



USS Benjamin Stoddert DDG-22
& USS Jupiter AVS-8

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Remembering the Providence Reunion of 2018



Reunion Group at Battleship Cove for tour of the USS Massachusetts and other Historic Ships



2018 Stoddert / Jupiter reunion started on a beautiful sunny day in Providence. A short bus ride later we toured the Battleship Cove collection of 4 major Historic Ships: the USS Massachusetts, USS Joseph P. Kennedy, USS Lionfish and the German Patrol Craft Hiddensee.





Continuing the Tour to Boston & boat trip to the Boston Navy Yard & Historic Ships



USS Constitution, also known as **Old Ironsides**, is a wooden-hulled, three-masted heavy frigate of the United States Navy named by President George Washington after the United States Constitution. She is the world's oldest commissioned naval vessel still afloat.

Launched: **October 21, 1797**

USS Cassin Young was a Fletcher-class destroyer of the U.S. Navy named for Captain Cassin Young, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism at the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and killed in the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal in the fall of 1942

A Message from Joe & Joy Patz

Joe and I received your cards the other day and we were overcome with emotion. We didn't realize how much you thought of us and we are most grateful. We will miss our trips to the reunions in the future. We have always enjoyed being able to visit with each of you either while volunteering at the reservation desks when you arrive or when we are assisting at the banquets. As you know, Joe's health requires that he not travel long distances and because of that, we look towards shorter trips to allow our travels to be enjoyable rather than painful. Should the Association have reunions in Pennsylvania or Ohio in the future, we would definitely want to attend. In the meantime, we will keep all you in our thoughts and prayers that someday we will meet again. A special thanks goes to Mike Rigdon for taking the position of Newsletter Editor. He has made this transition for Joy an easy one. God Bless you all. Joe & Joy Patz



Sydney Harbor and
Hanger Bridge

A Message from Mike Rigdon - Your New Association Newsletter Editor

Aloha from San Diego.....As I embark on yet another NL project to replace our very capable Joy Patz. I hope to enlist many Stoddert and Jupiter crewmen or wives to give me input pertinent to both ships. This first issue for me will be heavy on details and pictures from the Providence Reunion and Basic Information for the Reno Reunion in 2019. This article's intent is for Association Business, general ship pictures and stories and "other input" for future Newsletters. I am sure I can rely on this help. Just e-mail me at mikerigdon2000@yahoo.com or call me if you have questions at 858-300-6821.....*Mike Rigdon*



Last Picture of Jupiter going into Mothballs 1964



USS Jupiter Un-reps the
USS Lexington CV-16 in
Korean Waters



Ron Zorn makes
rate in 1961

USS Jupiter (AK-43 / AVS-8) was built in 1939 as *Flying Cloud*; she was later renamed *Santa Catalina*. She was acquired by the Navy 19 June 1941. She served until 1964 when decommissioned at Bremerton, WA.

Jupiter received six battle stars for World War II and seven battle stars for Korean conflict service.

She was as close as you could get to being the USS *Reluctant* (AK-601), aka "the Bucket," in the Movie "*Mr. Roberts*" in 1955. Based on the 1946 novel and 1948 Broadway play, the film was nominated for the three Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Sound, Recording (William A. Mueller), with Jack Lemmon winning the award for Best Supporting Actor.

