



THE BRIGHT PENNY

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A NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF THE USS BERKELEY (DDG-15) ASSOCIATION

Seattle Reunion Plans Well Under Way

Seafair - August 2-6

Seafair is Seattle's traditional summer festival. Events include:

- Milk Carton Derby
- Torchlight Parade
- Fleet Arrival
- Hydroplane Races
- Miss Seafair
- Air Show



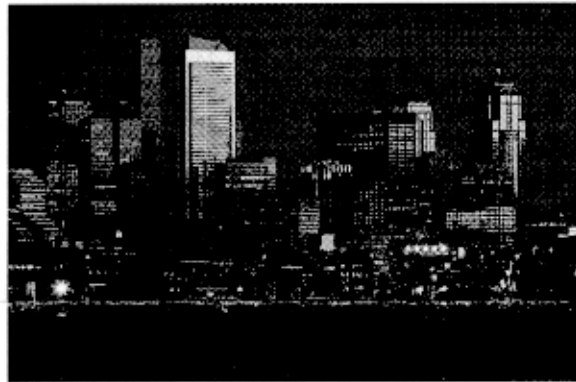
US Navy Blue Angels

The Blue Angels will be performing at the Seattle Seafair on August 5th and 6th.

Seattle Marriott Sea-Tac Airport

Excellent service, fine cuisine, and warm personal service are everyday amenities at the Seattle Marriott. The nine - story, 454 room Hotel is one of Seattle's premier full service hotels.

The Seattle Marriott has three restaurants and lounges. The *Atrium Express* features Starbucks coffees, Danish, Fresh Fruit, and Juice. The *Atrium Lounge* offers Sandwiches, Favorite Beverages, and sports TV and is open for lunch and dinner. The *Yukon Landing Restaurant* is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The restaurant is casual and relaxed and offers Pacific Northwest cuisine.



Reunion Schedule

Thursday, August 3

Check-In: (4:00 PM) Free Time/Sight Seeing.

15:00 to 20:00 - Hospitality Suite Open

Friday, August 4

Check-In: (4:00 PM) Free Time/Sight Seeing.

18:00 to 22:00 - Welcome Reception.

Saturday, August 5

10:00 to 11:00 - Business Meeting

17:30 to 19:00 - Cocktail Hour/Pictures

19:00 to 23:00 - Banquet Dinner and Dancing following dinner.

Sunday, August 6

07:00 to 10:00 - No Host Breakfast.

12:00 - Check Out Time: (12:00PM.)

Banquet

Cost of banquet dinner is \$60.00 per person and includes 29.3% tax and gratuity. A no-host cash bar will be available. Dinner choices will be Seared Filet

Mignon, Herb Crusted Salmon, or Dijon Chicken.

Seattle Express

Seattle Express offers a three day pass to go from the hotel to downtown Seattle. The cost is \$20.00 per person. We need to give them an estimated number by July 15th. Please notify me at ussberkeley@verizon.net or Lou Clark at navgoat@charter.net.

Room rates are \$99.00 per night. Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel. Toll free number is (800) 314-0925. The hotel will honor reservations received by July 6, 2006 at the group rate. Reservations received after this date are subject to space availability and at prevailing room rates.

When making your reservation it would be advisable to state what group you are with; (USS BERKELEY (DDG-15) ASSOCIATION).



Former crewmembers planning to attend reunion

Alley, James R.	CTMC	67-71	Kikuyama, Harry	BTC	62-68
Barrett, James L.	CDR	65-67	Landis, Robert	RD3	66-68
Bess, Benjamin L.	YN1	62-64	LeDoux, Duane E.	MMCS	62-66
Bjerke, John J.	OSC	67-69	Malcom, George	RD3	62-64
Cahill, Tom	FN	62-64	McGuire, Robert	BTCM	66-68
Clark, Louis E.	GMM1	62-65	Meier, Al W.	RD3	66-67
Codispoti, Ed	QM2	62-64	Monteath, Gordon	CAPT	66-68
Cody, Richard F.	RD3	65-67	Narath, Danny	GMM2	72-74
Davis, Robert H.	BT3	62-64	Nielsen, Dale A.	ICC	62-66
Frazier, John T.	CDR	67-69	Ramos, Armando	QM2	63-68
Fritchey, John G.	MM2	62-64	Rave, David	RDSN	62-64
Gore, Charles F.	CDR	69-72	Sheridan, Tom	ST1	73-76
Hansen, Gerald K.	FTM2	67-72	Shields, Richard	FTM3	70-73
Haughey, Ronald	DS1	74-78	Stanton, Gary	HTC	67-68
Hudson, Jerry R.	FTM2	62-66	Thompson, Don	RDSN	66-70
Johnson, Alan R.	HM3	64-66	Vollmar, William	CWO3	67-69
Johnson, Dale G.	RD2	65-68	Wallace, Michael C.	FCCS	67-69
Johnson, Rolf	RD2	62-64	Yash, Charles	LT	70-73

Is your name above? You sure don't want to miss this reunion. Make plans now to attend. Spend four days site seeing, meeting old friends and making new friends.

If you have not signed up yet send an email to Donna at ussberkeley@verizon.net.

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Donna Bartlett in memory of Ray Bartlett

Association Humor

A Damn Good Marine

Two Arabs boarded a flight out of London. One took a window seat and the other sat next to him in the middle seat. Just before takeoff, a Marine sat down in the aisle seat. After takeoff, the Marine kicked his shoes off, wiggled his toes and was settling in when the Arab in the window seat said, "I need to get up and get a coke." "Don't get up," said the Marine, "I'm in the aisle seat, I'll get it for you." As soon as he left, one of the Arabs picked up the Marine's shoe and spat in it. When the Marine returned with the coke, the other Arab said, "That looks good, I'd really like one, too." Again, the Marine obligingly went to fetch it. While he was gone the other Arab picked up the Marine's other shoe and spat in it. When the Marine returned, they all sat back and enjoyed the flight. As the plane was landing, the Marine slipped his feet into his shoes and knew immediately what had happened. "Why does it have to be this way?" he asked. "How long must this go on? This fighting between our nations? This hatred? This animosity? The spitting in shoes. The pissing in cokes."

Submitted by Gunner Clark



**BERKELEY HISTORY
JUNE**

40 years Ago, 1966

1-5 June in transit from Pearl Harbor to Long Beach on the final leg of the second WestPac Deployment. 6 June—12 July inport Long Beach for leave and upkeep. CDR William R. Smedberg III is the C.O.

30 Years Ago, 1976

1-3 June inport Subic Bay. 4-7 underway in OpArea for combat systems exercises. 8-16 inport Subic Bay. 17-25 underway in the Philippine Sea for storm evasion and ASW training. 26-30 inport Subic Bay. CDR Clifford F Homan is the C.O.

20 Years Ago, 1986

1-4 June underway RIMPAC 86. 4-5 inport Pearl Harbor. 6-18 RIMPAC. 8-10 inport Lahaina, Maui. 18-25 inport Pearl Harbor. 25-30 enroute to San Diego. CFDR Richard K. Farrell is the C.O.

10 Years Ago, 1996

Ex-Berkeley in service with the Hellenic Navy of Greece.

USS Reagan Passing the Arizona Memorial



Just thought some of you that don't realize what it takes to run a ship this size might be interested in the facts. Also notice the respect that they give the Arizona Memorial when passing it.

When the Bridge pipes "Man the Rail" there is a lot of rail to man on this monster. Shoulder to shoulder around 4 1/2 acres. This doesn't give her displacement but it's about 100,000 tons with full complements.

Capability

- Top speed exceeds 30 knots
- Powered by two nuclear reactors that can operate for more than 20 years without refueling
- Expected to operate in the fleet for about 50 years
- Carries over 80 combat aircraft
- Three arresting cables can stop a 28 ton aircraft going 150 miles per hour in less than 400 feet

Size

- Towers 20 stories above the waterline
- 1092 feet long; nearly as long as the Empire State Building is tall
- Flight deck covers 4.5 acres
- 4 bronze propellers, each 21 feet across and weighing 66,200 pounds
- 2 rudders, each 29 by 22 feet and weighing 50 tons

Lone Sailor

Jim Barrett recently visited the U.S. Navy Memorial website. He found some changes that might be of interest. Anyone who has served in the U.S. Navy can enroll. There is no charge for entering information and a recent change includes adding a photo free. Previously it was \$25.00. For those who submitted a photo when the Log was first established those photos are of poor quality on the website. A new photo can be submitted as a replacement. Visit the Log for more



USS Charles F. Adams

The sole U.S. Navy survivor of a class of 29 destroyers, the first built from the keel up as a guided missile ship, awaits her fate in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Over the past five years all DDGs of this class, each of which served about 30 years, have met their demise, save one. Four were sold to Greece, one went to Australia for spare parts, and the others were sunk as targets or sold for scrap. The estimated cost for saving a ship the size and complexity of a destroyer is \$6 to \$7 million. The members of the ACVA are attempting to raise \$1 million to get the project underway. To learn more about ACVA, visit their website at www.adamsclassddgvets.org.

Last Message from Donna

It is with mixed emotions that I write this message. I have a sense of accomplishment in that I have fulfilled the commitment that Ray made to the association. As I write this I truly feel his pride and gratitude that working as a team, the way we always did, we have completed a job successfully. I know that his memory will live on with all of his former crew members and that makes the work more than worth it. At the reunion board meeting the members will elect a new director. I hope that you will all give him the respect and assistance that you have given to both Ray and I.