

USS Benjamin Stoddert/USJ Jupiter Association

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Winter Newsletter (December 2025,
January, February 2026)

Reunion Round Up in OKC

The 2025 reunion in Oklahoma City started with registration and reconnecting with shipmates and friends on Tuesday, October 7th and wrapped up at the conclusion of the banquet on Saturday, October 11th.

Highlights were the tour and the banquet dinner where the new officers were introduced. (The election of officers was done by email sent out by Dan Hauschild: there was only one nomination for each position, and each nominee accepted their nomination, so balloting was not necessary.) The current officers are:

President: Art Hansen

Vice-President: Janie Bower-Hansen

Treasurer: Carole Bryan

Secretary: Dave Saunders
(re-elected)

We look forward to the Omaha reunion and will do our level best for a great visit. Tours of Omaha and Lincoln attractions await. But don't *you* wait! Send in your registration form today.



Touring Oklahoma City

First stop on the tour was the Oklahoma State Capitol building where we had a group picture taken. Did anyone get a picture of the gentleman from the press who graciously took our picture?



On the grounds of the Capitol Building was a working oil well and an historical marker for the Oklahoma City Oil Field.

Nearby was an outdoor display (Devon Energy Oil and Gas Park) at the Oklahoma History Museum where we saw oil drilling/transporting equipment. On display was a variety of equipment that was used to get the oil out of the ground and on its way to processing. While waiting for the Cowboy Museum (National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum) to open, we roamed along the paths between the pumps, derricks, and tank wagons.



Devon Energy Oil and Gas Park.



Incredible statuary in the Centennial Land Run Monument, just a few minutes' walk from our hotel.



The Bricktown Canal water taxis were a popular activity for sailors and spouses.

The Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark, home of the Oklahoma City Comets, was just around the corner from our hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn. Across the street was the OKC Bricktown, a large entertainment and restaurant locale. A short drive away was the Murrah Building Memorial.



The "Cowboy Museum" was loaded with interesting and informative displays



The outdoor display at the **NC&WH** was particularly well done with life size sculptures and offering insights into the native American tribes of Oklahoma.

After the buffet dinner, we socialized and had group pictures taken.



The 1960's crew



The "Never Missed a Reunion" Club. Dave Saunders, Janie Bower-Hansen & Art Hansen



The 1970's crew



Hanging out in the Hospitality Room.

BUFFET DINNER MENU*

House Salad (Ranch & Italian dressings)



Herb Chicken



Grilled Flat Iron Steaks



Smoked Cheddar Gratin

Seasonal Vegetables



Carrot cake or Lemon Raspberry Cheesecake



*Stock photos from internet, not the actual.

FULL ITINARY 2026 REUNION, OMAHA, NE

Tuesday, September 22nd

1600—1900 Hotel Check-in/early registration in the Hospitality Suite. We can bring in our own food and beverages to this room.

Wednesday, September 23rd

0800—2100: Hospitality/Meeting Room OPEN for reunion registration and social time. No outside food or beverage may be brought into this room.

1000 Executive business meeting (open to all members, but expressly for the officers to discuss the agenda for the general business meeting, and reunion activities).

1700 General Business Meeting (if we have enough of the registered attendees available. If this meeting does not occur, the GBM will be scheduled for Saturday 0900).

Thursday September 24th

OMAHA TOUR DAY \$65

0930 Meet in hotel lobby

0945 Depart hotel

1000-1100 Joslyn Art Museum

1130 Lunch at Lauritzen Gardens Cafe

1215-1315 Tram ride through the Botanical Gardens

1330 Memorial Park

1415-1515 Boys Town

1515-1615 Omaha City Tour

1630 Return to Embassy Suites



Lauritzen Gardens Tram Ride

Friday 9/25/26

SAC and LINCOLN TOURS \$65

0830 Meet in hotel lobby

0845 Depart Hotel

0915-1015 SAC and Aerospace Museum

1100-1230 Haymarket in Lincoln for Lunch

1245-1345 Tour of the State Capital

1400 Sunken Gardens

1430 Depart Lincoln

1530 Vietnam Memorial

1600 Return to Embassy Suites



Sunken Gardens, Lincoln



Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Omaha

Saturday 9/26/26

0900 General Business Meeting (only if there was no business meeting on Wednesday).

1730 Social Hour and attendees' pictures

1830 Buffet dinner

**USS Benjamin Stoddert/Jupiter Association
General Business Meeting
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 8, 2025**

Business Manager Dan Hauschild announced the results of the Executive Officers election held online this summer.

President – Art Hansen
Vice President – Janie Hansen
Treasurer – Carole Bryan
Secretary – Dave Saunders

Meeting called to order by the Association
President Art Hansen

The group was led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Dan Hauschild

Members of the Executive committee were introduced: Art Hansen – President, Janie Hansen – Vice President, Carole Bryan – Treasurer, David Saunders – Secretary

Association members introduced themselves.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report read and accepted.
2024 minutes were read and accepted.

New Business:

2026 Reunion in Omaha, Nebraska

Art reported that he and Janie toured Omaha along with John and Jan Lekwa and Leo Biodrowski.

The reunion will be in late September or early October

Probably be at the Embassy Suites

Downtown

There will be at least two tours

1. Omaha to the SAC base and on to Lincoln
2. Joselyn Castle?

Casinos across the river

Art provided brochures for attractions in the Omaha area and a survey to help members give input to the selection of items of interest.

More data will be available as the schedule is firmed up.

2027 Discussion and vote on 2027 Reunion

The reunion will be in the eastern US
John Basolino looked into having the reunion in Annapolis, Maryland and it is his opinion that the costs of lodging and tours and the distance from the airport would be prohibitive. Charleston, South Carolina and Bangor, Maine were also suggested.

A vote was taken:

Annapolis – 5
Charleston – 24
Bangor – 0

With the choice of Charleston resident Marc Jacobs agreed to help with planning noting that a retired DD USS Laffy is available for tours.

Discussion of keeping Jupiter as co-members no call for a vote.

Discussion of looking to contact possible members.

Buses replace trolley in OKC.

Tour Bus out front 0900 tomorrow.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Passed unanimous.

Dave Saunders



Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial