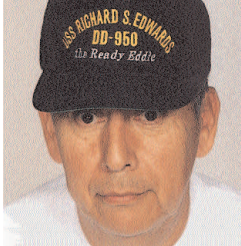




Ready Eddie Reader!!!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"First, I want to thank everyone who worked so incredibly hard at getting the R.S. Edwards Association together and operating as a first class ship's reunion association. This position was made easy by all of the volunteer's hard work. Thanks again

It's time to elect my successor. In my opinion, I would like to see the Vice President succeed to the President's position to maintain some continuity, but in case this isn't possible, we need the names of our members who would like to serve as association officers.

Our bylaws state that the president and the vice president will serve only two reunions as their term in their offices, and will be replaced at the business meeting by those present.

I have asked Jim Kress if he would add the T-shirt and sweat shirt orders to his ship's cap orders and duties as Treasurer, so that our ship's store will have only one address and one person writing checks for it's operation. Jim has agreed, but if this turns out to be too much work for him, we will be looking for volunteers to help operate the Ship's Store. These changes should help our Ship's Store operate more efficiently. In the future, all checks should be made payable to the R.S. Edwards Association and all orders should be mailed to the Ship's Store or Jim Kress.

At the 2002 Business meeting, if possible, I would like to stay involved with the association by filling the Member-at-Large position left vacant by Jim Kress when he became our Treasurer. I look forward to seeing you at Reunion, 2002 at Tacoma, WA, August 15-17.

Again I want to thank you all for this opportunity to have served as your R.S. Edwards Association President. Thank you and God Bless.

Jack L Sanders

THANKS, JACK!!!

At Reunion, 2002 Jack L. Sanders will step down as president of the USS R.S. Edwards Association. Luckily he will remain involved as one of the association's Members at Large.

Jack is not a loud, flashy kind of guy, but one who gets things done. Jack is singularly responsible for pursuing and achieving incorporation and non-profit status for the association. He initiated and maintained the T-shirt division of the Ship's Store and the association's PO box, giving the group a common home for all communication.

*Over the years since that group of 18 crew members decided to form an official association, and voted Jack President, he has worn the hat of President, Secretary, Treasurer as needed. Almost forgot purchasing manager and attorney. Let's not forget Ambassador to all. These are just a few of the major projects and responsibilities that Jack has undertaken over the last 4 years. There are many more of all shapes and sizes. **Thanks, Jack!!!***

The photos above also reflect Jack's commitment to his community. On the left he is presenting to Principal Chief of The Great Muscogee (Creek) Nation, R. Perry Beaver, a ship's cap and t-shirt at a Native American Veteran's Program at Okmulgee, OK. "Beerman" on the right was supporting the ELKS tent at a local golf tournament.

Our thanks to you and your family, wife Patsy and daughter Cyndi for all of the hard work, sacrifices and leadership over the years. It's been instrumental in bringing the association to where it is today.

Best Wishes,

"The Members and Friends of DD-950"

Happy Birthday America

*Happy Birthday America
May I be the first to say
I'm proud to live and work and play
In the grand 'ol U.S.A.*

*I'm proud of all those people
who work hard every day
to preserve our precious freedoms
in a hundred different ways.*

*Hail to our collective strength
and our character to face
the threats from all those who would steal
our rights to a better place.*

*And may we worship as we please
regardless of our faith
and live together peacefully
indifferent to race.*

*Shall we always keep inside us
with jealousy and pride
The spirit of our freedom
for which our loved ones died.*

*We'll sing and honor our great past
with fireworks and glee
And count our many blessings
In the land of the Brave and Free.*

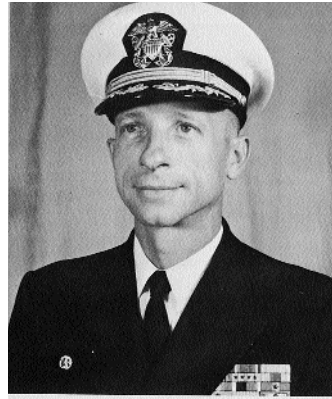
*So on this day let's lift our heads
as our glorious flag we raise
Happy Birthday America
I Salute the U.S.A.*

Written by
Don Stine July 4 2002



Chris Jones (LTJG '68-'69) hanging out at the Turner Joy. Liberty Call is over. Man the Sea and Anchor Detail

FAREWELL



Commanding Officer of the USS R.S. Edwards DD 950 from 1962-1964, Robert A Hogsted passed away at his home on March 29, 2002. He was born in Cornelia, GA, on October 11, 1922 and was a graduate of the Naval Academy's class of 1945. Before assuming command of EDWARDS, he served aboard four

other destroyers (Ingraham, Lyman K. Swenson, Gainard and Cony) and the aircraft carrier Lake Champlain. Prior to assuming command of the Ready Eddie, Captain Hogsted was attached to the Staff at the Naval War College.

"He was a wonderful officer and a wonderful gentleman"

Our shipmate Charlie Holshouser passed away on May 9, 2002. He had a service, and was buried, at Arlington. Charlie was a GMG1 who served aboard EDWARDS from 1967-1970. Charlie and his wife Marilyn were married in 1968 during his tour, leaving many special memories of the ship and crew for them both over the years. He is missed.



GMG1 Holshouser, leading PO, 1967-68

Reunion News and Needs

At this writing, less than a month from Reunion, 2002, we have over 65 crew members committed to the reunion. With guests, we have about 120 people attending the tour and banquet. That number continues to grow as the last minute registrations come in.

Our resident Padre, John Baker is unable to attend the reunion this year so we are looking for someone to bless the evening meal for us.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to man the reception table at the reception room for a period of time over Thurs. and Fri., please contact Ed Hovatter at hova235@aol.com or at the hotel.

Our search for an official photographer ran into a snag. The best deal we could find would have been approximately \$20/person. We're going to hope for the best from the amateurs in the group for a good group shot before dinner. Don't be late!!!

Business Meeting, 2002

Agenda

Opening Ceremonies

1. Call to order
2. Roll call of Officers-Establish a Quorum
3. Reading of Previous Minutes
4. Discussion and Vote to replace current President and Vice President and any open/vacant office.
5. Vote to elect President
6. Vote to elect Vice President
7. Vote to fill (each/all the) vacant offices
8. Treasurer report
9. Committee's report
10. Memorial to departed Association member
11. The good of the Association
- 12 New Business (including vote on Reunion, 2004 location/date/chair)

What it all means.....

Our business meeting this year will be conducted Saturday, 8/15/2002 at 8 AM. We have a lot of ground to cover in the 90 minutes or so that we have before the tour and fun begins. I wanted to explain some of the items up for discussion ahead of time so we can go into the meeting knowing what needs to get done

ITEMS #4-7 (election of new officers). Jack Sanders will step down as President and nominate Bob Tuttle as the new President. If seconded and approved by the Members present, he will accept the position. Jack will then be nominated for one of the open Member at Large positions. If seconded and approved, he will accept the position. We need volunteers for the position of Vice President, Secretary, and one other Member at Large. Our hopes are that we will have a couple of people step forward before the meeting in order to expedite the proceedings. It was not my intention to pursue the position of President. There are many special projects for the group I had hoped to get started on in my "spare" time. A smooth, logical transition of responsibility calls for the VP to succeed the President, though. The new VP will, hopefully, plan on taking over as President at Reunion, 2004. The VP will initiate and maintain the Association PO Box for the next 4 years to keep at least one consistent line of communication for all issues/projects. He will also assist the other officers in accomplishing the list of tasks that follow.

The Secretary will maintain the list of all active members, a list of last known addresses of those crew members the association has been unable to locate or contact, as well as an up-to-date list of our departed shipmates.

The Members at Large will be called upon to support the other Officers as needed.

Tasks/projects now being performed by the current officers include.....

1. Overall supervision of the daily running of the corporation/non profit group USS RS Edwards Association, Inc.
2. Purchasing and sales of Ready Eddie Gear.
3. Maintaining the following lists...
 - a.) Active Members
 - b.) Contact list (all former shipmates and friends of the Association).
 - c.) E-mail list (for general messages to the group)
 - d.) Crew and Members lists at the web site
 - e.) Deceased Crew members
4. Monitor the Guestbook and Forum at the web site for visits by new crew members. Contact same on behalf of the Association and add to lists as needed.
5. Finances

Please consider taking on one or more of these tasks to help keep the Association growing. Individually they don't require a lot of time or commitment. If left for only a few to handle, it's a part time job.

Please contact Jack Sanders or me if you feel you can help out. The next two years will be just as important as the last four have been from a standpoint of growth and development. We've set a high standard and aggressive course for success. It's important that we keep moving forward. As the 1981 Westpac cruise-book states, we may be "Old...But still steamin".

Bob Tuttle (TUT)

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Behind that great bunch of guys who gathered in Branson, MO this past March were their great women. Above, standing, is Eunice Gilbert and Mary Child. Seated left to right are Ann Louise Potochnik, Patsy Sanders, Pat Dout, Thelma Hart. Attending, but not in photo were Virginia Baker, Judy Gerding and Cathy Darcy. Not enough credit goes out to our families for their help and support. They are there for us for whatever we need. From manual laborer, to systems administrator, to social secretary. Thanx for making this happen!!!

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This group of partygoers got together this past March in Branson, MO., the site of the first Ready Eddie get-together. Where it all began. In the left hand photo above, standing left to right: Thelma Hart, Pat Dout, Bruce Child, Mary Child, Ann Louise Potochnik, Karl Potochnik, Patsy Sanders, Cyndi Sanders, Eunice Gilbert, Wade Gilbert. Seated: Barry Gene Hart, Kenneth Dout, Judy Gerding, Melvin Gerding, Jack L. Sanders, Nolan Darcy. Present, but not in photo were John and Virginia Baker, Joe Ivy, Cathy Darcy, Tom Petersen. Photo on the right in back row, left to right: Cyndi Sanders, Patsy Sanders, Jack L. Sanders, Pat Dout, Wade Gilbert, Nolan Darcy. Seated are, left to right: Karl Potochnik, Barry Gene Hart, Kenneth Dout, Melvin Gerding.