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From the President

As of our Nashville reunion I was elected President of the association and Russ Koppang was elected vice-president. Purely coincidentally both of us live in New Hampshire about 25 miles apart.

On September 16 both of us, along with other members attended the Christening of the Sampson DDG 102 in Bath Maine. I brought Jim Turner and Don Stevenson, who drove from Indiana and Michigan respectively. ... I did not get all of the member's names who attended. ... The weather on the day of the Christening was excellent so everyone stayed dry and didn't cook from the heat. In all there were over a dozen members of the DDG 10 crews including a Navy Commander and Navy Chief who are still in active service. This Sampson was the second (ship) christened at BIW to enter the water using a newly developed procedure. They no longer slide the ship into the water. They now slowly move the ship into a floating dry dock, which is reported to take about an hour. They then close the dry dock and float it into the river later in the day and submerge it allowing the ship to float free. It was quite a sight to see a ship just over 500 feet long move on the track leading to the dry dock. It was probably not as spectacular as the Space

Shuttle crawling toward the launch pad but still quite a sight. During the ceremony it was mentioned that a part of the DDG 10 was integrated into the mast of the DDG 102, I guess that way she still lives at least a little.

I am personally looking forward to attending the next reunion in Florida. Hopefully the turnout will exceed the last couple. As we get older mother nature is not always kind to us so traveling is not an easy task.

*See you in 2007,
Kirk*

Association Officers

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Membership

Help us increase membership. We see that shipmates visit our website but never contact us. Check out the visitor's guest book on our website. If you recognize or remember any of their names, contact them and encourage them to become members

Visit the Sampson Website

<http://www.sampsonddg10.org>

Have you visited our website? Do you have any pictures that you would like to share?

Jim Carr has done an excellent job is setting up our website with links to a variety of information sources and pictures.

See the website for:

- Previous newsletters
- Pictures of the Sampson (various sources)
 - Launching
 - Operations
 - Scrapping
- Sampson's history
- Information about the Sampson projects
 - whaleboat
 - anchor
 - cruise books
- Links to other Navy and DDG website
- and much more

Treasurer's Report

USS Sampson DDG-10 Association Treasurer's Report October 1, 2006

Beginning Balance, May 9, 2005 \$9,025.79

Receipts:

- Dues	\$345.00	
- Reunion	\$60.00	
- Merchandise Sales	\$680.00	
Total Receipts	\$1,085.00	
		\$10,110.79

Expenses:

- Tin Can Sailor's	\$250.00
- Postage	\$85.65
- Reunion 2005	\$264.55
- Reunion 2007	\$200.00
- Merchandise	\$798.54
- Newsletter	\$64.54
- Sampson Pictures	\$50.00
Total Expenses	\$1,713.28

Ending Balance October 1, 2006 \$8,397.51

Respectfully submitted,
David Brandt
Secretary/Treasurer

DUES DUES DUES

Your dues are either:

Paid for 2006 _____

or

You owe \$ _____ .00

Note: The Sampson Association dues are the least expensive of any service organization that we are familiar with. We depend on prompt payment of your dues. (2 years advance accepted)

Make check payable to:

USS Sampson DDG10 Association

Send to:

Dave Brandt
One Ridge Lake Dr
Manning, SC 29102-9512
☎ (803) 478-2617

What, Where or Who?



Where was this picture taken?

Who is the sailor in this picture?

See [What, Where or Who - Answers](#).

Email – Keep us posted

To minimize costs we use email as much as possible.

If you have an email address, be sure to notify Dave Brandt if you are not currently receiving information by email.

Also, remember to notify Dave if or when you change your email address.

Note: Contact Dave Brandt if you would like him to email you a copy of the USS Sampson Roster.

2006 Reunion

Check <http://www.sampsonddg10.org> for the latest information on the reunion.



Hotel Information

Location:	Dolphin Beach Resort St. Petersburg Beach, FL
Dates:	May 17 – May 20
Website	http://www.dolphinbeach.com
Reservations	1-800-237-8916
Group	Ask for USS Sampson Rates
Sampson Rates	Deluxe Beachfront - \$149 Pool View - \$119 Standard - \$99

Required Reunion Fees

Meeting Fee (Required for all attendees)	\$20
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Optional Reunion Fees

Friday Picnic	\$10
Whaleboat Ride	free
Saturday Night Dinner	\$35
Note: A Hawaiian Luau is planned – Bring your “tropicals” or Hawaiian shirt	

The [2006 Reunion Registration Form](#) is included with this newsletter and it is also available on our website. Send the form and your check to cover your planned activities to:

Dave Brandt
One Ridge Lake Dr
Manning, SC 29102-9512

Make check payable to:
USS Sampson DDG10 Association

Remember:

- Make your hotel reservations directly with the resort and to ask for the USS Sampson Rate.
- Look for the “Super Shuttle” at the airport for a transportation from the airport to the hotel.

USS Sampson's Whaleboat

Life Member, Dale Hughes (ET 61-63) in St Petersburg has acquired the Sampson's whaleboat and is restoring it. Here are some comments from Dale.

Greeting All Sampsonites

Sam is still in works. We will install the rebuilt engine and transmission the last week in September. We plan on Splash day, launching, sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Detailing and shakedown to follow. We are looking forward to a great reunion. An additional whaleboat will be available at that time for everyone to enjoy.

Joyce Ann and I invite all Sampsonites to a hot dog- hamburger cookout the afternoon and evening of May 18th . Transportation information will be in the reunion package.

A special note to the younger age members that may not have attended a Sampson association reunion. A great many of us are getting old enough to start feeling these years and we need younger participants. When you get this newsletter, think about your crew members and get in touch with a couple of them. This will be a great time to get together, shoot the breeze and reminisce.

*Looking forward to May 2007,
Dale Hughes ET2 (61-62)
no1ahcav@tampabay.rr.com*

For more information about the whaleboat project and additional pictures, check our website. Below is a more current picture of the whaleboat from Dale.



Sampson (DDG10) Ship's Store

Sampson ballcaps, black
(one size fits all) \$8.50



* **Good Deal**

Note: Designate preference when ordering.
winter - closed back on hat
summer - open mesh back on hat

Golf Shirts, dark blue \$16.00
(sizes M, L, XL and 2X)



* **Good Deal**

Video of: \$8.00
- Operations at Sea
- Homecoming
- Desert Storm
- Decommissioning Ceremonies

Shipping:
Three or less items - \$4.00
Four or more items - \$8.00

Make check payable to:
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Contact:
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What, Where or Who - Answers

The location was the **Tower of Pisa**.



The sailor is **Dave Brandt**, our Secretary/Treasurer.



From the Editor

Send or email any comments, articles, stories, or pictures to the address below:

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The Sampson's Namesake

DDG hull number 102 was named Sampson, and commemorates the service of William Thomas Sampson (1840-1902) who graduated first in his class at the U.S. Naval Academy in 1861.

During his service in the Civil War, Sampson survived a mine explosion in 1865 and went on to serve aboard four ships.

When the United States declared war against Spain following the sinking of the battleship Maine, Rear Adm. Sampson, in the flagship New York, put to sea from Key West in 1898 in search of the Spanish Fleet.

He established a blockade on the Spanish Fleet in the harbor of Santiago. When the Spanish fleet attempted escape, it was completely destroyed by Sampson's forces in a running sea battle lasting five hours.

The next day, Sampson sent his famous message: "The Fleet under my command offers the nation as a Fourth of July present, the whole of Cervera's Fleet!"

After the war, he commanded the North Atlantic Fleet and later retired as commandant of the Boston Navy Yard in 1902.

Three previous ships have carried this name: DD 63, DD 394 and DDG 10.

USS Sampson DDG-102

Name	USS Sampson
Hull Number	DDG-102
Class	Arleigh Burke
Dates	Keel Laying March 20, 2005
	Float Off August 8, 2006
	Christening September 9, 2006
Dimensions	Length 505 ft
	Beam 66 ft
	Depth 41 ft 10 in
	Draft 20 ft 8 1/4 in
Displacement	(light) 6,605 tons
	(full) 8,422 tons
Other data	4 Geared gas Turbines 100,000 hsp Twin screw and rudder Steel superstructure Two stacks, one mast
Complement	(Officers) 32
	(Enlisted) 351

Launching DDG-102

Russ Koppang, our vice president, supplied the following information about DDG-10 shipmates attending the launching of DDG-102.

Earlier in the year (Jan or Feb 2006), Wes Nicholas FTM-2 (ret) from Folsom, CA, contacted me with some specific info regarding the christening of USS Sampson DDG-102. I, in turn contacted Tom Kinnaman, FTM-2 (ret) from Hamilton, OH, and Dennis Munro, (MT-2, later FTM-2, also ret) from Berlin, WI. All of them and their wives, Marie Nicholas, Christine Kinnaman, and Jane Munro were houseguests of me and Cathy at our beach-house in Wells, ME. We had made prior arrangements with LT Bob Heely, chief engineer on the new Sampson to visit Bath Iron Works on Friday, 15 Sep, the day before the christening, to briefly put foot aboard the new Sampson and take a further 'inside' look at Gridley, DDG-101. We did some other sightseeing during the weekend and ate a lot of Maine lobster and fresh-caught haddock at local restaurants. Oh, yes . . . another former Sampson shipmate, plank-owner Bob Legere (MT-3 ret) and his wife Carmen, from Sanford, ME, joined us for dinner with the rest of us on Thursday, 14 Sep, but declined to make the trip to Bath on Saturday.

Best Wishes
Russ Koppang

Other Website of Interest

Haze Gray & Underway	http://www.hazegray.org
Naval Historical Center	http://www.history.navy.mil
Navy Office of Information	http://www.chinfo.navy.mil
Navy Ships	http://navsource.org
Navy Times	http://www.navytimes.com
Naval Vessel Register	http://www.nvr.navy.mil
Official US Navy Website	http://www.navy.mil

Life Membership Application

This form is also available on the Sampson's website (<http://www.sampsonddg10.org>).

LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION USS SAMPSON ASSOCIATION

Personal Information
Date: _____

 (Last Name) (First Name, MI) (Spouse Name)

 (Address)

 (City) (ST) (ZIP +4)

 (E-Mail Address) (Web Site) (Birth Date)

 Division Rank/Rate Yrs on Bd Plank Owner

 Service Retired Age Highest Rank

LIFE Membership is based on your age and is:

AGE GROUP	FEE	40 to 44	\$210	60 to 64	\$120
29 and Younger	\$295	45 to 49	\$180	65 to 69	\$105
30 to 34	\$265	50 to 54	\$160	70 to 74	\$80
35 to 39	\$235	55 to 59	\$140	75 and older	\$50

NOTE 1. You may pay the full life membership fee in one payment or in ten equal monthly installments. If you prefer to pay monthly, you should send an initial installment of one tenth of the total fee for your age group with this application. We will enter your life membership and send you your membership card. You will be expected to forward balance of monthly payments in a timely manner. Your certificate will be forwarded upon receipt of final payment. In the event a member paying on the installment plan finds that he can not continue to make monthly payments, all monies previously paid will be credited to paoid up annual dues, currently \$10.00.

NOTE 2. Any dues currently paid in advance may be applied to reduce the fee for your age grroup

NOTE 3. Please return to Dave Brandt, Secretary, USS SAMPSON ASSOCIATION, 1 Ridge Lake Drive, Manning SC 29102-9512

2006 Reunion Registration Form

**RESERVATION FORM FOR
USS SAMPSON ASSOCIATION REUNION
ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA
MAY 17-20, 2007**

Names of those attending as to be printed on your name tag:

Date of arrival: _____

Date of departure: _____

	Number of Attendees		Total
Meeting fee (Required for all attendees)	_____	X \$20 =	\$_____
Friday Picnic	_____	X \$10 =	\$_____
Whaleboat Ride	_____	No Charge	
Saturday Night Dinner	_____	X \$35 =	\$_____
Grand Total			\$_____

The check or money order should be made out to:

USS SAMPSON DDG-10 ASSOCIATION

Please send it along with this form by

APRIL 5th

to:

**DAVE BRANDT, SEC./TREAS.
1 RIDGE LAKE DRIVE
MANNING, SC 29102**

Remember to make your room reservations directly with the Dolphin Beach Resort at 1-800-237-8916. Ask for USS Sampson DDG-10 Reunion rates and block of rooms.

**If you have any questions feel free to contact Dave Brandt , Sec./ Treas. at
803-478-2617.**

Phone # and email address, if available in case we need to contact you:

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