

USS SPROSTON (DD/DDE – 577) REUNION

GALVESTON, TX

7-11 OCTOBER 2015

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 on Galveston Island for this not to be missed Gulf reunion. Your shipmates would love to see you, socialize, hoist a beer and swap sea stories again.

Welcome to Historic Galveston Island, known as the Playground of the South! The splash of breaking waves draws visitors to Galveston's beaches generation after generation. At 32 miles long and two-and-a-half miles wide, the Island is surrounded with incredible history and unique beauty. Warm breezes and year-round temperate seas complement the city's rich historic districts, award-winning restaurants, unique attractions and bustling shops.

Some of our activities have already been planned, including:

- Memorial service at Seawolf Park, a living remembrance of submarines and vets lost during WWII
- Bus tour of Galveston with lunch at and exploration of the San Jacinto Monument and Museum of the history of the Texas Revolution from Mexico
- Viewing of the "Totem Poles," the carved tree stumps that are reminders of Hurricane Ike's 2008 devastation
- Visit the Lone Star Flight Museum, home to one of the finest collections of restored aircraft and aviation exhibits in the nation
- Tour of and full buffet lunch at Galveston's Number One Attraction: the famous Moody Gardens, Aquarium Pyramid, Rainforest Pyramid and Discovery Pyramid

Reunion chairman, Ralph Hanson has made the following arrangements for us:

- Full accommodations at the 4-star Holiday Inn Resort Galveston - On The Beach Hotel
- Group room rate: \$99 + tax Sunday-Thursday, \$129 + tax Friday and Saturday.
- Rate good 2 days prior and after reunion dates. See last page for hotel reservation information.
- Complimentary auto parking, outdoor pool, fitness center, Wi-Fi, some smoking rooms
- Free shuttle bus from/to HOU William P. Hobby, TX Airport Wednesday and Sunday
- Free shuttle service from hotel to restaurants and attractions on the Island
- Banquet dinner with choice of three entrées, our traditional raffle, farewell buffet breakfast

Getting there: You must fly into the William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) in Hobby, TX to take advantage of our free shuttle bus to Galveston. Leave the baggage claim closest to carousel #4. Walk down pedestrian walkway across all lanes of traffic. You will see a white 12-passenger van with "Cool Tours" and "Sproston" signage. The bus departs 9am-6pm every hour on the hour to the hotel on Galveston Island, about 40 miles south. (Cool Tours: 409-539-5374)

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 opportunity!

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

Orville Amos, President Oamos541@aol.com 816-483-2710	Michael Bereskin, Secretary sproston@comcast.net 415-239-0104	Ralph Hanson, Chairman Mobile: 832-661-1604	Leon Meullner, Treasurer lands@q.com
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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:
CLARENCE T. CHLADEK	GMG3	VIETNAM	NOV 2011
COLIN T. WILKINS	SN	VIETNAM	OCT 2014
BRUCE M. CARON	SN	VIETNAM	NOV 2014
THOMAS F. HEHIR	GMG3	WWII	DEC 2014
JOHN ELROD	GMC	VIETNAM	DEC 2014
TOMMY E. HARRELL	SN	VIETNAM	JAN 2015
FARRELL E. CHAMBERS	RMSN	VIETNAM	FEB 2015
JOSEPH F. CONROY	MM3	WWII	MAR 2015
DOUG JONES	RD2	KOREA	MAR 2015
RICHARD NICLEY	BM3	VIETNAM	APR 2015

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Holiday Inn Resort on the Beach
5002 Seawall Boulevard Galveston TX, 77351
Front Desk Phone: 409-740-5300 Reservations: 800-465-4329 (toll free)
Website: <http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnresorts/hotels/us/en/galveston/glssb/hoteldetail>

WED. OCT 7

9 AM-6 PM Free shuttle bus from Hobby Airport (HOU) to hotel operated by Cool Tours (Phone: 409-539-5374). Bus marked “**Sproston**” runs every hour on the hour.
4:00 PM Hotel check-in and welcome
Dinner on your own • Many nearby first-class restaurants • Complementary Island shuttle service depending on driver availability.
10:00 PM Hospitality Room secured

THU. OCT 8

09:00 AM Board bus to Seawolf Park for Memorial Service
Re-board bus for tour of Galveston Island
Bus to San Jacinto Monument and Museum • Lunch and tour museum
Afternoon Depart San Jacinto and return to hotel
Dinner on your own
4:30-10 PM Hospitality Room open

FRI. OCT 9

09:00 AM Board bus for Lone Star Flight Museum (one hour)
Late AM Re-board bus to Moody Gardens, Aquarium, Rainforest • Full buffet lunch at Moody Gardens
Afternoon Return to hotel
Dinner on your own
4:30-10 PM Hospitality Room open

SAT. OCT 10

09:00 AM Sproston business meeting - Hospitality Room
10:00 AM Activities on your own (Suggested activities will be provided.)
1:00 PM Hospitality Room secured
6:00 PM Cocktail hour (cash bar)
7:00 PM Banquet dinner, raffle, entertainment • Choice of grilled chicken breast with cilantro cream sauce, fried shrimp or 8 oz butcher cut sirloin. Entrées are served with garden salad, vegetable, starch and dessert. Coffee and iced tea service included.

SUN. OCT 11

6-9:00 AM Farewell breakfast buffet • Hotel check-out by 1100
• Free bus transportation to Hobby Airport 5:00 AM -11 AM every other hour

Important phone numbers to keep handy:

Orville Amos (cell): 816-308-8618 Michael Bereskin (cell): 415-786-6420
Ralph Hanson (cell): 832-661-1604 Leon Muellner (cell): 651-338-8661
Hotel Front Desk: 409-740-5300 Cool Bus Tours: 409-539-5374

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 2015 REUNION REGISTRATION
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PLEASE MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 14 SEP 2015

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 07 Oct	Registration and hospitality suite	\$35	_____	_____
Thu 08 Oct	Seawolf Park, Memorial service, Galveston tour, San Jacinto Monument, lunch	\$65	_____	_____
Fri 09 Oct	Lone Star Flight Museum, Moody Gardens, Aquarium, Rainforest, buffet lunch	\$68	_____	_____
Sat 10 Oct	Banquet dinner, raffle, and entertainment	\$44	_____	_____
Sun 11 Oct	Farewell breakfast buffet	\$15.50	_____	_____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			\$	_____

Banquet dinner choice - please indicate number for each entrée: CHICKEN _____ SIRLOIN _____ SHRIMP _____

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

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

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Reservations must be made before September 14, 2015 by calling the Reservations Department 800-465-4329 (toll free). To obtain your special group rate, guests must identify themselves as being with USS Sproston DD/DDE-577 and reference the event dates, 7-10 October 2015. The Hotel accepts all major credit cards as a guarantee. Guests may cancel individual reservations up to 48-hours prior to arrival without penalty to the individual. Cancellations received inside of 48-hours of arrival will forfeit first night room and tax deposit. All guests are required to provide a credit card imprint upon check-in. \$99 room rates apply 2 days prior and 2 days post reunion. Free shuttle from Hobby airport Wednesday only - to Hobby Airport Sunday only.