

Was not going to write a May newsletter but because of the new member decided to write one any way. Please read section about missing shipmates, also in the comments section about our web site. Starting now and for the next couple of months, we will be asking everyone to verify their information such as your address, phone number. To save the association money on stamps and paper we would like it done mostly by email. Later this year there will be a mailing of a new application for those who do not respond, whose email has stopped working or we have no email address on record.

As of 4/27/12 active members stand at 657. There are no shipmates pending information at this time, and we have 99 on the memorial page. Like to announce that we have a new member to the association. Please welcome Glen Klinger (rm2; 63-64). 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.

## From your Reunion Coordinator

**When packing** plan to dress comfortably. Expect HOT day temps around 90, and even hot eves around 80.

Shorts and shirts are fine during the day and perhaps pants for the evening. (Loose fitting suggested.) Pack **umbrellas** or ponchos, just in case.

**Airport Shuttle** will take 1 to the hotel for \$15. **Taxi** is \$28 for the first 2 people. (The hotels do not provide transportation.)

**Photos** will be taken during our welcome reception Thursday before dinner. Don't be late.

**Bus times** are departure times. Please plan to get onboard 5 or 10 minutes before listed time.

**The Complimentary Breakfasts for our group** will be served in the Toulouse Salon from 7 am to bus departure times Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and 7 to 9 am Sunday.

*Laissez le bon temps rouler!* (Let the good times roll!)

**Secretary Desk**

I am asking for any leads of shipmate that you are in contact with who are not members of the Edwards Association.

## Treasures Report

Treasurers Report for April 1-30, 2011: Beginning Balance \$ 21,219.68  
Income \$ 4,060  
Expenses \$ 12,717.80  
Ending Balance \$ 12,561.88

## Ship's Store

Nothing new as of this month

## Missing shipmates

We have four members who email address, phone number and address no longer work. If you are in contact or known anything about them, please let me know or contact them to have their information update.

Thomas Morris 73-74 Bt1

Robert Holmes 65-67 Bt3

Robert York 64-67 SFC

John Iannucci 70-72 sk3

## Newsletter Notes

### **For those who are having trouble at the web site trying to access the membership Sign in is the word member**

I was reading book by Dan Simmons, called "Carrion Comfort" and the USS Richard S Edwards is mentioned in the book! They even got the Hull number right.

I was pleasantly surprised.

Thought you might find that interesting. The copyright on the book is 1989.

Thanks,

Mike

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.

**The free guestbook service that was used on the website was discontinued by the vendor. For the interim, the guestbook buttons have been removed from the website.**

**We are currently looking for a suitable replacement. Once we locate one, the buttons will be restored.**

**Thank you.**