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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

Email: david.stclair566@gmail.com

Plans are complete and we are ready for our Maine guests. The Clarion Hotel offers free shuttle service from the airport, to Portland Old Port, and the Maine Mall.

There is a kiosk at the airport located near the baggage claim to call for the shuttle to the hotel.

Shuttle service runs from 4:30 am. to 11:00 pm.

The Clarion Hotel offers the room rate three days prior and three days following the reunion. Also, please remember the deadline for hotel reservations and reunion registration is September 1st. The hotel offers free Wi-Fi, parking and has a restaurant and bar/lounge.

Ed Mercier, Jack Sanborn, and David and Sandy St. Clair are excited to be your hosts for the Annual Stoddard Reunion in Portland Maine.

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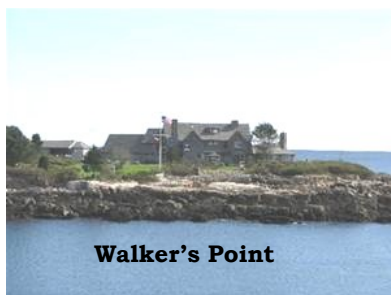
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Portland International Jetport (PWM) is one of New England's fastest growing airports serving Maine and northern New Hampshire. The airport offers non-stop flights to over a dozen cities across the U.S. and Canada as well as worldwide connections. With convenient flights, competitive fares and no hassles, at PWM, you're on your way! Nonstop flights include: Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Chicago O'Hare, Cleveland, Detroit, New York – JFK & LaGuardia, Newark, Philadelphia, Orlando, Toronto, Washington D.C. – Reagan & Dulles, Yarmouth, NS.

USS STODDARD REUNION—MAINE DAY TRIPS

The reunion begins on Thursday with a visit to Kennebunkport including view of Walker's Point, Wedding Cake House, Dock Square, Lighthouse, and tour of the Franciscan Monastery, followed by a Lobster bake lunch. There will also be a city tour and stop at Portland's Old Port (the restored waterfront district).



On Friday we travel to Bath, Maine (the City of Ships) and visit the Maine Maritime Museum and continue with a narrated Kennebec River Cruise to view the Bath Iron Works Shipyard. We will stop at Freeport for lunch on your own and shopping at L.L.Bean and the Freeport outlet shops.



Saturday morning the shuttle will take us to the Casco Bay Lines Terminal for a tour of Casco Bay passing the Calendar Islands and the historic forts. We will have the USS Stoddard Annual Memorial wreath-laying ceremony on the cruise. Returning to Portland's Old Port in time for lunch on your own before returning the hotel for our annual meeting.



USS Stoddard 28th Reunion—Plan of the Day**Wednesday**

1:00 PM Registration
Afternoon Hospitality Room Open

Thursday

8:00 AM Board Bus
Travel to Kennebunkport for guided tour including views of Walker's Point,
Wedding Cake House, Dock Square, beach areas & tour the Franciscan Monastery.

11:15 AM Nubble Lighthouse photo stop

NOON Lobster bake lunch and entertainment Foster's Clambakes, York Harbor.

1:30 PM Travel to Portland

2:30 PM Portland city tour including stop at Museum at Portland Head lighthouse

4:30 PM Arrival in Portland's Old Port, restored waterfront district,
anyone wanting to stay can take hotel shuttle or cab back later.

5:00 PM Board Bus—Back to hotel

Friday

8:00 AM Board Bus

8:15 AM Travel to Bath, Maine - the City of Ships

9:00 AM Maine Maritime Museum - guided tour of museum and one hour, narrated Kennebec
river cruise- see behind the scenes at the Bath Iron Works shipyard next door.
9:15 & 10:30 boat departures. The museum depicts Maine's shipbuilding industry
from the 1600's to the present. Numerous hands on exhibits, boat building
demonstrations, lobstering exhibit and a Victorian shipbuilder's home are here
for you to see on the grounds of an historic shipyard.

12:00 PM Board coaches for Freeport

12:30 PM Free time for shopping at LL Bean and the Freeport outlet shops, lunch on own

2:30 PM Return to Portland's Old Port

3:00 PM Arrive at Old Port-anyone wanting to stay can take hotel shuttle or cab back.

3:30 PM Arrive back at hotel

Saturday

8:00 AM Board shuttle for staggered transfers from Clarion Hotel to Casco Bay Lines
Terminal (2 departures, 1 coach)

8:45 AM Board Casco Bay Lines tour boat - private charter

9:15 AM Narrated Casco Bay cruise, pass through the Calendar islands, see the historic
forts, working waterfronts and harbor seals.
USS Stoddard Memorial Wreath-laying ceremony on cruise.

12:15 PM Lunch on own in Portland's Old Port with many shops & cafes.

1:15 PM Pick up at Casco Bay Lines for hotel return

1:45 PM Pick up at Long Wharf for hotel return
(driver will point out Long Wharf, center of Old Port)
(Many restaurants between the two pickup locations)

2:00 PM Arrive at hotel

3:00 PM USS Stoddard Annual Meeting - hospitality room

6:00 PM Cocktail Hour, Banquet and Alumni Raffle



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

Please remember that those flying to Portland will be limited as to items they can take home.

Ex USS Stoddard—Weapons Testing Time-1976 to Sinking (1997)

Even though her flag may have been lowered for the last time and her boilers are silent, the Ex USS *Stoddard* has continued to serve in the tradition of her proud heritage.

On 30 June 1976, Ex USS *Stoddard* was transferred from the inactive ship facility, Mare Island, California to the Pacific Missile Test Center at Point Mugu. The required equipment removals were accomplished, and the ship was modified to perform a new service. During the next few years she served as a target in various weapons test programs, including the Tomahawk Project. Having survived this first group of test assignments, *Stoddard* was given a new challenge.



Phalanx

A new crew of test engineers, technicians, cameramen, and weapons experts has replaced the many Navy crews, which served the *Stoddard*. At watch on the helm is a remote control system and outboard motors propel the ship at less than exhilarating speed, but the Ex *Stoddard* has continued to go in harms way, facing threats that were not even conceived of when she slipped down the waves for the first time. She has weathered the onslaught of tactical missiles in a manner that surely makes the ghosts of her past crews proud. No longer able to maneuver or speed to safe haven, she has stood and waited as a small white domed object has stood watch on her rear deck. The object that General Dynamics lovingly calls R2D2, and the Navy calls Phalanx, has made many cruises on board the Ex *Stoddard*.

In November of 1983, a Block O Phalanx went aboard the Ex *Stoddard* for the first time to prove that it would in fact negate the threat of real tactical missile targets and not just lab-contrived test targets. In November 1984, after a summer of facing a vast array of tactical targets, the Ex *Stoddard* proudly returned to Port Hueneme, intact to await her next trial.

In June of 1985, the Ex *Stoddard* again set sail, this time with a Block I baseline O Phalanx to protect her. After facing supersonic diving targets, she again returned to Port Hueneme, unscathed, in September of 1985.

Still ready to answer the call, Ex *Stoddard* headed for the open sea in October of 1987, this time sporting a Block I baseline Phalanx on her fantail. Again the *Stoddard* Phalanx Team faced skimming and diving tactical targets and the supersonic vandal diving and sea-skimming target. After six months of this war-like punishment, the team proudly returned to port with barely a scratch.

Never willing to surrender, the Ex *Stoddard* again braved the elements and man in the winter of 1989-1990 to prove herself once more. With a Block I baseline 1 Phalanx on board, she headed for the test range and unknown threats. With a new special software program and a new kitchen and quarters aboard, this proud ship was again positioned in harms way. After the smoke cleared and the last missile was expended, the *Stoddard* Phalanx Team again returned to port after a job well done.

During the testing outlined above, the Ex USS *Stoddard* was subjected to attack by no less than forty-three targets, from subsonic BQM drones to supersonic vandals. She also faced the best and newest tactical targets in today's missile arsenal. The knowledge and experience gained from these tests would not have been possible without the help of this fine ship.

Final Fate of the USS Stoddard

The Ex USS *Stoddard* was towed by the USS *Salvor* to an assigned position near the island of Kauai, Hawaii. Seal Team One installed the charges, which sank her. The general location is 64NM NNW of the island of Kauai, Hawaii in the Barking Sands Missile Range.

Location of Sinking: 22° 47' 39.2"N, 160° 36' 41.0"W

Time and Date of Sinking: 17:17 Hawaii-Aleutian time zone 22 July 97

Depth: 2.550 Fathoms

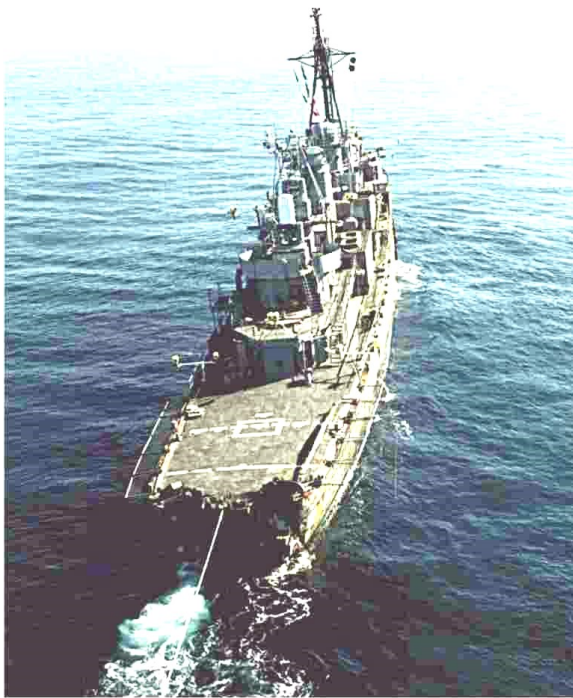
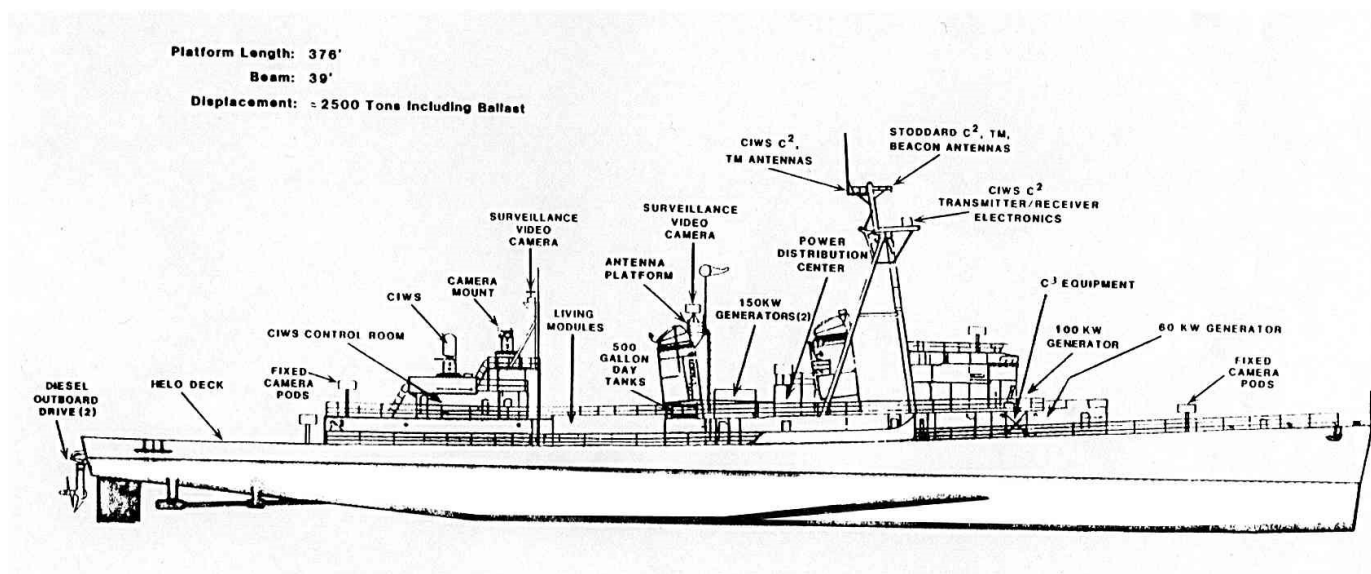


Tomahawk Project



BQM-Drone

***Ex USS Stoddard* in it's Weapons Testing Configuration**



My name is Dave Wright. I spent a couple of summers while I was in college working at the PMTC in Port Huneme. I was there when the Stoddard was brought in from storage and was getting outfitted for the PMTC.

I can remember once when they brought it back in smoking with a partial fire due to a heat seeker hitting one of the generator sets on the deck. A heated target hanging up on the crows nest had failed and the missile went for the next hottest thing. That was a poor 90kw generator set running the target. It knocked the old 6-71 diesel in half and the missile went down one of the passageways, catching an electrical panel where it stopped and burned out the fuel in the rocket. It did not have a explosive charge as they were testing the guidance of it only.

I still have a battle lantern from the Stoddard and a self powered phone hand set that was given to me. There were 3 other destroyers there at the time. I will have to look through my pictures and see if I can make out the names on the stern's.

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May They Rest In Peace

Cioffi, Salvatore	FN	1952-1954	8-19-2013
Hamby, Knox	QMSN	1950-1960	7-10-2016
Parise, Carmon			11-13-2010



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secretary...

Please return your reunion registration as soon as possible. We need to let vendors know numbers for the tours and the banquet meal.

Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange

"Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service may be eligible for a variety of VA benefits, including disability compensation for diseases associated with exposure. Your dependents and survivors also may be eligible for benefits."

The VA has added the USS Stoddard to it's list of veterans that have been exposed to Agent Orange. "USS Stoddard (DD-566) operated on Saigon River during September 1965"

More Information

Check VA's Guide to Agent Orange Claims to learn more about how to establish eligibility to disability compensation and how much VA pays. You can also call the Agent Orange Help Line at 1-800-749-8387 or send an e-mail to GW/AOHelpline@vba.va.gov. You must provide your name, e-mail address, telephone and/or fax number, and VA file number/Social Security Number. We will do our best to respond within a reasonable amount of time (usually 3 to 10 work-days). **Thanks to Garry Stone for the information.** [http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/claims-postservice-agent orange.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/claims-postservice-agent%20orange.asp)

Supplement to Alumni Directory 2013

(Please make the changes to your 2013 Directory)

Glasco, Larry	New Address 13109 N. Palomino Lane Spokane, WA 99208
Bergeron, Rod	New Address 1455 W. Wild Sage Drive St. George, UT 84790
Cioffi, Salvatore	Deceased 8-19-2013
Hamby, Knox	Deceased 7-10-2016
Karz, Robert	New Email rpkarz@gmail.com
Hough, Ronald	New Address 20111 -48th Avenue Arlington, WA 98223
Parise, Carmon	Deceased 11-13-2010



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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.

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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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 _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____



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