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THE DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING

*10TH Annual Reunion, in
beautiful Honolulu, Hawaii*
Tuesday, September 9th through
Sunday, September 14th.

This year's reunion will be held at the beautiful Ala Moana Hotel & Center, (410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, HI 96814, **808-955-4811**). You can also click on the link on the home page (scroll down a bit) of the **USS Benjamin Stoddert DDG-22 & USS Jupiter AVS-8 Association**, aka www.ddg22.com, and you will be taken right to the reservation website. Or click on the following link (if you are reading this on-line) while holding down the control key, and reach the same site. https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=10745959



You will end up with the picture showing on the right and the logo showing to the left, and a banner across the top reading "Welcome to the USS Stoddert & USS Jupiter Reunion. Click on the box marked "MAKE A RESERVATION" and, guess what, YOU CAN MAKE

YOUR RESERVATION. Honestly, we can't make it any easier. Not comfortable doing things on the computer? That's what the phone number is for. Or mail them a post card. Just be sure that they know you are coming for the Stoddert/Jupiter reunion to get the special reunion rate of \$179 per night, plus taxes. (Rate is for standard room—suites available at extra.)

Don't forget that this room rate is available 3 days before and 3 days after our reunion dates. Make sure to tell the reservationist that you are with the Stoddert/Jupiter reunion group to get that rate. And this rate is really special, so click, call, or mail them a postcard now. **CUT-OFF DATE IS AUGUST 1ST.**

Kind of like Cinderella Liberty—it is later than you think. So sign up soon or miss out!



ALA MOANA HOTEL & CENTER

Oahu Revisited

For many, if not most, of the participants in this year's reunion, we are coming back. While it is doubtful that we can still seek out that swimming hole or little bar/restaurant we frequented before, there is still lots to see and do. With the tours set up for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, it seems like we ought to see just about everything there is to see on an island that is less than 600 square miles (compare that to San Bernardino County, California with 20,105 square miles). But, I dare say we will not—certainly not in the week to ten days that most of us will be there. Maybe if we could take up residence there for a year or so. Following is a short list and synoptic descriptions of 6 fascinating places not on the tours.

Polynesian Cultural Center (PCC)

Experience the true culture of Polynesia for a day



as you make your way around this celebrated cultural center. The PCC

provides the most comprehensive way to explore the culture of the many Pacific islands through 8 recreated island villages and interactive exhibits. Cracking coconuts, starting fires, and learning how to fire knife dance are just a few of the many activities to choose from. The PCC is also home to the famed Rainbows of Paradise canoe pageant and the award-winning Ali'i Lu'au dinner. Don't miss the "Ha Breath of Life" show, an ancient Hawaiian story performed by over 100 cast members.

Bishop Museum

Hawaii's largest museum is also one of the top natural history museums in the Pacific. The Bishop Museum features 5



separate buildings, all included in admission. Visit the planetarium to see "Explorers of Polynesia" which shows how sailors navigated Tahiti using the stars as their guide or explore the 3 spiritual and physical realms of the Hawaiian people at Hawaiian Hall. Check out the active volcano display in the Science Adventure Center, one of the museum's most popular interactive exhibits. There are endless opportunities to discover the rich history and culture of the Hawaiian Islands at this legendary museum.

Iolani Palace

Discover a time when royalty reigned at this meticulously restored palace that housed the last 2 monarchs of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Iolani Palace, home to King Kalakaua and his successor Queen Lilioukalani in the late 1800s, is the architectural embodiment of opulence. The palace features a collection of recovered artifacts that were lost or stolen during the overthrow of the government in 1893. You'll have

access to all of the main halls, the Grand Hall and the Queen's suites. Before you leave this historic site, make sure to check out the gift shop for some unique Palace souvenirs.



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Hawaii's Plantation Village

Experience the lives of Hawaii's plantation workers at this outdoor museum in historic Waipahu. You'll get an intimate view of how Hawaii's plantations have contributed to the islands' ethnic heritage through furnished homes, community structures, plantation-era architecture, and small guided tours. Many guides offer personal stories of their ancestries, which bring the experience to life. Feel the warm and inviting atmosphere of the community while learning about its rich and diverse history.

The Contemporary Museum (TCM)

The only museum in the state of Hawaii solely dedicated to contemporary art, TCM proudly collects and preserves art from the 1940's to the present. The Contemporary Museum offers interaction with art and artists in a unique Island setting through innovative exhibitions and educational programs. One of the museum's finest features is the 5-acre garden area set on a sloping hillside. The garden houses renowned sculptures and hundreds of tropical plants. This museum is a creative paradise for any art-lover.

Japanese Cultural Center

The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii strives to share the history, heritage, and culture, of Japanese Americans in Hawaii through galleries and exhibitions. The Center features a Community and Historical Gallery, Resource Center, Kenshikan martial arts dojo, Seikoan Japanese teahouse, and Gift Shop. You'll discover the history of karate in Hawaii, learn about the art of Japanese tattooing, and see traditional woodblock prints. Don't forget to stop by the one-of-a-kind gift shop for unique collectibles like kimonos, Japanese dolls, and tea sets.

(This is a partial list from smartdestinations.com)

<http://www.smartdestinations.com/travel-guides/top-9-oahu-museums.html>

THURSDAY'S TOUR INCLUDES:



Byodo-in Temple (above), Diamond Head Lookout (right), and Pali Pass Lookout (below). This is the Grand Circle tour and will also include stops at Chinaman's Hat, Lion Head Rock, Holona Point, Sugar cane and pineapple fields, and much more. Tour is eight hours and cost is \$60 per person. Maybe we can talk the bus driver into driving down Hotel Street.



FRIDAY'S TOUR WILL HAVE: Pearl Harbor and Ford Island, the USS Missouri and USS Oklahoma Memorials, and the Pacific Aviation Museum. Friday's tour lasts 7 hours, and the cost is \$50 each.)



THE SATURDAY TOUR WILL VISIT: The Arizona Memorial, the USS Bowfin (museum Submarine), and Punchbowl National Cemetery. The tour lasts four hours and cost \$75 per person.





Get in on the Fifty-Fifty Drawing

Remember, the **FIFTY-FIFTY drawing is always open to everyone**, and **you do not have to be present to win.**

The winners will have a check mailed to them if not at the



reunion. You can get a whole page of tickets at the website, under the reunion information. As always, we will be selling 50/50 drawing tickets right up to a few minutes before the drawing at the 2014 reunion banquet dinner.

Help support our Association. To purchase 50/50 tickets, mail \$10.00 for each 12 tickets to the address below and sufficient address labels. Make your checks payable to USS Benjamin Stoddert Association and mail to: John Dishaw, 3035 Charlotte Street, Newbury Park, CA 91320.

One more newsletter until the Hawaii Reunion. CUT OFF DATE IS AUGUST 1ST. Visit the website at www.ddg22.com for registration forms, or call and/or email Ron Zorn or Art Hansen. (contact info in banner on first page)

DON'T FORGET—OPT OUT! If you would like to receive the SitRep via email, drop us an email to artandjane@Reagan.com with "Opt out" in the subject line and you will be added to the list of those saving this Association money!!

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