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USS STODDARD ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

**USS STODDARD DD566
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**27th Reunion—Albuquerque, New Mexico
September 2nd– September-5th - 2015**



Our Hosts:

**Herby, Debbie,
Susan & Merci**

WELCOME TO ALBUQUERQUE

Albuquerque is home to the University of New Mexico (UNM), Kirtland Air Force Base, Sandia National Laboratories, Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute, Central New Mexico Community College (CNM), Presbyterian Health Services, and Petroglyph National Monument. The Sandia Mountains run along the eastern side of Albuquerque, and the Rio Grande flows through the city, north to south.



Albuquerque was founded in 1706 as the Spanish colonial outpost of *Ranchos de Albuquerque*. Present-day Albuquerque retains much of its historical Spanish cultural heritage.

The first travelers on [Route 66](#) appeared in Albuquerque in 1926. Route 66 originally ran north and south through the city along Fourth Street, but in 1937 it was realigned along Central Avenue, an east-west route.

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 WiFi Internet
- Garduño's Restaurant & Cantina
- QBar UltraLounge
- 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.
- **Hotel Directions From the West** - Head East on I-40, take Exit 157A to Rio Grande Blvd. Turn right on Rio Grande Blvd. Continue for 0.3 miles. The Hotel Albuquerque will be on the left.



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.

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

Herby and the ladies have a wonderful taste of the southwest in store for all of us.

Thursday, September 3rd we will visit historic Santa Fe the state capital of New Mexico and the oldest state capital in the nation. There are many historic buildings, restaurants and museums within walking distance from the plaza.

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

Friday, September 4th we will visit Acoma Pueblo Native American Village. This is the spiritual and physical homeland of the Acoma people, located atop a sandstone mesa 370 feet above the desert floor. The Acoma Pueblo Tribe (People of the White Rock) is a federally recognized tribal entity.

Later we will have a chance to try our luck at Route 66 Casino Hotel and enjoy a meal together.

Saturday, September 9th is our annual meeting and banquet. Please notice there is a choice of entrée for the meal. Indicate your choice and your name. This allows the waiters to serve you with the correct entrée. There is a walking tour of Old Town Albuquerque from the hotel for anyone wishing to have a guided tour.

Last year there were questions about the registration fee. The fee is per attendee and covers costs of the reunion pins, DJ, Stoddard Memorial donation, tips and other miscellaneous costs of the reunion.

Please remember to make your hotel reservations by August 12th.

Registration is due August 1st so that the final counts can be given to the vendors providing our services.

In addition this year tips for service providers are included in the reunion fees.

SEE YOU IN ALBUQUERQUE!!!!

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May They Rest In Peace

Charron, Robert	TM1	1945	12-18-2010
Haiduk, Anthony	SK2	1951-1953	4-12-2014
Hodil, James S.	RMSN	1951	8-08-2009
Hixson, Louis	BMC	1966-1968	11-18-2008
Krumvieda, Ronald	YN3	1958-1961	12-14-2010
Woolverton, Daniel	FN	1964-1968	10-08-2014

Spring is in the air and new life is budding into lush green leaves. The air is still a little crisp in the mornings. The rain seems a little heavier this spring than usual. I hope this is a time of new beginning for all of you. Hopefully, the arthritis is less bothersome, your energy is more abundant and your spirit is renewed.

Many of our military brothers and sisters, their families and friends are having trouble coming home. I have received numerous phone calls from girlfriends, wives, and people concerned about their active duty military and veterans suffering from their inability to emotionally and psychologically come home. Morale is very low in the Army and the suicide rate remains at about 22 a day. PLEASE join me in prayer or by your thoughtful energy that these people find healing and peace. Let them know we care by listening to their stories without judgement. It is not enough to just thank them for their service when their hearts are so heavy. We as a country must take responsibility for what we have asked our military to do in our name.

My friend, Dr. Ed Tick, cofounder and Executive of Soldiers Heart has published a new book entitled, *Warriors Return: Restoring the Soul after the War*. His work addressed how we can best bring our warriors home individually and as a nation. His work was recognized by the Pentagon by asking Soldiers Heart to train all of the US Army chaplains (2000) throughout the world in this healing model. Dr. Tick is also author of *War and Soul* and other works all available through amazon.com.

We look forward to seeing you in Albuquerque. Herby and company are doing a great job and we look forward to all they are offering us.

Story of the USS Colorado BB-45 - Launching to Salvage



USS Colorado (BB-45), was the lead ship of the Colorado class of battleships, the third ship of the United States Navy named in honor of the 38th state. Her keel was laid down on 29 May 1919 by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation of Camden, New Jersey. She was launched on 22 March 1921, commissioned on 30 August 1923, Captain Reginald R. Belknap in command.

Colorado sailed from New York City on 29 December 1923 on a maiden voyage that took her to Portsmouth, England; Cherbourg, France, and Villefranche, France; Naples, Italy; and Gibraltar before returning to New York on 15 February 1924. After repairs and final tests she sailed for the west coast 11 July and arrived at San Francisco on 15 September. The eight 3" anti-aircraft guns were replaced by an equal number of 5"/25 cal guns in 1928–1929. *Colorado* aided in earthquake relief at Long Beach, California, on 10–11 March 1933 and during an NROTC cruise from 11 June to 22 July 1937, she assisted in the search for the missing Amelia Earhart.

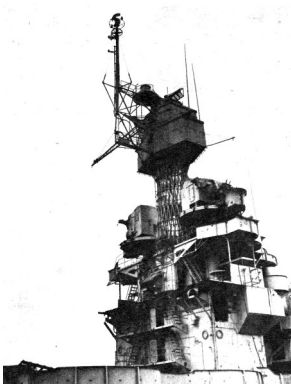
World War II Based in Pearl Harbor from 27 January 1941, *Colorado* operated in the Hawaiian training area in intensive exercises and war games until 25 June, when she departed for the west coast and overhaul at Puget Sound Navy Yard which lasted until 31 March 1942. Two of the original 12 -5" /51 cal guns were removed during overhaul, and the 5" /25 cal guns were replaced by an equal number of 5"/38 cal guns. On 31 May, *Colorado* and *Maryland* set sail from the Golden Gate to form a line of defense against any Japanese attack mounted on San Francisco.

After west coast training, *Colorado* returned to Pearl Harbor on 14 August to complete her preparations for action. She operated in the vicinity of the Fiji Islands and New Hebrides from 8 November 1942 to 17 September 1943 to prevent further Japanese expansion. She sortied from Pearl Harbor on 21 October 1943 to provide pre-invasion bombardment and fire support for the invasion of Tarawa, returning to port on 7 December 1943. After west coast overhaul, *Colorado* returned to Lahaina Roads, Hawaiian Islands, on 21 January 1944 and sortied the next day for the Marshall Islands operation, providing pre-invasion bombardment and fire support for the invasions of Kwajalein and Eniwetok until 23 February 1944, when she headed for Puget Sound Navy Yard and overhaul. Joining other units bound for the Mariana Islands operation at San Francisco, *Colorado* sailed on 5 May by way of Pearl Harbor and Kwajalein for pre-invasion bombardment and fire support duties at Saipan, Guam, and Tinian from 14 June. On 24 July 1944, during the shelling of Tinian, *Colorado* received 22 shell hits from shore batteries, killing 43 men and wounding 198, but continued to support the invading troops until 3 August. After repairs on the west coast, *Colorado* arrived in Leyte Gulf on 20 November 1944 to support American troops fighting ashore. A week later she was hit by two *kamikazes* which killed 19 of her men, wounded 72, and caused moderate damage. Nevertheless as planned, she bombarded Mindoro from 12–17 December 1944 before proceeding to Manus Island for emergency repairs. Returning to Luzon on 1 January 1945, she participated in the pre-invasion bombardments in Lingayen Gulf. On 9 January, accidental gunfire hit her superstructure killing 18 and wounding 51. After replenishing at Ulithi, *Colorado* joined the pre-invasion bombardment group at Kerama Retto on 25 March for the invasion of Okinawa. She remained there supplying fire support until 22 May, when she cleared for Leyte Gulf. Returning to occupied Okinawa on 6 August, *Colorado* sailed from there for the occupation of Japan, covering the airborne landings at Atsugi Airfield, Tokyo on 27 August. Departing Tokyo Bay on 20 September, she arrived at San Francisco on 15 October, then steamed to Seattle, Washington, for the Navy-Day celebration on 27 October. Assigned to Operation Magic Carpet duty, she made three runs to Pearl Harbor to transport 6,357 veterans home before reporting to Bremerton Navy Yard for inactivation. She was placed out of commission in reserve there on 7 January 1947, and sold for scrapping on 23 July 1959. It is rumored that the USS *Colorado* fired more 16 inch shells in WWII than any other battleship.

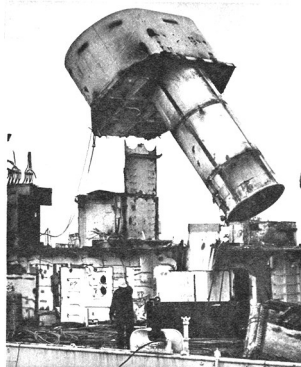
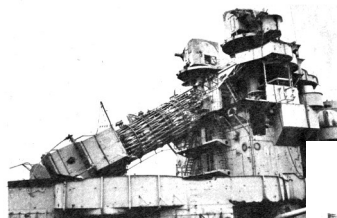
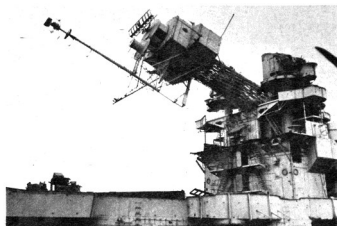


USS *Colorado* off Tinian 24-July-1944 with hull damage, the result of 22 hits from shore batteries.

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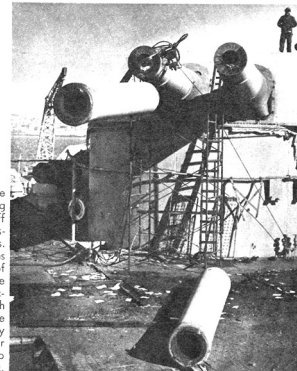
(Continued From Page 4) **THE END of a Great Ship - Salvage Pictures USS Colorado—1960**

What enemy guns and airplanes failed to do to the battleship Colorado during the Second World War workers at the Todd Shipyard accomplished spectacularly with cutting torches and cables. The sequence of photographs above and at the right shows how the big ship's mainmast fire-control tower fell like a giant tree after its basketlike support was cut.

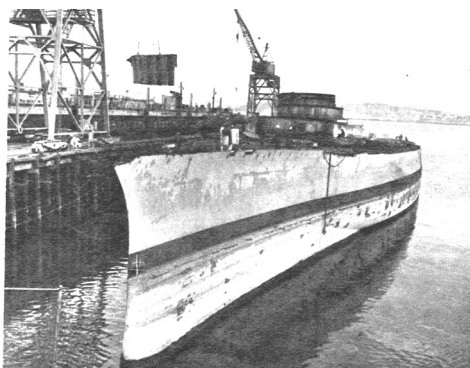


THE SEATTLE TIMES Sunday, December 4, 1960

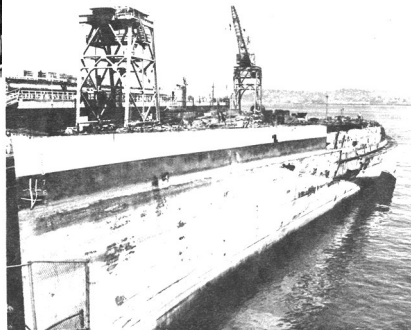
Another 250 tons of steel, the conning tower, toppled to the deck under the skillful direction of a shipyard worker.



Barrels of the Colorado's big guns were cut off by automatic gas-burning torches. The heavy lengths of steel, some of which are to be used in atomic energy research projects as pressure vessels, simply dropped after the cutting onto the teakwood deck.

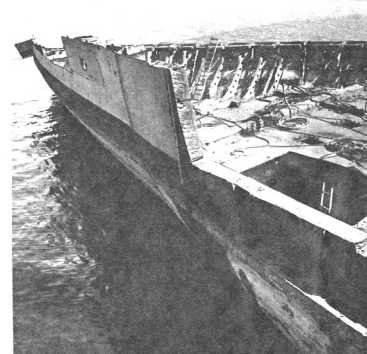


A month after the pictures above were made, the ship's hull, lightened by thousands of tons, was riding more than a dozen feet higher in the water than it did when she was taken to the shipyard.



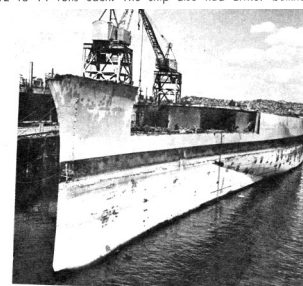
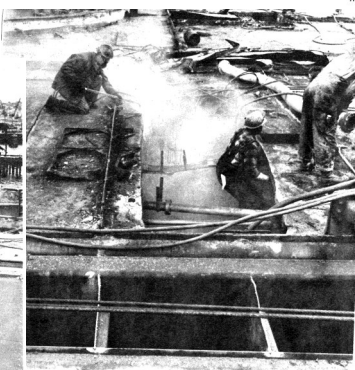
The hull of the Colorado had been cut down almost to the original water line when this picture was

taken in August. Part of the armored "blister" fuel tank had been removed by torches and cranes.

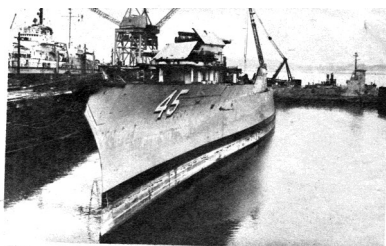


This was the aft section of the ship in August. This view shows the thickness of the armor plating, which was cut out in pieces weighing 12 to 14 tons each. The ship also had armor bulkheads.

By June, 1960, the battleship Colorado had been cut down to the point where no part of the ship intruded into the view of Seattle's skyline as seen from the work pier. The four vertical tanks seen on the deck at the right contained propane gas for the cutting torches. About this time, natural gas was piped to the shipyard and was used to cut up the rest of the big vessel.

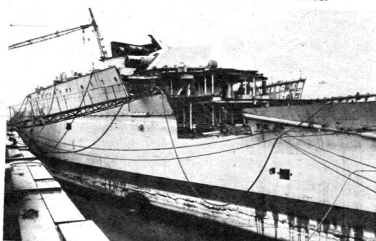


In June, the ship had risen so far out of the water that the "blister" fuel tank, built onto the hull, was exposed and clearly visible.

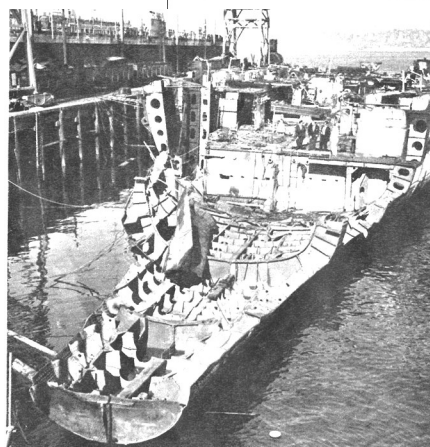


This was the battleship Colorado in mid-April, 1960, nine months after her arrival at the Todd Ship-

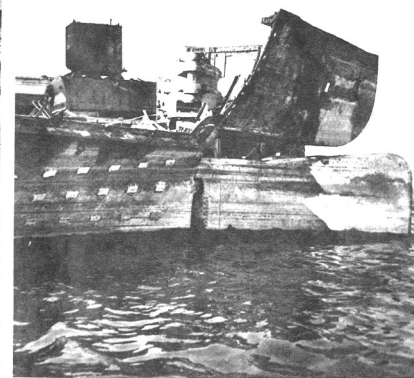
yard. Of the superstructure, only parts of a few guns and mountings remained to be dismantled.



Near the forward battery, workers had begun cutting into the hull itself.



In October, the forward part of the hull was cut and hauled away. Because much of the bow section was not armor-plated, this part of the scrapping project progressed rapidly. Some cutting was under water.



The rising of the hull, a few weeks ago, exposed the Colorado's massive rudder, 95 tons of cast steel and a core of wood filling. Above the rudder and inside what was left of the ship's stern can be seen the great quadrant of the steering mechanism. The ship was almost gone.

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Supplement to Alumni Directory 2013
(Please make the changes to your 2013 Directory)

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Haiduk, Anthony	Deceased 4-12-2014
Hodil, James S.	Deceased 8-9-2009
Hough, Ronald	New Address 205 Rainbow Drive #10528 Livingston, TX 77399
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Johnston, Phillip	New Phone 530-275-1108
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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</u> <u>Memorial Service – Santa Fe National Cemetery</u>	\$ 35	X _____	= \$ _____
Friday 9/4 <u>Trip to Acoma Pueblo Native American Village</u> <u>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

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 Perryville, Mo 63775

Herby's Cell: 575-361-0333

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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 _____
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