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

www.dd715.org

Shipmates,

Once again, I'd like to thank Tom Streza, John (Dizzy) Dzubak, John Michel 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. Larry Smith volunteered to be the ships historian if you have anything historical please contact him at Bcsmith1@comporium.net or 803.325.3027.

We are also looking for a membership chairperson.. If you are interested please contact me.

About our association officers.

President: Jerry L. Chapman (3 years as President, 10 years as VP – 10 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. Tstantos 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 and cat).

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 (3rd year VP – 10 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. I am currently married to Sandy for 36 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 10 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 (3rd year secretary – 10 years as president – 18 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 the last daughter has graduated and finally a veterinarian. My hobbies are playing the guitar and stamp and silver collecting and I am enjoying my retirement but the days seem to go faster when you retire. Hmmm to all that.

Treasurer: John Michel (3 years treasurer – 5 years as Secretary – 10 reunions attended)

I graduated from George Mason College, Fairfax, VA in 1970 and enlisted in the Navy in August of that year. After "A" school, I came back to the Atlantic Coast as a push-button EM3 aboard the USS SIERRA (AD-18) out of Norfolk. I found that I liked being in the Navy and, since I had my Bachelor's degree, I applied for and got a Commanding Officer's recommendation for OCS in Newport, RI. After OCS, I went to Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, GA. From Athens, GA I flew over to meet the WILLIAM M. WOOD (DD-715) which at that point had already transited the Atlantic and was homeported in Athens, Greece. My experiences living in Greece and serving onboard the Willie Wood were magnificent and I will never forget them. That being said, 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:

We donated \$1500 to The Tin Can Sailors, Inc. with \$500 going to USS LAFFEY and USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY Jr. each and to Tin Can Sailors. Museum ship General Fund

We voted to have our 2019 reunion in Ocean City, MD.

We voted to have our 2020 reunion in Fall River {Boston}, Mass. Entertain an event planner for last week of Sept or First week in October.

Please see the pictures from the 2017 San Antonio, Texas reunion on our web site www.DD715.org.

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 Michel 811 S. Oak Street Arlington, VA 22204. 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 Michel 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 Ocean City, Maryland 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



The hotel and reservation phone number:

Dunes Manor
2800 Baltimore Ave
Ocean City, MD 21842
Phone: (410)-289-1100

Welcome to the 2019 reunion of the USS William M Wood! Please join us for an exciting time in Ocean City, MD! We know you will have a wonderful time sharing the experience with old and new friends. Each room includes a 46" HDTV, mini fridge, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, bath products and Starbucks coffee. The hotel offers an oceanfront verandah with rocking chairs, afternoon tea from 3pm-4pm, piano entertainment, heated indoor/outdoor pool, hot tub, and a sundeck. The Ocean City Boardwalk is one block away as well! For onsite dining there are a couple of options. First is The Victorian Room, open all day for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. This restaurant offers something for everyone and has amazing ocean views for you to enjoy while you dine. Or you can visit Zippy Lewis Lounge. This option has drinks and light food for time spent relaxing with your fellow shipmates. We hope you enjoy your stay!

Be sure to call the hotel directly for your reservations. Tell them you are with the USS William M Wood Reunion to get the **discounted rate of \$139 plus tax. This includes two passes per room per day for breakfast. Parking is complimentary, please check with hotel for oversized vehicles.** For more information please visit the website at <https://www.dunesmanor.com/> Please inform the hotel if you need a handicapped accessible room. Hotel Reservations must be made prior to **September 16th, 2019** to guarantee space and rate. Reservations made after this date will be on a space available basis and the discounted rate will not be guaranteed. Rates are good for 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion. We look forward to seeing you!

The only local airport is Salisbury Airport that is only served by American Airlines. Taxi service from the airport to the hotel is \$60. If you wish to fly into any other airport you can rent a car far cheaper than a shuttle

We ask for your own safety that someone accompanies you on your trip or that you ensure your family is aware of your traveling plans. Please provide us with the name and phone number of someone not attending to be contacted in case of emergency. Thank you.

Cancellation Refund Policy: Complete refunds will be sent 30 days before the reunion minus \$17 of the processing fee per person. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER September 16th, 2019.

All tours must achieve the minimum (30) number in order to complete the tour. Gratuities for the driver and guide are included. We need all attendees to understand that the cutoff date of September 16th, 2019 is primarily to assure the minimum number for tours. **IT IS NOT A CUT OFF DATE THAT MEANS YOU CAN NO LONGER SIGN UP FOR THE REUNION.** Please be aware that if you decide on-site that you want to take a tour, it will be based on space available on the coach.

The hospitality room will be open starting Wednesday October 16th, 2019 and continuing throughout the reunion

Agenda

All tours include transportation, guide (when applicable) and entrance fees. Meals are included only if indicated. Tours will board approximately 15 minutes prior to the departure times listed here. Check signs available at the registration desk in case of changes.

Wednesday October 16, 2019

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Check in
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Welcoming Wine and Cheese reception

3:00 pm Hospitality room open

Thursday October 17, 2019

11:00 am – 3:00 pm **Tour #1 Seacrets Distilling Company \$24 (Includes transportation and tour)**



Must be 21+ for the tour, please bring a valid ID.

This is an award-winning distillery that opened in 2016. They make a variety of flavored vodkas, spiced rum, gin, bourbon whiskey and American whiskey. Take a tour through the distillery to see the process from grain to spirit. The tour ends in the Speakeasy Tasting Room where you get to sample 3 spirits of your choice!

6:30 pm **Welcome Reception & Raffle**

Pizza and Subs will be catered by Piezanno's Pizza.

Friday October 18, 2019

9:30 am – 2:30 pm **Tour #2 Berlin Main Street \$17 (Includes transportation)**



Come visit one of the coolest small towns in America! The Main Street has over 50 retail shops and 10 restaurants for you to explore! Enjoy lunch on your own at a restaurant of your choice along Main Street. There are 47 structures on the National Historic Register for you to explore history in this small town..

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Tour #3 Ocean Downs Casino \$20 (Includes transportation)

Enjoy a night out at the casino for some fun! This casino boasts over 70,000 square feet of gaming including table games and slots! There are also races that take place at the casino. Dinner on your own at one of the many options at the casino! Dine N Dash is quick service for soups and sandwiches. Pacers is open during the live racing and offers a full view of the races along with casual American fare. Poseidon's Pub is 21+ and



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they offer a full drink and food menu. The Clubhouse Turn offers burgers, wings, and other snacks while you can watch the races.

Saturday October 19, 2019

9:00 am

Memorial Service

10:30 am – 1:00 pm

Explore the Ocean City Boardwalk (\$3 per person to board the tram, walking is free)

The Ocean City Boardwalk is just one block from the hotel and is an iconic attraction along the Eastern seaboard.

You can see what it has to offer as you walk this beautiful three-mile-long boardwalk.

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Association Business Meeting

5:00 pm

Pictures

The onsite coordinator from ACR is a professional photographer and will have an area set up for group shots – large group, small groups, couples – whatever you want. She does not charge your group or ACR anything to be onsite and manage the entire reunion. Nor does she require a minimum amount. She makes her money for this event by the pictures sold. She puts out the pictures before the banquet, you order whatever you want, they are printed during the banquet and can be picked up and taken with you as you leave. The large group shot is \$20 for an 8 X 10, others are less. (She does many of the pictures for the Air Force Academy, schools and special events in the Colorado Springs & Denver area)

6:30 pm

Banquet

Dinner will be a choice of Filet Mignon, 8 oz hand trimmed center cut filet topped with a roasted mushroom cap and thin demi-glace, Chicken Marsala, lightly floured and pan seared chicken breast topped with a shitake mushroom and marsala wine sauce, or Crab Cakes, signature award winning jumbo lump crab cakes. Each meal will be served with a mixed green salad topped with nuts and dried berries, green bean almondine, and a twice baked potato. NY style cheesecake with chocolate or cherry topping for dessert.

Sunday October 20, 2019

Check out

*****For more info on what to see on your free time in OC check out www.exploreoc.com*****

2019 Active Crew List

Last Name	First Name	Active	Last Name	First Name	Active	Last Name	First Name	Active
Abraham	Steven A.	2018	Copper	Walter L.	2020	Gluse	Michael R	2018
Adams	Ronald	2016	Corcoran	Ronald	2019	Gormley	Thomas	2019
Adams	Steven R.	2016	Cornwall	John	2018	Gosewisch	Mark	2020
Albrecht	Irwin	2018	Counts	James L.	2022	Graf	Donald V.	2017
Allen	Peter T.	2016	Counts	Ed	2019	Grant	Ronald W.	2019
Anrig	Bruce	2021	Cranford	W. H. (Hank)	2016	Grant	Lysle E.	2017
Asher	Joe	2016	Crews	Larry D.	2020	Grapatin	Ron	2020
Ashley, Jr.	Glyn F.	2016	Cunningham	Bob	2020	Green	Robert L	2018
Barker	William J. "Bill"	2019	Cutler	Mark	2019	Griffeth	Jim	2020
Barnes	Paul D.	2016	Darley	Dwayne W.	2017	Guzman	Roman	2020
Bartels	Ferdinand	2020	Darner	Larry R.	2019	Hansen	Chuck	2018
Barthes	Francis J	2018	Daubenspeck	Harold (Butch)	2018	Hansen	Wayne L.	2018
Beadle	Gilbert	2022	Davis	Douglas R.	2019	Hartnett	Joseph M.	2020
Bee	Joe	2018	Davis	Clifford	2018	Hartnett	Frank J	2016
Bercel	John R.	2017	Davis	Arley	2017	Hawks (PO)	Charlie	2020
Berry	Frederick	2016	Degonish	Mark	2017	Hayes	Billy V.	2018
Bieber	Charles R.	2020	Dennison	Frederick E.	2020	Herl	Russell N.	2022
Billhimer	Joseph	2018	Deyo	Bill	2024	Hoffman	Gary L.	2020
Bistoff	Jim	2023	Didomenick	Stephen	2025	Hoffmann	Fred	2021
Black	Gary	2020	Djerf	Richard K	2017	Hohn (PO)	Thomas J.	2023
Bohnsack	Jim	2016	Dolch Jr	Herbert M	2020	Hohner	Clarence M.	2019
Both	John	2018	Drennon	Michael W.	2019	House	Arthur	2018
Breaux	Silver	2021	Dunlap	John N.	2018	Hudgins	James C.(Carl	2021
Brewster	Thomas	2016	Dzubak	John	2021	Humes	George P.	2017
Brooks, Sr.	William L	2019	Eastlack	Frank	2025	Hutmacher	John S.	2022
Buchanan	Tony	2024	Edelblute	Gerald	2018	Jedra	Henry	2019
Bullington	Gene	2020	Eichelberger	Jeanne Tracy	2019	Jones, Jr.	Malone (J.J.)	2020
Burnett	Lynda	2017	Eklund	David	2019	Kelley	Gene	2020
Byrne	Richard	2021	Ellenwood	William R.	2016	Kerniskey	Don (Ski)	2019
Caminiti	Anthony	2019	Elsesser	James	2020	King	William	2018
Carawan	Thomas R.	2019	Ferguson	Mike	2016	Knight	Paul	2016
Cassell	Dean	2016	Fishgrab	Ralph M.	2016	Koch	Don L	2020
Castiola	Ed	2019	Fitzgerald	Laurence	2018	Kostuck	Jimmie J.	2020
Cathcart	Charles	2019	Flinner	William (Bill)	2020	Kuss	Russell	2018
Cattles	W. Roger	2018	Foco	Robert D.	2021	Lagerman	Daniel P.	2018
Chadwell	Richard T.	2016	Foos	Gary	2017	Large	Jerry	2018
Chalk	John	2021	Frase	Dr. Lawrence	2018	Laswell	Larry	2019
Chapman	Jerry	2019	Friend	George C	2020	Lauten	David H.	2025
Christenson	Chris	2022	Frohbose	John H.J	2021	Laux	Bill	2021
Clark	Gary R.	2020	Gausman	Russell	2020	Lawless	Edward	2018
Clem	Neil R.	2019	Gdula	Bernard J.	2021	Lewis	Richard A.	2017
Climer	Patrick	2020	Gill	Jim	2022	Lindsay	Gene	2017
Collins	Michael C.	2018	Gill	Donald K.	2021	Lorenz	Roger	2020
Cooley	Tom	2020	Gleason	Paul	2022	Loveless	Michael F.	2017

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Lovetere	Gregory	2016	Resser	Mike	2020	Walters	Jack J.	2020
Lusher	Jim	2016	Reyna	Ron	2019	Walters	Jim	2020
Marshall	Mike	2017	Riede	Paul	2020	Warlick	Joseph D.	2024
Mawn	Kevin M.	2020	Rogers	Olson C	2021	Webber	Kenneth G	2020
Mayrose	Dennis A.	2023	Rohrbough	John D	2018	Williams	Mrs. Barbara	2016
McAuley	Denis	2019	Rollberg	Raymond	2017	Winnett	Howard	2018
McAuliffe	Robert	2019	Sales	Chuck	2018	Woodard	Norman	2018
McCall	Joseph A.	2018	Shackley	Jim	2020	Wynn	Harry J	2018
McCurdy	Walter R.	2020	Shoaf	Clifford	2020	Yanasak	David	2020
McDaniel	Melvin R.	2018	Shoemaker	Gene L	2020	Zielinski	Frank	2022
McDonald(PO)	Robert A.	2017	Shore	Kenneth D.	2020	Zimmerman	Paul J	2020
McGee, III	Harry	2020	Siconolfi	Jeff	2023	Zinna	John J.	2016
McKee	Hal R	2021	Slattery, Jr.	Bill	2016	Olszewski	Jessee	2021
McLain	Bobby	2017	Smith	Larry L.	2024	Haldeman	John	2022
Mercer	Jay	2018	Smith	James (Jim)	2019			
Messina	Metrus	2019	Smith	Don	2017			
Michel	John T	2024	Smith	Orville L.	2017			
Miller	Ronnie	2020	Solt	Dale E.	2024			
Miller	Stephen B.	2019	Sours	M. W. "Joe"	2018			
Milo	Ralph	2020	Southgate	Ronald W.	2017			
Moeller	Michael D.	2020	St. Clair	O. Dean	2020			
Moenck	Dean	2018	Startzel	Charles W.	2018			
Moisuk	Ron	2019	Stein	Bill	2018			
Moores	Charles W	2016	Stevens	David T.	2020			
Morris	Gene R	2020	Stewart	Harry R. (Rick)	2018			
Mugerauer	Laurie E.	2023	Stokes	John W. (Wes)	2017			
Murphy	Thomas	2024	Stover	Monty	2019			
Myers	Lewis G.	2020	Straughan	Louis (Ed)	2018			
Neal	David	2019	Streza	Tom	2021			
Odegaard	Thomas J	2018	Stuart	Jon	2018			
O'Reilly	Charles. W.	2020	Stucke	Paul E.	2020			
Pattan	Charles W.	2019	Sturtevant	Keith A.	2021			
Pattan	William M.	2019	Sullivan	Gerard "Sully"	2016			
Paul	Robin	2018	Sutherland	Donald B	2020			
Phelps	Claud	2025	Symolon	Walter C	2019			
Pickenpough	Dan	2019	Tedrow	Clifford	2020			
Powell	Dee	2016	Theel	Robert	2020			
Presley	Herman	2017	Thompson	William R.	2017			
Rae	Dominic	2023	Tillie	Charles R.	2017			
Ramsey	Dan	2022	Tracy	Lisa	2018			
Ramsey	Robert W.	2019	Trebon	Ron	2019			
Reda	Richard	2021	Trenholm	George R.	2018			
Reeve	Alan	2021	Tucker	Elbert R.	2016			
Renninger	Ron	2016	Vining	Dale H.	2019			

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**Registration
USS William M Wood Reunion
October 16th – 20th, 2019
Ocean City, MD**

This name will be used on your Name Badge:

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Rank/Year _____
Spouse _____ Guest(s) _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____
Zip _____ Phone _____ Cell _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Number of Persons X Cost per person = Total Cost

Tour #1 Seacrets Distilling Company (21+, bring valid ID) _____ @ \$24.00 = _____
Tour #2 Berlin Main Street _____ @ \$17.00 = _____
Tour #3 Ocean Downs Casino _____ @ \$20.00 = _____

Banquet
Chicken Marsala _____ @ \$24.00 = _____
Filet Mignon _____ @ \$49.00 = _____
Crab Cakes _____ @ \$38.00 = _____

Registration (Includes processing fee, hospitality room, and the welcome banquet)
Each attendee must pay this fee _____ @ \$42.00 = _____

TOTAL= _____

Emergency Contacts (Someone NOT attending):

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____
Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Please identify any special accommodations you may need:

SEND THIS FORM & A CHECK (PAYABLE TO "A COMPLETE REUNION") FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO:

USS William M Wood Reunion
c/o A Complete Reunion
PO Box 25806
Colorado Springs, CO 80936

Contact Sherry or Carly at 719.380.1412
email us at sherry@acomplereunion.com or
carly.complereunion@gmail.com and visit our website at
www.complereunion.com

Refund Policy:

Cancellation before September 16th, 2019 will receive a full refund minus \$17.00 processing fee. There will be no refund after that date. All tours must have a minimum number of people per tour.

If you register for a tour and do not attend you will NOT receive any refund.

You will receive a confirmation letter detailing your selections within 7-10 days of us receiving it.