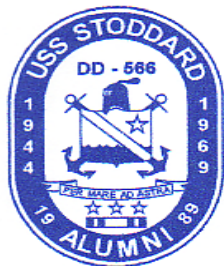


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Date:  
January 15, 2011

# USS STODDARD ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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

**23rd Reunion - San Antonio  
September 28th- October 1st- 2011**



**110 Lexington Ave.  
San Antonio, Texas**

**Reservations:  
1-866-423-7814**

**Make sure to  
Tell operator  
(Group Code USG)**



**Hosts:  
John & Carlene  
Rauh**

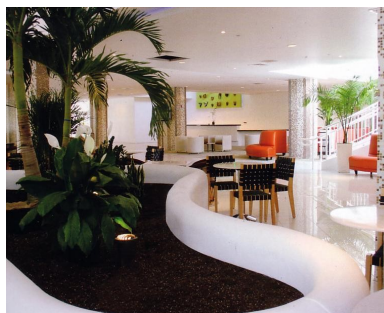
## **Reunion Home—El Tropicano Hotel—San Antonio**

**John and Carlene Rauh** will be our hosts and have an exciting reunion planned. The El Tropicano Hotel will be our home for the reunion. "The hotel impressed us with its open spaces and friendly and helpful staff. The hotel is located on the San Antonio River walk with easy access to the trolley and water taxi. For those wishing some exercise, the shops and restaurants are within walking distance from our hotel."



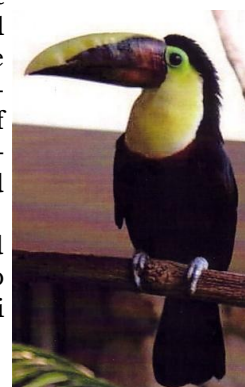
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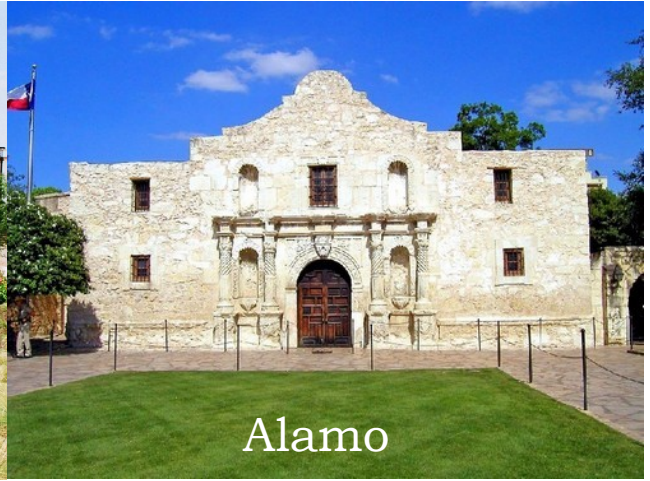
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The El Tropicano River walk is a "resort style" tropical themed hotel built in 1962 - the first hotel on the river walk. A recent multi-million dollar renovation has returned the El Tropicano to the iconic 60's style for which it was once known. The hotel has 306 attractive, comfortable guestrooms, Mango' Restaurant, Tiki Bar, pool and state of the art Fitness Center. Mexican folk art is displayed throughout the lobby.

Two winding staircases lead to the second floor courtyard and pool area. The La Habana has windows that peek into the aviary that houses their resident pets - two toucans (Desi & Lucy), a land tortoise, and two iguanas (Fred & Ethel).





Alamo

Plans include an evening riverboat cruise down the famous San Antonio River, and a visit to the Alamo.



National Museum of the Pacific

We will visit Fredericksburg, Texas to see the National Museum of the Pacific War and the Admiral Nimitz Museum. This nine acre site is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the story of Admiral Nimitz and WWII in the Pacific Theater.

In the memorial courtyard are plaques of



many ships who served in WWII. The USS Stoddard has a plaque that many of our alumni donated during the 1997 San Antonio Reunion. →



**Reunion Registration forms will be sent with the April Newsletter.**

The ladies will enjoy the unique shops and restaurants located in Fredericksburg.

*tommy brant,  
chaplain...*



Thanks to Bill & Ulla for the wonderful memorial service at our reunion in New Jersey. As your new chaplain, I want to wish each of you a Happy New Year and hope to see everyone of you in San Antonio in October. Thanks to Carlene & John for spearheading this 2011 reunion.

*Tommy*

*dan & roxane withers,  
webmasters...*



When you have some time, please check out our web site [www.ussstoddard.org](http://www.ussstoddard.org) and check your bio information. If you have any corrections or additions, let us know. Also any Stoddard stories, photos or any other information that we may use for the web site, please send it to us.



*Dan and Roxane Withers*

[dwithers@rodaxwireless.com](mailto:dwithers@rodaxwireless.com)

**Supplement to 2009 Stoddard Directory**

**(June, 2010– January 2011)**

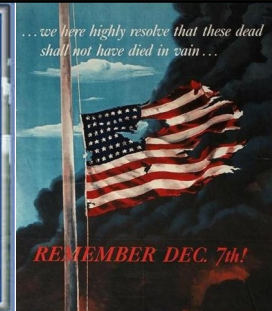
**Jay, James**- New Alumni –1959-1962 – FTG2  
7519 Wilco Way – Corning, CA  
96021-5351 530 585-2356  
[jim\\_jay2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jim_jay2000@yahoo.com)

**Day, Jim** – New Email [jimday@va.metrocast.net](mailto:jimday@va.metrocast.net)

**Glasco, Larry**- New add. 4605 Chattaroy Road,  
Chattaroy, WA 99003  
509-238-5147  
Cell – 509-294-7126

**Weis, Robert** – 609 Blooming Grove Road  
Hawley, PA 18428  
570-445-9434  
Cell 845-649-9378  
[rcweis@yahoo.com](mailto:rcweis@yahoo.com)

**Russo, Lorenzo**– Deceased 8/29/2010



*May They Rest In Peace*

<b>Cooperman, Sam</b>	5-18-2010	45-46	RDM3
<b>Harris, Charles "Ray"</b>	8-31-2010	45-46	RM3
<b>Martin, Leonard</b>	9-3-2010	58-59	MCSM
<b>Russo, Lorenzo</b>	8-29-2010	51-52	QM1



June 6, 1984– Jan. 14, 2010

**MARINE SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER R. HRBEK**

**PURPLE HEART & BRONZE STAR RECIPIENT**

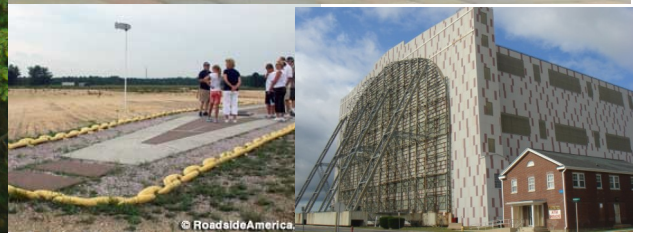


Marine Sgt. Christopher Hrbek braved enemy fire while on patrol in Afghanistan last December to save the life of a battalion major who had stepped on an explosive device. Three weeks later, Christopher was killed when a similar bomb detonated in Helmand Province.

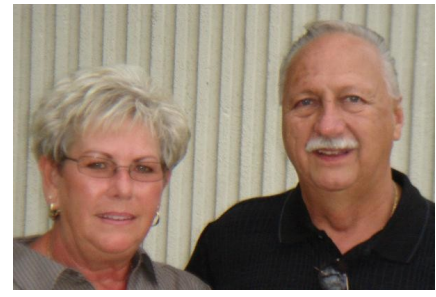
Christopher is the grandson of Dennis and Anna Halpin, 95 Perrys Lane, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. Dennis, a member of the USS Stoddard Alumni, was an EM2 aboard USS Stoddard 1960-1961. We express our sincere sympathy to Sgt. Hrbek's family and our appreciation for his service to our country .

# Toms River Reunion Highlights

Welcome  
Aboard  
USS Stoddard  
Alumni



**THANKS TO OUR HOSTS**  
**Bill & Ulla Melyan**  
**FOR A MEMORABLE 22nd REUNION**



**2010 TOMS RIVER REUNION ATTENDEES**

**\* First Time Attendees**

**Stoddard Years-Rate**

<b>Altherr, Clem /Corrine</b>	<b>53/54</b>	<b>MM2</b>
<b>* Arnold, Ernest/Niece - Alice</b>	<b>56/57</b>	<b>FT2</b>
<b>Benitez, Martine/Delia</b>	<b>65-67</b>	<b>SK2</b>
<b>Bennage, Henry/Sheila Melanie</b>	<b>51-54</b>	<b>YNSN Daughter</b>
<b>Brant, Tommy/Marlene Ping, Delbert/Sharon</b>	<b>60-61</b>	<b>YNSN Brant-Family</b>
<b>Butler, Bob/Pat Ethan/Jennifer</b>	<b>66-69</b>	<b>BT3 Grandchildren</b>
<b>Coffey, Michael/Brenda/Son-Chris</b>	<b>55-59</b>	<b>SN</b>
<b>Davis, Tom/Joyce Halicks, John/Patricia</b>	<b>44-46</b>	<b>MM3 Davis Family</b>
<b>Donovan, Tim/Niece Barbara</b>	<b>55-56</b>	<b>RMC</b>
<b>Fix, Bob/Sharon Patrick</b>	<b>66-67</b>	<b>SN Grandson</b>
<b>Gerten, John</b>	<b>66-67</b>	<b>TM3 Widow</b>
<b>Grimm, Lynn/Daughter Lisa</b>		
<b>Grindell, Clyde/Phyllis</b>	<b>52-54</b>	<b>ET2</b>
<b>* Halpin, Dennis/Anna</b>	<b>60-61</b>	<b>EM2</b>
<b>Hawkins, Loid/Sandra</b>	<b>55-56</b>	<b>SN</b>
<b>Hummel, Don/Shirley</b>	<b>51-52</b>	<b>EMFN</b>
<b>Jones, Carl/Arvilla</b>	<b>67-68</b>	<b>E3</b>
<b>* Kasmarski, Frank</b>	<b>64-68</b>	<b>MM3</b>
<b>* Kunkel, Robert/Lucy</b>	<b>59-60</b>	<b>SN Widow</b>
<b>Lee, Joyce/Friend Rita</b>		
<b>Liske, Paul/Diane</b>	<b>64-68</b>	<b>MM2</b>
<b>Macaulay, Jim/Joanna</b>	<b>67-69</b>	<b>BM3</b>
<b>Magill, Robert/Doris</b>	<b>51-54</b>	<b>DC2</b>
<b>Melton, James/Mary</b>	<b>61-64</b>	<b>ICFN</b>
<b>Melyan, Bill/Ulla *Mercier, Ed</b>	<b>66-67</b>	<b>DC3 BM3</b>
<b>Petren, Stephen</b>	<b>65-69</b>	<b>LTJG</b>
<b>Plapp, Al/Kathy John/Carlene</b>	<b>65-66</b>	<b>MME3 SK3</b>
<b>Riggs, Rick/Susan Romack, Steve/Renee</b>	<b>64-68</b>	<b>FTG2 Jay Romack Family</b>
<b>Sanborn, Jack</b>	<b>65-68</b>	<b>GMGSA3 Widow</b>
<b>Sanger, Grace</b>		
<b>St. Clair, Dave/Sandra</b>	<b>65-69</b>	<b>BM3</b>
<b>Swan, Bob/Eileen</b>	<b>66-69</b>	<b>BTC</b>
<b>Tristan, Diego/Vicky</b>	<b>64-69</b>	<b>SF2</b>
<b>Wagner, Donald/Ann * Weis, Robert</b>	<b>45-46</b>	<b>S1C EM2</b>
<b>Withers, Dan/Roxane</b>	<b>65-66</b>	<b>ET3</b>
<b>Wooden, Bob/Stella</b>	<b>51-54</b>	<b>BM3</b>

# Thank You

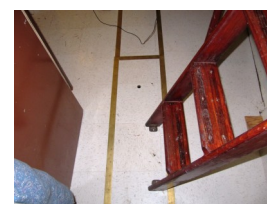
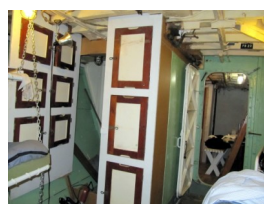


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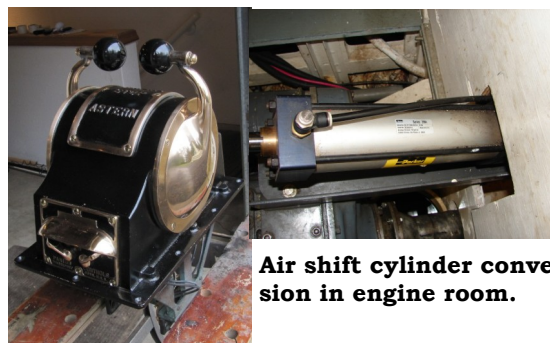
Thank you for your contribution toward the restoration of the 83' ex-Coast Guard Cutter #83527 in 2010. This was greatly appreciated and used to pay for some of the expenses of the interior restoration and moorage. This year we made a lot of progress on the galley and crew quarters.

**Crew quarters  
and lockers**

**New Floor tile & brass on  
bilge inspection plates**



This winter we hope to get the air shift conversion completed. All of the pieces are rounded up.



**Air shift cylinder conversion in engine room.**

**Restored throttle and shift console**

If you're in the Pacific Northwest and have an interest, I will give you the tour. We are always looking for volunteers to help with this restoration.

For tax purposes – Combatant Craft of America is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, public benefit corporation, EIN: 91-2101296.



You can follow our progress at:  
[www.cg83527.org](http://www.cg83527.org)

*Dan Withers* - Stoddard 65-66

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*from secretary,  
carlene rauh ...*

**22nd Annual Meeting— Toms River, NJ  
USS Stoddard Alumni Association  
September 2010**

President, Bill Melyan opened the meeting.

Secretary, Carlene Rauh read the minutes of the 21st annual meeting at Indianapolis, Indiana. Upon motion made by Al Plapp, and seconded by Bill Arnold, the minutes were unanimously approved as read.

Carlene Rauh, acting Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. The ending balance as of September 1st, 2010, was \$19,808.10. The 2010 annual accounting will be published in the January 2011 Newsletter. Upon motion made by Tom Brant, seconded by Bob Butler, the treasurer's report was unanimously approved as read.

The 2011 reunion sites were discussed. The following four sites were voted on by the group:  
San Antonio – 15; Las Vegas – 14;  
a cruise – 14 and Branson –13..

John Rauh volunteered to host the 2011 Reunion in San Antonio. Diego Tristan, Bill Melyan and Jim Melton also offered to help.

The following slate of officers was unanimously approved for 2011:  
**President, John Rauh**  
**Secretary, Carlene Rauh**  
**Treasurer, Bill Melyan**  
**Chaplain, Tom Brant**  
**Webmasters, Dan and Roxane Withers**  
**Email coordinator, Bob Hoag**

Tom Brant agreed to act as storekeeper until next year, when Dave Pietz returns from his missionary work.

The following donations were unanimously approved by the membership for 2010:

- Historic Ships Dues \$100**
- Combatant Crafts of America \$400**
- Tin Can Sailors \$100**

Notes from Verle Smith, Bill and Chris Hurst, and the Brannigan Family were read.

Paul Casey suggested an alumni membership card.

Tim Donovan reminded the group: Bill HR4986 Section 594 – “allows members and veterans, who are present, but not in uniform during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the flag, to render the military salute.”

Upon motion made by Loyd Hawkins, seconded by Bob Swan, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned to the 2011 annual meet in San Antonio, TX.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Carlene Rauh, Secretary*

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

**Please check your mailing label to make certain your dues date is correct. The year of your last dues payment is above your name. Dues envelopes are enclosed for 2011 dues.**

<b>WELCOME ABOARD! NEW MEMBERS</b>		
<b>Jay, James</b>	<b>1959-1962</b>	<b>FTG2</b>
<b>O'Neil, Steve</b>	<b>1963-1965</b>	<b>LT</b>

*bob hoag,*  
*email coordinator...*  
[\*\*rw@donobi.net\*\*](mailto:rw@donobi.net)



Shipmates, I need your help!

Several times a year I send out messages that pertain to the Stoddard Alumni Association. We currently have about 600 people in our email database, and when I send out information I use the email addresses that are in that database. Many of you inform us when you change your address, and I then correct the email database. However, every time I send out messages for the Stoddard Alumni, I receive numerous messages back advising me that your email address has exceeded the limit of space in your system, the email address is no longer correct, or that my message has been blocked by your spam blocker, or some other system. When this happens, I automatically remove your email address from my database, because of all the excess messages.

Please help me keep the email database active.

*Bob*

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**A Note of Thanks**

Dear Stoddard Alumni, Family and Friends,

Ulla and I would like to thank all of you for your tremendous support during the 2010 Reunion in Toms River, NJ. Our thanks to all for helping to make the reunion a huge success. We appreciated the many cards, notes and telephone calls that came our way. The many warm wishes received will be remembered for years to come.

Sincerely,  
*Bill and Ulla Melyan*

*bill melyan,*  
*treasurer...*



**Stoddard Alumni Association Financial Statement**  
**January 1 – December 31, 2010**

\*Checking account now in New Jersey Bank

**Beginning Balance 1/1/2010** **\$16,048.52**

**INCOME – 2010**

Membership Dues	\$	2,550.00
Donations	\$	411.90
Ship's Store	\$	1,373.15
Reunion Refund	\$	900.00
Reunion Registration	\$	18,823.71
Interest Posted	\$	.03
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$24,058.79</b>
		<b><u>+\$24,058.79</u></b>
		<b>\$40,107.31</b>

**EXPENSES – 2010**

Newsletter Costs	\$	2,228.65
Administrative expenses (Supplies, postage, etc.)	\$	188.54
Ship's Store – Merchandise	\$	1,383.25
Ship's Store – Postage	\$	87.01
2010 Reunion expenses and refunds	\$	15,403.47
Ship's Store Refund	\$	28.00
Donations	\$	600.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>		<b>\$19,918.92</b>
		<b><u>-\$19,918.92</u></b>

**Ending Balance 12/31/2010** **\$20,188.39**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*William Melyan, Treasurer*



**Ship's Store**  
 tommy brant - storekeeper



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



**USS Stoddard Alumni Association**  
 4337 S Hwy 51  
 Perryville, MO 63775

**TO:** Tommy Brant  
 508 S. Maish Road  
 Frankfort, IN 46041

**Email:** [tmbrant@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tmbrant@sbcglobal.net)

**Phone:** 765-659-3605

Item	Size	Price	Qty.	TOTAL
Golf Shirt - navy	L	\$23		
Golf Shirt - navy	XL	\$23		
Golf Shirt - navy	XXL	\$26		
Golf Shirt - navy	XXXL	\$27		
Golf Shirt - white	M	\$23		
Golf Shirt - white	L	\$23		
Golf Shirt - white	XL	\$23		
Golf Shirt - white	XXL	\$26		
Golf Shirt - white	XXXL	\$27		
Sweatshirt - navy	M	\$21		
Sweatshirt - navy	L	\$21		
Sweatshirt - navy	XXL	\$22		
Sweatshirt - cream	M	\$21		
Sweatshirt - cream	L	\$21		
Sweatshirt - cream	XL	\$21		
Sweatshirt - cream	XXL	\$22		
Sweatshirt - cream	XXXL	\$25		
Jacket - navy	S	\$48		
Jacket - navy	M	\$48		
Jacket - navy	L	\$48		
Jacket - navy	XXXL	\$53		
Stoddard Ball Hat -navy		\$13		
Stoddard Coffee Mug		\$ 6		
Stoddard Ball Hat -navy		\$13		
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>Shipping</b>		<b>\$</b>		<b>\$ 7.00</b>



\$ 5

4" Stoddard Patch  
 (shipping included)

\*TOTAL ORDER \$

**\*Checks payable to: USS Stoddard Alumni Association**

**Ship to: NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_