



# THE BRIGHT PENNY

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

## NEXT REUNION IN MASSACHUSETTS

The USS Berkeley Association 2008 reunion will be held in Boston, MA over the July 31-Aug 3 weekend at the Sheraton Braintree Hotel. More information will be in the July newsletter.

This 1st quarter of 2007 has been very hectic. The dues have been collected, the year's first edition of the Bright Penny was sent out to members and the new 2007 Berkeley Association Roster has been updated and mailed. I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work in the recruiting of new members and those helping with the location for our 2008 reunion. Thanks too, to our editor and publisher for their great job with the January newsletter. *Well done* to all.

Our ships store now has the new 2007 Berkeley ball cap. The ship's silhouette has been redefined. The caps currently



in stock include the notation of 'Plank Owner' or 'Radarman' on the back. I'm currently in the process of finding and ordering new shirts for the ship's store. Any questions regarding merchandise can be directed to our Ship's Store Manager, Gerry Hansen.

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### WWII Commemorative Statue Unveiled In San Diego

By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman David A. Brandenburg, Fleet Public Affairs Center Pacific

"Unconditional Surrender," a 25-foot, 6,000 pound statue by world-renowned artist J. Seward Johnson commemorating a famous World War II photo was unveiled Feb. 10 at Mole Park in San Diego.

Unconditional Surrender is a three-dimensional interpretation of a photo taken by Alfred Eisenstaedt of a sailor kissing a nurse in Times Square, New York City on Aug. 14, 1945, following the announcement of V-J Day.



Edith Shain, the nurse memorialized in Eisenstaedt's photo, and members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Inc., attended the ceremony along with hundreds of San Diego residents.

"This statue brings back so many memories of peace, love and happiness," said Shain. "There is so much romance in the statue; it gives such a feeling of hope to all who look at it."

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## OFFICER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Originally from Niagara Falls, New York, Commander Todd Frazier spent his informative years in Pasadena, California. He earned an AA degree from Pasadena City College and a BA from Long Beach State College majoring in History and Geography

CDR Frazier joined the Naval Reserve in January 1963 at the beginning of his senior year at Long Beach State College. Upon graduation he attended Officer Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island and was commissioned in August 1964.

Following commissioning he attended Communication Officer School and was then assigned to the USS NAVARRO (APA-215). After embarking Marines at Okinawa in early 1965 for the first landing at DaNang, South Vietnam, Navarro was assigned to station ship duties. CDR Frazier served as Communications Officer for the I Corps staff until November 1965 when their headquarters were established ashore.

In September 1966 CDR Frazier was sent TAD to the Amphibious Task Force Staff embarked in USS IWO JIMA.

CDR Frazier transferred to the USS Berkeley in August 1967 as Communications Officer and RPS Custodian. During his two years aboard he participated in Sea Dragon and Naval Gunfire Support operations acting as Tactical Communicator during GQ.

Following his tour on Berkeley CDR Frazier transferred to the Active Reserves in August 1969 and served as Administrative Department Head for a large Surface Division and the Group Command Staff in Long Beach from September 1969 to June 1974. He was selected as the first Commanding Officer of NAVCOMMSTA, Pomona



**CDR Todd Frazier**

and served from July 1974 to February 1977.

CDR Frazier served as Training Officer, Administrative Department Head and Executive Officer for numerous Reserve divisions in Long Beach from March 1977 to February 1987. In March 1987 he transferred to the Inactive Reserves and retired in August 1991.

CDR Frazier's 36-year civilian career was spent in the aerospace industry. He was leading Scheduler/Planner at TRW, Hughes Aircraft, McDonnell Douglas and Northrop Grumman. Navy projects included the MK48 ADCAP Torpedo and Los Angeles Class submarine fire control system programs as well as the C-17 and B-2 Air Force programs.

CDR Frazier retired in April 2005 and spends much of his time crewing on two Brigantines sailing out of San Pedro.

### Ahoy Berkeley Beauties!



Ah, spring is in the air! For many of you I'm sure you're happy winter is over. Spring makes me think of love so I hope you all had a lovely Valentine's Day with your loved ones. This led me to thinking about all our troops who wouldn't be with their loved ones. SO, I decided to make and send 25 cards, on behalf of the Berkeley Association's members to our troops. Well, love makes me hungry and this brings me to our USS Berkeley Family Cookbook. Based on suggestions from you, I've decided on the categories that will be included: Appetizers & Beverages; Salads, Soups & Breads; Entrées; Side Dishes; Vegetarian Delights; Fast & Easy Meals; and my favorite, Desserts. How to submit your recipe(s) will be included in the next edition of the Bright Penny. Now, I'd like to introduce Jean LeDoux.

My name is Jean LeDoux, wife of Duane LeDoux, MMCS, USN, Retired (USS Berkeley 1962-1966). Duane and I met in 1966 when he was transferred from the USS Berkeley to the USS Decatur, which was drydocked in Charlestown, Mass. We married in 1968, the second marriage for each of us. Duane has three children from his first marriage, and I have two from my first. Our children are all married and doing well. Our daughter, Cathy, retired as a LCDR, NC, USN in 2000. Duane says, "She's the only officer he loves to salute."

In 1968, Duane was transferred to Destroyer School at Newport, RI as an Instructor. He retired from there three years later in 1971. Directly after retirement, we moved to Virginia where Duane secured a position at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. In 1974 we moved back to New England where he worked for Rose Associates of NY as the Building Manager. He retired from

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***Editor's Edict***  
**By Jim Sundahl**



This week I went to a DESA NORPAC meeting in Tacoma, WA. One of the retired DE ship's Captain had a Personnel Record of one of his ancestors. This Personnel Record was from the early 1900's made on parchment paper and folded into the size of a paperback book. It was wrapped in cow or deer hide and sewn together by hand. It was only about 20 pages and traced this sailor from SR to LT. The parchment was printed form but all entries were entered in pen and ink. It was very interesting to read.

We had part of the crew from the USS Stoup, a new class DDG. Captain Johnson, the ship's skipper, gave us the history of the ship and then answered questions from the group. The new DDG's have two missile launchers, one fore and one aft. They can't reload at sea if they use all the missiles they carry, about 60 missiles. The ship has a 300+ crew of both men and women.

But what I am getting at is that after seeing the old Personnel Record, Captain Johnson told us they have no Personnel Records onboard the new ships, for they are now all electronically maintained. Remember how we had to carry our own Personnel and Pay Records to our next duty station?

The ship is always in contact with the higher ups by e-mail and phone. The Captain said he just has to pick up his phone and can call his wife or boss from anywhere world while at sea or moored.

Made me feel really OLD; I don't miss the canvas racks, or sleeping head to toe, the snoring shipmates, or the smells of 30 or 40 sailors in a berthing space. No, I like my Craftmatic Bed and my wife beside me, the two dogs and cat all in our berthing space. No one standing outside my shower waiting for me to get out. No sir, I like my life now. But to be truthful: I loved the Navy and the life. If I had not been injured and had to get out, I would have stayed till they threw me into the dumpster.

So keep us in your thoughts and send those stories and articles.

As the editor of the Newsletter, I would love to have Sea Stories and pictures sent to me, [jimsundahl@comcast.net](mailto:jimsundahl@comcast.net), for publishing (note my e-mail address is wrong on the Roster and Web site so use this one). Please, read the Sea Stories in this issue and let me know what you think. I would like to thank those that sent the stories. It is always interesting to me to read, see and hear personal stories of active duty experiences other than formal publications. It's also fun to read ship logs. So e-mail away.

We would also like to have you forward any articles you think may be



**From the  
Quarterdeck  
by**

CDR Jim Barrett (Ret)



**New working uniforms**

The new working uniform is the most radical change to the Navy working uniform in decades. Many in the fleet see it as a departure from tradition. Camouflage is in and the more recent light blue shirt and dark blue trousers are on the way out. The fleet will begin to see the battle-dress-style uniform sometime early in 2008. The dominant color in the digital pattern is blue and also contains some haze and deck gray. Among the comments from our sailors is, "If you fall overboard you will never be spotted." Another, "Why do we have to be camouflaged when there are no trees or forest to blend in with aboard ship?"

Just addressing all the uniform changes that have taken place in the past forty years for both officers and enlisted could fill this column. Each time there is a change it is a considerable amount of money our men and women have to pay out to get up to date.

From my point of view, with fourteen years of enlisted service, I personally like the current working uniform. It is sharp in appearance with the shirts having iron-on rating badges and nametags. The best news I've heard is that serious consideration is being given to bringing back service dress khakis for chiefs and officers. I think that was the best uniform we ever had and I hope it returns. To see photos and more details of the new uniforms go to [www.news.navy.mil/](http://www.news.navy.mil/).

**Transitions**

Over the past two centuries the U.S. Navy has advanced from sail to steam to nuclear power. Steam was first generated by burning wood and coal and later black oil. In 1916 the newly commissioned USS Nevada (BB-36) became the Navy's first oil burning battleship. Navy Standard Fuel Oil remained the main source of fuel for ships during World War II, Korea and for most during the Vietnam War. NSFO eventually went by the wayside for most ships when much cleaner distillate fuel was developed and boiler maintenance was greatly reduced. Nuclear power was becoming of age in the early sixties, primarily in submarines, but also for carriers and cruisers. Today the majority of our surface combatants burn a special blend of jet fuel for gas turbine engines. All of the Arleigh Burke DDG's are gas turbine driven.

Because of all the advances in technology the Navy has found the need to adjust some of the enlisted ratings either by elimination, merging some into other ratings or creating new ones. The following list is primarily rates for the surface navy.

**Rate Changes:**

RM changed to IT (Information System Technician) 1999.

RD changed to OS (Ops. Specialist).

...Still RD with the USCG.

**Berkeley History  
April**

**40 Years Ago, 1967**

18 March – 10 April, Upkeep and restricted availability; 11-18, Fleet Exercise "Blue Coral"; 19-28, Inport Long Beach; 29, Underway for WestPac.

**30 years ago, 1977**

1-30, Upkeep San Diego.

**20 years ago, 1987**

1-19, Inport San Diego; (1, Shifted from DesRon NINE to DesRon SEVENTEEN; 2, complete leave stand-down; 15, Fast Cruise completed; 18-19, Inport Exercise); 20, Underway for training; 23-30, Inport Restricted Availability.

**10 years ago, 1997**

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

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**From the Director**

I'd like to welcome and thank the following new members for joining our Berkeley family:

- Edward Adams, MO
- Garald Ansley, KS
- Kenneth Applegate, CO
- Greg Behrens, OR
- Robert D. Brittain, OR
- David Ciega, TN
- Charles A. Colvin, TX
- Randy Cook, TN
- Epifanta Dimalanta, CA
- Arlen Dowdy, ID
- James A. Gross, CA
- Thomas O. Hendrickson
- Douglas Hoge, RI
- John C. Holland, CA
- Robert W. Jackson, MA
- Orville James, CA
- Larry A. Johnson, ID
- Rolf Johnson, NV
- George O. Juillerat, IN
- Donald O. Keitel, CA
- John Lancaster, NV
- Layton Lloyd, FL
- Charles R. Mayo, CA
- Ron Music, WA
- Melvin Newell, NY
- Michael Onufere, CA
- Clinton L. Perry, WI
- Auke Reyenga, WA
- William E. Young, NY



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**WWII Statue**

“During the moment of the kiss I don’t remember much, it happened so fast and it happened at the perfect time. I didn’t even look at the Sailor who was kissing me,” Shain continued. “I closed my eyes and enjoyed the moment like any woman would have done.”

Sailors attending the ceremony had the opportunity to meet the woman pictured in the photograph famous throughout the Navy community, and the world.

“This sculpture represents hope and freedom,” said Quartermaster Seaman Hannah R. Salyer, PCU Green Bay (LPD-20).

“It’s a classic symbol of a Sailor. I can’t put into words the honor it is to meet the woman that was in the photograph and to be a part of the official ceremony for such an amazing piece of work,” continued Salyer.

The ceremony also included World War II era dances and music, and gave people a chance to meet the lady from the famous photograph. Many attendees paid their respects to Shain and other Pearl Harbor survivors.

“This photo and statue still moves me to this day,” said former USS Pennsylvania (BB-38) Sailor Arthur A. Kowalski. “It’s nice to know that people haven’t forgotten about that moment in history. This moment is so precious and can never be duplicated.”

Unconditional Surrender was previously displayed in New York City in 2005 and Sarasota, Fla. in 2006. The statue made its way here, and will stand at the G Street Mole Park for duration of 2007 before traveling to its next home. The statue is owned by the Sculpture Foundation of Santa Monica, Calif., and is on loan to the Port of San Diego.



Pat & Lou reenact the WWII scene



**TAPS**

**Edmund Staley, Jr.** passed away July 14, 1973. He served on board 1966-68.  
**MM1 Wilbur R. Sommer** passed away on July 25, 1985. He was a plankowner and served on board 1962-?

**Sea Stories**



During our WestPac Cruise in 1967 we were engaged with shore batteries off the coast of North Vietnam, during which time they had dropped nearly 500 rounds around us; sounded like the entire deck force was beating the sides with large sledge hammers. Once we had gotten out of their range and secured from GQ, I climbed out of the Forward Fireroom, soaking wet with sweat, both from the heat and a lot from nervous tension, and made my way to the CPO Mess to relax and have a cup of coffee. STC Chapman said, "Hey Mac, want to come down to Sonar and listen to an instant replay?"

*BTCM Bob McGuire (Ret) 1966-68*

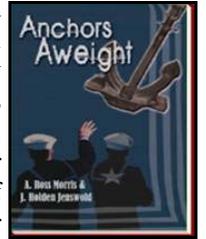


It was The Fall of 1968 and I was on my second tour of the Viet Nam War. We were on station in the North Sector of the Tonkin Gulf involved with gunfire support missions. It was early in the evening just after chow. Most of the crew was topside enjoying the last couple of hours of smoking and skylarking before lights out. It was one of those beautiful red ochre sunsets and we had just observed a couple of prop driven air craft heading in for a suspected bombing mission. Shortly after that there were a number of flashes we noted on the coastline and interpreted them as being the explosions from the aircraft ordinance or anti aircraft. However, it was not more that a few seconds later that we were proven wrong in our assumptions when we heard that blood chilling scream of incoming artillery with the corresponding pillars of water and explosion off our starboard quarter. I found it to be almost uncanny how quickly the fantail cleared and we went to general quarters. You could almost hear the vacuum created as sailors dropped through the after scuttle barely touching the ladder on their way down with only hand rails being used for stability. The next thing I knew we were responding with our own 5” 54’s and cranking the turbines to flank speed. From the After Damage Control Party we could hear the blowers screaming to respond to the demand for more air in response to that call for more speed. Along with the increasing pulsation of the screws I remember at that point feeling the concussion of a near miss amidships with the responding hydraulic lift and flexing of the ship from stem to stern. I felt as though I was on the end of a giant diving board bouncing up and down. From what I hear from the forward team at the after boiler room scuttle Harry Kukuyama came up out of the hole sweat drenched with an expression of amazement as he stated that the boilers had come literally 2” of their mounts as the shells shock hit the hull. Other than some fragment damage to some of our radar equipment, we

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**Interesting Reading**

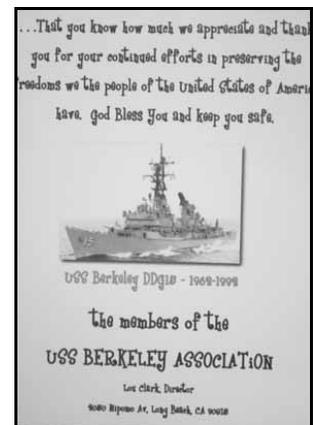
“Simply put, this is a tale of two young men who are unexpectedly forced into the choices of being drafted, resisting the draft, or enlisting in a branch of the military. Neither knew each other before this dilemma. Neither felt resisting the draft was appropriate. However, each believed in democracy and the United States of America, so they enlisted in the U.S. Navy. From different parts of the country these two young men were now on a confusing collision course to meet each other, become good friends, and learn of the fun, hardships, and absurdities of military life.”



This book begins with the decision to join the Navy followed by boot camp. Then, on to “A” School, reporting for sea duty and some wild liberties in-between. Twenty-four chapters and 300 pages will keep you laughing for hours. If you were a Snipe this is a must read. Some salty sailor language throughout and tales every enlisted man can relate to.

*Anchors Aweight* is fiction, but very real to anyone who has served on a destroyer. Available in paperback and published by Authorhouse, ISBN 1-4259-1966-9. Sells for approximately \$15.00 and can be ordered from Amazon.com if not in your local bookstore.

Shuana Fleming, a 17-yr old student from Orange Lutheran High School in Orange, CA is the founder of A MILLION THANKS.org and Co-Founder of VALENTINES FOR TROOPS.com. Pat made up 25 of these Valentine’s Day cards that Shuana then delivered to Walter Reed Army Medical Center’s Fisher and Mologne houses.



**Sick Call:**

**Ben Bess** still encountering health issues but is coming along well according to his doctor and wife Karen.

**Jerry Scott** is recovering from a nerve block in his spine which has affected his leg. He’s been treated but continues to walk with a cane.

**Rolf Johnson** is doing well following cancer surgery.

**Dale Nielsen** is adjusting to a new lifestyle due to diagnosis of macro degeneration. His spirits are high and those of you that know Dale would only expect this of him.

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**Editor's Edict**

interesting about Navy life or during your time on active duty so we can publish them, if we have room. We need to know the publisher's name, the author's name and dates, we may not be able to use them because of copyrights, but we can direct the crew to them.

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**Sea Stories**

came away relatively unscathed. It was only one of several occurrences of counter battery that we dealt with during that tour of the Northern Station. It never ceased to amaze me the incredible speed and efficiency of our crew, especially during those times of battle stations. I will always be very proud as well as grateful for the officers in command and the sailors whom I served with during my time aboard the Berkeley.

*Kerry Cripe SFM3 1966-69*

On April 16, 1963 during the advancement proceedings, after giving me my certificate advancing me to Personnelman 3rd Class, Captain Harper in front of the ships crew stated that I was the most improved sailor on the ship.

Then there was the little game the admin office crew would pull on YN3 Britton. Every time he left the office we would change his radio to a Country Western station (WHY?) because as he told us Country Western Music would ruin a radio.

Your Old Shipmate  
*YN1 BESS, USN, (Ret) 1962-64*

We were in WestPac 1968 doing "Sea Dragon" OPS (Interdiction of Waterborne Logistics Craft) when a North Vietnamese came out to sea in his boat and surrendered. The Captain was going to bring the boat back to Long Beach, so he had it stored behind the Tartar Missile Launcher. On the way back to the states the ship had a Tartar missile test between Pearl Harbor and Long Beach. The missile test went off fine, but the blast from the missile totally destroyed the Captain's trophy boat.



*JerryScott ETN2  
1967-69*

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**Berkeley Beauties**

this position in 1998. We enjoy traveling camping, shopping (mostly me), and spending time with our thirteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren who reside in Indiana, Texas and New Hampshire.

In 1995 we attended our first USS Berkeley reunion, renewing friendships from long ago and have attended each reunion since.

Our best regards to Lou and Pat and our USS Berkeley family."

This is a photo of California Berkeley Beauties who gathered in December for a visit:



**L-R Sue Alley (Jim), Pat Clark (Lou) and Kathy McCowan (Art).**

Prayers are needed for Don Carson's wife, Karen Zilverberg who is experiencing health issues.

Till next time . . . *Pat Clark*  
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**From the quarterdeck**

MS changed to CS (Culinary Specialist) 2004.

**New Rates:**

- GSE – Gas Turbine System Tech-Electrical
- GSM – Gas Turbine System Tech-Mechanical
- MC – Mass Communications Specialist
- MA – Master-at-Arms
- IS – Intelligence Specialist
- MT – Missile Technician
- PS – Personnel Specialist
- RP – Religious Programs Specialist
- SB – Special Warfare Boat Operator
- SO – Former Sonarman to Special Warfare Operator.

**Rate Merges:**

- BT to MM .....1996 CTO to IT..2006
- DP to IT.....1998 DK to PS...2005
- DS to ET & FC..1998 DT to HM...2005
- EW to CTT..... 2003 JO to MC... 2006
- OT to STG.....1997 PN to PS....2005
- SM disestab..... 2003 TM to GM...2007
- PH, JO, LI & DM merged into a new rate, Mass Communications Specialist in July.

**Under Study:**

1. Merging of the OS and QM rates.
2. IC Electrician merging into either the EM or ET rate.
3. Yeoman may be merged into the CT (Admin) rate.

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**Mini-Reunion in Long Beach — December**



Sue and Jim Alley



Art and Kathy McCowan



Dale Nielsen and Lou Clark



Earl Edwards



*The Motley Crew*