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USS STODDARD DD566
WWII * Korea * Vietnam

21st Reunion - Indianapolis - September 24th- 26th - 2009



Tom & Marlene Brant

Your Hosts



Fred & Lynn Grimm

Indianapolis, Indiana—Your Host City



Indianapolis, in the central part of the state, is the capital of Indiana and seat of Marion Co. In 1821 the community was named Indianapolis, and the U.S. engineer Alexander Ralston who assisted the French architect Pierre L'Enfant in planning Washington, D.C., was commissioned to lay out the community.

Incorporated as a city 1847, and the largest city in Indiana, Indianapolis is a commercial manufacturing, transportation, and cultural

center situated in the productive Corn Belt agricultural region.

Points of interest include the home of President Benjamin Harrison; the home of the Hoosier Poet James Whitcomb Riley; the State Capitol (completed 1888); Union Station; the Soldiers and Sailors Monument (1902), in Monument Circle, the heart of the city; Woodruff Place and Lockerbie Square historic districts; Indiana World War Memorial Plaza, including the American Legion national headquarters building; and the Gothic-style Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Numerous cultural institutions and museums are in Indianapolis. In addition, the city supports modern dance and ballet companies, a symphony orchestra, an opera company, and several theater groups, including the Indiana Repertory Theatre.

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2009 Reunion

HOTEL:

Our host will be the Adams Mark at Indianapolis Airport. Reservation Phone: 1.800.444.2326. Ask for the special rate for Stoddard DD566 (\$92/night). Free shuttle service from the airport. The hospitality room will be the former “night club” area at the hotel and is very roomy.

There is a free continental breakfast each morning of the reunion. If a more substantial breakfast is preferred, our members will be given a discounted rate at the hotel restaurant.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

Thursday: Current plans are to visit Conner Prairie Settlement (an 1830’s settlement); and the evening meal will be at *The Garrison*, a historic landmark built by POW’s during WWII. It once served as the officer’s club of Ft. Benjamin Harrison. conner-prairie.org.

Friday: A sight-seeing day with travel to the Indianapolis 500 Museum; possibly Lucas Oil Stadium, and various locations in and around the “Circle City.” Evening meal at Adams Mark Hotel.

Saturday: The Memorial Service will be near the USS Indianapolis Memorial; visit the World War Memorial and other armed forces sites in the downtown area. Evening meal at Adams Mark Hotel.

Reunion Registration forms will be sent with the April Newsletter.



Chris and Captain Bill Hurst

Dear Shipmates,

The USS Stoddard (DD-566) has been a part of my life for many years. In February 1945, while already in the Aleutians, I was ordered to the Stoddard as Executive Officer. At that time I had quite a few shipmates – all young and active. I was an “old” man then at the age of 26. Now, at age 90, a good number of those “youngsters” are gone, but fond memories remain.

Soon the ship sailed south and participated as a radar picket ship off Okinawa, working with carrier operations, shore bombardment, and eventually sending a detail of men ashore in Japan the day before the armistice was signed.

Returning to the States the end of 1945 the ship stayed active until she was decommissioned in Charleston, SC in the summer of 1946. The Korean War began in 1950 and the USS Stoddard was re-commissioned by a new group of young Navy men. She remained on active duty through Vietnam and a few years beyond.

Through the Stoddard Reunions, which Chris and I began to attend in Boston in 1995, I found a number of my WWII shipmates and made friends with the younger shipmates and their wives.

We are now in the year 2009. I find my legs will not carry me as far as they did only a few years ago. The last reunion we were able to attend was in Sacramento, California in 2005. Our daughter, Cheri, was with us to be sure we made it through the various airports.

I thank all who have been so thoughtful and supportive of me through the years. Chris and I have enjoyed knowing you, and we continue to stay in touch with many of you. Thank you for your notes, your phone calls, - and your caring about us. We will be with you in our thoughts as you younger shipmates continue to find your ways to the reunions of the USS Stoddard. She may be “resting in the deep,” but she will always be a part of us.

God bless you all...

Respectfully

Bill Hurst

Capt. William J. Hurst, USN (Ret)

20th Seattle Reunion—2008

Hello Shipmates:

Last September seems so long ago now. As the time for the Seattle reunion approached, it was like a vortex with each and every arrangement moving faster 'n faster to the reunion date.

It was an extremely busy time for us but a labor of love sharing our Seattle with all of you. We were so pleased that a lot of you took advantage of the free time to explore the city. We tried to share as much as possible of the nautical life in Seattle with all of you. And, the Virginia 5 Captain, Engineers and Crew were absolutely thrilled to have all of the Stoddard personnel on board.

I have to share a *secret* with you. Ok maybe not so much a secret -- Cricket Laible was the definite moving force for the Seattle Reunion. She negotiated most of the venues and kept down all of the costs especially for the Seattle area. John Gerten arranged for the ships visit on board the Turner Joy and the flowers. And as always, the Rauh's quiet behind the scenes guidance and help has been the successful under current for the past, present and future Reunions. Another kudo goes to our Treasurer. Fred handled all of the finances for the last several years. It's a detailed job and we appreciate all that he does.

THANK ALL OF YOU for all your help.

John, Cricket, and John

**THANK YOU JOHN, CRICKET, AND JOHN
FOR A MEMORABLE 20TH REUNION**



List of USS Stoddard Reunions

- 21st-Indianapolis 2009
- 20th-Seattle 2008
- 19th-Buffalo 2007
- 18th-Mobile 2006
- 17th-Sacramento 2005
- 16th-Chicago 2004
- 15th-Philadelphia 2003
- 14th-San Diego 2002
- 13th-Pittsburgh 2001
- 12th-Jacksonville 2000
- 11th-Seattle 1999
- 10th-Charleston 1998
- 9th-San Antonio 1997
- 8th-Baton Rouge 1996
- 7th-Boston 1995
- 6th-San Francisco 1994
- 5th-Charleston 1993
- 4th-Baton Rouge 1992
- 3rd-Fort Worth 1991
- 2nd-Cedar Rapids 1990
- 1st-North Platte 1989



USS Indianapolis (CA-35)

The second **USS Indianapolis (CA-35)** was a *Portland*-class cruiser of the United States Navy. She holds a place in history due to the notorious circumstances of her sinking, which was the worst single loss of life at-sea in the history of the U.S. Navy. After delivering critical parts for the first atomic bomb to the United States air base at Tinian Island on July 26, 1945, she was in the Philippine Sea when attacked at 00:14 on July 29, 1945 by a Japanese submarine. Most of the crew died from a combination of exposure, dehydration, and shark attacks as they waited for assistance while floating for four days. The **Indianapolis** was one of the last U.S. Navy ships sunk by enemy action in World War II.

2008–Seattle Reunion Attendees

* 1st Time Attendees

* Akers, Eddie & Barbara	58-62	Henry, Allan	51-54
Aron, Dan	61-62	Ann & Joan—Daughters of Allan Henry	
Bailey, Frank & Lou	58-60	Hoag, Robert & Caroline	61-63
Balzer, Glen & Doris	64-66	Jones, Carl & Arvilla	67-68
* Bates, Doug & Sharilyn	62-65	* Jorschumb, Elton	68-69
* Bergeron, Ron	64-64	Levius, Ross—Friend of Elton Jorschumb	
Bill, Leroy	44-45	Laible, John & Cricket	66-69
Bill, Tom & Gloria—Family of Leroy Bill		Lupo, James & Penny	57-57
* Bister, Marvin	61-63	* Mason, Ron & Judy	64-67
Brant, Tommy & Marlene	60-61	Morrell, Chuck & Cindy	65-69
Ping, Delbert & Sharon—Friends Tom Brant		Nemec, LeRoy & Marge	56-57
* Bulter, Jim & Verda	60-64	* Niehaus, Gary & Vicki Lee	68-69
Clay, Gene & Jennie	56-58	Petren, Stephen & Janet	57-59
Coffey, Michael & Brenda	55-59	Pietz, Dave & Susan	60-62
Duncan, Patrick & Penny	44-45	Plapp, Allan & Kathy	65-66
Duncan, Jan—Family of Pat Duncan		Hansmann, John & Jane—Friends of Al Plapp	
Elkins, Royce	58-61	Rauh, John & Carlene	67-68
Fix, Bob & Sharon	66-67	Rhinehart, Donald	45-45
Alvin, David & Martha—Family of Bob Fix		Riggs, Rick & Susan	64-68
Freeman, Richard & Evelyn	52-54	Roemke, Dee	
Frye, Ralph & Jeanne	52-53	Poulos, Kelly & Chelsea—Family of Dee Roemke	
Gerten, John	66-67	Roberts, Pam—Friend of Dee Roemke	
Giesecke, Zeke & Cathy Podratz	68-69	Sanborn, Jack & Donna	65-68
Grimm, Fred & Lynn	56-60	Sanger, Grayce	
* Gunderson, John & Pam	60-62	St Clair, Dave & Sandra	65-69
Harpster, Joe	51-54	Stone, Garry & Marilyn	62-66
Harris, Charles (Ray) & Barbara	45-46	Stoyle, John & Phyllis	59-62
Hawkins, Loid (Vern) & Sandra	55-56	McCorkle, Dawn—Family of John Stoyle	
		Withers, Dan & Roxane	64-66
		Wooden, Robert	51-54



*from secretary,
carlene rauh ...*

20th Annual Meeting
Stoddard Alumni Association
Seattle, WA

Co-Presidents, John Laible and John Gerten opened the meeting. Secretary, Carlene Rauh read the minutes of the 19th annual meeting in Buffalo, NY.

Fred Grimm gave the treasurer's report. The balance prior to the reunion settlement was \$14,210.51, as of September 14th. The annual report reflecting the final Seattle Reunion receipts and expenses will appear in the January 2009 Newsletter.

Dan and Roxanne Withers will be updating the website with new materials. They requested members scan and send them new material. They would also like to compile more naval stories from the alumni members.

Chaplain, Bryon Goodwin requests that another member of the association take over as chaplain.

The secretary suggested that in order to save money a supplement to the membership directory is sent every other year. The membership unanimously agreed that a 2008 supplement to the directory will be sent out and a new directory will be printed for 2009.

Tom and Marlene Brant reported on the 2009 Indianapolis Reunion. The Adam's Mark Hotel will host the reunion September 24th thru 26th. The room rate will be \$92 per night. The hotel is near the airport and there is a free shuttle and free parking. The memorial service will be at the USS Indianapolis Memorial, and survivors of the Indianapolis will be invited to the service. Fred and Lynn Grimm will co-host the reunion.

The 2010 Reunion maybe hosted by Bill Millan in New Jersey. He will be contacted to confirm the offer to host the reunion for 2010. There was discussion about a 3 or 7 day cruise for the reunion. We will ask for comments about interest in a cruise in the January Newsletter.

Also there was discussion concerning mailing the newsletters to members with email address. It was the consensus of the group that since email addresses are changed so often, we would lose contact with some members, if we did not continue to mail the newsletter.

By unanimous vote the following officers were elected for 2009: Co-Presidents, Tom Brant and Fred Grimm; secretary, Carlene Rauh; treasurer, Fred Grimm; and chaplain, Fred Grimm.

The following donations were approved: The *USS Turner Joy* (DD-951) - \$300; Historic Ships - \$100; Combatant Craft of America - \$300.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the group that a second signature is required on the checking account in order to assure that someone is available to take care of expenses at all times.

The meeting adjourned to the next annual meeting in Indianapolis, IN.

Respectfully submitted,
Carlene Rauh, Secretary



Thanks to the Hursts for their very kind letter. Also if anyone is interested in a reunion cruise, please let us know and we can discuss it at our annual meeting in Indianapolis. Also, if you have paid dues in advance, ignore the enclosed dues envelope.

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*from chaplain,
fred grimm...*

The memorial service for all members of the Stoddard Alumni who have passed since our last reunion was held aboard the **USS Turner Joy (DD-951)** docked in Bremerton, WA.

*Alone I will not be
my comfort will come from the sea
The stillness of calm waves will gently drift by
I will be as one with the sea
When the sun sets on the Ocean blue
remember me as I will remember you
As the sun rises go live life as full as can be
apart you and me, but a peace for I am free*

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fred grimm, treasurer...



*Stoddard Alumni Association Financial Statement
December 31, 2008*

Beginning balance	<u>\$13,545.75</u>	\$13,545.75
<i>INCOME:</i>		
Dues	\$ 3,160.00	
Donations	140.00	
Ship's Store	1,601.50	
Reunion Income	<u>\$36,418.89</u>	
Total Income	\$41,320.39	\$41,320.39
<i>EXPENSES:</i>		
Postage - Newsletter	645.58	
Adm. Postage	12.51	
Donations	700.00	
Newsletters Printing	1,430.38	
Shipping Costs—Store	107.95	
Ship's Store supplies	1,553.58	
Ship's Store postage	172.59	
Reunion expenses	<u>\$35,598.81</u>	
Total Expenses	\$40,048.23	(\$40,048.23)
Ending Balance 12/31/08		\$14,817.91

****DUES NOTICE****

Please check your mailing label to make certain your dues date is correct. The year of your last dues payment is above your name. Some have paid dues in advance and that date should also show on your label. Dues envelopes are enclosed for 2009 dues.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Grimm, Treasurer



*from email coordinator,
bob hoag...
rwh@donobi.net*

I would like to remind everyone to please let us know when you change your email address. Each time I send out emails several bounce back because of bad addresses.



Ship's Store
dave pietz, storekeeper...



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



*from your webmasters,
dan and roxane...*

We are still looking for photo and sailor's stories for the web site. If you have anything you would like to share with the group, please send it to us. You can scan photos and send them by email.



To the shipmates of the USS Stoddard:

Once again I thank you for your contribution to our WWII Coast Guard cutter restoration project. We made some more progress this year thanks to your assistance. If you're in Seattle during the 4th of July let me know so that you might participate with us in a great celebration.

The 83527 was the South Sound cutter that operated from 1944 to 1962 from Tacoma, WA. We have met and sailed with many of the former crew members to different local area events. Although she is not a Fletcher Class destroyer, we can get underway and enjoy the roll and view off of the fantail. It's just smaller, but brings back the same memories.

A copy of our Fall 08 newsletter can be found at:

<http://www.cg83527.org/Oct2008Newsletter.htm>

See you in Indianapolis.

*Dan and Roxane Withers
Port Ludlow, WA*

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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