From the President

Ahoy Shipmates,

The time is getting closer for our biennial reunion. We are returning to Norfolk, VA where the association was founded and we had our 1st reunion. Norfolk was our original homeport and we now return there once again.

We will meet some new and some old, and sometimes salty sailors who served on the USS Sampson during her 30 years of active service.

Though the USS Sampson is gone, there are a lot of memories held by her crew. Though we did not all serve at the same time, we have all served onboard.

Time changes us all. Most of us may not look the same as we did when we were in the Navy, but we still have some memories of the good times and sometimes the bad times during our time aboard.

The information for our upcoming reunion is in this newsletter. Please attend and enjoy a bit of the old-time comradery we all had.

I hope to see you there.

President Joe Tenzer

From the Vice President

Dear Shipmates, we will be soon having another reunion, and we hope you all can make it. We all are in great sorrow and sore hearts with the lost of 2 great shipmates. With the passing of Dale and Dave, who were very instrumental in getting our reunions going and we now need more of our mates to step up and help keep our reunions going.

We have had some great reunions in the past, so shipmate, let’s keep them going.

Thank you all and we will see you all at the reunion in Norfolk VA.

Ron Stevens Sr.
Vice president
USS Sampson DDG-10
Scheduled Tour
Nauticus/USS Wisconsin - www.nauticus.org
Victory Rover - www.navalbasecruises.com
Friday’s scheduled tour will be to Nauticus and the USS Wisconsin along with a harbor cruise on the Victory Rover. The Victory Rover cruise is a 2-hour narrated Naval Base and Port of Virginia excursion. We currently have 50 seats reserved for this tour, and a box lunch is available as part of this tour.

The cost of the tour is $42 with the boxed lunch and $32 without the boxed lunch. Be sure to designate if you do, or do not want a boxed lunch, and what kind, on the reservation form.

NOTE: There is no parking at Nauticus and we will use a parking garage in the vicinity. We will have sign-up sheets for car-pooling at the hotel.

Other Tours
Norfolk is a very interesting area. Here is a partial list of tours and attractions for those interested in going on their own or in a group.

- Norfolk – www.visitnorfolk.com
- Military Aviation Museum - www.militaryaviationmuseum.org
- Cape Henry Lighthouse - www.preservationvirginia.org
- Virginia Air & Space Center - www.vasc.org
- Virginia Zoo – www.virginiazoo.org

Banquet Dinner Options
Chicken Franchise - $26.00/person
Breast of chicken floured and battered pan sautéed with a lemon & parsley butter sauce, oven roasted red bliss potatoes & asparagus, warm rolls & butter, Chef’s selection of dessert, freshly brewed regular & decaf coffee and iced tea.

Sliced Sirloin of Oven Roasted Beef - $30.00/person
Sliced sirloin topped with a peppercorn & mission fig demi glace topped with mission figs, oven roasted potatoes & broccoli, warm rolls & butter, Chef’s selection of dessert, freshly brewed regular & decaf coffee and iced tea.

Each dinner will come with a salad (organic mixed greens festive salad with sliced strawberries, mandarin oranges, sliced almonds with chef’s special dressing). If you do not want the almonds, because of a nut allergy, the salad can be provided without (if noted in advance).

Hotel
Make your room reservations directly with the Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach - Norfolk at 1-800-Holiday or 757-499-4400 by the April 15th cutoff.

Ask for the USS Sampson DDG-10 Reunion block of rooms Code USA.

The following link will take you to reservations for the Sampson Reunion, Group USA www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=hi&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=ORFGR&_PMID=99801505&GPC=USA
2017 Sampson Reunion Reservation Form

Norfolk, May 4 – 7

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 = $___

Friday Nauticus/USS Wisconsin & Victory Rover Harbor Tour

options: Tour with box lunch – Peanut Butter & Jelly #___ $40 = $___

Tour with box lunch – Turkey & Cheese #___ $42 = $___

Tour with box lunch – Ham and Cheese #___ $42 = $___

Tour with box lunch – Chicken Salad #___ $42 = $___

Tour without box lunch #___ $32 = $___

Saturday Evening Banquet - Chicken Franchise *** #___ $26 = $___

Evening Banquet - Slices Sirloin of Beef *** #___ $30 = $___

*** Please note if you do not want almonds on your salad due to a nut allergy.

Grand Total $____

Make your check or money order out to “Sampson Association”

Mail it, with this form by April 15th to:

Bill Sargent
611 Dozier Rd
Ardmore, AL 35739-9588

Please supply the following in case we need to contact you at the last minute:

Cell # ____________________________ Email ____________________________

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

Remember the April 15th cutoff for both the reunion and hotel reservations.