



**USS SPROSTON (DD/DDE-577)
INVITATION TO THE SAN DIEGO REUNION 22-26 SEPTEMBER 2010**

San Diego has long been a favorite destination for military reunions because of strong Navy presence, warm weather, and welcoming atmosphere. Most of us haven't forgotten those first weeks of Navy life in Boot Camp at NTC San Diego. Who among us doesn't remember a night out on the town and the infamous Painless Nell's Tattoo Parlor up from Broadway pier? Reunion chairman Jim Marlatt has put together a reunion package certain to provide a memorable experience for you, your family, and guests. Our headquarters will be the Harbor Island Hilton Hotel, site of the 2004 Sproston reunion. They have offered us a very attractive room rate of only \$105/night plus tax. Planned activities Thursday include our Memorial Service and a tour of NTC with a photo op at the USS Recruit in case you missed the opportunity when you were 18. Then we tour an active duty Navy ship, possibly a DDG, to see firsthand some of the exciting innovations Jim Sagerholm spoke of in Milwaukee. Lunch will be provided at the newly remodeled Bali Hai Restaurant on Shelter Island. Friday morning we are scheduled to visit the handicap-friendly museum ship, USS Midway (CV-41) including an audio tour. Friday afternoon we get underway for a two-hour narrated harbor excursion and box lunch. Our business meeting will take place Saturday afternoon, and Saturday evening will be devoted to the festivities of the banquet, raffle, and dance with entertainment. The farewell breakfast buffet will begin at 0700 Sunday morning. Len Doran, Ship's Store Operator, will have items available at the reunion or you may order from him directly at 920-722-2414.

This is a very special reunion. On 15 Sept 1950 the USS Sproston was re-commissioned and returned to active duty; it is a time to celebrate the return of the USS Sproston to the fleet 60 years ago. I ask that each of you try to contact shipmates for whom we may not have an address and did not receive this notice. Please share this information with them so they might be able to attend. Check the Sproston website, www.sproston.com for continuing reunion information.

MESSAGE FROM THE 2010 SPROSTON REUNION CHAIRMAN: We are looking forward to seeing many Sproston shipmates, family members, and friends in San Diego. We can almost guarantee you will enjoy yourselves and encourage you to contact shipmates and invite them to join us at our reunion. Everyone is welcome, especially family members. "There are no strangers at Sproston Reunions." The sea stories get better every year!! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 626-351-0362 or email: jrmarlatt@earthlink.net —Jim Marlatt

Please register early and book with the hotel directly by telephone before 22 Aug; rooms have been reserved for our use exclusively. Everything you need is included with this invitation. We hope to see all of you and especially those for whom this may be a first reunion. If you have questions, please contact one of the officers listed at the bottom of this page.

TAPS: After printing our previous report the Reunion Group was notified of the passing of the following shipmates:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/RATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
FRED B. GIFFORD	BM2	WWII	MAY 2010
ROBERT E. KIRBY	FN	KOREA	JULY 2004
JAMES G. BENNETT	BTC	WWII	DEC 2009
RON MARCALETTI	BT2	KOREA	DEC 2009
LLOYD E. EDWARDS	GM2	KOREA	DEC 2009

May they rest in peace. These fine men will be remembered at our Memorial Service, Old Navy Chapel, NTC.

Robert (RF) Johnson, President	robert.johnson22@mcshi.com
Orville Amos, Treasurer	816-483-2710
Michael Bereskin, Secretary	Sproston@sbcglobal.net

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2010 REUNION EVENTS
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WED 22 SEPT:

CHECK-IN – HILTON HOTEL – SAN DIEGO AIRPORT/HARBOR ISLAND
1960 HARBOR ISLAND DRIVE
SAN DIEGO CA 92101
TELEPHONE: 619-291-6700
<http://www.sandiegoairport.hilton.com>

1400-2200 HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN: SPINNAKER ROOM & PATIO – LOBBY FLOOR
DINNER ON YOUR OWN – SEVERAL FINE AREA RESTAURANTS

THU 23 SEPT:

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN – HOTEL RESTAURANT OPENS AT 0600
0900 BOARD BUSES FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE AT NTC CHAPEL
1000 TOUR NTC AND VISIT USS RECRUIT
1030 PROCEED TO NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO - TOUR ACTIVE DUTY NAVY SHIP
1230 BOARD BUSES FOR SHELTER ISLAND – LUNCH AT THE BALI HAI RESTAURANT
1500 RETURN TO HILTON HOTEL
DINNER ON YOUR OWN
HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN UNTIL 2200

FRI 24 SEPT:

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN – HOTEL RESTAURANT OPENS AT 0600
0930 BOARD BUSES TO VISIT USS MIDWAY (CV-41) – AUDIO TOUR @ 1000
1200 BOARD BUSES FOR TWO-HOUR HARBOR EXCURSION AND BOX LUNCH
1500 RETURN TO HILTON HOTEL
DINNER ON YOUR OWN
HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN UNTIL 2200

SAT 25 SEP:

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN – HOTEL RESTAURANT OPENS AT 0600
0800 HOSPITALITY SUITE OPENS
1500 SPROSTON BUSINESS MEETING - HOSPITALITY SUITE: SPINNAKER ROOM & PATIO
1800-2200 NO HOST BAR, BANQUET DINNER, RAFFLE, DANCE - MARINA BALLROOM

SUN 26 SEP:

0700-1000 FAREWELL BREAKFAST BUFFET — MARINA BALLROOM

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PLEASE MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 22 AUG 2010

NAME _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
 ON BOARD FROM _____ TO _____ RANK/RATE _____ FIRST REUNION? _____
 NAME OF WIFE/GUESTS _____

THE \$25 REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE PAID FOR ACCESS TO THE HOSPITALITY ROOM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>#PEOPLE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Wed 22 Sep	REGISTRATION AND HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN 1400-2200	\$25	_____	_____
Thu 23 Sep	MEMORIAL SERVICE, NTC, USS RECRUIT, USN SHIP TOUR, LUNCH AT BALI HAI	\$55	_____	_____
Fri 24 Sep	USS MIDWAY TOUR, HARBOR EXCURSION, BOX LUNCH	\$60	_____	_____
Sat 25 Sep	BANQUET DINNER, RAFFLE, DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT	\$35	_____	_____
Sun 26 Sep	FAREWELL BREAKFAST BUFFET	\$10	_____	_____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			\$	_____

SATURDAY BANQUET DINNER CHOICES — PLEASE INDICATE NUMBER FOR EACH ENTRÉE:

FLAT IRON STEAK _____ CHICKEN _____ VEGETARIAN _____
 Entrées include mixed green salad, garlic mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, and dessert.

CUT LINE-----
 KEEP LOWER PORTION FOR REFERENCE

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS: COMPLETE THIS FORM. MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR **TOTAL AMOUNT DUE** PAYABLE TO "SPROSTON REUNION GROUP." MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TO OUR SPROSTON TREASURER:

**ORVILLE AMOS
 6413 PEERY AVE
 KANSAS CITY MO 64126-2161**

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION:

WE WILL STAY AT THE HILTON HOTEL - SAN DIEGO AIRPORT/HARBOR ISLAND. YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS BY CALLING THE HOTEL DIRECTLY **BEFORE 22 AUG.** REQUEST THE SPROSTON BLOCK. **ROOM RATE IS \$105/NIGHT + TAX.** CHECK-IN TIME IS 1600. HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 22 AUG 2010. **THIS IS A NON-SMOKING FACILITY.** ROOM RATE IS GOOD FOR TWO DAYS PRIOR AND TWO DAYS AFTER THE EVENT DATES. COMP PARKING IS AVAILABLE. FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE FROM/TO THE AIRPORT 0430-2400. TELEPHONE THE HOTEL FOR PICKUP.

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