

# USS WILLIAM M. WOOD (DD/DDR 715) REUNION 2010

## OCTOBER 14-17, 2010

We are pleased to announce this reunion will return to our home port area, after an eight year absence. In that period, we have added over 500 former shipmates to our data base, (many of whom live in the Mid-Atlantic area), and have a hotel with all oceanfront rooms and yet moderately priced \$54/night (\$62.02 inclusive), locally owned without a big name. (AAA 2 diamond rating.) With that combination, we expect a good turnout of both the “old regulars” and the newly found shipmates. A large group of shipmates have already indicated their intention to attend as a result of their responses to our group email communications and posting of the reunion on the [www.dd715.org](http://www.dd715.org) website. See the next page for a list of the shipmates currently indicating their intention to attend. Mark your calendars, and register or reserve your rooms now and join the growing list of your shipmates who plan to be there.

The hotel is the Surfside Oceanfront, 1211 Atlantic Ave. Virginia Beach, VA 23451. For more info and a virtual tour, see [www.virginiabeachsurfside.com](http://www.virginiabeachsurfside.com) . That's just 5 blocks south of Virginia Beach Blvd. and 3 blocks from the 15<sup>th</sup> St. fishing pier. Please call in your reservations to 1-800-437-2497 or (757) 428-1183. Rate is \$54/night (\$62 with taxes) (Continental breakfast included.) Suggest ask for Amanda in sales. Make sure you identify yourself with the Wood reunion to get our group rate!

Driving instructions. From all directions, you will run into IS 264E, which is 12 miles west of the oceanfront. Take 264E, which becomes 21<sup>st</sup> St. 1 mile from the ocean. Continue eastward to Pacific Ave. (2 blocks from the ocean) and turn right (South) on Virginia Beach Blvd. (17<sup>th</sup> St.). Left on 17<sup>th</sup> St. for one block, then right on Atlantic Ave. to the hotel. There are 6 spaces in the lobby area for unloading and check in. Then go up the ramp into the free parking garage.

# Whos Coming to the VA Beach Reunion - as of May 20, 2010

| Last Name  | First Name     | Years Aboard | Rate/Rank | City/Town        | State |
|------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| Barker     | William J. "Bi | 60-62        | PN        | Clovis           | CA    |
| Beadle     | Gilbert        | 68-72        | BT        | Omaha            | NE    |
| Bilardello | Frank          | 61-63        | YN        | Sycamore         | IL    |
| Billhimer  | Joseph         | 57-59        | FN        | Miamisburg       | OH    |
| Brewster   | Thomas         |              | WMW Des   | Little Falls     | NY    |
| Brown      | Bobby          | 60-62        | SF        | Townsend         | GA    |
| Brucato    | Joseph         | 65-67        | MR        | Flushing         | NY    |
| Buchanan   | Ron            | 75-76        | GM        | Four Oaks        | NC    |
| Buchanan   | Tony           | 74-76        | SK        | Rutherfordton    | NC    |
| Chapman    | Jerry          | 72-74        | RM3       | South Elgin      | IL    |
| Childers   | Morris G. (Ri  | 66-67        | RM3       | Panama City      | FL    |
| Darner     | Larry R.       | 61-63        | BT        | Kettering        | OH    |
| Davis      | Clifford       | 53-56        | RMSN      | Harrisonburg     | VA    |
| Dennison   | Wally          | 57-60        | GM        | VA. Beach        | VA    |
| Dickson    | Ronald W.      | 56-57        | SupO      | Moorestville     | NC    |
| Dzubak     | John           | 66-69        | MM        | Greensburg       | PA    |
| Farris     | Skip           | 65-69        | BT        | Apple Valley     | CA    |
| Friend     | George C       | 65-69        | BT        | Barberton        | OH    |
| Gdula      | Bernard J.     | 56-57        | FT        | Irwin            | PA    |
| Geer       | Robert D.      | 70-72        | RD        | Milford          | CT    |
| Gluse      | Michael R      | 56-59        | GunO      | Chesapeake       | VA    |
| Goulart    | Richard H.     | 46-49        | SN        | Tampa            | FL    |
| Graf       | Donald V.      | 57-58        | EngO      | Lusby            | MD    |
| Guzman     | Roman          | 70-71        | SM3       | Buda             | TX    |
| Hartnett   | Frank J        | 53-54        | FN        | Thorofare        | NJ    |
| Jedra      | Henry          | 61-63        | MM        | Port Byron       | NY    |
| Lauten     | David          | 74-76        | RM        | SugarLand        | TX    |
| Lusk       | Tom E.         | 62-67        | BT        | Twin Lake        | MI    |
| Messina    | Metrus         | 61-64        | IC        | Trooper          | PA    |
| Michel     | John T         | 72-75        | SupO      | Arlington        | VA    |
| Planitzer  | Russell E      | 68-70        | Eng Off.  | Fishers Island   | NY    |
| Resser     | Mike           | 69-71        | RM        | Walkersville     | MD    |
| Smith      | Larry L.       | 59-61        | RD        | Rock Hill        | SC    |
| Southgate  | Ronald W.      | 56-57        | YN        | Saginaw          | MI    |
| Stevens    | David T.       | 65-66        | RM        | Abington         | MA    |
| Stewart    | Harry R.       | 69-70        | BM        | Virginia Beach   | VA    |
| Stucke     | Paul E.        | 73-76        | HT        | New Milford      | NJ    |
| Tedrow     | Clifford       | 69-70        | GM        | Hopewell         | PA    |
| Theel      | Robert         | 61-63        | SN        | Lodi             | WI    |
| Thomas     | Jim            | 69-72        | RM        | Farmington Hills | MI    |
| Tracy      | Lisa           |              | WMW Des   | Lexington        | VA    |
| Traub      | Chuck          | 70-71        | CO        | Virginia Beach   | VA    |
| Trenholm   | George R.      | 53-56        | QM        | Stoneham         | MA    |
| Walters    | Jack J.        | 59-62        | EM        | W. Mifflin       | PA    |
| Walters    | Jim            | 61-63        | IC        | Girard           | OH    |
| Ward       | Jackie Jo      | 53-56        | MM        | Rio Rancho       | NM    |
| Wengert    | Bruce          | 58-59        | ET        | Cape Coral       | FL    |
| Woodard    | Norman         | 67-71        | BT        | Pierpont         | OH    |
| Zapf       | Robert C.      | 67-72        | ST        | Loveland         | OH    |
| Zimmerman  | Paul J         | 65 - 68      | RD3       | Sparrows Pt      | MD    |

## EVENT RESERVATIONS, VIRGINIA BEACH REUNION 2010

Wed. Oct. 13 (early bird) optional tour to Colonial Williamsburg, VA. \_\_\_ at \$54=\_\_\_\_\_

Thurs. Oct. 14 Nauticus National Maritime Center, battleship Wisconsin, Spirit of Norfolk Harbor cruise and lunch \_\_\_ at \$69=\_\_\_\_\_

Fri. Oct. 15 Naval Station Norfolk Tour, including tour of Aegis class destroyer, lunch on base and visit to MacArthur Memorial or shopping Center \_\_\_ at \$42=\_\_\_\_\_.

Sat. Oct. 16 Riding tour of Virginia Beach and visit old Coast Guard Station \_\_\_ @ \$28=\_\_\_\_\_

### Meal reservations/selections

Welcome buffet reception Thurs. Oct. 14. Pork ribs, fried fish, chicken tenders, potato salad, vegetable medley \_\_\_ at \$18=\_\_\_\_\_

Annual banquet reception (seated) Sat. Oct. 16. Garden salad, dinner rolls and Choice of \_\_\_\_\_ 10 oz. prime rib au jus, \_\_\_\_\_ 8 oz grilled chicken breast \_\_\_\_\_ fresh catch of the day (rockfish, mahi-mahi or flounder) \_\_\_\_\_ All at \$28=\_\_\_\_\_.

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|                          | Events \$ _____   |
| <u>Additional items:</u> | Association dues (2010 or add to your account) \$10 _____ |
|                          | Hospitality room contribution \$5 _____                   |
|                          | Grand total \$ _____                                      |

**Please make check payable to USS William M. Wood Reunion by Sept. 15!! and send to Chuck Traub at 784 Glasgow Court, VA Beach, VA 23452**

## SPECIAL NOTES!!

Golf outing. If you're interested in a fun type golf outing, please advise me so that we can get it started. Would be in the morning at a local golf course a few miles from the hotel. Send reservations to Chuck Traub at [ctraub3@cs.com](mailto:ctraub3@cs.com), a note to 784 Glasgow Court, VA. Beach, VA. 23452. Details to those interested later.

Ocean half day fishing trip. About \$35, including rod, reel, bait, license. Interested? \_\_\_\_\_

WW II (and later) aviation museum. About 25 fully restored (most still flyable!) planes from U.S. and enemy countries. Flying Tiger P-40, P-51, Spitfire, MIG, Japanese Zero and others. \$10 adm, WW II vets free. 11 miles from hotel, so we can carpool. \_\_\_\_\_ See [www.MilitaryAviationMuseum.org](http://www.MilitaryAviationMuseum.org)

**BANQUET DRESS:** In respect to our ladies, men are asked to wear coat and tie, as ladies will be in "dressy dresses". They know what that means!

**RAFFLE ITEM:** Don't forget to bring a raffle item representative of your state (edible or not). Will be raffled at the Saturday night banquet.



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Surfside Oceanfront Inn and Suites, estimated number of guests: 100 people

**OPTIONAL EARLY BIRD TOUR**

**Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM-**

**COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG OVERVIEW**

- Depart via motor coach with your tour guide for the charming town of Williamsburg. Your guide will provide interesting and informative narration during your ride about the historic Virginia Peninsula and the Hampton Roads area.
- Upon arrival in Williamsburg, you will step back into the 18th century while strolling through the streets of Colonial Williamsburg. Your historical interpreter will guide you through the past and the events that helped shape America's history as you enjoy a one and one half hour leisurely walking tour through the restored area of this lovely colonial capital city (Actual distance is approximately 4-5 blocks).
- Following your overview tour, enjoy free time to shop and browse in the many unique specialty shops in Merchants Square. High quality apparel, gifts, jewelry, unusual quilts, beautiful furniture and holiday decorations are but a few of the offerings found in this quaint, picturesque shopping area.
- Enjoy lunch on your own in one of the Colonial Taverns or in Merchants Square. Your guide will point out all of the dining options as you pass through town.

**JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT**

- Spend the afternoon on Virginia's historic peninsula touring Jamestown Settlement - established in 1607, this was the first permanent settlement in the New World.
- Guests will enjoy touring the re-created village of Jamestown which chronicles the nation's 7th century beginnings in Virginia in the context of its Powhatan Indian, English and western central African cultures. Jamestown represents an enduring legacy of language, culture and government.
- Through an introductory film, "1607: A Nation Takes Root", and expansive 30,000 square foot indoor exhibition galleries, you will discover the political, social and economic factors that led to the colonization of the New World, the culture of the Powhatan Indians of coastal Virginia at the time of the English arrival, and the first century of the Virginia colony when Jamestown served as its capital.
- Outside, history comes alive in re-creations of a Powhatan Indian village, a colonial fort, and the three ships - Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery - that transported English colonists to Virginia in 1607. Costumed historical interpreters demonstrate work and everyday life of the era and engage visitors in a variety of activities.
- Enjoy shopping in the beautiful gift shop, for unique items for home and garden as well as "Made in Virginia" items.

**Package Price: \$54.00 per person, inclusive.**

**Thursday, October 14, 2010, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**NAUTICUS, THE NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER**

- Board the motor coach with your guide to enjoy a visit to Nauticus, the National Maritime Center, a unique and thriving campus of visitor attractions that explores the economic, naval, and natural powers of the sea. Features here include a series of ingenious interactive exhibits, shows, and theaters with various films.

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- Also housed here is the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, one of ten museums officially operated by the U.S. Navy. Highlights of the naval battles and exhibits of detailed ship models, artwork, and memorabilia are showcased in the museum.

**BATTLESHIP WISCONSIN**

- A true highlight of your visit to Nauticus will be a tour of the battleship Wisconsin, one of the famous Iowa-class ships. This great ship saw action in WWII, the Korean War and most recently in the Persian Gulf War. Wisconsin is permanently berthed beside Nauticus where it is accessed by a connecting walkway. Explore the main deck and recently opened portions of the interior to learn about this famous ship, those who fought and served on board and the role that this mighty warship has played in the defense of our nation.

**SPIRIT OF NORFOLK HARBOR CRUISE**

- Board the magnificent Spirit of Norfolk for a two-hour luncheon cruise. Feast on a sumptuous buffet and enjoy the informative narration as you cruise through the Hampton Roads Harbor. View many fascinating sights along the waterfront, including mighty aircraft carriers and nuclear submarines at the Norfolk Naval Base, Nauticus and the Battleship Wisconsin and Old Fort Norfolk. Enjoy dancing and a show following lunch. The ship has two climate-controlled lower decks and an open-air upper deck.

**Package Price: \$69.00 per person, inclusive. LUNCH INCLUDED.**

**Friday, October 15 2010, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

**NAVAL STATION NORFOLK TOUR**

- Board the motor coach with your guide to tour the Norfolk Naval Base, which is part of Naval Station Norfolk - the largest naval installation in the world. Home port to 78 ships, ranging in size from aircraft carriers to submarines, 26 aircraft squadrons comprised of 133 aircraft and headquarters of the Atlantic Fleet, this naval complex occupies over 8,000 acres of land and is home to more than 100,000 military personnel.
- Your tour will take you past the 14 piers and through the Naval Air Station. You will also drive by the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown Exposition on "Admiral's Row" which now house the flag officers.

**TOUR OF ACTIVE DUTY SHIP**

- Visit an active duty Navy ship (pending availability and approval - Aegis class destroyer will be requested on behalf of your group).

**LUNCH INCLUDED ON BASE**

- Lunch will be included at one of the clubs on base for your group.

**MACARTHUR MEMORIAL or SHOPPING AT MACARTHUR CENTER**

- Following lunch, enjoy a visit to the MacArthur Memorial for a glimpse into our country's history. During your visit you will view the outstanding collection of artifacts, documents, photographs and memorabilia housed in Norfolk's historic city hall which trace the life and times of five-star General Douglas MacArthur. You will also have the opportunity to view the 25 minute film which chronicles General MacArthur's life. The General and Mrs. MacArthur are entombed in the rotunda of the memorial. Nine separate galleries arranged in two levels circle the rotunda and tell the story of General MacArthur and the millions of American men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces from the Civil War through the Korean War. A gift shop with unique memorabilia is located on the premises.
- For those who would prefer shopping, visit the beautiful MacArthur Center located in the heart of downtown Norfolk. Anchored by Nordstrom and Dillard's, and offering over 150 specialty shops, boutiques and restaurants, this beautiful new complex is considered one of the most outstanding in the Mid-Atlantic region. Special discount coupon books will be made available for your group.

**Package Price: \$42.00 per person, inclusive. LUNCH INCLUDED.**

**Saturday, October 16, 2010, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**RIDING VIRGINIA BEACH TOUR**

- Board the motor coach with your guide to enjoy beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay as you ride through Virginia Beach. See the historic lighthouses and the First Landing Cross at Cape Henry where the English colonists first came ashore in 1607.
- Walk out on the overlook to see where the bay and the ocean meet, and where the famous Battle of the Capes took place during the Revolutionary War. Ride down the resort strip and past the Tidewater Veterans Memorial, a unique structure which pays homage to veterans everywhere.

**OLD COAST GUARD STATION**

- Visit the Old Coast Guard Station, a former life-saving station from 1903, which houses exhibits dedicated to preserving our maritime heritage. Life-saving service, ship wrecks and Coast Guard rescue work through World War II at the oceanfront are all displayed in the two floors of exhibits. The Lower Gallery tells the story of the life-saving service and in the Upper Gallery you will find tales of Virginia shipwrecks and the Battle of the Atlantic in World War II.

**Package Price: \$28.00 per person, inclusive.**

**THE PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Motor coach transportation, tour guide service, admissions as listed, meals as listed, taxes and meal gratuities.
- Gratuities for guide and driver are not included, and are at the discretion of the individual.
- Prices are based on a minimum of **35** people per tour.
- A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit will be required upon signing the letter of agreement. This deposit will be applied to your final invoice.
- Please provide preliminary counts six weeks prior to program, September 2, 2010.
- **Guaranteed counts for the Spirit of Norfolk lunch cruise are due four weeks ahead of time, September 16, 2010.**
- Final counts for tours due three weeks prior to program, September 23, 2010 at which time we will send an invoice. Final and full payment due upon receipt of invoice.
- Our cancellation policy is that no refunds will be issued after the invoice is sent. Please inform all participants who do not show for their tour that they will not be refunded their money.
- Last minute participants will be accommodated on a space-available basis only, and ticket prices on site will be an additional \$3.00 per person.
- All itineraries are subject to change. Every attempt will be made to include all sites mentioned within this itinerary.
- Boarding times will be fifteen minutes prior to listed departure times in front of the Surfside Oceanfront Inn and Suites.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Any guests requiring special arrangements (dietary, physically disabled) must make us aware of their needs in advance, otherwise, we will not be able to guarantee that they will be accommodated. Those guests with physical disabilities should have someone traveling with them to assist physically. Phillips DMC staff and motor coach drivers cannot accept responsibility for lifting guests in and out of coaches.

**PLEASE NOTE: Above quoted prices will remain in effect until May 1, 2010, and cannot be guaranteed after that until a letter of agreement is signed.**