

USS DeHaven Sailors Association Scholarship Fund

The USS DeHaven Sailors Association Scholarship Fund is being established with a most generous grant in memory of Phillip Beilock.

Phillip was a member of the USS DeHaven Sailors Association from May 2000 until his death in 2005. In case you didn't know Phillip, the following biography has been provided by his family.

In 1935, high school diploma in hand and only a few months shy of his 18th birthday, Philip Beilock left the farmlands of central California to join the Navy. The first time on a vessel, the young sailor became so seasick that the captain returned to port. Making up for that shaky start, Phil would earn a wartime commission which was later made permanent. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, and served in the Navy for almost 26 years. He served on several ships, in two wars, and on virtually all of the Seven Seas. After the Navy, Phil worked for various defense contractors and was involved in several high-profile projects, including the Hawk Missile, F-4 Phantom, F-14 TomCat, and Lunar Excursion Module (LEM).

Phil valued education and deeply regretted that he was unable to attend college immediately after high school. He was, therefore, always grateful to the Navy for allowing him to pursue an undergraduate degree while on active duty. After retirement from the Navy, he went to Northeastern University, at night, and earned an MBA. Phil strongly encouraged and supported his son and daughter in achieving their educational goals.

For Phil, the Navy was the highpoint of his career. He felt that the most meaningful period of his career was his time on the USS DeHaven. In Norfolk early in 1944, Commander J.B. Dimmick invited the newly-commissioned officer to serve on the DeHaven, which was about to be launched from the Bath Iron Works. He would stay on that destroyer through WWII.

A modest man, Phil rarely spoke about the War, but when he did, it was with love and respect for the ship and its crew. Across his long, varied, and successful career, Phil took most pride in the last official words written about him from the DeHaven in late 1945: "Mr. Beilock is released, with regret."

Phillip Beilock passed away on May 8, 2005.

Particulars About the Program

The program administration rules and eligibility criteria follow. An application form is also included in this announcement. We will also put the eligibility criteria and the application form on our website in PDF format. If you do not have internet access, please let us know and we will mail some application forms to you.

Scholarship Program Administration

1. A Scholarship committee consisting of four or more members of the USS DeHaven Sailors Association will be established to evaluate applications. Each member of the committee will evaluate each application and provide a numerical rating. The highest rated applicant will be awarded a scholarship.

2. Applicants who are not selected will be advised of same. No reason necessary.
3. At the annual business meeting, the Scholarship committee will announce the names of the winners for that year. The Association general membership will determine the number of scholarships to be awarded for the year following the general meeting. This will allow for the termination of the program at any time by vote of the majority members in attendance at the meeting should the membership decline to where the Association would cease to exist.
4. Monies earmarked for the Scholarship Program will be maintained in an interest bearing account separate from other monies of the Association. The Scholarship committee chairman together with the Association President and Treasurer will have check writing authority for these funds.
5. Each Scholarship will be awarded for one year and will have a value of \$1000. It will be paid to the school of the applicant's choice for books, room & board, tuition, or other school related expenses.

Scholarship Applicant Criteria

1. Applicant must be the son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, etc. including those by marriage of an active dues paying shipmate of the USS DeHaven Sailors Association.
2. Applicant must be a senior in high school that has been accepted to an accredited trade school, college, or university or enrolled in an accredited trade school, college, or university.
3. Applicant must have satisfactory grades, attendance, and disciplinary records verified by a school official (i.e.; Teacher, Principal, or other official).
4. Applicant must be a well rounded individual, active in community affairs such as, church, sports, Scouting, or charities.
5. Applications must be received by July 31 of each year.

Submitting Applications



[Application Form](#)

Feel free to submit as many applications as you wish as long as you feel the applicant meets the eligibility criteria.

Mail the completed application and copies of all additional documents to:

USS DeHaven Sailors Association
3016 S. Pearl Ave,
Joplin, MO 64804

I will then forward it to the evaluation team for their review.

All applications and added documents become the property of USS DeHaven Sailors Association and will not be returned to the applicant.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call. My telephone and email are on the roster.

Contributing to the Scholarship Fund

The USS DeHaven Sailors Association is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a section 501(c) (19) organization. Because of this, I quote "donors can deduct contributions made to or for the use of your organization." This means that contributions to our Scholarship fund are income tax deductible.

If you are interested in donating money to the Scholarship Fund, simply write a check payable to:

"USS DeHaven Sailors Association Scholarship Fund"

Mail the check to:

USS DeHaven Sailors Association
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You will receive a receipt at the end of the year per IRS requirements.