

## USS SPROSTON (DD/DDE-577) INVITATION TO THE SAN PEDRO, CA REUNION 4-8 SEPT 2013

This year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the commissioning of the USS Sproston. Did she make a difference in your life? The Sproston can still add to your life by reuniting you with shipmate-friends from years ago. Please join us in San Pedro this year. Your shipmates would love to see you, and don't you wonder what became of them? **SAVE THE DATE!**

We have contracted with the luxurious Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel. This is a five-star (non-smoking) hotel within walking distance of shopping, many fine restaurants, and clubs. A *special* room rate of \$109/night + tax is good for 3 days before/after the reunion. Complementary automobile parking is available. Free continental breakfast is served each morning. To make your reservation, call the hotel front desk directly at (310) 519-8200 and identify yourself as being with the Sproston group. Register early so we can better serve you, your family and guests. We meet Wednesday in the hotel.

Thursday's activities include our memorial service and tour aboard the USS Iowa (BB-61), lunch at the delightful Limani Taverna Greek restaurant, plus an interesting and informative San Pedro Harbor cruise. No wheelchairs or 4-wheel walkers are allowed on board *Iowa* so those who wish to board may OPT IN on the registration form. Those attending Thursday but not boarding *Iowa* will not pay the \$10 admission fee and will join us for lunch and harbor cruise afterwards.

Friday we visit the RMS Queen Mary in Long Beach for a guided tour and lunch, traveling there in actual yellow school busses. A hotel and restaurant now, the Queen Mary was an elegant ocean liner in the 30s, pressed into service as a troop transport during WWII. Convenient shopping is located adjacent to the ship. Our business meeting is Saturday morning; our cocktail hour, banquet dinner, and raffle will be Saturday evening. There is ample time for nearby exploration and shopping on your own. Sunday morning we bid farewell at a buffet breakfast in the hotel restaurant.

GETTING THERE: Los Angeles Airport (LAX) is served by many airlines and is your best air travel destination. SuperShuttle vans are available to take you to the hotel for \$19 one-way, \$36 RT. These vans pick up passengers on the Lower/Arrivals Level in front of each terminal. Look for the orange signs that read "Shared Ride Vans" at terminal curbside near the exits from baggage claim areas. SuperShuttle representatives wear blue uniforms and can direct you to the proper van. Their toll-free number is 800-258-3826. Long Beach Airport (LGB) is an option but with very limited airline service.

Len Doran, Ship's Store Operator, will have items for sale at the reunion or you may order from him directly online. Everything you need is included with this invitation. We sincerely hope to see all of you and especially those for whom this may be a first reunion. We missed some of you at the Kansas City reunion, do not miss this one.

—Michael Bereskin (ET2, 1962-1963) Secretary

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

Robert (RF) Johnson, President robert.johnson22@mcshi.com	Michael Bereskin, Secretary Sproston@sbcglobal.net Ph: 415-239-0104	Jim Marlatt, Co-chairman jmarlatt@earthlink.net Ph: 626-351-0362	Orville Amos, Treasurer Ph: 816-483-2710
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TAPS: After our Kansas City reunion we were notified of the passing of the following shipmates:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/RATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
H.V. McMAHON	EM1/c	WWII	APR 2010
G. GARLAND UPTON	BM3/c	WWII	OCT 2012
TOM RORRIE	MM1/c	WWII	NOV 2012
FREDERICK HESLEY	LTJG	KOREA	MAY 2012
ROLAND YEEND	TM2	KOREA	NOV 2012
OSCAR B. BRETT	SO2	KOREA	DEC 1961
DON R. COMBS	SN	COLD WAR	AUG 2009
BILL RAYMOND	LTJG	COLD WAR	DEC 2012

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**2013 REUNION EVENTS**  
**4-8 SEPTEMBER 2013 — SAN PEDRO, CA**

The Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel  
601 South Palos Verdes Street  
San Pedro, CA 90731  
Front Desk Phone: (310) 519-8200 Corporate Phone: (800) 972-2576  
<http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/san-pedro/laxpv/hoteldetail>

**WED. SEPT 4**

12:00pm	Hospitality Room set-up
3:00pm	Hotel registration and welcome
10:30pm	Hospitality Room secured

**THU. SEPT 5**

10:15am	Depart for USS Iowa on Red Trolleys
10:35am	Board Iowa for memorial service on fantail (optional)
10:55am	Tour USS Iowa (optional)
11:45am	Depart for lunch
12:00pm	Lunch at Limani Taverna Greek Restaurant (301 W. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street)
1:30pm	Depart for harbor cruise
3:00pm	Return to hotel
3:15pm	Hospitality Room open until 10:30pm

**FRI. SEPT 6**

10:15am	“School bus” departs for Queen Mary
10:30am	WWII guided tour of Queen Mary
11:30am	Lunch on board
1:00pm	Explore Queen Mary and shopping on your own
2:30pm	Depart and return to hotel
3:00pm	Hospitality Room open until 10:30pm

**SAT. SEPT 7**

9:30am	Business meeting
Afternoon	Activities on your own (suggested activities will be provided)
6:00pm	Cocktail hour (No-host bar)
7:00pm	Dinner and raffle
8:00-10:30pm	Entertainment/DJ

**SUN. SEPT 8**

6:30-9:30am	Farewell breakfast buffet
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PLEASE MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 15 AUG 2013

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 4 Sep	REGISTRATION AND HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN 1200-2230	\$35	_____	_____
Thu 5 Sep	LUNCH AT LIMANI TAVERNA GREEK RESTAURANT AND HARBOR CRUISE	\$55	_____	_____
Thu 5 Sep	ADD OPTIONAL USS IOWA MEMORIAL SERVICE AND TOUR	\$10	_____	_____
Fri 6 Sep	LUNCH ABOARD RMS QUEEN MARY AND WWII SHIP TOUR	\$58	_____	_____
Sat 7 Sep	BANQUET DINNER, RAFFLE, AND ENTERTAINMENT	\$44	_____	_____
Sun 8 Sep	FAREWELL BREAKFAST BUFFET	\$15	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>				<b>\$ _____</b>

> Saturday banquet dinner choice — please indicate number for each entrée: BEEF \_\_\_\_\_ CHICKEN \_\_\_\_\_

**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 CROWNE PLAZA LOS ANGELES HARBOR HOTEL. YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS BY CALLING THE HOTEL FRONT DESK OR 800 NUMBER DIRECTLY. REQUEST THE SPROSTON BLOCK. **ROOM RATE IS \$109/NIGHT + TAX.** CHECK-IN TIME IS 3PM.. **THIS IS A NON-SMOKING FACILITY.** ROOM RATE IS GOOD FOR THREE DAYS PRIOR/AFTER THE REUNION. COMPLEMENTARY AUTO PARKING IS AVAILABLE. FREE DAILY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IS PROVIDED.

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