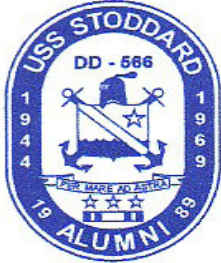


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# USS STODDARD ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



USS STODDARD DD566 ALUMNI  
WWII \* Korea \* Vietnam

20th Reunion - Seattle, WA - September 18th- 21st - 2008

**Sixth Avenue Inn**  
**Reservations—Request**  
**USS Stoddard Group**  
**Rate**  
**1-888-627-8290**

\$99—per night—Queen Bed  
\$109 -per night- Two Double  
\$119—per night-Club Room  
\$10 -each additional person

## **DEADLINE !**

**For Hotel**  
**Reservations**  
**AUGUST 18TH**  
**Please Hurry!**

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*from the presidents,*  
**John Laible and**



**John Gerten...**

### Shipmates:

We have negotiated a new deadline date for reserving your hotel room—August 18th. The hotel has had problems with its website and the 1-888 phone number. It does have room set aside for us and if you are not successful in making your reservations, you can call us at 425-483-9106 or email us and we will help you get reservations.

John and Cricket will be on vacation August 14—September 1st. If you need to reach us, call John at 206-794-5254; or call Cricket at 206-794-5253. Also you can reach us via email at Capt01john@aol.com.

Please put Stoddard in the subject line.

### RAFFLE

We will have the raffle this year. Bring something from your home state or buy something here. We will be selling raffle tickets and drawing winning tickets throughout the reunion.

**Downtown Airporter Shuttle** service is available every half hour to and from the airport to the Westin Hotel (less than a block from the Sixth Avenue Inn) for \$10.25 per person one way. If you drive, parking at the Sixth Avenue Inn is available for \$10 per day plus tax (an extreme bargain for downtown Seattle). See page 3.

**USS STODDARD DD566****20<sup>th</sup> REUNION SEPTEMBER 18-19-20+21, 2008****SEATTLE, WASHINGTON****WEDS 17 SEPT 2008:**

Arrival at the SIXTH AVENUE INN in the heart of downtown Seattle. We will have convenient access to local attractions with 2 different shopping centers/malls within 2-1/2 blocks, including Nordstrom's landmark store, and Pike Place Market a mere 6 block walk. It's ½ block from the big Westin twin Towers in downtown Seattle, with airport shuttles available. There is a restaurant located in the Sixth Avenue Inn as well as many other restaurants within walking distance.

**THURS 18 SEPT 2008:**

**SPACE NEEDLE:** Take the elevated MONORAIL to Seattle Center and go up 520 ft to the Space Needle Observation Deck for a 360 degree view of Mt. Rainier to the south, the Cascade Mountains to the east, the Olympic Mountains to the west and a lofty view of downtown Seattle, its seaside activities including ferries, cruise lines, cargo ships, and float planes. More info at [www.spaceneedle.com](http://www.spaceneedle.com)



**RIDE THE DUCKS!** Hilarious, Coast Guard-certified maritime captains will take you on a fun tour of the Emerald City via Amphibious World War II vehicles (refurbished Army Ducks). You'll tour downtown Seattle, historic Pioneer Square, funky Fremont area, then Splash! Into Lake Union for a spectacular view of the city skyline, luxurious yachts, and Sleepless in Seattle Houseboats! [www.ridetheducksofseattle.com](http://www.ridetheducksofseattle.com)

**PIKE PLACE MARKET:** The Ducks will drop us off at this 100+ year old market for individual browsing, shopping, and lunch on your own. The afternoon will be free. [www.pikeplacemarket.com](http://www.pikeplacemarket.com)

**FRI 19 SEPT 2008:**

**FERRY** ride to Bremerton (1 hour each way)

**USS TURNER JOY, DD951.** The Turner Joy is a Forrest Sherman class destroyer built at Seattle in August 1959. We will have our **MEMORIAL SERVICE** on board the Turner Joy, then tour her before lunch. After lunch, options are to continue touring the ship or catch a ferry back to Seattle for an free afternoon of shopping along the piers of Elliott Bay—lunch on your own. [www.ussturnerjoy.com](http://www.ussturnerjoy.com)

**SAT 20 SEPT 2008:**

**BUSINESS MEETING** will be held at the hotel after breakfast.

**SS VIRGINIA V:** Board this 85 year old steamship for an excursion around Lakes Union and Washington. Once part of a large "Mosquito Fleet" of vessels which served waterfront towns all over Puget Sound, she evokes the sights, sounds, and feelings of steamship passage from another era. Her silent, smooth steam engine (visible from 2 sides), a new boiler, gleaming wood and white paint are an impressive sight. [www.virginiav.org](http://www.virginiav.org)



**BANQUET:** Gather for our final evening with dinner, dancing, and prize drawings.

**Sunday & Monday—Sept. 21st & 22nd – OPTIONAL TOUR:**

Sunday morning set sail on the VICTORIA CLIPPER high-speed catamaran traveling through Puget Sound enjoying a Champagne breakfast arriving at the Inner Harbor in VICTORIA, BC, CANADA, for an overnight stay at the Grand Pacific Hotel. This delightful city is steeped in British tradition. Sunday afternoon will be free to explore on your own around the harbor and city. On Monday there will be a tour of the city and a visit to the Butchart Gardens, a 55-acre floral splendor begun in 1904. Return to Seattle Monday at 8:45 pm aboard the Clipper. You may want to reserve another night at the Sixth Avenue Inn. **Passport required.** We have enough people registered to book the trip. **If you plan to go to Victoria, BC, Canada, please include your full name, gender, and date of birth. (If not born in the US, list place of birth.)**

**Downtown Airporter Shuttle**—the Sixth Avenue Inn is less than one block from the Westin Hotel where the Shuttle arrives and departs every half hour to and from the airport. From the airport, the shuttle departs 21 and 51 minutes after each hour from 5:21 am to 11:21 pm. Costs is \$10.25 per person one way.

**Hotel Reservations**—Phone: 1-888-627-8290 (mention the USS Stoddard Alumni Group rate)

On line: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=0709127257&key=798C4>

If you use your credit card for reservations, your credit card will not be processed until you arrive.

**HOTEL DEADLINE IS AUGUST 18TH.**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 15TH.**



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*from secretary,  
carlene rauh ...*

President Bush has signed Bill **HR4986 Section 594** - Allows members and veterans, who are present but not in uniform during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the flag, to render the military salute.

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***I received an interesting email that I thought you might appreciate.***

“Colin Powell: At a large conference in England, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of “empire building” by George Bush. He answered by saying, ‘over the years, the United States has sent many fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we ever asked for in return was enough to bury those that did not return.’ You could have heard a pin drop.”

**WELCOME ABOARD!**

Francis A. Johannes YNSN 61/64



*from chaplain,  
byron goodwin...*

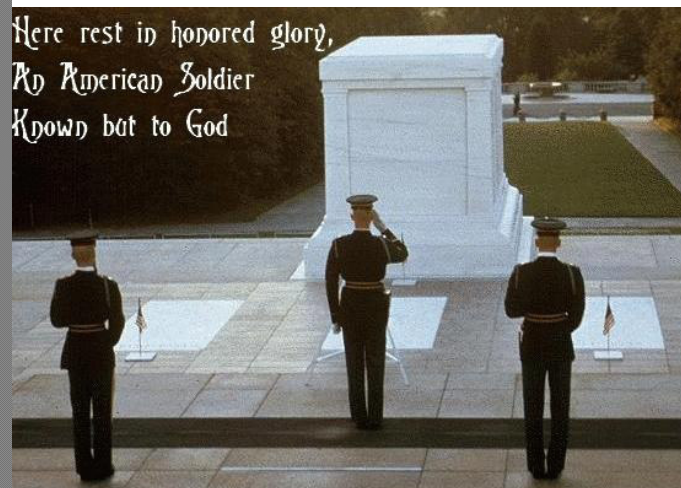


**Ship's Store**  
*dave pietz, storekeeper...*



**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

Brashear, Dickie J. SN 59/61 (2005)  
Restelli Jr., Peter "Pete" 1951 (Feb. 23, 2008)  
Richardson, Wade E. RM3 59/62



**Arlington Cemetery Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**

The guard at the tomb takes 21 steps before making his turn. The 21 steps allude to the twenty-one gun salute which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary. He hesitates 21 seconds after his about face to begin his return walk.

The guard's gloves are wet to prevent losing his grip on the rifle. He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder. The guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

Guards must commit two years to the guard service and live in a barracks under the tomb. They cannot drink alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives and cannot swear in public or disgrace the uniform in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. If the rules are not obeyed for the rest of their lives, they give up the wreath pin.

**USS STODDARD SHIP'S STORE**  
**ORDER FORM**

TO: **Dave Pietz, Storekeeper**  
7133 Lily Way, Brownsvalle, CA 95918  
Email: **dpietz@att.net** Phone: 530 742-2661

Item	Size	Price	Qty.	TOTAL
Golf Shirt—navy	M	\$25	_____	_____
Golf Shirt—navy	L	\$25	_____	_____
Golf Shirt—navy	X-L	\$25	_____	_____
Golf Shirt—navy	XX-L	\$27	_____	_____
Golf Shirt—white	M	\$25	_____	_____
Golf Shirt—white	L	\$25	_____	_____
Golf Shirt—white	X-L	\$25	_____	_____
Golf Shirt—white	XX-L	\$27	_____	_____
Sweatshirt—navy	M	\$20	_____	_____
Sweatshirt—navy	X-L	\$20	_____	_____
Sweatshirt—navy	XX-L	\$25	_____	_____
Sweatshirt—cream	M	\$20	_____	_____
Sweatshirt—cream	X-L	\$20	_____	_____
Sweatshirt—cream	XX-L	\$25	_____	_____
Jacket—navy	M	\$45	_____	_____
Jacket—navy	L	\$45	_____	_____
Jacket—navy	X-L	\$45	_____	_____
Jacket—navy	XX-L	\$47	_____	_____
Stoddard Ball Hat—navy		\$13	_____	_____
Stoddard Coffee Mug		\$ 6	_____	_____
VCR Tape (History Channel)			_____	_____
Destroyer-Heavy Metal		\$22	_____	_____
Subtotal		\$	_____	_____
Shipping		\$	_____	\$ 6.00

\*TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Payable to: USS Stoddard Assn.

**Ship to:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

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Sixth Avenue Inn, 1-888-627-8290

Website: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=0709127257&key=798C4>

**Registration Form**

Price No. of Total  
Each person Amount

Registration Fee (includes continental breakfast, banquet photographer, etc.) \$55.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Day 1 Monorail, Space Needle, Ride the Ducks with drop-off at \$45.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Thur Pike Place Public Market for lunch on own and shopping.

9/18 Dinner at Sixth Avenue Inn \$37.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Day 2 Bus to Ferry to Bremerton and Turner Joy, Memorial \$46.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Fri 9/19 Service, Lunch, ferry to Seattle, bus to hotel

Day 3 Trolley car, steamship Virginia V cruise, lunch, \$40.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Sat 9/20 and trolley back to hotel

Banquet Dinner and Dancing at the Westin \$60.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you prefer vegetarian meals, please check here \_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_ people.

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**OPTIONAL – Trip, Hotel & Tour to Victoria, BC. Canada (9/21-22)** \$333.75 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(All taxes and gratuities are included in the above prices)

**GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lady's/guest's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Stoddard Service Years \_\_\_\_\_ Rate/Rank Beginning \_\_\_\_\_ Ending \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks for Registration Form events payable to **USS STODDARD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.**

Mail to: **John and Cricket Laible**  
**14519 NE 174th Street,**  
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Phone 425-483-9106 Email [Capt01john@aol.com](mailto:Capt01john@aol.com)

Hotel Registration Due by August 18th, 2008

Reunion Registration Due by August 15, 2008

If driving, do you need driving instructions? Yes No If Yes, email address to send to \_\_\_\_\_



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