

December 1, 1990

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM TEXAS
to
All Hands Who Served in U.S.S. Stoddard (DD566)
and their Ladies

Two years ago Bob and Eleanor Pelster began a Stoddard family tradition by organizing our first reunion in North Platte, Nebraska. The occasion was such a rousing success that when a vote was taken regarding future get-togethers, a program for annual reunions was established. The torch was passed to Paul and Dorothy Boesenberg, who did a superb job hosting our second reunion this year in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Chalk up another great time for the Stoddard family! At dinner the second night, Texas was named as the site for the 1991 reunion with Pat Duncan and Jack and Dolly Peters appointed to co-host the event.


The 1991 Stoddard Reunion will be held at the Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas 76116, (817)738-7311 on October 4-6, 1991. Please make early plans to join us.


Attendance at this year's reunion almost doubled the first year's number because our mailing list has grown to about 141 names. Considering that there were in excess of 300 plank owners plus those who served in Stoddard during the Korean War/Vietnam era, we have potential for many more names, addresses, and phone numbers. Your 1991 hosts are making an effort to reach more Stoddard alumni through various publications this year. We would appreciate any help you might be able to give us in locating shipmates. Let's bring them aboard.

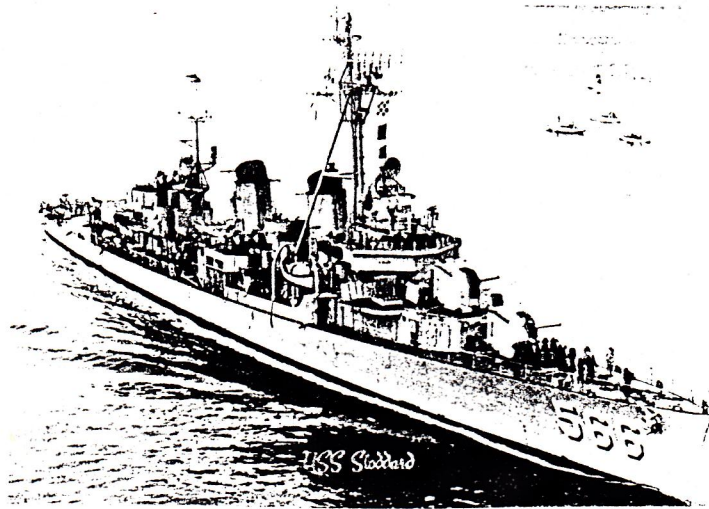
Paul and Dorothy's display of your then-and-now photos with resumés was a popular attraction at this year's reunion. It brought back memories, and it helped everybody get reacquainted. We will do a repeat performance in 1991 if you will send us a snapshot of yourself made during the period you were aboard ship and a recent one. Be sure to include a rundown of your Navy experience (rank, job, etc.) and what you have been doing since (family, work, etc.). We will be proud to include them in the display even if you are unable to attend in 1991. Your photos and resumés will be returned to you immediately after the reunion.

We need your help in making final plans. Please take time to indicate your activity interests on the enclosed sheet and return it to us as soon as possible.

Happy Holidays,


Pat Duncan
2232 Glenco Tr.
Fort Worth, TX 76110
(817)923-9239


Jack Peters
402 Hilltop
Roanoke, TX 76262
(817)430-0293



Up-date on U.S.S. STODDARD DD 566 Reunion for Sept. 14th, 15th & 16th 1990:

For those who have not yet responded to the first letter and questionnaire I need to know if you are interested in attending. I would appreciate it if you would answer the questionnaire and send it back to me, as soon as possible.

I also would like to have a picture of you when you were in service and a recent one. These will be returned to you at the reunion, or if you are not attending we will mail them back to you. Also, let us know what you have been doing since you were in the service, where you served, your rank, something about your family and your phone number.

REUNION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY SEPT. 14th:

- A. Check in time starting at 12:00 noon.
- B. Hospitality Room open from Noon till 6:00 P.M.
(a time for getting acquainted and fellowship)
- C. For those interested in taking a 90 min. tour of Rockwell International, (formally Collins Radio Co.) we will leave the Hospitality Room at 3:00 P.M.. We had planned on taking this tour on Sat, but the only tours available are on Friday.
- D. 6:30 P.M. Buffett Supper in the Fountain Room.
- E. Hospitality Room will be open after the buffet supper till 11:00 P.M.

SATURDAY SEPT. 15th:

- A. 9:00 A.M. Hospitality Room open, with coffee and rolls.
- B. No scheduled activities are planned, because most of the men just want to visit and share experiences from their Navy days. However, there are shopping malls close by and the famous Amana Colonies which are only 12 miles from the Motel. People come from all over the world to visit the Colonies, so if you have not been there you may want to visit there some time on Sat.
- C. 6:30 P.M. Banquet in the Fountain Room.
- D. Hospitality Room open after the banquet till 11:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SEPT. 16th:

- A. 9:30 A.M. Brunch in the Fountain Room for the U.S.S. STODDARD group only.
- B. Check out time 12:00 Noon.

U.S.S. STODDARD (DD566)
3rd Reunion
Fort Worth, Texas (Oct.4-6, 1991)

Planned Schedule of Events

Friday, Oct. 4

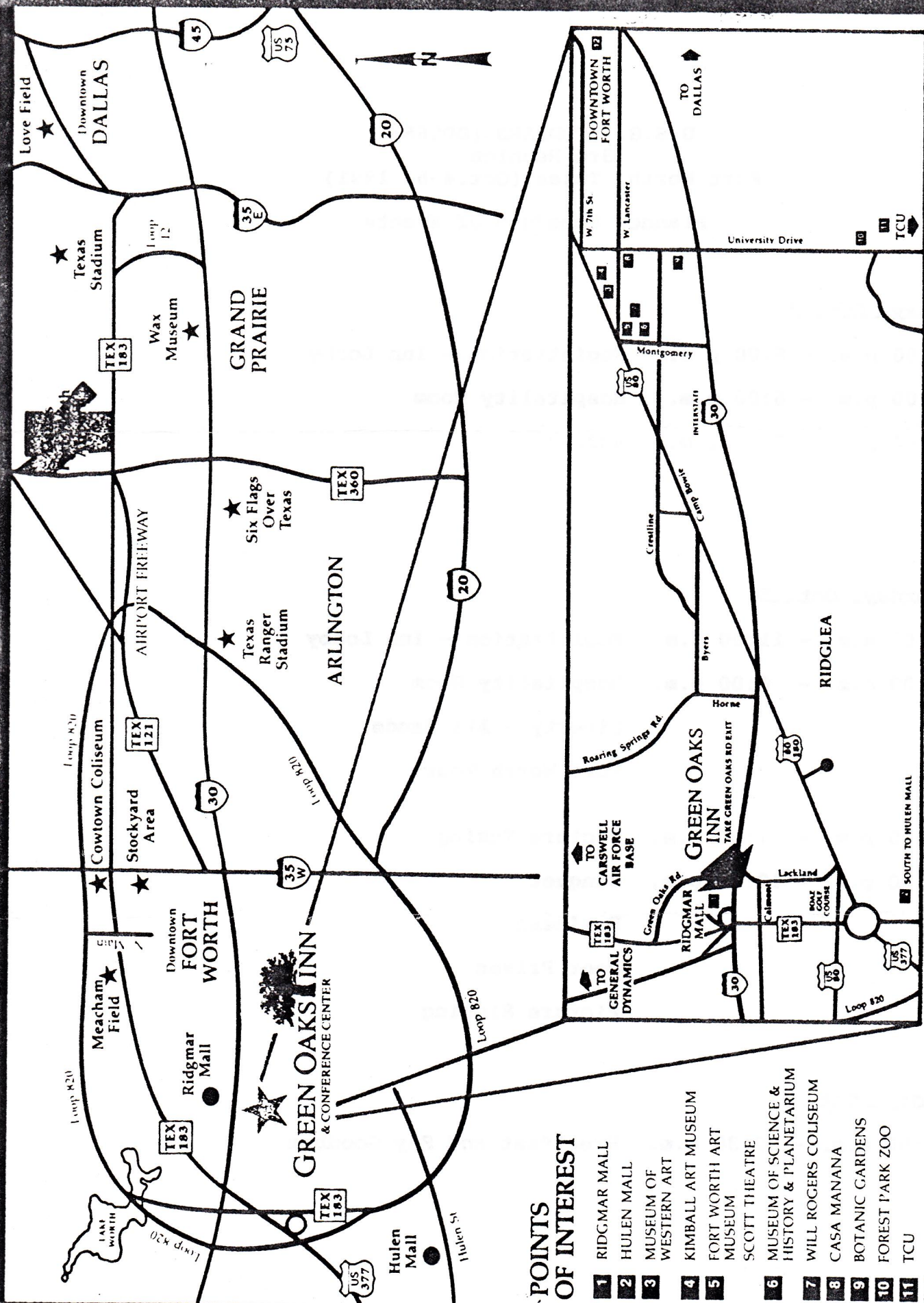
- 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration - Inn Lobby
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Hospitality Room
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Buffet

Saturday, Oct. 5

- 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Registration - Inn Lobby
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Hospitality Room
Liberty - All Hands
Fort Worth Tour
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Picture Taking
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Banquet
Business
Door Prizes
Picture Signing

Sunday, Oct. 6

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Breakfast and Say Goodbye



POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1** RIDGMAR MALL
- 2** HULEN MALL
- 3** MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART
- 4** KIMBALL ART MUSEUM
- 5** FORT WORTH ART MUSEUM
- 6** SCOTT THEATRE
- 7** MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & HISTORY & PLANETARIUM
- 8** WILL ROGERS COLISEUM
- 9** CASA MANANA
- 10** BOTANIC GARDENS
- 11** FOREST PARK ZOO
- 12** TCU CONVENTION CENTER

(SEE BACK FOR DIRECTIONS TO GENERAL DYNAMICS AND CARSWELL AIR FORCE BASE)

July 8, 1991

THIRD U.S.S. STODDARD REUNION

REGISTRATION FORM

1991

Name _____ Wife's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Activity	No.	Each	Total
+ Dinners			
Friday - Special Western Style	_____	X \$16.20 =	\$ _____
Saturday - Chicken a la Ritz	_____	X \$17.50 =	\$ _____
+ Breakfast - Sunday	_____	X \$10.00 =	\$ _____
+ Fort Worth Tour	_____	X \$15.00 =	\$ _____
(Meal prices include tax and tip)			
Grand Total			\$ _____

Please make your check payable to Pat Duncan and mail this completed registration form with your check to:

Pat Duncan
2232 Glenco Tr.
Fort Worth, TX 76110

Registration and payment are due Sept. 5, 1991.

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Name of relative or friend to contact in case of an emergency.

Name _____ Relationship _____ Ph. (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

THIRD U.S.S. STODDARD REUNION

ACTIVITIES

The annual Stoddard Reunion was held October 4-6, 1991 at the Green Oaks Inn and Conference Center, 6901 West Freeway, in Fort Worth, Texas. Early arriving shipmates helped get things started Thursday afternoon. Activity centered in two large hospitality rooms at the Green Oaks Inn. Pictures and memorabilia from different Stoddard eras were grouped together and placed around the walls. Everyone enjoyed a variety of drinks while gathering at the different displays or sat at tables to remember when. Some of the sea stories must have been pretty good for there was plenty of conversation and laughter.

The welcoming period ended Friday evening with eighty mates, their wives, and friends enjoying a ranch style dinner. The meeting concluded with some introductions, good humor, and announcements about Saturday activities.

The hospitality rooms opened early Saturday morning. Coffee was served. There was lots of sunshine and cool air to begin the tour of Fort Worth. A three-vehicle caravan loaded with fifty seven people pulled out of the Inn at 9:30am. The tour ended in Cowtown on the north side of downtown Fort Worth where many ate at the old Stockyard Hotel. From there they returned through the Botanic Gardens to Green Oaks.

The highlight of the reunion was the banquet Saturday night. Shortly before everyone entered the dining room, Jack Peters, acting in behalf of the shipmates, presented an orchid corsage to Mrs. Horace Myers, widow of the Stoddard's first C.O. A photographer from Creative Reunions took pictures of individual couples and during dinner moved about photographing those at the tables. Danny Rizzolo gave the invocation and memorial. Eighty two enjoyed the good food. After dinner, Jack Peters, emcee for the evening, introduced Mrs. Myers to the gathering. Shipmates drew names for door prizes consisting of souvenirs from the U.S. Navy Memorial, books, autographed pictures, Stoddard scratch pads, and the table center pieces. A business meeting completed the evening's festivities.

The results of the business meeting were:

* Shipmates elected the following officers for 1991/92:

President - Byron Goodwin, 4048 Lassen Dr., Baton Rouge, LA
70814-5124, Phone (504)275-3990.

Secretary - Don Whitworth, 2915 Fox Hill Dr., Arlington, TX
76015-2110, Phone (817)465-6833.

Treasurer - Pat Duncan, 2232 Glenco Tr., Fort Worth, TX
76110, Phone (817)923-9239.

* After discussion, the following motions were passed.

1. Annual dues were set at \$10.00 effective at this reunion.

2. The fiscal year is from one annual reunion to the next.

3. Baton Rouge, Louisiana was selected as the site of the 1992 reunion. It will be held Oct. 30 through Nov. 1, 1992 with visits to the U.S.S. Kidd, DD-661, and the Louisiana Naval War Memorial Museum.

* Subjects placed under consideration for future action were:

1. Flowers for the families of deceased shipmates.

2. Frequency and timing in mailing reunion notices.

3. Whether or not to select reunion sites two years in advance.

Report of the Treasurer - November 7, 1991

Receipts

Balance on hand November 1, 1990	.....	\$311.00
Reunion costs, dues, donations, cap sales.....		<u>5,281.50</u>
Total		\$5,592.50

Disbursements

Green Oaks Inn	.....	\$3,416.86
Tour	.....	675.00
Caps and shipping	.....	380.00
Refunds	.....	256.75
Photo Book	10.00
Blank Checks	<u>4.67</u>
		\$4,743.28

Balance on hand November 7, 1991		\$849.22
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