

SAVE THE DATE

10-14 SEPT 2014 USS SPROSTON (DD/DDE – 577) REUNION BALTIMORE, MD



Did the *Sproston* make a difference in your life? Then don't miss this opportunity to reunite with your shipmate friends from years ago. Join us in Baltimore for this not to be missed reunion. Your shipmates would love to see you.



FT McHENRY

Fun Facts:

- 200 years ago the defense of Ft. McHenry was immortalized by Baltimore lawyer, Francis Scott Key, in "The Star Spangled Banner."
- In 1814 the people of Baltimore and surrounding states banded together to defend the city, a thriving seaport and home to many privateers and naval ships
- This is the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and our national anthem
- During our reunion, Baltimore will welcome tall ships, naval vessels and the US Navy's Blue Angels

- Consider arriving early and staying late to see all of the historic landmarks and feast on all of the extraordinary seafood that Maryland has to offer • Learn a lot history without trying

Reunion chairman has made the following arrangements for us:

- Accommodations at the 4-star Sheraton Baltimore-BWI Airport Hotel
- Complimentary auto parking
- Free ADA shuttle from BWI airport
- Free daily breakfast buffet
(Reservation information is included at the bottom of the registration page)
- Transportation by luxury coaches equipped with head, electrical outlets and seat belts
- See attached page for a list of all planned activities

Getting there:

Baltimore-Washington Airport (BWI) is served by several airlines and is your best travel destination • Call the hotel front desk (443) 577-2100 for free shuttle



Everything you need is included with this invitation. We sincerely hope to see all of you, especially those for whom this may be a first reunion. We missed some of you last year – do not miss this one!

If you have questions, feel free to contact one of our Reunion Group officers:

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TAPS:

After our San Pedro reunion last year we were notified of the passing of the following shipmates:

| Name: | Rank/Rate: | Service: | Deceased: |
|-------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| David E. Skinner | FT3 | Cold War | Aug 2012 |
| Glen Swick | ST3 | Vietnam | Apr 2013 |
| Herbert Kessler | SM3/c | WWII | Nov 2013 |
| Raymond Hoffman | CDR | Vietnam | Jan 2014 |
| Wayne King | BT3 | Vietnam | Jan 2014 |
| Robert Glenn | ST2 | Vietnam | Jan 2014 |
| Ike Winner | HMSN | Korea | May 2014 |
| Clovis "Shorty" Polston | SN | Vietnam | May 2014 |

**USS SPROSTON (DD/DDE-577)
2014 REUNION EVENTS
10-14 SEPTEMBER 2014 — BALTIMORE, MD**

Sheraton Baltimore-Washington Airport Hotel - BWI
1100 Old Elkridge Landing Road Linthicum, MD 21090-1003
Front Desk Phone: (443) 577-2100 Reservations: (888) 627-8881
Website: <http://www.sheratonbwiairport.com/>



WED. SEPT 10

12:00pm Hospitality Room set-up
4:00pm Hotel check-in and welcome
Dinner on your own
• Many nearby first-class restaurants
10:00pm Hospitality Room secured

THU. SEPT 11

06:00am Complimentary breakfast buffet
09:30am Board bus for Baltimore tour
10:15am Arrive Green Mount Cemetery for Memorial Service at LT Sproston's gravesite
11:45am Bus to Inner Harbor Visitors' Center
• Promenade attractions • Historic displays
• USS Torsk (SS-423) • USS Constellation
• The Gallery shopping



GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY



1:45pm Bus to Nick's Fish House
• Maryland seafood buffet lunch on deck
• Waterfront views
• Watch the Blue Angels practice
3:45pm Bus to Ft. McHenry for tour
• See scenic Baltimore attractions
5:15pm Depart and return to hotel
• Hospitality Room open until 10:00pm
Dinner on your own
10:00pm Hospitality Room secured

FRI. SEPT 12

- 06:00am Complimentary breakfast buffet
- 09:30am Board bus for Washington tour
- 10:15am Arrive D.C.
 - See WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War and Lincoln Memorials
- 1:20pm Board bus to Old Ebbitt Grill for group lunch
- 3:00pm Board bus to Smithsonian Museum of American History
- 4:30pm Depart Washington, return to hotel
Dinner on your own
- 10:00pm Hospitality Room secured



VIETNAM MEMORIAL



OLD EBBITT GRILL

SAT. SEPT 13

- 06:00am Complimentary breakfast buffet
- 09:00am Sproston business meeting - Hospitality Room
- 10:00am Activities on your own (suggested activities will be provided)
 - Nearby rail transportation • Casinos • Restaurants • Arundel Mills Mall shopping
- 3:00pm Hospitality room secured
- 6:00pm Cocktail hour (cash bar)
- 7:00pm Banquet dinner, raffle, entertainment • Choice of chicken Marsala or fillet mignon

SUN. SEPT 14

- 6:00-9:30am Complimentary farewell breakfast buffet • Hotel check-out by 1200

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2014 REUNION REGISTRATION
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PLEASE MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 17 AUG 2014

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

ON BOARD FROM _____ TO _____ RANK/RATE _____ FIRST REUNION? (Y/N) _____

NAME OF WIFE/GUESTS _____

THE \$35 REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE PAID FOR ACCESS TO THE HOSPITALITY SUITE

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | <u>COST</u> | <u>#PEOPLE</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------------------|--|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| Wed 10 Sep | Registration and hospitality suite open 1200-2200 | \$35 | _____ | _____ |
| Thu 11 Sep | Memorial service, visit Inner Harbor Promenade, lunch at Nick's Fish House, Ft. McHenry tour | \$61 | _____ | _____ |
| Fri 12 Sep | Washington D.C. tour, war memorials, lunch at Old Ebbitt Grill, Smithsonian Museum | \$68 | _____ | _____ |
| Sat 13 Sep | Banquet dinner, raffle, and entertainment | \$44 | _____ | _____ |
| Sun 14 Sep | Farewell breakfast buffet | Free | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL AMOUNT DUE | | | \$ | _____ |

Saturday banquet dinner choice - please indicate number for each entrée: CHICKEN _____ FILET _____

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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:

**LEON MUELLNER
14998 FRANCESCA AVE N
HUGO MN 55038-9310**

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION:

SHERATON BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON AIRPORT - BWI HOTEL • YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS NOT LATER THAN 17 AUGUST BY CALLING (888) 627-8881 • REQUEST THE SPROSTON BLOCK • ROOM RATE IS \$119 + TAX • GOOD 3 DAYS BEFORE/AFTER THE REUNION • CHECK-IN TIME 4PM COMPLIMENTARY AUTO PARKING AND DAILY BREAKFAST BUFFET • FREE ADA SHUTTLE FROM BWI AIRPORT > CALL FRONT DESK (443) 577-2100 FOR TRANSPORTATION

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