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USS WILLIAM M. WOOD (DD 715/DDR 715) ASSOCIATION

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Shipmates,

Once again, I'd like to thank Tom Streza, John (Dizzy) Dzubak, and Metrus Messina for continuing on as vice president, secretary, treasurer and chaplain for the association. if you're looking at joining up or have membership questions please feel free to contact anyone one of us.

President: Jerry L. Chapman (4 years as President, 10 years as VP – 11 reunions attended)

I was transferred from the USS Noa DD-841 in 1972 (RM3) when the Wood was first deployed to its new home port of Athens Greece. I wasn't sure what I had volunteered for but, it turned out to be a great experience. The things that stuck with me the most was the trip to Rome, cruises to the Black Sea going by Istanbul and Capt. Tsantos harassing the Russian ships out on the Mediterranean Sea. After the Wood I was transferred to the Naval Radio Transmitter Facility in Annapolis Maryland where I was promoted to RM2 and left the Navy in 1976. Since the Navy I have worked at a 9-1-1 center and am now retired.

I married Nancy who gave me three wonderful children who in turn have given me six beautiful grandchildren. We currently live in South Elgin Illinois (along with a dog, cat and fostering a beautiful black lab).

We attended our first Wood reunion in Jacksonville Beach Fla where we toured a ship at the Mayport Naval Base (the Noa was homeported there). The next reunion was in Chicago where I helped with the reunion and I started getting involved in the association. I'm so glad I got involved then and wish I had gone to earlier reunions.

My hobbies are Ham radio (N9JLC) and camping. I am also a member of the American Legion and my local Civil Defense unit.

My nickname in the Navy was "Bear" which was given to me by my boot camp company commander, who was on the Wood when I reported aboard, and the name stuck with me the entire time I was in.

Vice President: Tom Streza (4 years VP – 11 reunions)

I joined the Naval Reserve on my 18th birthday. This got me out of a steel mill for a couple of years. I then went on active duty 17 DEC 64 and reported to the USS WOOD in Philly shipyard. We lived on barges for 5 months while she was undergoing FRAM conversion. I was assigned to the Deck Force doing PM's. Then after a shakedown cruise to GITMO GQ was sounded and we were sent to the Dominican Republic to help evacuate Americans from the area. I was then assigned to Ships Office where I was then placed in the Post Office as my duty station. I made 3rd class YN in '66 and left the Wood in June of that year. I was then transferred to the USS Wright CC2 for the remainder on my duty. Upon leaving the service I went back to the mill then to the US Post Office. Married in 68 had 3 kids, divorced and remarried to Sandy and been with her for 35 years. Retired in '07 on our palatial estate of 5 acres where we raised chickens, turkeys and goats. Have a pontoon boat that docked at Pymatuning Lake for the summer, good fishing. Been to 8 reunions and have helped with the golf outing and helped take care of the Hospitality room. Enjoy woodcrafts, which have been shown at several reunions

Secretary: John "Dizzy" Dzubak (4th year secretary – 1st year treasurer – 10 years as president – 19 reunions attended)

I joined the Navy right out of High School. Did my basic training at The Great Lakes Naval Training Center and matriculated immediately to "A" school for MM. Arrived on board the Wood February, 1966 and loved it so much that they had to push me off in February, 1969. In 1969, I was employed by PPG and at the same time I earned my BA from California, PA. When PPG moved to Canada in 1994 I went back to school and earned a degree in Computer Science. I have a son and daughter from a 1st marriage and a daughter from a 2nd marriage. At this time, I am single and enjoying retirement. I have seen many mates at the reunions and as we get older I am starting to see less. This reunion at Fall River Mass will be great as we will get to see the Captains Boat from the original Wood. Stripped from her while at the yards before she was sunk by a few harpoon missiles to make a reef in the waters off Puerto Rico..Hoping to see many mates this cruise to Fall Rivers and am enjoying my retirement but the days seem to go faster when you retire. Hmmm to all that.

From our business meeting:

We donated \$500 to The Tin Can Sailors, Inc. \$500 for USS LAFHEY and \$500 USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY JR museum ships for a total of \$1,500.

Fall River MA is still on tap for the 2020 reunion where we'll use a reunion planner.

We voted to have our 2021 reunion in Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge Tennessee. Entertain an event planner for last week of Sept or First week in October.

We voted to have our 2022 reunion in West Point New York.. Entertain an event planner for last week of Sept or First week in October

Jeff Siconolfi volunteered and was appointed Membership Director.

We acknowledged Randy Markoff, Herbert Dolch Jr. and George Siedman as first time attendees of the Wood Reunion.

A brief look at the reunion in Ocean City:

The memorial was held on the balcony of the hotel overlooking the Atlantic. We found a veterans memorial park in a neighboring town and we placed the flowers there. As always, it's tough to say goodbye to our shipmates who have passed on.

The buffet and raffle was tremendous where valuable treasures were given out!! We've limited the number of times a person could win which is twice.

Even though there were a couple of glitches we overcame them and had a great time.

Please see the pictures from the Ocean City reunion on our web site www.DD715.org.

We are looking forward to the 24th Wood reunion September 30th to October 4th 2020 in Warwick RI. (Fall River/Boston)

This year we will start our reunion on Wednesday September 30th instead of Thursday with a trip to Battleship Cove where we'll have lunch on the USS Massachusetts (BB-59). We will be touring Battleship Cove on two different days. There is a lot to be seen there. On Friday we were invited by the DD-850 crew to spend much of the day on the J.P. Kennedy Jr. DD-850 as the destroyer is very similar to the Wood. This ship has some Wood artifacts on board. We will be also holding our memorial and luncheon on the ship.

Please go to our web site WWW.DD715.org for the listing of hotel and event information. As always, we are looking for volunteers and lead future reunions – please consider it and get in touch with me.

Also, at this time I am going to ask for volunteers to help in the hospitality room. Please consider this so that one person is not doing it by themselves.

Here comes the plagiarizing from previous president letters:

Annual Dues - Once again it is that time of year when we ask that you continue your generosity in supporting the Wood Association (a tax exempt nonprofit 501 c19 veteran's organization) by your contribution of annual dues of \$10.00. Your checks should be made out to the Wood Association and sent to the Treasurer, John Dzubak 79108 Vermont Way, Greensburg, PA 15601 When you send in your dues payment, if you pay for more than one year (multiples of \$10.00), please tell John which years you want credited. Your annual dues contributions keep the Willy Wood underway, steaming to new ports each year for reunions as well as providing information to shipmates regarding activities and whereabouts of shipmates on our roster. In addition, contribution of dues makes you an "Active" member of the Association entitling you to participate in the annual business meetings, running for office, and voting at the annual business meetings. If you have not yet become an "Active" Wood Association member, or have let your active membership sail off into the sunset, please become/renew your membership by sending in your dues contribution. We look forward to seeing you at future reunions and thank you for your generosity.

We have enclosed a schedule of dues status for the current “Active” shipmates who have been making dues contributions in recent years. This schedule reflects what is in our records regarding recent dues contributions from you. The schedule shows names in alpha order and the year your dues are paid up through. Our policy is to keep shipmates “Active” for 3 years from the last year of a dues contribution, as some shipmates send in multiple years’ contributions and then no contribution for a few years, and then send in multiple years again, etc.

If you have been dropped you can be reinstated as an “Active” simply by making a dues payment and mailing to John {Dizzy} Dzubak at address top of page one. We would love to have you back aboard. Hoping to see and speak to as many of you as possible at the Fall Creek reunion. Please considering coming - you won’t regret it!

Best Wishes,

Jerry L. Chapman

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President
USS William M. Wood DD/DDR-715 Association



**USS William M Wood DD/DDR-715
24th Annual Reunion
Fall Creek Massachusetts
September 29 – October 4, 2020**



Itinerary

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

0730 to 0830 Breakfast in hospitality room
0915 Depart for Battleship Cove
1000 Arrive for visit of Battleship Cove
1200 Lunch on the Battleship USS Massachusetts BB-59
1500 Leave Battleship Cove
1600 Hospitality room open – will have light appetizer available for those in hospitality room
Dinner on your own

Cost: \$94.00

Thursday, October 1, 2020

0730 to 0830 Breakfast in hospitality room
0900 Depart for Boston
1000 Guided 2-hour Trolley Tour of Boston
1230 Lunch at Joe's American Bar & Grill Waterfront
1430 Depart Boston
1800 Welcome Reception – Pizza Buffet and Raffle

Cost: \$146.75

Friday, October 2, 2020

0730 to 0830 Breakfast in hospitality room
0915 Depart for Battleship Cove
1000 Arrive for Visit Battleship Cove
Memorial Service on the Kennedy
1200 Lunch on the J P Kennedy Jr DD-850
1500 Leave Battleship Cove
Dinner on your own - Nighttime Free

Cost: \$48.00

Saturday, October 3, 2020

0730 to 0830 Breakfast in hospitality room
1400 Business Meeting
1800 Banquet –
Plated Dinner Duo – Choose 2 options: Chicken in Herb Butter, Baked New England Scrod with Lemon Beurre Blanc, or 8 oz Sirloin with Roasted Shallot Demi Glaze.

Cost: \$52.00

Sunday, October 4, 2020

0730 to 0830 Breakfast in hospitality room
1100 Check out

Gratuities: All applicable taxes and restaurant gratuities are included except driver, step on guide and housekeeper gratuities. These gratuities are offered at the discretion of the attendees and are not required.

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2020 Active Crew List

Last Name	First Name	Dues to	Last Name	First Name	Dues to	Last Name	First Name	Dues to
Abraham	Steven A.	2018	Darner	Larry R.	2021	Hawks {PO}	Charlie	2020
Adams	Norman	2021	Daubenspeck	Harold	2018	Hayes	Billy V.	2018
Albrecht	Irwin	2019	Davis	Clifford	2021	Herl	Russell N.	2022
Andersen	Harry T.	2020	Davis	Arley	2020	Hoffman	Gary L.	2020
Anrig	Bruce	2021	Davis	Douglas R.	2019	Hohn (PO)	Thomas J.	2023
Barker	William J.	2019	Davis	Ira N.	2019	Hohner	Clarence	2021
Bartels	Ferdinand	2023	Degonish	Mark	2017	House	Arthur	2018
Barthes	Francis J	2021	Dennison	Frederick	2020	Hudgins	James C.	2023
Beadle	Gilbert	2022	Deyo	Bill	2024	Humes	George P.	2017
Bee	Joe	2025	Didomenick	Stephen	2025	Hutmacher	John S.	2022
Bercel	John R.	2020	Djerf	Richard K	2017	Jedra	Henry	2019
Beyerle	Dana	2019	Dolch Jr	Herbert M	2020	Jones, Jr.	Malone	2020
Bieber	Charles R.	2020	Drennon	Michael W.	2019	Kelley	Gene	2020
Billhimer	Joseph	2021	Dzubak	John	2021	Kerniskey	Don (Ski)	2019
Bistoff	Jim	2023	Eastlack	Frank	2025	King	William	2018
Bittner	Doug	2023	Edelblute	Gerald	2020	Koch	Don L	2020
Black	Gary	2020	Eichelberger	Jeanne	2019	Kostuck	Jimmie J.	2020
Both	John	2018	Eklund	David	2021	Krisanda	David A.	2019
Breaux	Silver	2021	Elsesser	James	2020	Kuss	Russell	2018
Buchanan	Tony	2024	Fitzgerald	Laurence	2018	Lagerman	Daniel P.	2020
Bullington	Gene	2020	Flinner	William	2020	Large	Jerry	2018
Burnett	Lynda	2017	Foco	Robert D.	2021	Laswell	Larry	2019
Byrne	Richard	2021	Foos	Gary	2020	Lauten	David H.	2025
Caminiti	Anthony	2021	Frase	Lawrence	2018	Laux	Bill	2021
Carawan	Thomas R.	2019	Friend	George C	2020	Lawless	Edward	2021
Castiola	Ed	2019	Frohbose	John H.J	2021	Leon,Sr	William K.	2023
Cathcart	Charles	2020	Gausman	Russell	2022	Lewis	Richard A.	2017
Cattles	W. Roger	2018	Gdula	Bernard J.	2021	Lindsay	Gene	2017
Chalk	John	2021	Gill	Jim	2022	Lorenz	Roger	2020
Chapman	Jerry	2021	Gill	Donald K.	2021	Loveless	Michael F.	2017
Christenson	Chris	2022	Gleason	Paul	2022	Lusher	Jim	2021
Clark	Gary R.	2020	Gluse	Michael R	2023	Markoff	Randall B.	2019
Clem	Neil R.	2021	Gormley	Thomas	2021	Marshall	Mike	2017
Climer	Patrick	2020	Gosewisch	Mark	2020	Masciandaro	Vincent PO	2019
Collins	Michael C.	2018	Graf	Donald V.	2022	Mawn	Kevin M.	2020
Cooley	Tom	2020	Grant	Ronald W.	2019	Mayrose	Dennis A.	2023
Copper	Walter L.	2020	Grant	Lysle E.	2017	McAuley	Denis	2019
Corcoran	Ronald	2022	Grapatin	Ron	2020	McAuliffe	Robert	2019
Cornwall	John	2021	Green	Robert L	2023	McCall	Joseph A.	2018
Counts	James L.	2022	Griffeth	Jim	2020	McCurdy	Walter R.	2020
Counts	Ed	2019	Guzman	Roman	2020	McDaniel	Melvin R.	2023
Crews	Larry D.	2020	Haldeman	John	2022	McDonaldPO	Robert	2017
Cunningham	Bob	2020	Hansen	Chuck	2018	McGee, III	Harry	2020
Cutler	Mark	2019	Hansen	Wayne L.	2018	McKee	Hal R	2021
Darley	Dwayne W.	2017	Hartnett	Joseph M.	2020	McLain	Bobby	2021

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Mercer	Jay	2018	Smith	James (Jim)	2024
Messina	Metrus	2021	Smith	Don	2017
Michel	John T	2025	Smith	Orville L.	2017
Miller	Steven L	2023	Solt	Dale E.	2024
Miller	Ronnie	2020	Sours	M. W.	2018
Miller	Stephen B.	2019	Southgate	Ronald W.	2020
Milo	Ralph	2020	St. Clair	O. Dean	2020
Moeller	Michael D.	2020	Startzel	Charles W.	2018
Moenck	Dean	2022	Stein	Bill	2021
Moisuk	Ron	2019	Stevens	David T.	2020
Morris	Gene R	2020	Stewart	Harry R.	2023
Mugerauer	Laurie E.	2023	Stokes	John W.	2017
Murphy	Thomas	2024	Stover	Monty	2020
Myers	Lewis G.	2020	Straughan	Louis (Ed)	2018
Neal	David	2019	Streza	Tom	2023
Odegaard	Thomas J	2021	Stuart	Jon	2018
Olszewski	Jesse	2021	Stucke	Paul E.	2020
O'Reilly	Charles. W.	2022	Sturtevant	Keith A.	2021
Palanca	Nick R	2021	Sutherland	Donald B	2020
Pattan	William M.	2022	Symolon	Walter C	2019
Pattan	Charles W.	2019	Tedrow	Clifford	2020
Paul	Robin	2018	Theel	Robert	2020
Phelps	Claud	2025	Tillie	Charles R.	2017
Pickenpough	Dan	2019	Tracy	Lisa	2019
Powell	Dee	2021	Trebon	Ron	2019
Presley	Herman	2017	Trenholm	George R.	2020
Rae	Dominic	2023	Tucker	Elbert R.	2023
Ramsey	Dan	2022	Vanderbosch	Steven W	2020
Ramsey	Robert W.	2022	Walters	Jack J.	2020
Reda	Richard	2021	Walters	Jim	2020
Reeve	Alan	2021	Warlick	Joseph D.	2024
Resser	Mike	2020	Webber	Kenneth G	2020
Reyna	Ron	2019	Wedel	Kenneth	2020
Riede	Paul	2020	Winnett	Howard	2018
Rogers	Olson C	2021	Woodard	Norman	2018
Rohrbough	John D	2019	Wynn	Harry J	2019
Rollberg	Raymond	2017	Yanasak	David	2020
Sales	Chuck	2018	Zielinski	Frank	2022
Seidman	George	2021	Zimmerman	Paul J	2020
Sexton	Donald	2021	Zitlow	Brian	2019
Shackley	Jim	2020			
Shoaf	Clifford	2020			
Shoemaker	Gene L	2020			
Shore	Kenneth D.	2020			
Siconolfi	Jeff	2023			
Smith	Larry L.	2024			



REGISTRATION

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Office: (417)338-4048
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Event DATE: September 29-October 4, 2020
Location: Falls River, MA

REUNION NAME: USS William M wood

Reunion Planner: Jerry Chapman
Planner Phone #: 847-931-7591
Planner Email: dd715pres@yahoo.com

Host Hotel: Crowne Plaza hotel Warwick
801 Greenwich Avenue. | Warwick, RI 02886
Phone: 401-732-6000

Call Crowne Plaza Hotel Warwick (401) 732-6000 for room reservations and **mention you are with USS William M Wood.** The room rate is \$155.68 (tax included). Room rate will be available 3 days prior and after reunion dates, based on availability. Rooms not reserved by August 1st, 2020 will be dropped from the group block.

Veterans Name:		Years Served:	Rank:
Guest Name:			
Address:		City:	State & Zip:
Email:		Phone:	
Dietary Restrictions:		Are you able to do steps on Motorcoach: Y / N	Wheelchair Access? Yes / No

If you are **not** attending Battleship Cove on Wednesday and Friday, please check here ☐

*Price will be adjusted accordingly

# of Ppl attending	Event <i>All include: transportation, escort, tax and gratuities</i>	price per person	TOTAL
	Weds – Battleship Cove, Lunch on Battleship and Welcome Reception	\$94.00	
	Thursday – Boston Trolley City Tour, Lunch in Boston, Dinner at hotel	\$146.75	
	Friday – Battleship Cove, Lunch on the Kennedy	\$48.00	
	Saturday – Banquet (Please mark meal choice below. Choose 2) Meal Choice: Chicken in Herb Butter _____ Baked New England Scrod with Lemon Beurre Blanc _____ 8 oz Sirloin with Roasted Shallot Demi Glaze _____	\$52.00	
	Cancellation Protection Plan (optional per person) – allows Individuals to cancel up to 72 business hours prior to groups arrival	\$19.95	

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A minimum of 50% of your package total is due by July 24, 2020 and final payment by August 24, 2020

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