



# THE BRIGHT PENNY

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

## A Great Time in San Diego !!!

Our September 19-23 reunion in San Diego was attended by over fifty former Berkeley sailors and another forty guests. We celebrated the ship's 50th anniversary with four days of activities which began on Wednesday. The Bull Session, Welcome Reception, Ladies Tea, Business Meeting, 1972 Berkeley Ops presentation and Banquet were all very enjoyable.



On Thursday morning many of our attendees visited the Arleigh Burke-class USS Stockdale, DDG-106. The Stockdale was commissioned in 2009, and was named for Vice Admiral James Stockdale a Vietnam War POW and Medal of Honor recipient. While on board we participated in a MIA/POW ceremony, and enjoyed a very interesting tour of the ship. We took advantage of our bus charter, and added a free two-hour city tour for our participants. Many participants also enjoyed the USS Midway and Petco Park tours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

On Saturday morning we had our biannual business meeting. As a result of both our web site survey and the vote of attendees, we will retain our current method of rotating reunions through our six sectors. Our 2014 reunion will take place in the Southeastern sector, and either Atlanta, Jacksonville, Memphis, Nashville or Savannah will be the host city. Voting has already commenced through the web site, and

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Captain Lockett graduated from Rice University in 1961 and joined the Navy as an Officer Candidate Seaman Apprentice in June 1961. In 1962 he reported to USS Lofberg (DD-759), undergoing overhaul at Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, California. He served in all five sections of the ship's Operations Division and completed two deployments to WestPac. In 1965 he was ordered to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he earned a M.S. in Operations Research. In 1967 he began a doctoral program in Mathematical Statistics at Stanford University and was awarded a Ph.D. in 1972.

Captain Lockett joined USS Reeves (DLG-24) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as Operations Officer in 1971. Reeves conducted two deployments, including September 1971 and September 1973 when the ship operated in the Gulf of Tonkin in several air defense positions. From October 1973 to March 1976, Captain Lockett served as a Program and Operations Analyst at the Center for Naval Analysis in Arlington, Virginia. From July 1976 to September 1978 he served as Executive Officer in USS Gridley (CG-21), home ported in San Diego, California. Gridley was fortunate to make ten port calls during WestPac deployment. Captain Lockett's next assignment was in OSD (PA&E) in Washington DC, as the Mobility Forces Program Analyst. After attending the Senior Officer Ship Materiel Readiness Course in

### In the Spotlight



**Capt. Joseph Lockett**

1980, Captain Lockett assumed command of the USS Berkeley (DDG-15) in San Diego, California, in January 1981. The ship's WestPac deployment included operations with the Navy of Thailand, a visit to Australia, and a rescue of Vietnamese boat people at sea. Berkeley received an extended overhaul at Long Beach, California upon return from WestPac.

After a Post-Command Course at the Naval War College and several positions in the Office of the CNO, Captain Lockett assumed command of USS Sterett (CG-31) in Subic Bay, Philippines, in 1985. Sterett served as flagship for CTF70 and in several contingency operations, including an unscheduled 83-day

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will continue through January 31, 2013.

Rex McCoy's 1972 Special Ops presentation followed the business meeting, and was very interesting and informative. The presentation stimulated participation from others who were on board during that time, and helped make the event a huge success. Rex also covered this subject in the latest issue of Naval History magazine, and has a DVD that contains narrated video of these operations and associated activities.

Saturday evening featured another thoroughly enjoyable banquet! Good food, good music and good company kept us all entertained throughout the night. We also saw more people on the dance floor than we have in many years. Our guest speakers and other activities were also big contributors to the good time.

Sunday morning was the time to say goodbye during the farewell breakfast, and to start making plans for another great time in the Southeast in 2014. Don't forget to cast your vote for the 2014 host city, and start making your plans to be a part of the fun in 2014!

**Reunion Memory Books:**

Former Berkeley crew members who attended the San Diego reunion last month will be receiving memory books of the reunion banquet. We originally thought the books would be delivered in the early November time frame. Our memory books most likely will be delivered by year's end. If you do not receive your copy by early January, please contact Al Meier via the web site or leave a message at 408-656-3879.

**New Berkeley ACVA Rep**

LCDR Rex McCoy will assume duties of the ACVA representative for the USS Berkeley Association. Rex will provide the association with updates on the progress of

converting the USS Samuel F. Adams DDG-2 into a museum ship in Jacksonville, Florida. This fills the one remaining vacancy on the USS Berkeley staff.

**Jim Barrett Honored**



I wish to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the beautiful plaque that was presented to me at our recent reunion. The inscribed words of recognition are very special coming from the members of our Association. It has been a great pleasure serving our membership through the years keeping the memories alive for our time of service in a very special ship. The Association has never been in better shape under the current management of Al Meier. From my vantage point it is enjoyable to sit back, mingle with the crew at our reunions and observe the reins being handled by a very capable staff. Retirement is good.

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deployment. Sterett also performed as "Tattletale" to Soviet carrier Minsk and observed Soviet missile exercises.

Captain Lockett's final assignment was as Deputy Director of the Research Programs of the Office of Naval Research in Arlington, Virginia. After retirement from Active Duty in 1990, he joined the Institute for Defense Analyses in Alexandria, Virginia, serving as a Defense Analyst in the Operational Evaluation Division. Since 2009 he has served on the Institute's Adjunct Staff.

**Berkeley History  
October**

**50 Years Ago, October 1962**

Berkeley is in Pre-comm status. Prospective C.O. is CDR Wyatt E. Harper Jr.

**40 Years Ago, October 1972**

- 01 – 10 Linebacker Operations North Vietnam
- 11 – 13 Enroute Hong Kong, BCC
- 14 – 18 Inport Hong Kong, BCC
- 19 – 20 Enroute Subic Bay
- 21 – 22 Inport Subic Bay

**30 Years Ago, October 1982**

Overhaul Long Beach Naval Shipyard

**20 Years Ago, October 1992**

Ship in service with the Greek Navy as the H.S. Themistokles DDG-221

**Ahoy Berkeley Beauties**

By Pat Clark



Ahoy Berkeley Beauties, In the next issue of the 'Bright Penny' Newsletter, I'll be resuming my column featuring one of the wonderful wives of our former USS Berkeley DDG -15 crewmembers. I do hope you will participate. You are either married to or are a significant other to one of the former crewmembers thus making you a 'Berkeley Beauty'. Be on the lookout for an e-mail request from me. Regarding our reunion in San Diego. . . it was awesome! Crewmembers enjoyed looking at ship memorabilia, sharing ship-board experiences and of course eating and drinking in the hospitality suite. Many enjoyed the tours that were arranged as well as taking in other San Diego attractions. A few of us Berkeley Beauties enjoyed a 'Mini Quilter's Run'



We had a blast shopping at 3 differently-styled quilt shops, sharing our quilting experiences and other stories. We made a stop in San Marcos for a fantastic lunch. Each participant received a 'Pineapple Block' quilter's pin and pattern at the end of the run.

Our 'Ladies Tea is a delightful event. We visited, enjoyed 'tea goodies' and had a drawing for gift baskets with a selection of relaxation items (made by Moi) for 2 lucky door-prize winners. It was decided that our tea become a regular reunion event.



Elaine Barrett  
Raffle Winner!



Francine Hansen  
Raffle Winner!



Here is a picture of my wall quilt I named 'A few of My Favorite Things'. 'Things' that I

Friday night's 'Welcoming Reception' was held outdoors with gorgeous views of the marinas. We enjoyed a delicious assortment of hors d'oeuvres and socializing.



A few of the wild bunch.

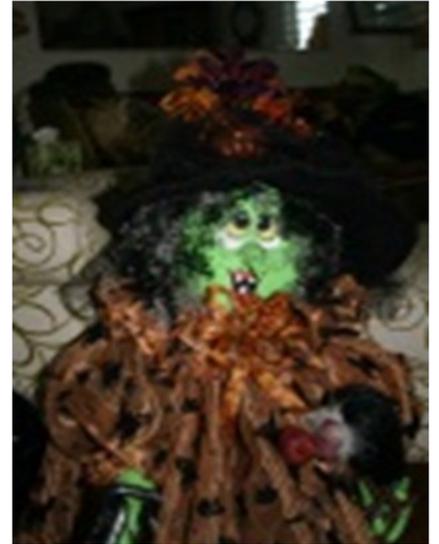
The Association's business meeting was held on Saturday morning. It was during this meeting that nominations were made for the 2014 reunion location. The cities nominated are: Jacksonville, FL, Atlanta, GA, Savannah, GA, Nashville, TN and Memphis, TN. Association members have the opportunity to vote for the next reunion destination by visiting the USS Berkeley website. Following the meeting a presentation by Rex McCoy, The Last Gunfights, was enjoyed by many of the members.

The highlight of the reunion was the banquet dinner on Saturday evening. Besides enjoying a terrific dinner, there was lots of picture taking, 2-bell ceremony for our fallen crewmembers, sharing stories, winning raffle prizes and dancing to some great music. I'm sure a good time was had by all.

Just a reminder that October is Breast Cancer awareness month. I was asked earlier this year to make and donate a quilt for auction at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Race for the Cure' in Temecula, CA. It was auctioned Oct 8 for \$350! I'm truly thankful that I was able to help the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

included in the quilt top are: Roses with morning dew on them, quilt blocks, my teacup collection, butterflies in flight, the color Pink and, of course, finding a cure for breast cancer.

Happy Halloweccccccccccccccccccen! (yep, I made Yoly!)



Bull Session



**Welcome Reception!**

(CDR Michael Merchant, Kathy Merchant, Ann Fogarty, Capt. Bill Fogarty)



USS Stockdale DDG-106 Tour Group



Bull Session



Rex McCoy's Presentation after the Saturday Business Meeting

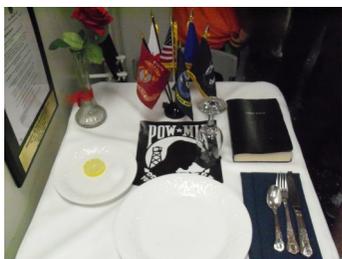


Petco Park - Home of the San Diego Padres!



Rex McCoy's Presentation: USS Berkeley DDG-15 Operations Freedom Train and Linebacker Nguyen Hue/Easter Offensive 1972.

POW/MIA Table for the USS Stockdale Ceremony



Petco Park looking out from the dugout...



C.O. USS Stockdale



Discussion and memories at the Bull Session...



Petco Park Tour Group!



Plankowners present Navy flag to the Association!



Capt Gordon Monteath as guest speaker at the Saturday evening banquet!

