

As of 11/22/11 active members stand at 659; there are 28 shipmates pending information, and we have 96 on the memorial page. We added Gordon Kirst (btc, 62-66) See note below

From The President' s Desk

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; Renniecke, William; Bair, Gary; Solis, Arthur; Heinen, Jerry; Palovich, George; Shiels, William; Petersen, Tom; 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 three emails. I sent out 20 letters to shipmates about the reunion, problems with their records information or application for membership..So far this month, received 9 email address correction and two by regular mail.

Treasures Report

Treasurers Report for Nov 1-30, 2011: Beginning Balance \$6010.46

Expenses \$308.00

Ending Balance \$5702,46

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

Gary Moore Last known address 4246 NW 11 Ct Des Moines Ia 3rd 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

Bob I have learned that another shipmate has passed away. Gordon Kirst BTC died on November 6, 2011 from Prostate Cancer. On Dec 9, 2011 he was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

During his Navy career he attained the rank of Warrant Officer 4.

I am not sure about his years onboard maybe 62 to 66.

Jim