



USS Sampson Newsletter

2019 Sampson Reunion is in Savannah 8/15 – 8/17

2019 - USS Sampson DDG-10 Association

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From the President

Greetings Shipmates, Family and Friends;

Well, another year has passed and I hope that all of you have enjoyed your time with family and friends. Labor Day holiday has just passed and again I hope you all had the time to celebrate and spent time with family and friends relaxing and enjoying some backyard barbecue, pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of the American worker.

We were hoping to have our next reunion in Jacksonville with the USS Charles F. Adams on the agenda to see and hopefully tour but unfortunately, she has not been released by the Navy yet, so we had to go with the membership’s second choice of location, Savannah, Georgia. Our Savannah Reunion is shaping up quite nicely. Bill Sargent and his wife Carol have been working diligently and has done an excellent job of selecting a reunion site. They have worked for 2 years to put this reunion together so that we will have the chance to get together and share memories of the time on the “Super Sam.” There were good times, bad times, lonely times, but we were lucky to serve on the “Super Sam” with so many good people. No matter who attends a reunion, everyone leaves, with great memories. There is nothing like sitting around a table in the hospitality room, sharing sea stories, laughing, remembering stupid things we did when we were young and looking over all the pictures from those gone-by days. I am hoping to see a lot of you there.

The By-laws Committee has been working very diligently in updating our bylaws and these changes will be voted on in our crews meeting in Savannah. The changes are with this newsletter so that you have time to review and be prepared with any questions you may have.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A Veteran is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to “The United States of America” with no restrictions. Thank you to all that have and are serving.

Best Wishes to All and Please Support our Troops!
Michael Pindell (85-90) - USS Sampson (DDG-10)

Keep Up with Your Dues

The Sampson Association dues are \$10 per year and are the least expensive of any service organization that we are familiar with.

(2 years advance accepted)

We depend on prompt payment of your dues. Please keep your membership up to date.

Make checks (only), payable to:
USS Sampson DDG10

Send to:
Ron Stevens Sr. - Secretary
USS Sampson Association
1327 Leona St
Santa Maria, CA 93454

Contact: ☎ (805) 922-3151
Email: ronbo55@aol.com

Reunion in Savannah - 8/15-17/2019

The USS Adams arrival in Jacksonville has been canceled. See [USS Adams DDG-2 Update](#).

The 2019 reunion will be held August 15th – 17th in Savannah, Georgia, the alternate site selected at the 2017 general meeting.

See [2019 Sampson Reunion Information](#) for hotel and banquet reservations.

Also, see [Savannah Attractions](#) for items of interest in Savannah.

Group Officers

Elected



President

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Bill Sargent (72-74)
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Elected or Appointed



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Reunion – Mike Pindell & Bill Sargent

Ship Store - Bill Sargent

Historian - Ron Stevens Sr.

USS Sampson DDG-102 Video

Come aboard a Navy destroyer with your guide, BM1 Jesse Crider.

Check out his home away from home as he leads you through a tour of the USS Sampson. He'll show you where he and his fellow Sailors eat, sleep, and work.

(Credit to youtube user: America's Navy)

See youtube <https://youtu.be/eXDdh5zRle0>

USS Adams DDG-2 Update

This is the latest from the USS Adams website.

By: Richard Tate | Published on: Dec 22, 2018 | Categories: Full Steam Ahead

Unfortunately, the United States Navy has reversed course and determined the ex USS CHARLES F ADAMS (DDG-2) will not be donated to the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association ("JHNSA") as a museum in Jacksonville, but instead will be scrapped. This decision is counter to the Navy's recommendation in 2014 that the ex USS CHARLES F ADAMS (DDG-2) be released to the JHNSA for donation. We wish to thank Congressman Rutherford, Senators Rubio and Nelson, Governor Scott, and all the City officials for their efforts with the Secretary of the Navy to have the ex USS CHARLES F ADAMS (DDG-2) brought to Jacksonville. Although disappointed by this development, the JHNSA will continue to pursue bringing a Navy warship to downtown Jacksonville.

Point of Contact: Daniel K. Bean, President of the JHNSA, 904.887.4277 dbean@abelbeanlaw.com

Sampson Reunion Group Roster

Copies of the roster are available to regular and lifetime members. Contact our secretary:

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1327 Leona St
Santa Maria, CA 93454
☎ (805) 922-3151
Email: Ironbo55@aol.com

Notes from the Editor

- We are still in the process of updating the website with the new contact information. (see below).

for Ship's Store:

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- The shipping prices for ship store items have increased slightly but the item prices will remain the same as long as current stock exists.
- For some navy related videos see: military-stuff.org/category/us-navy/

Changes to the By-Laws

Our president Mike Pindell, with the help of the board, has updated the by-laws.

A copy of the revised by-laws was attached to the same email as this newsletter.

We will vote to accept the changes at the next reunion general meeting in Savannah.

Sampson Ship's Store

Sampson & NAVY ball caps \$10.00
(one size fits all)



Note: Designate preference when ordering.
Winter – closed back
Summer – open mesh back
NAVY work cap


Sampson Watch Cap \$6.00



Golf Shirts
 dark blue
 (M,L,XL,2XL)
 \$19.00

USS Sampson Videos: \$11.00
 - DDG-10 Operations at Sea (+ \$3 shipping)
 - DDG-10 Homecoming
 - DDG-10 Desert Storm
 - DDG-10 Decommissioning
 - DDG-102 Commissioning

Sampson Cruise Books on CD \$5.00
 Books/CDs available: (each book)
 66, 67, 69-70, 71, 72-75, 77-78,
 79, 85, 86-87, 88 and 90-91 (+ \$3 shipping)



B&W Picture of
 USS Sampson in
 Venice from
 October 1969
 \$15.00
 (+ \$5 shipping)

General Ship's Store Shipping:
 One item - \$6.00
 Each additional item - \$5.00

(Optional) Order Form

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
Hats			
Sampson - Winter	\$10		
Sampson - Summer	\$10		
Work Hat - NAVY	\$10		
Sampson Watch Cap	\$6		
Sampson Golf Shirts			
Medium	\$19		
Large	\$19		
X-Large	\$19		
2XL-Large	\$19		
DDG-10 Video			
Operations			
Homecoming			
Desert Storm			
Decommissioning	\$11		
(additional shipping)	\$3		
DDG-102 Video			
Commissioning	\$11		
(additional shipping)	\$3		
Sampson Cruise Books			
1966	\$5		
1967	\$5		
1969-1970	\$5		
1971	\$5		
1972-1975	\$5		
1977-1978	\$5		
1979	\$5		
1985	\$5		
1986-1987	\$5		
1988	\$5		
1991	\$5		
11x14 B&W Picture Sampson in Venice October 1969	\$15		
(additional shipping)	\$5		
General Shipping			
One item	\$6		
Each additional item	\$5		
TOTAL			

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2019 Sampson Reunion Information

**2019 Sampson Reunion Reservation Form
Savannah, Georgia August 15-17, 2019**

Names of those attending as you want them to appear on the name tags

Shipmate: _____ Rate & Years on Sampson _____
Guest: _____ Guest: _____
Date of Arrival: _____ Departure Date: _____

Total Number of Attendees__

Reunion Fee (per person) #___ \$20 = \$___

Saturday Evening Banquet Buffet #___ \$28 = \$___

Grand Total \$___

Make your check out to the "Sampson DDG 10 Reunion"
Mail it, with this form by 15 July, 2019 to:

Bill Sargent
611 Dozier Rd
Ardmore, AL 35739

Please supply the following in case we need to contact you at the last minute:
Cell# _____ Email _____

Make your room reservations directly with the Hampton Inn & Suites Savannah Historic District by the 15 July, 2019 cutoff.

Ask for the USS Sampson DDG-10 Reunion block of rooms
If you have any questions or need special assistance, feel free to contact Bill Sargent at (256) 420-6753

Remember the 15 July cutoff for both reunion and hotel reservations.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hampton Inn & Suites Savannah Historic District
603 West Oglethorpe Ave
Savannah, Georgia 31401
(912) 721-1600

Ask for USS Sampson DDG 10 Military Reunion

We have 30 rooms initially reserved and can get another 10+ if needed. Reserve your room early to get the cheaper rates

#	Type	5 Aug	16 Aug	17 Aug
29	King	\$109	\$139	\$139
10	Queen	\$119	\$149	\$149
Additional Rooms Available				
10	King	\$114	\$144	\$144
10	Queen	\$129	\$159	\$159

BANQUET MENU 17 Aug 2019

Meats

Seasoned grilled chicken breast, sliced roast beef

Sides

Steamed broccoli, garden salad, macaroni and cheese, roasted new potatoes, rolls and butter, sweet tea, lemonade

Dessert will be provided by the Sampson Reunion Group

Savannah is a very historic town and easy to walk around. The hotel is a couple of EASY walking blocks from the historic downtown. One block from the hotel is the Savannah Trolley Center where you can get one day ticket to tour the city and get on and off at any scheduled stop. It's a great way to get a feel for the historic district and see what you might like to explore more. The Reunion Group did not schedule any planned event (other than the banquet) but thought this was a great place to spend time with friends and explore what interested you the most.

Savannah Attractions

These are some of the attractions that are available in Savannah. Blackie is working on possible group tours.
We will have as many brochures as possible available in the hospitality room.

ATTRACTION	LINK
Andrew Low Museum	http://www.andrewlowhouse.com
CAT - Savannah Belles Ferry	http://www.catchacat.org/getting-around/ride-free-downtown/savannah-belles-ferry/
Captain Mike's Dolphin Tour	http://www.tybeedolphins.com
Classic Car Museum	https://www.savannahclassiccars.com/museum
Costal Heritage Society	http://www.chsgeorgia.org/
Georgia State Railroad Museum	http://www.chsgeorgia.org/GSRM
Old Fort Jackson	http://www.chsgeorgia.org/OFJ
Savannah History Museum	http://www.chsgeorgia.org/SHM
Pinpoint Heritage Museum	http://www.chsgeorgia.org/PHM
Fantasy Limousine Tours	http://www.fantasizesavannah.com/
Mighty 8th Air Force Museum	http://www.mightyeighth.org/
Prohibition Museum	http://www.fantasizesavannah.com/
Savannah Carriage Tours Public, Private, History, Ghost	http://savannahcarriage.com/
Savannah Parking Guide	http://www.savannahga.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14620/Night-Owl-Parking-Brochure-
Savannah Riverboat Cruises Dinner, Lunch/Brunch, Harbor, Sunset/Harbor	https://savannahriverboat.com/
Savannah Theater	http://www.savannahtheatre.com/
Savannah Trolley Tours	https://www.oldsavannahtours.com/
- Historic On / Off Tour	https://www.oldsavannahtours.com/tour/historic-on-off-tour/
- Historic Overview	https://www.oldsavannahtours.com/tour/historic-overview-tour/
- Grave Encounters	https://www.oldsavannahtours.com/tour/grave-encounters/
- Savannah Experience	https://www.oldsavannahtours.com/tour/savannah-experience/
Segway & Electric Bike Tours	http://adventuretoursinmotion.com/
Telfair Museum	https://www.telfair.org/
Tybee Island	https://tybeeisland.com/
Tybee Island Lighthouse	https://www.tybeelighthouse.org/
Webb Military Museum	https://www.webbmilitarymuseum.com/

Life Membership Application

This form is also available on the Sampson website (<http://www.sampsonddg10.org>)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION USS SAMPSON ASSOCIATION

Personal Information
Date: _____

(Last Name)	(First Name, MI)	(Spouse Name)
(Address)		
(City)	(ST)	(ZIP +4)
(Mobile Phone)		
(E-Mail Address)	(Web Site)	(Birth Date)
Division	Rank/Rate	Mo and Yr. Plank Owner
Service	Retired	Age Highest Rank

The LIFE Membership Fee is based on your age group:

29 and Younger	\$295	45 to 49	\$180	65 to 70	\$105
30 to 34	\$265	50 to 54	\$160	70 to 74	\$80
35 to 39	\$235	55 to 59	\$140	75 & older	\$50
40 to 44	\$210	60 to 64	\$120		

Notes:

1. You may pay the full life membership fee in one payment or in ten equal monthly installments. If you prefer to pay monthly, you should send an initial installment of one tenth of the total fee for your age group with this application. We will enter your life membership and send you your membership card. You will be expected to forward balance of monthly payments in a timely manner. Your certificate will be forwarded upon receipt of final payment. In the event a member paying on the installment plan finds that he cannot continue to make monthly payments, all monies previously paid will be credited to paid up annual dues, currently \$10.00.
2. Any dues currently paid in advance may be applied to reduce the fee for your age group.
3. Make your check out to "USS Sampson DDG10".
4. Please return this form and payment to:

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2019 Reunion Update

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