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Mr. Andrew Card
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20502

Re: USS Frank E. Evans

Dear Mr. Card:

As a life-long member of the Republican Party, decorated Vietnam combat veteran and member of the Wellesley Republican Town Committee, I am writing to the White House for the first time in my life to ask you to intercede on behalf of the sailors who served on the USS Frank E. Evans and "suggest" to the Department of the Navy that it name one of the 58 new Guided Missile Destroyers being launched as the "USS Frank E. Evans".

I enclose supporting materials from a close personal friend and Wellesley resident, Richard J. Gleason, requesting that one of the new Guided Missile Destroyers be named the USS Frank E. Evans in honor of the men lost and the survivors of the tragic accident at sea that claimed this ship on June 2, 1969. Mr. Gleason served on that ship and has been spearheading the request to name a new ship after the USS Frank E. Evans.

Any assistance you could render to bring this to the attention of the secretary of Defense or the Secretary of the Navy would be most appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Carlson

Enclosures (5)

cc: Mr. Richard J. Gleason

The Navy has been decommissioning the Spruance-class destroyers because of expenses associated with a large crew and aging ship class. *David R. Ray* (DD 971), *Peterson* (DD 969), *John Young* (DD 973), and *Nicholson* (DD 982) were decommissioned in 2002. *Paul F. Foster* (DD 964), *Kinkaid* (DD 965), *Elliot* (DD 967), *Arthur W. Radford* (DD 968), *Oldendorf* (DD 972), *Briscoe* (DD 977), *Deyo* (DD 989), *Fife* (DD 991), and *Hayler* (DD 997) were decommissioned in 2003. The remaining eight will be decommissioned by the end of 2006. *Arthur W. Radford* is being modified by Northrop Grumman Ship Systems to serve as a development hull for the DD(X) program. *Paul F. Foster* is replacing the ex-*Decatur* as the Navy's Self-Defense Test Ship.

Arleigh Burke Class (DDG)

	DDG 51-71	DDG 72-78	DDG 79 and following
DISPLACEMENT:	8,315 long tons	8,400 long tons	9,200 long tons
LENGTH:	504 feet	504 feet	509 feet
BEAM:	67 feet	67 feet	67 feet
SPEED:	30+ knots	30+ knots	30+ knots
POWER PLANT:	four gas turbines, two shafts, 100,000 shp		
AIRCRAFT:	Flights I and II: landing platform and handling facilities only; Flight IIA: two SH-60 helicopters		
ARMAMENT:	Harpoon (Flights I and II), Tomahawk, and Standard missiles, VLS cells, two Phalanx CIWS, one 5-inch/54-caliber gun, dual SVTT launchers		
COMPLEMENT:	346		
BUILDERS:	Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine; DDG 51, 53, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 73, 75-77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 90, 92, 94, 96, 99, 101, 102, 104, 106, 108, 109, 111, 112; Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, Pascagoula, Miss.; DDG 52, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 74, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 98, 100, 103, 105, 107, 110		

Homeport

DDG 51 Arleigh Burke	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09565-1269)
DDG 52 Barry	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09565-1270)
DDG 53 John Paul Jones	San Diego, Calif. (AP 96669-1271)
DDG 54 Curtis Wilbur	Yokosuka, Japan (AP 96683-1272)
DDG 55 Stout	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09587-1273)
DDG 56 John S. McCain	Yokosuka, Japan (AP 96672-1274)
DDG 57 Mitscher	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09578-1275)
DDG 58 Laboon	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09577-1276)
DDG 59 Russell	Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (AP 96677-1277)
DDG 60 Paul Hamilton	Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (AP 96667-1278)
DDG 61 Ramage	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09586-1279)
DDG 62 Fitzgerald	San Diego, Calif. (AP 96665-1280)
DDG 63 Stethem	San Diego, Calif. (AP 96678-1281)
DDG 64 Carney	Mayport, Fla. (AA 34090-1282)
DDG 65 Benfold	San Diego, Calif. (AP 96661-1283)
DDG 66 Gonzalez	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09570-1284)
DDG 67 Cole	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09566-1285)
DDG 68 The Sullivans	Mayport, Fla. (AA 34093-1287)
DDG 69 Milius	San Diego, Calif. (AP 96672-1286)
DDG 70 Hopper	Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (AP 96667-1289)
DDG 71 Ross	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09586-1288)
DDG 72 Mahan	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09578-1292)
DDG 73 Decatur	San Diego, Calif. (AP 96663-1290)
DDG 74 McFaul	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09578-1293)
DDG 75 Donald Cook	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09566-1294)
DDG 76 Higgins	San Diego, Calif. (AP 96667-1291)
DDG 77 O'Kane	Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (AP 96674-1295)
DDG 78 Porter	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09582-1296)
DDG 79 Oscar Austin	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09581-1298)
DDG 80 Roosevelt	Mayport, Fla. (AA 34092-1297)
DDG 81 Winston S. Churchill	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09591-1267)
DDG 82 Lassen	San Diego, Calif. (AP 96671-1299)
DDG 83 Howard	San Diego, Calif. (AP 96667-1274)

DDG 84 Bulkeley	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09565-1301)
DDG 85 McCampbell	San Diego, Calif. (AP 96672-1275)
DDG 86 Shoup	Everett, Wash. (AP 96678-1300)
DDG 87 Mason	Norfolk, Va. (AP 09578-1304)
DDG 88 Preble	San Diego, Calif. (AP 96675-1303)
DDG 89 Mustin	San Diego, Calif. (AP 96672-1304)
DDG 90 Chafee	Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
DDG 91 Pinckney	(under construction) future: San Diego, Calif.
DDG 92 Momsen	(under construction) future: Everett, Wash.
DDG 93 Chung-Hoon	(under construction) future: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
DDG 94 Nitze	(under construction) future: Norfolk, Va.
DDG 95 James E. Williams	(under construction)
DDG 96 Bainbridge	(under construction)
DDG 97 Halsey	(under construction)
DDG 98 Forrest Sherman	(under construction)
DDG 99 Farragut	(under construction)
DDG 100	(under construction)
DDG 101	(under construction)
DDG 102	(under construction)

Spruance Class (DD)

DISPLACEMENT:	8,040 tons full load
LENGTH:	563 feet
BEAM:	55 feet
SPEED:	33 knots
POWER PLANT:	four gas turbines, two shafts, 80,000 shp
AIRCRAFT:	two SH-60B (LAMPS Mk III) helicopters
ARMAMENT:	Tomahawk, Harpoon, and NATO SeaSparrow missiles, two Phalanx CIWSs (on most ships), two 5-inch/54-caliber guns, two triple torpedo tubes
COMPLEMENT:	345
BUILDER:	Northrop Grumman Ship Systems Ingalls Operations, Pascagoula, Miss.

Homeport

DD 963 Spruance	Mayport, Fla. (AA 34093-1201)
DD 975 O'Brien	Yokosuka, Japan (AP 96674-1213)
DD 978 Stump	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09587-1216)
DD 985 Cushing	Yokosuka, Japan (AP 96662-1223)
DD 987 O'Bannon	Mayport, Fla. (AA 34092-1225)
DD 988 Thorn	Norfolk, Va. (AE 09588-1226)
DD 992 Fletcher	Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (AP 96665-1230)



CUSHING (DD 985) Spruance Class