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27th Reunion—Albuquerque, New Mexico
September 2nd– September-5th - 2015



**Old Town
Albuquerque,
New Mexico**



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Our Hosts:

**Herby, Debbie,
Susan & Merci**

Old Town District Albuquerque, New Mexico

Old Town is the city's cultural heart, founded by Governor Francisco Cuervoy Valdez in 1706. Old Town's oldest surviving buildings are located around a central plaza dating back to 1793. The historic Old Town district stretches about 10 blocks and offers an authentic experience of the southwest heritage. There are museums, galleries, handmade crafts, and unique shopping boutiques and charming dining experiences.

The San Felipe de Neri Church is the oldest building in the



San Felipe de Neri Church—1793

city. Old Town today looks much like it did centuries ago with the Pueblo-Spanish style architecture. For almost 3 centuries Old Town has been the crossroads of the Southwest.

**carlene rauh,****secretary...**

Following are just a few of the places you will have the opportunity to see at our 27th Stoddard Reunion in Albuquerque, NM. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Please note the deadlines for hotel reservations and Registration.

Herby says there is a DJ for the banquet, so bring your dancing shoes.

Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Santa Fe Plaza is a National Historic Landmark in downtown Santa Fe, NM, in the style of traditional Spanish-American colonial cities. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Plaza consist of central park lined with trees. Included in the park is an American Indian War Memorial and a performing arts stage. The Plaza had monuments, restaurants, art galleries and the Place of the Governors (oldest public building in the U.S. 1610-1612), New Mexico Art Museum, Cathedral Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi, and the Loretto Chapel.

Historic Route 66

Established in 1926, it would be several years before the 2,448 mile highway would be continuously paved from Chicago to Los Angeles, running through the states of Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California.



Santa Fe Trail

In 1822 the famed Santa Fe Trail, a trade route from New Mexico to St. Louis, MO opened. The Santa Fe Trail was a 19th-century transportation route through central North America. Pioneered in 1821 by William Becknell, it served as a vital commercial highway until the rail-



road came to Santa Fe in 1880. Santa Fe was near the end of the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro.

Marker at end of the trail in Santa Fe Plaza

Acoma Pueblo—"Sky City"



Acoma Pueblo is the oldest continuously inhabited village in the US. The pueblo built on top of a 367 foot sandstone mesa in New Mexico, believed to be established prior to the 10th century. It comprises several villages. The people dry-farm in the valley below and use irrigation canals in the villages.

Acoma and the surrounding area are considered federal trust land, administered by the federal government for the pueblo. The 2000 US Census lists 2,802 inhabitants of the Acoma Pueblo.

USS Stoddard—27th Reunion—Plan of the Day

Wed. 9/2 9 AM–8PM Registration across from hotel's restaurant
Afternoon Hospitality Room Open

Thurs. 9/3 9 AM Buses Leaves For Santa Fe
(Board buses on North parking lot)
Visit Historic Santa Fe

11 AM USS Stoddard Memorial Service
Santa Fe National Cemetery

Noon Lunch on your own Santa Fe

5 PM Buses depart for hotel
Arrive hotel around 6 PM

Friday 9/4 9 AM Buses Leave For Acoma Pueblo Native Village
(Board busses on North parking lot)

10:30AM Arrive at Acoma Sky City

11 AM Tour of Acoma Pueblo Native American Village
(Tour over at approx. 2:30 PM)

2 PM Casino "66"
Meal at Casino "66"

5 PM Buses Depart for hotel

Sat. 9/5 AM Walking Tour of Old Town Albuquerque
(Will depart when enough for tour)

3 PM USS Stoddard Annual Meeting

Noon Lunch on Your Own

6 PM Banquet and Alumni Raffle

Sunday, 9/6 Farewell to all see you in Portland, Maine
for USS Stoddard 28th Reunion



Please remember to bring your items for the raffle.

Bring items from your home state to raffle!!

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

Battle of Iwo Jima

The Battle of Iwo Jima (19 February – 26 March 1945) was a major battle in which the United States Armed Forces landed and eventually captured the island of Iwo Jima from the Japanese Imperial Army during World War II. The American invasion, designated *Operation Detachment*, had the goal of capturing the entire island, including the three Japanese-controlled airfields (including the South Field and the Central Field), to provide a staging area for attacks on the Japanese main islands. This five-week battle comprised some of the fiercest and bloodiest fighting of the War in the Pacific of World War II.

After the heavy losses incurred in the battle, the strategic value of the island became controversial. It was useless to the U.S. Army as a staging base and useless to the U.S. Navy as a fleet base. However, Navy Seabees rebuilt the landing strips, which were used as emergency landing strips for USAAF B-29s.

The Imperial Japanese Army positions on the island were heavily fortified, with a dense network of bunkers, hidden artillery positions, and 18 km (11 mi) of underground tunnels. The Americans on the ground were supported by extensive naval artillery and complete air supremacy over Iwo Jima from the beginning of the battle by U.S. Navy and Marine Corps aviators.

Iwo Jima was also the only battle by the U.S. Marine Corps in which the American casualties exceeded the Japanese, although Japanese combat deaths numbered three times the number of American deaths. Of the 22,000 Japanese soldiers on Iwo Jima at the beginning of the battle, only 216 were taken prisoner, some of whom were captured because they had been knocked unconscious or otherwise disabled. The majority of the remainder were killed in action, although it has been estimated that as many as 3,000 continued to resist within the various cave systems for many days afterwards, eventually succumbing to their injuries or surrendering weeks later.

Despite the bloody fighting and severe casualties on both sides, the Japanese defeat was assured from the start. Overwhelming American superiority in arms and numbers as well as complete control of air power — coupled with the impossibility of Japanese retreat or reinforcement — permitted no plausible circumstance in which the Americans could have lost the battle.

The battle was immortalized by Joe Rosenthal's photograph of the raising of the U.S. flag on top of the 166 m (545 ft) Mount Suribachi by five U.S. Marines and one U.S. Navy battlefield Hospital Corpsman. The photograph records the second flag raising on the mountain, both of which took place on the fifth day of the 35-day battle. Rosenthal's photograph promptly became an indelible icon — of that battle, of the Pacific War, and of the Marine Corps itself.



The USS Stoddard was not a part of the Battle of Iwo Jima but had another small part of history. Information recalled from Don Rhinehart -S1/c (FCO)-USS Stoddard 1945



Don Rhinehart

I will tell you what I remember about the incident. To the best on my memory it was before the September 2, 1945 surrender and we were operating with task force of the 3rd fleet off Japan at the time; we were detached from the task force to escort the USS Bon Homme Richard CV-31 (I don't remember if we were the only escort or if there were other ships involved) to Iwo Jima to deliver a high political official (H. Struve – Assistant Secretary of the Navy), who had been visiting the fleet, as we arrived, 3 P-51's came off the Island and proceeded to dive at us as a greeting. Unfortunately, only two of the planes pulled up out of the dive and the 3rd went straight into the water. We found the wreckage and the pilot's body. I am not sure what happened to the body, but I assume it was taken to Iwo Jima. On our way back to join the task force, we picked up a sonar contact with what was thought to be a sub, and dropped depth charges. We spent quite a lot of time with this contact, in fact so much time the Bon Homme Richard went on without us. My memory is a little foggy, but it seemed we were in the area more than a day, dropped more depth charges and finally decided it wasn't a sub after all and steamed back to take up our station with the task force. At one of the reunions I attended, I confirmed the part about the plane crash with another crewmember who was aboard at the time.



Asst. Secretary Navy
H. Struve Hensel
Arriving Stoddard—July - 1945



Stoddard CO Captain Geo. Unmacht
H. Struve Hensel Asst. Sec. Navy
Lt. Bill Hurst – Ex. Officer Stoddard



H. Struve Hensel Asst. Sec. Navy
and party leaving USS Stoddard for
Iwo Jima – July 1945

Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town

800 Rio Grande Blvd.
Albuquerque, NM 87104
505 843-6300

www.hotelabq.com



Hotel Albuquerque is located in the heart of Old Town with historic charm and within 15 minutes of the Albuquerque International Airport. You will enjoy the view of the Sandia Mountains and enjoy the luxurious accommodations and amenities:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi Internet
- Garduño's Restaurant & Cantina
- QBar Ultra Lounge
- Outdoor Swimming Pool
- Hot Tub
- Fitness Center
- Business Center
- Complimentary Parking
- Complimentary Historic Old Town Albuquerque walking tours on Saturdays.

Room Rate: \$99, plus tax
(single or double—breakfast included)

Flying: It is recommended that you take the cab from the airport to the hotel — cost approximately \$25.00.

Driving Directions:

- **Hotel Directions From Santa Fe and the North** -Take I-25 S. and take exit 226B to merge onto I-40 W toward Gallup, 2.3 miles. Take exit 157A for Rio Grande Blvd, continue for 0.3 miles. Turn left at Rio Grande Blvd NW. The Hotel Albuquerque will be on the left.
- **Hotel Directions From the Airport and the South** -Merge onto I-25 N via the ramp and continue for 3.5 miles. Take exit 226AB to merge onto I-40 West toward Gallup, and continue for another 2.5 miles. Take Exit 157A for Rio Grande Blvd, turn left onto Rio Grande Blvd. Continue for 0.3 miles. The Hotel Albuquerque will be on the left.
- **Hotel Directions From the East** -Head West on I-40, take Exit 157A to Rio Grande Blvd. Turn left on Rio Grande Blvd. Continue for 0.3 miles. The Hotel Albuquerque will be on the left.

Garduño's Restaurant & Cantina

Garduño's Restaurant, located in Hotel Albuquerque, received the Hot Plate Award 2015 from *Albuquerque The Magazine* for its fantastic Margarita Flights! This award is given to the city's most notable people, dishes, and drinks!

Open Daily from 6am to 10:30pm.

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Santa Fe National Cemetery

Santa Fe National Cemetery is in the City of Santa Fe. At the close of the Civil War, the federal government established a cemetery for Union soldiers who died in the area. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Santa Fe donated the land to the US in 1870 for a National Cemetery.

Supplement to Alumni Directory 2013

(Please make the changes to your 2013 Directory)

Downs, Eugene Address change
 3700 N. Capitol Street NW
 Washington DC 20011-8400
Frazier, Howard Deceased 12-21-2014
Holley, Wesley Deceased 4-4-2015



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chaplain...

Frazier, Howard R. BT3 54-56 12-21-2014
Holley, Wesley EMP3 52-53 4-4-2015

The Pvt. Dennis O'Leary (1901) tombstone at Santa Fe National Cemetery.



The annual USS Stoddard Memorial Service will be at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Infamous

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Hotel Albuquerque – At Old Town

Make your hotel reservations directly with the Hotel Albuquerque -505-843-6300. Make certain to give **USS Stoddard Group Rate**. The USS Stoddard Room Rate is **Standard \$99** per night (plus tax), single or double occupancy. The rate is available three days prior and after the reunion. Breakfast included, free parking and Wi-Fi. ***Please make your reservations to hotel as soon as you have decided to attend.***

Many things going on in Albuquerque Area and the rooms will be released to public on August 12, 2015.

Name: _____ Lady's Name: _____
 Stoddard Service Years: _____ Navy Rate or Rank _____
 Guest Attending with me: _____
 Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail _____
 Driving to Reunion: Yes ___ No ___ E-Mail Driving Directions: Yes ___ No ___

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Number Attending</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Wednesday 9/2 <u>Registration Fee – Hospitality Room Open</u> (* Includes Saturday Walking Tour of Albuquerque)	\$ 20	X _____	= \$ _____
Thursday 9/3 <u>Trip to Historic Santa Fe Memorial Service – Santa Fe National Cemetery</u>	\$ 35	X _____	= \$ _____
Friday 9/4 <u>Trip to Acoma Pueblo Native American Village Casino “66” Hotel and Meal</u>	\$ 70	X _____	= \$ _____
Saturday 9/5 <u>Walking Tour of Old Town Albuquerque</u>	*	X _____	= Included

Saturday Banquet: Choose Tamale entrée or Chicken entrée.

Tamale and blue corn enchiladas green chile tamale -
 two rolled red chile cheese blue corn enchiladas (\$25.00) _____ **\$ 25 X** _____ **= \$** _____
 (First Name)

OR _____ **\$ 25 X** _____ **= \$** _____
 (First Name)

Mesilla Valley pecan crusted breast of chicken with
 cognac cream mashed potatoes (\$35.00) _____ **\$ 35 X** _____ **= \$** _____
 (First Name)

_____ **\$ 35 X** _____ **= \$** _____
 (First Name)

Tips are included for tours, buses & banquet

GRAND TOTAL → \$ _____

Make checks payable to: USS Stoddard Alumni Association

Mail to: USS Stoddard Alumni
 4337 S Highway 51
 Perryville, Mo 63775

Herby's Cell: 575-361-0333
 Herby's Email: jonav@bajabb.com

Deadline – August 1st

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 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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