Assistance with Our Website
Tips that will help you to get the most out of it

One nice thing about the Internet and Internet browsers is that they're free! You can have the most up-to-date web-surfing tool by simply going to their website and doing a "download-install". Whether you are using Microsoft's Internet Explorer, Mozilla's FireFox, etc., none of them cost anything..

With today's security vulnerabilities, regardless of which version you are using, it's always a good idea to stay up-to-date with browsers. If you click on the links above in blue, it will take you to the proper web page if you choose to upgrade your browser, or of course, you can simply visit their site's on your own. This may be a good idea in that the most common used browsers have different versions that depend on your operating system, such as whether you are running Windows 98, ME, XP or Vista, the download may not be the same for everyone.

Menu System:

As you can see, the main areas of the website are accessible from the menu system at the left. However, in some areas such as Links, History, Reunions, etc., you will notice a secondary menu that pertains to that section. It should be clear and easy to recognize, but we always welcome your feed-back to make things as easy as possible.
Ex: In the Reunions area, there is a sub-menu which simply allows you to view reunion information and photos from various years. When using this sub-menu, the new page appears right in the window below the menu. It's easy, it probably took longer to explain it then it does to just try it.

Scroll Bars:

Some of the website's areas have "two" scroll bars. One being the standard scroll bar you see to the right of all long pages/websites. The other, or secondary scroll bar is set within the page area itself. You will find them in the Crew Lists area, the History area, the Reunions area and more. The purpose of this is to allow multiple pages, through the areas menu system, to be viewed without having to reload a new page every time. The easiest thing to do is to just play with it a bit and you'll see it's a snap!

[Top]:

With long pages, it can become tiresome to keep using the scroll bar to go back to the top of the page. To help with these long pages, look to the "bottom right" of your browser window and you should see the **[Top]** script. It moves with you as you continue to scroll down a page. At any time you wish to go back to the top of that page, simply click on the [Top] link and you will immediately return to the top of the page.

Visibility:

Although most of the website is created in a manner to be visible by most, here are a couple quick tips that not only can help you with this website, but with all of your internet browsing. Those who are more visually impaired probably already now resources to help them out.

1) Pretty much all popular web browsers, including Internet Explorer & Firefox have all had an easy to access way to increase the size of your viewable text anytime you wish. Simply look at the top or bottom of your browser for the menu area and click on the "View" menu option. When that menu drops down, just look for the option called "Text Size", or something similar to that. When you choose that, by default it is set to Medium. If you choose "Larger" or "Largest", you'll see all the text on the website increase in size without distorting any of the graphic images. The whole process, once you've done it once, should only take a couple seconds to change back and forth anytime you wish.
2) Most computer Operating systems in PC's and Mac's also have a global built-in function that will allow you to do the same as above, but work on all programs you are using.

Compatibility:

Although most web browsers are in their versions IE v8, or 3.x (FireFox), and are all free to download, some people are simply comfortable with their older version browsers to use surfing the internet. With that at mind, this website conforms with most browsers v5.x or later, thus making the site pretty much fully functional full everyone.

This is your website and your feed-back is always welcome, even desired, and that includes problems or complaints. As with any technologies, there can occasionally be problems, but they are few and far between. As web designers, we can hope to please most of the visitors, but know we can never do that for everyone. Again, it is by your feed-back that this can continue to grow as the primary resource for the history and current events of the shipmates of the USS William M. Wood DD/DDR 715.

A feed-back form will be coming soon, but for now, just email rockason@hotmail.com with any questions or issues you may have with the website.