

USS SPROSTON (DD/DDE-577)
INVITATION TO THE PITTSBURGH REUNION 14-18 SEPTEMBER 2011

Pittsburgh, PA is our reunion destination this year and many interesting activities have been planned. We register and check into the downtown Sheraton Station Square Hotel Wednesday afternoon. Super Shuttle is available from the PIT Airport; taxi service is also an option. The train depot is downtown, close to the hotel. Room rate of \$109/night + tax is good for three days before/after the reunion. Registration cutoff date is 25 August **firm!** Please call the hotel directly at 412.261.2000 or 800.325.3535 and register early so we can better serve you and your guests. If we don't occupy all the hotel rooms contracted for, the Reunion Group has to absorb the cost. They're ready to accept your phone reservation now!

Thursday we visit the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum for our memorial service. This museum is the only one in the nation to honor members of all branches of service; their Gettysburg Room is dedicated to the Civil War. Then we're off to the Nationality Rooms at the University of Pittsburgh. This historical landmark focuses on the heritages, traditions and religious holidays of represented nations. A box lunch is provided before being bussed to the Phipps Conservatory, one of the world's greenest public gardens during their Summer Flower Show: "Living Harmoniously with Nature." Its beautiful space is in full bloom as eight local interior designers incorporate sustainable textiles, architectural elements and decor into 17 indoor gardens. Bus departs for the hotel at 1500.

Friday we embark on a guided bus tour of Pittsburgh and later visit the Heinz History Center. An affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, the History Center is the largest history museum in Pennsylvania. The 275,000 sq. ft. museum features six floors of long-term and changing exhibition space, including the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, a dynamic museum-within-a-museum and the Library & Archives, an extensive scholarly resource documenting 250 years of life in Western Pennsylvania. About midday we return for lunch at Buca di Beppo, adjacent to the hotel to complete the day.

Our business meeting this year is 0930 Saturday. Saturday evening will be devoted to the festivities of the social hour, bar, banquet, raffle and the very exciting Tamburitzans, a unique ensemble of talented young folk artists dedicated to the performance and preservation of the music, songs, and dances of Eastern Europe and neighboring folk cultures. Many of you enjoyed the spellbinding Tamburitzans at the Milwaukee reunion.

The farewell breakfast buffet will begin early Sunday morning. Len Doran, Ship's Store Operator, will have items available at the reunion or you may order from him directly. Please register early and book with the hotel directly by telephone before 25 Aug; rooms have been reserved for our use exclusively. Cost of City public parking adjacent to the hotel has been negotiated down to \$16/day for our group. 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. Meet you in Pittsburgh! --Michael Bereskin, ET2

TAPS: After 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>
Clyde "Cotton" Harp	DC3	Korea	March 2011
William H. Owen	RT3	WWII	July 2009
Robert T. Ennis	LT	Korea	March 2011
Howard W. Edwin	LTJG	Korea	August 2010
William R. Chappell	MMC	WWII	March 2010
James F. Dee, MD	FTG3	Viet Nam	January 2011
Harold L. Cooper	ENS	Korea	August 2010
James W. Montgomery	LCDR	Korea	April 2011

May they rest in peace. These fine men will be remembered at our Memorial Service.

If you have questions, contact the Reunion Chairman, Dan Suchy at (412) 262-4802 or one of the officers below.

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Orville Amos, Treasurer	816-483-2710
Michael Bereskin, Secretary	Sproston@sbcglobal.net

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2011 REUNION EVENTS
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WED 14 SEPT:

1500 CHECK-IN **Sheraton Station Square Hotel**
300 West Station Square Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Reservations: 800.325.3535
412.261.2000
<http://www.sheratonstationsquare.com>

1500 HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT
DINNER ON YOUR OWN – SEVERAL FINE CLOSE-BY RESTAURANTS

THU 15 SEPT:

0815 BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN – HOTEL RESTAURANT OPENS AT 0630
BOARD BUSES FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE AT SOLDIERS & SAILORS HALL
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, NATIONALITY ROOMS
BOX LUNCH
PHIPPS CONSERVATORY
1500 RETURN TO SHERATON STATION SQUARE HOTEL
DINNER ON YOUR OWN
HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT

FRI 16 SEPT:

0815 BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN – HOTEL RESTAURANT OPENS AT 0630
BOARD BUSES FOR GUIDED TOUR OF PITTSBURGH CITY
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER
1200 RETURN TO HOTEL FOR LUNCH AT BUCA DI BEPPO
DINNER ON YOUR OWN
HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT

SAT 17 SEP:

0930 BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN – HOTEL RESTAURANT OPENS AT 0630
SPROSTON BUSINESS MEETING
1800-1900 SOCIAL HOUR; NO-HOST BAR
1900-2300 BANQUET DINNER, RAFFLE, ENTERTAINMENT

SUN 18 SEP:

TIME TBA FAREWELL BREAKFAST BUFFET

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2011 REUNION REGISTRATION
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PLEASE MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 25 AUG 2011

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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

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 14 Sep	REGISTRATION AND HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN 1500-2400	\$25	_____	_____
Thu 15 Sep	SOLDIERS & SAILORS, U OF PITTSBURGH, BOX LUNCH, PHIPPS CONSERVATORY	\$70	_____	_____
Fri 16 Sep	GUIDED PITTSBURGH TOUR, HEINZ HISTORY CENTER, BUCA DI BEPPO LUNCH	\$70	_____	_____
Sat 17 Sep	BANQUET DINNER, RAFFLE AND ENTERTAINMENT	\$40	_____	_____
Sun 18 Sep	FAREWELL BREAKFAST BUFFET	\$10	_____	_____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			\$	_____

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

BEEF _____ CHICKEN _____

Entrées include vegetable, starch, dessert, rolls and butter, coffee, tea or decaf.

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 SHERATON SQUARE HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH. YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS BY CALLING THE HOTEL DIRECTLY **BEFORE 25 AUG.** REQUEST THE SPROSTON BLOCK. **ROOM RATE IS \$109/NIGHT + TAX.** CHECK-IN TIME IS 1500. HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 25 AUG. **THIS IS A NON-SMOKING FACILITY.** ROOM RATE IS GOOD FOR THREE DAYS PRIOR/AFTER THE EVENT. AUTO PARKING IS AVAILABLE AT \$16/DAY WITH IN/OUT PRIVILEGES.

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