

USS Sampson Reunion

Signup Deadline

is May 1, 2001

**THIS IS THE RESERVATION FORM FOR
USS SAMPSON ASSOCIATION MEETING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Please fill out this form and send it along with a check or money order for the meals and tours you have selected.

| | <u>Number of attendees</u> | <u>Total</u> |
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| Meeting fee (Required for all attendees) | () X \$20.00 | _____ |
| Friday Bus Tour to Great Lakes | () X \$30.00 | _____ |
| Saturday Bus Tour to Museums | () X \$25.00 | _____ |
| Friday Evening Buffet | () X \$50.00 | _____ |
| Saturday Dinner | () X \$45.00 | _____ |
| Fish | () X \$42.00 | _____ |
| Chicken | () X \$55.00 | _____ |
| Steak | () X \$30.00 | _____ |
| Sunday Breakfast Buffet | () X \$30.00 | _____ |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$ _____ | |

Meals and tour reservation deadline - May 1, 2001

Room reservation deadline - July 26, 2001

Remember you must also make your room reservation(s) directly with the O'Hare and ask for a room in the SAMPSON ASSOCIATION block.

Send your check or money order for the GRAND TOTAL above to:

**Dave Brandt
Secretary/Treasurer
USS SAMPSON DDG10 ASSOCIATION
1 Ridge Lake Drive
Manning, South Carolina 29102**

Two steps are required to make your reservation. First step is to send payments for the reunion meeting, tours and meals to the Association Secretary-Treasurer, Dave Brandt. Second step is to call the hotel direct reservation number and reserve your room for the reunion.

The O'Hare Marriott direct reservation number is 1 (847) 375-3400. Ask for a room in the Sampson Association block.

Do not use the Marriott toll-free 800 number.

NOTE: We have had some problems when we called the hotel directly. If you have trouble getting a room at the Sampson rate, try calling one of the following direct numbers:

- 1 (773) 693-4444 – the hotel sales office
- 1 (847) 375-3426 – the “local” sales office

The deadline for making room reservations at the Marriott and guaranteeing the Sampson Association room rate of \$89.00 is July 26, 2001.

Select the meals and tours you wish to attend and then send payment for these selections to Dave Brandt. The following selections and their prices are available:

Meeting Fee: Per Person \$20.00
This to be paid by all attendees.

Friday Evening Buffet: Per Person \$50.00
Mexican Fiesta Buffet in a Marriott Dining Room.

Saturday Evening Dinner:
Chose one entrée for each attendee.

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| Baked Orange Roughy | Per Person \$45.00 |
| Spicy Cashew Chicken | Per Person \$42.00 |
| New York Strip Steak | Per Person \$55.00 |

Sunday Morning Breakfast Buffet: Per Person \$30.00
An Association Business Meeting will follow

Tour to Great Lakes Naval Training Center: Per Person \$30.00
Departing from the O'Hare Marriott at 7:30 AM Friday August 17

Tour to Chicago Museums: Per Person \$25.00
Departing from the O'Hare Marriott at 9:00 AM Saturday August 18



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The Chief says (by Don Shirey)

These past 2 years have seen some remarkable progress in the Sampson Association. First and foremost is the Web Site under the care of Jim Carr. We have an outstanding site at www.sampsonddg10.org, which provides a means of communication. Second is the tireless effort of Ted Unser in putting out our almost regular newsletter with some real meat in it. Thanks also to Marty, Dave and Joe for regular Inputs to it.

If you are online, please send your email address to me (djshirey@home.com) or to Dave Brandt (drbrandt@ftc-i.net) so we can continue to send news by email and save postage on as many people as possible.

All of the officers and committee members have done an outstanding job and deserve a big hand. If anyone is interested in taking on any of these jobs, including that of president, please let me know. It is your organization and it is up to you to choose the leaders who will manage the association in a manner most beneficial to all of us, the members.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Chicago. There will be a sign directing you to the room designated "Registration" and the store. We have 3 adjoining rooms, with the center is registration and display of site info for '03 reunion data. This will make it easier for Dave to update his records and check registration data. It will also be the non-smoking gathering place.

Looking forward to seeing you in "Chi Towne" in August.

Don Shirey, President

Association Officers

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From the Editor

To save the mailing costs we are sending this newsletter as an attachment to everyone with an email address. Please let us know if this causes you any trouble. We are mailing the newsletter to everyone without an email address. This newsletter will also be available on our new website, www.sampsonddg10.org.

Thanks again to Don and Marty for their input.

Reunion Information (by Marty Hanson)

This is the latest from Marty about the Chicago reunion. This information is also available on the Sampson website.

CHICAGO REUNION

Now is the time to sign up for the reunion!

The deadline for reserving the meals and tours is May 1

The deadline for reserving rooms is July 26.

The USS Sampson Association has chosen Chicago for the site of its 2001 Reunion.

The USS Sampson Association has chosen an outstanding hotel for the reunion headquarters. It is the O'Hare Marriott, located at Interstate 90 and Cumberland Avenue inside the Chicago city limits. (The hotel's address is 8535 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631.) The cost per room will be \$89 (plus tax) per night.

The USS Sampson Association is planning dinners both Friday and Saturday evenings at the Marriott. An informal Mexican buffet is scheduled for Friday night. A waiter-served dinner will be held on Saturday night with a choice of entrees. A breakfast and business meeting is planned for Sunday morning.

TOUR TO GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER

A bus tour to Great Lakes is scheduled on Friday. The tour will have to leave early, about 0730, to arrive in time for the 0900 recruit graduation. Lunch will be available for purchase at the lakefront Port-O-Call Officer's Club. In the afternoon we are planning a tour of the recruit training facilities and technical training facilities.

MUSEUM TOURS

We are planning a bus tour for Saturday that will include the Museum Campus or the Museum of Science and Industry. The Museum Campus includes the Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium, and Soldier Field. This bus tour will include a long drive along Chicago's magnificent lakefront.

TRAVEL TO CHICAGO

Many of you will travel to Chicago by air. Chicago's hometown airline is United Airlines. The most spectacular air terminal at O'Hare Airport is used by United Airlines. Helmut Jahn, a famous current-day Chicago architect, designed the terminal. I should warn you however, that United Airlines has one of the worst on-time and customer service records of all the major national airlines. The other major airline at O'Hare Airport is American Airlines. O'Hare is nearby the reunion headquarters hotel, the O'Hare Marriott. Transportation to the O'Hare Marriott from O'Hare is free if you use the Marriott bus. **Remember your hotel is the O'Hare Marriott not the O'Hare Marriott Suites.**

The other Chicago airport is Midway Airport. Southwest Airlines is the largest and most successful airline at Midway Airport. Midway Airport is about 20 miles from the O'Hare Marriott. There are several ways to get to the O'Hare Marriott from Midway. The most expensive way is by pre-arranged limousine. Their charge from Midway to the O'Hare Marriott is \$63. If you choose to use a limousine, we recommend you use A-1 Limousine not because they are giving us a cut, but because in our experience they are the best limousine company in the Chicago area. A-1's phone number is 630-833-3788. A slightly less expensive way is by taxi. Since both Midway Airport and the O'hare Marriott are in Chicago, the city taxis, Yellow or Checker must be used. The charge for a taxi is about \$48. A new air terminal will be open during the reunion. A new parking garage has been built. A new CTA line has been built to the airport. The cheapest way to get to the O'Hare Marriott from Midway Airport is via CTA. The fare is \$1.50 per person. You will

have to carry your own bags and you will have to carry and keep your bags with you when you transfer from the Orange Line from Midway Airport to the Blue Line to O'Hare Airport in downtown Chicago. On the Blue Line you will have to get off at the Cumberland stop which is two stops before O'Hare Airport. You can see the O'Hare Marriott from the Cumberland stop. It is across the Kennedy Expressway and you can get there via a pedestrian overpass over the highway.

Those of you who travel by vehicle will encounter Chicago highways. Chicago highways can be very confusing. There are radial highways into the center of the city and there are beltways around the city. Chicago highways are always called by their names not their numbers by the local people and the traffic reporters on the television and radio stations. The best radio reporting of traffic conditions can be found on WBBM AM radio at 780 AM. The highways inside the beltway include: Interstate 57 (an exception to the name rule), Dan Ryan (Interstate 90 & 94 south of city center), Bishop Ford (Interstate 94 south of the city center after it separates from the Dan Ryan), Kennedy (Interstate 90 & 94 north of city center), Eisenhower (Interstate 290), Edens (Interstate 94 north of city center after it separates from the Kennedy), Stevenson (Interstate 55), and Lakeshore Drive (U.S. 41). The beltways include Tri-State Tollway (Interstate 294) and North-South Tollway (Interstate 355 and Illinois 53). The Tri-State Tollway starts at the Indiana state line and ends at the Wisconsin state line. The radial highways outside the beltways include: O'Hare Airport Spur (Interstate 190), East-West Tollway (Interstate 88), Northwest Tollway (Interstate 90), Interstate 57, and Interstate 55. Interstate 80 passes east-west south of Chicago without entering the city. For a portion of its route in Indiana Interstates 80 and 94 share the same road. It is a major access route to Chicago and it is one of the busiest highways in the area. If you plan to approach Chicago from the east on Interstate 80 or 94 you better allow for delays. A bypass to the Interstate 80-294 bottlenecks is the Toll Skyway (Interstate 90) (in the southeast corner of Chicago). The Toll Skyway is a shortcut

between the Indiana Toll Road (Interstate 80-90) in Indiana and the Dan Ryan in Chicago. If you are coming to Chicago on highways from the southeast the best routes to the O'Hare Marriott are via the Skyway or via the Tri-State Tollway. Both the southern end of Interstate 294 and the city portion of Interstate 90 are always full of traffic except in the middle of the night. Another unnamed highway is Interstate 65. It ends in Indiana at the Indiana toll road. Interstate 65 is a major route from the southeast U.S. to Chicago but the journey must be completed on Interstate 294, Interstate 94, or Interstate 90.

A major caution when you drive to the O'Hare Marriott on any of these major routes into the city is that once you get within 100 miles of Chicago on any of these routes the traffic can begin to back up very seriously. Once you are on 294 or any of the highways inside 294 the traffic will usually always be backed up except in the middle of the night. So don't plan to average 60 to 70 mph near Chicago. You will arrive much later than you hope at the hotel. If you drive any of the routes with tollway in their name please get lots of change before you start. There are tollbooths every 10 miles or so and the tolls are usually \$0.40 but they can be anything from \$0.15 to \$2.00 on the Skyway. Most tollbooths are unmanned so you must have the change ahead of time. Be prepared! As, I hope you can understand after reading this, driving in and around Chicago is not easy. It can be quite a challenge if you are not used to driving in a big city.

TRANSPORTATION IN CHICAGO

The CTA runs the bus and train system inside the city. The CTA train system is an above-ground and subway system that runs to both airports, Midway and O'Hare. It provides economical transportation to the city center, and to neighborhoods and sites north, south was. Chicagoans are flocking to the CTA because it is so much improved over its past.

Everyone who comes to Chicago should plan to do some walking. Even though Chicago is much more automobile friendly than cities such as Boston and Washington, D.C., it can be extremely expensive whenever you park your car. The city has plenty of above ground and below ground parking facilities in the Loop and River North, but they are all costly. You will be charged to park at the museums. The loop parking garages charge \$8 or more on weekends and \$16 or more during the week. Magnificent Mile shopping areas charge almost \$30 for parking. Parking in the neighborhoods is another matter. You may have to drive around endlessly to find a rare parking place. Plan to use the CTA and walk. You will see more. You will avoid the crushing bumper-to-bumper traffic.

BREAKING NEWS

The Chicago Air & Water Show is scheduled to take place on the Lakefront on 18 & 19 August during the Sampson Reunion. Contrary to information in a previous newsletter the new air terminal at Midway Airport will be open during the reunion. A reconstruction project for Wacker Drive around the Chicago Loop has just begun and will be in full swing during the Sampson Reunion. Wacker Drive runs along the south and east sides of the Chicago River both north and west of the Loop. Wacker Drive is a two level heavily used major city thoroughfare in the center of Chicago. Wacker Drive intersects many of the busy Chicago Loop streets and one by one each of these intersections will be closed while both the upper and lower roadway and supports are totally replaced. Travel on the CTA is not expected to be affected but street and pedestrian traffic in the loop and along the Chicago River will be significantly affected. It

and west of the city center. The fare is \$1.50 for each rider. The CTA train system is not equal to the spectacular Washington (D.C.) Metro or the San Francisco BART. It does not cover the area like the New York Subway System. However, the cars are remarkably clean and convenient compared to what it once

is likely that the restaurants alongside the Chicago River accessible from Wacker Drive which were discussed in the Restaurant section in the last newsletter will all be closed. Up-to-date details of the impact of this project can be obtained on the City of Chicago and Chicago Transit Authority web sites listed in the following section, [Internet Resources for Chicago](#). Other construction news that may affect your travel includes a major project on Interstate 94 in the southern section of Chicago. This is the section of the highway called the Bishop Ford Expressway. Construction during the summer will reduce this section of freeway to one lane each direction. Trucks heavily travel this because it runs through heavily industrialized areas. You should plan to avoid this section of Interstate 94. Other construction projects that may affect your travel can be checked out on the Illinois Tollway (for tollway projects) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (for freeways) websites, listed in the following section, [Internet Resources for Chicago](#).

Internet Resources for Chicago

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| Chicago Transit Authority: | http://www.transitchicago.com/ |
| Chicago Architectural Foundation: | http://www.architecture.org/ |
| United Airlines: | http://www.ual.com/ |
| Southwest Airlines: | http://www.iflyswa.com/ |
| Museum of Science and Industry: | http://www.msichicago.org/ |
| Shedd Aquarium: | http://www.shedd.org/ |
| Field Museum: | http://www.fieldmuseum.org/ |
| Adler Planetarium: | http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/ |
| Art Institute: | http://www.artic.edu/aic/index.html |
| Chicago Historical Society: | http://www.chicagohs.org/chshome.html |
| Metromix: A guide to what is happening in Chicago: | http://metromix.com/top/1,1419,M-Metromix-Home-X!Front,00.html |
| Navy Pier: | http://www.navypier.com/ |
| City of Chicago Web Site: | http://www.ci.chi.il.us/ |
| Chicago Park District: | http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/ |
| Naval Training Center, Great Lakes: | http://www.ntcgl.navy.mil/ |
| O'Hare Marriott Hotel: | http://www.marriotthotels.com/CHIAP/ |
| Grant Park Music Festival: | http://www.grantparkmusicfestival.com/ |
| Ravinia Music Festival: | http://www.ravinia.org/ |
| Lake Michigan Dinner Cruises: | http://www.odysseycruises.com |
| Oprah Winfrey's Web Site: | http://www.oprah.com/ |
| Chicago White Sox: | http://www.chisox.com/ |
| Chicago Cubs: | http://www.cubs.com/ |
| Illinois Tollways: | http://www.illinoistollway.com/ |
| Illinois Department of Transportation: | http://www.dot.state.il.us/ |

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