

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,

With Spring almost gone and Summer literally upon us, I am excited to report that we are on track for a spectacular USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and former Crew Reunion this Fall over Columbus Day Weekend 8-11 October 2021! It is hard to fully fathom the significance of USS Arleigh Burke reaching her 30th year of Commissioned Service. Today the Arleigh Burke Class comprises some 67 commissioned ships, and more than 20 others under contract or planned. The waterfront is owned by Arleigh Burke Class Destroyers!!! Just drive down the piers at any of the Navy's Surface Homeports from Rota, Spain, to Yokosuka, Japan, and they are dominated by DDG51's – it is both impressive and inspiring when you think about the awesome capability those warships bring to our great Surface Navy! As I look at the Arleigh Burke Class today, I am reminded of Vice Admiral Morgan's words, which I have heard him articulate a number of times over the past 30 years, to paraphrase: 'it is the great Navy / Industry Partnership and Team that produces the most capable warships the world has ever seen.'

USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary and Former Crew Reunion Details

The Planning Committee has been pressing forward wrapping up the final details in our plans for the 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and former Crew Reunion. Pat Joy found and has put under contract a great venue for the Friday Evening Welcome Party – The Blue Room Tap House in their River Room overlooking the Elizabeth River. This setting is in the completely renovated "Waterside District" adjacent to Norfolk's Waterside Park where USS Arleigh Burke was Commissioned almost 30 years ago. What a great setting to kick things off!

Our other plans essentially remain the same as I reported to you in the February 2021 edition of *The Destroyerman*. Following is the Official Weekend Schedule for 8-11 October 2021:

- Friday anticipate an Arleigh Burke Sister Ship Transit from NOB to Norfolk Half Moon Pier
- Friday Evening Kick Off Reception/



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UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 Dues: Ongoing
Please pay directly to the Treasurer, Rob Jobrack, or online

30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration: Fri 8 OCT through Mon 11 OCT 2021

Annual Membership Meeting: 1930-2015
Thursday 22 October 2021
- the 4th Thursday of October

Welcome Party – Blue Room Tap House Waterside

- Saturday Daytime Activities - Picnic Vista Point Club (Indoor or Outdoor based on the weather), Real Golf, Top Golf
- Saturday Evening Official Dinner - Marriott Waterside
- Sunday Morning Memorial Service for Admiral Burke - anticipate onboard Sister Ship
- Sunday Afternoon Activities - Nauticus Vietnam Exhibit (Free), BB Wisconsin Tour (Free), Top Golf
- Sunday Evening Reception – anticipate on Sister Ship
- Monday Morning Informal Departure Breakfast - Marriott Waterside
- Tuesday anticipate Arleigh Burke Sister Ship Transit from Norfolk Half Moon Pier to NOB

If you are planning on attending the 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and former Crew Reunion (which I hope you are!), and you have not already signed up, please fill out the Reservation Form – page 15 in the Newsletter, and return it to our Secretary, Mark Fortune, along with your payment to our Treasurer, Rob Jobrack, per the instructions as soon as possible. Understanding who is attending earlier rather than later really helps us work the total numbers and the costs. **Note: You can cancel with a full refund up to 15 September 2021.** In addition, if it turns out that we cannot hold the event in October due to COVID restrictions at that time, you will get a full refund – more details on our contingency plans below.

If you need lodging, the Marriott is offering a very good deal for our event at \$129/night – link is in the Reservation Form instructions. As I mentioned in the February edition of *The Destroyerman*, if you previously had a Marriott reservation for February 2021, it should have transitioned over to the new dates in October, and you should have gotten a new confirmation email from Marriott with your new dates. If you did not get a confirmation from Marriott with your new dates, be sure to contact them. If you have any issues here, please do not hesitate to give Mark Fortune or me a call and we

will coordinate directly with the Marriott Event Planner assigned to our Reunion to resolve the issue. Again, for those who signed up and paid previously for the February 2021 dates, everything has carried forward to the new October 2021 dates unless you requested a refund.

On Monday May 10th, I called on Rear Admiral Brendan McLane, the new Surface Forces Atlantic Commander, who took the helm this past March 5th. I provided him an Information Brief on our plans for USS Arleigh Burke's 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration. I mentioned to the Admiral that our 30th Motto was "Fast and Feared for 30 Years and ON!", representing both the achievement of USS Arleigh Burke reaching her 30th birthday and the future of the DDG51 Class. I am coordinating with his Staff, all who have been very helpful as we finalize plans for the Ceremony and recognize USS Arleigh Burke's and the Arleigh Burke Class' 30 years of Service to our Nation.

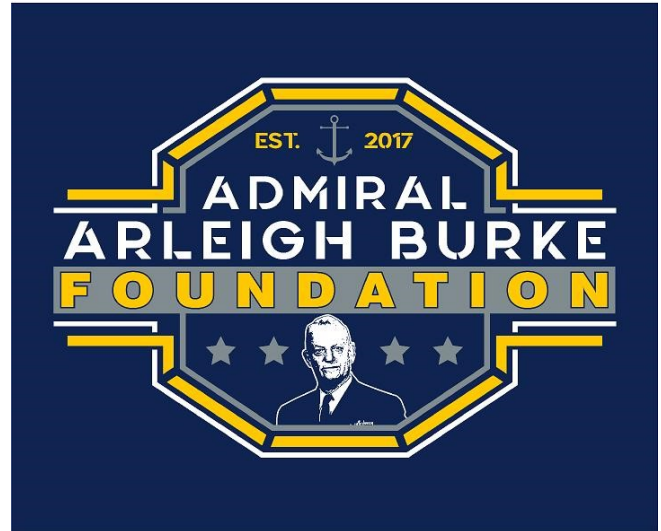
As I suspect everyone is aware, USS Arleigh Burke safely arrived in her new homeport, Rota, Spain, in April, and is now assigned to Sixth Fleet as part of Forward Deployed Naval Forces in the Sixth Fleet Theater. Please see the Ship's Departure Norfolk and Arrival Rota pictures later in the Newsletter on pages 10 to 13. Per my discussion with USS Arleigh Burke's Captain, Commander Pat Chapman, prior to the ship's departure from Norfolk, they are anticipating doing a Cake Cutting Ceremony for the ship's 30th Birthday on July 4th. The plan is to include the Association virtually for that event. All Association Members and Friends are welcome to participate – the more the better!! Details on joining to include the virtual link will be published by our Secretary, Mark Fortune, via email as soon as we have them, as well as immediately ahead of the Fourth.

30th Memorabilia! Rob Jobrack has designed and now received a 30th Ball Cap – in both traditional Blue as well as Khaki colors, and in Crew, CDR/CAPT and Flag variants. In addition, Rob has designed a 30th Challenge Coin similar to the Challenge Coins we had minted for the 20th and 25th. See Rob's section on page 8 for details and how to order your 30th Keepsakes. As I mentioned in the February Newsletter, be ahead of the power curve and order your USS Arleigh Burke Association 30th keepsakes now!

One important final note on the 30th. While I certainly hope it is not the case, if we have to postpone the USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Celebration and former Crew Reunion again, due to COVID restrictions in the State of Virginia or Tidewater Area, or for any other reason, our contingency plan is to hold an event in the summer of 2022 as a 30th/31st Commissioning Anniversary Celebration – 30th based on the significance of that milestone for USS Arleigh Burke and the Arleigh Burke Destroyer Class, and 31st in honor of Admiral Arleigh infamous nickname “31 Knot Burke”. If that turns out to be the case, all those who are signed up and paid will receive an immediate full refund, unless you elect to carry over your payment to the 2022 Celebration/Reunion.

USS Arleigh Burke Association and Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation Logos

Thanks to a significant effort by Chuck Killian, I am very pleased to report that we now for the first time have official USS Arleigh Burke Association and Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation Logos!! Over the past three months or so, Chuck led a small team of Association Members, to include our official Admiral Arleigh Burke Historian, Dr. David Rosenberg, supported by a graphics artist he is associated with in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, to design and work through the review/revision process, gaining Board approval for the two Logos in our 28 April 2021 Board Meeting. Well done to Chuck, his Team, and all those who participated in the review and approval process. BZ!



Anchor Scholarship Update: Congratulations to Emma Rose Wappelhorst, USS Arleigh Burke Association 2021-2022 Anchor Scholarship Awardee. Farewell to Kathleen Ballard Three-time Winner of the USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship!!

I am very proud to announce that Emma Rose Wappelhorst has been selected by the Anchor Scholarship Foundation for the fifth USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship Award for Academic Year 2021-2022. Starting this fall, Emma will be attending Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and plans on majoring in Secondary Education with a focus on Science.

By all accounts, Emma was a Superstar in High School, achieving a 4.18 GPA! She led a mentorship program for 379 freshman and 62 transfer students, and tutored Fourth Graders in Math! Always embracing the highest ethical standards and enthusiastically engaging in activities with the utmost integrity, Emma pro-actively sought opportunities to serve her school and community at large.

Emma's father, CWO3 Benjamin Wappelhorst, formerly an Arleigh Burke Sailor, is currently serving onboard the USS George H. W. Bush. He is a member of the USS Arleigh Burke Association.

"I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone at the Anchor Scholarship Foundation. I

am truly grateful to the USS Arleigh Burke Association. This scholarship is helping me take the next step to achieve my degree in education. I am very excited to begin the next chapter of my life. Thank you again for this amazing opportunity” Emma

We look forward to watching Emma successfully negotiate her Freshman Year at Rider University, and also look forward to her updates on her college experience.

Also, we say farewell to Kathleen Ballard, three-time winner of the USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship, having won the 2017, 2019 and 2020 Awards. Although Kathleen has one more year at Northeastern University in Boston to complete her Pharmacy PhD, she cannot receive another Arleigh Burke Association Award as the Anchor Scholarship Foundation rules only permit awards to undergraduate siblings of Arleigh Burke current or former Sailors. As you will see in Kathleen’s update later in the Newsletter, she has now graduated from the undergraduate part of her program. So, CONGRATULATIONS Kathleen on that very important accomplishment. We are very proud of you, and want to continue to track you to completion of your complete Pharmacy Program! As I have mentioned a number of times, Kathleen is the daughter of one of USS Arleigh Burke’s former Gunner’s Mates!

Due to the COVID19 situation, the Anchor Scholarship Foundation will recognize this year’s Scholarship Recipients in an individual **Virtual Awards Ceremony**, very similar to what they did last year. They plan on holding these events in the first half of June – specific details yet to be published. I plan on participating to represent our Association, and we will certainly invite all of our Association Members, Families and Friends to join in. Mark Fortune will share the Virtual Link with everyone as soon as we have it. Most importantly, thanks to all of our Members, Family and Friends who contributed this past year to the USS Arleigh Burke Anchor Scholarship and have made the 2021-2022 Scholarship a reality!

2021 Association Priorities and Notes

We continue to enthusiastically pursue our four 2021 Association Priorities:

- Support publication of *The Destroyerman*
- Support award of the 2021 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship and raise the funds for the 2022-2023 Scholarship
- Support the USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee, and conduct the celebration on Columbus Day Weekend 2021
- Support the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation and NMSN activities

Regarding the National Museum of the Surface Navy (NMSN), things are starting to move quickly. The Museum is now almost fully open as COVID continues to retreat in the LA area and lockdown restrictions are eased. The number of weekly visitors is climbing steadily – particularly on the weekends. New employees are being hired. Fundraising for The Museum is advancing. Most importantly, the NMSN Opening date has been definitively established – October 13 2025 in conjunction with the US Navy’s 250th Birthday!! In addition, SURFPAC is committing four destroyers and one amphib to support LA Fleet Week over Labor Day weekend at the beginning of September – very exciting! And, plans are coming together for the first NMSN Freedom of the Seas Awards Gala 23 October 2021.

As I mentioned previously, in 2020 we consummated the MOU establishing an official relationship between the Admiral Arleigh Burke Foundation and the NMSN. Dave Rosenberg continues to work on an initial Admiral Arleigh Burke Exhibit for the new Museum, and I am working directly with Rear Admiral Mike Shatynski and Mr. Jonathan Williams on Defense Industry Fundraising. **Note: The NMSN is FREE to join**, and everyone that joins between now and the Official Ribbon Cutting, is a **NMSN PLANKOWNER!!** If you have not joined yet, I encourage you to do so. More information regarding the NMSN can be found on the Museum’s Official Website: [SurfaceNavyMuseum.org](https://www.surface-navy-museum.org). If you have any questions regarding the NMSN please give me a shout!

A few more Important Things:

Congratulations to our two new Association Life Members – Mark Fortune and

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FROM THE SECRETARY BY MARK FORTUNE

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members and Friends,

Greetings!

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 meeting will be held Thursday 17 Jun 2021 via Teleconference: 712-770-5505; Access Code: 619219. We discuss the Association's business at these meetings, and the more participation we have, the stronger the Association will be.

By this time, most of you should be aware that we moved the USS Arleigh Burke 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion to Columbus Day weekend 08-11, Oct 2021. We have enlisted numerous former shipmates and friends of the ship to participate in the Planning Committee meetings in order to put together the best Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion we can. There is still plenty of room to take on more volunteers if you are interested in helping.

A registration form and a sample on how to fill it out for the 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Former Crew Reunion is included in this newsletter. It has been posted on the Association website, and was emailed to your inboxes on 21 Feb 2021. Should you have questions, please feel free to email me at mark.w.fortune@gmail.com.

There is no better time than the present to help me track down former shipmates that have sailed in USS



Arleigh Burke. We would like to have as many former USS Arleigh Burke sailors present for the reunion as possible. This where I need your help. Each of you reading this newsletter probably has contact information on a former shipmate either through personal contact, or through social media. If you could please take 15 minutes between now and the publishing of our next newsletter before the reunion to pass me the contact information you have on former shipmates, I would be extremely grateful. Fifteen minutes is all I ask. In addition, I have a list of plankowners for which I do not have contact information. Additionally, if you know of Arleigh Burke sailors who have passed away, we would like to have a list of those names so we can remember them during the memorial service during reunion weekend. Please send those names to me at my email address above.

Rick Easton and I are also trying to get contact information on each of our former Commanding Officers or Command Master Chiefs. We are currently missing information on CDR Weppler, CMC Lovett, CMC Caldwell, and CMC Johnson. All I need is a good phone number and email address. Please pass any of that information to Rick Easton (eastonadvisors@gmail.com) and me.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other Association Officers if you have questions or comments.

Best regards,

Mark

Ron Struewing! Your above and beyond support for our Association as Life Members contributes directly to our Association's financial strength and long-term stability and viability. Welcome to the Life Member rolls!

Our Association Officers and several Members are planning a visit to Admiral and Mrs. Arleigh A Burke's Grave on the Naval Academy grounds in Annapolis in the second half of September. We will follow the graveside visit with lunch in Annapolis. If you are potentially interested in joining, please let me know.

Again, our sincere thanks to our Corporate Sponsors, BAE Systems Norfolk and NASSCO Norfolk. Your support makes all the difference and it is greatly appreciated!!

I want to specifically thank our Officers and those other individuals who volunteer their time to run our Association. Again, specific thanks to Ron Struewing for his continued effort in putting together our Association Newsletter. And, as I have said before, thanks to all those who provide inputs to *The Destroyerman* - your contribution makes a BIG difference in producing a truly outstanding Newsletter!! And once again, thanks to all of you who contributed in 2020 to the USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Reunion in October. Exciting times! Please reach out to me, Rob or Mark if you have any questions.

Be safe!

Rick

ANCHOR SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE BY KATHLEEN BALLARD

Hi Arleigh Burke Association!

My name is Kathleen Ballard and this past summer I was blessed to be selected as the 2020 Arleigh Burke Association sponsored Anchor Scholarship recipient for the third time. Your organization's support has followed me throughout my college career - thank you all so much.

At last, my time as an undergraduate student has come to a close. I truly could not have pictured arriving at this moment when I began my journey five years ago. Since then, I have completed three paid internships (called "co-ops"), finished my B.S. in Pharmacy Studies, presented research at local and national conferences, joined several student organizations, volunteered in various Boston community projects, and much more. I am now preparing to begin my final year of schooling as a graduate student, where I will complete six pharmacy rotations before receiving my PharmD next May 2022.

Finishing classes via ZoomU has certainly been a challenge, but witnessing the changes in our society and healthcare in response to this pandemic has been quite a learning experience. I recently completed my immunization training and will soon be administering vaccines myself! One of the most exciting parts of pharmacy for me is evaluating where a patient is in their disease management

and identifying opportunities to optimize therapy. This can include bringing them off of unnecessary medications, changing doses to better address any side effects they experience, suggesting new medications to improve management, discussing their patient preferences, etc. Most people assume that I want to work retail at a CVS or similar place as a pharmacist, but in fact there are many clinical paths a pharmacist is qualified for that enable us to aid patients alongside medical doctors.

I entered pharmacy because I was interested in healthcare, but didn't have the stomach for blood (my tolerance is slowly improving). As I prepare to finish pharmacy school and my education, that initial interest has sparked a number of reasons why I am still committed to this program. None of this would have been possible if it weren't for my parents and the gracious support of your organization. It is an absolute blessing to be afforded the opportunity to further my education and work toward my dreams. I cannot thank each of you enough.

Warm wishes,

Kathleen Ballard



Class of 2021 graduating seniors from Kappa Kappa Gamma, Eta Omicron Chapter



Above: My boyfriend Brian and me celebrating his birthday with a weekend getaway to New Hampshire.

Right: My "little" Sophia and me at the senior photoshoot for KKG.



TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK

Thanks to those of you who have submitted your 2021 dues payments.

We have also received generous support from corporate sponsors to help underwrite some of our 30th Reunion events. Thanks to General Dynamics – NASSCO and to BAE.



We're in the process of getting new memorabilia for the 30th anniversary celebration, some of which is already available in the association store (see below).

Our membership categories and dues for 2021 remain unchanged:

- 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 simple ways:

Using PayPal via the association website, USSArleighBurkeAssociation.org

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

USS Arleigh Burke Association
32 King Georges Grant
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

ASSOCIATION STORE IS OPEN

Interested in 30th reunion ballcaps? We have a limited quantity of sample ball caps (in traditional blue and coyote brown this year) with our 30th anniversary markings. These early production hats are \$30.00.

We are continuing to offer reduced pricing of our remaining 25th anniversary T-shirts: **now only \$5**. Crew ball caps (\$20) and coins (\$10), both with 25th anniversary marking, are also available.





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February 3, 2021

Arleigh Burke Association
c/o Rob Jobrack, Treasurer
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Dear Rob,

Thank you to the Arleigh Burke Association for empowering US Surface Navy families to pursue their college education dreams. You join many other committed and motivated organizations who choose to invest in Anchor Scholarship Foundation and the future of those we serve. For that, we thank you.

Every gift is appreciated and your generous donation of \$2,500, received on January 29, 2021, helps provide meaningful scholarship dollars. Your gift has a direct and lasting impact – whether it is providing funds for a military child to attend the college of his or her dreams or helping a spouse complete his or her post-secondary education. Your support of our 2021 Scholarship Program is truly a vital component to the success of Anchor Scholarship Foundation and our scholars.

Thank you for caring, thank you for believing, and thank you for making our scholars' futures a little brighter.

Warm regards,

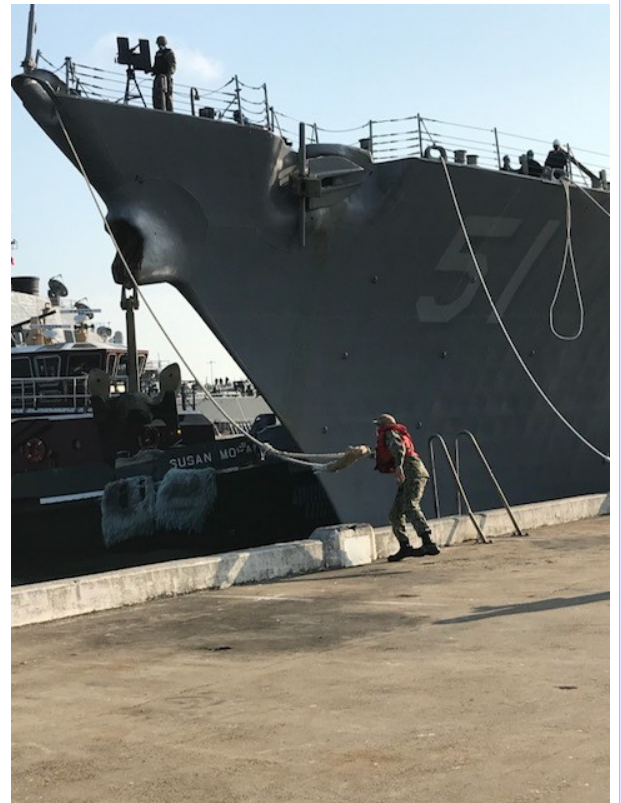

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*To All —
Thanks so much!*

Anchor Scholarship Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization, has not provided any goods or services, in whole or in part, to you in consideration for this voluntary cash contribution. If you wish to claim the tax-deductibility of this gift in the U.S., please retain this acknowledgment letters for your files.

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USS ARLEIGH BURKE DEPARTS FOR ITS NEW HOMEPORT OF ROTA SPAIN ON 26 MARCH





USS ARLEIGH BURKE, NEWEST FDNF SHIP, ARRIVES IN HOMEPORT ROTA SPAIN

BY ENS URIAH WOODYARD-FAIR

The lead ship of the class, USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) guided missile destroyer arrived in Rota, Spain, as the U.S. Navy's latest ship to be part of Forward Deployed Naval Forces-Europe on April 11, 2021.

Prior to arriving in Rota, Arleigh Burke operated with USS Roosevelt (DDG 80), Virginia-class attack submarine USS Vermont (SSN 792), and P-8A maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft to conduct multi-domain anti-submarine warfare operations in the Atlantic.

"To USS Arleigh Burke crew and family, I extend a warm welcome to the Sixth Fleet team," said Vice Adm. Gene Black, commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet, "Arleigh Burke deployed with my strike group, and I am honored to have this mighty warship, with its newly upgraded capabilities, join our destroyer squadron in Spain. In the great words of Adm. Arleigh Burke, 'this ship is built to fight,' and as the first ship in its class, USS Arleigh Burke maintains a remarkable naval legacy."

USS Arleigh Burke, equipped with the Aegis Combat System, arrived in Sixth Fleet with the latest baseline 9 upgrades, which enables effective anti-air, anti-submarine, anti-surface, and strike operations in high-threat environments.

"As one of the most technologically advanced destroyers in the entire United States Navy, we are excited to provide additional capability to Sixth Fleet operations," said Cmdr. Patrick Chapman, commanding officer, USS Arleigh Burke. "However, even stronger than

the technology we have been outfitted with is the strength of our crew. Every day we train to be the most effective crew possible – one that is ready for sustained forward presence in the Sixth Fleet area of operations."

With an Aegis weapon system, USS Arleigh Burke brings the U.S. Navy's top-of-the-line capabilities to the U.S. European Phased Adaptive Approach and NATO's robust integrated air missile defense architecture. USS Arleigh Burke will support these missions, while patrolling the waters surrounding Europe and Africa, ensuring freedom of navigation in critical waterways.

USS Arleigh Burke will replace USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) as part of several homeport shifts to occur in support of U.S. Navy's long-range plan to gradually rotate the four Rota-based destroyers. USS Arleigh Burke will operate under Commander, Task Force 65 and Destroyer Squadron 60, headquartered in Rota, Spain, which oversees the forward-deployed ships in U.S. Sixth Fleet's area of operation in support of regional allies and partners, as well as U.S. national security interests in Europe and Africa.

U.S. Sixth Fleet, headquartered in Naples, Italy, conducts the full spectrum, of joint and naval operations, often in concert with allied, and interagency partners, in order to advance U.S. national interests and security and stability in Europe and Africa.





**USS ARLEIGH BURKE 30th COMMISSIONING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION &
FORMER CREW REUNION WEEKEND, NORFOLK, VA 08-11 OCTOBER 2021
RESERVATION FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS**

This event will be held in Norfolk, VA over Columbus Day Weekend 08-11 October, 2021. This weekend was chosen in order to have max participation at the event. Although the Admiral's ship will not be able to participate, we are working with SURFLANT and Fleet Forces to have another Arleigh Burke-class Destroyer available.

IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING: Please fill out the Registration Form on page 2, scan and return it via e-mail to Mark Fortune at: mark.w.fortune@gmail.com, copy Rob Jobrack at: jobrack@cox.net.

IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, PLEASE PAY BY CHECK: Enclose a copy of this Form with your check mailed to: Rob Jobrack, 32 King Georges Grant, Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

IF YOU PAY BY CREDIT CARD: Please click the following link [USS Arleigh Burke Association](#) and use the donate button. Please add the 3% fee that PayPal charges the Association per transaction. Be sure to email the Registration Form as described above.

NOTE: YOU MAY CANCEL FOR A FULL REFUND THROUGH 15 SEP 2021. In addition, cancellations made between 16 Sep 2021 and 01 Oct 2021 will result in a 70% refund but you will receive the Peter Hsu Commemorative Drawing which will be mailed to you. Cancellation requests made after 01 Oct 2021 will not receive a refund as the Association is required to fully pay for all events at this point.

IF YOU REQUIRE LODGING: There are rooms available at the Norfolk Marriott Waterside - cost is \$129.00 per night/per room/double occupancy. Self-parking is available. Reservation Link: [Marriot Arleigh Burke Reservation Link](#). **ROOMS AT THIS PRICE ARE LIMITED, SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY. STANDARD MARRIOTT CANCELLATION POLICY APPLIES: 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF CHECK-IN TIME DAY OF ARRIVAL.**

DEPENDENT'S CRUISES are being planned, but the final details are not available yet at the time of this publishing. A follow-on email will discuss the parameters of the dependent's cruise planning.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP If you are not a member of the USS Arleigh Burke Association, we encourage you to join. If you want to join, please check the box on the Registration Form, bottom of the next page, we will sign you up, and you will be billed \$20.00 annually for the dues.

ARLEIGH BURKE 30TH COMMISSIONING ANNIVERSARY RESERVATION FORM

There are two (2) options for your 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration: 1) The "Package Deal" plus selected A la Carte; 2) Solely A la Carte. The Package Deal is \$110.00 per person until 01 Jun 2021, after which the price increases to \$130.00 per person. We encourage you to register early as it saves you money, aids our planning, and the cancellation policy provides for a full refund through 15 Sep 2021. Please specify the option you wish to take by assigning the corresponding numbers and fill out the payment form per the example below:

Date Submitted:	
Name:	1.
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

How many people are in your party? (Please include first and last names below)
2.
3.
4.
5.

Weekend Package Deal	Payment by Check	Payment by Credit Card	Number from Above			Total
Option 1: Weekend Package: Includes Welcome Reception – No Host Bar (Friday), Official Dinner (Saturday) including Peter Hsu drawing and commemorative wine glass, Ship Reception (Sunday), Marriott Waterside Hospitality Suite and extended access and hours at the Marriott Bar (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)	\$110.00 through 01 Sep, \$130.00 thereafter	\$113.30 through 01 Sep, \$133.90 thereafter				
A la Carte						
A la Carte	Payment by Check	Payment by Credit Card	Number from Above	11-17	10 and under	Total
Welcome Reception – No Host Bar - Friday	\$20.00	\$20.60				
Indoor picnic to be held at the Vista Point Club and Conference Center - Saturday	\$20.00	\$20.60		\$10.00 or \$10.30	Free	
Top Golf - Saturday	\$45.00	\$46.35				
Official Dinner (Saturday) including Peter Hsu drawing - Saturday	\$100.00	\$103.00				
Memorial Service - Sunday	Free	Free				
Vietnam Memorial Nauticus Battleship Wisconsin - Sunday	Free	Free				
Top Golf - Sunday	\$45.00	\$46.35				
Ship Reception - Sunday	\$20.00	\$20.60				
Farewell Breakfast - Monday	\$23.00	\$23.69				
**NOTE: A LA CARTE ITEMS IN BLUE ARE INCLUDED IN WEEKEND PACKAGE				Grand Total		

Please check this box to join the USS Arleigh Burke Association!

SAMPLE

ARLEIGH BURKE 30TH COMMISSIONING ANNIVERSARY RESERVATION FORM

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Date Submitted:	01 June 2020
Name:	1. David Jones
Address:	31 Knot Pkwy, Boulder, CO 80301
Phone:	313-131-3131
Email:	fastandfeared@gmail.com

How many people are in your party? 3 (Please include first and last names below)
2. Linda Jones
3. Stephen Jones
4.
5.

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Option 1: Weekend Package: Includes Welcome Reception – No Host Bar (Friday), Official Dinner (Saturday) including Peter Hsu drawing and commemorative wine glass, Ship Reception (Sunday), Marriott Waterside Hospitality Suite and extended access and hours at the Marriott Bar (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)	\$110.00 through 01 Sep, \$130.00 thereafter	\$113.30 through 01 Sep, \$133.90 thereafter	1			113.30
A la Carte						
	Payment by Check	Payment by Credit Card	Number from Above	11-17	10 and under	Total
Welcome Reception – No Host Bar - Friday	\$20.00	\$20.60				
Indoor picnic to be held at the Vista Point Club and Conference Center - Saturday	\$20.00	\$20.60	1,2,3	\$10.00 or \$10.30	Free	41.20
Top Golf - Saturday	\$45.00	\$46.35				
Official Dinner (Saturday) including Peter Hsu drawing - Saturday	\$100.00	\$103.00	2			103.00
Memorial Service - Sunday	Free	Free	1,2,3			Free
Vietnam Memorial Nauticus Battleship Wisconsin - Sunday	Free	Free	2,3			Free
Top Golf - Sunday	\$45.00	\$46.35	1			46.35
Ship Reception - Sunday	\$20.00	\$20.60	2			20.60
Farewell Breakfast - Monday	\$23.00	\$23.89	1,2,3			71.07
**NOTE: A LA CARTE ITEMS IN BLUE ARE INCLUDED IN WEEKEND PACKAGE				Grand Total		395.52

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SAMPLE

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO FILL OUT THE FORM

Using the sample, David Jones is filling out the form. He submitted the form on June 1st and provide his address, phone number, and email address.

Next, he indicated that there were 3 people in his party. Linda Jones and Stephen Jones. David's number is 1, Linda's is 2, and Stephen's is 3. This will be important as you fill out the next part of the form.

David has elected to take the Weekend Package Deal because he wants to participate in all of the events listed in blue. He places a 1 in the Number from Above box. He wants to charge the cost to his credit card, so the fee would be \$113.30.

Neither Linda nor Stephen want to participate in the Welcome Reception, so David leaves this line blank. David is participating because it is part of the Weekend package.

All three want to participate in the Indoor picnic, so David places a 1,2,3 in the Number from Above box. He wants to charge the cost to his credit card, so the fee is \$41.20 for him and Linda, and because Stephen is under 10 he is free.

No one is participating in Top Golf because they will be at the picnic.

Linda is participating in the official dinner, so David places a 2 in the Number from Above box. David receives the dinner because it part of the Weekend Package Deal. He wants to charge the cost to his credit card, so the fee is \$103.00 for Linda.

All three want to participate in the Memorial Service, so David places a 1,2,3 in the Number from Above box. The Memorial Service is free.

Linda and Stephen want to participate in the Vietnam Memorial Nauticus Battleship Wisconsin, so David places a 2,3 in the Number from Above box. The Vietnam Memorial Nauticus Battleship Wisconsin is free.

David wants to participate in Top Golf, so he places a 1 in the Number from Above box. He wants to charge the cost to his credit card, so the fee would be \$48.35.

Linda is participating in the Ship Reception, so David places a 2 in the Number from Above box. David receives the Ship Reception because it part of the Weekend Package Deal. He wants to charge the cost to his credit card, so the fee is \$20.60 for Linda.

All three want to participate in the Farewell Breakfast, so David places a 1,2,3 in the Number from Above box. He wants to charge the cost to his credit card, so the fee is \$71.07.

The grand total to submit through the USS Arleigh Burke Association website because David is paying by credit card is \$395.52.

ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE: SPACE VISIONARY

BY DAVID ALAN ROSENBERG, PH.D., CAPT, USN (RET.)

Admiral Arleigh A. Burke is primarily known for his World War II exploits in command of destroyer divisions and squadrons in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific and his role as chief of staff to Vice Admiral Marc Mitscher, the commander of the fast carrier task forces in the Marianas, Leyte, Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns. But the majority of his contribution to the modern United States Navy came during his unprecedented and unmatched three two-year terms, from 17 August 1955 to 1 August 1961 as the 15th Chief of Naval Operations. These have been hidden for decades behind a thick and stubborn wall of Cold War security classification. One area that until recently was still classified were his actions in support of the Navy in space intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR).

The “Space Age” began in October 1957 with the surprise launch by the Soviet Union of the world’s first artificial satellite, Sputnik. The U.S. worked hard to catch up and the Navy under CNO Burke’s leadership developed a wide array of unclassified programs like a space surveillance radar fence to track objects in orbit, a communications moon relay for bouncing signals off the moon, and communications, navigation and meteorology satellites that would become critical to supporting naval operations, and making the best use of what President John F. Kennedy would call “this new ocean.”

In April 1959, Admiral Burke proposed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff that military operations involving space be moved from the recently created Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA—late D[for Defense]ARPA) to a military command: “The very indivisibility of space and the probable magnitude of prospective astronautical operations are general factors which are of increasing significance. Specifically, however, the implications of space vehicle launching, tracking and recovery operations on land, at sea and in the air, emphasize the need for the coordination of facilities and functions applicable to satellite operations, including those of the three national missile ranges. Accordingly, I propose the establishment of a single military Agency for the coordination of all facilities and functions in the field of military space operations.” He proposed the new agency be “under the direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.” This was, in effect, the first pro-

posal for a joint space command and in many ways was the first effort to establish what has now come into being in 2019-2020, a United States Space Force. His proposal failed because of intense opposition from the other services, especially the Air Force, but the initiative showed how Burke was thinking about solving both current inter-service competition and master future technological challenges in one act of command reorganization.

The Soviet Union was a “denied area” where military technology was being developed with little or no means to monitor new developments. Worse yet, the U.S. government worried about the USSR launching “nuclear Pearl Harbor” surprise attack. To pierce the Soviet veil of secrecy, United States was the first nation to launch a reconnaissance satellite. It is often assumed that that satellite was the Central Intelligence Agency’s Corona imagery satellite that took pictures of Soviet bases and delivered the pictures to earth by film buckets caught by Air Force planes equipped with specially designed equipment to snare their parachutes in mid-air. The fact is, however, that the first U.S. recon satellite, designed to intercept Soviet radar signals, was a 20-inch-diameter metal ball packed with electronic equipment developed by the U.S. Navy with the full knowledge and support of the Chief of Naval Operations. The Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) developed this electronic intelligence (ELINT) satellite in early 1958 under the code name Tattletale. Tattletale is better known as Grab, for Galactic Radiation and Background Satellite (Tattletale’s cover mission).

The Grab concept originated in 1958 with an NRL research engineer, Reid D. Mayo, who investigated the problem of intercepting and analyzing radar signals from Soviet air defenses. While stranded in a Pennsylvania restaurant during a March blizzard, he pondered the application to space reconnaissance of crystal video technologies he had developed for submarines. Specifically, he wondered if the submarine periscope ELINT system NRL designed could be modified so that a solid-state version of this intercept system could be mounted in a 20-inch solar-powered Vanguard satellite. He

penciled range calculations on a paper placemat and determined that such a system could in fact intercept Soviet radar signals up to an altitude of 600 miles. When Mayo returned to Washington, he presented his idea for ELINT collection to Howard Lorenzen, chief of NRL's countermeasures branch and in the front rank of the nation's electronic warfare program. Lorenzen agreed it could work and NRL continued research and development with regular reports on project to CNO's office.

On 24 August 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower approved the start of the Tattletale program. Two days later, in very general terms, without mention or allusion to any specific satellite or function from space, CNO Burke personally conveyed to his Deputy CNOs for Fleet Readiness and Operations, Plans and Policy, Personnel and Air his thoughts on the coming relevance of space for the fleet. He copied Admiral Jerauld Wright, commander of the Atlantic Fleet and NATO Supreme Allied Commander, Admiral Harry "Don'Felt, the commander of the Pacific Command, and Admiral Herbert Hopwood, the commander of the Pacific Fleet.

Noting that "The use of satellites for Naval purposes is going to come about in a few years; also the necessity for close coordination of things pertaining to Space with other Naval functions will become increasingly important," Burke concluded that "I think it is time for each of the Fleet Commanders and possibly CINCLANT and CINCPAC to have a Space Section in their Staffs whose main function would be to ensure that the commands are fully cognizant of all Space activities and their influence upon war planning, readiness, et cetera.... There should be a system set up so these officers are kept fully cognizant of the rapidly changing Space Picture."

On 22 June 1960, Grab I was launched into orbit. The NRL attempted four additional Grab missions in 1961 and 1962 but only one, Grab 2, launched in June 1961 was successful. In 1962, the newly formed National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) assimilated NRL's ELINT satellite activities and continued NRL's satellite ELINT collection by developing Poppy, Grab's successor. At the conclusion of Grab 2's useful lifespan in August 1962, Poppy 1 was launched on 13 December 1962. Six additional successful Poppy missions launched between June 1963 and December 1971 followed.

The National Reconnaissance Office concluded in 2005, on the occasion of the declassification of the Poppy satellite program that: "Grab and Poppy dramatically increased the capability of U.S. intelligence to acquire ELINT data deep within the Soviet Union." Data collected provided cues to the location and capabilities of radar sites within the Soviet Union that assisted in the creation of nuclear war plans. Fulfilling Burke's prediction that the use of satellites for Naval purposes would come about in a few years, Poppy provided critical ocean surveillance information to Navy operational commanders that presented a more complete picture of the Soviet military threat and eventually allowed the Navy the track deployment of Soviet warships using only such ELINT data. NRO concluded "We can credit these systems with helping the U.S. win the Cold War. At the same time they extended their impact into the future as they laid the foundation for future national reconnaissance capabilities. The NRO's 21st century SIGINT reconnaissance capabilities grew out of Grab and Poppy innovations in the 1960s and 1970s."

It took the Navy some decades to implement Burke's proposal that "a Space Section" be established on Fleet "Staffs whose main function would be to ensure that the commands are fully cognizant of all Space activities" but his memo was the first to argue for space specialization among uniformed Navy personnel. By the 1980s, however, carrier battle group staffs had a trained Space and Electronic Warfare Coordinator (SEWC) designated who was responsible for tracking adversary space ISR and monitoring the CVBG's own electronic emissions. In July 2003, what is now known as the Navy's Space Cadre was finally formed to recruit, educate, qualify, and retain a professional space cadre in order to exploit current systems and influence future system designs. By 2005 there were more than 500 plus specially trained and designated active duty officers and 250 space billets across Navy, joint and Defense Department commands. Arleigh Burke, with the April 1959 memo (next page), is remembered as the "father" of the Space Cadre.

BURKE MEMO USE OF SATELLITES FOR NAVAL PURPOSES 1959

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Subj: Use of satellites for Naval purposes

1. The use of satellites for Naval purposes is going to come about in a few years; also, the necessity for close coordination of things pertaining to Space with other Naval functions will become increasingly important.
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ARLIGH BURKE

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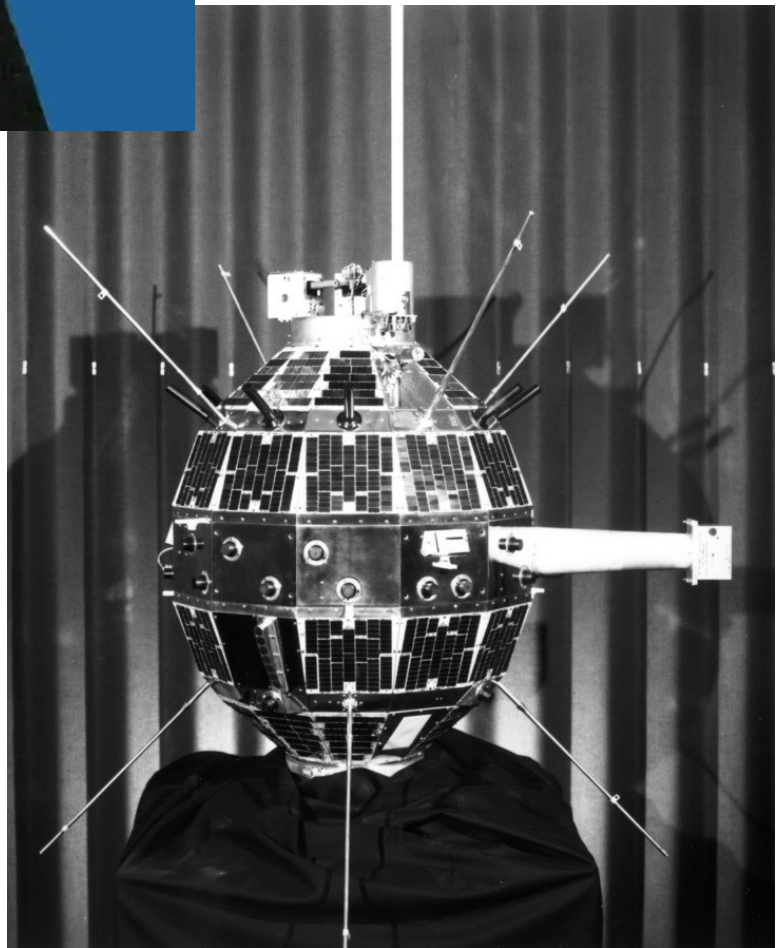
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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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. This is not just for Plankowners. My email address is:

rstruewing@cox.net,

Thank you.

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