

# USS SPROSTON REUNION GROUP NEWSLETTER

Where we've been and where we're going 2015

February 2015

We sincerely thank Mike and Carmencita Kenney for planning and hosting our wonderful September reunion in Baltimore. With so much going on in the area at the time much flexibility was required and it was pulled off quite skillfully. Certainly everyone in attendance had a great and memorable experience. I hope the Kenneys enjoy retirement and, along with all of you, have a happy, prosperous and safe new year.

This year, Ralph Hanson (phone: 832-661-1604) is hosting our reunion in Galveston, Texas; the hotel contract has been signed! We're staying at the Holiday Inn Resort at the beach 7-11 October 2015. Group rate is good for two days prior and following the actual reunion. Detailed reservation/registration, transportation, cost, and itinerary information will be included in your Reunion Package to be mailed later in the year.

Galveston Island has an interesting history and 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 lunch at the famous Moody Gardens, Aquarium Pyramid, Rainforest Pyramid and Discovery Pyramid

Lastly, at our business meeting in Baltimore the motion to sponsor a silver alloy USS Sproston wall plaque at the Navy Memorial in Washington was suggested by Tony Filosa and seconded. Sponsorship of a commemorative plaque requires a total donation of \$3,000. Tony has already started the ball rolling with a generous donation of \$500. I encourage our Reunion Group members to donate what they can to commemorate the ship we remember and love. Checks should be made out to "Sproston Reunion Group" and labeled plaque or donation and mailed to our treasurer:

Leon Muellner  
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Leon has created a special account for these funds, and our webmistress Paulette Bacci will keep us informed of our success in reaching the \$3,000 goal and progress with the United States Navy Memorial. Let's join our sister destroyers with a dedication to the USS Sproston for all to see for all time. Thank you.

Very respectfully,

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