

As of 1/15/12 active members stand at 658. There is only 2 shipmates pending information, and we have 97 on the memorial page. We added Gordon Kirst (btc, 62-66) Anthony Maimone (stc 64-67). See notes below

From The President' s Desk

TIME IS RUNNING DOWN TO SIGN-UP FOR THE REUNION. WHILE THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS APRIL 30TH, THE HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE PILING UP. GARY BAIR HAS SET ASIDE 65 ROOMS. WE HAVE 57 ROOMS RESERVED ALREADY. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON MAKING THE REUNION, MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF WE NEED MORE ROOMS, GARY WILL SEE WHAT HE CAN DO. AFTER THE 65 ROOMS ARE GONE, ANY ADDITIONAL ROOMS WILL BE ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS. THE SOONER WE KNOW HOW MANY EXTRA ROOMS WE WILL NEED, THE BETTER THE IDEA OF HOW MANY EXTRA ROOMS WE WILL NEED.

WE NEED TO CONGRATULATE OUR WEBMASTER, ROB DEGE AND HIS WIFE HEATHER. TYLER ROBERT DEGE WAS BORN DEC. 26TH, THE SAME DAY AS HIS DADDY, WEIGHING IN AT 7 LBS. 7 OZS.

WE HAVE EIGHTEEN CONFIRMED REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2012 REUNION IN NEW ORLEANS MAILED IN SO FAR. THERE ARE STILL MANY OF US WHO NEED TO GET THEIR REGISTRATIONS SENT IN. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT APRIL 30TH, WILL BE THE CUT-OFF POINT AND A FINALIZED LIST WILL BE SENT TO GARY BAIR, SO THAT HE WILL KNOW WHAT TRANSPORTATION AND TOUR ARRANGEMENTS HE NEEDS TO FINALIZE.

JJ HOGUE

From the New Orleans Coordinator

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All of a sudden we are within five short months of our 2012 New Orleans reunion. We are thrilled that so many shipmates have already their hotel reservations and are sending in their registrations. **57 rooms have already been booked**, and there is a big trend for more than four nights. A great many are bringing friends or family (as we have encouraged) and are booking 2 or 3 rooms.

Now is the time to get serious and make your plans. **Even if you are not sure if you will be coming, I urge you to call the Maison Dupuy at 1-800-535-9177 and make a hotel reservation** to hold a room. It costs you nothing, but we need to know how many rooms we will need. We have had such a good early beginning that we may need to increase our commitment; however, we do not want to over-commit. And we certainly don't want to run out of rooms!

Check out our great web site www.dd950-com and get all the details of the reunion and the registration form.

Best regards to all,

Gary Bair

As of this date, we already have 57 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 out no emails and 1 letters to shipmates. Remove Gary Moore from the active membership list. Remove all but one pending application and starting over for the new year. No contact with some of the application since sending them out for over six months.

Treasures Report

Treasurers Report for Dec 1-31, 2011: Beginning Balance \$5,702.46

Income \$ 3333.00

Expenses \$108.80

Ending Balance \$8926.66

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

Rodney Malcom Last known address P.O box 1256 (77-78, GmG3) first 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

Was trying to verify email address for Tony Maimone and his letter was returned so by change called his name and was able to talk to his wife. She informed me of his death in aug of 2010. She stated how Anthony always had a fond memory of the Edwards and always enjoyed the reunion. I Will be sending her a copy of this newsletter. Will keep his information for a month for those who wish to contact her as their address has changed.

We had a never nice response to last month newsletter. Thank you to all respond

To those who last name begins with A to E and this is the first newsletter you received from me in awhile. Somehow your name were removed from my master email list. If you need or would like to see any back issues please let me know at bullcs3@hotmail.com and I will send them. Now going thru the rest of my email lists

Start thing were you want to go in 2014 reunion. It will be west coast and one location already mention was Los Vegas.

[Hawaii is too expensive for the average sailor retiree. It is the turn for the West Coast. All you need to do is recommend a location and then volunteer to be the coordinator.](#)

What do you guys think about having the reunion for 2014 in Hawaii??? If that's too far west, I would like to be close the Turner Joy. Isn't that around Seattle? If it's in the mid-west, how about the bootcamp in Chicago.

WELCOME ABOARD

Richard S Edwards newest crew member

Many of you know that Rob is our webmaster (dad Carl "volunteered him" about 10 years ago)

Rob has been doing an outstanding job starting and maintaining our RSD website. People that visited it, say it is one of the best.

Heather, Rob and Tyler are doing very well.

Pat and Carl Dege (grandparents) are beside themselves (they may need therapy)

Jack Turley

FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE REUNION, WE WILL BE DECIDING ON WHERE TO HOLD THE 2014 REUNION. IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE A SUGGESTION, BE PREPARED TO

MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE MEMBERS. WE CERTAINLY DO NOT WANT TO SCARE PEOPLE OFF FROM MAKING A SUGGESTION, BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT YOU WOULD BE EXPECTED TO BE VERY INVOLVED WITH ORGANIZING THE EVENT, WHICH INCLUDES FINDING SUITABLE HOTELS AT REASONABLE PRICES, TOURS AND TRANSPORTATION. THE 2014 REUNION SHOULD BE IN THE WESTERN AREA OF THE COUNTRY. IF WE DO NOT HAVE ANY WESTERN VENUES SUGGESTED, WE MAY HAVE TO RESORT TO ANY AND ALL LOCATIONS FOR THE REUNION, NO MATTER WHAT PART OF COUNTRY.

Looking for help. A letter was returned last month for a James Thomas who is a member of the Edwards' association. It was returned as deceased by the post office after someone returned it to them with "deceased" written on it. If anyone knows that James Thomas has died please contact me.