

As of 7/07/11 active member stands at 656; there are 36 shipmates pending information, and we have 85 shipmates on our memorial page. Please welcome our newest members to the association. Charles Beckman (Bm3, 63-67), Randy Rowe (hm2, 77-79) David Lomboy (sk3, 65-66). I have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them

We added 3 shipmates to the memorial page this month. They are added due to the efforts of Joseph Wozniak with help from Art Rowe. Added to the memorial are Ltjg. James Izzard (61-62), and Ltjg. John Markworth (61-62); Eric Peterson (mr3, 59-63) thank you Darrel Johnson for his information.

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. Please go to reunions then click on New Orleans 2012, will have the information need to start plan your trip. If you know anyone, who is not on the email list please contact Bob Sheard at bullcs3@hotmail.com and he will mail the shipmate the information. While you are there checkout the rest of the Web site

From the New Orleans Coordinator

Plans have been finalized for an exciting reunion early next summer in New Orleans in the heart of the famed French Quarter. **You can read all about it and click on for your registration form by going to our web site www.dd950.com at any time.**

We are encouraging a join-up Wednesday evening, May 30th, (and have offered dining options), so you can sign up for our series of morning excursions. Handicap-friendly, we'll tour during the cooler part of the days, using comfortable air-conditioned coaches for short trips, with minimal walking, delicious lunches, and reduced prices. You'll have some afternoon time to "do your own thing", and some fun evenings to be all together, and others to "hit the Quarter."

We have strived to make the entire time fun and entertaining for all ages. Think about bringing family and friends for a true vacation! Of course, you can come earlier, and/or stay longer. We'll have plenty of recommendations for more things to do, and the hotel will extend our special rates and benefits, **based upon availability**. So it's best to call the Maison Dupuy Hotel now at 1-800-535-9177.

Thanks to Webmaster Rob Dege, our site makes it easy to read all about the reunion, and even to click on to get more detail, and even to check out the websites of all the attractions we'll experience.

Please let me know at 504-391-0667 if you have any questions or want to let me know of any special needs.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,
Gary Bair

*Please be sure to check out all the reunion information on our web site www.dd950.com. We'll be finalizing everything and sending the registration form shortly. Note that you can also click onto "March 13, 2011 Newsletter Update" for expanded information on our hotel, The Maison Dupuy. You are encouraged to go ahead now and make your reservations at no cost. **As of this date, we already have 32 rooms reserved by shipmates in the following names: (list)***

Hogue, JJ; Turley, Jack; Trytten, Joe; Crawford, Carolyn; Kruger, Connie; Kruger, Patrick; Cusick, Bill; White, Larry; Marceau, Steven; Kress, James; Howell, Russell; Fowler, Todd; Sheard, Bob; Chester,

Barbara; Fadely, Tom; Fadely, Steven; Fadely Daniel; Lambrecht, Deb; Tuttle, Debra; Cooley, Bryon; Robertson, Michael; Banks, Richard; Renniecke, William; Bair, Gary; Solis, Arthur; Heinen, Jerry; Underwood, doug; Total reservation as of 7/15/11.

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 4 emails. This month, we received 3 new member applications two by mail other by email, also received 1 email this month for records corrections. I sent out 16 letters to shipmates about the reunion or problems with their email addresses.

Please read the letter received written By Captain Page. Important for those who served on the Edwards Feb. to Mar. 69. Many thanks to Captain Page for his work on the matter. I do have the letter if anyone wishes a copy. (bull)

Treasures Report

- > Fiscal Year Report for July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 for Richard S Edwards DD950 Association.
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- > Beging Balance: \$1,704.00
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- > Income: \$ 2,778.70
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- > Balance: \$4,483.24
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- > Expenses: \$1,964.42
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- > Amount in
- > account: \$2,518.82

Ship's Store

Start thinking what you are going to need for the reunion and order now.

Missing shipmate

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 him or know the wife's name please contact me.

David C. Atwater Itjg last known address Phoenix Az, no email address on record with the association (2)

Robert Marlett (cdr) bt3 on the Edwards moved no phone number, no email address (2)

Notes received from last month letter

Ref: Joe Elbaor's question

From what I remember, on Aug. 2 1964 the Maddox was attacked for the first time, and then on Aug. 4th the Turner Joy and the Maddox were attacked.

I'm not sure of the date the Edwards was involved, but I thought it was about a week later, but it could have easily been on Sept. 18th. Radar reported 4 fast moving small contacts heading toward the Edwards. Shells were fired at that time and supposedly several boats were sunk with the rest turning and heading back behind Haiman Island. I understood, from shipboard skuttlebutt at the time that a torpedo had been sighted from the craft and also that strike aircraft had been called in.

I can not verify the torpedo, or the strike aircraft, but can verify that shots were fired at 4 approaching radar contacts.

Walt Schubert

Robert,
Doug Underwood here (GMG 2 , 66 / 70) my wife Christine and myself will be attending the reunion, have just made reservations @ the hotel. Are there any other shipmates from my time aboard planning on attending ? Looking forward to meeting everybody.

To all,

In the past few months, it has come to our attention that spammers have been accessing the email addresses from the Crew & Members sections of our website. As a result, two changes have been applied to the website to better protect our Members, while at the same time, minimizing the amount of information removed for non-members who are visiting our website.

1) The Members page has been locked down, and requires a username & password. To access the Members section, the username is **member**

2) The Crew page will still be accessible to the general public, however, all of the email addresses have been removed.

Greetings from San Diego.

This purpose of this email is to inform you and everyone that was aboard the USS Richard S. Edwards (DD 950) between the dates of February 15th and March 1st, 1969 during the WestPac Cruise with CDR Joe Murray USN that the ship has been added to the list of United States Warships exposed to Agent Orange during combat in Vietnam and Vietnam inland waterway travel.

I am sending this to you to see if you know of a list or contact method to inform and encourage our shipmates to register or update their status with the Veterans Administration. More to follow. I have been working on this for some time. With the help of the National Archives at College Park, my congressman Duncan Hunter, his staff and counsel from the person responsible for determining eligibility at the Veterans Administration, we have submitted the evidence required to be listed with the ships exposed to Agent Orange. Captain Loren Page (ret)

The good news is: USS Richard S Edwards (DD950) has been added. Please see the attached letter from Michael Walcoff, Acting Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits.

Loren Page

Albert Hyde

We are asking everyone to say a prayer for "Darkhorse" 3rd Battalion 5th Marines and their families. They are fighting it out in Afghanistan and they have lost 12 marines in 4 days.

IT WOULD BE NICE TO SEE the message spread if more could pass it on. God Bless America and God Bless the United States Marine Corps... Semper Fi, Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever.