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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 Tony Caminiti Chaplain, are praying that all of our shipmates and their families, loved ones, and friends are healthy and safe. The Flu/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 2026 Reunion is planned for Colorado Springs, Colorado, Sept 7th thru the 11th. 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 reunion then I ask that you send me your email address to (rockason@hotmail.com.) The Pensacola Florida reunion was a great one with a good showing. It was great to see the "Gulf of Mexico" again and the new crew members who were at their 1st reunion.

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 29th Wood reunion Colorado Springs, Colorado, Sept 7th thru the 11th. This year the reunion will start on a Monday and end on a Friday. Please go to our website 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 (8 years on Executive Committee – 13 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 was assigned to ships office and then worked as postal clerk. 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 42 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 13 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 (18 years on Executive Committee – 13 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 six beautiful grandchildren. We currently live in South Elgin, Illinois (along with a dog). I have also joined the Navy Club of the U.S.A. Ship #7 in Elgin Illinois this last year.

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 (18 years on Executive Committee – 21 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. I was thrown in the hole (Aft Engine Room) in 1966 and thought I knew it all and was sent to Mess Cook for 3 months. I was sent back to the hole and still thought I knew it all and got sent to the Chiefs Mess Deck for another 3 months. After that I knew I didn't know it all and found a home back in the hole as the Main Evaporator Operator. I made the best damn fresh water for the next 3 years. I made MM3 and was kindly asked to ship over for another 4 but kindly said "Hell NO" In 1969 I was employed by PPG and at the same time I earned my BA from California, PA. In 1994 after my PPG plant shut down and moved to Canada and I went back to Community College and earned a degree in Computer Science. I went to work for a Major Asbestos Law Firm in Pittsburgh and then retired at 61 in 2008. 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. I am currently the Webmaster for DD715.org and so enjoy my time at the reunions where the sea stories get bigger and better each year. Come and visit DD715.org website or if you are on Facebook join the USS William M Wood (DD/DDR-715) Reunion (Group) and chat with many members from all years onboard.

Treasurer: John Michel (13 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. I also do Deep water aerobics three times a week plus volunteering with the Arlington [Virginia] Historical Society keep me off the streets and out of trouble!

From our business meeting:

At our 2025 Pensacola, Florida reunion business meeting the Executive Committee voted to make our annual donation of \$1,500 for The Tin Can Sailors, Inc. specifying \$500 each for USS LAFFEY DD-724 and USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY JR DD-850 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 Colorado Springs, Colorado, Sept 7th thru the 11th Reunion. Please consider; coming you won't regret it.

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

January 16, 2026 Active Crew List

Albrecht	Irwin	2022	Eastlack	Frank	2030	Lauten	David H.	2035
Annrig	Bruce	2026	Edelblute	Gerald	2026	Laux	Bill	2026
Aphorp	Terry W.	2027	Elsesser	James	2025	Lawless	Edward	2024
Asher	Joe	2023	Ferguson	Mike	2024	Leon,Sr	William K.	2028
Bartels	Carole Farrell	2023	Fiske	Richard P.	2026	Liles	William K. "Bill"	2026
Barthes	Francis J	2024	Flinner	William (Bill)	2025	Lis	Ronald E	2025
Beadle	Sheryl	2022	Foco	Robert D.	2031	Loving	Howard H.	2024
Bee	Joe	2025	Foos	Gary	2025	Lyle, Jr.	W. D.	2025
Bercel	John R.	2023	Frase	Dr. Lawrence	2024	Malloy	Jim	2025
Beyerle	Dana	2023	Friend	George C	2026	Manzlak, Jr.	Bert	2025
Bieber	Charles R.	2024	Fulmer	Robert J.	2023	Marshall	Mike	2022
Bistoff	Jim	2023	Gausman	Russell	2025	Mawn	Kevin M.	2025
Bittner	Doug	2023	Gdula	Bernard J.	2025	Mayrose	Dennis A.	2023
Black	Gary	2026	Geer	Robert D.	2026	McAuley	Denis	2025
Bohnsack-Dare	Lucretia	2033	Gill	Donald K.	2025	McAuliffe	Robert	2033
Breaux	Silver	2026	Gillis	Robert E.	2025	McCallion	Ted	2026
Brewster	Thomas	2023	Gleason	Paul	2026	McDaniel	Melvin R.	2023
Buchanan	Tony	2024	Gluse	Michael R	2026	McGee, III	Harry	2025
Bullington	Gene	2030	Gormley	Thomas	2024	McKee	Hal R	2023
Butler	Robert J.	2024	Gosewisch	Mark	2025	McLain	Bobby	2026
Byrne	Richard C.	2026	Goteiner	Abe	2022	Meachum	Rick	2023
Caminiti	Anthony	2026	Grapatin	Ron	2030	Messina	Metrus	2023
Carney	Tom	2024	Green	Robert L	2028	Michel	John T	2027
Cathcart	Charles	2027	Griffeth	Jim	2025	Miller	Stephen B.	2023
Chalk	John	2025	Guzman	Roman	2025	Miller	Steven L	2023
Chapman	Jerry	2026	Hackney	Richard R.	2026	Milo	Ralph	2026
Climer	Patrick	2024	Hagen	Albert	2022	Moenck	Dean	2025
Collins	Michael C.	2025	Hartnett	Joseph M.	2025	Moisuk	Ron	2023
Cooley	Tom	2025	Hartnett	Frank J	2023	Morris	Gene R	2023
Corcoran	Ronald	2022	Hawks (PO)	Charlie	2027	Morrison	Chris	2026
Cornwall	John	2025	Hendrick	Drew	2025	Murphy	Thomas	2024
Counts	James L.	2027	Herl	Russell N.	2027	Myers	Lewis G.	2025
Cunningham	Bob	2027	Hudgins	James C. (Carl)	2023	Neal	David	2027
Curran	Gene	2025	Hutmacher	John S.	2025	Odegaard	Thomas J	2024
Cutler	Mark	2022	Iseli	Carl O.	2023	Olson	Randy	2022
Daniel	Ken	2023	Jones, Jr.	Malone (J.J.)	2028	Olszewski	Jesse	2025
Darner	Larry R.	2026	Kaefer	Chris	2025	Palanca	Nick R	2025
Davis	Douglas R.	2028	Kanuck	George	2025	Parr	Terry D.	2024
Davis	Clifford	2024	Kazmierczak	William J.	2026	Pattan	William M.	2022
Davis	Ira N.	2024	Kelley	Gene	2026	Phelps	Claud	2025
Deyo	Bill	2026	King	William	2025	Presley	Herman	2025
Didomenick	Stephen	2027	Krisanda	David A.	2023	Rae	Dominic	2033
Dolch Jr	Herbert M	2025	Lagerman	Daniel P.	2026	Rainey	Doss F	2023
Drennon	Michael W.	2026	Large	Jerry	2025	Ramsey	Robert W.	2026
Dzubak	John	2025	Laswell	Larry	2022	Ramsey	Dan	2024

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Reda	Richard	2025	Streza	Tom	2026
Reeve	Alan	2024	Stuart	Jon	2024
Reyna	Ron	2027	Sturtevant	Keith A.	2025
Rogers	Olson C	2024	Sullivan	Gerard "Sully"	2025
Rohrbough	John D	2023	Swaney	Lyle W.	2023
Salcetti	Bob {Sal}	2028	Symolon	Walter C	2023
Sales	Chuck	2022	Tedrow	Clifford	2026
Schwegler	Dan	2025	Tracy	Lisa	2028
Schwerin	Ken	2028	Trebon	Ron	2024
Sexton	Donald	2025	Trenholm	George R.	2027
Shoaf	Clifford	2024	Vanderbosch	Steven W	2026
Shoemaker	Gene L	2025	Wagner	Gary L.	2028
Shore	Kenneth D.	2025	Walters	Jack J.	2025
Siconolfi	Jeff	2028	Walters	Jim	2023
Slattery, Jr.	Bill	2023	Warlick	Joseph D.	2024
Smith	Larry L.	2024	West	Marc A.	2026
Smith	James (Jim)	2024	Whitcroft	Michael	2027
Solt	Dale E.	2024	Wilson	James (Willie)	2024
St. Clair	O. Dean	2025	Wood	William Earl	2022
Standley	Michael W.	2024	Wyant	Charles	2025
Stein	Bill	2027	Wynn	Harry J	2025
Stewart	Harry R. (Rick)	2023	Yanasak	David	2030
Stover	Monty	2024	Zielinski	Frank	2027
Straughan	Louis (Ed)	2025	Zitlow	Brian	2026

USS William M. Wood 2026 Reunion



Itinerary

9/7/2026 to 9/11/2026



Monday, September 07, 2026

03:00 PM Check into Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO

03:00 PM Hospitality Room Opens

Evening & Dinner on Own

Tuesday, September 08, 2026

07:00 AM Breakfast at Hotel

08:00 AM Depart Hotel

09:00 AM Pikes Peak COG Railway Tour

10:30 AM Garden of the Gods Tour & Movie

12:00 PM Lunch on Own

02:00 PM Return to Hotel

Evening & Dinner on Own

Wednesday, September 09, 2026

07:00 AM Breakfast at Hotel

09:00 AM Depart Hotel

10:00 AM WWII Military & Aviation Museum with Transportation

12:00 PM Lunch on Own

02:00 PM Return to Hotel

Evening & Dinner on Own

Thursday, September 10, 2026

07:00 AM Breakfast at Hotel

09:00 AM Morning & Afternoon on Own

06:00 PM Final Banquet Dinner and Raffle

Bring a Raffle Gift from your Home State to help “Willy Wood” stay afloat

Friday, September 11, 2026

07:00 AM Breakfast at Hotel

10:00 AM Checkout of Hotel & Depart for Home

SAFE TRAVELS!

TO REGISTER ONLINE

Go To

- [**gatheringsplus.com**](http://gatheringsplus.com)
- **Click-Register for my Event**
- **At the BOTTOM click on Reunion and Tours**
- **Scroll down to USS William Wood DD715 & click on the ICON**
- **The Passcode Is : wood26**
- **Then simply follow the prompts from there!**
- **If you have any questions, please reach out to myself or Karen Steele**

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2026 Registration Form 09/07/2026 thru 09/11/2026

Attendee #1: _____ Attendee #2: _____

Attendee #3: _____ Attendee #4: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Special Request: _____

Date	Time	Event	Cost	#of Ppl	Total Due
09/07/26	3:00 PM	Reunion Package: Registration Hospitality Room 4 Breakfast Final Banquet Neck Wallet Name Badge	\$123.60 Per person		
09/08/26	9:00 AM	Tuesday Package: Pikes Peak COG Railway Tour: Transportation Professional Guide Pikes Peak COG Railway Tour Garden of the Gods Movie & Tour	\$155.94 Per Person		
09/09/26	10:00 AM	Wednesday Package: WWII Military & Aviation Museum Transportation Professional Guide WWII Military & Aviation Museum	\$110.63 Per Person		

***All Credit Card payments are subject to a 4% fee**

Total Due: \$

Cancellation Protection Plan: Individuals may cancel up to 48 business hours prior to the start date of the event with no penalty. The cost of the CPP is non-refundable for any reason.

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Colorado Springs Airport
719-597-7000 | 1645 Newport Rd.
Colorado Springs, CO 80916
Room Rate: \$114 + Tax

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Reservation Deadline:
July 29, 2026
Reservations received after this date cannot be guaranteed

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