

Below are the minutes from last night's 2018 USS Arleigh Burke Association Annual Meeting:

Call to Order: 1933

Attendance: Rick Easton, Chuck Killian, Ron Struewing, Ray Weber, Mark Fortune, John Morgan, Kirk Lippold, Jeff Pitel, Pat Joy, Bill Johnson, Charles Stuppard

Treasurer's Report: Balance is good, Bills are minimal, 25th Commissioning Anniversary and Reunion Memorabilia still available, Arleigh Burke Foundation incorporation paperwork filed with the State of Virginia, 2018/2019 dues reminders emailed out.

Secretary Report: Added approximately 10 new members, All 3 2018 newsletters were mailed out on time, Information on the Website was updated in September.

President's Update: 2018 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship awarded to Zachery Bretz, Thanks to Ron Struewing for producing the USS Arleigh Burke Association Newsletter, Further efforts required to get the Arleigh Burke Foundation up and running, made contact with several Flags and SES with connections to USS Arleigh Burke, Website is currently being blocked by NMCI and work is in progress to get that changed.

2019 USS Arleigh Burke Association Officer Election: Recommendation was made by Ray Weber to keep the current Association Officers, Admiral Morgan second. Vote was unanimous.

2019 Anchor Scholarship: Recommendation was made by Ron Struewing to continue the Association's participation in the Anchor Scholarship program, Ray Weber second. Vote was unanimous.

Arleigh Burke Foundation: Recommendation was made by Mark Fortune to continue the Association's pursuit of establishing the Arleigh Burke Foundation and the Association's donation of \$1000 to support those efforts, Ron Struewing second. Vote was unanimous.

Honorary Association Members: Recommendation was made by Rick Easton to make the DESRON 23 Commodore, the Surface Warfare Officer's School Commanding Officer, and the DDG 51 Program Manager honorary members of the USS Arleigh Burke Association, Rob Jobrack second. Vote was unanimous.

30th USS Arleigh Burke Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Reunion: Rick Easton recommended that a Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Reunion Committee needs to be stood up in late 2019 to support USS Arleigh Burke's 30th Commissioning Anniversary in 2021.

2019 USS Arleigh Burke Association Priorities:

1. Raise the funds for the 2019 USS Arleigh Burke Association Anchor Scholarship.
2. Admiral Morgan, Admiral Carr, and Rick Easton meet with Navy and Industry Leaders to aid in the direction of the establishment Arleigh Burke Foundation as a stand-alone entity or incorporation into an existing entity.
3. Draft and deliver 3 2019 USS Arleigh Burke Association Newsletters.
4. Establish the 30th Commissioning Anniversary Celebration and Reunion Committee by late 2019.

Adjourn: 2021

My sincere appreciation to all that were able to participate in last night's annual meeting.

The next USS Arleigh Burke Association Board of Directors meeting will be held Thursday, 21 February 2019 from 1930-2015.

Have a safe and festive Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

Best to All,

Mark W. Fortune  
Secretary  
USS Arleigh Burke Association