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

www.dd715.org

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 2022 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 2021 reunion due to the pandemic. I'm sure that we are all looking forward to our 2022 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 (14 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 (4 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 (14 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 (9 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 2021 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 LAFFEY 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 25th Wood reunion in 2022 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

May 17, 2022 Active Crew List

Abraham	Steven A.	2022	Deyo	Bill	2024	Kaefer	Chris	2025
Adams	Norman	2021	Didomenick	Stephen	2027	Kelley	Gene	2020
Albrecht	Irwin	2019	Dolch Jr	Herbert M	2020	Kerniskey	Don (Ski)	2019
Andersen	Harry T.	2020	Drennon	Michael W.	2023	Koch	Don L	2020
Anrig	Bruce	2026	Dzubak	John	2023	Kostuck	Jimmie J.	2023
Bartels	Carole Farrell	2023	Eastlack	Frank	2027	Krisanda	David A.	2023
Barthes	Francis J	2024	Edelblute	Gerald	2024	Lagerman	Daniel P.	2023
Beadle	Sheryl	2022	Eklund	David	2021	Large	Jerry	2023
Bee	Joe	2025	Elsesser	James	2025	Laswell	Larry	2022
Bercel	John R.	2020	Ferguson	Mike	2022	Lauten	David H.	2025
Beyerle	Dana	2020	Flinner	William (Bill)	2025	Laux	Bill	2021
Bieber	Charles R.	2024	Foco	Robert D.	2021	Lawless	Edward	2024
Billhimer	Joseph	2021	Foos	Gary	2023	Leon,Sr	William K.	2023
Bistoff	Jim	2023	Frase	Dr. Lawrence	2021	Lorenz	Roger	2020
Bittner	Doug	2023	Friend	George C	2022	Loving	Howard H.	2021
Black	Gary	2023	Frohbose	John H.J	2021	Lusher	Jim	2021
Breaux	Silver	2021	Gausman	Russell	2022	Lyle, Jr.	W. D.	2023
Brewster	Thomas	2023	Gdula	Bernard J.	2021	Malloy	Jim	2022
Buchanan	Tony	2024	Gill	Jim	2022	Markoff	Randall B.	2019
Bullington	Gene	2020	Gill	Donald K.	2025	Marshall	Mike	2022
Byrne	Richard	2021	Gillis	Robert E.	2025	Masciandaro (PO)	Vincent	2019
Caminiti	Anthony	2021	Gleason	Paul	2022	Mawn	Kevin M.	2025
Carawan	Thomas R.	2019	Gluse	Michael R	2023	Mayrose	Dennis A.	2023
Cathcart	Charles	2025	Gormley	Thomas	2021	McAuley	Denis	2023
Chalk	John	2021	Gosewisch	Mark	2020	McAuliffe	Robert	2024
Chapman	Jerry	2021	Goteiner	Abe	2022	McCallion	Ted	2021
Christenson	Chris	2022	Graf	Donald V.	2022	McCurdy	Walter R.	2020
Clark	Gary R.	2020	Grant	Ronald W.	2019	McDaniel	Melvin R.	2023
Clem	Neil R.	2021	Grapatin	Ron	2020	McGee, III	Harry	2025
Climer	Patrick	2024	Green	Robert L	2023	McIntosh	Ken	2021
Collins	Michael C.	2022	Griffeth	Jim	2025	McKee	Hal R	2023
Cooley	Tom	2025	Guzman	Roman	2020	McLain	Bobby	2023
Copper	Walter L.	2020	Hackney	Richard R.	2023	Messina	Metrus	2023
Corcoran	Ronald	2022	Haldeman	John	2022	Michel	John T	2027
Cornwall	John	2021	Hartnett	Frank J	2023	Miller	Stephen B	2023
Counts	James L.	2027	Hartnett	Joseph M.	2025	Miller	Steven L	2023
Crews	Larry D.	2020	Hawks (PO)	Charlie	2023	Miller	Ronnie	2024
Cunningham	Bob	2022	Herl	Russell N.	2022	Milo	Ralph	2023
Cutler	Mark	2022	Hoffman	Gary L.	2020	Moeller	Michael D.	2020
Darner	Larry R.	2021	Hohner	Clarence M.	2021	Moenck	Dean	2022
Davis	Douglas R.	2019	Hudgins	James C. (Carl)	2023	Moisuk	Ron	2019
Davis	Arley	2020	Hutmacher	John S.	2022	Morris	Gene R	2023
Davis	Clifford	2021	Jedra	Henry	2022	Mugerauer	Laurie E.	2023
Davis	Ira N.	2024	Johansen	Brian	2021	Murphy	Thomas	2024
Dennison	Frederick E.	2020	Jones, Jr.	Malone (J.J.)	2020	Myers	Lewis G.	2022

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Neal	David	2024	Schwegler	Dan	2021	Sullivan	Gerard	2021
Odegaard	Thomas J	2021	Seidman	George	2021	Symolon	Walter C	2019
Olson	Randy	2022	Sexton	Donald	2021	Tedrow	Clifford	2023
Olszewski	Jesse	2021	Shackley	Jim	2020	Theel	Robert	2020
O'Reilly	Charles. W.	2022	Shoaf	Clifford	2022	Tracy	Lisa	2020
Palanca	Nick R	2025	Shoemaker	Gene L	2025	Trebon	Ron	2024
Pattan	Charles W.	2019	Shore	Kenneth D.	2025	Trenholm	George R.	2022
Pattan	William M.	2022	Siconolfi	Jeff	2023	Tucker	Elbert R.	2023
Phelps	Claud	2025	Slattery, Jr.	Bill	2021	Vanderbosch	Steven W	2020
Pickenpough	Dan	2021	Smith	Don	2021	Walters	Jack J.	2020
Powell (Jones)	Dee (Horace)	2021	Smith	Larry L.	2024	Walters	Jim	2020
Presley	Herman	2022	Smith	James (Jim)	2024	Warlick	Joseph D.	2024
Rae	Dominic	2023	Solt	Dale E.	2024	Webber	Kenneth G	2020
Ramsey	Dan	2022	Sours	M. W. "Joe"	2024	Wedel	Kenneth	2020
Ramsey	Robert W.	2022	Southgate	Ronald W.	2022	Wood	William	2022
Reda	Richard	2025	St. Clair	O. Dean	2023	Wyant	Charles	2025
Reeve	Alan	2021	Stein	Bill	2021	Wynn	Harry J	2021
Resser	Mike	2020	Stevens	David T.	2020	Yanasak	David	2027
Reyna	Ron	2027	Stewart	Harry R. (Rick)	2023	Zielinski	Frank	2027
Riede	Paul	2020	Stover	Monty	2022	Zimmerman	Paul J	2020
Rogers	Olson C	2024	Streza	Tom	2023	Zinna	John J.	2021
Rohrbough	John D	2020	Stucke	Paul E.	2023	Zitlow	Brian	2024
Sales	Chuck	2022	Sturtevant	Keith A.	2021	Carney	Tom	2024



The hotel and reservation phone number:

Crowne Plaza Providence Warwick

801 Greenwich Ave

Warwick, RI 02886

Phone: (401)732-6000

Welcome to the 2022 USS William M Wood Reunion! Join us for an exciting time in Providence, RI from October 3rd – 8th, 2022. We know you will have a wonderful time sharing the experience with old and new friends. All rooms have Wi-Fi internet, a coffee maker, and TV. The hotel also features an indoor pool and a fitness center. For dining you can visit The Crossing Restaurant for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Alfred's Lounge offers drinks and eats. There is also Plaza Java which serves Starbucks coffee.

Call the hotel directly at (401) 732-6000 to make your reservation. Tell them you are with the USS William M Wood Reunion to get the reunion rate of \$129 plus tax. Breakfast is included. Parking is complimentary. Please inform the hotel if you need a handicapped accessible room. Hotel reservations must be made by **September 3rd, 2022** to guarantee space and rate. Reservations made after this date will be on a space available basis and the reunion rate will not be guaranteed. Rates are good for 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion. We look forward to seeing you!

Airport Information: The hotel offers a free shuttle to and from the Rhode Island T.F. Green international Airport. There is a Pickup Zone for shuttles at the airport where the shuttle for the Crowne Plaza can be found.

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 \$18 of the processing fee per person. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER September 3rd, 2022.

All tours must achieve the minimum (25) number in order to complete the tour. Gratuities for the driver and guide are included. We need all attendees to understand that the date of September 3rd, 2022 is the cutoff date for the hotel and A Complete Reunion primarily uses this date to assure the minimum number for tours. **IT IS NOT A 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.

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.

Monday October 3, 2022

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Check-in

3:00 pm

Hospitality Room Open

Tuesday October 4, 2022

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Breakfast in Hospitality Room

9:00 am – 3:30 pm



Tour #1 Beavertail State Park, Newport & Tiverton Four Corners \$65 (Includes transportation and lunch at Sweet Berry Farm)

Visit Beavertail State Park and Lighthouse. Then enjoy a narrated driving tour of Point Neighborhood, Brick Market Place, America's Cup Avenue, Ocean Drive and Bellevue Ave to see some beautiful mansions owned by various celebrities. Then enjoy lunch at Sweet Berry Farm before traveling to Tiverton Four Corners, a quaint 18th century village, where there will be time for shopping and sightseeing.

Wednesday October 5, 2022

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Breakfast in Hospitality Room

9:00 am – 4:30 pm



Tour #2 Boston \$75 (Includes transportation and admissions)

Driving tour of Boston with stops for pictures in Chinatown, Boston Public Garden, Bunker Hill, Fenway Park, and Harvard University. There will also be a tour of the USS Constitution. Lunch on your own and shopping at Faneuil Hall and Quincy Markey. Visit the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum.

6:00 pm

Welcome Reception and Raffle

Pizza will be provided

Thursday October 6, 2022

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Breakfast in Hospitality Room

9:15 am – 3:00 pm



Tour #3 Battleship Cove \$68 (Includes transportation, admission, and lunch buffet)

Visit America's Fleet Museum, Battleship Cove is home to 5 US Naval ships and various aircraft. There are a few exhibits for you to explore onboard the ships as well as memorials. There will be a memorial service on the USS Joseph P Kennedy Jr. Deli Lunch Buffet will be included.

Friday October 7, 2022

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Breakfast in Hospitality Room

2:00 pm

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. You order whatever you want, they are printed during the week 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)

6:00 pm

Banquet \$44

Choice of:

Boneless Breast of Chicken with Sage and Apple Stuffing and Merlot Sauce.

Baked New England Scrod with Lemon Herb Butter.

Petit Sirloin with Roasted Shallot and Burgundy Demi-Glaze.

Saturday October 8, 2022

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Breakfast in Hospitality Room

11:00 am

Check Out

DUE SEPTEMBER 3rd

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Registration
USS William M Wood Reunion
October 3rd – 8th, 2022
Providence, RI

Please print clearly as this name will be used on your Name Badge:

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Spouse _____ Guest(s) _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Cell Phone _____ Email _____
Years on board 19____ - 19____ Rank/Rate _____

Number of Persons X Cost per person = Total Cost

Tour #1 Beavertail State Park, Newport & Tiverton Four Corners

Tour #2 Boston _____ @ \$65.00 = _____
Tour #3 Battleship Cove _____ @ \$75.00 = _____
_____ @ \$68.00 = _____

Banquet

Petit Sirloin

Chicken

Baked New England Scrod

_____ @ \$44.00 = _____
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_____ @ \$44.00 = _____

Registration (Includes pizza, registration fee, and hospitality room)

Each attendee must pay this fee

_____ @ \$33.00 = _____

TOTAL= _____

Emergency Contacts (Someone NOT attending):

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

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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 2220 Glenwood Cir

Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Contact Sherry or Carly at 719.380.1412

email us at sherry@acomplereunion.com or

carly.acomplereunion@gmail.com and visit our website at

www.acomplereunion.com

Refund Policy:

Cancellation before September 3rd, 2021 will receive a full refund minus \$18.00 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.