



# THE BRIGHT PENNY

December, 2005

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

## Good Bye to the Association Director

### Ray's Last Ride

Ray proudly served the USS Berkeley twice. The first time was as a GMM from 1963 to 1966. The second was as the Association Director from December 2000 to October 2005.

Ray was born in Salem, Oregon on July 29, 1945 and passed away in Upland, California on October 21, 2005.

Ray is survived by his wife Donna; son Brent; daughter-in-law, Roxxi; grand son, Jake; grand daughter, Nicole; and two brothers, Bill and Rick.

Ray's priorities were simple; family, our two dogs, Muffin and Remi, friends and the Berkeley Association

Our son Brent is a captain with the Sierra Madre, California Fire Department. One thing Ray always wanted to do was ride on the engine with Brent. He got that wish on the day of his services. Brent, along with Ray's two brothers, picked up his dad at the mortuary and brought him to the services on the fire truck, with the lights flashing.

Several members of the USS Berkeley Association; Jim Barrett, Lou Clark, Ed Dertinger, Dale Johnson, and Dale Nielsen were there to salute Ray as he entered the church. At the conclusion of the services another salute was given along with three rings from the ship's bell by Lou Clark. Ray would have been so proud to see his former crew members there.



**IN MEMORY OF**  
Raymond Robert  
Bartlett

**Born**  
July 29, 1945  
Salem, Oregon

**Died**  
October 21, 2005  
Upland, California

**Funeral Services**  
The Episcopal Church  
of the Ascension

**Officiating**  
The Reverend Canon  
Michael A. Bamberger



So Long My Old Friends



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& Webmaster:  
Donna Bartlett in memory of Ray Bartlett

**TAPS****IC3 Tom Jurach**

Tom served aboard BERKELEY from 1964-1967. Tom passed away 12/04.

**FTM2 Glenn Lubben**

Glenn served aboard BERKELEY from 1967-1970. Glenn passed away 4/05 after a tragic bicycle accident.

**RM2 Raymond Elmes**

Raymond was a Plank Owner and served aboard BERKELEY from 1962-1964. Raymond passed away 9/05.

**Incorrect Email Addresses**

A recent mass email from Lou and Pat Clark identified some 283 invalid email addresses.

A current roster will be going out the end of February, 2006 and all those email addresses that bounced will be deleted. If you think you may have a new email address please notify us before 15 February, 2006 at [ussberkeley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ussberkeley@sbcglobal.net).

**BERKELEY HISTORY  
DECEMBER****40 years Ago, 1965**

Enroute from Long Beach to second WestPac deployment. Arrived in Subic Bay, PI on 13 December. Departed Subic 24 December and arrived in the Tonkin Gulf on Christmas day. A standown began upon arrival and the ship steamed off North Vietnam with no activity for the next 30 days. CDR Michael D. Ricinak is the Commanding Officer

**30 Years Ago, 1975**

1-16 December in port San Diego. 17-19 sea trials for testing combat systems. 20-31 in port San Diego making final preparations for January deployment. CDR Clifford F. Homan is the Commanding Officer.

**20 Years Ago, 1985**

1 December upkeep San Diego. 2-6 type training SoCal Op/Areas. 7-11 in port San Diego and anchorage training. 12-15 upkeep San Diego. 16-31 Holiday upkeep period. CDR Richard K. Farrell is the Commanding Officer.

**10 Years Ago, 1995**

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

**2006 Reunion**

The 2006 reunion that was originally scheduled at the Radisson Hotel Seattle Airport has been relocated to the Marriott Hotel Seattle Airport. The Radisson is going to be drastically remodeled and will not be available. Our representative at the Radisson put our reunion chairman, Lou Clark, in touch with the Marriott and they have been great. The dates are the same 03 to 06 August, 2006.

The rates will be the same as at the Radisson, \$99.00 per night. Reservations should be made by each crew member directly with Marriott reservations at (800) 314-0925. Be sure you mention that you are with the USS Berkeley reunion.

The itinerary for the reunion is:

- \* Complimentary Welcome Reception Friday evening from 18:00 to 22:00
- \* Banquet and dancing on Saturday evening

We will have use of a hospitality suite from Thursday at 18:00 through Sunday at 12:00. Lou Clark will be setting up the schedule for the hospitality suite. As always, ships store items will be available for sale whenever the hospitality suite is open.

Seattle has much to offer. There is:

- \* Seattle Art Museum
- \* Pioneer Square
- \* Pike Place Market
- \* Seattle Center
- \* The Shopping District

and, the dates for the reunion are during the annual Sea Fair.

Lou and Pat are busy checking out attractions and possible tours. We will have more in the next newsletter. The reunion reservation notice will be in your hands by 01 May, 2006. Start making your plans now as you don't want to miss this one.

The business meeting will be held on Saturday morning at 10:00 in the hospitality suite. At that time we will be accepting nominations for a new director. The vote will be held at the business meeting and the new director will assume his responsibilities at the close of the 2006 reunion.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lou and Pat Clark for their never ending dedication as chair persons for the 2006 reunion. If their effort is any indication this should be the best reunion yet.

**USS Berkeley Scrapbook**

Pat and Lou have undertaken the task of putting together a USS Berkeley scrapbook. They are looking for stories to share, pictures (especially then and now), event pictures that took place while you were on board BERKELEY, anything that would fit in the scrapbook.

It is their goal to have it ready for the 2006 reunion and I know they would appreciate any and all help.

You can email them at:

[navigoat@charter.net](mailto:navigoat@charter.net).

**A Special Message from  
Donna**

When Ray first took over the USS Berkeley Association he had his doubts and considered this undertaking as one of his most daunting challenges. But never one to turn his back on a challenge he dug in and soon the association became one of the most important parts of his life. He took great pride in building the membership and establishing the ships store. After the data base and accounting software were set up my involvement was limited to the "social" side.

One thing that Ray believed very strongly in was fulfilling commitments. He never would have walked away from a responsibility. He made a commitment to all former crew members when he agreed to take on the association. Now that he is no longer able to meet that commitment I will finish the job for him. With the help of our wonderful friends, Lou and Pat Clark, and the founder of the association, Jim Barrett, I will continue to run the association until the 2006 reunion at which time the members will elect a new director.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ray's former crew members and friends who attended his memorial services. Also, thank you to all of you who contributed to the beautiful wreath and sent cards. I know in my heart that Ray had a huge smile on his face to see the respect and caring he received.

**Please Help**

I need to publish two more newsletters before the 2006 reunion. I would sure appreciate assistance from you guys (and wives). Anything that you think would be of interest to your crew members. I will accept any of the following:

- \* Current Navy News
- \* USS Berkeley History
- \* USS Berkeley Personal Stories
- \* USS Berkeley Pictures
- \* Pretty Much Anything

Please send via email or snail mail. Thanks for the help!