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Sampson Reunion
August 18-21, 2022
Pensacola, FL

see registration form
in this newsletter



USS Sampson Newsletter

Winter - 2022



USS Sampson DDG-10 Reunion Group

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Membership

Ron Stevens is our membership chairman and maintains the group roster, which is available to all active members.

However, the updated roster was not available in time for this newsletter. If you have a specific request, contact Ron Stevens.

Be sure to keep your dues up-to-date and keep Ron informed of any of your information changes such as your email, phone, address, etc. The dues are reasonable and email is our primary means of communication with active members.

Also, consider “Life Membership” as an easy and reasonable way to keep listed as active.

You can contact Ron Stevens at:
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 Santa Maria, CA 93454
 ☎ (805) 922-3151
ronbo55@aol.com

Pensacola Information Websites

Naval Aviation Museum

<https://www.navalaviationmuseum.org/>

LightHouse & Maritime museum:

<https://www.pensacolalighthouse.org/>

Things to do list:

<https://www.busytourist.com/things-to-do-in-pensacola-fl/>

Reunion Information

(see **Sampson Reunion Registration Form**)

Bill and his wife Carol have set up our 2022 reunion in Pensacola for August 18th to 21st.

We currently have over 30 rooms set aside for our reunion, dates August 18th to 21st, 2022 at the:

Hyatt Place Pensacola Airport
 161 Airport Lane
 Pensacola, FL 32504, US
 ☎ 1 + 850 483 5599

The rooms are \$149 (plus 16% tax) per night either for a king or for two queen beds.

We will also have access to a hospitality room starting 16:00 on Thursday the 18th.

To book a room use th1s link:

https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/florida/hyatt-place-pensacola-airport/pnszp?corp_id=G-SAMP

Click **BOOK NOW** and select the event dates. The group code "**G-SAMP**" is already built in.

The reunion fee is \$50 each and the banquet is \$37 each.

The banquet will be buffet style and consist of:

- **Appetizers** – Crab cakes and spring rolls
- **Meats** – Herb-Dusted Round of Beef and Citrus Mahi Mahi Filet
- **Sides** – Mixed green salad, Roasted Vegetable Medley, Parsley New Potatoes, Dinner Rolls and Butter with Tea, Lemonade and Water available
- **Dessert** – Cake

Planned activities:

- Friday, 19 Aug - Naval Air Museum
- Saturday, 20 Aug - Pensacola Bay Cruise

Note: The Pensacola Naval Air Base has entrance restrictions. See **Error! Reference source not found.** for details of both activities.

Sampson Ship's Store



USS Sampson
Winter Hat \$11.00
(closed back)



USS Sampson
Summer Hat \$11.00
(web back)



USS Sampson
Watch Cap \$7.00



NAVY
Cap \$11.00



Golf Shirt
Dark Blue
(M,L,XL,2XL)

\$19.00

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

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

(Optional) Order Form

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
<u>Hats</u>			
Sampson - Winter	\$11		
Sampson - Summer	\$11		
Sampson Watch Cap	\$7		
Work Hat - NAVY	\$11		
<u>Sampson Golf Shirts</u>			
Medium	\$19		
Large	\$19		
X-Large	\$19		
2XL-Large	\$19		
<u>Sampson Cruise Books</u>			
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		
<u>General Shipping</u>			
One item	\$6		
Additional for CDs	\$3		
Each additional item	\$5		

TOTAL

Name: _____

Street _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Make check payable to:
USS Sampson DDG10

Mail to:
Bill Sargent
611 Dozier Rd
Ardmore, AL 35739-9588

Contact:
☎ (256) 420-6753
Email: bcsargent@ardmore.net

Sea Stories

I reintroduced this section in the last newsletter. Besides sharing these stories in the newsletter, I also save these stories as the group's historian. Jim Carr supplied the following:

(from USS Sampson DDG10 History)

Aug 28 - Boarded and searched vessel – identified prohibited cargo and goods intended for Sudan. Consisted of vehicles taken from Kuwait of various types. After a 3 day wait with the ship, the ship was ordered back to Aqaba, Jordan and not allowed to transport the war plunder to The Sudan.. This was the first vessel diverted as part of Dessert Shield. Sampson's boarding and search operation were highlighted during an ABC newscast with Peter Jennings

(from Jim Carr)

As Ops Boss, I was the boarding officer along with my CIC Officer. I will never forget the first boarding. We stopped the ship on the midwatch, after a couple hours sleep I led the boarding party since for the first boarding higher authority would not allow a night boarding. In time night boardings were allowed and we conducted some. We had SUCAP at 17,000 feet circling and the Admiral on a cruiser watching the operation. The RORO vessel did not have any prohibited goods and was allowed to proceed.

(note)

VADM (Ret) Bill Sullivan includes a couple of chapters on the time he commanded Sampson, The book is entitled "Sea Detail" and is available from many different sellers of books.

Why I Joined the Navy

I added this section after the last newsletter. I am looking for one or two sentences describing why you joined the Navy.

Send your reason for joining the Navy to tedunser@hotmail.com and I will include them in the upcoming newsletters

Treasurer Report

The Treasurer's Report was not available for this newsletter. If you have a specific question, contact:

Bill Sargent at
 ☎ (256) 420-6753
bcsargent@ardmore.net

Group Officers

The elected officers of the USS Sampson Reunion Group are the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The chairman for membership, ship-store, newsletter, historian, member at large and reunions are all appointed if not elected.

If you are interested in any of these positions, be sure to let that be known to someone so you will be nominated at the next reunion general meeting.

The by-laws describe the duties of each position. Also, feel free to contact any of the officers directly to get an idea of their responsibilities and how they operate.

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DesVets / Tin Can Sailors

DesVets, the Destroyer Veterans Association, commonly referred to as Tin Can Sailors, is an organization for, and about destroyer sailors.

As stated on their website, their purpose is:

1. To educate and broaden the public's understanding of the contribution made by destroyers and those who served aboard them and to promote and to preserve destroyer history.
2. To support today's destroyer Navy and encourage understanding of its importance and mission.
3. To promote camaraderie among our members through many events, our magazine, library, website, social media and by facilitating reunions of former shipmates.

DesVets like many reunion groups has seen a steady decline in membership over the years.

Their website has an incredible amount of information and their quarterly magazine has approximately 60 pages of interesting articles.

Below is taken from the "Why Should I Join" page on their website:

You'll receive a great 64 page magazine four times a year.

You can attend our many [events](#) across the country.

You will be helping to support seven [museum/memorial ships](#) that serve as memorials to sailors.

Tin Can Sailors is recognized by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3), therefore, contributions to Tin Can Sailors may be tax deductible.

You'll receive free or reduced price admission to many ships and maritime museums of the [Historic Fleet](#).

We offer a money-back guarantee on membership contributions and Ship's Store purchases. You can't lose

Check out their webstie: destroyers.org.
It is well worth your time.

USS Orleck Latest News

The plan to move the USS Orleck to Jacksonville as a museum ship is progressing well.

The latest news on Facebook is that the Orleck has been:

- Dry-docked
- Verified able to be towed to Jacksonville.
- Bow repaired and hull patched
- Sandblasted and painting started

Related websites:

USS Orleck Museum

<https://orleck.org/>

USS Orleck Association

<https://www.ussorleck.com>

Jacksonville Naval Museum

<https://www.jaxnavalmuseum.org/museum/>

Historical Naval Ship Association

<https://www.hnsa.org>

The USS Orleck should be open for visitors by our next reunion and we should consider that when voting at this reunion's general meeting.

Service Reactions

Service reaction to finding a scorpion in your tent:

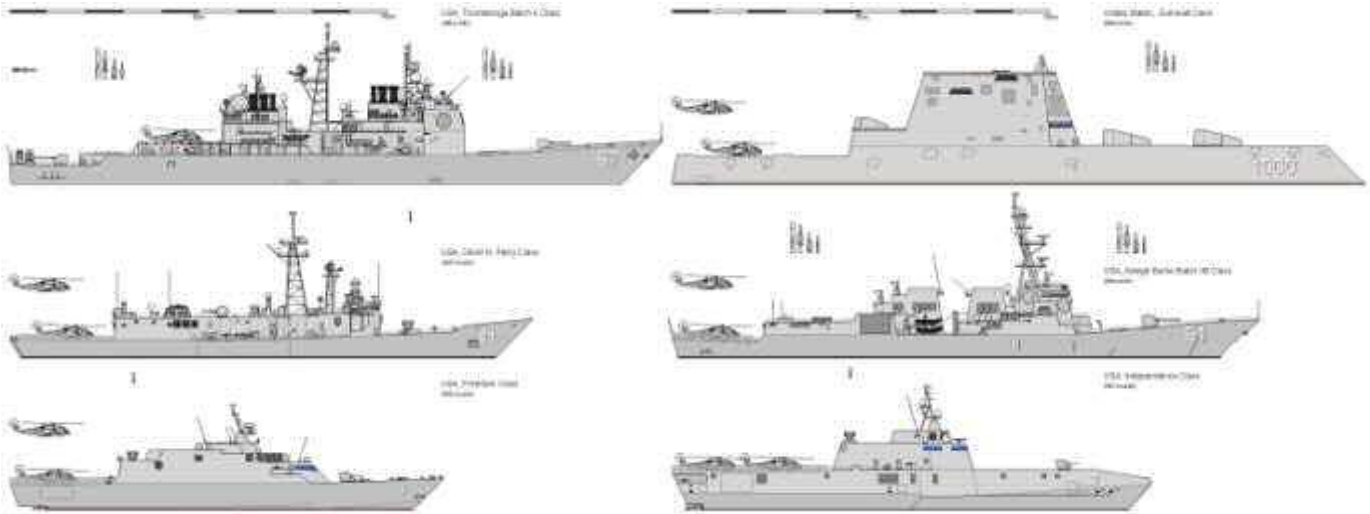
Navy – Use it to play a prank on a shipmate.

Army – Kill it with your boot.

Marine – Rip its head off and eat it.

Air Force – Call room service and ask why they put a tent in your room.

Ship Comparison



FYI - Space Force Ranks

This has nothing to do with the Sampson or even the Navy but I thought it might interest you

United States Space Force Uniform and Rank Design Concepts

The infographic details the following design concepts:

- Officer's Cap Device:** A circular emblem featuring a stylized eagle and a satellite.
- Enlisted Cap Device:** A circular emblem featuring a stylized eagle and a satellite.
- Uniforms:** A dark blue officer's uniform and a white t-shirt with "SPACE FORCE" and dark shorts.
- Officer Rank Structure:**
 - O-1 Ensign: Single gold bar
 - O-2 Lieutenant (Junior Grade): Two gold bars
 - O-3 Lieutenant: Three gold bars
 - O-4 Lieutenant Commander: Gold star
 - O-5 Commander: Silver star
 - O-6 Captain: Silver eagle
 - O-7 Commodore: One silver star
 - O-8 Rear Admiral: Two silver stars
 - O-9 Vice Admiral: Three silver stars
 - O-10 Admiral: Four silver stars
- Senior Non-Commissioned Officers:**
 - E-7 Master Sergeant: Four chevrons with a star
 - E-8 Senior Master Sergeant: Four chevrons with a star and a diamond
 - E-9 Chief Master Sergeant: Four chevrons with a star, a diamond, and a cross
 - E-9 Chief Master Sergeant of The Space Force: Four chevrons with a star, a diamond, a cross, and a satellite
- Enlisted Rank Structure:**
 - E-1 Crewman Apprentice: No insignia
 - E-2 Crewman: One chevron
 - E-3 Crewman First Class: Two chevrons
 - E-4 Corporal: Three chevrons
 - E-5 Sergeant: Three chevrons with a star
 - E-6 Sergeant First Class: Three chevrons with a star and a diamond
- Enlisted Specialty Rank:**
 - E-7 First Sergeant: Four chevrons with a star and a diamond
 - E-8 First Sergeant: Four chevrons with a star and a diamond
 - E-9 First Sergeant: Four chevrons with a star and a diamond
 - E-9 Command Chief Master Sergeant: Four chevrons with a star, a diamond, and a cross
- Enlisted Service Stripes:**
 - One Stripe: 3 Years
 - Two Stripes: 6 Years
- Other Insignia:**
 - Admiral of the Constellation: Five stars in a circle
 - U.S. SPACE FORCE: A gold and red banner

Note: These design concepts were not developed or endorsed by the Department of Defense.

Sampson Reunion Registration Form

2022 Sampson Reunion Reservation Form

Pensacola, Florida August 18-21, 2022

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) # _____ X \$50 = \$ _____

Facility rentals/Hospitality room drinks/snacks/etc.

Saturday Evening Banquet Buffet # _____ X \$37 = \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Make your check out to the "Sampson DDG 10 Reunion"

Mail it, with this form by 26 July, 2022 to:

Bill Sargent

611 Dozier Road

Ardmore, AL 35739

Please provide your cell # and Email address in case we need to contact you at the last minute

Cell: _____ Email: _____

Make your room reservation directly with the Hyatt Place, 161 Airport Lane by 28 July, 2022 cutoff (850-483-5599). Ask for the USS Sampson DDG-10 Reunion block of rooms. Group Code G-SAMP

Are you driving to Pensacola? Yes _____ No _____

How many passengers can you carry for optional tours/activities? _____

Do you have a Active or Retired Military/Government ID Card? _____

If you have any questions or need special assistance, feel free to contact Bill Sargent at 256-420-6753

Remember that 28 July 2022 is cutoff for reunion and hotel reservations

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hyatt Place, 161 Airport Lane, Pensacola, FL, 32504
(850) 483-5599

Ask for USS Sampson DDG 10 Reunion (Group Code: G-SAMP)

We have 40 rooms initially reserved and can get more if needed. Reserve your room early so you don't have any issues. Cutoff date for reservations is 28 Jul 2022
We had 20 King and 20 Double rooms reserved. Rate was the same for either.

\$149/night with 16% room and airport tax.

It is a very nice hotel right at the airport. They have a shuttle that will carry you anywhere you need to go within 1-2 miles of the hotel (maybe further if you are nice to them). There is a bar and cafe type food in the lobby area. Plenty of restaurants also in the area close to the hotel

BANQUET MENU 20 Aug 2022

Banquet will be at the Sanders Beach Corrine Jones Facility in Pensacola. It is right on the water and has a great view of Pensacola Bay. Part of the registration fee goes to renting this facility. Banquet will be buffet style and will also include appetizers (crab cakes and spring rolls)

Meats

Herb Dusted Inside Round of Beef and Citrus Mahi Mahi Filet

Sides

Mixed Green Salad, Roasted Vegetable Medley, Parsley New Potatoes
Dinner Rolls and Butter with Tea, Lemonade and Water also available

Dessert (cake) will be provided by the Sampson Reunion Group

Planned Activities

Friday, 19 Aug – trip to the Naval Air Museum, Pensacola Naval Air Base. Entrance is free and there is the CUBI Bar in the facility that can serve lunch if you want. We will set up a guided tour (by retired Naval personnel) once we get a head count of who wants to go. Access to the base is restricted to persons with an active/retired military ID or Government ID card. This is due to the Saudi shooting a couple of years ago. One person with a valid ID card can escort up to 15 non-ID card holders. That is why we are asking how many folks have ID cards who has room to carry passengers in their POV.

Saturday, 20 Aug – Pensacola Bay Cruise. This is couple of hours tour/cruise that leave the Downtown area and goes to Pensacola Beach. It also used to go to Fort Pickens, but the last hurricane damaged the pier there. It may be fixed by this summer. You can get off and get back on for the cost of the ticket. Tickets should be around \$20/person but could be a little less if we get the group rate. Cruise leaves at 1200.