



# THE BRIGHT PENNY

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

## Happy New Year!

### Happy New Year – 2018!

A belated Happy New Year to you all, and hope your 2018 is a healthy and rewarding year. As the year begins, we are working toward completion of the new web site. Our current web site is still providing the information it has in the past, and the Ship's Store has been setup on the new site. Access to the Ship's Store is the same as in the past, but your shopping experience should be improved.

The transition over to WordPress as the software for the new web site has presented its share of challenges, and the association is looking for an experienced person who can assume the role of web master in the near future. Jim Barrett has been our web master, and is longing for retirement after many years of maintaining the web site. If you have experience with WordPress, and are willing to donate some time as our web master, please contact Al Meier at [alphawhiskey.ddg15@yahoo.com](mailto:alphawhiskey.ddg15@yahoo.com)

Planning for our September reunion in Long Beach has been in process for the past few months, and it is time for attendees to begin booking their reservation on the Queen Mary.

Also, please complete and submit your 2018 Long Beach Reunion Reservation forms and payments to Gerry Hansen. A Long Beach



Reunion Reservation form is available online, and is also included in this newsletter.

We would like to remind those who haven't already done so, that it is time to renew your USS Berkeley Association membership. Membership forms are available under the "Quarterdeck" tab on the web site. Copies of the 2018 master roster will be sent out to current members in the April/May time frame, and you will receive the quarterly Bright Penny newsletters as soon as they are published. The newsletters contain all of the pertinent information regarding our upcoming reunion in Long Beach this September.

### Rear Admiral Thomas Martin Ward, Jr. Obituary

RADM Ward was the Berkeley's 4th commanding officer from July 1967 to January 1969. Our condolences go out to RADM Ward's family. Following is the obituary.

Rear Admiral Thomas Martin Ward, Jr. (USN retired), age 89, son of the late Tom and Edith Ward of Rockwood, Tennessee, passed into his final rest surrounded by his loving family on January 9, 2018 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Funeral services were held at First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach on January 16, 2018. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors will occur later this year.

Tom was born on December 4, 1928, in Pontiac, Michigan and

Tom was born on December 4, 1928 in Pontiac, Michigan and raised in Rockwood, Tennessee. He graduated from Tennessee Military Institute and attended Virginia Military Institute (Class of 1950B). He then received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, graduating with the Class of 1951 and was commissioned as an Ensign. He reported to the USS ENGLISH (DDG-696) as the First Lieutenant and Gunnery Officer. On September 14, 1951, Tom married his "Peg of My Heart," Miss Peggy Dunn of Knoxville, Tennessee, and together they launched their life in the U.S. Navy.

Tom reported to Minesweeping Officers School, followed by tours as Executive Officer aboard the USS TOWHEE (AM-388) and the Commanding Officer of the USS CARDINAL (AMS-4). Tom would continue to serve at sea in destroyers, taking great pride in being a 'tin can' sailor. A breather in sea duty sent Tom to the Naval Postgraduate School in the Weapons curriculum followed by a year of further study for a master's degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. He was then assigned as Weapons Department Head on The USS GYATT

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(DDG-1). Sea duty was followed by a tour as the Missile Flight Safety Officer for satellite and ICBM launches from Vandenberg Air Force base and the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Lompoc, California, including a TAD assignment for most of 1962 to the Joint Task Force 8 on Johnson Island as the Missile Flight Safety Officer for the last nuclear weapons atmospheric tests.

He then became the Executive Officer of the USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14) and deployed to the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of North Vietnam. He returned stateside, attended the Naval War College Command and Staff Course, with a follow on assignment to the Weapons Department at the USNA teaching weapon system engineering. Tom then took command of the USS BERKELEY (DDG-15) which included two deployments to Vietnam. Back home, he returned to the Naval War College while concurrently completing the Senior Officers course and earning a master degree in Marine Affairs at the University of Rhode Island. He transferred to the Naval Ordnance Systems Command in Washington DC as Project Manager for the NATO Sea Sparrow Surface Missile Systems Project. This was the first successful multinational weapon system development and production project under NATO's aegis, and is still operational today.

Tom was subsequently assigned as Commander Destroyer

Squadron SEVEN. He returned to Washington DC for duty in the Weapons Systems Directorate of Naval Sea Systems Command. He was promoted to Rear Admiral and transferred to the Office of the DCNO for Surface Warfare as Deputy Commander for surface ship command systems where he served as Chairman to the NATO Sea Sparrow Steering Committee. He then became Commander Naval Surface Forces Middle Pacific in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He returned to Washington for his last tour as Deputy Commander for Surface Combatant Ship Programs.

After 31 years in the Navy, Tom retired in 1982 and then worked 10 more years for combat system engineering and ships maintenance firms in the Tidewater Virginia region; fully retiring in 1993 to devote himself to his family and to his community. He was a trustee for the USNA Foundation (Athletic and Scholarship Programs). Tom served as an elder at First Presbyterian Church where he also was an active participant in the Men's Prayer Breakfast group and Stephen's Ministry. An avid orchid horticulturalist, he became a senior judge with the American Orchid Society and later served as a Trustee. He was an active member and served as President of the Tidewater Orchid Society. Tom also served as Director and later President of the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission. He was a Founding Director of the Virginia Beach Horticultural Foundation and Chairman of the Virginia Flower and Garden Show. He belonged to the "Over the Hill Gang," a group of fellow military and first

**Berkeley History  
January 2018**

50 Year Ago, 1968

- 01 – 22 Upkeep, Long Beach
- 22 – 26 Local Operations
- 27 – 31 Upkeep, Long Beach

40 Years Ago, 1978

- 01 – 31 ROH at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS)

30 Years Ago, 1988

- 01 – 04 Inport, San Diego
- 04 – 07 Underway SOCAL OP Area
- 07 – 12 Inport, San Diego
- 12 – 13 Underway for OPPRE
- 13 – 31 Inport, San Diego
- 31 Underway for Seal Beach

20 Years Ago, 1998

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

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responder retirees, who meet weekly for workouts at Wareing's gym. He greatly missed their workouts and camaraderie following a profound stroke seven years ago.

Tom is survived by his wife of 67 years, Peggy, their children; David (Deborah), Vickey (David), Jim (Jen), Suzanna (Rob) and Natalie (Rob), and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Patrick Malone Obit**

Malone, Patrick Bartley FORT PLAIN, N.Y. Patrick Bartley, "Bart" Malone passed away in his home on Wednesday, August 9, 2017. Born on March 14, 1950, he was the son of the late Joseph Malone and Cynthia Malone of Blue Point, N.Y. Bart was a graduate of the State University of New York at Oswego. He recently retired from his position as environmental chemist for New York State, which he held for 28 years. Prior to that service he was a research biologist at Roswell Park Institute. Bart served in active duty for the [United States Navy](#) during the [Vietnam War](#) (OS3 1969-73, USS Berkeley) and went to college on the GI Bill. He grew up in Malverne, N.Y., and Blue Point. He was a naturalist which he attributed to his maternal grandfather, Arthur Bartley, who was one of the founders of Ducks Unlimited. He loved the outdoors (especially the Great South Bay, where he lived and clammed as a young man), football, and riding his motorcycles. He is survived by his two sons, Sean Malone and Jered Malone, as well as his sister, Anne Malone.

**2018 Long Beach Reunion Information**

Thursday, September 20 – Sunday, September 23, 2018 on:

The Queen Mary  
1126 Queens Highway  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Reservations: phone number: 877-342-0742, mention you are with the USS Berkeley Association to receive discounts.

Room rates: single double  
Deluxe Kings \$119 \$119  
Deluxe Twins \$119 \$119

Taxes are approx. 15.195%, and a reduced. Facility fee of \$6.95 per room (includes Self-guided tour of ship, internet access, Fitness center, and 50% off of select guided Tours and attraction tickets). Room taxes are not included in above rates, and are currently 15.195%. A reduced facility fee of \$6.95 per room per day (which includes internet access, fitness center, self-guided tour of ship, and 50% off of select guided tours and attraction tickets) is also added to room rates. Reduced parking fee of \$10 per vehicle per day.

Rates are available three days before and three days after reunion dates. Rooms automatically guaranteed for late arrival.

**Events:**

Thursday, 09/20  
7:00 – 11:00 p.m.  
Bull Session

Friday, 09/21  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Welcome Reception

Saturday, 09/22  
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Ladies Tea  
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Banquet  
(cocktails)  
6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Banquet

Sunday, 09/23 Farewell breakfast  
7:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
Note: the above times for events are planned, but not yet confirmed.

Tours: Santa Catalina Island

**Catalina Island**

Santa Catalina Island is 22 miles long and 8 miles across at its greatest width. The island is located about 22 miles south-southwest of Los Angeles, California. The highest point on the island is 2,097 feet (639 m) Mt. Orizaba. Santa Catalina is part of the Channel Islands of California archipelago and lies within Los Angeles County.

More than a million people visit Catalina Island yearly to enjoy the Mediterranean climate and crystal clear waters. Avalon is the most visited destination on the island. It is a world apart from the frenzy of the mainland cities of Southern California. With very few cars, visitors are likely to see the sights from a golf cart, a boat or on foot. Avalon is clean and safe and offers the quintessential beach town, laid back, but with plenty of places to eat, drink and shop.

While in Avalon, you can enjoy swimming, scuba diving, snorkeling, kayaking, fishing, golfing, hiking, biking, shopping, strolling the museum and art galleries, a day at a spa, guided sightseeing tours or renting golf carts to explore the city on their own. Inland Catalina contains a wealth of natural and cultural resources, unique animals, plants and archaeological resources found nowhere else on earth. Avalon is the gateway to the beautiful interior of Catalina Island