



**USS SPROSTON (DD/DDE-577)
INVITATION TO THE MILWAUKEE REUNION 16-20 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Plans for the 2009 reunion in Milwaukee have been finalized. JJ Goodwin and Len Doran have worked diligently to ensure that you have a memorable time. To that end, I ask that each of you try to contact shipmates for whom we may not have an address and did not receive this notice. Please share this information with them so they might be able to attend. We have booked the Best Western Milwaukee Hotel and Conference Center as our headquarters. They have offered us an attractive room rate of \$79/night plus tax, including a full buffet breakfast each morning. Room rate is locked in for a couple of days before and after our reunion. Free shuttle service from MKE Airport and the Amtrak Depot is available by calling the hotel at (414) 769-2100. Fifty Wi-Fi equipped rooms have been set aside for us; only seven have been designated as “smoking” rooms so please book with the hotel early. Contact information is located both on the Registration Form and the Events Schedule; the hotel also has a useful website, <http://www.bwmilwaukee.com/> Please submit your Registration Form and check to Orville Amos as soon as you can so we may better accommodate the group. Len Doran, Ship’s Store Operator, advises me that only a limited number of the high quality embroidered shirts will be available at the reunion so order from him directly beforehand. Len can be reached at (920) 722-2414.

A special event for this reunion is a poolside/tailgate dinner party Wednesday evening. Interesting and accessible activities in the full package include tours of the Mitchell Park Botanical Conservatory, the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Museum, the Lakefront Micro Beer Brewery and a guided bus tour of Milwaukee. Thursday lunch at Joey Buona’s and Friday fish fry luncheon at historic Turner Hall Restaurant are included in the activity packages for those days. The Lake City Restaurant and Lounge is adjacent to the hotel and chain restaurants are located within one-half mile.

This year, first time attendees will be issued name tags of a distinctive color so you old hands can more easily recognize “boots” and make them feel a special part of our *Sproston* family. Again, register early and book with the hotel directly. 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. If you have questions, please contact one of the officers listed at the bottom of this page.

Taps: The Reunion Group has recently been notified of the passing of the following shipmates:

NAME	RANK/RATE	SERVICE	DECEASED
Max Wayne Hilton	SN	Cold War	December 2008
Terrence Michael Speth	IC3	Vietnam	December 2008
Max Wayne Hilton	SN	Cold War	December 2008
Charles “Ledge” Ward	LT	WWII	July 2008
Kent Carrigan	GM3	Cold War	January 2008
Elmer G. Campbell	S 1/C	WWII	April 1995
Dr. Charles Holland	LT	WWII	March 2009

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

Please check the Sproston website, www.sproston.com for continuing reunion information.

Robert (RF) Johnson, President	mailto:robert.johnson22@mcshi.com
Orville Amos, Treasurer	(816) 483-2710
Michael Bereskin, Secretary	mailto:Sproston@sbcglobal.net

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 2009 REUNION REGISTRATION
 16-20 SEPTEMBER 2009 — MILWAUKEE, WI

PLEASE MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 16 AUG 2009

NAME _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
 ON BOARD FROM _____ TO _____ RANK/RATE _____ FIRST REUNION? _____
 NAMES OF WIFE/COMPANION/GUESTS 1 _____ 2 _____
 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

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>
16 SEP	REGISTRATION AND POOLSIDE/TAILGATE PARTY	\$25	_____	_____
17 SEP	MEMORIAL SERVICE, TOUR MILWAUKEE, LUNCH, MITCHELL PARK CONSERVATORY	\$60	_____	_____
18 SEP	HARLEY-DAVIDSON MUSEUM, TURNER HALL FISH FRY, LAKEFRONT BREWERY TOUR	\$70	_____	_____
19 SEP	BANQUET DINNER, RAFFLE, DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT	\$35	_____	_____
20 SEP	FAREWELL BREAKFAST BUFFET (FREE)			
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			\$ _____

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

TOP SIRLOIN _____ STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST _____ LEMON BAKED COD _____

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**

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION:

WE WILL STAY AT THE BEST WESTERN MILWAUKEE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER. YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS BY CONTACTING THE HOTEL DIRECTLY. REQUEST THE USS SPROSTON BLOCK. **ROOM RATE IS \$79/NIGHT + TAX.** INCLUDES FREE BUFFET BREAKFAST EACH MORNING. THERE WILL BE A LIMITED NUMBER OF "SMOKING" ROOMS. CHECK-IN TIME IS 1500. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 16 AUG 2009.

**BEST WESTERN MILWAUKEE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER
 5105 S HOWELL AVE
 MILWAUKEE WI 53207-6109
 TOLL FREE: 1-877-461-8547
 LOCAL: 1-414-769-2100
<http://www.bwmilwaukee.com/>**

- FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE BY HOTEL IS AVAILABLE FROM/TO MILWAUKEE MKE MITCHELL FIELD AIRPORT.
- AMTRAK OPERATES TO MILWAUKEE. FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE FROM/TO THE AMTRAK DEPOT.

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1300-2200 HOSPITALITY SUITE 132 OPEN

1700-2000 TAILGATE DINNER PARTY AT POOLSIDE INCLUDES HOT DOGS, BRATWURST, POTATO SALAD, ASSORTED WISCONSIN CHEESES, CONDIMENTS, BEVERAGES

THU 17 SEPT:

0700 BREAKFAST BUFFET — FLIGHT ROOM

0700-2200 HOSPITALITY SUITE 132 OPEN

0900 BOARD BUSES FOR SERVICE AT THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL CENTER

1100-1300 GUIDED TOUR OF MILWAUKEE

1300-1430 LUNCH AT JOEY BUONA'S RESTAURANT

1500-1700 TOUR MITCHELL PARK CONSERVATORY (THE DOMES) BOTANICAL GARDENS

1730 RETURN TO HOTEL, DINNER ON YOUR OWN

FRI 18 SEPT:

0700 BREAKFAST BUFFET — FLIGHT ROOM

0700-2200 HOSPITALITY SUITE 132 OPEN

0900 BOARD BUSES FOR HARLEY-DAVIDSON MUSEUM TOUR

1230 FISH FRY AT HISTORIC TURNER HALL RESTAURANT

1400-1600 TOUR LAKEFRONT MICRO BREWERY

1630 RETURN TO HOTEL, DINNER ON YOUR OWN

SAT 19 SEP:

0700 BREAKFAST BUFFET — FLIGHT ROOM

0700-2200 HOSPITALITY SUITE 132 OPEN

1500 SPROSTON BUSINESS MEETING — SYMPOSIUM ROOM

1800 BANQUET DINNER, RAFFLE, DANCE — AVIATOR BALLROOM

SUN 20 SEP:

0700-1000 FAREWELL BREAKFAST BUFFET — FLIGHT ROOM