

# **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 three 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 656. There is only 2 shipmates pending information, and we have 99 on the memorial page. It has been awhile, but would like to announce that we have a new member to the association. Please welcome Gary Pat Clifford ( 63-66; e-4) I have his information for any who wishes to contact him.

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

In the February newsletter, I asked if anybody out there had any information about the ship being exposed to Agent Orange at the same time the USS Morton was. One of our members, Charlie Jones, has volunteered to research the Ready Eddie's position during the time the Morton was exposed. Charlie lives in Washington DC and knows his way around the National Archives, so we'll see what he comes up with. We will need to be patient as Charlie's daughter is getting married and he is devoting his time to that enterprise.

As you may or not have noticed, we did not have a newsletter for the month of March. Our hard working secretary, Bob Sheard and his wife Lesile, were in a traffic accident. They were hit broadside by another vehicle. Both are on the mend and just dealing with the soreness.

This for all our members to think about. We need to decide where to hold our 2014 reunion. The location should be in the western region of our country. If anyone would like to make a suggestion and put together a proposal, please contact me. I would be happy to present your proposal to the members who will be at this year's reunion, for their vote. Things to keep in mind when making a proposal are, the location, hotels, tourists attractions, access to travel and obviously costs associated with the aforementioned requirements. Basically speaking, we strive to get the biggest bang for our buck. We need boots on the ground in order to put together a successful reunion.

This is for those who will be attending this year's reunion. In comparing the hotel reservation list with the registrations I have received I noticed there were a few names, that while I have their registration forms, their name does not appear on the hotel reservation list. If, at the time you made your hotel reservation and think you did not tell them you were attending our reunion, please contact the reservation folks at the hotel and make sure they know you are with the reunion.

Here is a list of those members who will be attending the reunion in New Orleans:

Ron Abel

Bill Albritton

Gary Bair

Lee Baly

Richard Banks

Clyde Burnette

Walt Byron

Erinie Carter

Glendon Chester

Byron Cooley

Dave Crawford

John Crawford

Nolan Darcey

Alan Davidson

Jeff Durfee

Bill Ealey

Bill Escott

Tom Fadley

John Fasce

Todd Fowler

Dewayne Gardner

Steve Gnagi

JJ Hogue

Darrell Johnson

Jim Kelly

Martin Komarek

Jim Kress

Don Kruger

Earl Kurtz

Dave Loring

Tony Motsco

Carl Paul

George Pavlovich

Tom Petersen

Jim Plank

Dale Prescott

Bill Rennick

Mike Robertson

Mike Robinson

Eugene Scott

Bob Sheard

William Shiels

Mike Shults

Don Siems

Ben Smith

Mike Treadwell

Joe Trytten

Jack Turley

Bob Tuttle

Dave Williams

If your name does not appear on this list, it's because I have not received your registration yet. So please keep in mind, we are within weeks of the reunion and April 30<sup>th</sup> is the final day on which we will receive registrations. If you are not going to have your registration in by then, and still will be attending the reunion, please contact me.

- PLEASE NOTE, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE THE FINAL DAY TO MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION. AFTER THAT DATE, ANY ROOMS THAT WERE SET ASIDE AND NOT RESERVED, WILL BE RETURNED TO THE HOTEL. THE HOTEL WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE RESERVATIONS AT A HIGHER RATE PER NIGHT AND BASED ON AVAILABILITY.
- ALSO, THE SATURDAY, FRENCH QUARTER CULINARY HISTORY AND TASTING TOURS HAVE REACHED CAPACITY AND ARE LONGER AVAILABLE.
- FOR THIS YEAR'S REUNION, ROB DEGE WILL BE POSTING PHOTOGRAPHS THAT ARE SUBMITTED TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR POSTING ON THE WEBSITE.

Thanks to all of the members, their wives and guests, who will be attending this year's reunion. Without you, these reunions would not be as enjoyable as they have been. A special thanks goes out to Gary Bair for all his hard work in putting together this great reunion. See you all in New Orleans!

Our next newsletter will come out in June, after the reunion.

Joe

## From the New Orleans Coordinator

All of a sudden we are within two 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. **80 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.

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 Mar 1-31, 2011: Beginning Balance \$ 12,419.65  
Income \$ 8,836.00  
Expenses \$ 29.97  
Ending Balance \$ 21,219.68

## 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**

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.