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**Celebrating
The Master Shipbuilders
of Maine**

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BIW-1980



BIW-2020



A message from Dirk

Today we honor the most recent group of Master Shipbuilders who have achieved 40 years of service at Bath Iron Works. Congratulations to each of you on your achievement and thank you for your time and your talent over the last four decades.

Your experience has never been more important as you guide the next generation of BIW shipbuilders to deliver on our commitment to increase ship production for the US Navy.

I appreciate all you have done to ensure that BIW will be together, on time, every time

Dirk Lesko,
President

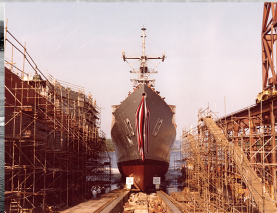




1980 - 1992

1980 saw the delivery of three ships to the U.S. Navy.

Left to Right:
USS Joseph J. Clark FFG-11
USS Samuel Eliot Morrison FFG-13
USS Michael John Estocin FFG-15



Right: Container ship
Resolute, delivered 1980
Below: M.S.C. Tanker
Falcon Leader, delivered 1983



Left: *USS Samuel B. Roberts FFG-58*, delivered 1986
Below: *USS Monterey CG-61*, delivered 1990



Lead ship of class *USS Arleigh Burke*, first DDG 51 destroyer built by BIW, delivered 1991



1993 - 2005



Above: USS Lake Erie, last CG-47 class cruiser delivered by BIW, 1993.

Below: USS Mason DDG-87, delivered 2002. Last ship launched from inclined ways at BIW.

Below: USS Chaffee DDG-90, first ship built on the LLTF. Delivered 2003.



Above: USS Mahan DDG-72, delivered 1997.

Below: USS Oscar Austin DDG-79, delivered 2000. First Flight IIA DDG-51.





2006 - 2020



Above: *USS Sampson DDG-102*, delivered 2007.



Above: *USS Wayne E. Meyer DDG-108*, delivered 2009.



Above: *USS Zumwalt*, lead ship of DDG 1000 class, delivered 2016.



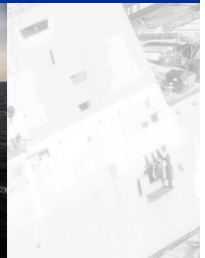
Above: *USS Thomas Hudner DDG-116*, delivered by BIW in 2018. As of 2020, BIW has delivered 36 DDG 51-class destroyers.



Above: *USS Michael Monsoor DDG-1001*, second ship of DDG 1000 class, delivered 2018.



Above: *USS Daniel Inouye DDG-118*, christened 2019.



Above: *USS Lyndon B. Johnson*, third and final ship of DDG 1000 class, christened 2019.



REMEMBER WHEN?

1980

The dawn of the decade was an up and down year, depending on what you were paying attention to.



The 1980s kicked off with bang – a big one - as Mt. St. Helen's erupted in Washington state on March 27, 1980, laying waste to hundreds of square miles and sending ash into 11 states and two Canadian provinces.



Larry Bird and the Boston Celtics had the best record in the NBA but were ousted in the playoffs by Julius Erving ("Dr. J") and the Philadelphia 76ers. Following the 1980 draft, though, Bird would be joined by Robert Parish and Kevin McHale, creating a fearsome front court that would win three championships in the decade to come.

The US boycotted the Summer Olympics. Then, at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, NY, a bunch of American college kids won the gold medal in ice hockey, overpowering the mighty Red Machine of the Soviet Union in the Miracle on Ice.

The Patriots and Red Sox had forgettable seasons, and the Bruins were unremarkable except for the blossoming of this kid named Ray Borque, who would go on to become one of the best defensemen ever to strap on skates.



Products that first came on sale in 1980 included the now ubiquitous Post-It Notes and the much-less-essential Rubik's Cube.

At the theater, you could feel inspired by Loretta Lynn's story in *Coal Miner's Daughter*, stunned by discovering the identity of Luke Skywalker's dad or terrified by an ax-wielding Jack Nicholson in Stephen King's *The Shining*...Heerre's Johnny!

The first number one hit of the year was "Please Don't Go" by KC and the Sunshine Band, but despite that plea, disco was on its way out. Other top hits included Queen's "Another One Bites the Dust" and Billy Joel's "You May Be Right."

"Lady" by Kenny Rogers hit #1 on the Billboard country, soul and adult contemporary charts. It was knocked out of the top spot by "(Just Like) Starting Over" by John Lennon, who had weeks earlier been shot and killed in front of his New York City home.



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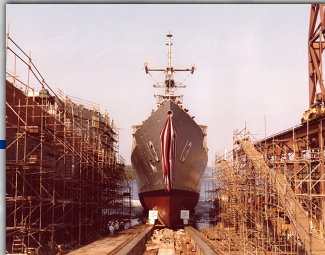


Time Magazine's Man of the Year was the newly elected President Ronald Reagan.



And a legion of fans watching Dallas wanted to know "Who shot J.R.?"

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BIW delivered three Oliver Hazard Perry frigates that year: Joseph J. Clark (FFG 11), Samuel Eliot Morison (FFG 13) and Michael John Estocin (FFG 15) and was poised to deliver four the following year.

And unbeknownst to most people, plans for a new guided missile destroyer were brewing in the Pentagon, a ship concept that would eventually become the Arleigh Burke class.





Amber Albert is a Material Handler III from Woolwich.



Roger Asselin lives in Lewiston and is a Tinsmith III. He is married to Marian and enjoys spending time with his two grandchildren, Danielle and Kylie. He also enjoys working on classic cars and motorcycles.



Donald Blake, Jr. is a Carpenter III from Bath.



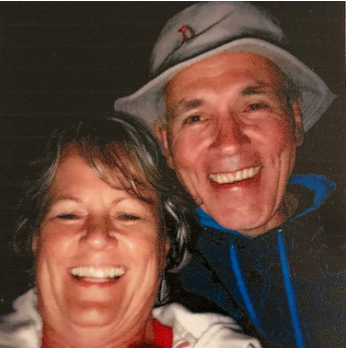
Gordon Blatt is a 42 year Master Shipbuilder and is the Manager of Mechanical Engineering. He is married to Monica and has three children: Sumner, Ethan and Tobyn. “The product that we design and build is incredible. It is a credit to each and everyone of the BIW team who contribute to these amazing ships. It’s been great!”



Robert Boilard lives in Lewiston and works in the Carpenter Shop. He is married to Nancy and enjoys fishing, motorcycle riding, snowmobile riding and spending time with family. “It has been a great opportunity. It’s a wonderful place to work and I have made great friends.”



Roland Boisvert lives in Topsham and is an Electrician. He is married to Micheline and has 3 children: Renata, Andrew and Stephen. In his free time, he enjoys cooking, home improvements and family vacations. “Seems like just yesterday I was 18 and a brand new Electrical Apprentice.”



Marcel Brissette lives in Lewiston. He has worked in the Valve Shop, as a Preservation Tech, and as an Outside Machinist. He has 3 children: John, Amy and Stacy and enjoys spending time with family, traveling and golfing. “I got to meet many new people, make new friendships, and learn many new things.”



James Brooker lives in Woolwich and is a Designer, 1st Class in Class Design. He is married to Janice and has three children: JJ, Amy and Betsy. In his free time, he enjoys fly fishing, riding the trails system at his camp in the Forks and pursuing wild game in the north Maine woods.



Lorraine Burke lives in Brunswick and is a Senior Project Coordinator. She enjoys bowling, quilting, and spending time with her friends and family.



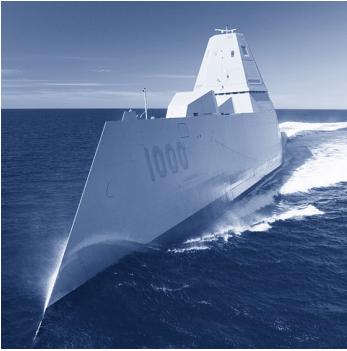
Sean Callan lives in Fairfield and is a Crane Operator III.



Dale Carlton lives in Arrowsic and is a Front Line Supervisor in Manufacturing Operations Management. He is married to Ann and has two children: Christopher and Brian. He enjoys bowling, fishing and camping. “BIW has come a long way and I can’t believe it’s been 40 years.”



Robert Cloutier lives in Bowdoin and leads the Paint Shop Process Control Group for Coatings and Corrosion Control. He lives with Melissa and has two children: Sarah and Amy. He enjoys boating and carpentry, as well as building furniture and restoring antique furniture.



David Collier is a Designer, 1st Class in Life Cycle Services and lives in Arrowsic.



Thomas Curtis is a Maintenance Mechanic III from Newcastle. He is married to Diane, who is also employed at BIW, and has a daughter, Amy. He enjoys working on old steam propulsion equipment, camping, boating and fishing.



Terry Dailey of Auburn worked as a Senior Planner in Life Cycle Services.



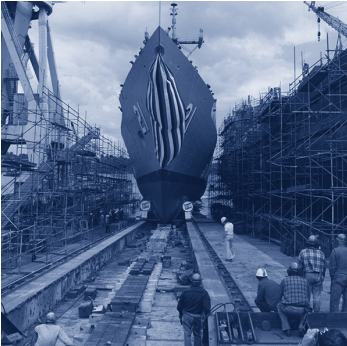
Richard Despres lives in Portland and is a Welder III. He is married to Michelle and enjoys music, gardening and hiking. “Never thought I’d make a career in shipbuilding. During my tenure I’ve worked every shift, every manufacturing facility and area, every hull or parts thereof, and I’ve met a lot of great people.”



Glenn Douglass is an Insulator III and lives in Turner.



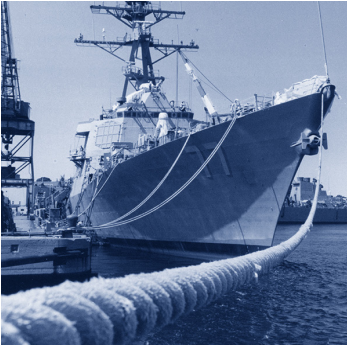
Leon Doyle is a Yard Rigger III and lives in Chelsea with his wife of 41 years, Cathy. He has two daughters: Erin and Jennifer. In his free time, he enjoys fishing and hunting.



Robert Fitzgerald of Lisbon Falls is a Front Line Supervisor in Manufacturing Operations Management.



David Fontaine of Auburn worked in Maintenance, Electric & HVAC III.



Raymond Garant is a Preservation Tech III who lives in Lewiston.



Robert Gordon of Freeport is an Outside Machinist III.



Terry Graviett of Bowdoinham is a Planning Yard Electrical Designer. He is married to Elaine and has two children: Tristan and Erin. In his free time, he enjoys skiing, fishing and old cars.



Francis Greenleaf lives in Richmond and is a Machinist III.



Timothy Grondin is a Preservation Tech III from Brunswick.



Brian Grover is a Material Handler III and lives in Pittston.



Sandra Haley lives in Minot with her husband, Bruce. She has a daughter, Catherine. Sandra is a Tech Planner who enjoys photography, auto racing and time with her family. “I started BIW at \$4.94/hr. I really like my job a lot. I am proud to say I have had a lot of my family work for BIW and I am proud to say I work here as well.”



John Harper is a Material Handler III from Litchfield.



John Haskins is a Material Handler III from Topsham.



Robert Hersom, Jr. is a Stagebuilder III who lives in Wiscasset with his wife Vickie. He has two sons: Daniel and Nicholas, and enjoys Harley Davidsons, hunting and shooting. “It’s a long journey I thought would never end, but it’s made a good life for my family and I.”



Stuart Hull is a Shipfitter III from Litchfield.



Jill Jones lives in Thomaston with her husband Herb. She worked as a General Laborer and Preservation Tech during her time at BIW. She has two children: Damien and Jennifer and enjoys spending time with her grandkids. “When I started in 1980, it was overwhelming. I always took pride in working on the ships and seeing them sail down the river.”



Jeffrey King lives in Bath. He is a Designer, 1st Class in Class Design, and has also worked as a Machinist, Cleaner and Clerk in his time at BIW. He enjoys guitar, sketching, Tai Chi, photography, and cooking. “It’s been a while getting this far and I’m pleased to have such a nice occupation.”



Rick Knowlton lives in Bath and is a Designer, 1st Class for Life Cycle Services.



Gregory Kuliga is a Maintenance Mechanic III from Windham.



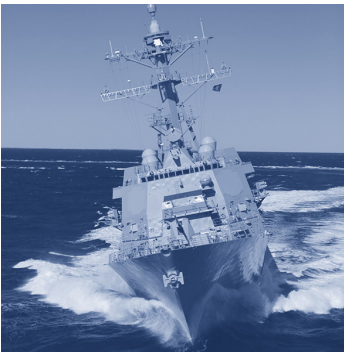
Arthur Lailer, IV is an Associate Engineer for Life Cycle Services. He lives in South Portland with his wife Suellen. He has three children: Clark, Jordan and Zachary. “I never thought of being a Master Shipbuilder or working for 40 years at BIW. As time flies by, it’s something I am very proud of. BIW has given me a chance to travel the world. I have been to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Hawaii, and East Africa to name a few.”



Peter Leen is a Material Handler III. He lives in Lisbon.



Robin Liller lives in Woolwich with his wife Susanna. He is the Senior Contract Manager. He enjoys spending time with his family, hobby-farming, Baxter State Park, and boating Maine's waters. "The true gift of my career at BIW has been the camaraderie and friendship of so many wonderful and dedicated people whom I have come to know and respect over those 40 years. I have been proud to be part of the BIW tradition."



Steven Marshall is a Maintenance Mechanic III and lives in Wiscasset.



Arthur McFarland, Jr. lives in Newcastle with his wife Lisa and is a Tinsmith III. He has four children: Lindsey, Arthur, Joshua and Stacy. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, 4-wheeling, and spending time with his family, including six grandchildren. "I'd like to thank BIW for providing for my family through the years, and all of the Leadmen I have worked for."



Gerald McPhee is an Outside Machinist III from Waldoboro. He is married to Naomi and has 8 children: Rachel, Jeromey, Alexiee, Dezarae, Rusty, Raina, Damien, and Bentley. He enjoys being outside and spending time with his family.



Carol Moody is a Preservation Tech III from Bath. “My father told me I wouldn’t make it a week. I wonder how he would feel now if he was alive!”



Debra Morawski is a Planning Tech from Lewiston.



Kenneth Morse, Jr. is a Maintenance Mechanic III who has also worked as an Inside Machinist, General Laborer, Welder, and Pipefitter during his career at BIW. He lives in Brunswick with his wife Diane. He has three children: Melanie, Kenneth, and Matthew. He enjoys chess, coin collecting, genealogical research, hiking and fishing.



Thomas Oliver is a Designer, 1st Class for Life Cycle Services. He graduated from the Production Apprenticeship Program for the Tin Shop, and has worked in Planning Staff and HVAC design. He has served 35 years between the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard. He enjoys auto racing, and has been building race cars since 1975.



William Peaslee lives in Augusta and is a Designer, 1st Class for Lead Yard Services.. He has also worked in the Carpenter Shop, HVAC Design, and as an Engineer Production Support Liason during his career at BIW. “To the younger generation: BIW will present you with many opportunities. If you take them, you’ll find that there’s a lot to learn about shipbuilding. I’m still learning today.”



Nancy Pelletier lives in Harpswell and is a Test Team Coordinator for Manufacturing Operations Management.



Richard Perron is a Welder III from Topsham.



Cheryl Pinkham worked as a Shipfitter III and lives in Bowdoinham with her husband Eldon. She enjoys reading, knitting, long walks, golfing, and loves to cook.



Elaine Plummer is a Section Manager for Supply Chain Procurement. She lives in West Bath with her husband David and has two children: Dustin and Daniel. She enjoys reading and spending time with her family, including four grandchildren who are her pride and joy.



Richard Reynolds works as a Label Plate Installer. He has worked Operating Crew and as an Outside Machinist. He lives in Phippsburg with his wife Allison and has a son, Travis.



Raymond Shaw lives in Portland and is an Outside Machinist III.



Gary Sprague is from Woolwich and is married to Marilyn. He has two children: Carly and Chris. Gary worked as a Machinist, Apprentice, Machine Shop Planner, EBMF Planner and CNC Programmer during his career at BIW. He enjoys fixing/building things and traveling the country. “Many people assisted or mentored me along the way at BIW, and hopefully I mentored at least a couple of people on that journey!”



Brett Stanhope is a Tinsmith III from Sidney.



Lawrence Stegna, Jr. is a Marine Electrician who lives in Walpole with his wife Julie. He has a daughter, Holly, who lives and works in Tokyo. He enjoys metal sculpture and writing. “I’m very proud of my shipbuilding career at BIW. Whenever I walk out of the gate for the last time, I’ll begin to forever miss the ships, my work, my coworkers, the U.S. Navy, and BIW itself.”



Daniell Tarpley is a Principal Engineer from Bath.

