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USS STODDARD DD566
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28th Reunion—Portland, Maine
October 12th – October 15th - 2016



Clarion Hotel
1230 Congress St.
Portland, ME 04102

www.clarionhotel.com

Group Rate: \$119.00
with breakfast
Phone: 207-774-5611

Ask for Stoddard Group Rate
& in-house reservations



Hosts:

David & Sandy St. Clair

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We are so happy to host our USS Stoddard Family Reunion in our wonderful State of Maine. We are proud to share a piece of our lovely state. You will not be able to see all the wonders of Maine in just three days, but hopefully what we cover will bring out some of the magic that makes Maine what it is, especially during the fall foliage.

Maine is rich in American history fought over by the French and English and the original capital of Portland was moved to Augusta in 1832. Maine has a beautiful rocky coast line and miles of sandy beaches. Stretching the coast line out it would go from East Port Maine to Florida. Ships have been sailing up and down the coast of Maine before the pilgrims arrived. Much fishing is still going on along our coast. We are known as the Lobster and Pine Tree State and are tops in the harvesting of wild blueberries. Our maple trees give us the finest pure maple syrup. We hope the plans we made for you will highlight our beautiful state.

Also shipmates, Ed Mercier and Jack Sanborn will be helping us with the reunion in Portland. We are all looking forward to being your hosts for your Maine experience.

David and Sandy

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USS Stoddard Reunion – Maine Day Trips

Lobster Lunch & Kennebunkport

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016



Meet your Maine Tour **Lobster Lady** at the hotel this morning who will have a festive, souvenir **lobster hat** for everyone! Depart with your **full-day tour guide** for a tour of Maine's south coast region. Travel through the Kennebunk beach areas, along Ocean Drive and Walker's Point in Kennebunkport and discover the seaside shrines at the Franciscan Monastery. Free time in Kennebunkport's Dock Square with waterfront boutiques or a photo stop at Maine's southern-most lighthouse, if you prefer. Then roll up your sleeves for an authentic **Maine Lobster bake luncheon**, with old-fashioned, sing-along entertainment. Your choice of whole Maine lobster with all the fixing's, BBQ chicken or Eggplant parmesan. Howdah, steamers, corn on the cob and blueberry cake of course! Hear the local history and legends on your way back to Portland, where you'll see the city highlights including stops on the Eastern Promenade and admission to the lighthouse keepers **Museum at Portland Head Lighthouse** – Maine's oldest and most photographed beacon



Bath, Maine - The City of Ships

Friday, Oct 14, 2016

Board your motor coach at the hotel this morning and travel to **mid-coast Maine**. Take a guided overview tour of **Maine Maritime Museum**, celebrating Maine's shipbuilding industry from the 1600's to the present with hands on exhibits & boat building demonstrations. Also an historic ship-builders home on the riverfront here explore. The Abenaki gave the Kennebec River its name, which means "long level water." In the 17th century, sailors called Bath's three-mile stretch of river the "Long Reach," as it provided deep anchorage and allowed them to sail without tacking. You'll board a tour boat at the museum for a **narrated cruise up the Kennebec River**, past beautiful Maine islands and historic sites. Learn about the **Virginia Project**, a replica of Maine's first ship (built before the Pilgrims landed!) being re-created here. Sail past the historic **Bath Iron Works Shipyard**, which has been building vessels on the waterfront since 1884. Hear about the elusive river serpent and how birds hitch rides at ice out.





Make your way to Freeport Village for lunch on own & shopping. **Freeport** is home to the flagship **L.L. Bean** outdoor sporting goods store – and a myriad of outlet shops. Return to the hotel by 3:30pm with a stop in Portland's Old Port for anyone who wants to explore the waterfront on their own.



Saturday, October 15, 2016 Portland Harbor Cruise & Wreath Laying Ceremony



Transportation is provided this morning to the Portland waterfront, where you'll board a private vessel for a narrated cruise on Casco Bay. Pass through the Calendar Islands and see the beautiful Maine coast. A wreath-laying ceremony will be held on the harbor.

Return to Portland for a bit of free time in the "Old Port" waterfront district before taking the motorcoach shuttle back to the hotel at your leisure.



Please remember to bring your home state items for the raffle.

As in the past, please remember that those flying to Portland will be limited as to items they can take home.



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webmasters...



Last year I acquired this Navy PBR hull for restoration. The hull number tells us the creation date of the boat. It is 31RP7210. That indicates it was 31 feet long and the 10th boat built in 1972 by Uniflite, Bellingham, WA. It was sold to the Navy and put into operation at Special Boat Unit XI at Mare Island, CA. In 1987, after years of training use the 7210 was slated for replacement. In 1987 the replacement hull arrived from Uniflite and all of the on-board equipment was transferred over to the "new" 210 hull. The tired 7210 hull was then acquired from the Navy by General Propulsion in March 1995 where it sat in Desert Hot Springs, CA on the cradle for several years. It had a square section of the port stern corner cut out by the Navy to test materials. It was stripped of all gauges, engines, electronics, weapons, well, everything. In April/May of 2004 the boat was discovered and in July 2004, Mike Granat from the Bellingham International Maritime Museum acquired the hull, cradle and lifting cable hardware. She was transported up to Padden Creek Marine, Bellingham WA in July of 2004 and was placed in one of the open work bays of the site operated by Mr. Vic Duppenenthaler. BMM (now Bellingham Maritime Museum) decided to close down the facility it had with the Port of Bellingham and put many of the artifacts in storage. In January 2015, I took possession of the 7210 and moved her to Arlington for storage and restoration. Although a schedule for the restoration of her has not yet been developed, we are looking forward to the day we will launch her once again upon the waters of Puget Sound.



PBR-7210 with SBU-XI, at Mare Island, showing her stuff.

Images from Jerry Popovitch, Mill Creek, WA.

Dan

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SUMMARY OF ACTION OF 17 MARCH 1967

Friday afternoon, after completion of conducting destructive fire against shore installation, the two spotter aircraft were taken under fire and hit, USS STODDARD in attempting to close the pilot who ditched, received heavy fire from the shore batteries and sustained some light shrapnel damage to one life raft, port side of bridge, and one hit in the Engineering Berthing Compartment, just above the water line. Fortunately, no one on the USS STODDARD received wounds. The prompt action taken by all hands was outstanding. Repair parties rapidly shored the hole and the gun crews left behind about 125 rounds "STODDARD SPECIALS", when they returned the fire.

The downed pilot was sighted by other aircraft and the helo. The helo was just over the pilot, ready for pickup when he received heavy small arms fire from small craft closing. His abrupt change of position in clearing the area of small arms fire caused two aircraft to maneuver violently to clear the helo and the aircraft concerned evidently had a mid-air collision. Now 3 pilots were known to be in the water, the playmate of the spotter who first ditched was unaccounted for.

USS STODDARD and USS INGERSOLL were joined by two other DD's, the USS GRIDLEY and USS MANSFIELD to conduct a search. Numerous aircraft and shipmates of the downed pilots, were on the scene. The picture became cloudy; for a short while we thought a rescue helo and crew might also have went down enroute to the scene. We received the "good word" that the helo was O.K., he was still on board the Carrier awaiting the call.

Two pilots were finally located and retrieved. The flare ship lighting the way for the helo as the helo closed in and sighted the pilot's light.

After the two pilots were recovered, a sweep of the area was conducted by the aircraft. No further signs of the remaining two pilots and the search was discontinued.

About 0150 Saturday morning CIC heard a pilot's distress "beeper" in the water, USS STODDARD and USS INGERSOLL immediately started a search and were joined by aircraft and a helo. No contact was made. The weather closed in and we temporarily abandoned the search until day light hours.

Saturday morning a message was received stating a third pilot had been picked up by the Ponchatoula, approximately 100 miles from the scene of action. He was identified as the pilot of the second spotter aircraft originally with USS STODDARD.

In summary, the missing pilot was one involved in the mid-air collision.



Damage from shore battery—USS Stoddard—March 17, 1967

...Destroyer men have always been a proud people. They have been the elite. They have to be a proud people and they have to be specially selected, for destroyer life is a rugged one. It takes physical stamina to stand under the rigor of a tossing DD. It takes even more spiritual stamina to keep going with enthusiasm when you are tired and you feel you, and your ship, are being used as a workhorse. It is true that many people take destroyers for granted and that is all the more reason why the destroyers Captains (and crews) can be proud of their accomplishments.

Admiral Arleigh A. Burke

Supplement to Alumni Directory 2013

(Please make the changes to your 2013 Directory)

William Bogart	New Phone	435-387-5534
Phillip Johnston	New Phone	530-510-1122
Terry Keel	New Address	870 Franklin Ave. Great Falls, MT 59468
Bruce Kubat	Deceased	12/05/2015
Martin LeBlanc	Deceased	03/20/2013
Nolan Malcolm	Deceased	09/15/2015
John F. Montgomery	Deceased	11/05/2014
Romaine Potvin	Deceased	10/01/2014
Frederick Sass	New Address	1025 Harmony Dr. Crown Point, IN 46307
	New Phone	219-663-2755
Bruce Stephan	Deceased	02/22/2009
(Listed incorrectly in Supplement as Stephan Bruce)		
Frank Thackeray	Deceased	02/17/2105
Anthony Waltz	Deceased	04/07/2015
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Agent Orange Update

The USS Stoddard has been added to the Veterans Administration's:
Navy and Coast Guard Ships Associated with Service in Vietnam and Exposure to Herbicide Agents

II. Ships operating temporarily on Vietnam's inland waterways

USS Stoddard (DD-566) operated on Saigon River during September 1965

For more information:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/COMPENSATION/claims-postservice-agent_orange.asp

Thanks to Frank Kasmarski and all who helped get our ship listed.



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May They Rest In Peace

Aurelio, Gerald R.	COX	45-45	06/01/2007
Kubat, Bruce	MM2	55-59	12/15/2015
LeBlanc, Martin	SN	51-55	03/20-2013
Malcolm, Nolan	SH3	56-58	09/15/2015
Montgomery, John	F1	44-46	11/05/2014
Potwin, Romaine		53-54	10/01/2014
Stephan, Bruce	EN3	51-52	02/22/2009
Thackeray, Frank	SOC	1960	02/17/2015
Watz, Anthony	MM2	50-54	04/07/2015



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secretary...

Please note the hotel information on the front page. When you call for reservations ask for the USS Stoddard rate and make certain you let them know you want to make in-house reservations.

The deadline for both hotel reservations and registration forms is **September 1st.**

In the July Newsletter we will have more information on transportation to and from the airport.





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PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 1st, 2016

Name: _____ Lady's Name: _____

Stoddard Service Years: _____ Navy Rate or Rank _____

Guest Attending with me: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email _____

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Number Attending</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Wed. 10/12 Registration Fee – Hospitality Room Open (Includes wine & cheese reception)	\$ 15	X _____	= \$ _____
Thurs. 10/13 South Coast Tour: Lobster bake and entertainment Mark your choice of food at Lobster bake: ____ Whole Lobster; or ____ BBQ Chicken; or ____ Eggplant Parmesan	\$ 90	X _____	= \$ _____
Friday 10/14 Guided Tour: Maine Maritime Museum- Kennebec River cruise past Bath Iron Works, free time in Freeport	\$ 75	X _____	= \$ _____
Sat. 10/15 Harbor Cruise & Memorial Wreath Ceremony	\$ 45	X _____	= \$ _____
Banquet: Choose the entree and indicate your <u>name</u> : Baked Haddock Stuffed with Crab _____ Baked Haddock Stuffed with Crab _____ Names Baked Chicken Stuffed w/Bread Crumbs _____ Baked Chicken Stuffed w/Bread Crumbs _____ Names	\$ 35	X _____	= \$ _____
	\$ 35	X _____	= \$ _____
Grand Total			\$ _____

Make checks payable to: USS Stoddard Alumni Association

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4337 S Highway 51
Perryville, Mo 63775

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Cell: 207-232-1374
Email: **david.stclair566@gmail.com**

Deadline – September 1st

Tips are included for tours, buses & banquet

USS STODDARD SHIP'S STORE-ORDER FORM

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

Phone: 765-659-3605 Email: tmbrant@sbcglobal.net

Item	Size	Price	Qty.	TOTAL
Golf Shirt – navy	M	\$23		
Golf Shirt – navy	L	\$23		
Golf Shirt – navy	XL	\$24		
Golf Shirt – navy	XXL	\$26		
Golf Shirt – navy	XXXL	\$27		
Golf Shirt – white	M	\$23		
Golf Shirt – white	L	\$23		
Golf Shirt – white	XL	\$24		
Golf Shirt – white	XXL	\$26		
Golf Shirt – white	XXXL	\$27		
Sweatshirt – navy	L	\$21		
Sweatshirt – navy	XL	\$21		
Sweatshirt – navy	XXL	\$23		
Sweatshirt – navy	XXXL	\$26		
Sweatshirt – cream	L	\$21		
Sweatshirt – cream	XL	\$21		
Sweatshirt – cream	XXL	\$23		
Sweatshirt – cream	XXXL	\$26		
Jacket – navy (LT.WT.)	XL	\$58		
Jacket – navy (LT.WT.)	XXXL	\$65		
Stoddard Ball Hat –navy		\$13		
Stoddard Ball Hat (mesh)-navy		\$13		
Stoddard Coffee Mug		\$ 6		
Subtotal				\$
(Below Items Shipping Included)			Shipping	\$ 8.00
Stoddard Pic. 8 X 10 (Side View)		\$6		
Stoddard Pic. 8 X 10 (Rear View)		\$6		
Stoddard Pic. 11X17 (Color)		\$8		
Stoddard License Plate		\$20		
Stoddard Sinking DVD		\$8		
HistoryChan.DVD(Stoddard In It)		\$25		
4" Stoddard Patch		\$5		
Stoddard Alumni Pin		\$5		
			*TOTAL ORDER \$	

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

Ship to: NAME _____

STREET _____

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