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Navy League to present former pirate hostage Captain Richard Phillips the Admiral Arleigh Burke Leadership Award

Arlington, Va. – The [Navy League of the United States](http://www.navyleague.org) will present Captain Richard Phillips the Admiral Arleigh Burke Leadership Award on June 13 at the Westin Arlington Gateway. Phillips was the master of MV Maersk Alabama when it was hijacked last April by Somali pirates. To ensure that his crew was released, he offered himself to the pirates as a hostage and was later rescued by Navy SEALs.

The Burke award, the Navy League's most prestigious leadership award, is named for Navy Admiral Arleigh Burke an American hero whose achievements, ethical standards, and unselfish dedication personify all that is noble in the American character. Past recipients include H. Ross Perot, George H. W. Bush, Thomas H. Moorer, John McCain, James B. Stockdale, and James M. Loy.

Phillips will be presented the award at the Navy League's Spring Board of Directors' Meeting dinner at 8:00pm. A limited number of tickets are available at \$125.00 per person for non-Navy League members and \$110 for members not attending the board meeting. For tickets and more information, contact Cortney Pease at (703) 312-1587 or cpease@navyleague.org.

The Navy League is a non-profit civilian organization headquartered in Arlington with 60,000 members worldwide. Its mission for more than 100 years has been to educate the American people and their leaders about the enduring importance of sea power to a maritime nation, and to support the men and women of our sea services.

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