

As of 10/11/11 active members stand at 660; there are 30 shipmates pending information, and we 87 on the memorial page. I would like to welcome our newest members David Hill (stg2, 78-82), Mark Amestoy (70-74, mm3), Mike Trumble, (76-78, sn), Dale Prescott, (66-67, Bm2). I have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them.

From The President' s Desk

Last month, I mentioned that Jim Kress had submitted a request to the Navy Department about receiving any and all medals that he had earned. After a few years had passed, Jim received the medals, which were apparently earned during the period of 1963-1964. In the newsletter, I asked if anyone had any information as to where they should send a request for medals. Jim thinks he sent his request to the following: DEPT. OF THE NAVY

NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND

RETIRED RECORDS SECTION

PERS 312B

9700 PAGE BLVD.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

63132-5000

While digging further into obtaining medals, I came across another possible location to which you might want to consider. Here is the address: NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND

LIAISON OFFICE, RM 350

1 ARCHIVES DR.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

63138

It seemed that the latter address was very specific in that a person should send a request for medals to them. Maybe it won't three years for the medals to reach you. Be sure to enclose a copy of your DD214 along with your letter. I have submitted a request to this command, so we'll see what happens.

We have received a few more registrations for the upcoming 2012 Reunion. Response has been very slow, having received only eight so far. We do need to make deposits on the tours that Gary Bair has arranged for us, so if you can, please get your registration paperwork and your check sent in as soon as possible.

For those who are seeing this for the first time, you can get all the 2012 Reunion information by going to the website. Click on "reunion" and after the reunion page comes up, click on "upcoming events" and everything you need, will be displayed.

I would like to thank those members who have submitted articles to Bob Sheard for the newsletter. Sharing information benefits us all. So keep sending in "anything" you want to share.

Our secretary has been working hard to update information in his members file. If for some reason in the future, you make changes in your mailing address, or e-mail address, please let Bob know. It will make his job much easier as well as save the association money that would otherwise be spent on paper, envelopes and postage.

Joe

From the New Orleans Coordinator

I want to clarify the Wednesday dinner options. We expect most folk to be in town by Wednesday evening, and so I have planned a happy hour gather-up at the hotel, and I have arranged two dining options so you don't have to worry about reservations, and you can plan to go with others of our group. Both are far enough away to require a bus, so you need to pay \$5, but we have arranged for you to be able to order (and pay) from their extensive menus. We need your reservation in your registration if you wish to join in.

Mulate's in New Orleans is a fun place to dine and enjoy a great live cajun band and dancing. Zagat's Restaurant Guide rates a 21 for food and a \$30 cost (for a drink and dinner). *"Conventioners" and other "hungry customers" dig into "tasty" "down and dirty" Cajun cooking and "kick up their heels" on the "full dance floor" at this warehouse District destination where the live bayou bands "make the meal." "Value for the buck" and "perfect for large groups and loud parties."*

Jacques-Imo's Cafe is a fun spot with some of the city's highest rated food and dining experience. Zagat rates the food 26 (28 is highest) and cost \$38 (for a drink and dinner.) *Reviewers rate the "only in New Orleans" atmosphere of this "colorful" Carrollton joint where "dynamo" chef-owner Jacques Leonardi - a "unique character"... "whips up "diet-buster portions" of "crunchy" fried chicken and other Creole soul food that's "the stuff of dreams." The "ultra-funky digs" are "mobbed" and "lively to say the least."* The bus will return to the hotel via a scenic route down St. Charles Avenue to view the historic mansions.

Thanks,

Gary

As of this date, we already have 45 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; Ross, Tim; Palovich, George; Shiels, William; Petersen, Erick; Underwood, Doug; Bryon, Walter; Treadwell, Michael; Caldwell, Comazel; Fasce, John; Drager, Ralph; Davidson, Alan; Siems, Donald; Shults, Mike; Wilson, Raymond. Total reservation as of 10/09/11.

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 10 emails. This month, we received 2 new member applications two by email and two by regular mail, also received 4 email this month for records corrections. I sent out 21 letters to

shipmates about the reunion or problems with their records information. One letter returned wrong address. **Please check out to note from me in the letters received about the passing of 2 shipmate.**

Treasures Report

Treasurers Report for Sept. 2011: Beginning Balance \$2,152.56

Income 0

Expenses 0

Ending Balance \$2,152.56

Ship's Store

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

Missing shipmate

Last letters were returned and we have no current phone number or email address for the following shipmates. At the end of the third monthly newsletter, we will drop them from our active file. Any help with information please contact me at my email address.

Ron Drake 58-62 sk3 Last known address po box 86, Foyil Ok

David Atwater 64-66 ltjg Last known address 11410 Bancroft Phoenix Az

Notes received from last month letter

The 2011 edition of the Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors booklet is now available on the web at http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp and is also available in [PDF Format](#).

Do you want to apply for VA [health benefits](#), request [military records](#), or [change your address](#)? These are just a few of VA's [most frequently requested forms](#).

Visit the [National Resource Directory](#) for information about military and VA benefits, military pay, disability compensation, insurance, Social Security benefits and more. This was submitted by Jack Turley thanks Jack (bull)

For those who are having trouble at the web site trying to access the membership list the user name is *member*

The link below is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Vietnam war with the names, bio's and other information on our lost heroes. Those who remember that time frame, or perhaps lost friends or family can look them up on this site. Pass the link on to others, as many knew wonderful people whose names are listed.

<http://www.virtualwall.org/istates.htm> thanks to Don Farrar for this information

Jack Turley also has a site <http://thewall-usa.com/names.asp>

You can go to www.military.com and search for replacement Medala & Awards. You can also do a Google search for standard form

SF-180 print the form fill it out and enclose a copy of your discharge papers DD-214. Mail to:

Navy Personnel Command

Liaison office Room 5409

9700 Page Ave.

St. Louis, MO. 63132-510

It took about 3 months for my awards to arrive. Hope yours arrive sooner. Good luck, Ed Hovatter

On 9/29/11 rob the web master received a notice that a shipmate by the name Of Kenan Knieriem pass away in a boating accident. To be added to the memorial page we need his rank and dates aboard the Edwards. Looking for help with this information

On 9/21/11 received from Donita Swenson a notice that her husband Lennart had pass away on April 17. 2011. Know that he was a Ltjg. Need years aboard the Edwards. JJ found his picture in 62-63 Cruise book

I forgot to mention, This only works once, If you need a second replacement then you are on your own. There are several sellers of military Medals on the web but they charge premium prices\$ 14-20.00. Retired personnel can order replacement medals from the Navy uniform store in Norfolk, VA. most medals cost about \$3.50 to \$4.75. Some medals are not available. I found my minature medals at Fairchild AFB. Hope this helps. Ed

> After having attended the San Diego reunion I was able to meet up with Clay Amb, ETN2, 1971-1973. He and I have been communicating since then up until about 2-3 months ago. I have tried his email several times. His cell phone and his home phone to no avail. He appears to have left the grid. My question is, has anyone else had contact with him lately? Any help you or any of the other shipmates can provide is appreciated.

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> Regards,

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> Don Bailey

> ETR3, 1971-1973