



# The Six Gun

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## **President's Message:**

It is hard to imagine that the upcoming Sperry reunion in Oklahoma City is the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of our association. Our members have enjoyed meetings from Reno to Norfolk, Pensacola to Bloomington, and many points in between. There have been visits to museums, breweries, modern Navy vessels, cathedrals, historic sites, patriotic events, and more. The reunions have given us the opportunity to recall our days aboard the Sperry, renew friendships with former shipmates, meet new friends, and allowed us to pay our respects to those who have passed on.

Each of our previous reunions was the result of research, planning and scheduling by an individual or individuals. A lot of work goes into making a reunion successful. As we look ahead to the future of our association, we must consider ways to offer members the same quality of reunions that we have experienced in the past.

In order to accomplish this, we are looking for a member (or members) who will volunteer to serve as Reunion Coordinator.

This will involve learning the Sperry's criteria for a successful reunion; contacting hotels who can meet the criteria; negotiating the details for room rates, hospitality room and banquet menus; and other related matters that will assure a successful meeting.

Many of our members have had experience in fields that would be useful in helping the association. Why not help your shipmates by volunteering your services.

See you in Oklahoma City.

Bob Jennings  
President

## Vice President Report:

I have had limited contact and results in reaching shipmates. Our website had been so valuable in reaching those that have never joined or who have not renewed recently. Our contact information has been put in the American Legion magazine as well as many other military publications. This has been a great asset to the association.

I will continue seeking to recruit shipmates and as many of our Viet Nam veterans retire hopefully, they will find time for fun. That fun is found in the association and annual reunions. Let me encourage each of you to recruit at least one new member. Together we can make a difference.

Jess Mayberry

### U.S.S CHARLES S. SPERRY DD697 ASSOCIATION

## QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT & BANK ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

MARCH 31, 2012

### ACTIVITY FROM JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012:

	<b><u>JANUARY 1, 2012 BEGINNING BALANCE</u></b>	<b>\$8,725.35</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b><u>INCOME:</u></b> MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	\$230.00
	<b><u>INCOME:</u></b> REUNION REGISTRATION	\$417.46
	<b><u>INCOME:</u></b> SHIP'S STORE: FLICK, ROBERTA	\$8.74
	<b><u>INCOME:</u></b> DONATION: FLICK, ROBERTA	\$16.24
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b><u>INCOME:</u></b> MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	\$425.00
	<b><u>INCOME:</u></b> REUNION REGISTRATION	\$1,415.78
	<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b> SHIP'S STORE: ACE T-SHIRTS – INVOICES 2150, 2394, 2396, 3086	(\$217.22)
	<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b> REUNION REG. REFUND: CALLAHAN, JAMES P.	(\$107.86)
<b>MARCH</b>	<b><u>INCOME:</u></b> MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	\$160.00
	<b><u>INCOME:</u></b> 2012 REUNION REGISTRATION	\$545.56
	<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b> REUNION REG. REFUND: CLAYTON, ELLIOTT	(\$111.28)
	<b><u>MARCH 31, 2012 ENDING BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,507.77</u></b>

Gary Chesser  
Treasurer,  
U.S.S Charles S. Sperry DD697 Association

It is not too late to join us in Oklahoma City

April 26-29, 2012

BILTMORE HOTEL, 401 S Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, (405) 947-7681

*Directions to the hotel.*

**North (on I-44 W / OK-3 S / OK-74 E)**

**South (on I-35 N / US-62 E / US-77 N / World War I Veterans Memorial Hwy)**

**East (on I-35 W / I-40 S / US-62 W / US-270 W / Stanley Draper Expy)**

**West (on I-40 E / US-270 E / Stanley Draper Expy)**

The USS Charles S. Sperry DD 697 is ready to set sail for Oklahoma City. Cruise dates are April 26-April 29, 2012. **IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO GET ON BOARD for this year's reunion.**

If you have not registered, join your shipmates by filling out the enclosed reunion registration form and mail to Gary Chesser **no later than April 17. PLEASE CALL Barbara Jennings, at 281.479.4844 or Gary Chesser, at 662.323.5059** to let them know you plan to attend. We are excited to have five "first timers" who will be attending this year.

*Please bring your door prize(s) and silent auction item(s).*

**FINAL DEADLINE TO RECEIVE NAME BADGE APRIL 17.**



***We remember***

Shipmates **Charles Bock (69-72)** passed away January 11, 2012, **George N. Pierson (66-69)** passed January 15, 2012 and **Allen Ward , (51-54)** passed away on December 24, 2010. They sailed through life's cruises meeting their share of calms, storms, adverse tides, and favoring winds. Their ship of life has now come to its final anchorage in a harbor unknown to mortal man.

We who remain do not know the course to steer and we believe our shipmates setting their course by those beacons that were given to them have found their harbor safely. To those loved ones who our departed shipmates have left behind, awaiting their own day of departure and voyage to that same harbor of eternal mercy, we can offer our sincere condolences in this time of separation and loneliness.

**Correction:** Admiral (Captain) James "Ace" Lyons, Jr. has not passed away as reported in the January 2012 SixGun. I cannot not remember where I got the information that he had passed. Glad he is okay.

**Crew's News:**

Shipmate **Don Barrows (53-54)** will be having surgery so he and Mary Ann will be unable to attend the reunion. Please send Don a card at 7332 S. 92nd. St., Franklin, WI 53132.

**Jim Callahan (49-52)** will also be having surgery and will be unable to make the reunion. Cards can be mailed to Jim at 107 Langley Ct., Toms River, NJ 08757.

Shipmate **Paul Maroon** (51-54) informed us that he lost his wife, Mary on February 24. Mary had lung cancer and it spread to her liver. Paul is hoping to make a reunion in the future. Cards of encouragement can be sent to Paul at 450 Rainbow Dr., N. Ft. Meyer, FL 33903-5660.

**Jerry Smith, (52-53)** is doing much better after several health issues. He and Sara send best wishes to everyone and hope to join us soon at the reunions.

Our **Chaplin, Roy Welch (52-53)** is unable to attend this year's reunion due to health issues. He is enjoying riding his tractor and hopes to see us next year. Cathy is doing okay. **Roy Welch** also reported to Linda Chesser that Adaria Smith had surgery and he thought it was for her shoulder. Cards can be sent to 424 Clifton Rd., Shippensburg, PA 17257. **Roy** also informed Linda that **Blair Rouguex (1/46-4/46)** had also had surgery. His surgery was on his shoulder that ended up turning his arm blue, but it is clearing up. Cards can be sent to 7832 Stanley St., N. Richland Hills, TX 76180.

Received this email from **John Boone**. Happy Easter to You and Yours My Friend: Will be unable to attend reunion, Donna is having serious heart congestion problems. Good luck with the reunion (**1952-1955 John.**)

### **USS Charles S. Sperry DD 697 Association Officers**

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### **Appointed Positions**

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Be sure to visit the USS Charles S. Sperry DD 697 on Facebook.

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