

THE DESTROYERMAN

NEWSLETTER OF THE USS ARLEIGH BURKE ASSOCIATION

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members and Friends,
It is hard for me to believe that almost a year has passed since our first USS Arleigh Burke Association Annual Meeting where our Charter was officially adopted, and two years since our spectacular USS Arleigh Burke Twenty Years of Services Celebration and Reunion – but it has! I am pleased to report that while progress has been slow due to the demanding schedules of your Association Officers, none the less progress has been made in moving the USS Arleigh Burke Association down the road. I believe that the next couple of years are important in setting the stage for our Association's success – measured by our membership, activities and how much fun we have!

Since this time last year, USS Arleigh Burke has been busy completing a

successful deployment and more recently an important yard availability where the ship received the Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) upgrade. Commander Tom Moninger, who took over from Corey Keniston as the ship's Captain last April, has done an outstanding job instilling the importance of our namesake, Admiral Arleigh Burke, in his crew – many of whom were not even born when we commissioned the ship almost twenty two years ago! Captain Moninger is now working the ship up for her next deployment. In addition, the Executive Officer, Camille Flaherty, is part of the new Surface Warfare Officers XO/CO Fleet-Up Program and is his relief. This provides significant continuity. We certainly appreciate the Captain and Crew's support for our Association.



One of the key tenants of the USS Arleigh Burke Association Charter is the requirement to conduct an annual meeting. Similar to last year, we will do the Annual Meeting via Teleconference from 1900-1945 (7:00-7:45pm) Wednesday 26 June. Teleconference: 800-366-7242; Passcode: 5163194. During this meeting we will review the Association's financial status, discuss and adopt a new dues structure, discuss 2013 activities as well as preparations for the 25th Reunion, and any other business that the membership would like to table. Please be sure to read our Treasur-

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Membership Meeting

26 June (TELCON)

2013 Dues

Ongoing

Informal dinner get together in Washington DC area

September (TBD)

We are tentatively planning to have an informal dinner get together in the Washington DC area in September.

er's segment in the Newsletter on the proposed new dues structure. An Outlook Meeting Maker will be forwarded shortly to all members in good standing to the e-mail address that we have on file.

We are tentatively planning to have an informal dinner get together in the Washington DC area in September. If you are interested in joining us, please send me a note. It will be in the latter half of the month.

I need your help:

-Members who did not pay their 2012 dues of \$10 please do so as soon as possible. Please make your check out to: "The USS Arleigh Burke Association"

and forward it to Rob Jobrack at 32 King Georges Grant, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22405

-We still need to track down almost 150 commissioning crewmembers as well as other sailors who have sailed in Arleigh Burke. I am seeking volunteers to help Mark Fortune in that endeavor.

I want to again specifically thank Ron Struewing for leading the "Destroyerman" Newsletter. He has to work very hard to get good inputs. The fact that we did not publish the number of newsletters that we originally set out to do is a reflection on the Association Officers and not Ron's commitment – he has

bugged us relentlessly to get material into him. That said, I would like to solicit input from the membership – anything that relates to the ship or our shipmates – get together, pictures from our days in Arleigh Burke, etc.

In closing, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the USS Arleigh Burke Association Officers if you have input or questions. I look forward to hearing you on the upcoming Annual Association Meeting/Teleconference at the end of June, and to the next opportunity to get together in person!

Best regards,
Rick

TREASURER'S REPORT BY ROB JOBRACK



Our financial status for 2012 was sound. We took in over \$700 from dues. Our operating expenses were focused on maintaining our infrastructure as we begin to plan for mini-reunions in 2013 and 2014 and a major reunion in 2016.

The association, a non-profit organization, relies on dues from membership to fund our operating expenses. We rely on this revenue to maintain our web site, produce this newsletter, and plan reun-

ions.

Proposed Association membership categories and dues for 2013 are:

USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG51) Ship's company: Free

Member: \$20

Sustaining Member : \$125 (10 year sustaining equals Lifetime)

Lifetime Member: \$1000

After approval by the Association Board at the end of June, please forward 2013 dues to Rob Jobrack as fol-

lows:

Make checks out to USS Arleigh Burke Association.

Mail checks to:

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In addition, please forward any unpaid past dues for 2012 to Rob Jobrack at the address above as soon as possible.

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FROM THE SECRETARY BY MARK FORTUNE



WE ARE ALSO SEEKING ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU MAY HAVE ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF FORMER CREWMEMBERS.

USS Arleigh Burke Association Members and Friends, Your Board of Directors have been hard at work since the last newsletter was published. At the first USS Arleigh Burke Association Annual Meeting held on July 2, 2012, the members in good standing unanimously adopted the Association Charter and elected the current officers. This action officially established the USS Arleigh Burke Association.

Since last year's Board Meeting, a small committee has developed a proposed USS Arleigh Burke Association dues structure. This will be voted on at this year's Annual Meeting.

Members - \$20.00
Sustaining Members - \$125.00 (Receive a copy of the 20th Reunion poster as long as supplies last)
Lifetime Members -

\$1000.00 (Receive a copy of the 20th Reunion poster as long as supplies last)
Current Arleigh Burke crew members – Free
In addition, the committee proposes that once you reach \$1250.00 in membership dues, you will be moved to the lifetime membership list. Thus a person who is a sustaining member for 10 years automatically becomes a life member, and an individual who pays yearly membership dues of \$20.00 will become a life member after 62.5 years. There will also be other privileges for those that choose the lifetime membership: details to be promulgated separately.

We are also seeking any information that you may have on the whereabouts of former crewmembers. For

the 20th reunion, we were able to track down approximately 180 of the plankowners. We are seeking the whereabouts of the other plankowners and any other crewmembers that sailed in Arleigh Burke through the years. If you have information on former crewmembers, please have them go to the USS Arleigh Burke Association website at <http://www.arleighburkeassociation.org/registration.php> and ask them to please register. If you have not registered, please go to the website and do so today! Please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the other Association Officers if you have questions or comments.

Best regards,
Mark

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? BY DOMINGO DULAY

Dom was the SKC during pre-commissioning and served on board USS Arleigh Burke from September 29, 1999 to March 12, 1993.

After leaving Arleigh Burke, Dom served aboard (NCTAMSLANT) Naval Computer and Telecom-

munications Area Master Station Atlantic. He retired from the as Navy as SKCS while at NCTAMSLANT on July 31, 1996 after 21 years. Since then he worked for several DOD contractors with several hats such as Warehouseman for Global Associates with the Navy

Inactive Ships, Logistician for Life Cycle Engineering, in support of the Navy's Snapshot and HME and CSRR. Dom was employed by Information Systems Support, Inc. as a Functional Analyst for the Military Sealift Command supply program (SM5) Supply Management. In-

formation Systems, Inc. was acquired by CACI International, Inc. in 2006. Dom was assigned as System Development Specialist and in 2008 as a Logistics Analyst. He is now permanently assigned with our government client at Military Sealift **See WHERE on page 5**

FLEET HOME TOWN NEWS RELEASE JULY 4TH/BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

BY: ENSIGN NICHOLAS W GRADY, PAO, USS ARLEIGH BURKE

LARNACA, Cyprus (July 4, 2012) - Indeed July 4th is a special day for our country, but, for the Sailors aboard USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) it means a little bit more.

On July 4th, 1991, the flagship for the Arleigh Burke class of guided-missile destroyers was commissioned in Norfolk, Virginia. While in port in Larnaca, Cyprus, the Officers and crew of Arleigh Burke took time to reflect on what a successful career their ship has had and, more importantly, how they have contributed to that lasting legacy of excellence. A colors ceremony

was held on the flight deck and the crew was addressed by the Commanding Officer, Commander Thomas P. Moninger.

“Today is a special day for America and for Arleigh Burke,” said Cmdr. Moninger, “Take a minute to

realize how lucky we are to serve on ship of this caliber, and focus on what you can do to continue her legacy. We are Built to Fight Team 51.”

Twenty-one years ago, Arleigh Burke’s commissioning was marked by a speech

given by the Admiral himself in which he famously said, “This ship is built to fight, you had better know how.” Since then, the phrase has become the second motto of the ship, and it reminds the crew of their mission while underway and in port.



July 4, 2012 - Sailors from USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) observe morning colors on American Independence Day. July 4th is also the commissioning date of Arleigh Burke, making the day even more special for her Sailors. (U.S. Navy photo by Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Christopher A. Koenig.)

USS ARLEIGH BURKE RETURN TO HOME PORT NEWS RELEASE

BY: ENSIGN NICHOLAS W GRADY, PAO, USS ARLEIGH BURKE

NORFOLK, Va. (Jul. 31, 2012)- Six months ago, the guided missile destroyer USS Arleigh Burke (DDG-51) deployed bound for counter piracy operations off of the Horn of Africa. Despite the challenges of a completely changed mission, the Admiral’s Destroyer and her crew of 278 today returned

from a successful deployment.

Arleigh Burke’s successes on deployment began almost immediately, as she performed an Underway Replenishment with USNS Lewis and Clark (T-AKE-1) just hours after bidding farewell to family and friends. Upon reaching the

Mediterranean Sea, Arleigh Burke made her first Port of Call in Palma de Mallorca, where she aptly performed her duties as an ambassador of the United States while embarking foreign dignitaries.

Just as Arleigh Burke began to settle into her battle rhythm, she was handed a

unique challenge: to completely change her mission set and become part of Commander, Destroyer Squadron 60 and Commander, Task Force 65 as the air defense ship for USS Vella Gulf (CG 72), USS The Sullivans (DDG 68), and, later, USS Cole (DDG 67).

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Command at Naval Station, Norfolk, VA.

Dom resides in Chesapeake, VA with his wife of 31 years and has two beautiful daughters, Christina and Michelle and two grandchildren. You may contact me at any time; domin-go.dulay2.ctr@navy.mil.

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The new mission worked for Arleigh Burke, and she performed her duties admirably over the next four months. During this time, Arleigh Burke made three quality of life port calls in Haifa, Israel; Limassol, Cyprus; and Larnaca, Cyprus. In Cyprus, the crew celebrated Memorial Day with a reception on the

28th of May, and in Israel, through the hard work of her Morale, Welfare, and Recreation department, she was able to send her sailors on superb tours throughout the Old City of Jerusalem and the Dead Sea.

Throughout her victorious deployment, Arleigh Burke executed her mission with determination and success. In parallel, 52

sailors earned their Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist qualification, five Chief Petty Officers were promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer, 22 sailors re-enlisted for a combined total of 95 years, 8 officers completed their professional qualifications, and numerous sailors received awards for their exemplary duties at sea.

USS ARLEIGH BURKE OFFICIAL WEBSITE

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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.

