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#### Saluting Rear Admiral Alene Duerk: The Navy's first female flag officer.

In this issue of "On the Horizon," we're paying tribute to a legendary figure in U.S. Navy history - a trailblazer whose commitment to service took a variety of forms and lasted a lifetime.

It is all too fitting that Alene B. Duerk was born in a town named Defiance, in northwestern Ohio. During a long, illustrious naval career in which she earned the rank of Rear Admiral and was the first woman to become a flag officer, Duerk defied many things - stereotypes, expectations and perhaps most of all, the odds. She devoted her life to her two great passions: nursing and service to her country.

Duerk was born in Defiance on March 29, 1920. After studying nursing at the

Toledo Hospital School of Nursing, she received her diploma in 1941. On January 23, 1943, she was appointed Ensign in the Nurse Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve. Ten years later, she transferred to the U.S. Navy, where she advanced progressively in rank and was promoted to captain in 1967. Her selection for the rank of Rear Admiral was approved by President Nixon on April 26, 1972 and, less than two months later, she was the first woman to be selected for flag rank.

Duerk's naval career, which touched four different decades, covered seven different presidents and included domestic assignments as well as overseas action, ended in 1975 and culminated in countless medals, such as:

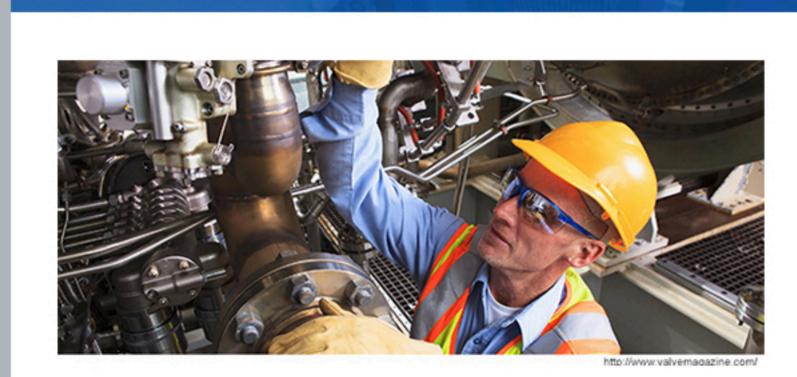
- The Naval Reserve Medal
- Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Bronze Star
- World War II Victory Medal
- National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star

Alene just turned 98 years young. She can look back with pride on an amazing life and an incredible legacy. Learn more about this remarkable woman and her accomplishments by viewing this USNI article.

Look for more defense-related news and updates in future "On the Horizon" articles.

VIEW MORE DETAILS

### Trade Talk



### Servicing valves and optimizing STOs in aging plants

More than 40% of the world's plants are older than 30 years. As we all know, aging facilities present unique maintenance challenges, such as:

- Improving safety and reliability to avoid unplanned shutdowns
- Finding new ways to reduce operational expenses
- Adhering to changing, stringent emissions regulations
- Maintaining the productivity of longtime assets

### SHUTTING DOWN WHILE KEEPING PERFORMANCE UP

The proper servicing of valves during a well-planned shutdown, turnaround and/or outage (STO) can play a significant role in keeping plants optimized and hitting required performance and safety goals, as well as budgets. The key is to minimize STO downtime. Still, according to data provided by Asset Performance Network, two-thirds of STOs are unsuccessful, meaning they result in cost overruns and lost production.

A recent article in Valve Magazine offers valuable tips on the intelligent servicing of valves and the execution of a smart STO, including using:

- Data-driven planning Innovative mobility tools
- Asset tagging and asset integrity
- Risk-based inspections (RBI)

#### IMPROVING LONG-TERM RESULTS, TOO By leveraging these tools and strategies to increase insight into your plant's

assets, you can achieve smoother STOs, avoid unplanned shutdowns, and react more effectively if a shutdown does occur. Even older facilities can operate in near-new fashion with the right processes in place.

always, look for more helpful valve tips and industry insights in future Trade Talk articles.

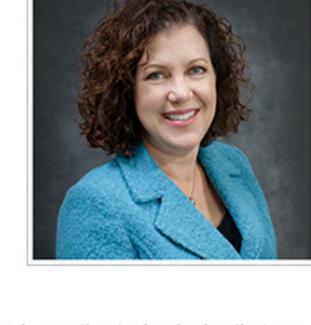
Check out the full article in Valve Magazine for complete details. And, as

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# Lisa's Letter

the annual global maritime exposition hosted by The Navy League of the United States in National Harbor, Maryland. I want to thank The Navy League for putting on another outstanding event. We are grateful to them for hosting a trade show that is geared toward our business and, more importantly, the needs of our customers. As is true every year, I was impressed by the innovative technologies that are

I recently attended SeaAirSpace,



being developed to support our war fighters and enhance their ability to fulfill their missions - whether they're on ships, on shore, on land or in the air. Manufacturers are rising to the challenge and pushing the envelope in order to give our service members a critical competitive edge. In reflecting upon the show, I believe a couple of themes stood out:

 There is excitement in the air. The new federal budget agreement has created a positive energy that is reinvigorating the industry. Knowing that

Congress has finally agreed to start funding a larger U.S. Navy, the industrial base is definitely looking forward to supporting the goal of building more ships and optimizing our war-fighting capabilities. . There are questions about capacity. I also heard some questions as to whether defense contractors and suppliers would be able to deliver on the

demands that come with a dramatic increase in ship construction. The Navy

and prime contractors have expressed concerns that the industrial base may

not be able to ramp-up production to meet projected volume increases. As President of Dante Valve, I want to state clearly that we are prepared and can meet demand with the same service levels and quality our customers have come to expect from us. We have been tracking this issue for a long time and have developed in-depth plans for this exact scenario. Now that it's here, we're

executing - by managing our staff, internal resources and our own supply chain to make it all happen. If you have questions about Dante Valve's ability to deliver or want to know more about our plan of action, please contact me directly at Ipapini@dantevalve.com

President

Lisa Dante Papini

# Military

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### 2018 Joint Engineer Training Conference - Society of American Military Engineers

May 23-25, 2018 | Kansas City, MO 2018 SOFIC-Special Operations Forces Industry Conference May 21-24, 2018 | Tampa, FL

Mega Rust 2018 Naval Corrosion Conference May 22-24, 2018 | San Diego, CA

# Marine Log Tugs & Barges 2018

Commercial

May 10-11, 2018 | Philadelphia, PA IADC Drilling Onshore Conference & Exhibition May 17, 2018 | Houston, TX

May 22, 2018 | Washington, DC

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