

2017 Reunion Memory Book - Order Form

For the reunion memory book we will have a professional photographer. Color photographs will be taken for your portraits. Portraits (5" x 7") will be available the night of the banquet for a cost to be determined. Rich will be producing the Memory Book and will have it printed commercially.

You are encouraged to send us candid photos taken at the reunion for possible inclusion in the 2017 Memory Book. The pictures shipmates submitted were a great help in producing the 2016 Portland, Maine Reunion Memory Book.

Whether you attend or not, you may order your personal copy of the book by enclosing your check in the amount of \$25.00 for each copy desired (includes postage). There are a few copies available of the Savannah 2010, San Antonio 2011, Mobile 2012, Boston 2013, San Diego 2014, Charleston 2015 and Portland 2016 Memory Books. These copies are also \$25.00.

There will also be an opportunity to have a group picture taken of CL-66 shipmates & CLG-7 Plank Owners. The cost is \$5.00 for each 5" x 7" color group picture, and will be mailed to you after the reunion.

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Please complete the order form below and return it **prior to August 7, 2017** with the proper amount.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, & ZIP+4 Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ email: _____

USS Springfield Bluejackets Inc. - 25th Reunion
September 7 - 10, 2017
The Embassy Suites, Memphis, Tennessee
PHOTO DATE - Evening of Saturday, September 9, 2017

Qty	Description	Unit \$	Total \$
	Photo Memory Book	\$25.00	
	<u>Group Picture</u> : CL-66 Plank Owners & CLG-7 Plank Owners	\$5.00	
	Note: Above prices include postage		
	Grand Total		

Make Check Payable to: USS Springfield Bluejackets, Inc.

Mail to: Keith Rivard, Treasurer, 160 Tommotley Dr, Loudon TN 37774-2120

You may also access this form online at www.usspringfield.org, click on reunion

USS Springfield CL-66 - History of Service - (from Wikipedia)

Springfield was laid down on 13 February 1943 by Bethlehem Steel Corp. at its Fore River yard, Quincy, Mass.; launched on 9 March 1944; co-sponsored by Mrs. Angelina Bertera of Springfield, Massachusetts, and Miss Norma McCurley of Springfield, Illinois; and commissioned on 9 September 1944 at Boston, Mass., Capt. Felix L. Johnson in command.

On 7 November, the light cruiser headed out of Boston harbor on her maiden voyage. Two days later, she put in at Norfolk, Va.; and, after several days of gunnery practice in the Chesapeake Bay, she started south for the British West Indies. The ship arrived in the Gulf of Paria, Trinidad, on the 21st and conducted shakedown training in that area during the following month. *Springfield* completed her shakedown training on 21 December and sailed back to Boston.

She steamed out of Boston again on 10 January 1945 to conduct further training exercises in the vicinity of Bermuda. At the completion of this assignment, *Springfield* cleared the area for Norfolk on the 13th. She remained in the Norfolk area and engaged in upkeep and gunnery drills in the Chesapeake Bay until 23 January. That morning, she weighed anchor and joined Task Group (TG) 21.5 off the entrance to Thimble Shoal Channel to accompany *Quincy* on the first leg of the heavy cruiser's voyage to Malta carrying President Roosevelt. There, the President would board a plane to take him to the Crimea for the "Big Three" conference at Yalta. On the 28th, at a point about 300 miles (480 km) south of the Azores, the ships of TG-21.5 were relieved by another group of American warships, and *Springfield* headed for the Panama Canal. She transited the canal on 5 February and arrived in Pearl Harbor on the 16th.

The light cruiser spent five days there taking on water, fuel, stores, and ammunition; and conducting antiaircraft gunnery practice before getting underway for the Western Pacific. She stopped at Eniwetok Atoll on 2 March and arrived at Ulithi Atoll on the 6th. *Springfield* stood out of Ulithi on 14 March and joined the Fast Carrier Task Force 58 on the next day. For the next two and one-half months, *Springfield* cruised with TF 58. After a raid on Kyūshū and Honshū on 18 and 19 March, the task force zeroed in on Okinawa. From 23 March until 1 April, the cruiser helped ward off enemy air attacks while the carriers launched their planes to weaken the island's defenses. On 27 and 28 March, the light cruiser herself joined in the softening-up operation as she brought her guns to bear on Minami Daito Shima.

After the assault of 1 April 1945, the carriers' role changed from one of preparation to one of support to the

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