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THIS IS IT!
THIS IS THE LAST
NEWSLETTER BEFORE
THE REUNION.

Join us in Honolulu, Hawaii

Tuesday, September 9th through
Sunday, September 14th.

Part of the reason for choosing Hawaii for the 10th Stoddert/Jupiter reunion was because this year is the 50th anniversary of the commissioning of the Benjamin Stoddert. We hope that you will be able to join us in Honolulu to celebrate two great US Navy warships, the Benjamin Stoddert and the Jupiter.

As told here before, 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 make your hotel reservations on-line (see Spring 2014 SitRep for details), on the phone at the number above, or mail them a card or letter. You must 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. (This rate is for standard room—suites available at extra.)

Also, 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.

The hotel is attached to one of the best shopping centers in the world so dining, shopping, entertainment, etc. is literally right next door. It is close to Waikiki beach and a short walk to historic Honolulu as well.

CUT-OFF DATE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS AUGUST 1ST, SAME AS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE REUNION.

REGISTERING FOR THE REUNION

Before August 1st, you will need to complete the registration form and mail it to John Dishaw at 3035 Charlotte Street, Newbury Park, CA 91320. Forms were mailed out with the Winter Edition SitRep. If you need another, they are available on line at www.DDG-22.com, or call Ron Zorn or Art Hansen (phone numbers are above), and we will get one to you in the mail. **DO NOT DELAY**, however, because we only have a couple of weeks to work with here. If you are not yet registered—get 'er done!





The Other Islands

While our reunion is in Honolulu, which is on the island of Oahu, and is the major city of the state of Hawaii, Honolulu is not all there is of Hawaii. Oahu is just one of 137 islands (including minor isles and atolls, including some famous ones like Ford Island).

Hawaii, The Big Island: For starters, there is the island which gives the state its name, Hawaii, a.k.a. “the big island.” The Big Island is the more common name, to avoid confusion with the name of the state. At over 4,000 square miles it is nearly double the remaining islands combined. The population of just over 185,000 makes it one of the least densely populated too.

Flowing molten magma from Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, snow-capped heights of Maunakea, green rainforests of the Hamakua Coast, jet-black sands of Punaluu Beach: Hawaii Island has everything you could want. Plan to rent a car and stay a couple days, or arrange for a day tour—just if you haven’t been there, you haven’t seen it all. Hawaii is the southernmost major island. At the other end (north) is Kauai.

Kauai, The Garden Isle: Whether by horseback, hiking boots, or zip-line tour, Kauai offers breathtaking views of lush green peaks and cascading waterfalls. Whatever activity you are after, you can probably do it on Kauai. In addition to the aforementioned horse and zip-line tours, there are boat and guided kayak tours of the rugged coastline, snorkeling tours, ATV tours of tropical jungles, and guided tours to secluded waterfalls on a private cattle ranch.

Known as “the Garden Isle,” Kauai is geologically the oldest of the main Hawaiian Islands, with an area of 562 square miles, the fourth largest of the main islands in the Hawaiian archipelago. The 2010 census population of the island was 67,091 with the largest town by population being Kapaa. Kauai lies 105 miles across the Kauai Channel, northwest of Oahu. In the other direction from Oahu is Molokai.

Molokai, The Friendly Isle: This island was once home to leper colonies and shunned by most people. Today, Molokai is the Hawaii of the past.

Unspoiled country and untouched beaches: no skyscrapers or stoplights and the chance to truly live as the locals do. Believed to be the birthplace of hula, the annual Molokai Ka Hula Piko festival is held on this island.

Molokai is 38 by 10 miles in size at its extreme length and width with a usable land area of 260 square miles, making it the fifth largest of the main Hawaiian Islands. It lies east of O’ahu across the 25-mile wide Kaiwi Channel. Molokai is home to the highest sea cliffs in the world along its northeast coast (3,600-3,900 feet). This small island has resisted pressure to increase tourism, and in 2008 took a direct hit as a result. When plans to dramatically increase tourism were opposed, the leading employer on the island closed down all operations including hotels, restaurants, and movie theaters. Molokai now has the dubious distinction of having the highest unemployment rate in Hawaii. Continuing south from Molokai, we encounter Maui.

Maui, The Valley Isle: One visit and it’s easy to see why Maui earned its nickname. The second largest Hawaiian island has a smaller population than you’d expect, making Maui popular with visitors who are looking for sophisticated diversions and amenities in the small towns and airy resorts spread throughout the island. Maui is a leading whale-watching center in the Hawaiian Islands due to Humpback whales wintering in the sheltered ‘Au’au Channel between the islands of Maui County. And you will lose count of the waterfalls along the road as you maneuver the hairpin turns of the Hana highway.

The two major industries on Maui are agriculture and tourism. Coffee, macadamia nuts, papaya, tropical flowers, sugar and fresh pineapple are just some of Hawaii’s premium exports and are a prime example of its diversified agriculture.

Lanai, The Pineapple Isle: Only 30 miles of Lanai’s roads are paved and you won’t find a traffic light anywhere. The smallest inhabited island in Hawaii, Lanai still has plenty to offer its visitors. From hiking to catch great views atop the pine-lined Munro Trail to watching the acrobatic spinner dolphins from romantic Hulopoe Bay, Lanai is a special place where you’re sure to find serenity, adventure and intimacy. If you want to get away from it all, get away to Lanai.

“The Pineapple Isle” also offers luxury accommodations at two resorts along with golf at a course designed by Jack Nicklaus. Or you can stay at the smaller scaled historic Hotel Lanai in Lanai City which is also a renowned vacation getaway with fine Hawaii Regional Cuisine at the Lanai City Grille.

Niihau, The Forbidden Isle: Purchased in 1864 from the Kingdom of Hawaii by Elizabeth Sinclair, Niihau remains under private ownership by her descendants, the Robinson family. During World War II, the island was the site of the Ni’ihau Incident: A Japanese navy fighter pilot crashed on the island and

terrorized its residents for a week after the attack on Pearl Harbor. The people of Ni'ihau are known for their gemlike *lei pūpū* (shell lei) craftsmanship, and speak Hawaiian as a primary language. The island is generally off-limits to all but relatives of the island's owners, U.S. Navy personnel, government officials and invited guests, giving it the nickname "The Forbidden Isle."

Kahoolawe, The Target Isle: Kahoolawe has always been sparsely populated, due to its lack of fresh water. During World War II, Kahoolawe was used as a training ground and bombing range by the Armed Forces of the United States. After decades of protests, the U.S. Navy ended live-fire training exercises on Kahoolawe in 1990, and the whole island was transferred to the jurisdiction of the State of Hawaii in 1994. The Hawaii State Legislature established the Kahoolawe Island Reserve to restore and to oversee the island and its surrounding waters. Today Kahoolawe can be used only for native Hawaiian cultural, spiritual, and subsistence purposes. (Sources for this article include Wikipedia and Hawaii's Official Tourism Site.)

Ahoy Shipmates: Recommended Tipping:
 U.S. standards apply: 15-20% on meals, at least \$2 per bag for porters and \$3-5 for housekeeping.

Owing to the high cost of shipping: Ship Store will only be displaying samples at the reunion and only taking orders to be shipped. Shipping expenses may be added to items purchased at the reunion. Or visit the Ship Store at the website www.ddg22.com.

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 luau on the beach.

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.

**Saturday Night Buffett
 Hawaiian American Buffet Menu**

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| Kalua Pig (Roasted Pig) | Poi (Taro Potato) | Sweet Dinner Rolls |
| Chicken Long Rice | Lomilomi Salmon | Haupia (Coconut Pudding) |
| Island Fish | Rice | Fresh Pineapple |
| Teriyaki Beef | Pineapple Coleslaw | Vanilla Coconut Cake |
| Pulehu Chicken | Three Bean Salad | Chocolate Cake |
| Tossed Green Salad | Potato Macaroni Salad | |

Complimentary Soft Drinks, Hot Coffee and Tea

A quick check of Wikipedia divulged the following:
Jupiter received 6 [battle stars](#) for [World War II](#):

- Capture and defense of Guadalcanal**
- Gilbert Islands operation**
- Marianas operation**
- Leyte operation**
- Iwo Jima operation**
- Okinawa Gunto operation**

Jupiter received 7 battle stars for [Korean War](#) service:

- First UN Counter Offensive**
- Communist China Spring Offensive**
- UN Summer-Fall Offensive**
- Second Korean Winter**
- Korean Defense Summer-Fall 1952**
- Third Korean Winter**
- Korean Summer-Fall 1953**

ATTENTION: The price for the Thursday night buffet and floor show has been reduced!!.. Tickets for this fabulous meal and very entertaining show featuring the Liberty Belles are now \$95 per person. Your loyal and dedicated leaders have worked hard for this price and hope this reduction will make it possible for more people to attend this great event. For those who have pre-paid, a refund will be made at the reunion.



Entertaining at the Thursday night buffet will be the Liberty Belles, with a 1940's hit-parade revue. The price for this great show and buffet dinner has been reduced: now \$95 each.

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