15 "Feature Ships" which tell the history of the US Navy from the Revolutionary War to Today. YOU can become part of that by joining the Museum as a Plank Owner/Patron which is free, and if you desire you can have your name permanently included in the Showcase as part of USS Arleigh Burke as a Contributor if you donate \$250 or more. Details:

Becoming a Plank Owner is free and it is easy to sign up:

1. Go to:
- <https://backoffice.surfacenavymuseum.org/supporter-registration>
2. Scroll down and fill out the Patron Sign Up Form.
3. Hit the Register Button
4. Receive your electronic Plank Owner Certificate

You can also sign up through the National Museum of the Surface Navy Home Page either on your computer or mobile phone:

1. Go to www.SurfaceNavyMuseum.org
2. On the Home Page click on the "Join" Button
3. Scroll down and fill out the Patron Sign Up Form.
4. Hit the "Register" Button
5. Receive your electronic Plank Owner Certificate

To Contribute to the Great Ships Showcase, support the USS Arleigh Burke Campaign and have your name permanently included:

1. Go to:
- https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=PW2N3JS6NSMW8&gl=1*1a1e065*_ga*MTUxMDMzMjM1OS4xNjEzMjI0MzQ3*_ga_QKS19NJ71T*_czE3ODk1NzE0ODAKbzE1JGcxJHQxNzg5NTcxND-

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2. Make your donation of \$250 or more to have your name included in Great Ships Showcase

3. Contributions can be made via credit card, PayPal, Venmo, or Check. Note Credit Card is preferred unless contributing from an IRA directly.

You can also sign up through the National Museum of the Surface Navy Home Page either on your computer or mobile phone:

1. Go to SurfaceNavyMuseum.org

2. On the Home Page scroll all the way to the bottom and under "Experiences" click on "Great Ships"

3. Scroll down to the "Feature Ships section."

3. Locate and click on USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG51) to access the donation page.

4. Contributions can be made via credit card, PayPal, Venmo, or Check. Note Credit Card is preferred unless contributing from an IRA directly.

If paying by check or directly from an IRA account, please send your contribution to:

National Museum of the Surface Navy

Attn: Development Department

250 S. Harbor Blvd.

San Pedro, CA 90731

Note: Please write "For USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG51)" in the memo section.

Please reach out to me if you have any problems or questions. Thanks,

Rick.

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TREASURE'S REPORT cont. from page 4

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Our membership categories and dues for 2026:

- 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:

1) Using PayPal via the association website, USSArleighBurkeAssociation.org

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

USS Arleigh Burke Association

32 King Georges Grant

Fredericksburg, VA 22405

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I am working to get the "Where are they now?" section in each issue of *The Destroyerman*. If you would like to submit a short article such others have done in previous issues, to let 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. I can send you some examples if desired. My email address is: NewsLetter@arleighburkeassociation.org

Thank you.

35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



The Peter Hsu 35th drawing was unveiled by Rob Jobrack and Bill Johnson. The recent SM-3 operational employment and support of the 2025 12-Day war and Operation Epic Fury are highlighted. In light of the operational context, the image of Admiral Burke is as a two-star in operational command.



ARLEIGH BURKE CLASS UPDATE

BY CAPTAIN JAY YOUNG, DESTROYER SHIPBUILDING PROGRAM MANAGER

As we move into the first full month of fall, I am proud to share with you the latest achievements of the Arleigh Burke Program. Our mission remains clear and resolute, to deliver the most capable and versatile warships in the world to project power and strength anywhere and anytime. Following a highly productive summer marked by critical trials, ceremonies and a delivery, we carry the momentum with 23 ships on contract and 12 in various stages of construction.

The pipeline for surface dominance remains fast and efficient. This summer, three future FLT III destroyers achieved their initial construction milestone. Bath Iron Works held Start of Fabrication ceremonies for the future USS J. William Middendorf (DDG 138) and future USS

Thomas G Kelley (DDG 140) on 19 May and 21 May, respectively. Both ceremonies honored the living legacies of their namesakes bringing their inspiring stories directly to the deck plate.

On 29 June, our partners at Ingall's Shipbuilding in Mississippi commemorated the Start of Fabrication on 1 July for the future USS John F. Lehman (DDG 137). Named after the 65th Secretary of the Navy who famously championed the "600-ship Navy" initiative, DDG 137 will carry a namesake legacy of absolute naval readiness into the 21st century. Bravo Zulu to the shipbuilders whose skilled hands are turning steel into the world's most capable warships. July and August marked unforgettable moments of celebration as we formally christened two future destroyers, bringing their namesakes' heroic legacies to life. On 11 July, the future USS George M. Neal (DDG 131) was christened at Huntington Ingalls Industries, Ingalls Shipbuilding Division (HII). Aviation Machinist's Mate Third Class Neal earned the Navy Cross during the Korean War, heroically volunteering for a daring helicopter rescue deep in North Korean territory and evading enemy forces for nine days after their aircraft was shot down.

On 1 August, the celebration continued at Bath Iron Works with the christening of the future USS William Charette (DDG 130). Master Chief Hospital Corpsman William R. Charette earned the Medal of Honor during

the Korean War, heroically shielding a marine with his own body, to protect them from a grenade blast. To have his daughters christen this FLT III destroyer was a profound reminder that the soul of our Navy is built on selfless service and trust.

The program's commitment to execute milestones with increased urgency has yielded historic results. On 28 May, we officially accepted delivery of the future USS Patrick Gallagher (DDG 127) from Bath Iron Works (BIW) two months early by revisiting some of our super trial roots.

BIW combined Hull, Mechanical, and Electrical trial with Combat Systems trial into a single accelerated effort that has been coined a "Block Trial". This same format of a single accelerated Block Trial will be utilized for both USS Louis H. Wilson JR (DDG 126) and USS Jeremiah Denton (DDG 129) when they head into trials in February of 2027. As the final FLT IIA hull, DDG 127's delivery represents a massive achievement in transitioning our shipbuilding effort fully towards FLT III.

To demonstrate survivability of our FLT III improvements, USS Ted Stevens (DDG 128) underwent Full Ship Shock Trials off the coast of Florida, executing Shot #1 on 14 July, and Shot #2 on 28 July... the first DDG Full Ship Shock Trial since DDG 81. The successful completion of the shock trial was a total team effort and proved that our destroyers are built to fight, can survive in the harshest environments and will bring our Sailors home safely. On 3 October, DDG 128 continued to make history as the first Arleigh Burke Destroyer to be commissioned in Alaska. This commissioning was a profound honor that brought the legacy of namesake Senator Ted Stevens back to the state he represented for forty years, advocating for our military's strength and readiness along with the welfare of our service members.

From multiple ships starting fabrication to the recent historic commissioning of DDG 128, the last six months have proven the DDG 51 Program remains persistent in delivering the most capable warships the

world has ever seen. The transition to FLT III is no longer a future goal, but an active operational reality heading forward. Every milestone achieved this summer is a direct testament to the urgency and skill of our shipbuilders, sailors and civilian teams who support our great DDG 51 shipbuilding program. As we navigate the busy fall and winter months to come, we remain focused on build-

ing and delivering Arleigh Burke Destroyers to the United States Navy. Thank you for your unwavering support of our mission, and the United States Navy.

*** 136 Days until DDG 126 and DDG 129 Block Trials! ***

A YOUNG OFFICER'S EXPERIENCE ON HER FIRST SHIP

BY LT MARIA MERCADO

One of the most memorable moments in a young officer's career is the day they select their first ship. In my case, I believe the ship chose me. That ship was the USS ARLEIGH BURKE. Fresh out of Officer Candidate School, I was ecstatic to walk onboard the ship, to meet the crew, and learn how to drive a warship. When I reported to the ship in July 2021, the pride of the ship's history and legacy were visible from the murals painted on the walls outside the general workshop to the Halloween pictures of Admiral Burke and his wife, Bobby hanging in forward officer country. Although the crew did face some challenges with COVID, the ship was always ready for tasking, gaining her the reputation of being best on the water-front. This reputation came with reward of being tasked with a variety of tactical exercises such Atlantic Thunder followed by a proof-of-concept logistic mission to reload in Norway. In addition to military implications, I also be-

gan to understand the diplomatic significance of our presence in the European theater. I thoroughly enjoyed the dinner we shared with the Swedish Navy, indulging in sea chantries as we discussed the growing support of their country to join NATO as response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. It is now with hindsight that I see just how closely we as Sailors not only witness world history but play a role in forging that history.

The Arleigh Burke holds a special place in my heart for the unforgettable memories and lessons learned, but also because it is where I became friends with the man that years later would become my fiancé. It has been a blast learning and supporting each other as we both continue in our careers in the Navy.

Very Respectfully,
Maria

TIN CAN SAILORS BY ROSEN GIPE - TIN CAN SAILOR ASSN. PRESIDENT

Tin Can Sailors continues to host the quarterly Coffee Hour at the Headquarters in Somerset, Massachusetts. This program brings together members and friends in the area for presentations and conversations about destroyer history, the active fleet, destroyer museum ships, and current news for veterans. Admission is free. Call 508-677-0515 for information and to register.

Tin Can Sailors is an organization for destroyer sailors, family, friends, and history enthusiasts. "The Tin Can

Sailor," the quarterly magazine, contains historical articles, current news, and sea stories, as well as meeting and reunion listings. To become a member, call 508-677-0515 or visit the website at <https://www.destroyers.org/membership/>. To keep up with Tin Can Sailors, follow us on Facebook [@tincansailorsdestroyers](https://www.facebook.com/tincansailorsdestroyers).

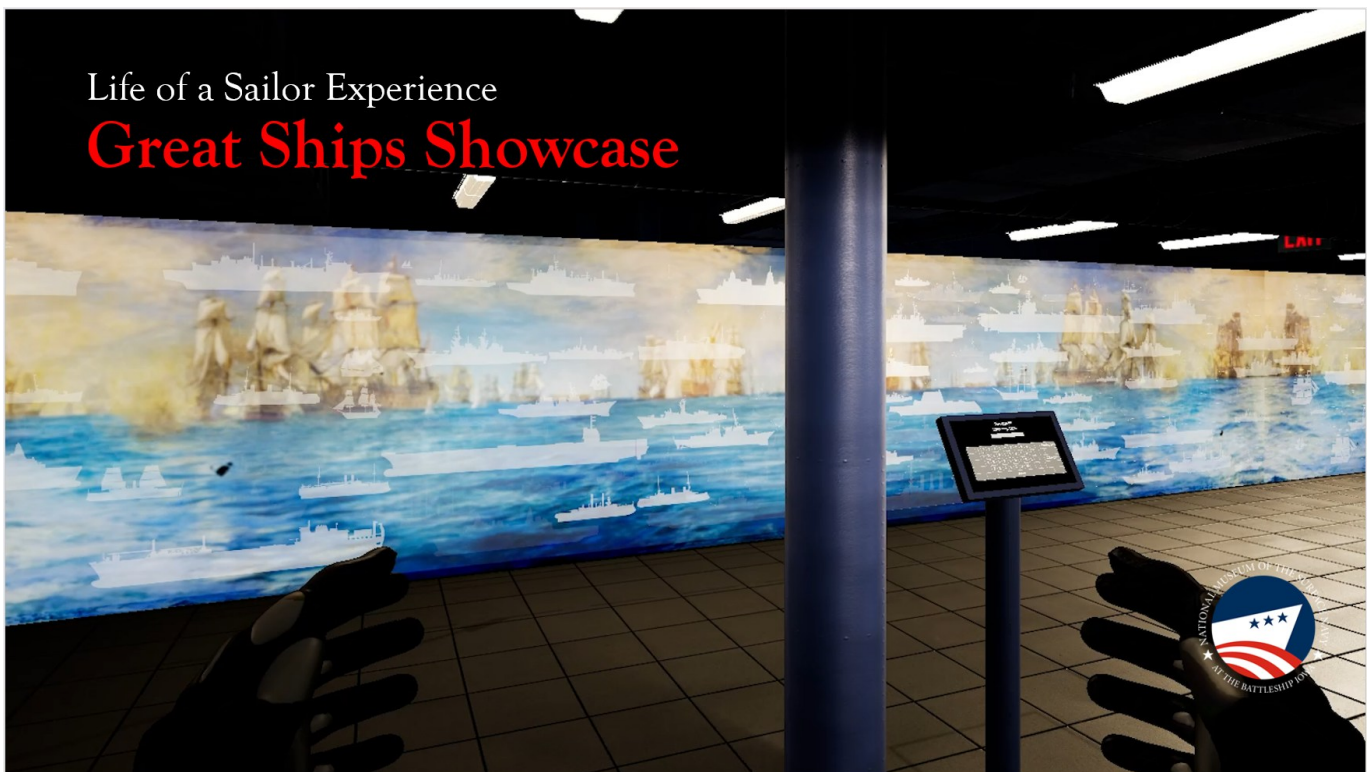
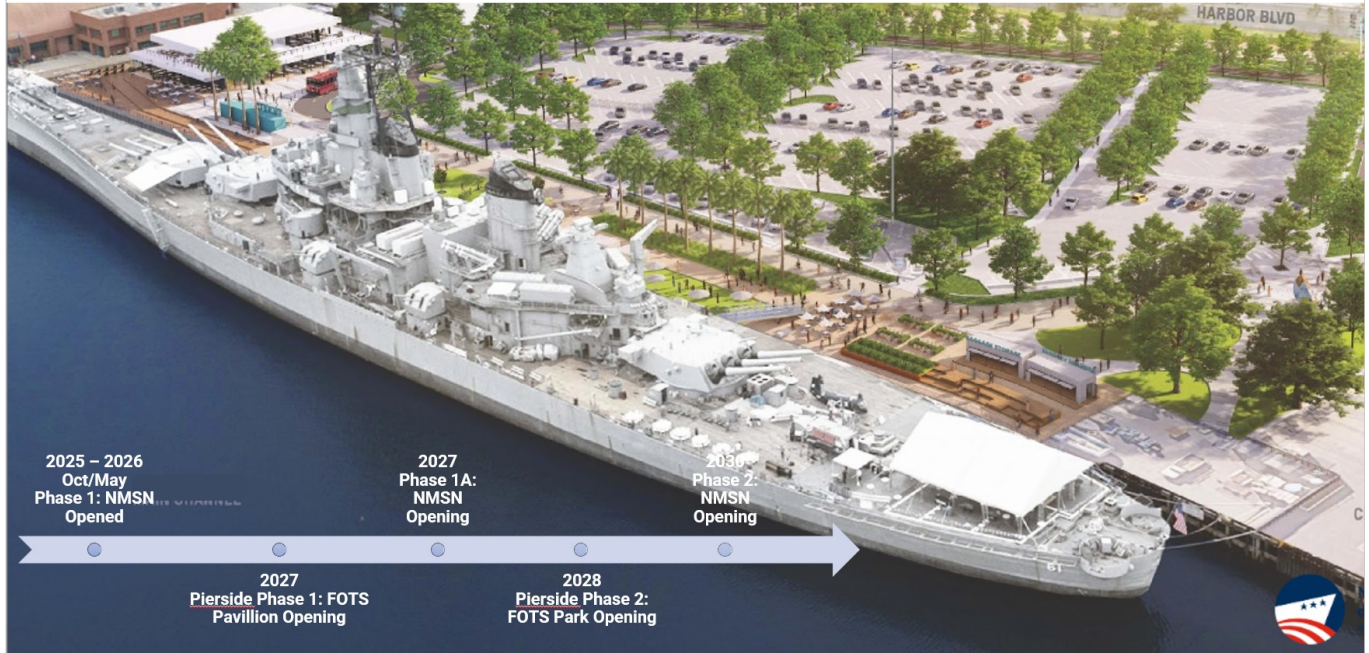
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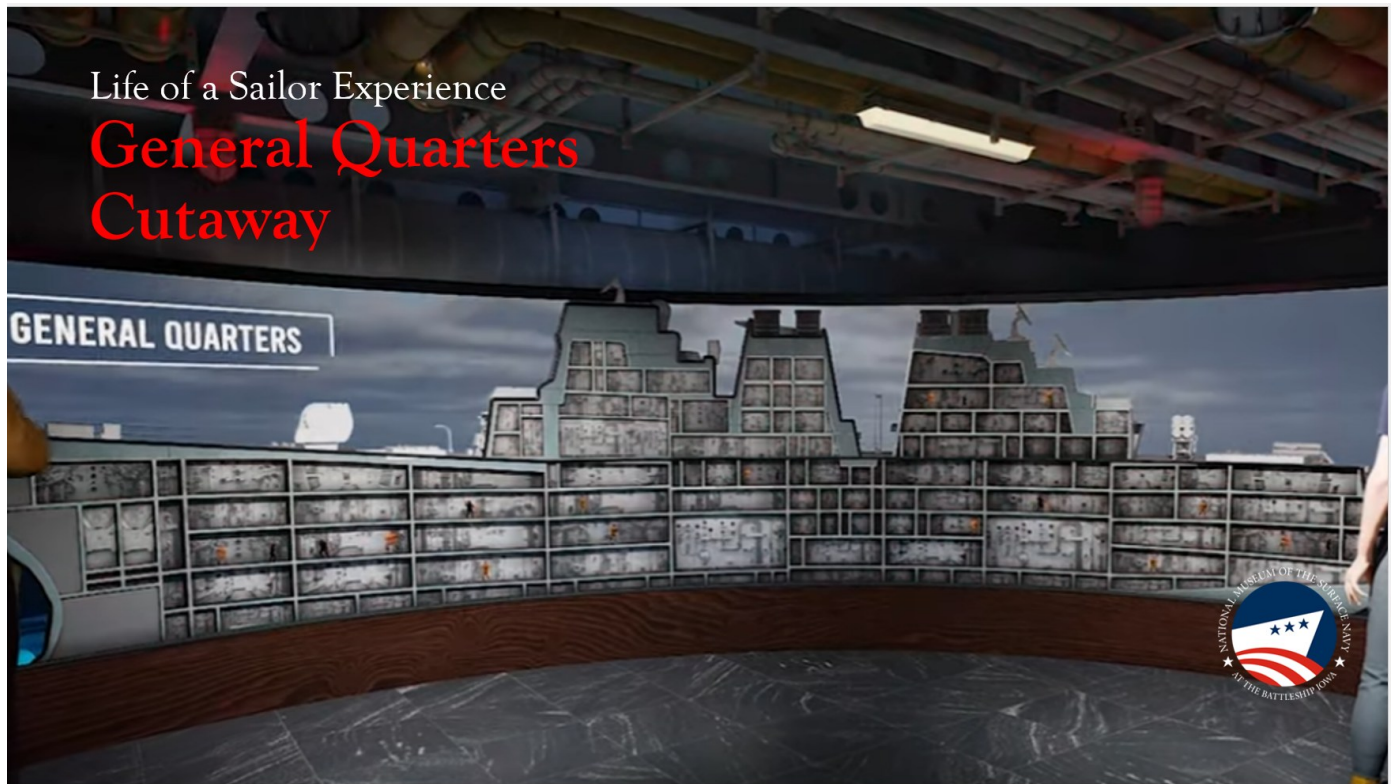


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At the Battleship IOWA

The ASSOCIATION STORE IS OPEN

Ball caps (30+ years as shown and blue 25th anniversary ball caps:

Crew ballcap: Blue 25th anniversary: \$20

Crew ballcap (as shown): Green 30+ anniversary: \$30
BACK IN STOCK

O5/O6/Flag ballcaps: \$30. This includes shipping costs.

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



Rick Easton at the Tin Can Sailors Headquarters Library with the volunteer Docents standing under the Arleigh Burke Wall on 25 August 2026. Left to right are: Jim Carey, Jeffrey Richard, Leonard Lenzen, Rick Easton, Hugh Doyle, Steve Duhancik, Tony Kucikas



From the Desk of Joy Eyrolles...

Dear Arleigh Burke Association Members,

First, let me thank you for the contributions you made to Anchor Scholarship Foundation over the past scholarship year. Your support allowed us to invest in 42 U.S. Surface Navy family members through higher education scholarships.

I encourage you to take a moment to think about the impact of your gift.

For the 2025-2026 school year, Anchor Scholarship Foundation awarded over \$167,000 to children and spouses of Surface Navy sailors (active duty, retired or honorably discharged) so that they could afford to pursue their higher education dreams.

This means that forty-two dependents have one less thing to worry about this Fall. One less challenge to face when weighing their higher education options. It means being able to focus more on their studies and their school communities rather than on finding part-time jobs to make ends meet. Their grades will be better, their school involvement will be higher, and their peace of mind will be intact.

But your gift's impact reaches far beyond the upcoming school year. It is proven that those who obtain scholarships and accrue little to no college debt realize life milestones faster than their peers with student loans. Buying a car, owning a home, marriage, even saving for retirement happens faster for our scholarship recipients because they started their careers with far less in student loans.

Enclosed is our impact statement where you will hear from a few of our scholars about how grateful they are for your support and how these scholarships make a difference to them. Enjoy reading their words and seeing their faces, and know that your annual gift does, indeed, have real meaning to real people.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joy Eyrolles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "E".

P.S Please share this statement with others and tell them that Anchor Scholarships might be a resource for them too!



35th Reunion Dinner Attendees



USS Arleigh Burke arrives in Limassol, Cyprus, July 2026

ARLEIGH BURKE CLASS DESTROYERS

	SHIP NAME	HULL#	H/P			SHIP NAME	HULL#	H/P
1	ARLEIGH BURKE	DDG-51	Rota	FLIGHT I	51	GRIDLEY	DDG-101	Everett
2	BARRY	DDG-52	Everett	FLIGHT II	52	SAMPSON	DDG-102	Everett
3	JOHN PAUL JONES	DDG-53	Everett	FLIGHT IIA	53	TRUXTUN	DDG-103	Norfolk
4	CURTIS WILBUR	DDG-54	San Diego	FLIGHT III	54	STERETT	DDG-104	San Diego
5	STOUT	DDG-55	Norfolk		55	DEWEY	DDG-105	Yokosuka
6	JOHN S. MCCAIN	DDG-56	Everett		56	STOCKDALE	DDG-106	San Diego
7	MITSCHER	DDG-57	Norfolk		57	GRAVELY	DDG-107	Norfolk
8	LABOON	DDG-58	Norfolk		58	WAYNE E. MEYER	DDG-108	Pearl Harbor
9	RUSSELL	DDG-59	San Diego		59	JASON DUNHAM	DDG-109	Mayport
10	PAUL HAMILTON	DDG-60	San Diego		60	WILLIAM P. LAWRENCE	DDG-110	Pearl Harbor
11	RAMAGE	DDG-61	Mayport		61	SPRUANCE	DDG-111	San Diego
12	FITZGERALD	DDG-62	San Diego		62	MICHAEL MURPHY	DDG-112	Pearl Harbor
13	STETHEM	DDG-63	San Diego		63	JOHN FINN	DDG-113	Yokosuka
14	CARNEY	DDG-64	Mayport		64	RALPH JOHNSON	DDG-114	Yokosuka
15	BENFOLD	DDG-65	Everett		65	RAFAEL PERALTA	DDG-115	Yokosuka
16	GONZALEZ	DDG-66	Norfolk		66	THOMAS HUDNER	DDG-116	Mayport
17	COLE	DDG-67	Norfolk		67	PAUL IGNATIUS	DDG-117	Rota
18	THE SULLIVANS	DDG-68	Mayport		68	DANIEL INOUE	DDG-118	Pearl Harbor
19	MILIUS	DDG-69	Yokosuka		69	DELBERT D. BLACK	DDG-119	Mayport
20	HOPPER	DDG-70	Pearl Harbor		70	CARL M. LEVIN	DDG-120	Pearl Harbor
21	ROSS	DDG-71	Norfolk		71	FRANK E. PETERON JR.	DDG-121	Pearl Harbor
22	MAHAN	DDG-72	Norfolk		72	JOHN BASILONE	DDG-122	Rota
23	DECATUR	DDG-73	Pearl Harbor		73	LENAH SUTLIFFE HIGBEE	DDG-123	San Diego
24	MCFAUL	DDG-74	Norfolk		74	HARVEY C. BARNUM JR.	DDG-124	Norfolk
25	DONALD COOK	DDG-75	Mayport		75	JACK H. LUCAS	DDG-125	San Diego
26	HIGGINS	DDG-76	Yokosuka		78	TED STEVENS	DDG 128	Norfolk
27	OKANE	DDG-77	San Diego		UNDER CONTRUCTION / CHRISTENED			
28	PORTER	DDG-78	Norfolk		76	LOUIS H. WISON JR.	DDG-126	Bath
29	OSCAR AUSTIN	DDG-79	Rota		77	PATRICK GALLAGHER	DDG 127	Bath
30	ROOSEVELT	DDG-80	Rota		79	JEREMIAH DENTON	DDG 129	Pascagoula
31	WINSTON CHURCHILL	DDG-81	Mayport		80	WILLIAM CHARETTE	DDG 130	Bath
32	LASSEN	DDG-82	Mayport		81	GEORGE M NEAL	DDG 131	Pascagoula
33	HOWARD	DDG-83	Yokosuka		82	QUENTIN WALSH	DDG 132	Bath
34	BULKELEY	DDG-84	Rota		83	SAM NUNN	DDG 133	Pascagoula
35	MCCAMPBELL	DDG-85	Yokosuka		84	JOHN E. KILMER	DDG 134	Bath
36	SHOUP	DDG-86	Yokosuka		85	THAD COCHRAN	DDG 135	Pascagoula
37	MASON	DDG-87	Mayport		86	RICHARD G. LUGAR	DDG 136	Bath
38	PREBLE	DDG-88	Yokosuka		ANNOUNCED / AUTHORIZED / AWARDED			
39	MUSTIN	DDG-89	San Diego		87	JOHN H. LEHMAN	DDG 137	Pascagoula
40	CHAFEE	DDG-90	San Diego		88	J. WILLIAM MIDDENDORF	DDG-138	Bath
41	PINCKNEY	DDG-91	San Diego		89	TELESFORO TRINIDAD	DDG-139	Pascagoula
42	MOMSEN	DDG-92	San Diego		90	THOMAS G. KELLY	DDG-140	Bath
43	CHUNG-HOON	DDG-93	San Diego		91	ERNEST E. EVANS	DDG-141	Authorized
44	NITZE	DDG-94	Norfolk		92	CHARLES J. FRENCH	DDG-142	Authorized
45	JAMES E. WILLIAMS	DDG-95	Norfolk		93	RICHARD J. DANZIG	DDG-143	Authorized
46	BAINBRIDGE	DDG-96	Norfolk		94	MICHAEL G. MULLEN	DDG-144	Authorized
47	HALSEY	DDG-97	San Diego		95	INTREPID	DDG-145	Authorized
48	FORREST SHERMAN	DDG-98	Norfolk		96	ROBERT KERRY	DDG-146	Authorized
49	FARRAGUT	DDG-99	Mayport		97	RAY MABUS	DDG-147	Authorized
50	KIDD	DDG-100	Everett		98	KYLE CARPENTER	DDG-148	Authorized
					99	ROBERT R. INGRAM	DDG-149	Authorized

2026 BOD Meeting Dates

Oct 14, Oct 21 – Annual Association Membership Meeting, Nov 18

2027 BOD Meeting Dates

Jan 13, Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 21, May, 12, Jun 16, Jul 14, Aug 18, Sep 15, Oct 13

Oct 20 – Annual Association Membership Meeting, Nov 17

Teleconference for BOD/ Annual Meetings:

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