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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 Jerry Chapman – 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 corona virus is still wrecking a horrible toll on our citizens, our country. 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 2024 Reunion is planned for Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg Sept 3rd thru the 6th. Contact information for this event is included with this letter. This information was sent out previously by e-mail to all with e-mail address that are on file. If you did not get an email about the cruise then I ask that you send me your email address to (rockason@hotmail.com.) The Bahamas / Nassau cruise reunion was a great one with a good showing. It was great to see the “Deep Blue” waters of the Atlantic Ocean again. Mid Rats every night and the bar was always open.

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

We are looking forward to the 27th Wood reunion Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg Tenn. Sept 3rd thru the 6th. This year the reunion will start on a Tuesday and end on a Friday. Please go to our web site WWW.DD715.org for the 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.

President: Tom Streza (6 years on Executive Committee – 11 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 40 years. Retired in 2007 on our palatial estate of 5 acres where I have a 12x20 wood shop to do all my crafting and go to a few craft shows a year. I've been to 10 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. I also belong to the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus.

Vice President: Jerry L. Chapman (16 years on Executive Committee – 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. 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.

Secretary: John "Dizzy" Dzubak (16 years on Executive Committee – 19 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 onboard 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 the days seem to go by much faster in retirement. My hobbies are playing the guitar and collecting stamps and silver. I am moving much slower and more carefully now than when I was a "Snipe" back in the day. Being the Secretary has given me much joy as I get contacted from many mates.

Treasurer: John Michel (11 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:

At our 2023 Bahamas / Nassau cruise reunion business meeting the Executive Committee voted to make our annual donation of \$2,500 for The Tin Can Sailors, Inc. specifying \$1000 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,

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 Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg Sept 3rd thru the 6th Please consider; coming you won't regret it.

Best Wishes,

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

March 1, 2024 Active Crew List

Adams	Norman	2021	Dzubak	John	2025	King	William	2025
Albrecht	Irwin	2022	Eastlack	Frank	2027	Kostuck	Jimmie J.	2023
Anrig	Bruce	2026	Edelblute	Gerald	2024	Krisanda	David A.	2023
Apthorp	Terry W.	2027	Eklund	David	2021	Lagerman	Daniel P.	2026
Asher	Joe	2023	Elsesser	James	2025	Large	Jerry	2023
Bartels	Carole Farrell	2023	Ferguson	Mike	2024	Laswell	Larry	2022
Barthes	Francis J	2024	Fiske	Richard P.	2023	Lauten	David H.	2030
Beadle	Sheryl	2022	Flinner	William (Bill)	2025	Laux	Bill	2026
Bee	Joe	2025	Foco	Robert D.	2030	Lawless	Edward	2024
Bercel	John R.	2023	Foos	Gary	2023	Leon,Sr	William K.	2028
Beyerle	Dana	2023	Frase	Dr. Lawrence	2023	Lis	Ronald E	2025
Bieber	Charles R.	2024	Friend	George C	2024	Loving	Howard H.	2021
Billhimer	Joseph	2021	Frohbose	John H.J	2021	Lusher	Jim	2021
Bistoff	Jim	2023	Fulmer	Robert J.	2023	Lyle, Jr.	W. D.	2023
Bittner	Doug	2023	Gausman	Russell	2025	Malloy	Jim	2025
Black	Gary	2026	Gdula	Bernard J.	2025	Manzlak, Jr.	Bert	2025
Breaux	Silver	2026	Geer	Robert D.	2026	Marshall	Mike	2022
Brewster	Thomas	2023	Gill	Donald K.	2025	Mawn	Kevin M.	2025
Buchanan	Tony	2024	Gillis	Robert E.	2025	Mayrose	Dennis A.	2023
Bullington	Gene	2030	Gleason	Paul	2022	McAuley	Denis	2023
Butler	Robert J.	2023	Gluse	Michael R	2026	McAuliffe	Robert	2030
Byrne	Richard C.	2026	Gormley	Thomas	2024	McCallion	Ted	2026
Caminiti	Anthony	2023	Gosewisch	Mark	2025	McDaniel	Melvin R.	2023
Carney	Tom	2024	Goteiner	Abe	2022	McGee, III	Harry	2025
Cathcart	Charles	2027	Grapatin	Ron	2025	McIntosh	Ken	2021
Chalk	John	2023	Green	Robert L	2028	McKee	Hal R	2023
Chapman	Jerry	2024	Griffeth	Jim	2025	McLain	Bobby	2023
Clem	Neil R.	2021	Hackney	Richard R.	2026	Meachum	Rick	2023
Climer	Patrick	2024	Hagen	Albert	2022	Messina	Metrus	2023
Collins	Michael C.	2025	Haldeman	John	2022	Michel	John T	2027
Cooley	Tom	2025	Hartnett	Joseph M.	2025	Miller	Stephen B.	2023
Corcoran	Ronald	2022	Hartnett	Frank J	2023	Miller	Steven L	2023
Cornwall	John	2025	Hawks (PO)	Charlie	2023	Milo	Ralph	2023
Counts	James L.	2027	Hendrick	Drew	2025	Moenck	Dean	2025
Cunningham	Bob	2024	Herl	Russell N.	2027	Moisuk	Ron	2023
Curran	Gene	2025	Hohner	Loretta	2021	Morris	Gene R	2023
Cutler	Mark	2022	Hudgins	James C. (Carl)	2023	Morrison	Chris	2026
Daniel	Ken	2023	Hutmacher	John S.	2025	Mugerauer	Laurie E.	2023
Darner	Larry R.	2026	Iseli	Carl O.	2023	Murphy	Thomas	2024
Davis	Douglas R.	2028	Jedra	Henry	2022	Myers	Lewis G.	2025
Davis	Clifford	2024	Johansen	Brian	2021	Neal	David	2024
Davis	Ira N.	2024	Jones, Jr.	Malone (J.J.)	2028	Odegaard	Thomas J	2024
Deyo	Bill	2024	Kaefer	Chris	2025	Olson	Randy	2022
Didomenick	Stephen	2027	Kanuck	George	2025	Olszewski	Jesse	2025
Dolch Jr	Herbert M	2025	Kelley	Gene	2026	Palanca	Nick R	2025

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Parr	Terry D.	2024	Southgate	Ronald W.	2024
Pattan	William M.	2022	St. Clair	O. Dean	2025
Phelps	Claud	2025	Standley	Michael W.	2024
Pickenpaugh	Dan	2021	Stein	Bill	2027
Powell	Dee	2021	Stewart	Harry R. (Rick)	2023
Presley	Herman	2025	Stover	Monty	2024
Rae	Dominic	2030	Straughan	Louis (Ed)	2025
Rainey	Doss F	2023	Streza	Tom	2025
Ramsey	Dan	2024	Stuart	Jon	2024
Ramsey	Robert W.	2024	Stucke	Paul E.	2023
Reda	Richard	2025	Sturtevant	Keith A.	2025
Reeve	Alan	2024	Sullivan	Gerard "Sully"	2025
Reyna	Ron	2027	Swaney	Lyle W.	2023
Rogers	Olson C	2024	Symolon	Walter C	2023
Rohrbough	John D	2023	Tedrow	Clifford	2023
Salcetti	Bob {Sal}	2028	Trebon	Ron	2024
Sales	Chuck	2022	Trenholm	George R.	2027
Schwegler	Dan	2023	Vanderbosch	Steven W	2026
Schwerin	Ken	2028	Walters	Jack J.	2025
Seidman	George	2021	Walters	Jim	2023
Sexton	Donald	2025	Warlick	Joseph D.	2024
Shoaf	Clifford	2022	West	Marc A.	2026
Shoemaker	Gene L	2025	Whitcroft	Michael	2027
Shore	Kenneth D.	2025	Wood	William Earl	2022
Siconolfi	Jeff	2028	Wyant	Charles	2025
Slattery, Jr.	Bill	2023	Wynn	Harry J	2023
Smith	Larry L.	2024	Yanasak	David	2027
Smith	James (Jim)	2024	Zielinski	Frank	2027
Smith	Don	2021	Zinna	John J.	2021
Solt	Dale E.	2024	Zitlow	Brian	2024