



THE BRIGHT PENNY

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

2002 Reunion in Charleston, S.C.

Growing Ever Stronger

As my first year at the helm of the Association comes to an end I want to thank all of you who have contacted me with offers of help. It is encouraging to know how many former crewmembers are interested in helping the Association grow. In the last year the current, dues paying membership has increased from 246 to 287 (17% growth). My original goal in December 2000 was to increase membership by 20% in a two year period. With your assistance and the positive results we have seen this year I am revising that goal to at least 30%. So once again I am asking for your help. If you know anyone who served on the Berkeley who is not a member, give them a nudge and tell them to contact me.



Ray Bartlett

While I am on the subject of asking for help...putting out a newsletter twice a year is not an easy task. Jim Barrett graciously kept this daunting responsibility. I am sure that some of you, if not all of you, have things you could contribute. Any articles or short stories that you think would be of interest to your crew members can be mailed to the Association.

Lets remember that is "our" Association and it can only be what we make it.

2002 Reunion

The Berkeley Association's next reunion is scheduled for Thursday, October 17th through Sunday October 23rd in Charleston, South Carolina. Reunion packets will be mailed in March with a sign-up form, prices and local attractions. Charleston's historic district, plantations, gardens ghosts and shopping areas should offer something for everyone.

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X.O. IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Commander John W. Cane was born in Germany and raised on Long Island. He graduated from Cornell University as BSEE and Ensign, USNR, became chief engineer in USS Cony (DDE-508), and plankowner and second Ops Officer of USS Courtney (DE-1021). He went Regular Navy in 1956

In 1958 he taught EE (or "juice") at the US Naval Academy. After graduating from the US Naval Postgraduate School with an MS in Physics, Jack was ordered to the USS Robison (DDG-12) as commissioning weapons officer. In 1963, after briefly providing military assistance in Cambodia as one of a few PACFLT French speakers, then-LT Cane received orders to the USS Berkeley and became the ship's second XO, serving under Captains Wyatt Harper and Mike Ricinak.

One of Jack's vivid recollections of Berkeley's first deployment; birth of our country's heavy involvement in Vietnam. "While the Tonkin Gulf incident unfolded in real time, we were plane-guarding for the Kitty hawk. Berkeley's crew was cooking-out on the fantail, prompting Kitty Hawk to inquire if we were on fire", he recalled, "And I was shuttling between steak, French fries and CIC, where the SITREPS kept coming in. That's how we spent Sunday afternoon, 2 August 1964". The rest is history.

Subsequent tours included DASA, XO of USS Dale (DLG-19), Lawrence Livermore National laboratory, and Defense Nuclear Agency. The Afghanistan target list is no surprise to Jack, a former participant in high-level study groups on the shape of 21st century warfare. There, the importance of minimizing collateral damage was recognized, and discrete target lists devised, while in the labs today's precision-guided munitions were being developed.

Retiring in 1975, Jack worked for S-Cubed in scientific consulting, then formed his own company supporting flag-officer seminar-style war games. "This work brought me into contact with



Commander John W. Cane

computers and programmers, and I became one", he says. Today, he develops Web software, but that's not all. Last year International College hired him to teach computer science, and he began PhD studies at Nova Southeastern University. Why? "I enjoy being around young people. They keep me on my toes". He is also a plankowner and Life Member of the Surface Navy Association.

A life-long, avid sailor, Jack, his son, Michael, and seven others won fleet honors in the 1986 ocean race from Annapolis to Bermuda, setting a course record that stood unbeaten for ten years. "The kids grew up sailing", he said. His daughter, Julie, MBA, flew Navy helicopters in the Philippines and San Diego. "Dad, landing on ships was a snap", she later told him. "I knew every move the ship was going to make". Julie was known for expert soft landings in a seaway.

Married in 1965, Jack and Sally now live in Naples on Florida's Gulf Coast, and enjoy "retirement" there. Their children have careers in Alexandria, VA and San Rafael, CA. They have one grandchild, 20 months.

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BERKELEY HISTORY DECEMBER

30 Years Ago

1-5, upkeep Long Beach; **6-9**, Type training; **9-17**, Upkeep Long Beach; **18-31**, Holiday leave and upkeep. CDR Jerry A. Dickman is the Commanding Officer.

20 Years Ago

9-13, Underway SoCal Type Training. **14**, Inport NAVWPSTA Seal Beach, CA., ammo off-load; **15**, Underway SoCal Type Training; **16-31**, Inport San Diego for holiday leave and upkeep. CDR Joseph L. Lockett III is the Commanding Officer.

10 Years Ago

1, Inport San Diego; **2-5**, Enroute to Portland Oregon, moored at Astoria, Oregon on the 5th; **6**, Underway 0600 for Columbia River transit to Portland with 150 guests on board, arriving at 1400; **7**, Inport Portland to participate in the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor; **12**, Underway enroute to San Diego. **16-31**, Inport San Diego for holiday leave and upkeep. CDR Fred J. Mallgrave III is the Commanding Officer.

The last Aussie DDG is gone

HMAS Brisbane was decommissioned in October. She is the last of the original three Adams Class DDG's purchased by the Royal Australian Navy. Like many of her predecessors, HMAS Brisbane will be sunk as a dive site off the State of Queensland near the capital city for which she was named.

■ 2002 Reunion

Literature and brochures will be available when you arrive.

Mark your calendar now and plan to join your shipmates at the Sixth Berkeley Reunion.

USS Berkeley Web site

Extensive changes have been made to the Web site. The roster has a whole new look and is easier to use. Flashing icons identify new members.

A new page has been added titled Community Forum. This page links our site to another Internet service that provides for the posting of personal messages to the various communities that have been set up. The service is free to the Association and free to visitors. You do not have to register, which is also free, but if you do you will have extended privileges including editing of messages previously posted. You will, on occasion, see pop up items which you may ignore if you wish. These pop up items are paid for by advertisers and that covers the cost of the site. At present there are ten communities to post messages. They are: Plankowners, Berkeley Sea Stories, Wardroom, Chief's Mess, Boot Camp, Reporting for Duty, Berkeley in Vietnam, H.S. Themistokles and Comments and Suggestions.

The H.S. Themistokles page on our site provides for a direct link to the Community Forum for visiting crewmembers from the ship.

Message options include checking a box with your e-mail address so others can reply directly to you if they wish. Your e-mail address will not appear on the message posted, but rather as an icon and the system will insert your address when it is transmitted.

There should be a forum for everyone so visit the site and post a message. You can add comments to messages already posted, or you can start a whole new subject within a particular forum. Several ship Web sites are using this service. Look at www.USSHorne.com for some outstanding participation by their members. If you have some new ideas, insert them in the Comments and Suggestions Forum.

PHOTO PAGE: I would like to set up a photo memory section with pictures submitted by the members. Snapshots in color or b&w are acceptable. They should have a brief description of the event and date, and the donor will be given credit for the photo(s). For ideas, go to www.charlesfadams.com and click on the USS Charles F. Adams, then photos.

If any of the plankowners have photos of the ship under construction, the launching on 29 July 1961 or the commissioning ceremonies, I would like to have the loan of the originals to make copies. My address is in the roster for mailing.

Jim Barrett, Webmaster

Classmates.com Web site.

In reviewing the USS Berkeley page it has been noted that many of the names listed show their rate as "Petty Officer Third Class", etc. If you go back into the site and edit your military profile, you can click on the rate/rank box and scroll down until you find your true rate and grade. Then update.

Charles F. Adams Class Web site

The original Adams Class Web site address previously published is no longer representing its original intent. Apparently the Webmaster did not renew the domain name and it was acquired by a European group. It is now a porn site. **Hard to believe!** The new site address is www.charlesfadams.com

Web sites to visit

If you really want to know what is going on in the Pacific region visit www.Pacom.mil. The site is updated daily with current events within the Pacom Area under the command of Admiral Dennis C. Blair, former Berkeley X.O. Admiral Blair was featured in the last issue of the Bright Penny.

More sites....

Ship Histories - www.hazegray.org/danf/

Navy Times Magazine - www.navytimes.com

Trivia – the Ditty Bag

Ditty bag (or box) was originally called ditto bag because it contained at least two of everything; two needles, two spools of thread, two buttons, etc. With the passing of years the 'ditto' was dropped in favor of ditty and remains so today.

Merry Christmas
 and a
 Happy New Year

