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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, 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 (2 year as President, 10 years as VP – 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. 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 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 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 (2nd year VP – 9 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 (2nd year secretary – 10 years as president – 17 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.

I hope Kenneth Vannoy comes to San Antonio as I haven't seen him since 1969

Treasurer: John Michel (2 year treasurer – 5 years as Secretary – 9 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 upped our donation to \$1,000 for The Tin Can Sailors, Inc. for USS LAFFEY and USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY JR museum ships each receiving \$500.

San Antonio reunion is still on tap for the 2018 reunion where we'll use a reunion planner.

We voted on and chose to have the 2019 reunion in October at Ocean City MD..

A brief look at the reunion in Cleveland:

We welcomed aboard Sam Butler, Ron Corcoran, Don Kemiskey and Joe McCall. They are first time attendees at our reunion we hope they continue to attend.

The memorial and the tour/boat ride/luncheon was very nice and well attended. Thank you Tony for stepping in for the Chaplin duties. We enjoyed the boat ride and luncheon on the Nautica Queen. After lunch we went top-side and enjoyed the views of Cleveland.

The buffet and raffle were tremendous where valuable treasures were given out, yes, we had to limit the number of times a person could win. Prior reunion someone with the initials of John Dzubak had quite the winning streak so it was unanimous agreed upon that you can only win twice. For the banquet we had some very nice lady dancers for entertainment (and guys it wasn't THAT kind of entertainment).

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

A Bravo Zulu to Jim and Lucretia Bohnsak for putting this reunion together!!

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

We are looking forward to the 22nd Wood reunion October 17-21 2018 in San Antonio TX. 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.

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 San Antonio Texas 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

2018 Active Members

Abraham	Steven A.	2018	Chapman	Jerry	2018	Gill	Donald K.	2017
Adams	Norman	2016	Christenson	Chris	2022	Gluse	Michael R	2018
Adams	Steven R.	2016	Clem	Neil R.	2019	Gormley	Thomas	2017
Adams	Ronald	2015	Climer	Patrick	2020	Gosewisch	Mark	2020
Albrecht	Irwin	2016	Collins	Michael C.	2018	Goulart	Richard H.	2015
Allen	Ben M.	2016	Cooley	Harold	2020	Graf	Donald V.	2017
Amos	Lewis H.	2015	Corcoran	Ronald	2018	Grant	Lysle E.	2018
Anderson	Terroll	2018	Cornwall	John	2018	Grant	Ronald W.	2017
Anderson	Charles L R	2015	Counts	James L.	2022	Grapatin	Ron	2016
Anrig	Bruce	2021	Counts	Ed	2019	Green	Edward J.	2018
Asher	Joe	2016	Cranford	W. H.	2016	Griffeth	Jim	2020
Ashley, Jr.	Glyn F.	2016	Crews	Larry D.	2018	Guzman	Nick E.	2015
Barker	James E	2019	Cunningham	Bob	2020	Hansen	Wayne L.	2018
Barnes	Paul D.	2016	Darley	Dwayne W.	2017	Hansen	Chuck	2018
Bartels	Ferdinand	2017	Darner	Larry R.	2017	Harris	Robert	2019
Barthes	Francis J	2018	Daubenspeck	Harold	2018	Hartnett	Joseph M.	2020
Beadle	Gilbert	2020	Davis	Douglas R.	2019	Hartnett	Frank J	2016
Bee	Joe	2018	Davis	Terry A.	2018	Hawks {PO}	Charlie	2016
Beltz	Richard	2016	Davis	Mike	2017	Hayes	Billy V.	2018
Bercel	John R.	2017	Degonish	Mark	2017	Heiner Sr.	Dale L.	2015
Berry	Frederick	2016	Dennison	Wally	2018	Herl	Russell N.	2022
Bieber	Charles R.	2020	Deyo	Bill	2016	Hoffman	Gary L.	2020
Bilardello	Frank	2017	Dickson	Ronald W.	2015	Hoffmann	Fred	2017
Billhimer	Joseph	2018	Djerf	Richard K	2017	Hohn (PO)	Thomas J.	2020
Bistoff	Jim	2023	Dolch Jr	Herbert M	2020	Hohner	Clarence M.	2018
Black	Roger D.	2020	Dunlap	John N.	2018	House	Arthur	2018
Bohnsack	Jim	2016	Durig	Jim	2020	Hudgins	James C. (Carl)	2021
Both	John	2018	Dzubak	John	2019	Humes	George P.	2017
Breaux	Silver	2021	Eastlack	Frank	2025	Hutmacher	John S.	2022
Brewster	Charles K.	2016	Edelblute	Gerald	2016	Jedra	Henry	2019
Brooks, Sr.	William L	2019	Eklund	David	2019	Jones, Jr.	Malone (J.J.)	2020
Brucato	Joseph	2017	Ellenwood	William R.	2016	Kaiserian	Harry	2018
Bullington	Gene	2020	Elsesser	James	2020	Kanuck	George	2015
Burnett	John	2017	Ferguson	Mike	2016	Kelley	Gene	2015
Byrne	H. Alan	2016	Fishgrab	Ralph M.	2016	Kerniskey	Don (Ski)	2019
Caminiti	Anthony	2019	Fitzgerald	Laurence	2018	King	William	2018
Carawan	Thomas R.	2017	Flinner	William	2020	Knight	Paul	2016
Cassell	Dean	2016	Foco	Robert D.	2016	Koch	Don L	2017
Castiola	Ed	2018	Foos	Gary	2017	Kostuck	Jimmie J.	2020
Cathcart	Charles	2017	Frase	Dr. Lawrence	2017	Kuss	Russell	2017
Cattles	W. Roger	2018	Friend	George C	2017	Lagerman	Daniel P.	2018
Cawley	Russ	2015	Frohbose	John H.J	2018	Large	Jerry	2018
Chadwell	Richard T.	2016	Gausman	Russell	2020	Laswell	Larry	2019
Chalk	John	2016	Gdula	Bernard J.	2017	Lauten	David H.	2025
Laux	Bill	2017	Orton	Merlin A.	2015	Startzel	Charles W.	2018

Lawless	Edward	2018	Pattan	Charles W.	2019	Stein	Eric A.	2018
Lewis	Richard A.	2017	Pattan	William M.	2019	Stevens	Ron	2016
Lindsay	Charles E.	2017	Paul	Robin	2018	Stewart	Harry R. (Rick)	2018
Lorenz	Roger	2017	Phelps	Claud	2025	Stokes	Carl R.	2017
Loveless	Michael F.	2017	Pickenpough	Dan	2019	Stover	Jack	2018
Lovetere	Gregory	2016	Powell	Dee	2016	Straughan	Louis (Ed)	2018
Lusher	Jim	2016	Presley	Herman	2017	Streza	Tom	2019
Malloy	Jim	2015	Przybysz	Stanley	2015	Stuart	Jon	2018
Markoff	Randall B.	2015	Rae	Dominic	2018	Stucke	Paul E.	2020
Marshall	David	2017	Ramsey	Dan	2021	Sturtevant	Keith A.	2021
Mawn	Kevin M.	2020	Ramsey	Robert W.	2019	Sullivan	Gerard "Sully"	2016
Mayrose	Dennis A.	2018	Reda	Richard	2018	Sutherland	Donald B	2020
McAuley	Denis	2016	Reeve	Alan	2018	Symolon	Walter C	2016
McAuliffe	Robert	2019	Renninger	Ron	2016	Tedrow	Clifford	2020
McCall	Joseph A.	2018	Resser	Mike	2020	Theel	Robert	2016
McDaniel	Melvin R.	2018	Riede	Paul	2020	Thompson	John W.	2017
McDonald(PO)	Robert A.	2017	Roddy	Phillip	2018	Tillie	Charles R.	2017
McGee, III	Harry	2020	Rogers	Olson C	2019	Tracy	Daniel	2018
McKee	Hal R	2016	Rohrbough	John D	2018	Trebon	Ron	2016
McLain	Bobby	2017	Rollberg	Raymond	2017	Trenholm	George R.	2018
Mercer	Jay	2018	Rykard	Kenneth H.	2015	Tucker	Victor E.	2016
Messina	Metrus	2017	Sales	Chuck	2018	Vining	Dale H.	2019
Michel	John T	2022	Shackley	Jim	2020	Walters	Jack J.	2020
Miller	Harvey L.	2019	Shoaf	Clifford	2018	Walters	Jim	2018
Miller	Eric	2017	Shoemaker	Gene L	2020	Warlick	Joseph D.	2024
Minickiello	David O.	2015	Shore	Kenneth D.	2020	Webber	William	2020
Moeller	Michael D.	2018	Siconolfi	Jeff	2018	Wengert	Bruce	2015
Moenck	Dean	2018	Slattery, Jr.	Bill	2016	White	Franklin	2015
Moisuk	Ron	2018	Slaughter	John S.	2015	Williams	Alvin J.	2016
Moores	Charles W	2016	Smith	Orville L.	2021	Winnett	Howard	2018
Morris	Gene R	2020	Smith	Terry B	2019	Wood	Erskine	2018
Mugerauer	Laurie E.	2023	Smith	Larry L.	2017	Woodard	Norman	2018
Murphy	Joe	2024	Smith	Burley	2017	Wyant	Charles	2015
Myers	Lewis G.	2018	Solt	Dale E.	2018	Wynn	Harry J	2017
Neal	David	2019	Sours	M. W. "Joe"	2018	Yanasak	David	2020
Oakley	Earl F.	2015	Southgate	Ronald W.	2017	Zimmerman	Charlie	2017
Odegaard	Thomas J	2018	Spry	Ronnie	2015	Zinna	John J.	2016
O'Reilly	Charles. W.	2020	St. Clair	O. Dean	2016			

USS William M. Wood Reunion

San Antonio, TX

October 17-21, 2018

Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Saturday 20	Sunday 21
 <p style="text-align: center;">Check in at: Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk HOTEL</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">\$129.00 per room per night plus tax Including breakfast</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">+Parking Fee \$10 Per Car Per Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">5:30 p.m. WELCOME RECEPTION at Hotel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Breakfast</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Optional Activity: Depart Hotel At 8:30 a.m.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">ADMIRAL NIMITZ PACIFIC WAR MUSEUM and LUNCH at Wheelers</p>   <p style="text-align: center;">Luckenbach Texas made famous by "Willie, Waylon and The Boys" \$85 Per Person Dinner at Hotel</p> 	<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Optional Activity: Depart Hotel At 9:00 a.m.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">SAN ANTONIO CITY TOUR</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">MEMORIAL SERVICE At Vietnam Veterans Memorial of San Antonio And LUNCH at Towers of America Following</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">THE ALAMO w/ IMAX FILM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Back to hotel at \$98 Per Person</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hospitality Room Open</p>	<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Optional Activity: Depart Hotel At 10:00 a.m.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">GO RIO RIVER CRUISE</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">\$17.00 Per Person</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch and Afternoon on own Enjoy the San Antonio Riverwalk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 PM BUSINESS MEETING</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 p.m. FINAL EVENING DINNER at Hotel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Depart</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: auto;"/> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">ACTIVITY PACKAGE: \$280.00 Per Person</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INCLUDES: Website Name Badges Hospitality Room Welcome Reception Thursday Dinner Saturday Banquet Registration Fee Taxes & Meal Gratuities</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INCLUDES: Transportation Escort Activity or Activities, Listed Taxes and Meal Gratuities</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prices for each activity are listed at the bottom of each activity in red.</p>

Dizzy's Looking for Kenneth Vannoy. Haven't seen you since 1969. Having this reunion in Texas just so you and the Texans can all come. REMEMBER: If you can't make the entire reunion just stop in the Hospitality Room any day and see your shipmates and the memorabilia . Hope to see you all there.

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**USS William M. Wood DD/DDR 715
Registration Form
San Antonio Texas, Reunion
October 17-21, 2018**

Name (on name badge) _____
 Spouse/Guest _____ Guest _____
 Guest _____ Guest _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____ Cell _____
 Email _____
 Wheelchair Access? ___ Yes ___ No
 Dietary Restrictions? _____

**HOST HOTEL: The Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk
111 E. Pecan Street, San Antonio Tx 78205
Hotel Direct Line: (210) 354-2800**

Call **866-764-8536** for room reservations and mention you are with the USS William M. Wood reunion. The room rate is \$129 per room per night plus tax. Complimentary breakfast for two, per room. Any additional breakfasts @ \$17.95 per person. Discount self-parking \$10 per vehicle per day in and out. 20% discount to Body N Balance Massage/Spa. Room rate available 3 days prior and after reunion dates, based on availability. Rooms not reserved by September 17, 2018 will be dropped from the group block.

REUNION ACTIVITY PACKAGE:

**(Includes Welcome Packet, Name Badge, Welcome Reception, Hospitality Room, Thursday Night Dinner, Saturday Night Banquet, Registration Fee Taxes & all Meal Gratuities.
(Remember to bring a \$20-\$25 Raffle prize from your state for the Dinner on Thursday)**

***Vegetarian Meal _____ Thursday or Saturday _____
_____ of attendees x \$280 pp = \$ _____**

Optional Activities

**Admiral Nimitz Pacific War Museum, Lunch at Wheelers & shopping in Luckenbach Tx
_____ # of attendee's x \$85= _____**

San Antonio City Tour, Memorial Service at Vietnam Veterans Memorial of San Antonio, Lunch at Towers of America & The Alamo w/ Imax Film

_____ # of Attendee's x \$98 = _____

Go Rio River Cruise _____ # of Attendee's x \$17 = _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

A 50% deposit is requested by June 17th, 2018 or final payment must be received by September 17, 2018. No refunds can be given on activity package after September 17, 2018.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK PAYABLE TO:

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