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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:
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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.

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David and Sandy

USS Stoddard Reunion – Maine Day Trips

Lobster Lunch & Kennebunkport

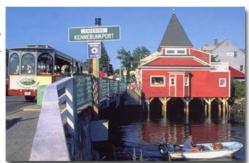
Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016



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 water-front, 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.

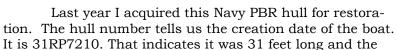
Return to Portland for a bit of free time in the "Old Port" waterfront district before taking the motorcoach shuttle back to the hotel at your leisure.

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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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 Duppenthaler. BMM (now Bellingham



PBR-7210 with SBU-XI, at Mare Island, showing her stuff. Images from Jerry Popovitch, Mill Creek, WA.

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.



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)

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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 Harmon	y Dr.							
	Crown Point,	IN 46307							
	New Phone	219-663-2755							
Bruce Stephan	Deceased	02/22/2009							
(Listed incorrectly in	n Supplement	as Stephan							
Bruce)									
Frank Thackeray	Deceased	02/17/2105							
Anthony Waltz	Deceased	04/07/2015							

New Address

1261 Stillwater Lane

Hartford, WI 53027

Richard Zahren

USS Stoddard in WWII—Destroyer Squadron 57—Destroyer Division 113

Destroyer Squadron 57 was the next-to-last-squadron of 2100-ton Fletcher-class destroyers formed. It was composed of nine square-bridge ships as follows:

Destroyer Division 113—USS Rowe DD-564 (Flag Ship), USS Smalley DD-565, USS Stoddard DD-566, USS Watts DD-567 and USS Wren DD-568, all built at Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding and commissioned in March and April 1944.

Destroyer Division 114—USS Bears DD-654, and USS John Hood DD-655 from Gulf Shipbuilding and USS Jarvis DD-799 and USS Porter DD-800, from Seattle-Tacoma, all commissioned in June and July 1944.

OPERATIONS

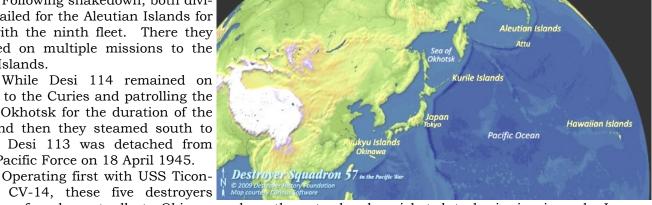
Following shakedown, both divisions sailed for the Aleutian Islands for duty with the ninth fleet. There they deployed on multiple missions to the Kurile Islands.

While Desi 114 remained on station to the Curies and patrolling the Sea of Okhotsk for the duration of the war, and then they steamed south to Japan, Desi 113 was detached from North Pacific Force on 18 April 1945.

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were transferred eventually to Okinawa, where they stood radar picket duty beginning in early June. The next month, they were reassigned to operate with the Third Fleet in its raids on Japanese home islands.

Both divisions remained in the Pacific until late in 1945.



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				•	•	•	•	•	1945	THIRD FLEET OPERATIONS AGAINST JAPAN

POST-WAR

Decommissioned in 1946, they were recommissioned in the fifties. USS Smalley, USS John Hood, USS Jarvis and USS Porter earned stars in the Korean War, USS Wren appeared in the 1959 film Operation Petticoat; USS Stoddard was deployed to Vietnam.

USS Smalley was stricken in 1964; most of the others lasted for another decade except USS Jar-



vis, which had gone to Spain in 1960 as SPS Alcala Galliano and was retired only in 1988.

USS Stoddard was used to test new weapons and was sunk north of Hawaii July 22, 1997 for use as an artificial reef.

USS Stoddard was the last Fletcher Class destroyer stricken from the Federal Naval Register.

USS STODDARD DD566 WWII * Korea * Vietnam



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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

<u>USS Stoddard (DD-566)</u> 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 <u>ask for the USS Stoddard rate and make certain you let them know you want to make in-house reservations.</u>

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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October 12th – October 15th, 2016 Clarion Hotel – Portland, Maine

Make your hotel reservations directly with the Clarion Hotel-207-774-5611. Make certain to ask for **USS Stoddard Group Rate.** The USS Stoddard Room Rate is **Standard \$119** per night (plus tax), single or double occupancy. Breakfast included, free parking and Wi-Fi. The rate is available three days prior and after the reunion.

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