



THE BRIGHT PENNY

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

Little Sun, Lots of Fun!

Last month's reunion in the sunshine state was another memorable one! Eighty-five attendees



participated in the reunion's events, and the employees of the Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront hotel were very accommodating in ensuring our events ran smoothly.

Traveling from the extremely dry and hot temperatures in California to Jacksonville, we expected more sun and high temperatures. Spending a week in northern Florida, we saw more rain than we had seen in California in the past year, but the experience was truly enjoyable. As always, it was great to be reunited with our Berkeley friends for four days of fun!

Activities began on Thursday night with the popular Bull Session which has become one of our favorite events. Many sea stories were told, and attendees had a chance to get reacquainted with and meet other Berkeley crew members. On Friday most attendees participated in the St. Augustine tour which provided an opportunity to visit the oldest city in the U.S.. Friday evening featured the Welcome Reception, and later we adjourned to the Hospitality Suite to spend additional time visiting with our group.

Saturday was a busy day with

the morning Business Meeting and a presentation by the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ships Association (aka JHNSA), the afternoon Ladies Event, and finally our Banquet. During the business meeting, four cities were nominated for the 2016 reunion's host city. The cities nominated were Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, and Rapid City (South Dakota). Online voting for our next reunion destination has begun, and will run through January 15, 2015. To cast your vote, please visit the ussberkeley.com web site. The winning city will be announced in our January 2015 newsletter.

We were honored to have Admiral Jonathan Howe and Rear Admiral Gene Kendall in attendance. Admiral Howe was our guest speaker at the banquet. The banquet also featured Lee Peters (FTCS 1965-1972) as our DJ. Lee put on a great show, and hopefully he will honor us with his services again at the 2016 reunion. QM2 Ed Codispoti once again told tales of the early years aboard the Berkeley.

The JHNSA's presentation provided an update on the status of Jacksonville's effort to bring the Charles F. Adams (DDG-2) to the city as a museum ship. It appears that the Navy will soon turn the ship over to the city, and then preparations to ready the ship for its voyage to Jacksonville will begin. After arriving in Jacksonville (hopefully in early 2015)

the ship will have some additional work performed before moving to its' new home on the St. Johns River. They are looking for volunteers to help with some of the restoration work that will be taking place after the ship is released from the shipyard in Jacksonville. We will provide more information regarding this effort as it becomes available. In summary, all the hard work that the Adams Class Veterans Association, JHNSA and the city of Jacksonville have expended will enable us to visit one of the Berkeley's sister ships beginning sometime next year.

2015 Dues Reminder

As the 2014 calendar year nears the end, we ask for your support in 2015. You can send dues payments to Gerry Hansen at the following address:

USS Berkeley Association
c/o Gerry Hansen
6318 S. 20th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53221

Checks or money orders in the amount of \$20 should be made out to the USS Berkeley Association. We thank you for your support!

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Al Meier

Ahoy Berkeley Beauties,

We have now logged USS Berkeley, DDG-15's reunion in Jacksonville, FL into our record books. Was this not one of the best reunions in the history of our reunions! We had so many new attendees! We even picked up some '80's crewmembers. This gives me a thrill as I know that we will undoubtedly get more late-crew members as the years roll on. I would only ask that if you had a good time and you know of a crew member during your time aboard the Berkeley that you let them know what they are missing by not belonging to the USS Berkeley Association and planning on coming to one of our reunions. Please remember to tell them that we value the wives in our Association, and make sure they have as good a time as the former crew member while he reminiscences with his former shipmates. I want to thank everyone who donated or made something for our opportunity drawing or silent auctions. Such talented people!

One of the highlights of the reunion (even with rain) was our trip to St. Augustine.

We enjoyed our 3rd Ladies Tea which has become a favorite event,



**October 2014
Ship's History**

50 Year Ago, 1964

- 01-12 With Task Group 77.7 escorting the attack carrier Bon Homme Richard.
- 13 Transited the Bashi Channel enroute to Sasebo, Japan. Inport Sasebo, Japan (3 days, dates not available).
- 21-31 Inport Yokosuka, Japan .

40 Years Ago, 1974

- 01 - 06 TG 77.6, enroute Subic Bay, R.P.
- 06 - 10 Inport Subic Bay, R.P.
- 10 - 12 TG 77.6, South China Sea, storm evasion.
- 12 - 27 Inport Subic Bay, R.P.
- 27 - 31 TG 77.6, enroute Singapore.

30 Years Ago, 1984

- 01 - 04 Enroute San Diego
- 04 - 10 Inport San Diego
- 11 Assigned PMTC RECON conducting surveillance on a Soviet AGI Operating off San Clemente Island.

20 Years Ago, 1994

In service with the Hellenic Navy of Greece as the H.S. Themistokles.

and allows all of us ladies an opportunity to become better acquainted. We take turns introducing ourselves, and how we have become a Berkeley Beauty. I must tell you, this reunion's Ladies Tea was exceptional. Not only from the standpoint of the delicacies served, but the unusual events that happened. We discovered that several of our beauties met their spouses on 'blind dates'! During the event, we held drawings for several door prizes. One (Jean) had to excuse herself and while she was gone, her ticket number was drawn! What a surprise when she returned to find that she had won a door prize! Another needed to excuse herself, and upon her return found she too had won! Stephanie Ferrell was our next winner & Shari Peters, was sitting next to her. Shari excused herself and upon returning, said, "I never win anything". We all told her to look at her seat because while she was gone, her ticket number was drawn!! All I can say is, excuse me

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In this 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 was so happy to see so many new faces at this 2014 Reunion in Jacksonville, Fl. 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. However, if you do not wish to participate, please give me time to set up another interview. TY!! For this October issue of the Berkeley Beauties, I'd like to introduce Teri Saulter, wife of Robert Saulter, FTM1, F Div, 68-74.



Hi, I am Terri Saulter, wife of Bob Saulter who served on the USS Berkeley from 1968 to 1974. I was born and raised in Bremerton Washington. Bob was a blind date and I was immediately smitten. Our first date was in September 1973 when the Berkeley was in Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, and we were married the same year in December after a very short engagement. Bob left the Berkeley in early 1974 transferring to a shore assignment at NAS Alameda. I began my career as a civilian for the US Navy in 1974. Bob joined me as a civilian in June of 1976 after leaving the Navy. In 1990 we both transferred to Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane in Indiana. Bob retired in 2007 and I retired in 2011. Bob had to drag me kicking and screaming as I had the best job supporting the fleet as a Navy Installation Manager for improvements to the AN/SLQ-32.

We love traveling in our motor home with our two Westies, Winnie and Pooh. We winter in Navarre Beach, Florida with some awesome friends. While in Florida I keep busy with daily walks, a bike ride, cards, dominos and just hanging out. We spend our summers at our house in Indiana. I love gardening and look forward to Spring and working outside. Bob and I enjoy bowling on a Senior League. They are an inspiring group of Seniors some of which are in their 80's and 90's. Next on my 'to do' list is quilting. I will be signing up for a class in the Spring of 2015.

I attended my first USS Berkeley reunion in 2014 in Jacksonville. The reunion was amazing, making new friends and reconnecting with old ones.

Thank you Teri! With your new quilting skills, we'll hopefully see you donating something at a future reunion! I've created a new Face Book page! It's: <https://www.facebook.com/BerkeleyBeauties>. Please check it out (YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A FACE BOOK USER TO LIKE OUR FB PAGE) and 'LIKE' the page. On the

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group photo you will see a box 'LIKE'. Click on it to be counted. You'll know you did it right if it changes to 'LIKED'. I'm planning to make it a comfortable place for us Berkeley Beauties to share info, pics, etc. I'm going to start posting 'albums' for not only this 2014 reunion, but past reunions. Anyone with photos from past reunions please let me know. You can always contact me at: ht2mleelvr@comline.com Any problem with how to use our FB page?, please feel free to contact me for assistance.

Till next time! Pat

Pictures from the reunion

