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From the President

Hello shipmates;

In another 4 months, from May 12th to the 15th, we will be having our 10th reunion in Mobile, Alabama. I hope to see you all at that time and plan on having another great time together.

Even without a calculator I realize it has been a LONG time since the first reunion. Personally I have only attended the last 5 reunions because I hadn't been aware of the Associations existence before 2001. My phone rang one day and the voice on the other end of the line said "Hi I am Joe Tenser do you remember me?". Those may not be the exact words but close enough. At that very moment I did NOT remember the name. It had been 40 years so it took more than a couple of minutes to come up with when and where I knew him. I am glad I got the call and learned about the Association. Getting together every couple of years and re-meeting old shipmates has been so much fun.

I don't mention this to prove my memory is not what it used to be but to remind everyone a simple phone call can sometimes change a persons life. If you know of a shipmate who hasn't attended a reunion just give them a call and tell them about the Association.

Kirk Anderson

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From the Vice President

Dear Sampson shipmates,

A few years ago, Wes Nicholas was kind enough to suggest that attending the Sampson Reunion at the Gaylord in Nashville (May '05) would be a good idea, so I contacted Dennis Munro in WI and Tom Kinnaman in OH and made them an offer they could not refuse. We all packed our bags and had a great time in Music City. Unfortunately, illness in the family prevented Wes from attending, but we have seen him since at subsequent reunions. The Sampson Re-union two years later (May '07) in St. Pete Beach, FL was a genuine 'EVENT' with "Admiral" Dale Hughes launching the Sampson's rebuilt whaleboat, with kind words spoken by William (Bill) Sampson IV (Hi, Ron Gibson. I believe there were more than forty shipmates attending this gathering. Two years ago, we got together at Myrtle Beach, SC for another good time (Apr '09). I saw former shipmates that I hadn't seen for forty years ("Hi again" – Bill Crawford).

Now we have a chance to party again, this time in Mobile, AL at the Hampton Inn, 62 South Royal St, Mobile, AL 36602 phone: 252-436-8787. I telephoned the hotel this morning and made reservations for Cathy and me, for Thurs, Fri & Sat (May 12 – 15). Spread the word and bring a shipmate or two with you !!!

Best Wishes to all ! . . . Russ Koppang

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

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Picture Request from Dave

Dave Brandt is trying to put together a document that includes pictures, taken at previous reunions, of shipmates in groups or with their wives.

If you have any pictures, especially from the earlier reunions, please send them to Dave for the archives.

Dave Brandt

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If you have the ability of scanning them, you can send the files to: drbrandt@ftc-i.net

Important Reminders

- Check out the USS Sampson website often: <http://www.sampsonddg10.org>
- Check out the Guestbook link at the bottom of the USS Sampson website. Look for old Sampson shipmates that you know, but are not already members. Contact them and tell them about our association and our reunions.
- 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

USS Adams Class Museum

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

For the latest news check the following websites for the current information on the Adams Class Museum at:

www.adamsclassmuseum.org

and

www.adamsclassddgvets.org

Sampson Cruise Books

We now have Sampson Cruise Books available on CDs in the Ship's Store. (see [Sampson \(DDG-10\) Ship's Store](#)).

The cruise books/years available are: 1966, 67, 69-70, 72-75, 77-78, 79, 85, 86-87, 88 and 90-91.

Note: If you order one or more books when you send in your reunion reservation form, you will be able to pick up your book(s) at the reunion and eliminate the shipping costs.

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

Planned events

- Friday - Tour the USS Alabama
(with lunch aboard)
Website for the Battleship Memorial Park
url: <http://www.ussalabama.com/>
- Saturday – Dinner at Original Oyster House

Unscheduled/possible activities available

- A Bellingraff Gardens
url: www.bellingrath.com
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- B Mobile Carnival Museum
url: www.mobilecarnivalmuseum.com
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- C Pensacola Naval Air Museum
(appx. 60 miles East on I-10)
url: www.navalaviationmuseum.org
- Note:** the Blue Angels “usually” practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Pensacola NAS.
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- D Gambling Junket: Biloxi MS.
(appx. 65 miles West on I-10)
url: www.playmiss.com
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- E Mobile Greyhound Park
url: www.mobilegreyhoundpark.com
-
- F Mobile River Cruises from Bellingraff Gardens
url: www.alabamacruises.com

Sampson (DDG-10) Ship's Store

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



* **Good Deal**

Note: Designate preference when ordering.

Winter – closed back

Summer – open mesh back

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



* **Good Deal**

Video of DDG 10: \$11.00

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

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

Sampson Cruise Books on CD \$5.00
(some books cover multiple years) (each book)

Books/CDs available:

66, 67, 69-70, 72-75, 77-78, 79, 85, 86-87, 88 and 90-91

* **New Items**
(+ \$3 shipping)

General Shipping:

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

Make check payable to:

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Contact:

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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.usshenrybwilsonddg7.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/

Reservation Form

USS Sampson Association Reunion
Mobile, Alabama, May 12-15, 2011

Names of those attending as you want them on your Name Tag

Shipmate: _____ Rate & Yrs on Sam: _____

Guest: _____ Guest: _____

Date of Arrival: _____ Departure Date: _____

Number of Attendees ____ Total

Reunion fee for each person attending	#	\$10 =	
Friday Lunch & Tour on the USS Alabama BB60	#	\$21 =	
Sat. Night Dinner 6:00PM at The Original Oyster House	#	\$30 =	
Cruise Book Copy on Disc (circle years requested below)	#	\$ 5 =	

Note: Some books have multiple years included; only pay for each book/box circled.
If ordered now, you will receive your copy at the reunion.

66	67	69-70	72-75	77-78	79	85	86-87	88	90-91
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Grand Total \$ _____

The check or money order should be made out to **"Sampson Association"**

Please send it along with this form By **April 15th** to:

Dave Brandt / 1 Ridge Lake Drive/ Manning, SC 29102

Remember to make your room reservations directly with the Hampton Inn. Downtown Historic District at 251-436-8787. or 1-800-426-7866 Ask for the USS Sampson DDG-10 Code CHXSDG. Reunion block of rooms. Your room has to be booked **by April.15th 2011**. If you have any questions or need special assistance, feel free to contact Dave Brandt, Sec. Treas. At 803-478-2617 (Home) or 803 473-6007 (Cell) or at drbrandt@ftc-i.net

Phone # and email address in case we need to contact you at the last min:

Cell # _____ Email _____

Remember to bring your Sampson Hat and Shirt with you to the Reunion!!

Please complete the following for possible activities. There is NO commitment – just an interest survey for Friday & Saturday afternoon.

Bellingrath Gardens and Home Tour# _____ Mobile Carnival Museum # _____

Gambling Junket # _____ Visit to Pensacola Naval Air Base # _____

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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