

## THE NEW USS BAINBRIDGE

The Navy's newest destroyer, DDG 96, is the new USS Bainbridge. The state-of-the-art ship is being built at Bath Iron Works, in Maine. It will be a Flight IIA variant of the Arleigh Burke class guided-missile destroyer and incorporates a helicopter hanger facility into the original design. The ship can carry two SH-60B/R Helicopters. Guided-missile destroyers operate independently and in conjunction with carrier battle groups, surface action groups, amphibious groups and replenishment groups.



DDG 96 under construction

The ship is approximately 60 percent complete structurally, and is on time. We still expect to see the ship floated (Bath no longer launches their ships) from the dry dock in late October of this year and custody turned over to the Navy in June 2005. Bainbridge will most likely sail from Bath in October 2005 following trials, and have her first maintenance availability and commission in November. The port for commissioning has yet to be determined.



Various views of the new USS Bainbridge (DDG 96) under construction in Bath, Maine.



## COMMANDER OF NEW USS BAINBRIDGE

Commander Dorey is a native of Auburn, Massachusetts. He graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1986 with bachelor of Science degrees in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. His at sea assignments include; Combat Information Center Officer, Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer, and Weapons Officer in USS Capodanno (FF1093); Operations Officer in USS Comte de Grasse (DD974) and in USS Bunker Hill (CG 52); Flag Secretary and Assistant Chief of Staff for Administration and Personnel to Commander Carrier Group Three/USS Carl Vinson Battle Group; and Executive Officer in USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51).



Ashore, he has served in a variety of billets including: Ship's Anti-Submarine Warfare Readiness/Effectiveness Measuring (SHAREM) Program Officer in the Submarine Warfare Development Group; Executive Assistant to the Director of requirements and Integration (J8), U.S. Joint Forces Command; and Flag Secretary and Deputy Executive Assistant to the Commander, U. S. Joint Forces Command and the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic/Transformation.

Commander Dorey attended the Naval Postgraduate School, in Monterey, California, receiving a Master of Science in Applied Science (Anti-Submarine Warfare curriculum). He is also a graduate of the Air Force Command and Staff College Joint Professional Military Education program and the Joint Forces Staff College.

His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Joint Commendation Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (eight awards), as well as numerous unit and campaign awards.

Commander Dorey is married to the former Brenda Lee Allred of Virginia Beach, Virginia. They have a son, Michael and a cocker spaniel, Nelson.

## DECK PLATE PLAQUES

A section of deck plate from the after missile control space was obtained from the shipyard prior to the scrapping of the Bainbridge. This deck plate was cut into 2 inch by 3 inch plates which were surface milled for a polished finish. Each plaque consists of a polished piece of deck plate mounted on a black walnut plaque. A blue and white label mounted to the plaque reads:

USS BAINBRIDGE  
DLGN/CGN 25  
DECK PLATE

Deck plate plaques are available to all dues paying members of the association. Checks should be made out to REH Hardwood Designs in the amount of \$31.00 (which includes shipping). Non dues paying members may obtain the deck plate plaque by joining the association (\$15.00 annual dues) and purchasing the plaque at the same time. Checks for membership dues should be made out to the USS Bainbridge Association in the amount of \$15.00. Both checks should be mailed to:

Richard E Holloway  
Treasurer, USS Bainbridge Association  
9307 Teakwood Lane  
Garden Ridge, Texas 78266

## REUNION PHOTOS AVAILABLE ON CD

The association is in the process of producing a CD that contains many photos of your shipmates, guests, friends and activities taken during the last five reunions. It has one section for each of the reunions in Branson, Missouri (1999), Tallahassee, Florida (2000), Tucson, Arizona (2001), Rapid City, South Dakota (2002), and Washington D.C. (2003). You will receive one in the mail upon paying your dues.

Photos taken at our subsequent reunions will be added to the CD and an updated version will be sent to all current dues paying members. Due to the costs involved in producing and mailing the Photo CDs, the Association has decided to limit our mailing of all future reunion photo CD's only to current dues paying members.

Members desiring to have their digital photos from past reunions included in the reunion photo CD are encouraged to send their photos to Richard Holloway for incorporation into the master reunion photo CD. All photos included in the master CD will be credited by name to the shipmate providing the photos.

Questions concerning the deck plate plaques, or CDs may be directed to Richard Holloway at 210-651-7431 or [rehhardwood@earthlink.net](mailto:rehhardwood@earthlink.net).

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### PLEASE JOIN US

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If you are not a member, or know a shipmate who isn't, we would love to have you and/or them join us.  
Your dues help support the organization.

Annual dues are \$15.00. Checks should be made out to: USS Bainbridge Association and sent to:  
Richard Holloway, Treasurer, USS Bainbridge Association, 9307 Teakwood Lane, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266

I would like to support the USS Bainbridge Association with my membership.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City and state: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_