



# THE BRIGHT PENNY

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

## 1995 Reunion to be held in Arlington, Virginia

The 1995 reunion will be held in Arlington, Virginia on October 6-8. If you have never been to Washington, D.C. you should not miss this opportunity to visit our nation's capitol. The first two weeks of October are the most beautiful time of the year. The weather is pleasant and the fall colors are brilliant. You should, however, allow extra days to visit as many historical sites as possible.

The reunion will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, which is very close to National Airport. Our special hotel rate of \$75.00 per night (single or double occupancy) is based on firm reservations of 40 or more rooms, 30 days prior to the reunion. That rate will be hard to beat anywhere else in the downtown area.

Now is the time to block out the dates on your calendar and begin making travel plans. During the first week of June (four months prior to the reunion) a reunion packet will be mailed with all the details about reservations, parking, transportation, tours, etc.

The reunion team is working hard to make this a fun and memorable event for all to reminisce of past service in BERKELEY. We hope you will make an effort to join us in October.

Our September call for dues resulted in a 50% response. If you not a "95" after your name on the mailing label, your dues have been received and posted.

### TAPS

LtGen JAMES PHILLIPS BERKELEY, USMC (Ret). February 13, 1995, eldest son of Major General Randolph C. Berkeley for whom our ship was named. A career Marine like his father, he served in the Corps for 38 years. He retired in 1965 following his final tour as Commanding General of the Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic. His wife, Margaret, christened the USS BERKELEY during launching ceremonies on July 29, 1961.

### SKIPPER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Captain Rcinak served as the second Commanding Officer of BERKELEY from July 1964 to January 1966. He graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1944 and saw action in the WW II Pacific Theatre while on board the USS NORTON SOUND (AV-11). His next tour was aboard the USS Nespelen (AVP-55) and then on to graduate school at Miami University of Ohio. While attending the Navy General Line School, Monterey, the Korean Conflict began and he was soon back in the Pacific, this time aboard the USS ESSEX (CVA-9). Later Korean duty included assignment as Operations Officer aboard the USS HYMAN (DD-732).

In 1953 he was assigned to staff duty with COMDESLANT. His next tour was with the Naval Reactors Branch of the Atomic Energy Commission. From 1958 to 1960 he served as Executive Officer of both the USS BRISTOL (DD-857) and USS DEWEY (DLG-14).

Following this sea assignment he then moved ashore for duty with BUPERS followed by duty in the Office of the Under Secretary of the Navy. His next assignment was C.O. of BERKELEY and he was promoted to Captain during this tour of sea duty. After BERKELEY he reported for duty as Chief of Staff, COMCRUDESFLOT SEVEN. From 1967 to 1969



**Captain Michael D. Rcinak**

he served as Assistant Director, Navy Program Planning (OPNAV). Next he spent on year as a student at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. In 1971 he reported for duty as Project Manager, New Ship Design Concept (OPNAV). For his final tour of duty he served as Special Assistant to the CNO. He retired in 1975 and resides in Santa Maria, California with his wife, Rose.

## Locating Former Crewmembers

The announcement of our 1995 reunion has been distributed to over 2,500 newspapers and publications through a reunion press service. We are also registered with the Service Reunions National Registry. In addition, our announcement will appear in all of the well-known Navy and Veteran's periodicals. For our last reunion the greatest response came from the retired newsletter "Shift Colors" followed by a close second with Navy Times. Still, one of our best sources for locating people is through those we are already in touch with.

I have in my computer the national telephone directory (80 million names, addresses and telephone numbers). If you know the first and last name (middle initial helps a lot) and probable city or state they are located, I will conduct a search and make contact.

We are attempting to obtain the ship's 30-year roster from the archives but this will take awhile and will probably be more beneficial for the next reunion.

Any support you can provide in finding former crewmembers will be a boost to the growth of our Association.

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The voice of the USS BERKELEY Association and the former call sign of our ship for 30 years. Correspondence may be sent to:

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## Berkeley History

### APRIL

#### 30 Years Ago

Inport Long Beach for upkeep and training. CDR Michael D. Ricinak is the Commanding Officer

#### 20 Years Ago

UMI/Inserve. 05-14, inport San Diego. 15, Training & Readiness Evaluation. 16-21, Inport San Diego. 28-30, Technical Standardization Inspection. CDR Clifford F. Homan is the Commanding Officer.

#### 10 Years Ago

Underway local ops SoCal OpArea. 6-14, inport training/upkeep San Diego. 15, CSRT. 16, ISE SoCal OpArea. 17-19, CSRT. 20-28, upkeep San Diego. 29-30, IPT San Diego. CDR Robert W. Reighley is the Commanding Officer.

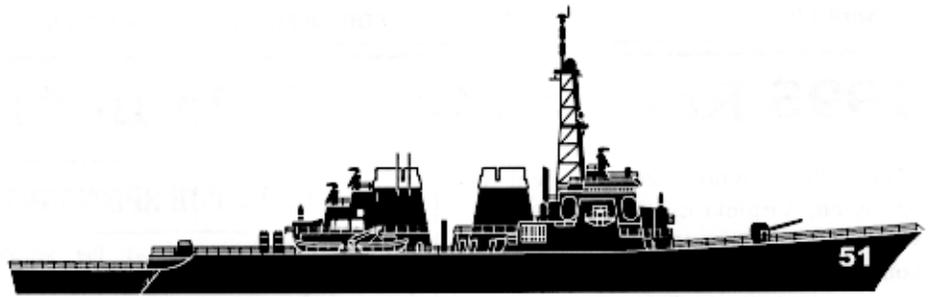


## End of an Era

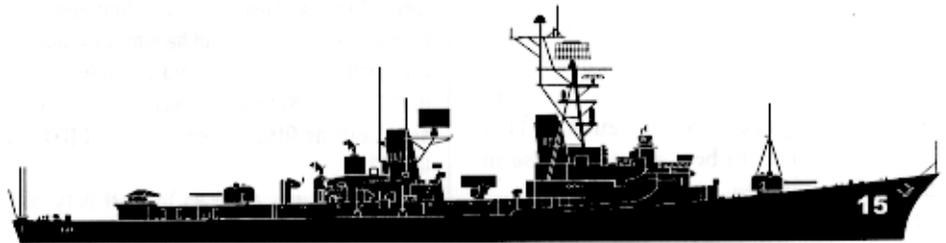
In January, the Secretary of the Navy ordered the four 50 year old Iowa Class battleships be removed from retention asset status and struck from the reserve fleet. They will be donated to become floating museums at various locations around the country.

The next to last to be decommissioned was the USS Wisconsin (BB-64) and the last officer to command this battleship was Captain Conraad Van Der Schroeff (Ret). Captain Van Der Schroeff served in Berkeley from 1964-66 as Communications Officer and DCA..

## The New and the Old



	Length	Beam	Displacement	Propulsion	Crew	Cost
New Burke	504.5'	66.9'	Std 6624 Full 8315	4 GE LM 2500 Gas Turbine Eng 2 shafts, 50,000 shp each	303 23 Off	\$900M
Old Berk'	437'	47'	Std 4000 Full 4500	4 CE 1200psi Boilers 2 GE Steam Turbine Engines 2 shafts, 70,000 shp each	345 21 Off	\$50M



## Disposition of the Adams Class DDG's

HULL NO.	SHIP NAME	LOCATION	DISPOSITION
DDG 2	Charles F. Adams (1)	Philadelphia	Sale for scrap
DDG 3	John King	Philadelphia	Sale for scrap
DDG 4	Lawrence	Philadelphia	Sale for scrap
DDG 5	Claude V. Ricketts	Philadelphia	Sale for scrap
DDG 6	Barney	James River	Sale for scrap
DDG 7	Henry B. Wilson	Pearl Harbor	Sale for scrap
DDG 8	Lynde McCormick	Pearl Harbor	Sale for scrap
DDG 9	Towers	Pearl Harbor	Sale for scrap
DDG 10	Sampson	Philadelphia	Sale for scrap
DDG 11	Sellers	Philadelphia	Sale for scrap
DDG 12	Robison	Pearl Harbor	Sale for scrap
DDG 13	Hoel	Pearl Harbor	Sale for scrap
DDG 14	Buchanan	Pearl Harbor	Sale for scrap
<b>DDG 15</b>	<b>Berkeley</b>	<b>Athens, Greece</b>	<b>Hellenic Navy</b>
<b>DDG 16</b>	<b>Joseph Strauss</b>	<b>Athens, Greece</b>	<b>Hellenic Navy</b>
DDG 17	Conyngham	James River	Sale for scrap
<b>DDG 18</b>	<b>Semmes</b>	<b>Athens, Greece</b>	<b>Hellenic Navy</b>
DDG 19	Tattall	James River	Sale for scrap
DDG 20	Goldsborough (2)	Sidney, Aus.	Sold
DDG 21	Cochrane	Pearl Harbor	Sale for scrap
DDG 22	Benjamin Stoddert	Pearl Harbor	Sale for scrap
DDG 23	Richard E. Byrd (3)	Athens, Greece	Sold
<b>DDG 24</b>	<b>Waddell</b>	<b>Athens, Greece</b>	<b>Hellenic Navy</b>

(1) Initially available for donation & display, no interest.

(2) Towed to Australia to be used for spare parts (Sold for \$2.2m)

(3) Towed to Greece to be used for spare parts