

# USS STODDARD ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



USS STODDARD DD566  
WWII \* Korea \* Vietnam

20th Reunion - Seattle, WA - September 18th- 21st - 2008

Sixth Avenue Inn  
Reservations—Request  
USS Stoddard Group  
Rate  
1-888-627-8290

\$99—per night—Queen Bed  
\$109 -per night- Two Double  
\$119—per night-Club Room  
\$10 -each additional person



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John Gerten    John Laible

from the presidents,

John Laible and John Gerten...

#### Shipmates:

John Gerten and John Laible, ramrodded by Cricket Laible, have put together what we believe will be an awesome Seattle Experience for the 20<sup>th</sup> Stoddard Reunion! The hotel is located within walking distance of most of the major attractions and shopping in downtown Seattle.

As requested at the buffalo business meeting, we have tried to organize a wide range of unrushed experiences along with more free time to enjoy all of the events and the Seattle ambience.

Shuttle service via the Airporter is available every half hour to/from the airport to the Westin Hotel (less than a block from the Sixth Avenue Inn) for \$10.25 per person one way. If you drive, parking at the Sixth Avenue Inn is available for \$10 per day plus tax (an extreme bargain for downtown Seattle).

For breakfast, we will have continental offerings in the Hospitality Suite or you can avail yourself for a full breakfast (on you) in the hotel restaurant. Lunches will be served Friday and Saturday during the

various events. The planned dinners are delicious. The final dinner banquet with dancing will be at the 5-Star Westin Hotel, less than a block from the Sixth Avenue Inn.

This year, should you have time, we have added an Optional Cruise on Sunday-Monday Sept. 21-22 to the quaint city of Victoria, BC, Canada. We will take a bus to the high-speed catamaran Victoria Clipper. Cruise up Puget Sound with a champagne breakfast. Arrangements have been made to stay at the Grand Pacific Hotel with a tour of the city and Butchart gardens. We return to Seattle at 8:45 pm so you may want to reserve another night at the Sixth Avenue Inn. Passports are required. We need a minimum of 15 people to get this special price.

To better help us plan, please make your Hotel and Registration Reservations as soon as possible—the earlier, the better. Hotel deadline is June 15. Registration deadline is August 15.

Looking forward to sharing the Seattle Experience with you,

John Gerten and John Laible

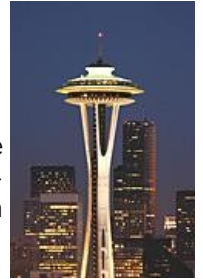
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20<sup>th</sup> REUNION SEPTEMBER 18-19-20+21, 2008  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

WEDS 17 SEPT 2008:

Arrival at the SIXTH AVENUE INN in the heart of downtown Seattle. We will have convenient access to local attractions with 2 different shopping centers/malls within 2-1/2 blocks, including Nordstrom's landmark store, and Pike Place Market a mere 6 block walk. It's ½ block from the big Westin twin Towers in downtown Seattle, with airport shuttles available. There is a restaurant located in the Sixth Avenue Inn as well as many other restaurants within walking distance.

THURS 18 SEPT 2008:

**SPACE NEEDLE:** Take the elevated MONORAIL to Seattle Center and go up 520 ft to the Space Needle Observation Deck for a 360 degree view of Mt. Rainier to the south, the Cascade Mountains to the east, the Olympic Mountains to the west and a lofty view of downtown Seattle, its seaside activities including ferries, cruise lines, cargo ships, and float planes. More info at [www.spaceneedle.com](http://www.spaceneedle.com)



**RIDE THE DUCKS!** Hilarious, Coast Guard-certified maritime captains will take you on a fun tour of the Emerald City via Amphibious World War II vehicles (refurbished Army Ducks). You'll tour downtown Seattle, historic Pioneer Square, funky Fremont area, then Splash! Into Lake Union for a spectacular view of the city skyline, luxurious yachts, and Sleepless in Seattle Houseboats! [www.ridetheducksofseattle.com](http://www.ridetheducksofseattle.com)

**PIKE PLACE MARKET:** The Ducks will drop us off at this 100+ year old market for individual browsing, shopping, and lunch on your own. The afternoon will be free. [www.pikeplacemarket.com](http://www.pikeplacemarket.com)



FRI 19 SEPT 2008:



**FERRY** ride to Bremerton (1 hour each way)

**USS TURNER JOY, DD951.** The Turner Joy is a Forrest Sherman class destroyer built at Seattle in August 1959. We will have our MEMORIAL SERVICE on board the Turner Joy, then tour her before lunch. After lunch, options are to continue touring the ship or catch a ferry back to Seattle for an free afternoon of shopping along the piers of Elliott Bay—lunch on your own. [www.ussturnerjoy.com](http://www.ussturnerjoy.com)

SAT 20 SEPT 2008:

**BUSINESS MEETING** will be held at the hotel after breakfast.

**SS VIRGINIA V:** Board this 85 year old steamship for an excursion around Lakes Union and Washington. Once part of a large "Mosquito Fleet" of vessels which served waterfront towns all over Puget Sound, she evokes the sights, sounds, and feelings of steamship passage from another era. Her silent, smooth steam engine (visible from 2 sides), a new boiler, gleaming wood and white paint are an impressive sight. [www.virginiav.org](http://www.virginiav.org)



**BANQUET:** Gather for our final evening with dinner, dancing, and prize drawings.

Sunday & Monday—Sept. 21st & 22nd – OPTIONAL TOUR:

Sunday morning set sail on the VICTORIA CLIPPER high-speed catamaran traveling through Puget Sound enjoying a Champagne breakfast arriving at the Inner Harbor in VICTORIA, BC, CANADA, for an overnight stay at the Grand Pacific Hotel. This delightful city is steeped in British tradition. Sunday afternoon will be free to explore on your own around the harbor and city. On Monday there will be a tour of the city and a visit to the Butchart Gardens, a 55-acre floral splendor begun in 1904. Return to Seattle Monday at 8:45 pm aboard the Clipper. Passport required. [www.clippervacations.com](http://www.clippervacations.com)



Airporter Shuttle—the Sixth Avenue Inn is less than one block from the Westin Hotel where the Airporter Shuttle arrives and departs every half hour to and from the airport. From the airport, the shuttle departs 21 and 51 minutes after each hour from 5:21 am to 11:21 pm. Costs is \$10.25 per person one way.

Hotel Reservations—Phone: 1-888-627-8290 (mention the USS Stoddard Alumni Group rate)

On line: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=0709127257&key=798C4>

If you use your credit card for reservations, your credit card will not be processed until you arrive.

HOTEL DEADLINE IS JUNE 15TH.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 15TH.

## Seattle Area



from email coordinator,

bob hoag...

[rwh@donobi.net](mailto:rwh@donobi.net)



Shipmates,

I am having an interesting problem with our email list. Because so many of you are using "Spam Blockers," or have given us an email address that you don't use often, once it reaches a certain volume, the server rejects new emails. I typically send out less than 10 emails a year to pass on interesting items relative to the Navy and Stoddard Reunion information. However, I get a large number of returned messages stating that my email had been blocked.

We currently have about 400 email addresses in the database and managing it takes quite a bit of time when I get so many returns. Because of the sheer number I can't send individual messages to each of our. To help with the problem, there are several things you can do:

1. Keep your email address up to date and send it to me when you change the address.
2. Manage the email address you have to allow space to receive our messages.
3. Insert my email address into your "Spam Blocker" so that messages from me can get through.

I hope this works for you.

Bob

### WELCOME ABOARD!

Benjamin, Cedric A.	65-67	MM3
Holian, Fran	68-69	LTJg
Mercier, Edward	65-68	BM3
Pearson, Neal	66-68	ET1
Trent, Richard	59-61	SOSN

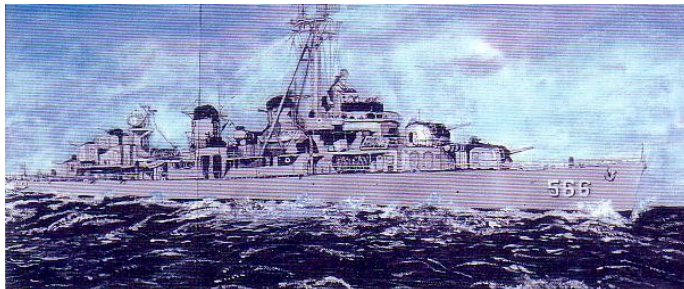




from secretary,  
carlene rauh ...

Mr. Bob Henry sent the Alumni Association copies of his paintings and his documentation of various ships and events in Naval History. He has attempted to preserve naval history through his paintings. His paintings include at least five paintings of the USS Stoddard.

I have placed his work in the USS Stoddard Archives and will share them with all of you at the next Reunion. I have acknowledged our appreciation to Mr. Henry who now lives in Manchester, NY.



Also, we have lost track of our friend, John Markey. If anyone has a new address for John, please let us know.

Please note that the deadlines for the hotel and reunion registration are earlier this year. Please send in your reservations as soon as you can.


treasurer,  
fred grimm...




If you plan to attend the reunion, why not call a shipmate and invite him to come to Seattle this year.

**\*\*DUES NOTICE\*\***

Please check your mailing label to make certain your dues dates is correct. The date of your last dues payment is above your name. Some have paid years in advance and that should also show on your label.



Ship's Store  
dave pietz, storekeeper...



**USS STODDARD SHIP'S STORE**  
**ORDER FORM**

TO: Dave Pietz, Storekeeper  
7133 Lily Way, Brownsvalle, CA 95918  
Email: [dpietz@wildblue.net](mailto:dpietz@wildblue.net) Phone: 530 742-2661

Item	Size	Price	Qty.	TOTAL
Golf Shirt—navy	M	\$25	_____	_____
Golf Shirt—navy	L	\$25	_____	_____
Golf Shirt—navy	X-L	\$25	_____	_____
Golf Shirt—navy	XX-L	\$27	_____	_____
Golf Shirt—white	M	\$25	_____	_____
Golf Shirt—white	L	\$25	_____	_____
Golf Shirt—white	X-L	\$25	_____	_____
Golf Shirt—white	XX-L	\$27	_____	_____
Sweatshirt—navy	M	\$20	_____	_____
Sweatshirt—navy	X-L	\$20	_____	_____
Sweatshirt—navy	XX-L	\$25	_____	_____
Sweatshirt—cream	M	\$20	_____	_____
Sweatshirt—cream	X-L	\$20	_____	_____
Sweatshirt—cream	XX-L	\$25	_____	_____
Jacket—navy	M	\$45	_____	_____
Jacket—navy	L	\$45	_____	_____
Jacket—navy	X-L	\$45	_____	_____
Jacket—navy	XX-L	\$47	_____	_____
Stoddard Ball Hat—navy		\$13	_____	_____
Stoddard Coffee Mug		\$ 6	_____	_____
VCR Tape (History Channel)			_____	_____
Destroyer-Heavy Metal		\$22	_____	_____

Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Shipping \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 6.00

\*TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Payable to: USS Stoddard Assn.  
Ship to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip



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from chaplain,  
 byron goodwin...

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

“Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth....put out my hand and touched the face of God.” (High Flight—John Gillespie Magee, Jr.)

USS Stoddard Shipmates

Anderson	Ollie D.	RD2	58-61	24-Apr-84
Bacceileri	Luke	SLC	44-46	
Baldrige	Larry D.			2-Sep-07
Bogart	Max L.	SO1	53-54	Feb. 1978
Croghan	John	MM3	65-66	31-Jul-93
Denham	Charles	SN	65-66	26-Oct-00
Detlefsen	James	BT2	1965	27-Oct-06
Fogleman	Harlan	RM1	59-61	Oct. 1986
Gillette	Billy	BT1	67-68	24-Jan-02
Harp	Cecil		53-54	
Harris	James C.	CAPT		25-Feb-05
Hovey	Ronald	SN	58-60	Mar. 1993
Innvar	Arnie	MM2	44-46	
Jergensen	Gerald			4-Jul-06
Jewett	Haven		1953	29-Dec-98
Maier	Arthur F.	MM2	51-52	20-Sep-05
Manning	Richard	MEFN	54-55	15-Jan-04
Merat	Thomas	YNC	62-65	21-Jul-02
Moon	David	ETSN	1954	21-Jan-99
Morgan	Marshall	DK1	66-67	7-Nov-07
Muhilly	John	SMSN	61-62	25-Jun-90
Neff	Spencer W.	SN	52-53	14-Feb-93
Ronan	Roger F.	MML3	53-54	
Rubner	Anthony C.	OSSN	65-66	16-Jul-05
Sheets	Richard	HM1	1961	30-Oct-04
Swayngim	Delmas	CSSN	52-54	5-Sep-02
Wood	Roland	MMFN	53-54	1986

Ladies of the USS Stoddard

Romack, Mary Lou (Jay Romack) January 8, 2008

Wooden, Ruperta (Robert A. Wooden) January 23, 2008

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Naval Trivia—Torpedo? - The self-propelled

Torpedo, which gets its name from the eel TORPEDO ELECTRICUS, was invented by Robert Whitehead in 1868, a number of years before a practical submarine was developed.

MMCM(SS) Greg Peterman USN Retired

from your webmasters,  
dan and roxane...



**Attention: 1967 & 1968 Westpac Sailors**

Thanks to Neal Pearson ET-1 1966-1968 the web site now has interesting information on the USS Stoddard Gunfire Support Missions for 1967 and 1968 Westpac Tours.



Go to the "Vietnam War" section on the bottom of the web page. Click on "Stoddard 5" Shells Fly" In the article you can call up two .pdf documents called "Stoddard Bullets for Westpac 67 & 68" The pages then show the following:

MISSION FIRING DATE—MISSION START TIME & END TIME

CORPS AREA WHICH FIRING WAS DIRECTED

OPERATION TYPE ( Sea Dragon VN)—PERIOD OF THE DAY

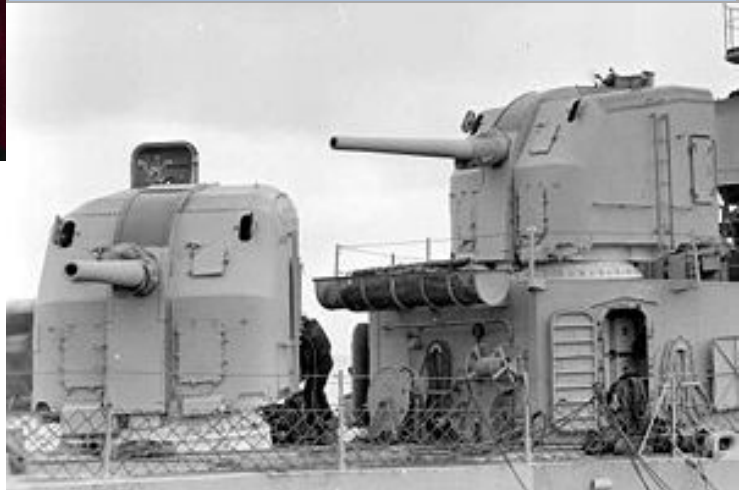
TARGET TYPE CODE—ORDNANCE TYPE -RANGE IN YARDS

QUANTITY OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED -ENEMY LOSS

QUANTITY ENEMY LOSS—ENEMY DESTROYED OR DAMAGED

The coordinates where the USS Stoddard was hit on March 17th near the mouth of the Song Giang River can also be seen. Stoddard Gunfire Support Map for 1967 and 1968 are listed in the article.

**5"/38 Caliber Gun**



<b>Type</b>	Deck Gun
<b>Place of origin</b>	United States
<b>Service history</b>	
<b>In service</b>	1934
<b>Used by</b>	US Navy, Royal Navy, Danish Navy, Italian Navy, Japanese Navy, South Vietnamese Navy, and every navy that bought surplus WWII, U.S. Navy warships
<b>Wars</b>	World War II, Korea, Vietnam, First Gulf, Falklands, and wars that involved navies who bought surplus WWII, U.S. Navy warships
<b>Production history</b>	
<b>Designed</b>	1932

<b>Specifications</b>	
<b>Shell</b>	5 inch (127 mm)
<b>Caliber</b>	38
<b>Breech</b>	Vertical sliding wedge
<b>Recoil</b>	15 inches (38 cm)
<b>Elevation</b>	-15° to +85°
<b>Traverse</b>	328.5 degrees
<b>Rate of fire</b>	Design: 15 rpm
<b>Muzzle velocity</b>	2,600 ft/s (790 m/s) new; 2,500 ft/s (760 m/s) average
<b>Sights</b>	Optical telescope

<b>Specifications</b>	
<b>Weight</b>	Mk 12 Gun Assembly: 3,990 lb (1,810 kg). Mounts varied from 29,260 lb (13,270 kg) to 170,653 lb (77,407 kg)
<b>Length</b>	Mk 12 Gun Assembly: 223.8 in (5.685 m)
<b>Barrel length</b>	190 inch bore (4.83 m), 157.2 inch (4.00 m) rifling
<b>Crew</b>	Varied on mount type

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Website: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=0709127257&key=798C4>

Registration Form

Price No. of Total  
Each people Amount

Registration Fee (includes continental breakfast, banquet photographer, etc.) \$55.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Day 1 Monorail, Space Needle, Ride the Ducks with drop-off at \$45.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Thur Pike Place Public Market for lunch on own and shopping.

9/18 Dinner at Sixth Avenue Inn \$37.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Day 2 Bus to Ferry to Bremerton and Turner Joy, Memorial \$46.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Fri 9/19 Service, Lunch, ferry to Seattle, bus to hotel

Day 3 Trolley car, steamship Virginia V cruise, lunch, \$40.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Sat and trolley back to hotel

9/20 Banquet Dinner and Dancing at the Westin \$60.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you prefer vegetarian meals, please check here \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ people.

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL – Trip, Hotel & Tour to Victoria, BC. Canada (9/21-22) \$333.75 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Must have 15 to get Group Rate

(All taxes and gratuities are included in the above prices)

GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lady's/guest's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Stoddard Service Years \_\_\_\_\_ Rate/Rank Beginning \_\_\_\_\_ Ending \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks for Registration Form events payable to USS STODDARD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

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Hotel Registration Due by June 15, 2008

Reunion Registration Due by August 15, 2008

If driving, do you need driving instructions? Yes No If Yes, email address to send to \_\_\_\_\_





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