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# USS STODDARD ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

**USS STODDARD DD566**  
**WWII \* Korea \* Vietnam**

**32nd Stoddard Alumni Reunion**  
**Jacksonville, Florida**  
**September 14th-18th, 2022**

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**August 12, 2022**

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## Reunions Are Back!!

**Good News the 2022 Reunion is in Jacksonville, FL in September.**

**The Big Obstacle 1** As reunion planners we must commit to "Room Day Guarantees" and "Food and Beverage Guarantees." The hotels have quotas in order to offer reduced rates and use of the hospitality room without charge. The guarantees must be done at time of signing the contract.

Preliminary details regarding the reunion are in this Newsletter.

Please let us know, as soon as you know, about attending the reunion.

Registration will be in the April Newsletter.

We would like your feedback regarding the reunion itinerary. Please let us know if you will be comfortable traveling with Covid. Also do you have any special needs or dietary requirements. We know it has been two years since we have been together and want to make certain everyone feels comfortable attending the reunion.

Regarding the travel time, do you want shorter trips? We are planning to have some activities in the hospitality room for those not wishing to go on the tours. We just need to know numbers from you so that we can make arrangements for travel. Question or comments please contact Bill and Ulla by phone or email:

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**Reply also enclosed for your convenience.**

***The following are some of the events we are looking into for the Reunion. We only have a few days to see so many great sites, if we can't go to all, please stay few days and enjoy this historic part of Florida. Some venues may not be available.***

**A Trip to Ste. Augustine, Florida**

St. Augustine was founded in 1565 by Spanish Admiral Pedro Menendez de Aviles, Florida's first governor. He named the settlement "San Agustín" (St. Augustine). The city served as the capital of Spanish Florida for over 200 years. It was designated as the capital of British East Florida when the colony was established in 1763; the colony was ceded to Spain in 1783. Spain ceded Florida to the United States in 1819, and St. Augustine was designated the capital of the Florida Territory upon ratification of the Adams-Onís Treaty in 1821. The territorial government moved and made Tallahassee the capital of Florida in 1824.



The **Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park** is a 15-acre, waterfront historical attraction, where visitors can learn about the first Spanish settlers who came here in the 1600s and the native Timucuan who were here to greet them. With a working archaeological dig on site, as well as several re-created Spanish and Timucuan buildings and dwellings, the park is bursting with history. It's also just a beautiful spot to relax, enjoy the views over the water from the 600-foot Founders Riverwalk or from the Observation Tower, sample the waters from the natural spring (Ponce de Leon's legendary Fountain of Youth?) or feed the flamingos.

The **St. Augustine Light Station** is a private-aid to navigation and an active, working lighthouse in St. Augustine, Florida. The current lighthouse stands at the north end of Anastasia Island and was built between 1871 and 1874. The current lighthouse tower, original first-order Fresnel Lens and the Light Station grounds are owned by the **St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum, Inc.**, a not-for-profit maritime museum. The museum is open to the public 360 days a year. Admission fees support continued preservation of the lighthouse and five other historic structures.



The **Naval Station Mayport** is a major United States Navy base in Jacksonville, Florida. It contains a protected harbor that can accommodate aircraft carrier-size vessels, ship's intermediate maintenance activity and a military airfield. NS Mayport has grown to become the third-largest naval surface fleet concentration area in the United States. The station has a busy harbor capable of accommodating 34 ships and an 8,001-foot runway capable of handling most aircraft in the Department of Defense inventory. Naval Station Mayport is also home to the Navy's United States Fourth Fleet, reactivated in 2008 after being deactivated in 1950.

We will have our *USS Stoddard* Memorial Service at the **Veterans Memorial Wall** in downtown Jacksonville. The quarter-million dollar monument was dedicated in November, 1995 and serves as a tribute to more than 1,500 Jacksonville area American war heroes. The outdoor memorial was promoted as "the largest of its kind" and "the only wall that honors veterans from all six [service] branches" (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine). The 65 foot-long black granite monument contains the names of servicemen and women from World War I through Operation Desert Storm and the current war on terrorism. In front of the wall stands a torch with an eternal flame.



## Repairs underway to save the decommissioned destroyer The Sullivans from taking on water.

By Carolyn Thompson, The Associated Press



**This photo, provided by the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park, in Buffalo, N.Y., on March 16 shows the destroyer USS The Sullivans, which is taking on water and listing at its dock in Buffalo's**

BUFFALO, N.Y. March 16, 2021— Keeping the Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park from going under during the pandemic has been hard enough without also having to worry about keeping one of its star attractions afloat.

After losing 87 percent of its revenue because of COVID-19 closures and cancellations during the past year, the park recently discovered the destroyer USS The Sullivans taking on water and listing at its dock in Buffalo's inner harbor.

The 78-year-old decommissioned vessel is named in honor of the five Sullivan brothers from Waterloo, Iowa, who were killed in action when the USS Juneau was sunk by the Japanese in the South Pacific during World War II.

Their mother, Alleta Sullivan, christened the ship, which saw action in World War II, the Korean War, and the Cold War. It's now a National Historic Landmark.

"She was built to last about 20 years. Destroyers by their very nature, are built with a very thin layer of steel because they've got to be fast and maneuverable," said Paul Marzello Sr., president and chief executive of the park. "Seventy-eight years is a long time to keep these ships in condition to be floating, especially when we want to use them as a museum piece and use them as an educational tool." Crews from the military park couldn't immediately board the leaning vessel because the gangways had been damaged by a winter storm. When they did, they found that 15,000-20,000 gallons of water had poured in through three holes in its hull. **"The holes can be anywhere from the size of a dime to a quarter, but it doesn't take much when it's below the water line," Marzello said. "It's just coming in full bore, so those are the scary ones."**

Emergency repairs are under way to pump out the water and plug the holes. Officials estimate it will cost \$1 million to permanently repair a hull weakened and damaged by the freeze and thaw of decades of winters. It would have been a costly undertaking for the nonprofit park and museum even before the pandemic all but wiped out its revenue stream. "It killed the summer as far as admissions and tours, not to mention what it does to gift shop revenue, the restaurant revenue.

The granddaughter of Albert Sullivan, the youngest of the brothers and the only one to have a child, is scheduled to kick off a St. Patrick's Day fundraising effort Wednesday being led by Washington, D.C.-based developer Douglas Jemal. Kelly Sullivan was 5 years old when she took her first plane ride to Buffalo to see the ship become a museum. Since then, she has been a regular at reunions held by sailors who served on it and their families. "I didn't grow up in the big Irish Catholic family that I would have had if even one of the boys had survived, but I have my Sullivan sailors family," Sullivan said as she traveled to Buffalo from Waterloo, Iowa, where she teaches third grade. "It's an artifact that celebrates not just Sullivans, but it honors all of the men and women who have served our country," she said.

### The Sullivans Repair Update

#### November 15, 2021—How a community—and world— came together to save the USS The Sullivans

From the moment word got out that the destroyer was listing and taking on water, offers to help began pouring in from as far away as Australia and Japan. Marzello heard from welders and plumbers, from companies wanting to donate pumps to get water out of the hull. He received offers of assistance from the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Virginia and from a Massachusetts naval park that was ready to send a crew down to help. The Coast Guard did an exterior and interior inspection of the ship. Within days, the naval park had enough money to cover emergency repairs. Fundraising efforts were strong enough for the naval park to hire Buffalo Industrial Diving Company in early September. The local marine and engineering outfit began making more extensive repairs, which includes applying an epoxy coating to the entire exterior hull to create a watertight barrier that will strengthen and protect the destroyer's thin outer steel.

In the end, thanks to foundations, local contributors and naval contacts from around the country, the naval park not only reached the \$1 million fundraising goal to repair the breached hull of the USS The Sullivans, but raised enough money to start an endowment that will continue protecting the ship's legacy in the future. **The Sullivans is a Fletcher Class Destroyer with Fram II Conversion like the Stoddard.**

## The Battle for the Ca De River Bridge Part 2

by  
Dan Withers, Karl Lippard and John Calder

### Follow up comments from Sgt. Karl Lippard H/2/3:

I don't think you (USS Craig) know how tight your fire was, a lot at night and some in the rain. I heard later that the 2nd Regional Force were digging to China, pinned to the sea, you had them bottled up and afraid to move. They had no idea who was calling in the fire or where it was coming from. Airpower struck the rear of the VC columns. The Craig came in firing to the right of the airstrikes immediately across my front, giving me relief. My Viet Ranger and I were backed to the water about 75 yards up the beach from the bridge. You illuminated the enemy for me catching them in the open and we took out all that made it to us within 15 yards. It was close, very, very close. I was down to my pistol and plotted the last rounds on me. The damage to the impact zone was substantial. The Craig took out most of them, maybe 150 or so. The USS Stoddard came from where, I don't know, the Craig would have been blocking my view. In behind the Craig, some 300 meters firing right over them by my eye, but slightly forward and clear I'm sure. I had no idea there were two of you shooting. The Stoddard record said, "The heavy stuff was fired by the Craig". The Craig as its log says, ceased fire around 0310 and proceeded off station. This left the Stoddard remaining in position at dawn which matches my memory of a ship still there.

The subject has come up today in the Navy/Marine Corps that without the capability of DD's as demonstrated in this battle if happened today, all our command could have been seriously wounded or wiped out. Please send this or post it where all USS Stoddard crew can be recognized by me personally. Every man. 600 enemy against 30 Marines is a little tough so understand me well. We put them all down to the MAN. Yes it is. It's all about ships.

The USA does not have DD Class ships with guns. GUNS. So, when we look at this example it is all Navy. The volume of fire demonstrated in H&I alone, the single auto repeating cannon on our so called new destroyers would not support a beach landing today. In fact a fortified beach would have to rely entirely on air. So, when we examine this battle and review the rounds fired and the TYPE of rounds fired is very telling. Not an accident. It can be used thus to prove a point; and proved a serious need in our Navy today.

Here we have a problem saying as Marines to Navy: Fight this battle for the Ca De River bridge.....We are waiting; fight it. We demonstrate a strategic battle with a critical need. Immediate need. A Marine picks up the phone to command; command sends some air, but it is at night and in the rain. Further it is dangerously close. Within 150 yards at times. So what smart bomb are you going to drop? How many bombs do you have for this enemy battalion? My view; you are dead.

Navy arrives with what? A couple of DD Destroyers firing 5"/38's. Oh we know that bursting radius. DD depth of ammo too. We want Illumination now. Follow with HE VT. I want some WP enemy can't walk over. I want to keep our battlefield lit up. What does the chart say? Yes, they gave all that. If in the rain or slop, no difference. Enemy retires, we need to SEE distance. Check our depth of field to adjust. Give us WP. We have it. Keep the HE VT coming. Then we put a volume on them to destroy. We've got it. Then we burn the mountains with WP to deny egress. Have that and in volume, With the modern ship 5"/54's they are single guns with a 20 round Carousel of pre-loaded ammo. Self loading. What's in that carousel is what you get. AA is not going to cut it and our enemy is danger close. Where are the rounds we need? Where? Where is the volume of ammo? Where is it?

So, let's stop a second. A private was not sent by himself on the North side of this bridge. A Corporal was. I had been to Map and Aerial Photo School. Best in class. I directed artillery and air strikes as range officer on Okinawa. I would say platoon commander Lt. Reeder made a good choice having been advised that day by Regimental Commander to "Not lose this bridge." I was sent there to warn if trouble came.

I will say; I have witnessed a lot of firing. WWII films etc. and they were heavy. But I have never heard of this many rounds ever being fired in support of a unit. Ever. Not by Naval guns. Not by anything in my memory. My job was to destroy my enemy. He had the strength to counter attack if we did not press for destruction. I am gratified these ships had enough ammunition to carry the day. Looking at the numbers, USS Craig unless resupplied was likely out by battle end. We needed all guns to win this battle. All ammunition available. Combined you had more 5"/38's than the "Giant Killer", USS Galveston cruiser. She was in support 18 Aug 65 at Chu Lai.

A brilliant job by the USS Stoddard. Just brilliant. You have no idea what it was like on the ground. To have that support when my position was lost. No idea what it felt like to see dawn and know we had won. It could not have been done but for Navy and a maximum effort from the ship's crew. I want to stand up all members so I can see your faces. I want you to see tears in my eyes of thanks. I want your crew to receive a proper salute from my Marines on that bridge. And accept a salute from all Marines in my Marine Corps for your ship's dedication to duty.

I need to thank those crew members while they are alive. Let me know if you can and I will make it to a reunion to thank them personally.



Karl Lippard—1965



Karl Lippard—2018

*Sgt. Karl Lippard*

**Note to the Crew:** Karl did attend the Stoddard Reunion on September 30th, 2018 in San Pedro, CA and extend his personal thanks for our gunfire support that night and the difference it made to the early months of the Vietnam War. His presentation can be viewed at [www.ussstoddard.org/CaDeRiverBridgeBattle.htm](http://www.ussstoddard.org/CaDeRiverBridgeBattle.htm) or the home page and look in **New Items Added**.

**This Note was released to the Wire Service following the Operation.**

USS STODDARD (DD-566) - FPO, SAN FRANCISCO 96601

MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding Officer  
To: All Hands  
Subj: Press Release

Commander In Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet Promulgated The Following On 25 July 1965 For Release To The Wire Service:

- TWO 7TH FLEET DESTROYERS CHALKED UP A FIRST IN THE IN-COUNTRY OPERATIONS THURSDAY NIGHT (JULY22), WHEN THE USS STODDARD AND THE USS JOHN R. CRAIG JOINED FORCES IN A MASS FIRE MISSION AGAINST A VIET CONG CONCENTRATION IN THE I CORP AREA OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. MASS FIRING IS THE FIRING OF TWO OR MORE SHIPS ON ONE TARGET, WITH ONE SHIP USING THE COMPUTER SOLUTIONS OF THE OTHER. THE SHIPS FIRED OVER 40 ROUNDS OF FIVE-INCH HIGH EXPLOSIVES INTO THE TARGET, A SUSPECTED VIET CONG ASSEMBLY AREA IN THE CA DE SONG RIVER, ABOUT EIGHT MILES FROM THE DANANG HARBOR.
- IMMEDIATE EVALUATION OF THE DAMAGE WAS NOT AVAILABLE, BUT A SPOTTER REPORTED "VERY EFFECTIVE IMPACT ON THE TARGET." WEATHER IN THE AREA WAS CLEAR, NO RETURN FIRE FROM THE BEACH WAS REPORTED DURING THE ONE HOUR MISSION. THIS WAS THE FOURTH NIGHT IN SUCCESSION THAT STODDARD HAS CONDUCTED SHORE BOMBARDMENT FROM THE DANANG HARBOR. SHE HAS FIRED A TOTAL OF 281 ROUNDS DURING THESE MISSIONS. STODDARD'S COMMANDING OFFICER IS CDR. CHARLES K. PRESGROVE OF CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA. CRAIG IS COMMANDED BY CDR. J.K. JOBE.

R. J. BACKES  
By Direction

## VA Will Soon Begin Processing Claims for 3 New Agent Orange Illnesses

*Story Dated May 27th 2021*

The Department of Veterans Affairs will soon start processing claims for three new presumptive illnesses linked to exposure to herbicides in Vietnam and elsewhere. It also plans to automatically review all previous claims and denials for the conditions. According to VA Secretary Denis McDonough, the department in coming weeks will issue a policy to implement a law that added bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinsonism -- or Parkinson's-like symptoms -- to the list of conditions considered linked to Agent Orange exposure. Agent Orange and other defoliants used during the Vietnam War. Veterans with a listed condition have an expedited process for receiving health care and benefits from the VA. The National Defense Authorization Act, approved Jan. 1, added the three conditions to the list of diseases associated with exposure to Veterans whose claims are approved may receive an earlier date for entitlement to benefits -- a decision that could result in more compensation. "Many of our Nation's Veterans have waited a long time for these benefits," said McDonough. "VA will not make them wait any longer. This is absolutely the right thing to do for Veterans and their families." The department plans to automatically review previously denied claims and will notify those veterans or their survivors via mail. According to McDonough, benefits could be extended to roughly 52,000 veterans and 6,000 surviving family members "in the first year alone." "This means that any Vietnam veteran suffering from one of these three new conditions can now file and receive benefits and care and, consistent with [a court ruling, *Nehmer v. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*], their survivors who previously filed and those who were denied benefits will have their cases automatically reviewed," he said. VA officials could not provide a timeline for adjudicating claims and providing benefits. They said the department is looking at ways to accelerate claims processing and has been chipping away at a claims backlog. As of this week, the backlog is 190,000 claims, down from 211,000 in January, according to McDonough. He has said that veterans should file claims for illnesses they believe are service-connected even if the conditions aren't listed as presumed to be related to service. "Oftentimes, the absence of a presumption serves as a disincentive for an individual vet to come forward with her claim, which obviously speaks to a trust issue we have on the claims process," McDonough said in late March. "So the first thing I'd say is ... if [veterans] have a claim ... please come forward with it."



*carlene rauh,*

*secretary...*

Evelyn Freeman sent the organization a generous donation. Following is her response to our "thank you."

*Dear Carlene,*

*Thank you for your kind note and phone message. Pleased to hear that the USS Stoddard Reunion is tentatively scheduled for Jacksonville FL in 2022, Richard passed in December 2018. He joined the US Navy in 1951 at age 19. His older brother, Charles, had served in the Navy during WW2 and shared many of his experiences.*

*My husband lost his mother when he was 7 years old and spent most of his youth shuttled among family members in depression-era America. When WW2 ended, brother, Chuck, and his wife removed Richard from the foster-care system and brought him to live with them in Sanborn NY.*

*Richard loved being a sailor! Not having had a stable home or school experience, the Navy and his shipmates were the next best thing. It helped mold the decent, hard-working, determined person he became. It was a significant part of his life that he shared with everyone who knew him.*

*We attended a reunion where he was reunited with Joe Harpster and Allen Henry and their wives, Marilyn and Ann. We discovered that all 3 couples wintered in FL and shared some fun times together there as well.*

*My wish is that the covid crisis subsides enough for the reunion to be held this year.*

*It would be wonderful to have a toast to honor all the "Richard Freeman's--all sailors with similar stories--at the reunion He would love that and I would, too!*

*Thanks again and all the best in 2022,*

*Evelyn Freeman*



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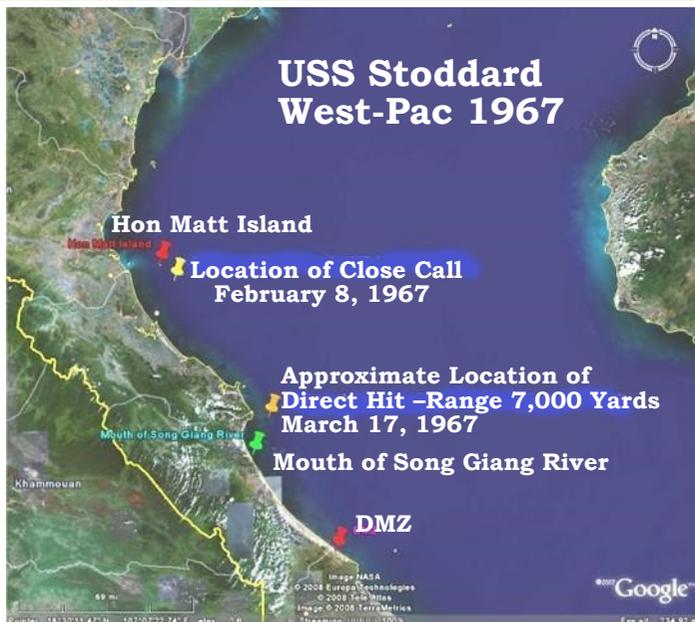
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Location of USS Stoddard close call on Feb. 8, 1967.

Location of USS Stoddard hit by shore battery on March 17, 1967.



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*chaplain...*

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

We have been tested in our resolve during the past couple of years. The pandemic, National turmoil and our own personal issues. May this year be a new beginning of knowledge transformed into wisdom, Understanding, tolerance, compassion and love. I wish each of you good health and peace in your lives. I am hopeful that will be able to all gather for a reunion this year. Blessings to all.



*Al*

**May They Rest In Peace**

<b>Bilderback, Bill E.</b>	GMG3 66-69	12-27-2021
<b>Brosenne, Michael T.</b>	GMG3 65-66	11-20-2020
<b>Bryan, Raymond Cal</b>	CS3 61-63	10-5-2019
<b>Heinemann, Arthur H.</b>	S1/C 43-45	9-25-1986
<b>Duhon, Jerome "Jay"</b>	RM2 64-65	3-12-2019
<b>Karz, Robert P.</b>	RD2 50-51	10-12-2021
<b>Keel, Terry</b>	YN3 65-66	2-2-2022
<b>Lausch, Gary E.</b>	RD2 63-66	9-6-2021
<b>Northcraft, Donavon R.</b>	EM3 66-69	9-4-2019
<b>Rider, John D.</b>	STG2 66-67	10-31-2018
<b>Shadler, Clyde R.</b>	SN 51-51	8-31-2021
<b>Weis, Robert "Bob"</b>	EM2 66-67	1-26-2022
<b>Wilfeard, Gordon G.</b>	BT3 69-69	2-24-2021



*john rauh,*

*email/database*

*coordinator.....*

With our reunion numbers dwindling due to the sad passing of some of our Alumni, please consider coming to our reunion. You meet people from all over the USA bonded by a piece of metal called "Stoddard". Even if there is no one from the time you were aboard you will meet and form a bond with an old salt who has similar stories. Carlene and I now have friends from all parts of the USA who form the "Stoddard Family". I guarantee you won't be disappointed and will leave with new friends.

*John*



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Golf Shirt - white	XXL	\$29		
Golf Shirt - white	XXXL	\$30		
Sweatshirt - navy	L	\$27		
Sweatshirt - navy	XL	\$28		
Sweatshirt - navy	XXL	\$29		
Sweatshirt - navy	XXXL	\$29		
Sweatshirt - cream	L	\$27		
Sweatshirt - cream	XL	\$28		
Sweatshirt - cream	XXL	\$29		
Sweatshirt - cream	XXXL	\$29		
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