

# "BENNINGTON"

Sometimes the right name can really take you places, as a family from England who came to town for the reunion of sailors aboard the USS Bennington learned this week.

Although no one in the family had served aboard the aircraft carrier, there was no better place to be than Bennington during the reunion of the USS Bennington sailors for Ben, Pat, Chris and Jane Bennington.

Ben and Pat Bennington, of Yorkshire, are the parents of Chris Bennington and in-laws of Chris' wife, Jane, who live just outside Oxford.

Attending the reunion was, of course, no coincidence. Chris Bennington, a police officer, had come across the aircraft carrier's reunion association some time ago.

"I guess it was about 10 years ago. I was going through the Internet trying to trace some of the Bennington (family) history and I stumbled across the USS Bennington website.

Initially, Chris said he was looking for "some token" that bore the name shared by the family and the aircraft carrier and Copeland sent a baseball cap. But after learning that both Ben and Chris Bennington had served in the Royal Navy, the relationship just "evolved," Chris said.

By Patrick McArdle/Rutland Herald



★ Bobby Quinn (Scholarship Chairman, 2001-2010)



In 2001 Bobby started the annual presentation of the USS Bennington scholarship to a deserving senior student at Mount Anthony Union High School in Bennington, Vermont each June. In 2010, LT Mike Ponto and ABH1 Bill Coughlin stood in for Bobby who was in poor health and couldn't make the trip. The Association recognizes the effort and dedication that Bobby made on behalf of his Bennington shipmates with a 'Bravo Zulu' for a job well done.

