

# USS Benjamin Stoddert (DDG-22) & USS Jupiter (AVS-8) Association



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**Registration cut-off:**

**August 15<sup>th</sup>**

From Albuquerque to Sante Fe and back, we certainly had fun at the 2012 reunion in New Mexico. This year, we are going from the dusty dry heat of the dessert to the cooling moist climate of the Pacific Northwest, but we will have just as much fun. But pack for the weather—Take it from someone who had to buy sweatshirts when there for a June wedding, pack a sweater or light jacket because you're going to need it.

With majestic Mount Rainier in the background, Seattle offers scenic vistas of unbelievable beauty. Bring your camera. Seattle and the surrounding area is worth every picture.

By the time you read this you will only have about two weeks left to register for the reunion, meals and tours, and about a month left to make your hotel reservation. **DON'T PUT IT OFF ANY LONGER—REGISTER TODAY. HOW DO YOU REGISTER?**

To register for the reunion, you will need the registration form which is available on-line at the Benjamin Stoddert website ([www.ddg22.com](http://www.ddg22.com)). Right under the hotel information (which you will need also) is a box with heavy black letters that read "Click here to download 2013 Registration Package." Click on that box and it will open up a number of pages: the registration form is page 2 of 10. Then print and fill out the form, write the check and drop it in the mail. Mail to:

John Dishaw  
3035 Charlotte Street  
Newbury Park, CA 91320



**Mount Rainier looms over the Seattle skyline**

If you don't have access to a computer or just don't do the computer thing, you can (cont.—page 2)

do it the old fashioned way and call one of these numbers, and we will mail you the form. Art Hansen 308-237-5435; John Dishaw 805-480-4038; Mike Rigdon 858-300-6821. Once you have the form, fill it out and mail it with your payment to John Dishaw at the address above. You will get a confirmation statement in the mail sometime in the weeks following.

To make your hotel reservations, please call the hotel direct at (206) 464-1980 and ask for "in-house reservations." This is the best way to ensure that you get the reunion pricing (\$119 plus 16% tax) rate for your room. You will need a credit card number to hold the reservation, but the hotel allows cancellations up to 72 hours (that is 3 days) before the check-in date. The hotel just completed a multi-million dollar renovation project, so it is nice that they spruced up for our arrival.

Located at 1113 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, The Crowne Plaza Seattle is literally just a few blocks from the historic downtown Seattle, home to Pike's Market and the home of the first Starbuck's. Visit their website: [www.cphotelseattle.com/](http://www.cphotelseattle.com/) for more information.



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## 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 2012 reunion banquet dinner.



Help support our Benjamin Stoddert Association. To purchase 50/50 tickets, mail \$10.00 for each 12 tickets to the address below and include 12 address labels. Make your checks payable to USS Benjamin Stoddert Association and mail to:  
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## Seattle Area National Parks

For those who want to arrive early or stay after the reunion, Seattle has three National Parks within 2 ½ hours of our hotel. If you are driving in or maybe renting a car, any of these parks offer once-in-a-lifetime daytrip experiences.

Closest of these three is **Mount Rainier National Park** (1 hour, 42 minutes, 82 miles), which is a US National Park located in southeast Pierce County and northeast Lewis County. Established on March 2, 1899 as the fifth national park in the country, the park encompasses 236,381 acres (369 sq mi.) including all of Mount Rainier, a 14,410-foot stratovolcano. The highest point in the Cascade Range, around it are valleys, waterfalls, subalpine wildflower meadows, old growth forest and more than 25 glaciers. The volcano is often shrouded in clouds that dump enormous amounts of rain



and snow on the peak every year and hide it from the crowds that head to the park on weekends.

Mount Rainier is circled by the Wonderland Trail and is covered by several glaciers and snowfields totaling some 35 square miles (91 km<sup>2</sup>). About 1.8 million people visit Mount Rainier National Park each year. Mount Rainier is a popular peak for mountain climbing with some 10,000 attempts per year with approximately 50% making it to the summit.

**North Cascades National Park** (2 hours, 14 minutes, 116 miles). Outdoor activities, scenic vistas, and educational opportunities abound. Stop by a visitor center and enjoy an interpretive talk or a walk with a ranger. Visit the Ross Lake National Recreation Area and stretch your legs at one of the stops along the scenic North Cascades Highway. Have a picnic, or go camping with the family. Take a trip into the wilderness for a premier backpacking or climbing experience. Ride the Lady of the Lake to the historic and unique town of Stehekin in the heart of Lake Chelan National

Recreation Area. Go fishing in a lake or river. Perhaps, even take a rafting trip down a river!



### Looking toward Magic Mountain from Sahale Arm north of Cascade Pass

The park is most popular with backpackers and mountain climbers. One of the most popular destinations in the park is Cascade Pass, which was used as a travel route by Native Americans. The North and South Picket Ranges, Mount Triumph, as well as Eldorado Peak and the surrounding mountains, are popular with climbers due to glaciation and technical rock. Mount Shuksan, in the northwest corner of the park, is one of the most photographed mountains in the country and the second highest peak in the park at 9,127 feet.

The park has a rich diversity of animals, including bald eagles, wolves, grizzly bears, mountain lions, lynx, moose, wolverines and black bears.

### Olympic National Park (2 hours, 33 minutes, 138 miles)

**Olympic National Park** is a United States national park located in the state of Washington, in the Olympic Peninsula. The park has four basic regions: the Pacific coastline, alpine areas, the west side



temperate rainforest and the forests of the drier east side. With rainforests, coastlines, and rugged glaciated mountains, this park has it all. The shortest route includes a ferry ride across the sound, which in and of itself is an experience not to be missed.



### Your SITREP editors are retiring:

Janie and I have been doing the Stoddert newsletter since the first reunion and have decided to let someone else have a turn.

We have enjoyed the experience and I've learned much about the places we've visited while researching for articles. Jay Jansson (FTG2, Stoddert 70-72) has agreed to take the conn starting in 2014. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of putting this together for the past eight years. I wish Jay a successful run and hope he has as rewarding experience as I have.

Sincerely, Art & Janie Hansen

### Birthday Dates of the US Armed Services

**Army:** "The American continental army" was founded on **June 14, 1775**. The Continental Congress authorized enlistment of riflemen to serve the United Colonies for one year. The record indicates only that Congress undertook to raise ten companies of riflemen, approved an enlistment form for them, and appointed a committee (including George Washington) to draft rules and regulations for the government of the army.

**Navy:** (Thanks to <http://www.history.navy.mil/faqs/faq31-1.htm>) On Friday, **October 13, 1775**, meeting in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress voted to fit out two sailing vessels, armed with ten carriage guns, as well as swivel guns, and manned by crews of eighty, and to send them out on a cruise of three months to intercept transports carrying munitions and stores to the British army in America. This was the original legislation out of which the Continental Navy grew and as such constitutes the birth certificate of the navy.

**Marines:** Military.com once again provided this information: On **November 10, 1775**, the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia passed a resolution stating that "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces with the fleet. This resolution established the Continental Marines and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps.

**Coast Guard:** The history of the United States Coast Guard goes back to the Revenue Cutter Service, founded on **August 4, 1790** as part of the Department of the Treasury. The Revenue Cutter Service and the United States Life-Saving Service merged and become the Coast Guard on January 28, 1915, and was made a "branch of the armed forces of the United States" by U.S. code.

**Air Force:** According to <http://www.military.com/air-force-birthday/air-force-birthday-independence.html>, The Department of the Air Force was created when President Harry S Truman signed the National Security Act of 1947 on **September 18, 1947**.

# This is it!!

## This is your last newsletter before the 2013 reunion.



### REGISTRATION:

1. Going on-line to [www.ddg22.com](http://www.ddg22.com) and click on the registration packet.
2. Call one of the numbers listed inside this mailing to have a registration packet sent to you.

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Reserve your room at the Crowne Plaza Seattle Hotel by calling this number: (206) 464-1980 and ask for "in-house reservations." Ask for the reunion rate.

### TOURS:

Sign up for tours in the registration packet. List of tours and the reunion itinerary are inside, page 3.

### THURSDAY BUFFET & SATURDAY BANQUET:

Sign up when completing the registration packet for these important events—a chance to share a meal and memories with shipmates & friends.

### 2013 USS Benjamin Stoddert USS Jupiter Reunion Itinerary Wednesday, October 2, 2013

12:00 - Noon Hospitality Room opens and remains open until late.

3:00 – 6 PM Arrival and Registration.

*Dinner and evening are on your own.*

*Or just mingle with shipmates in the Hospitality room.*

7:00 – Reception held in the Hospitality Room.

### Thursday, October 3, 2013

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Seattle City Tour and Museum of Flight at Boeing Field

7:30 AM - 8:30 PM Late arrivals & registration.

Hospitality Room open all day.

7:00 PM - Buffet, Northwest Style

### Friday, October 4, 2013

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Bremerton, USS Turner Joy, Le May Auto Museum

*Dinner and evening are on your own.*

### Saturday, October 5, 2013

8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Business Meeting to plan for Hawaii reunion in 2014

10:00 AM- 4 PM Shuttle Bus to Space Needle, Fisherman's Wharf, Seattle Underground.

7 PM - Banquet. Dress Code Casual / Hawaiian

### Sunday, October 6, 2013

Farewells and Departure

12:00 Hospitality Room Closes.

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