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# USS STODDARD ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



USS STODDARD DD566  
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19th Reunion - Buffalo, NY—Niagara Falls - September 5th—9th - 2007



Quality Hotel & Suites  
"At the Falls"

Reservations:  
1-877-282-1212

Our host hotel will be the Quality Hotel & Suites "At the Falls" - \$89 per night, plus tax, includes breakfast buffet.

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from president,  
Joe Harpster...

Joe and Marilyn Harpster are the hosts for the 19th Annual Stoddard Reunion.

Wednesday: Registration and evening welcome gathering in the Hospitality Room.

Thursday: bus tour to the Canadian side of the Falls - stroll along the park area by the Falls, deluxe box lunch at the park, viewing of the Falls and surrounding areas from the renowned Skylon Tower (775 ft high observation deck, providing panoramic views up to 80 miles around on a clear day), visit to the famed Floral Clock and Table Rock House, see the great whirlpool rapids and cable cars, take a scenic drive along the Niagara River, and visit the charming, picturesque and historic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, among other sites.



For the adventuresome, Thursday evening might lure you to the Seneca Niagara Casino down the street from the hotel where you can try Lady Luck, take in the sights and sounds of main street Niagara.

Friday: Because some of you may have experienced the grandeur of Niagara Falls, we plan to offer a tour choice

Option 1: A special US Niagara State Park Pass to spend the day visiting the US side of the Falls.



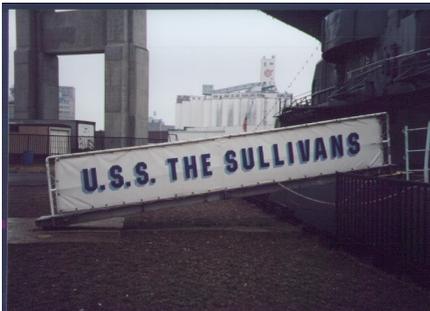
Option 2: For those who have recently visited the area, or prefer a more dry and relaxing pace, we plan to schedule an alternate tour, to the Lockport Locks, where you will enjoy a two hour ride on a boat through several turn of the century locks, experience the scenic sites along the Erie Canal.

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Much remains the same on the Erie Canal today as it was in the 1800's. The 363 mile canal connects the Hudson River with the Niagara River. Enlarged in the 1900's the locks allow larger vessels to travel across New York State. Unique 2-hour cruise includes locking through and being raised the 49 feet elevation of the Niagara Escarpment .

Friday Evening: There will be a buffet dinner Friday night, to feature the local flavors of Buffalo.

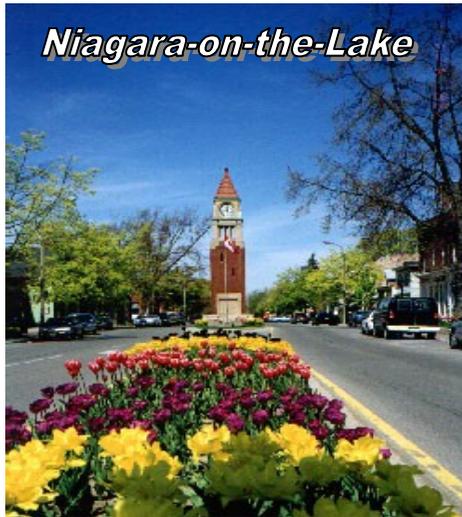
Saturday: We will visit the Naval and Military Park where the USS The Sullivans (DD-537) is docked, along with the USS Little Rock (CL-92, later CLG-4) - the only guided missile cruiser that is a museum ship in the US. We will have our Memorial Service aboard the Sullivan's.



We will return to our host hotel after this tour, hold our annual business meeting, then feast at our banquet, with music and entertainment for your enjoyment.

Niagara is 20 miles from the Buffalo airport. If you plan to fly to the area to attend the Reunion, please let us know early so we can explore transportation options for those who might need this service. If you know now that you plan to attend, please let us know early by phone: 1-800-362-1771, or email:

[jharpster@intekflow.com](mailto:jharpster@intekflow.com)



This beautiful, quaint village is located along the bank of the Niagara River and Lake Ontario—15 minutes from the Falls.

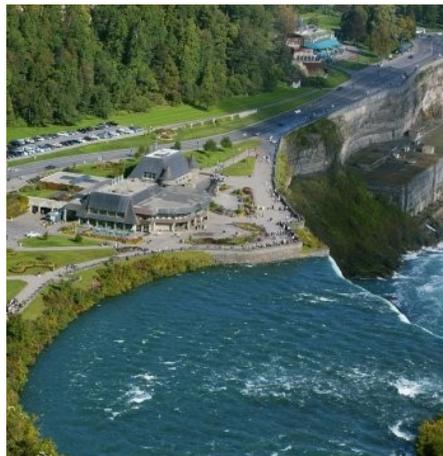


Table Rock Center is the heart of Niagara Parks - where every year over 8 million visitors come to stand close to the thundering water rushing over the brink of the Horseshoe Falls!



from email coordinator, bob hoag...

Please remember to send your new email addresses. Also, if you are not receiving emails, check your computer setting to make certain Stoddard mail is allowed.



treasurer, fred grimm...

**2007 DUES ARE DUE**

Because of the higher cost to mail the newsletter, we are unable to continuing the mailings, if dues are not paid.

The newsletter and other information can be accessed from our website:  
[www.usstoddard.org](http://www.usstoddard.org).

Thanks to all those who have sent in their dues. Many have paid in advance.



from secretary, carlene rauh ...

If anyone does not wish to be on our mailing list, please let us know. The newsletter is posted on the web site, but many fail to receive their email messages from Bob and miss it. At present, if you have current dues, you receive a copy of the newsletter.

The reunion hotel is just one block from the Seneca Niagara Casino, The Majestic Falls, and Rainbow Bridge to Canada. There are shops and restaurants within walking distance.

**WELCOME ABOARD!**

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March 22, 2007

USS Stoddard Shipmates,

Last October at the Mobile, AL Reunion the Association approved a donation of \$300 to our non-profit organization, Combatant Craft of America. Our Mission is to provide introductory, historical and current information about the primary military fast attack, patrol and rescue craft built and used between World War II and the present. We have coined the word "war boats" to be the military maritime equivalent of "war birds," the widely known term describing military combat aircraft.

We promote this historical information through websites, regional conferences that promote boat preservation, military Holiday celebrations and our flagship vessel, the retired 83" WWII Coast Guard Cutter, CG-83527.

The "527" is a modified 1944, 83' Wheeler. She is a wood-hulled craft, commissioned April 8, 1944 and assigned to Anti-Submarine duties in the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico areas. She was then assigned to Search and Rescue duty in Tacoma, WA until Dec 1962.

She is currently located in Everett, WA. This winter our project was to strip out the existing fuel tanks and 55 gal barrels that were used as a fuel system and add two 325 gallon plastic tanks in the tank room. The \$300 contribution went a long way supporting this conversion.

Our next open "ship" in Seattle will be on Armed Forces Day, May 19-20 at Lake Union Park, Seattle, WA., where Combatant Craft is hosting a celebration including more old military vessels and some new Navy, Coast Guard and even an Air Force Para-Rescue team.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the restoration or operation when we get underway. Several other shipmates have joined us on events and had a great time being "deck apes" aboard the old girl.

Thanks again for your contribution.

Your shipmate,  
 Dan Withers (Stoddard 65-66)  
 Port Ludlow, WA

Visit [www.cg83527.org](http://www.cg83527.org) for more details



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The Mobile Reunion photo CD will be mailed to attendees shortly.

We would like to remind alumni members to check their biography on line. If there are any changes or additions, please email us. [dwithers@rodaxwireless.com](mailto:dwithers@rodaxwireless.com)



from chaplain, byron  
 goodwin...

## May They Rest In Peace

Acord, Delbert 3-3-1998  
 Belcher, Rodger D.  
 Bergeron, Alfred 2-9-06  
 Chenault, Harold L. 8-15-06  
 Dean, Billy H. 6-27-06  
 Fraber, John Wm III 3-25-05  
 Gardiner, Russell 10-05-04  
 Hutschison, William 1-11-06



Coast Guard Cutter - CG-83527

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At three minutes and four seconds after two am on the 6th day of May, 2007, the time and date will be:

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This will not happen again in our lifetime.  
Courtesy of John & Cricket Laible

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dave pietz, storekeeper...



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| 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  |      |       |
| Blue Stoddard Drawstring Sack |      | \$ 5  |      |       |
| Stoddard Coffee Mug           |      | \$ 6  |      |       |
| VCR Tape (History Channel)    |      |       |      |       |
| Destroyer-Heavy Metal         |      | \$22  |      |       |

Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Shipping \$ 6.00  
\*TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**19<sup>th</sup> USS STODDARD ALUMNI REUNION**  
**September 5-9, 2007**  
**Quality Hotel and Suites "At the Falls"**  
**Niagara Falls, NY**

**Please register as early as possible so we can better plan for all the events, *especially the Lockport Locks cruise and tour on Friday - only 32 spaces are available.* Register by May 31, and we will send you a Niagara Falls area map and guidebook to help you plan your visit.** Make your hotel/lodging reservation directly with the host hotel (1-877-282-1212), ask for the USS Stoddard Alumni Reunion Room Rate of \$89.00 per night (plus tax), single or double occupancy. This room rate will be honored two days before and two days after the Reunion for anyone who would like to stay for an extended visit. Hot American breakfast buffet is included in the room rate (gratuity extra). Please inquire directly with the hotel if you are considering triple, quad or suite rate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stoddard service dates and rate: \_\_\_\_\_ Tin Can Sailor member?  yes  no  
 Guests attending with me: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration<sup>1</sup> fee:** includes registration pack w/memento, \_\_\_\_\_ × \$60 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wednesday welcome reception, Friday picnic dinner and Saturday banquet

**Thursday, 9/6:**  
 Canadian<sup>2</sup> Falls & Niagara-on-the-Lakes *tour* w/box lunch \_\_\_\_\_ × \$36 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thursday dinner: on your own (discount coupons in registration pack)

**Friday, 9/7:**  
 Option 1 - US Niagara State *Park pass* w/sandwich lunch \_\_\_\_\_ × \$36 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Option 2 - Lockport Locks *cruise & tour*<sup>3</sup> & buffet lunch \_\_\_\_\_ × \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friday night "Taste of Buffalo" picnic dinner & entertainment (included in Registration fee)

**Saturday, 9/8:**  
 City of Buffalo, Military & Naval Museum, & Carousel \_\_\_\_\_ × \$42 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Factory Museum *tour* with hot buffet lunch  
 Saturday night banquet (included in Registration fee)

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Note:
1. If you will not be joining the group for all of the Registration "events", they are separately priced at: the Wednesday reception is \$12, Friday picnic dinner & entertainment is \$25, and Saturday banquet is \$35.
  2. A passport is not required to cross the border by automobile/bus in 2007. However, you must have proof of US citizenship, such as birth certificate (original or a certified copy with the raised seal) **and** a photo ID, such as driver's license. A voter's registration card along with a US driver's license is also satisfactory.
  3. The Lockport Locks cruise tour is limited to 32 only. Please book early.
  4. All tours include minicoach transportation, guide, admission to scheduled sites, lunch, and gratuity.

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Would you like driving directions to the Buffalo/Niagara area?  yes  no  
 Will you be flying to the Buffalo/Niagara area?  yes  no  
 Do you need transportation assistance from the airport?  yes  no  
 Do you need a wheelchair? Special diet meals? other assistance? Please describe \_\_\_\_\_  
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