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From the Vice-President

Greetings to my fellow Sampson shipmates,

Not only to those who served in the early '60's but also later 'bearers of the flame'. I have only been to the past three reunions (Nashville '05, St. Pete Beach '07 and Myrtle Beach '09, and oh yes, the newest Sampson DDG-102 commissioning in Boston Nov '07) and each time I have re-connected with former shipmates and had a chance to swap sea stories with friends, old and new.

I encourage you to set aside the date, May 12-15, 2011, and plan to be with us in Mobile, AL for what promises to be another great time. Remember what Yogi Berra said . . . "Eat dessert first, you don't know what can happen after the first course !"

Best Wishes,
Russ Koppang, FTM-2 '62-'65

2009 Reunion Comments

Note: This section was prepared for a newsletter in 2009 following the Reunion at Myrtle Beach. As a result some of these comments may be "dated"

Comments by President

(Kirk's comments after our 2009 Reunion)

Hello shipmates,

Well another 2 years have passed since the last reunion, not exactly the last. The last reunion was held this past April in Myrtle Beach, SC. There were 35 shipmates and their spouses at this year's gathering. Every one said they had a great time and enjoyed getting together again. We were joined by new people, new meaning they hadn't been to a reunion before. It was nice to meet them and having them attend.

The hotel most of us stayed at is located at what is called Broadway at the Beach. This is a 350 acre complex comprised of Amusement type rides for children and many, many stores for adults to browse. In the center of this complex is a man-made lake. The lake has been stocked with many fish (sterile carp) which spend most of the daylight hours with their mouths protruding from the water waiting for people to drop feed to them. The feed is available in coin operated dispensers every few feet. There were also ducks and sea gulls waiting to share the feed, I doubt they were stocked. Being a tourist area some of the prices were higher than they may have been at home but naturally browsing is always free.

Friday night nearly 30 of us went to the Carolina Opry. This was thanks to the efforts of Cathy Koppang who set it up. The show we saw was a musical tribute to the hit songs of the 60's, 70's and 80's. The Carolina Opry has a resident staff of musicians and singers who sang the songs, played the music and danced the dances. They are very talented and did an excellent job. It was hard to tell the difference between their version and the original artist's version.

Saturday night we met for dinner at a restaurant named RIOZ Brazilian Steak House. They advertise a simple price structure, the same price no matter what you eat, or how much you eat. The patron goes to a large salad bar and therefore decides what they want and the quantities of each selection. After that the main meal is a sit-down buffet, my definition anyway. There are a dozen different meats on the menu which are delivered one at a time by staff. Each server carries a skewer upon which the meat has been cooked and then dispensed from. They go from table to table and tell you what that particular meat is and ask you if you

would like some. If you want some they either cut off a piece, if the main piece is large, or they merely push a piece off the skewer using a knife, if the pieces are small. The servers rotate through the selection of meats every minute or two and don't question the quantity requested. The selection, a great one, consists of lamb, chicken, pork and beef. If you are interested you can go to their web site at www.rioz.com and get a complete description of what they have and where they are.

At our association meeting we voted on where to meet in two years and the result was Mobile Alabama. (see [2011- Sampson Reunion](#)). All the details haven't been set yet as it takes time to do all the required leg work. Bob Boney who lives in the area agreed to do that job. There was considerable discussion about going on a cruise vs. a land based location. It was decided a cruise may be created during an off year and attended by anyone wishing to go. (see [2010- Between Reunion Years Cruise](#)) I am personally looking forward to the next reunion.

If anyone reading this knows someone who served aboard the Sampson please let them know about the association.

Kirk Anderson

Comments by Russ

(Russ' comments after our 2009 Reunion)

The following is a summary of the events at the banquet on Saturday night at Rioz, the Brazilian steakhouse. . . .

- President Kirk Anderson made a few opening remarks and introduced Mike Oerther who gave the opening prayer.
- Russ Koppang then led the seventy-five attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- Following that, as Russ read the names of deceased shipmates, Dale Hughes tolled the Sampson's ship's bell for each name.
Note: Dave Brandt has this list of names. Please keep him informed if you know any shipmate names to be added to the list.
- Russ then introduced Dawson "Blackie" Blackmore who then presented Sec/Treas Dave Brandt with a clock with an engraved inscription thanking him for the work that he has done for the past fifteen years in organizing the bi-annual reunions and all the work associated with being Sec/Treas. All thirty-seven shipmate attendees contributed to the purchase and inscription of this clock, with nobody declining!

The dinner was enjoyed by everyone and was a fitting conclusion to another fine reunion.

Comments by Editor

(Editor's comments after our 2009 Reunion)

The 2009 USS Sampson Association Reunion was very successful. The majority of the participants stayed at the Hampton Inn. The hotel was very nice, close to shopping, restaurants and had a good continental breakfast every morning.

Initially Dave Brandt and Dale Hughes used their rooms as our hospitality rooms. It was a little tight but later we moved down to the conference room where we could spread out a bit more.

At the general meeting we discussed the pros and cons of holding the next reunion in each of several locations. We also discussed the idea having a reunion every year instead of every two years as we do now.

We narrowed the potential locations down to the top three and then voted by ballot on both the location and how often we would hold reunions.

Results of 2009 Reunion Vote

Reunion Location	City	Votes
	Mobile, Alabama	23
	Branson, Missouri	6
	Annapolis, Maryland	3

Reunion Frequency	Choices	Votes
	Every Two Years	25
	Every Year	3

As a result, reunions will continue every two years and the location for the next reunion is Mobile, Alabama. (see [2011- Sampson Reunion](#))

Another idea that was brought up during the meeting was the possibility of getting together for a cruise. The general idea was that a cruise might not work for a reunion but might work well as a separate get-together, probably during the year between the regular reunions.

Fifteen members indicated on their ballots that they would be interested in a cruise. Dawson Blackmore (Blackie) volunteered to gather some preliminary information on a group cruise. (see [2010- Between Reunion Years Cruise](#) for results)

Saturday's dinner was at El Rioz, an Argentine restaurant. Everyone was warned to eat a light lunch and bring a big appetite to dinner. See Russ Koppang's comments earlier in this article for details. At the dinner Dave Brandt was presented with a clock for his continued service to the association.

2009 Reunion Pictures (from Ron Stevens)



Association Members Meeting



Dave Brandt Receiving Award



Saturday Dinner at the Rioz



Treasurer's Report

USS Sampson DDG-10 Association Treasurer's Report September 1, 2010

Beginning Balance, April 7, 2009 \$14,880.07

Receipts:

- Life Member Dues	\$210.00	
- Donation	\$25.00	
- Dues	\$340.00	
- Reunion 2009	\$480.00	
- Merchandise Sales	\$507.43	
Total Receipts:	\$1,562.43	\$1,562.43
		\$16,442.25

Expenses:

- Reunion 2009	\$3,523.17	
- Hat Pins / Reunion	\$70.00	
- Reunion Refund	\$100.00	
Total Expenses:	\$3,693.17	\$3,693.17

Ending Balance September 1, 2010 \$12,749.33

Respectfully submitted,
David Brandt
Secretary, Treasurer

DUES DUES DUES

Your dues are either:

Paid for 2010 _____

or

You owe \$ _____.00 for _____ years

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

Sampson (DDG-10) Ship's Store

Sampson ball caps, black \$10.00
(one size fits all)



*** Good Deal**

Note: Designate preference when ordering.

Winter – closed back

Summer – open mesh back

Golf Shirts, dark blue \$19.00
(sizes M, L, XL and 2X)



*** Good Deal**

Video of DDG 10: \$11.00

- Operations at Sea
- Homecoming
- Desert Storm
- Decommissioning Ceremonies

Video - DDG 102 Commissioning \$11.00
(+ \$3 shipping)

General Shipping:

Two or less items - \$5.00
Three or more items - \$9.00

Make check payable to:

USS Sampson DDG10 Association

Contact:

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USS Adams Class Museum

Do not forget the effort going on to save the USS Adams as a museum ship in Jacksonville, Florida.

For the latest news check the following websites for the latest information:

www.adamsclassmuseum.org

and

www.adamsclassddgvets.org

The following text is part of the latest email sent out by Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association

ADAMS CLASS MUSEUM EVENT - OCTOBER 2010

For all Adams Class Veterans and supporters we will have our second annual event in Jacksonville, Florida from October 21 - 23, 2010 to support the effort to "Bring Home the USS CHARLES F. ADAMS" as a ship museum honoring all of the ships of the class.

The Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association, Inc. (JHNSA) and the Adams Class Veterans Association, Inc. (ACVA) will host the event at the four-star Omni Hotel in downtown Jacksonville, a block from the Jacksonville Landing where our ADAMS Class Museum Visitor Center is located. There will be a mini-Fleet week with several ships moored downtown and when available we will get these activities and times to you.

Thursday, October 21 from 2:30 - 4 PM. The first 40 attendees who sign up may attend a rehearsal of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra at the Times Union Center for the Performing Arts. A Welcome Reception will be held at 5:45 PM at the Visitor Center at the Jacksonville Landing. The ADAMS Class Museum Visitor Center is open Mon-Sat 10:00-17:30.

Friday night October 22 beginning at 6:30 PM a banquet will be held at the Omni Hotel. Our guest speaker will be Vice Admiral James Amerault, USN (Ret.) President and CEO of OTO-Melara North America and a new Board Member and strong supporter of the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association (JHNSA) and the Adams Class Museum.

Fees for ALL events are \$125 per person
Thursday only \$55 pp
Friday only \$70 pp.

Please mail your event fee no later than 1 Oct to:
Event Coordinator,
Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association,
2 Independent Drive, Suite 144,
Jacksonville, Florida 32202.
PH 904-647-5177 www.adamsclassmuseum.org

Hotel Room Reservations

Please call 1-800-843-6664, ask for the Omni Hotel, Jacksonville, FL and ask for the "Adams Reunion" rate (\$79 plus tax) -- the rate is good until October 1. Several parking options are available at the hotel and nearby. If you are flying in, taking the shuttle from the airport is easier.

Check out their website:

www.adamsclassddgvets.org

Important Reminders

- Start planning for the 2011 Sampson Reunion. (see 2011- Sampson Reunion)
- Help increase our membership. Contact your old Sampson shipmates that you know are not already members.
- Check out the USS Sampson website. <http://www.sampsonddg10.org>
- Notify Dave Brandt if you change your email address and to keep your dues up to date or if you would like him to email you a copy of the USS Sampson Roster. drbrandt@ftc-i.net
- Check out the USS Adams DDG 2 sites. www.adamsclassddgvets.org
www.adamsclassmuseum.org

NEW - Picture Request from Dave

Dave is trying to put together a document that includes pictures of the members and their wives. If possible, please send your pictures to Dave at drbrandt@ftc-i.net

2010- Between Reunion Years Cruise

At the 2009 reunion fifteen members indicated on their ballots that they would be interested in a 2010 cruise as an unofficial group meeting between scheduled reunion years.

Dawson Blackmore (Blackie) volunteered to gather some preliminary information on a group cruise.

Blackie made the initial arrangement but no one else signed up for the cruise.

Blackie's email address is: dbjr5946@snet.net

Note: The 2010 Tin Can Sailors National Reunion will be on a cruise aboard the Carnival Destiny sailing from Miami on September 20th. (see <http://destroyers.org/>) for information.

2011- Sampson Reunion

Mark your calendar for the tenth reunion for shipmates of the USS Sampson DDG-10.

Bob Boney and Dave Brandt are coordinating the 2011 reunion.

Details

Location:	Hampton Inn Downtown Historic District 62 South Royal Street Mobile, Alabama
Dates:	May 12 th – May 15 th 2011



Hampton Inn – Downtown

Planned events

- Friday - Tour the USS Alabama (with lunch aboard)
Website for the Battleship Memorial Park:
<http://www.ussalabama.com/>



USS Alabama B-60

- Saturday – Dinner at Original Oyster House

Unscheduled activities available

- Gambling
- Museums
- Historic Sites

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Websites 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
Tin Can Sailors	http://destroyers.org/
Bluejacket	http://www.bluejacket.com/
Navy Veteran Reunion and Locator	http://www.decklog.com/homeport.asp
Destroyers Online	http://www.destroyersonline.com/usndd/
Military Analysis Network (USN Ships)	http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/sys/ship/ddg-2.htm
US Naval Institute	http://www.usni.org/
Hull Number	http://www.hullnumber.com/
USS Sampson DDG-102	http://navysite.de/dd/ddg102.htm

Charles F. Adams Class

DDG-2 Class	USS Charles F. Adams Class Museum	www.adamsclassmuseum.org - or - www.adamsclassddgvets.org
DDG-2	Charles F. Adams Class	http://www.bozair.com/DDG-2/index.html
DDG-3	USS John King	http://www.ussjohnkingassociation.org/
DDG-4	USS Lawrence	http://www.ussslawrence.com/
DDG-5	USS Biddle / C. V. Rickets	http://thebignickel.org
DDG-6	USS Barney	http://www.uss-barney-ddg6.org/
DDG-7	USS Henry B. Wilson	http://www.usshenrywilsonddg7.com/
DDG-8	USS Lynde McCormick	http://www.usslyndemccormick.com/
DDG-9	USS Towers	http://64.226.139.28/
DDG-10	USS Sampson	http://www.sampsonddg10.org
DDG-11	USS Sellers	http://usssellers.org/
DDG 12	USS Robison	http://navysite.de/dd/ddg12.htm
DDG-13	USS Hoel	http://www.seastory.us/hoel/
DDG-14	USS Buchanan	http://www.uss-buchanan-ddg14.org/
DDG-15	USS Berkeley	http://ussberkeley.com/
DDG-16	USS Joseph Strauss	http://www.ussjosephstrauss.org/
DDG-17	USS Conyngham	http://www.ussconynghamassoc.org/
DDG-18	USS Semmes	http://www.semmesddg18.org/
DDG-19	USS Tattal	http://mysite.verizon.net/vzetvm0b/
DDG-20	USS Goldborough	http://www.ussgoldsborough.com/
DDG-21	USS Cochrane	http://www.ussscochrane.com/
DDG-22	USS Benjamin Stoddert	http://www.angelfire.com/ny/anchorsE9/index.html
DDG-23	USS Richard E. Byrd	http://members.tripod.com/ddg23/ddg23_homepage.htm
DDG-24	USS Waddell	http://www.usswaddell.com/

USS Sampson Model (by Wes Nicholas)

Wes Nicholas is close to completing work on an excellent model of the USS Sampson DDG-10.





Scale	1/8" to the foot
Width	6 1/2 "
Height	19"
Length	55"
Year Represented	1965
Starting Point	Kit from Bad Shipmodels
Navy Plans	1978 Configuration
Build Time	Approximately 700 hrs

Since the Navy plans that Wes received for the Sampson were for the 1978 configuration, Wes has had to do a lot of research to try to build the model to accurately reflect the ship as she was in 1965.

Note: [Wes could use your help](#)

- Do you see any inaccuracies in the pictures of the model in representing a "1965 Sampson"?
- Do you know what emblem was on the starboard side flag bag? (see photo below)



If you can help, Wes his email address is:

nicholas.tds@gmail.com

Life Membership Application

This form is also available on the Sampson 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)

 (Mobile Phone)

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

 Division Rank/Rate Mo and Yr 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 paid up annual dues, currently \$10.00.

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

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

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