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### MEMORIAL NOTICE

Mac McCandless sent notification that Dick Kint, the 2nd DDG22 skipper, passed away in Port Angeles, WA, on May 26.

**John Richard Kint (August 22, 1926 - May 26, 2011)**



John Richard Kint (known as Dick or Richard), a 30-plus-year resident of Cape George, died on May 26, 2011, in Port Angeles of natural causes. He was 84.

His last ship was the newest guided missile ship in the surface fleet, the USS Benjamin Stoddert, which had two deployments to Vietnam.

Under his command, the ship was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation and was named the Destroyer of the Year in the Seventh Fleet in 1967.

Mac attached two websites to read the obituaries. The photo and information comes from the first website; the second wouldn't open for us.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/peninsuladailynews/obituary.aspx?n=john-richard-kint&pid=151757215> and <http://www.usna-class49.org>.

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### MEMORIAL NOTICE

Michael S. Earnest, QM1(SW), USN ret. and Carole Bryan (Stoddert webmaster), sent this notice:

**Arthur William (Bill) Newlon, (June 3, 1919 - June 12, 2010)**



CDR Arthur William Newlon Jr.  
Photo thanks to Joe Myles.

Arthur William (Bill) Newlon, a 13-year resident of Annapolis and previously of Pasadena, Calif., died June 12, 2010 at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Capt. Newlon was the Commanding Officer of Benjamin Stoddert (DDG-22) from 12/1987 to 12/1989. The photo was found on Google Images.

A link to more information is:

[https://www.usna.com/SSLPage.aspx?rss=obits\\_arch&referrer=sub\\_obits&pid=10686](https://www.usna.com/SSLPage.aspx?rss=obits_arch&referrer=sub_obits&pid=10686)



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**JACKSONVILLE, FL**  
**Reunion Sep. 28 – Oct. 2, 2011**  
**Cutoff date for registration-Aug. 27, 2011**  
**Register NOW for the 2011 Reunion!!**

Registration forms are readily available on-line at <http://www.ddg22.com/>. Get your registration form in as soon as possible—it help the planners enormously. If you are not sure, please submit the preliminary reunion survey, also on-line, to help with planning.

The **sign in and registration desk** will open from 3:00 to 6:00 on Wednesday, September 28, 2011.

The **Hospitality Room** will open at noon on Wednesday and will stay open (except when closed for dinners) until noon Sunday. You can always find snacks, soft drinks, adult beverages, and often-times conversations with shipmates there. Bring photo albums, cruise books and memorabilia to share memories.

On Wednesday evening, dinner and evening activities are on your own. Take a free water taxi across the St. John's River to check progress on the Adams Class Ship Museum and visit the museum store, located in the Jacksonville Landing. Or mingle with shipmates in the Hospitality Room! There will be a 7:00 pm **reception** in the Hospitality Room on Wednesday evening.

Thursday will start with arrival and registration at 7:30-8:30 am and then the tour bus will depart at 9:00 for Veterans' Memorial Wall and Naval Station Mayport. This tour will cost \$60.00 per person. Included in this tour is lunch at the Officer's Club. At 4:30 pm the bus will return to the Crown Plaza Riverfront. At 6:00 pm we will enjoy a **buffet dinner**. Hawaiian and casual attire are welcome!

On Friday, Sept. 30, arrival and registration starts again from 7:30 – 8:30. At 9:00 the bus will leave for the St. Augustine tour. This \$90.00 per person tour will include the Mission of Nombre de Dios and the Castillo de San Marcos and then into St. Augustine for shopping, eating lunch (on our own), and enjoying the ambiance of southern lifestyle. The bus will return to the Crowne Plaza at 4:30, with the evening open. The Hospitality Room is usually pretty busy on this night!

Saturday morning will continue with arrival and registrations from 7:30 – 8:30. The business meeting will start at 8:30 (site to be posted in the Hospitality Room), and will continue until finished or 11:30 (whichever comes first!). The afternoon is free, but at 7:00 pm, we will gather for the **Island Luau Buffet**. There will be a cash bar, the 50-50 and annual raffle drawings.

On Sunday morning, the Hospitality Room will be open to gather photo albums and cruise books, exchange email addresses, and say fond farewells until noon.

**Crowne Plaza Riverfront Hotel information:**

JACKSONVILLE-RIVERFRONT  
1201 RIVERPLACE BLVD.  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207

**Front Desk:** 1-904-398-8800

Cancellation policy requires notifying the hotel by 6 pm 3 days prior to your reservation to cancel or change. Failure to cancel in time can cost one night's rate.

President Zorn has a **block of rooms** reserved at the Stoddert Reunion group rate of \$90 per night for a Standard sunset-view room (2 double, a queen, or king beds), \$100 per for the Standard river-view rooms, and for the Benjamin Stoddert discount! **The hotel staff advised to NOT call the 1-877 reservation number, but to call direct to the hotel to ensure your discount.**

The reunion discount rate is also offered for 3 days prior to and three days following the reunion, based on availability. When working up the budget for the trip, remember that the room rates do not include 13% in state and local taxes.

**Parking** is available both in self-service or valet parking. The self-serve is no additional charge (normally \$10 per day) for hotel guests. Valet parking is \$14 per day. There is limited RV parking at no additional charge—check with the hotel. Three RV parks are highlighted below.

The Crowne Plaza is just 15 miles from the Jacksonville Intl. Airport, but—according to the information provided by the hotel—it is a \$40 taxi ride, each way. There is also the Express Shuttle which goes to all the downtown hotels for \$35 each way. The most economical ride is to make a

River-view Junior Suites for \$140 per night. Be sure to ask reservation for the Express Shuttle through the Destination Planning Corp., which offers a \$20 ride each way. I'll try to get more precise information on this, but for now you might be able to get the reservation form by calling the hotel directly, or email [reservations@destinationplanning.com](mailto:reservations@destinationplanning.com)

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**Get in on the 50-50 Drawing**

We will be selling 50/50 drawing tickets right up to a few minutes before the drawing at the 2011 reunion banquet dinner, so if you didn't win in 2010, you can try again. Tickets will no longer be mailed out with newsletters; instead you need only send your check in along with some of those pesky return address labels that regularly appear in your mailbox. Our treasurer will take care of the funds and will even stick the address labels on the tickets. (Thank you, John, for doing this!!)

Remember, the drawing is always open to everyone, regardless of whether or not you attend the reunion. **You do not have to be present to win.** The winners who are not at the reunion will have a check mailed to him or her immediately after the reunion. Ticket sales for the 50-50 will continue until just before the drawing.

Help support our Benjamin Stoddert Association. If you want to purchase 50/50 tickets, simply mail \$10.00 for each 12 tickets to John Dishaw at the address below and include 12 address labels so we can place them on the tickets for you. Make your checks payable to USS Benjamin Stoddert Association and mail to:

John Dishaw  
3035 Charlotte Street  
Newbury Park, CA 91320

## STODDERT CHALLENGE COINS

According to Wikipedia, a **challenge coin** is a small coin or medallion (usually military), bearing an organization's insignia or emblem and carried by the organization's members. They are given to prove membership when challenged and to enhance morale.



John Dishaw has been working diligently with Eagle Crest, a source for officially licensed military products, to develop a Stoddert challenge coin that shipmates can carry with them or display proudly in the home or office.

The above design is initial artwork and may or may not be the final product.

The coins will be for sale at the 2011 reunion in Jacksonville (likely cost around \$10 each), so yet another good reason to attend.

## FACEBOOK your Stoddert Buddies

For those of you with some computer savvy, check out the USS Benjamin Stoddert Alumni DDG-22 Facebook page! You need to have a Facebook page yourself, and it's easy to do if you have an email address. At last count, there were 247 members on the alumni page, so you may find a buddy, or be able to find a lost buddy on that site because "someone knows something".

[USS Benjamin Stoddert Alumni, DDG-22](http://www.facebook.com/ussbenjaminstoddert) is the site on Facebook to check out!

## NavSource Naval History

This site had a lot of photographs (some from postcards) of the Stoddert:

<http://www.navsource.org/archives/05/01022.htm>

Check it out!

### Just for Laughs

A Senior Chief Boatswain Mate died while on duty, but his final duty station kept getting calls for him. "I'm sorry, he's dead," was the standard reply. Finally, someone realized it was the same caller every time, so the next time he called, he was asked "Why do you keep calling for him when you know he passed away?" He answered, "I served under him for 2 years and just like to hear it again."

Below is the **Adams Class Veterans Association** logo. Their website is:

<http://www.adamsclassddgvets.org/> which will keep you up-to-date with the creation of the Adams Class Museum.

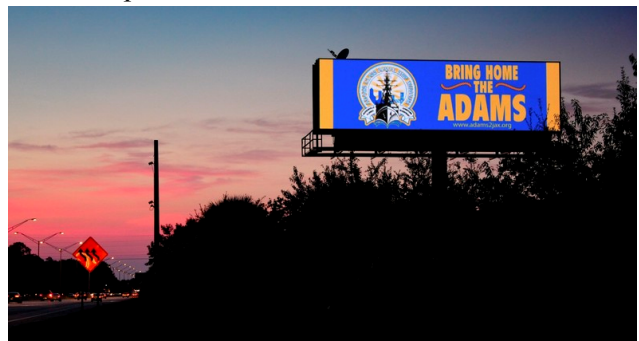


## ACVA (Adams Class Veterans Association) News

### Billboards in Jacksonville Now Advertise the ADAMS Class Museum

Digital billboards touting "Bring Home the Adams" are now in place at five locations around Jacksonville, Florida. The blue-and-gold digital boards state "Bring Home the Adams" and show the [www.Adams2Jax.org](http://www.Adams2Jax.org) web site address, along with the ADAMS Class Museum logo.

Here is a picture of one of the billboards!



We may see some of these when we are there for the reunion in Sept/Oct. 2011—yet another good reason to get those registrations submitted! You'll be able to visit the museum as well.

The ACVA Media and PR Committees are now working on radio and TV spots and a digital spot for the Internet.



This is what the Navy Seal team looked like when they went in to get Bin Laden. Things to notice: 50 caliber sniper on the right; knee, knuckle and forearm protection; various plastic/wire ties; absolute identity denial to protect their families; free choice of footwear. The fourth from the right has three artillery simulators and CS gas grenades on his belly. He's the 'shock and awe' guy. This is a group photo of Seal Team Six. . . and can you imagine the look on Bin Laden's face when these guys came through the door?

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