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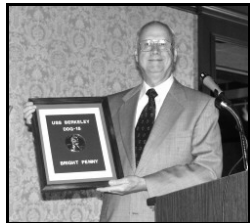
A NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF THE USS BERKELEY (DDG-15) ASSOCIATION

A great reunion turnout!

A grand time was had by all. Our year 2000 reunion is now history but the memories will continue on as many of the crew met for the first time since leaving the ship. One hundred and eighteen crewmembers, wives and guests were in attendance for the event. Among the crew were twelve plankowners, several attending their first reunion. The hospitality room was well stocked for refreshments and a place to gather to exchange the usual sea stories. Friday night all hands met for a casual welcome reception with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. The Saturday night banquet dinner included four hours of music and dancing. A photographer was present for the entire evening for personal and group pictures processed on the spot.

A donation pot was set up to collect money for the ongoing project to save the ex-USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG-2) as a museum ship in Bay City, Michigan. The crew voted to have the Association Treasury donate matching funds. One hundred and ten dollars was contributed and a check for \$220 has been mailed to the "Save the C.F. Adams" drive.

Jim Barrett gave a short overview on the new Arleigh Burke DDG's and told of his recent at-sea experience while accompanied by his wife, Elaine, as guests of CDR Dennis O'Meara aboard the USS Paul Hamilton (DDG-60) during a four-day family cruise to Maui. At the conclusion he was presented with an appreciation plaque by plankowner Louis Clark. In the center of the plaque is a very large bright penny.



The watch has been relieved

During the business meeting at the reunion GMM3 Ray Bartlett (63-66) stepped forward and offered to take over the administrative duties of the Association. Both Ray and his wife, Donna, are enthusiastic about carrying forth the ongoing building of the membership. They



bring with them a lot of computer and Internet experience, which was a prime requisite in taking this job.

Ray and Donna spent a weekend with us and completed the transfer of records, Berkeley history, inventory and funds. For now I will continue maintenance of the Web site and publish the newsletter until that duty can be passed on.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who have given me so much support and encouragement over the past fifteen years. The rewards are many and it has been enjoyable meeting so many people that served in Berkeley during her thirty years of service. The camaraderie that was forged aboard ship continues on today and the recent reunion gave me extreme pleasure observing so many people taking a step back in time and recounting some of their fondest memories. That is what it is all about so let's get behind Ray and help to make this organization grow. To a great ship and a great crew, thank you.

Jim Barrett

X.O. IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Commander Jerry A. Rudd, who hails from Alexandria, Minnesota, began his naval career in September 1969 as a Regular NROTC Midshipman at the University of Minnesota. In the spring of 1970, he received a Secretary of the Navy appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy and subsequently graduated in June of 1974 with a B.Sc. Degree in Systems Engineering.



CDR Jerry A. Rudd

Following graduation, CDR Rudd attended the Navy Nuclear Propulsion School, finishing the course of study in July 1975. He then reported for sea duty aboard USS LONG BEACH (CGN 9), in San Diego, CA and served as "R" and then "M" Division Officer. During this tour, he qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer, EOW and made two WestPac deployments.

In March 1979, following completion of the Department Head Course at Newport, RI, CDR Rudd reported for duty as the Operations Officer aboard USS OUELLET (FF 1077), in Pearl Harbor, HI. CDR Rudd completed his third WestPac deployment aboard OUELLET. Duty ashore at the U. S. Naval Academy then followed, where he served as the Fifth Company Officer.

In July 1983, he returned to sea duty as the DCA aboard USS LONG BEACH (CGN 9). He made his fourth WestPac deployment aboard LONG BEACH. His tour of duty marked over five years of service aboard that fine Cruiser.

In February 1986, he reported for duty as XO of BERKELEY. During his service aboard BERKELEY, he completed his fifth WestPac deployment. This deployment was somewhat unique. At that time, most deploying ships made a course directly to the Persian Gulf. BERKELEY enjoyed a true WestPac cruise, as a task element in CTG 75.1, engaging in numerous bilateral naval exercises.

In November 1987, CDR Rudd reported for duty as an instructor at the Senior Officer Ships Material Readiness Course (SOSMRC) in Newport, RI. In 1989, he returned to sea duty with

afloat operational staffs. He first served as the Fleet Exercises Officer on the staff of Commander Third Fleet, embarked in USS CORONADO (AGF-11) and then as the Force Readiness and Training Officer, CTF 70/CCG-5, embarked aboard USS INDEPENDENCE, operating out of Yokosuka, Japan. Duty aboard INDY included two deployments to the Persian Gulf in support of operation Southern Watch. Between these tours of sea duty, CDR Rudd was posted to Subic Bay, RP, as the Force Operations Officer on the staff of CTF 73/75. He, and his family, were some of the last Americans to depart the Subic Bay Naval Base following the American Navy's expulsion from that country.

Commander Rudd retired from active Naval Service in 1994. He is married to Dee A. Raaz, of Sunnymead, CA. They and two of their three daughters reside in Chesapeake, VA. Their eldest daughter is a student at Radford University in Radford, VA. Currently, Jerry is a senior engineer employed by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, in Newport News, VA.



Plankowners L-R: GMM1 Lou Clark, EM1 George Kohn, ICC Dale Nielsen, FTM2 Charles Davis, LT Eugene Chicoine, MM1 Francis Almeida, FTM1 James Billups, MMCS Duane LeDoux, LCDR Ted Petersen, LTJG Richard Wallace, CWO4 Joe Walker and GMG3 Robert Ferrier.

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**BERKELEY HISTORY
 DECEMBER**

30 Years Ago

1-8, Tender Availability, Long Beach. 9-10, Type Training. 14-15, Weapons off-load, Seal Beach. 15-17, Type Training. 18-31, Holiday leave and upkeep. CDR John F. Frost, III. is the Commanding Officer.

20 Years Ago

1-9, Inport, San Diego. 10-16, Underway SoCal OpAreas – READIEX 1-81. 17-31, Inport, San Diego. CDR Kenneth R. Sydow is the Commanding Officer.

10 Years Ago

1-31, Inport San Diego. Maintenance availability, holiday leave period. CDR Ronald R. Peterman is the Commanding Officer.

Farewell to a sister

Ex-USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14) slipped beneath the waves following weapons exercises during Fleet Exercise RIMPAC 2000. She took a relentless pounding with Hellfire missiles fired from SH-60 LAMPS helos, Harpoon missiles from RAAF F-111's and U.S. P-3 aircraft, and she was also hit with a 2000 lb laser guided GBU-24 bomb. The USS BUFFALO (SSN-715) was to have delivered the coup de grace with a MK-48 torpedo, but it malfunctioned. Buchanan stayed afloat all night.

The following morning an EOD team placed charges on board and she sank off the Northwest coast of Kauai. Among other target hulks sunk during the week was the ex-USS WORDEN (CG-18).

Source: Robert J. Burnz, FTMC, USN (Ret)

R. Burnz is employed by the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai



Photos from CinCPacFlt Web site



Please note the new e-mail address, mailing address and telephone number for the Association listed in the masthead.

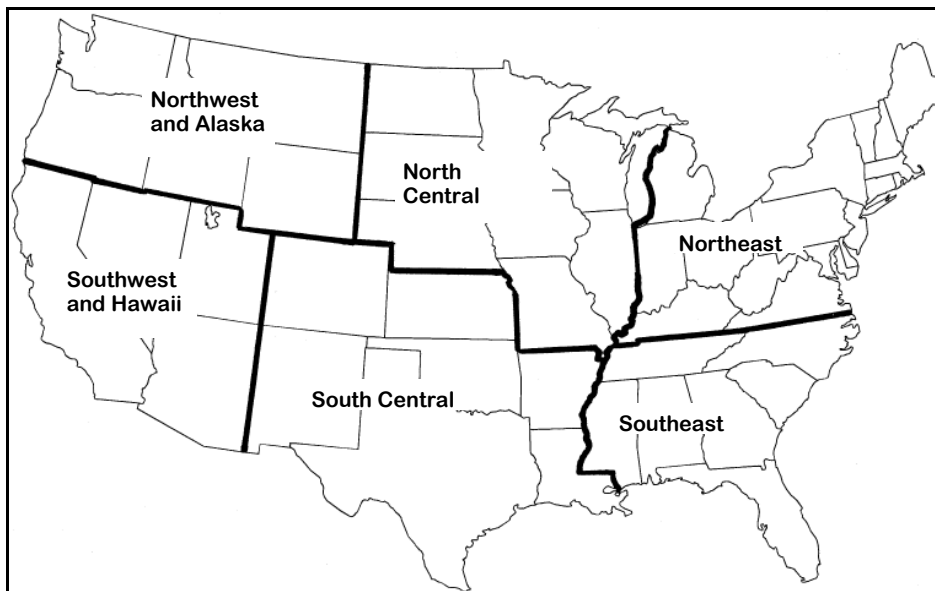
Regionalization

During our turnover Ray and I discussed at length a plan that has been on the shelf to shift some of the responsibility of our growing Association. We have a tremendous number of crewmembers that have visited our Web site who did not respond to our mailing to become dues paying members. The answer seems to be to set up six regions with managers to assist Ray in following up on these visitors to get them on board. First, we need to have members come forward and become regional managers. You will be provided with complete listings by area of current members and non-members that we have address information. This is your chance to become a recruiter and sell the positive aspects of the Association to these potential members. When we have a visitor to the Web site Ray will respond by sending out the normal membership application packet and will include a letter advising the visitor who his regional representative is. Additionally, Ray will readdress the Web site visit message to the regional manager to provide advance information on the visitor.

Regional Managers will need to have e-

mail capability to exchange information and perform their duties. Managers will be expected to provide regular input to the Bright Penny newsletter reporting on the activity in their area. You are encouraged to consider organizing regional mini reunions to bring people together, especially potential new members. If you can create some excitement at the regional level, the attendance at our all hands reunions will increase significantly. It is too early to think about regional contests, but the seed is planted anyway. Expenses should be minimal since most activity will be via e-mail. However, to offset expenses regional managers will be exempt from paying dues.

This is an opportunity for those who want to contribute some time to build the membership of the Association. It can be both exciting and gratifying to make contact with another Berkeley sailor and to ultimately bring him on board. Our Web site has proven there are people out there looking for us. If you would like to be a regional manager send an e-mail to Ray and tell him you are available. **Editor note:** JOC Ron Ostarello and RD2 Dale Johnson have volunteered to be the Southwest and Northeast Regional Managers respectively. We only need four more so let's get this project as soon as possible.



Interesting Reading

The Yard by Michael S. Sanders. The building of the USS Donald Cook (DDG-75) at Bath Ironworks Shipyard, Bath, Maine. From laying the keel to the launching and commissioning, learn about the complexities that go into the building a new Guided Missile Destroyer. Lots of information on the engineering plant, weapons systems and stealth characteristics that are built into the Navy's newest Arleigh Burke Class DDG's. *Hardback ISBN 0-06-019246-1*

Web site for all Adams Class DDG's

www.Charlesfadamsclass.com

U.S. Navy Web site – hundreds of links

www.navy.mil



HS Themistoklis 23 July 2000

Since our last correspondence from Alexandria port, the ship sailed to Taranto (IT) with the rest of the STANAVFORMED where it berthed for 15 days before participating in exercise DYNAMIC MIX 2000 from 20 May to 3 June.

DYNAMIC MIX 2000 was a rather interesting exercise for me and my crew as it is the greatest in intensity and participation NATO exercise in the Mediterranean. Valuable experience was acquired since every warfare aspect was exercised.

After a short in port period in Palermo (IT), we transited to Odessa (UKR) to take part in exercise COOPERATIVE PARTNER 2000 in the Black Sea until the 1st of July. Following Odessa port visit, STANAVFORMED sailed to Constantinople (TU) while THEMISTOKLIS was detached to sail to Thessaloniki (GR).

Finally, as the last port visit of a rather interesting SNFM deployment, we arrived at Marseilles on the 20th of July and we are to depart for Salamis Naval Base of the 25th where the ship will turn over SNFM duties to HS SPETSAI.

As Commanding Officer, CDR G. KARAVITIS HN will relieve me upon arrival in Salamis Naval Base. CDR Karavitis served as COMNAVSOUTHs Staff Officer for the last two years. I am sure he will take as much pleasure commanding this ship as I did for the last two years.

Best regards,
 CDR S. KOUVARIS HN