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

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Shipmates,

I, along with the other members of the Association's Executive Committee (Tom Streza – Vice President; John “Dizzy” Dzubak – Treasurer; John Michel – Secretary; and Metrus “Dee” Messina – Chaplain), are praying that all of our shipmates and their families, loved ones, and friends are healthy and safe. The novel corona virus pandemic is wrecking a horrible toll on our citizens, our country, and our economy. We would like to send a huge thank-you and Bravo Zulu to all the front-line health workers, medical personnel, store clerks, and postal workers who are laboring tirelessly trying to keep our lives as close as possible to what they were before the pandemic hit. For those in our community who have been stricken – Godspeed in your recovery; and to those who are unemployed, we hope that you get re-employed as quickly as possible. Our 2021 Reunion is once again planned for the Boston, MA area, with a special visit to the USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY JR. (DD-850), a Gearing-class destroyer and sister ship to our own “Willie Wood.” Event descriptions, agendas, and the registration form are included with this letter. I know that all of us were disappointed that we had to cancel the 2020 reunion due to the pandemic. I'm sure that we are all looking forward to our 2021 reunion where we will be able to meet and laugh and tell sea stories with our shipmates. However (and at this point, that's possibly a very big “however”) please be patient and understanding if the health and safety of us all dictates that we have to cancel another reunion.

Here is some brief information about our Association officers. We are looking for a membership chairperson. If you are interested please contact me.

President: Jerry L. Chapman (13 years on Executive Committee – 9 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. 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. My wife Nancy and I have three wonderful children and five beautiful grandchildren. We currently live in South Elgin, Illinois (along with a dog and cat).

We attended our first Wood reunion in Jacksonville Beach, Florida. 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.

Vice President: Tom Streza (3 years on Executive Committee – 9 reunions)

I joined the Naval Reserve on my 18th birthday. I 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 made YN3 in 1966 and left the Wood in June of that year. I was then transferred to the USS WRIGHT (CC-2) for the remainder on my duty. Upon leaving the service I went back to the mill then to the US Post Office. I have three kids from my first marriage. My second wife, Sandy, and I have been together 35 years. Retired in 2007 on our palatial estate of 5 acres where we raise chickens, turkeys, and goats. I've been to 9 reunions and have helped with the golf outing and taking care of the Hospitality Room. I enjoy woodcrafts, which have been shown at several reunions

Secretary: John "Dizzy" Dzubak (13 years on Executive Committee – 17 reunions attended)

I joined the Navy right out of High School. Did my basic training at Recruit Training Command – Great Lakes and matriculated immediately to “A” school for Machinist Mate. I arrived on board the Wood in 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. 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. My last daughter has finally become a veterinarian. I am currently single and enjoying the heck out of my retirement, but days seem to go by much faster in retirement. My hobbies are playing the guitar and collecting stamps and silver. Hmmm to all that.

Treasurer: John Michel (8 years on Executive Committee – 9 reunions attended)

I earned a BA degree from George Mason College, Fairfax, VA in 1970 and enlisted in the Navy in August of that year. After EM "A" school, I came back East and worked aboard the USS SIERRA (AD-18) out of Norfolk. I got a CO's recommendation for OCS in Newport, RI. After OCS, I went to Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, GA. From Athens, GA I was assigned to the Wood homeported in Athens, Greece. I got out of the Navy upon departing the Wood in January, 1975, returning to a career-long job with the Department of Defense as a civilian working with various aspects of the Defense Acquisition Workforce and various assignments within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics). I retired in 2005 with over 40 year's total federal service.

From our business meeting:

Since we did not have our 2020 reunion, we were unable to have a business meeting. However, in keeping with our Association's continuing support for the “tin can” fleet, the Executive Committee voted to make our annual donation of \$1,500 for The Tin Can Sailors, Inc. specifying \$500 each for USS LAFHEY and USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY JR museum ships, and \$500 for TCS – General Fund.

Financially our Association is doing well, but please take a look at the list showing shipmates and

what years their dues are paid through. If you are able and if your dues are more than 3 years past (meaning you are not an active member), please try to become an active member of the Association again. **SPOILER ALERT:** There's a commercial in five, four,

We are looking forward to the 24th Wood reunion in 2021 in Boston, MA. Please go to our web site WWW.DD715.org for the listing of hotel and event information. As always we are looking for shipmates who are willing to volunteer and lead future reunions – please consider it and get in touch with me. If you don't have access to the "web", information will be forthcoming in the mail.

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.

Annual Dues – OK I warned you! Here's the commercial - 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 "Dizzy" 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 Willie 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 start/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 above. We would love to have you back aboard. Hoping to see and speak to as many of you as possible at the Boston, Massachusetts reunion. Please consider; 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
Falls River Massachusetts
September 28 – October 3, 2020**



Itinerary

5 Nights Lodging at Crowne Plaza – Warwick, RI

Arrive: 9/28/2021 Depart: 10/3/2021

Breakfast Buffet Served in Hospitality room daily

Free Airport Shuttle

Hospitality Room available for entire stay – outside food and drinks, include alcohol, are allowed. Hospitality room will be open at 4pm on arrival day

Price Per Night: \$155.68

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Breakfast in hospitality room – served from 7:30 am to 8:30 am

09:15 AM Depart for Battleship Cove

10:00 AM Arrive for visit of Battleship Cove – purchased 2-day pass

12:00 PM Lunch on the Battleship

03:00 PM Leave Battleship Cove

Hospitality room open – will have light appetizer served for those in hospitality room

Cost: \$94.00

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Breakfast in hospitality room – served from 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Motor coach transportation to Boston

Leave for Boston at 9am

10:00 AM Guided 2-hour Trolley Tour of Boston

12:30 PM Lunch at Joe's American Bar & Grill Waterfront

Depart Boston at 2:30 PM

06:00 PM Welcome Reception – Pizza Buffet and Raffle

Cost: \$146.75

Friday, October 1, 2021

Breakfast in hospitality room – served from 7:30 am to 8:30 am

09:15 AM Depart for Battleship Cove

10:00 AM Arrive for Visit Battleship Cove

12:00 PM Lunch on the Kennedy

03:00 PM Leave Battleship Cove

Nighttime Free

Cost: \$48.00

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Breakfast in hospitality room – served from 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Business Meeting at 1400

06:00 PM 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 3, 2021

Breakfast in hospitality room – served from 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Check out at 11am

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.



June 2, 2020

USS William M. Wood DD-715 Association c/o: Jerry
Chapman

Dear Mr. Chapman,

I wanted to personally reach out and thank the USS William M. Wood DD-715 shipmates for the continued support of the USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. DD-850 along with the most recent donation of \$500. As a Gearing class Destroyer and Memorial to all destroyer sailors who served our great nation, we are honored to be able to be a home to all of you and represent the USS William M. Wood DD-715 aboard every day.

The JPK and museum as a whole relies heavily on donations to support our preservation work and maintain the ship as a memorial. Frankly, we cannot do the work we are doing without your support.

2020 is the 75th anniversary of the majority of our Gearing class Destroyers entering the US Navy Fleet. We celebrate along with you the 75th of WILLIAM M. WOOD and her great service to the United States. We will not let her be forgotten.

We hope you all remain in contact and visit with us soon so we can show you the ship. The USS William M. Wood DD-715 shipmates are ALWAYS welcome aboard!

Thank you again on behalf of the museum and all destroyer sailors. My Best

Regards,

Richard Angelini
Vice President, Board of Directors
USS Massachusetts Memorial Committee, Inc

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2020 Active Crew List

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

Morris	Gene R	2023	Stewart	Harry R.	2023
Mugerauer	Laurie E.	2023	Stover	Monty	2021
Murphy	Thomas	2024	Straughan	Louis (Ed)	2018
Myers	Lewis G.	2022	Streza	Tom	2023
Neal	David	2024	Stuart	Jon	2018
Odegaard	Thomas J	2021	Stucke	Paul E.	2023
Olson	Randy	2022	Sturtevant	Keith A.	2021
Olszewski	Jesse	2021	Sullivan	Gerard	2021
O'Reilly	Charles. W.	2022	Sutherland	Donald B	2020
Palanca	Nick R	2025	Symolon	Walter C	2019
Pattan	William M.	2022	Tedrow	Clifford	2023
Pattan	Charles W.	2019	Theel	Robert	2020
Paul	Robin	2018	Tracy	Lisa	2020
Phelps	Claud	2025	Trebon	Ron	2019
Pickenpaugh	Dan	2021	Trenholm	George R.	2020
Powell	Dee	2021	Tucker	Elbert R.	2023
Presley	Herman	2022	Vanderbosch	Steven W	2020
Rae	Dominic	2023	Walters	Jack J.	2020
Ramsey	Dan	2022	Walters	Jim	2020
Ramsey	Robert W.	2022	Warlick	Joseph D.	2024
Reda	Richard	2021	Webber	Kenneth G	2020
Reeve	Alan	2021	Wedel	Kenneth	2020
Resser	Mike	2020	Winnett	Howard	2018
Reyna	Ron	2019	Woodard	Norman	2018
Riede	Paul	2020	Wyant	Charles	2025
Rogers	Olson C	2021	Wynn	Harry J	2020
Rohrbough	John D	2020	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	2025			
Shore	Kenneth D.	2020			
Siconolfi	Jeff	2023			
Slattery, Jr.	Bill	2021			
Smith	Larry L.	2024			
Smith	James (Jim)	2024			
Smith	Don	2021			
Solt	Dale E.	2024			
Sours	M. W. "Joe"	2018			
Southgate	Ronald W.	2020			
St. Clair	O. Dean	2023			
Startzel	Charles W.	2018			
Stein	Bill	2021			
Stevens	David T.	2020			

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REUNION NAME: USS WILLIAM M WOOD

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REGISTRATION

EVENT DATE: SEPTEMBER 28/OCTOBER 3, 2021

LOCATION: FALLS RIVER, MA

HOST HOTEL: CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

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, 2021 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 ALL INCLUDE: TRANSPORTATION, ESCORT, TAX AND GRATUITIES	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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