

As of 11/11/11 active members stand at 660; there are 30 shipmates pending information, and we 88 on the memorial page. We added to the memorial page Kenan Knieriem (ltjg; 76-78) Thanks to all who responded with his information request.

## **From The President' s Desk**

For many of us who served aboard the "Ready Eddie,"we only knew that the ship was named after Admiral Richard S. Edwards. When we reported aboard, it was more important to learn our jobs than who the ship was named after. Gary Bair sent me an article entitled "Picking Winners?"by Richard B. Frank. The article dealt with who were considered the top nine Admirals of World War II. The article is rather long. I have read the article and have condensed it. Part Two of who Richard S. Edwards was, will appear next month.

### **PART ONE: WHO WAS RICHARD S. EDWARDS?**

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1885, Adm. Edwards was appointed to the United States Naval Academy in 1903. He was commissioned ensign on Sept. 13, 1908 and through subsequent advancement attained the rank of admiral, April 13, 1945. He was transferred to the retirement list of the U.S Navy on July 1, 1947.

During World War I, he served as engineering officer aboard the USS Kentucky (BB-6), then as gunnery officer aboard the USS Kansas (BB-21) and the USS Arkansas (BB-33). His commands included the USS Wood (DD-317); Submarine Squadron 6; Submarine base, New London, Connecticut; USS Colorado (BB-45); Submarines, Patrol Force; and Submarines, Atlantic Fleet.

During World War II, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Aide to the Commander in Chief, United States Fleet and then Deputy Chief, U.S. Fleet, and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations. For his World War II service, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. He subsequently served as Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Western Sea Frontier, Commander, Pacific Reserve Fleet.

The Admiral died at the United States Naval Hospital, Oakland, California, June 2, 1956.

Hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Let's remember our armed forces who serve or have served, all over the world in defense of our country and way of life. Without them, we would not have Thanksgiving. Bless them all.

Joseph J. Hogue

## **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). *"Conventioneers" 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 43 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; Rennicke, William; Bair, Gary; Solis, Arthur; Heinen, Jerry; Palovich, George; Shiels, William; Petersen, Erick; 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 no emails. This month, we received 1 renewal applications by regular mail, also received one email this month for records correction on rank.. I sent out 29 letters to shipmates about the reunion, problems with their records information or application for membership. Received a email from some pretending to be our ship's store. This email offered what our ship store sells, please do not be fooled thinking you are buying from us. We need you to support our ship store. Received four email correction and two letters were returned in response to this month's mailing.

## **Treasures Report**

Treasurers Report for Oct 1-31, 2011: Beginning Balance \$2,152.56  
Income \$ 6875.50  
Expenses 3017.50  
Ending Balance \$6010.46

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> month

David Atwater 64-66 ltjg Last known address 11410 Bancroft Phoenix Az. 2<sup>nd</sup> month

Gary Moore Last known address 4246 NW 11 Ct Des Moines Ia 1 month

## Notes received from last month letter

**For those who are having trouble at the web site trying to access the membership**

**Sign in is the word member**