



CAPTAIN ARLEIGH A. BURKE, U. S. N., was commissioned as Ensign in 1923 and had his first duty aboard the U. S. S. ARIZONA, followed by duty aboard the U. S. S. PROCTON, U. S. S. CRAVEN and U. S. S. MUGFORD. This sea duty was augmented by assignment to the Naval Postgraduate School for gunnery training. He then received his degree as Master of Science in Engineering at the University of Michigan.

During World War II Captain Burke served in command of DesRon 23, better known as the "Little Beaver Squadron." It was then that he received his nickname of "31 Knot" due to his ship's use of this speed when intercepting enemy formations. Subsequently, he became Chief of Staff to Admiral Marc Mitscher and served in that capacity until the Admiral's death. Returning to Washington, he served in the Navy Department until he assumed command of the HUNTINGTON.

His quick smile, cheery talk, and magnetic personality are an inspiration to all who may serve with him.