

As of 3/11/11 active member stands at 649; there are 45 shipmates pending information, and we have 77 shipmates on our memorial page. We have 4 new members, added this month. Please welcome Brian Oeder (82 ; RM2) decommissioning crew and D. Bruce VanBuskirk (73-75; stg3), Paul Kuczvara (74-76 mm2) both Brian and Paul were found through facebook. James Traver ( Cdr. 80-82). Who was a Commanding Officer of the Edwards and thanks to tut for his lead. As always I have the information for anyone who wishes to contact them. We added Stanley Briskey (BTC, 62-65) to our memorial page who died 10/04/2004 at Edmond Ok. Submitted and researched by his friends and shipmates

## **From the President's Desk**

Check out the Web site [www. dd950.com](http://www.dd950.com). Please look at the information we have added about your reunion in New Orleans May of 2012. While you are there checkout the rest of the Web site

I WOULD LIKE TO TALK about THE FT. ROSECRANS NATIONAL CEMETERY OUT ON POINT LOMA, IN SAN DIEGO. I HAVE LEARNED THAT THE CEMETERY HAS RUN OUT OF REAL ESATE. THEY NO LONGER CAN PROVIDE SPACE TO OUR SERVICE MEMBERS WHO DO NOT WISH TO BE CREMATED; RATHER THEY ARE BURIED AT A NEW LOCATION IN SAN DIEGO. FOR THOSE OF US WHO HAVE VISITED FT. ROSECRANS, I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD FEEL THE WAY I DO, AND THAT IS "WHAT BETTER PLACE FOR AN OLD SAILOR TO BE LAID TO REST." I URGE ALL OUR MEMBERS TO CONTACT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON ASKING THAT THEY SEEK MORE LAND ON POINT LOMA, SO THAT THE CEMETERY CAN EXPAND AND PROVIDE FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT WISH TO BE CREMATED, BUT WOULD STILL LIKE TO BE LAID TO REST AT SUCH A BEAUTIFUL LOCATION."

JOE

THE ASSOCIATION HAS NOT SENT OUT A NEWSLETTER BY MAIL IN YEARS, NOR CAN WE AFFORD TO DO THAT ANYWAY. I AM NOT SURE WHAT YEAR IT WAS THAT I RECEIVED ONE OF THOSE BUT I WOULD HAVE TO SAY IT WAS AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS AGO.

## **From the New Orleans Coordinator**

Hello guys,

I am going to provide periodic in-depth updates to Bob, which he can turn around and send to the membership as news. Hopefully, they can then be incorporated at the Website. The first is attached about the hotel. Will then do Schedule of Events, and Excursions (at which time I expect we can finalize and also develop the registration form), and then Dining & Entertainment, and Logistics.

This should peak interest without over-dosing. Also attached is the current list of people who have signed up for rooms already.

## **From your Secretary Desk**

I am asking for any leads of shipmate that you are in contact with who are not members of the Edwards Association.

We sent out no letters, 2 email. This month, we received a 4 new member application, both by email. One letter was returned. One email correction

## **Treasures Report**

The Treasures report is; we have \$2,847.61 in our account. Only upcoming expense is \$323.40 for website fee. Ship Store has had one sale since the first of the year.

Jim

## Ship's Store

Ed Hovatter has been looking for someone else to take over as Ship Store Manager. They move frequently for his wife's job and it is costly to keep moving ships store inventory all the time

## Web Master (rob Dege)

We are looking several changes to the website in the near future. As changes are completed we will let you know what was done and where to find on the Web Site.

**1) Adding CO and XO to the website with possible pictures.** I do not have the knowledge or materials available to actually build this website. **I need someone with the necessary knowledge that I can place onto the website.**

**2) Award Ribbons.** I am still waiting to hear back from Tut on this task.

**3) Email address security.** Progress is being made. I already have a "test" page that you can view at <http://dd950.com/Crew/crew-new.php> Some tweaking still needs to be done, and the Member's page needs to be password protected, but progress has been made.

-Rob

As of right now this is the only newsletter we have going for the association. If anyone has a story or memory that they would like to share or thoughts please send them to me and I will added them to the next newsletter we send out. Only thing that will not be printed will be political comments and or such. Anything printed is first approved by the board before being sent out to the shipmates. Next month I will start a story on my time with the Edwards Bob Sheard (bull)

### **Fraud alert**

**Last week, I received 2 emails from what appeared to be a shipmate stating that he was in Spain with bad luck. Per the email he and his wife were robbed and forced to live on the street. Please send money 2500 euro by western union and contact him for more information as to how to send it. A fellow employee also had his email account hacked, but when friends called him, he was a home not in London. The only thing changed on the email was the City everything else in the letter was exactly the same text wise. SO Please disregard any such emails that look like this or sounds funny,**

**Have gone through my face book site again and notice members who are on face book but are not on my list of friends.** Please if either you or your wife or on face book but are not in contact with me. Please consider adding as a friend. I am asking this as another way of keeping in contact with members. Added 4 new shipmates this month to my face book friend's page, thank you for the response. I will only use it if I cannot get a hold of a shipmate by any other means. Robert Sheard (bull)

## **Missing shipmate**

I am starting a new heading for this letter format. Shipmates listed here, we are longer in contact with at all. This is either by email, phone, and my last letter to them was returned. What I am asking is for your help and possible leads for theses shipmates. I will keep their names in your letters for three months. At the end of this time we will drop them from our active roll. If you are in contact with them or know the wife's name please contact me.

Gordon T Phillips 68-70 btfn (1 month)

## **Notes received from last month letter**

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It's official; DD-214s are NOW Online.

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

this may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time.

Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependent.

I have mentioned this a couple times before. I recommend when one of you says "check out the website..." you should add [www.dd950.com](http://www.dd950.com). Not all of our members know this by heart.

Do you actually send out newsletters? At the Tacoma reunion I signed up for them but never received one. I am Frank Boyd (crew member from '58 to '62)

You sent me something on a newsletter and you were going to put Tim McCann in it. All I see is his name in the memorial book. I would like to see something on Tim, so his friends can read it and you can put my e-mail in it. If they want to ask any questions or want a picture of him when he was in Hi. Please stand up for my friend and his wife Patty Kevin Busch email address is [wildkthing@hotmail.com](mailto:wildkthing@hotmail.com).

***I have a question. Do you have anyone have the name for the Commodore that used the RES for his flag ship, DES RON 7, sometime after commissioning and the year 1960? If so I would like to have that name. Thanks., Steve Taylor Ftg2 1960-62***

Tried to contact several members guess nobody remembers bt3 Wilson 73 to 77 oil king last two years trained guy with the last name of Montalvo to take m place Jeffery Wilson