



THE BRIGHT PENNY

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

See You In Chicago!

Director's Update



We have just five months to go until our Chicago reunion, and arrangements are entering the final stages. We are in the process of setting up a Friday tour to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. An additional tour is being explored for Thursday afternoon, and will be announced in mid-May if arrangements can be made.

The tour of the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry will provide round-trip bus transportation. Please see the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry article in this edition of the newsletter for additional information. A possible Thursday afternoon tour will either be to Great Lakes Naval Station or the Navy Pier. A decision on a Thursday afternoon tour will be made by early May, and details will be posted at the web site and sent out in a subsequent email.

The Chicago Cubs game mentioned in the January edition of the Bright Penny will not take place due to schedule conflicts. The Sunday September 25th game is the last regular season home game for the Cubs, and there is very limited availability for tickets.

The game time could be 8 PM if it is chosen as the Sunday night nationally broadcast game. The Wednesday night game takes place before most attendees will be arriving for the reunion, and there is no Thursday game on the schedule.

Please make hotel reservations at the Crowne Plaza Chicago – Northbrook at your earliest convenience to ensure the reunion rate of \$102 per night plus taxes. These room rates are for single or double occupancy, and are available for two nights before and two nights after the dates of September 21 – 24. The registration phone number is **847-493-6929**, and you need to indicate that you are with the USS Berkeley group. Early registration is also helpful for the reunion committee to plan our hotel events. Hotel events begin Thursday evening with the Bull Session from 7 to 11 PM, the welcome reception is Friday evening from 6 to 8 PM, the business meeting is Saturday morning from 8 to 9 AM, the Ladies Tea is Saturday afternoon from 1 to 3 PM, and the banquet is Saturday evening from 5 to 11 PM. We will also have our Farewell breakfast Sunday morning from 7 to 10 AM.

The Reunion/Tour Registration form on page 3 should be filled out

and submitted to Gerry Hansen along with your payment. The mailing address is on the bottom of the registration form. Please be sure to indicate banquet entrees for yourself and guest on the registration form.

Chicago Museum of Science and Industry

After receiving high recommendations from a couple of our members, we have selected the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry to be our featured tour on Friday September 23rd. The tour will include round-trip transportation, museum entry, and the very popular U-505 Submarine exhibit. Attendees will be scheduled for this exhibit in the morning, and will have ample time to see the other exhibits including the highly recommended Transportation gallery. We are planning to spend 5 hours at the museum, and there are shops and restaurants on site.

You certainly won't be understimulated on a visit to the Museum of Science and Industry, a must-see Chicago museum. With some 2,000 exhibits to see, most of which are interactive, this massive museum continues to enlighten and amaze.

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**Berkeley History
January 2016**

50 Year Ago, 1966

- 01 Enroute Qui Nhon, RVN for shore bombardment assignment
- 02 – 07 Shore bombardment in support of friendly troops
- 08 Enroute Subic Bay, R.P.
- 09 – 17 Inport, Subic Bay
- 17 – 28 Enroute Coral Sea Celebration crossed equator, all pollywogs were properly indoctrinated in the significance of the crossing
- 21
- 29 – 30 Inport, Sydney, Australia

40 Years Ago, 1976

- 01 – 23 Inport, Subic Bay, R.P.
- 24 – 30 Underway SCS, escort with CTG 77.7

30 Years Ago, 1986

- 01 – 13 READIEX 86-3
- 14 – 30 Inport, San Diego, CA

20 Years Ago, 1996

In service with the Hellenic Navy of Greece as the H.S. Themistokles

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Nine permanent exhibits thoroughly examine everything on Earth, from cerebral concepts like the passage of time to questions about the origins of breakfast cereal.

Visitors can climb through a German U-boat captured during WWII and press their noses against the window of the Apollo 8 command module. Some of the museum's most famous exhibits are also its simplest. The "Human Body Slices" exhibit consists of a man and a woman whose bodies were cut in half-inch sections, then pressed between pieces of glass; definitely gross, but amazing all the same. Also worth seeing is the Henry Crown Space Center, which documents space exploration, highlighted by a simulated space shuttle trip through the center's five-story OMNI-MAX Theater. Plunge into a working coal mine. Take a tour of your digestive system. Control a 40-foot tornado. And this season, step into the magical world of Walt Disney to uncover 90 years of archives. the inventive genius in you can explore the fascinating worlds of science, technology, medicine and engineering within the museum's 14 acres of space.

The museum itself is set in Jackson Park, which has a Japanese garden, lagoons and a nature retreat with hundreds of species of birds.

When you've had your fill of space capsules, coalmines, and Zephyrs at the museum, the park makes an excellent setting to recuperate

Ahoy Berkeley Beauties!

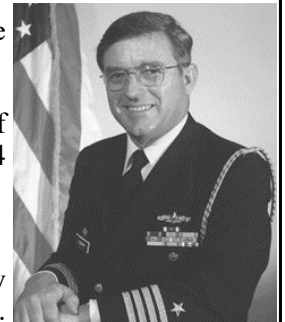
I do hope you and your significant other will be attending the 2016 USS Berkeley Association's Reunion in Chicago this coming September. A nice hotel, the

Crowne Plaza- Northbrook, just northwest of Chicago, has been booked for our event. Lots of planning is underway to plan events that all will enjoy. I'm especially looking forward to the ballgame between the Cubs & St Louis Cardinals (my National League fav) at Wrigley Field. Of course, we will hold our traditional 'Ladies Tea' on Saturday afternoon, September 24. Looking forward to seeing all of you and getting caught up on what's been happening since we last met. Making some nice door prizes for the event as well. So mark your calendars for September 22-25, 2016. It's CHICAGO or BUST! Be there or be SQUARE. OK, you get my point. I want to see you all in September!

Pat Clark

Taps

Captain Arthur M. Osborne passed away on 13 April 2016, His 31 year career led him to many prestigious assignments and he served as Executive Officer of Berkeley 1964 to



1966. Captain Osborne was predeceased by his wife, Pat. who was very active in the leadership and support of the Berkeley wives. Captain Osborne's history can be read in the December 1999 newsletter on our Web site.

Captain Osborne will be interred at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego on Thursday, April 27th at 1330 with full military honors. If you are interested in attending, please contact Capt. Tom Osborne at ThomasOsborne@chevron.com or call him at 310-616-6362.

2016 Chicago Reunion Registration Form

Name (s): _____

Contact email or phone: _____

Staying at Crowne Plaza Chicago – Northbrook? Yes ___ No ___

Reunion (all events including Banquet) 9/22 – 9/25 \$80x _____ = \$ _____

Banquet Only Saturday 9/24 \$65x _____ = \$ _____

Dinner Entrée: (please insert quantity for selections)

Beef ___ Chicken ___ Fish ___ Vegetarian ___

Payment information is listed at the bottom of this form.

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2016 Chicago Reunion Tour Order Form

Name (s): _____

Contact email or phone: _____

Tours:

Museum of Science and Industry Friday 9/23 Senior \$30 x _____ = \$ _____

See details in this newsletter Adult \$35 x _____ = \$ _____

Total enclosed (check or money order payable to the USS Berkeley Association) \$ _____

Please mail payment to:

USS Berkeley Association
C/o Gerry Hansen
6318 S 20th Street
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All Payments for the reunion and tours must be received by September 5, 2016