



# THE BRIGHT PENNY

July—September 2016

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

## Chicago Here We Come!

### Director's Update



Hope all of you enjoyed a healthy and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

Our Chicago reunion is not far off (Sept. 21-25 at Crowne Plaza Chicago-Northbrook), and we have a recap of the activities along with a registration form in this newsletter. We recently experienced some problems with the web site that required a substantial amount of Jim Barrett's time to resolve. Therefore, we encourage those planning on attending the reunion to either register at the web site soon (before any additional difficulties are experienced) or use the registration form in this newsletter. The plan is to make upgrades to the web site after the reunion, but keep the site up and functioning for now so that people can register on line.

Our biyearly business meeting will take place during the reunion, and there are a few main topics that will be discussed. We will discuss the future program for running the web site, future web site additions, replacement of 2-3 Regional Advisors, and nominate Northwest cities for the 2018 reunion's host city.

We have experienced a sharp decline in paid memberships in the past couple of years, and hopefully attendees can provide some ideas for improving membership. If you have a suggestion, please forward it by way of the Suggestion Box page on the web site. Our paid dues is the main source of revenue for the Association.



### Farewell to a Plank Owner

Jim Zange, FTM2 served aboard the Berkeley from 1962 – 65. James Zange born on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1943 in West Dundee passed away unexpectedly at Sherman Hospital on July, 1, 2016. Jim was an honorably discharged Veteran to the US Navy and served in the Vietnam War. He and his wife of 13 years Joyce, enjoyed many cruises, extravagant trips visiting other countries, and cultures. His hobbies included; playing golf, participating in many social clubs, and visiting with family. He adored all his grandkids and some of his brightest moments were spent with them. He had a jovial spirit, and always was

ready for a jab or joke. Jim is survived by his devoted wife Joyce, his four loving daughters: Beth Zange-Sellers (Sam), Kristy Hopkins (Dave), Karen Seymour-Ells (Mike), Kelly Saelens (Jim), step-children Laura Jull (Earl), Todd Tennell (Cari), Brad Tennell and 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

### Reunion Events and Information

**Hospitality Room:** We have arranged to have a room provided for Wednesday after-noon through Sunday morning. This is where you will pick up your Welcome Packet, and is also an ideal meeting place. The Ship's Store will be in this room, as well as cruise books and other ship's history items available for viewing.

**Bull Session:** This is our kickoff event, and will be held Thursday evening. Since this event will be held in the same room as our Hospitality Room, we will have cruise books, etc. available for review. We want to remind attendees to bring photos, videos, and other memorabilia to share with the group. We will provide light snacks, soda, and water. A no host

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bar with beer and wine will be available.

**Chicago Museum of Science and Industry Tour:** This tour was recommended by two of our members, and has been setup to include the submarine exhibit which we have scheduled for our group in the morning. Round-trip bus transportation will be provided. Please see the Registration form for pricing.

**Welcome Reception:** This event is scheduled for Friday evening at 6 PM. We will have hors d'oeuvres, and a no-host bar will be available. Some of the raffle items will be given away at this event.

**Business Meeting:** The meeting will be at 8 AM on Saturday, and will be followed by Bill Fogerty's special Navy Pier presentation. Our 2018 reunion will be held in the Northwest sector, and we will nominate possible host cities at the meeting. Some other topics we would like to address at the meeting are the decreasing dues-paying memberships in recent years, filling a few Regional Advisor positions (South Central, Southwest, and Northwest), and finding a company to maintain our web site. We will provide coffee, tea, and some snacks (probably donuts and/or bagels).

**Ladies Tea:** This is a popular event for the ladies that will be held Saturday afternoon.

An assortment of teas and snacks will be provided, and Pat Clark usually has some special gifts for the attendees.

**Banquet:** This is our premier event, and it will take place Saturday evening beginning with a cocktail hour at 5 PM. We will also have a photographer taking individuals/couples and group photos during the cocktail hour. Our very own Lee Peters will once again be our DJ following dinner, and he promises to fill the dance floor. More raffle prizes will be given away during the evening.

**Farewell Breakfast:** We will have an area available from 7 to 10 AM Sunday morning, and people can stop by for breakfast or just to say goodbye!

**Berkeley History  
July 2016**

50 Year Ago, 1966

- 01 – 12 Inport Long Beach, leave and upkeep
- 12 – 15 Inport San Diego
- 19 – 31 Preparation for CNO Project D/S 368, Long Beach Naval Shipyard

40 Years Ago, 1976

- 01 – 13 Inport, Subic Bay, R.P.
- 14 – 19 Underway, TYT, SCS
- 20 – 21 Underway, enroute Kaohsiung, Taiwan
- 22 – 25 Inport, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
- 26 – 29 Underway, SHARKHUNT XVI
- 30 Enroute, Subic Bay, R.P.
- 31 Inport, Subic Bay, R.P.

30 Years Ago, 1986

- 01 – 03 Enroute, San Diego, CA
- 03 – 31 Inport, San Diego, CA

20 Years Ago, 1996

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

**Military Testing Unmanned Ship**

Testing of the world's largest unmanned ship is underway. The Sea Hunter was on display in San Diego recently, and testing is being performed at a nearby naval base. Testing will be conducted off the California coast for the next two years, mainly to determine the ability of the vessel to react on its own and avoid collisions with seafaring traffic. During this testing, the ship will have human operators as a safety net. Once the ship proves it is reliable, it will be able to go out to sea for months at a time. The International Transport Workers' Federation doesn't believe it will ever be possible to replace human ability to foresee and react to various dangers at sea. Others are concerned about hackers capturing a robotic vessel. However, military officials say it is possible to make drone ships cyber-secure.