

# Only days to go to the deadline for reservations Cut off is the end of this month!!!!

**WE have for those attending**

**We are going to raffle off from the first commissioning of the Edwards four original balls caps from the Wardroom. Also we have one large tee shirt from the first commissioning. All money to go to the Edwards association**

As of 2/18/12 active members stand at 655. There is only 2 shipmates pending information, and we have 99 on the memorial page.

## From The President' s Desk

### From the New Orleans Coordinator

All of a sudden we are within four 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. **75 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](http://www.dd950-com) and get all the details of the reunion and the registration form.

To Fly or Not To Fly - That may be your question. For your consideration: The to/from airport costs are nearly equal to the hotel parking cost - about \$60 plus tip per couple for four nights. Once you are at the hotel, you do not need a car. Our excursions provide transportation to most of the things you would want to go to at a distance. You can walk to anything in the French Quarter in 5 to 10 minutes from our hotel.

Best regards to all,

Gary Bair

WOW! You all have already reserved 75 rooms for 149 people for our New Orleans reunion (as of 2/09/12). Note the distinguished names to be in attendance:

Starting Sunday, May 27: Danley, Gravatt, Lambrecht

Starting Monday, May 28: Kress, Petersen (2 rooms), Robinson, Shiels, Seims, Smith, Trytten,  
Turley (2), Winde

Starting Tuesday, May 29: Albritton, Banks, Bernard, Chester (3), Crawford, Cusick, Gnagi, Heinen,  
Howell, Kruger (2), Rennie, Robertson, Scott

Starting Wednesday, May 30: Abel, Bair, Baly, Bean, Byron, Caldwell, Crawford, Darcey, Davidson,  
Durfee,

Ealey, Fadely (3), Fasce (2), Fowler, Gagnon, Hadley, Henderson, Hogue (2), Hughes (2),  
Johnson

Komarek, Loring, Motsco, Parker, Paul, Pavlovich, Plank, Pressott, Sheard, Shults, Solis,  
Treadwell,

Tuttle, White, Wilson

Starting Thursday, May 31: Cooley, Escott, Marceau, Williams

Check out our great web site [www.dd950.com](http://www.dd950.com) , click on our 2012 reunion, and check out all the great things we have planned. You can even click on each of the unique experiences we have scheduled.

We will max out our capacity of 50 people for each of the restaurant options Wednesday evening, (but will have alternative recommendations available.) We have already filled our max of 15 for the culinary history and tasting tour, but have arranged a second one. **And so you can see that you don't want to delay registering.**

## 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.

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## Treasures Report

Treasurers Report for Feb 1-29, 2011: Beginning Balance \$ 8926.66

Income \$ 2175.50

Expenses \$ 1000.00

Ending Balance \$ 10,102.16

## Ship's Store

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

## Missing shipmate

None this month

## Newsletter Notes

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

**Sign in is the word member**

To those who last name begins with E to f and this is the first newsletter you received from me in awhile. Somehow your names 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](mailto:bullcs3@hotmail.com) and I will send them. Now going thru the rest of my email lists

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.

The ConfidentialVeterans Crisis Line is standing by 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year by calling 1-800-273-8255, and press 1. You can also log on to [www.VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net)

Thanks Jack Turley for the information

There is a you tube video **Help Save our historic US Navy Destroyers** that you may like to watch. Thanks to John Fasce for sending me the link. If you would like to watch it, please let me know and I will send you the link.

For you who are on face book there is a page for the Edwards type in Richard S. Edwards in the search

Have I a link, thank To William Stubblefield to the Pounding The Do Son Peninsula on May 10.1972 for anyone who is interested in it.