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USS STODDARD ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

USS STODDARD DD566
WWII * Korea * Vietnam

22nd Reunion - Toms River, New Jersey
September 15th– 18th - 2010

Hosts

Bill & Ulla

Melyan

Quality Inn
815 SR37 West
Toms River,
New Jersey 08755
Reservations:
732-341-2400

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Reunion Home-Quality Inn - Toms River New Jersey

The 100 percent non-smoking Quality Inn® hotel is ideally located minutes from the Garden State Parkway, with easy access to the nearby community of **Seaside Heights, Six Flags Great Adventure amusement park, and Ocean County College. Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst** is less than 10 miles, **Fort Dix United States Army facility** is 27 miles, and **McGuire Air Force Base** is 25 miles from this Toms River, NJ hotel.

Visitors will enjoy shopping at the nearby **Jackson Premium Outlets mall** and **Ocean County Mall**. Many Atlantic City casinos are a 45-minute drive.

Airports serving Toms River are the Atlantic City International Airport and Newark Liberty International Airport. We would suggest Atlantic City International Airport and we are negotiating a $20 per person fee provided we can get a full van.

The Toms River, New Jersey area features many family-friendly attractions and activities, including the beach, boardwalk amusements, miniature golf, paintball, and First Energy Park baseball stadium. A variety of restaurants and cocktail lounges are located in the surrounding area. Be sure to enjoy the casual dining menu at the on-site **Thirty-Seven West Restaurant**.

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2010 Reunion

HOTEL: Our host will be the **Quality Inn—Toms River.** Reservation Phone: 1-732-341-2400 Ask for Special USS Stoddard Rate **$90/night**, which applies to your entire stay before or after the reunion.

Free Parking—Hot Breakfast Included

TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

Wed: Reunion registration—Hospitality Room

Thursday: Atlantic City Boardwalk & Casino

Friday: Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty

Fri. Evening -Poolside Barbeque at the hotel—(weather permitting)

Saturday: Lakehurst, NJ, a guided tour of the Hindenburg crash site; Hangar #1 where US Navy Blimps were built and stored; and a tour of a Historical Society Museum inside the hangar. Then on to the Cathedral of the Air where the memorial service will be held for our departed shipmates.

Business meeting.

Saturday Evening: Banquet

Statue of Liberty

Ellis Island

Reunion Registration forms will be sent with the April Newsletter.

The Hindenburg was the pride of the Nazi airship fleet, the biggest aircraft ever built: 804 feet long, filled with over seven million cubic feet of combustible hydrogen. On May 6, 1937, it was landing at a Navy base in Lakehurst, New Jersey -- the nearest place to Manhattan that was big and empty enough to handle an immense, flying bomb -- when it burst into flames and crashed. Thirty-six people died. So did the popularity of zeppelins as transatlantic transit.

Memorial marks the Hindenburg crash site

Atlantic City is a city in Atlantic County, New Jersey, United States. Famous for its boardwalk, casino gambling, sandy beaches, shopping centers, view of the Atlantic Ocean, and as the inspiration for the board game Monopoly

OUR THANKS TO OUR HOSTS

THE BRANT'S & GRIMM'S

FOR A MEMORABLE 21st REUNION

The Stoddard group enjoyed their visit to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the living history museum at Conner Prairie on Thursday. The evening meal at the Rathskeller (voted best German Restaurant in Indy) was great.

Friday the group toured the Lucas Oil Stadium (home of the Colts) and the beautiful neo Gothic Scottish Rite Cathedral. The beauty of this place, inside and out, was amazing. The Indiana War Memorial built in 1919 was a very inspiring place. We finished the day at the Eli Lilly Mansion with its beautiful gardens.

The memorial service on Saturday at the USS Indianapolis Memorial gave all time to pause the remember all those who served our country and those still serving. Sadly, each year we say goodbye to some of our fellow shipmates. However, it is good to take this time to remember. The tour of the 16 room President Benjamin Harrison Home was a big hit.

Saturday evening we all enjoyed the delicious banquet entertained by The Tonsil Klackers.

See you at Toms River Reunion in September!

Indianapolis Reunion Highlights

Memorial Service at USS Indianapolis Memorial

WELCOME ABOARD! NEW MEMBERS

Hanley, Bob		
Hollihan, Robert	50-50	
Pfeifer, Phillip	65-67	EM3
Reinert, Floyd	43-46	
Thompson, William	54-57	SO3
Wolbert, Joseph	66-66	FTG3
Wredberg, Conrad	62-62	ET3

2009 Indianapolis Reunion Attendees

* First Time Attendees	Stoddard Years
Altherr, Clem/Corrine	53/55
Anaya, Herby	64/67
Balzer, Glen/Doris	64/66
* Benitez, Martin/Delia	65/67
Bennage, Henry/Sheila	51/54
* Bennett, Charles/Bonnie	60/61
Brant, Tom/Marlene	60/61
Butler, Robert/Patricia	66/69
Coffey, Michael/Brenda	55/59
Davis, Thomas/Joyce	43/46
Fix, Robert/Sharon	66/67
Frye, Ralph/Jeanne	52/53
Giesecke, Zeke	66/69
Grimm, Fred/Lynn	56/60
Halicks, John/Patricia—Family Tom Davis	Alumni Family
Harpster, Joe/Marilyn	51/54
Hawkins, Loyd/Sandra	54/56
Hummel, Donald/Shirley	51/52
Lee, Joyce	Alumni Widow
Liske, Paul/Diane	64/68
Lupo, James/Penny	57/57
Melyan, William/Ulla	66/67
Morrell, Charlie/Cindy	65/69
Nemec, Leroy/Marge	56/57
Ping, Delbert/Sharon-Friends Tommy Brant	Alumni Friend
Plapp, Al/Kathy	65/66
Rauh, John/Carlene	67/68
Riggs, Rick/Susan	64/68
Sanger, Grayce	Alumni Widow
St Clair, David/Sandra	65/69
Stone, Garry/Marilyn	62/66
Stoyle, John/Phyllis	59/62
Swan, Bob/Eileen	66/69
Tristan, Diego/Vicky	65/69
Trotter, Jewel & David-Son of Jewel Trotter	Alumni Widow
Warnecke, Barry/Sharon	66/69
Withers, Dan/Roxanne	65/66
Wooden, Robert	51/54

dan and roxane, webmasters...

Dear Stoddard Shipmates,

Again we thank you for your contribution to the restoration of the WWII Coast Guard cutter, CG-83527. We elected to stay at the dock this year and work on the interior. Most of the crew quarters and chief's quarters were stripped out when we acquired her. We got the quarters and the galley put back together from a partial drawing and the old paint lines on the deck, bulkheads and overhead. Right now we are sewing up the new cushions for the crews mess.

The gearbox control has been operated with "engine order telegraph" through a panel of lights that prompted the engineer how to manually move the shift lever. It is always scary wondering if the guy in the hole is going to shift fast enough to put the boat where you want it. We have acquired a set of air control valves and cylinders from the PT -658, a restored WWII PT boat in Portland, OR and will be adapting them to shift directly from the bridge, with a manual fall back if necessary.

Just because she is not a Fletcher class destroyer, you get the same great effect of being underway on a large boat. I still get captivated setting on the fantail watching the wake remembering those times I did the same on the Stoddard.

Remember our website: www.cg83527.org

See you in New Jersey.

Dan and Roxane Withers

danwithers@qwest.net

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21st Annual Meeting- Indianapolis, IN

Stoddard Alumni Association

Co-Presidents, Tom Brant and Fred Grimm opened the meeting.

Secretary, Carlene Rauh read the minutes of the 20th annual meeting in Seattle, WA. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved as read. The new 2009 Stoddard Alumni Directory is available. After discussion of the members, it was decided that there was no need to reprint the directories every year. Information is also available on the Stoddard website.

Fred Grimm gave the treasurer's report. The ending balance as of September 21, 2009, was $17,717.25. The annual accounting will be published in the January 2010 Newsletter. Upon motion made and seconded, the treasurer's report was approved as read.

Fred also requested that a second name be added to the checking account in the event he is not available. He made a motion that the secretary be the second signature on the account. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

John Rauh reported that there was a glitch in the new alumni directories affecting the dates of death for deceased members. If there is not a month and day, only the year of death, the program picked up the date of death as 1905. The database on line is correct. There are approximately 325 active members at this time. The total data base with living and deceased members is approximately 1,500.

The following slate of officers was presented for 2010:

President, Bill Melyan

Secretary, Carlene Rauh

Treasurer, Fred Grimm

Chaplin, Fred Grimm

Webmasters, Dan and Roxane Withers

Upon unanimous vote of the members present, the slate of officers was approved for 2010.

Dan and Roxane are working on the Stoddard History Project and welcome help from the alumni members. A new Google search has been added to the Stoddard website. Dan also said he would place a link from the Stoddard website to the website for the Combatant Crafts of America.

The following donations were unanimously approved by the membership for 2009:

Historic Ships Dues $100

Combatant Crafts of America $500

Tom and Marlene Brant have agreed to take over the Ship's Store for Dave Pietz for the next two years. They suggested adjusting the prices and shipping prices since it has not been done in several years, and the costs continue to rise. The January Newsletter will reflect the new pricing.

Bill and Ulla Melyan invited everyone to the 2010 Reunion in Tom Rivers, N. J. The reunion dates will be September 15th or September 22nd, 2010. Arrangements have been made at the Quality Inn and an outline of the reunion activities will be published in the January 2010 Newsletter.

Daniel Tristan was introduced. Daniel is a member of the U.S. Navy stationed in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and the son of Diego and Vickie Tristan.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned to the next annual meeting in Toms River, N. J. 2010.

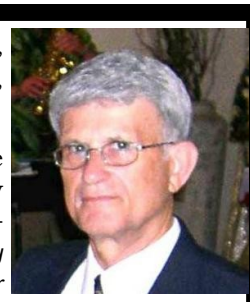
Respectfully submitted

Carlene Rauh, Secretary

****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. Dues envelopes are enclosed for 2010 dues.

In memory of our, shipmate, chaplain, treasurer, and friend, Fred Grimm.



1/15/37—10/30/09

Fred's enthusiasm for the USS Stoddard Family will be greatly missed. Fred told us last September; "*We may not be related by blood, but I am certain we are closer to some of our Stoddard Family than to some of our own family.*"

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Many thanks to all who sent cards, phone calls, and those attending Fred's service. You will never know how much it has helped me and my family. I love everyone of you. I plan to thank you personally at Toms River next September.

Lynn Grimm

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tommy brant,

acting chaplain...

May They Rest In Peace

Name	Rate	Stoddard	Deceased
Brannigan, William	LT	57-62	05/20/2009
Dillingham, Carlos	SK3	57-59	11/21/2002
Grimm, Fredric	PN2	56-60	10/30/2009
Henry, Robert	PN2	54-54	12/20/2008
Lane, Norman	GM2	53-55	10/21/2009
Maze, James	GM3	51-54	08/04/2009

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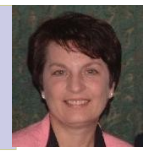
acting treasurer...



Stoddard Alumni Association Financial Statement

December 31, 2009

INCOME

Membership Dues	$ 2,750.00
Donations	50.00
Ship's Store	1,496.35
Reunion Registration	$18,390.47
Total income	**$22,686.82**

EXPENSES

Donation – Combatant Craft of America	500.00
Dues – Historic Ships Annual dues	100.00
Newsletters Printing Costs	771.97
Newsletter Postage	804.41
Directories (3 year)	1,149.93
Web Address Fees (3 yrs.)	86.97
Administrative expenses (supplies, postage, etc.)	339.26
Banking costs (checks/deposit slips)	77.00
Ship's Store – Merchandise	44.00
Ship's Store - postage	271.59
2008 Reunion Costs	336.48
2009 Reunion Costs	15,974.12
2010 Reunion Deposit	1,000.00
Total expenses:	**$21,456.21**

Beginning Balance 01/01/2009	14,817.91
2009 Income	+ $ 22,686.82
Total	$ 37,504.73
Less Expenses	- $ 21,456.21
Ending Balance 12/31/09	**$ 16,048.52**

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Rauh,

Acting Treasurer

May the Lord our God bless all who served and are serving in the military and especially those who served on board USS Stoddard to preserve liberty and freedom in our nation and in the world. And may the Lord our God remember all those whose sacrifice gave this nation its greatness, progress and richness. Amen

bob hoag,

email coordinator...

rwh@donobi.net

Shipmates, I need your help!

Several times a year I send out messages that pertain to the Stoddard Alumni Association. We currently have about 600 people in our email database, and when I send out information I use the email addresses that are in that database. Many of you inform us when you change you address, and I then correct the email database.

However, every time I send out messages for the Stoddard Alumni, I receive numerous messages back advising me that your email address has exceeded the limit of space in your system, the email address is no longer any good, or that my message has been blocked by your spam blocker, or some other system. When this happens, I automatically remove your email address from my database, because of the excess messages.

It typically takes me 2-4 hours to read then correct, change or delete these messages to keep the database up to date. The solution to the problem is for you to allow messages from my email address (rwh@donobi.net) and/or, to allow messages with the Subject line "STODDARD". In the future, all messages I send out to the Alumni will only have "STODDARD" in the subject line. Thanks for your help.

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Commanding Officers
USS Stoddard DD-566

CDR Horace Meyers Apr 15 1945 - 1945
CDR George P. Unmacht 1945 - Jan 1946
CDR William J. Hurst Jan 1946 - Mar 1946
LCDR (Ollie) Liebschner Mar 1946-Jul 46
(Decommissioned Jul 8 1946 - Mar 9 1951)
CDR Eli Reich Mar 9 1951 - ?
CDR Jacob Heimark Sep 1955 - Jan 1957
CDR John Blount Nelson Jan 15 1957 - ?
CDR John Baumeister Jr. Apr 17 1962 - ?
CDR Charles Wall 1963
CDR T. L. Morgan 1964
CDR Charles Presgrove 1965
CDR Robert Conolly II Oct 1966 - Oct 1968
CDR James Lacy Oct 1968 - Sep 26 1969

Ship's Store

tommy brant

storekeeper...

USS STODDARD SHIP'S STORE-ORDER FORM

TO: Tommy Brant, Storekeeper
508 S. Maish Road
Frankfort, IN 46041
Email: tmbrant@sbcglobal.net
Phone: 765-659-3605

Item	Size	Price	Qty	TOTAL
Golf Shirt—navy	M	$23		
Golf Shirt—navy	L	$23		
Golf Shirt—navy	X-L	$23		
Golf Shirt—navy	XX-L	$25.50		
Golf Shirt—navy	XXX-L	$27		
Golf Shirt—white	M	$23		
Golf Shirt—white	L	$23		
Golf Shirt—white	X-L	$23		
Golf Shirt—white	XX-L	$25.50		
Golf Shirt—white	XXX-L	$27		
Sweatshirt—navy	M	$20.50		
Sweatshirt—navy	X-L	$20.50		
Sweatshirt—navy	XX-L	$21.50		
Sweatshirt—navy	XXX-L	$25		
Sweatshirt—cream	M	$20.50		
Sweatshirt—cream	X-L	$20.50		
Sweatshirt—cream	XX-L	$21.50		
Sweatshirt—cream	XXX-L	$25		
Jacket-navy	M	$47.50		
Jacket—navy	L	$47.50		
Jacket—navy	X-L	$47.50		
Jacket—navy	XX-L	$50		
Jacket—navy	XXX-L	$52.50		
Stoddard Ball Hat—navy		$13		
Stoddard Coffee Mug		$ 6		
VCR Tape (History Channel)		$22		

Destroyer-Heavy Metal

Subtotal $_____

Shipping → $ 7.00

***TOTAL DUE** $_____

Checks Payable to: USS Stoddard Association

Ship to: Name: _____

Street:_____

City:_____ State_____ Zip_____

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