

We lost three Shipmates

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, 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. If you already responded thank you. Please read newsletter note about our website.

As of 7/14/12 active members stand at 650. There is 1 shipmates pending information at this time, and we have 105 on the memorial page. Added this month Frank Blansfield (58-59), Mike Martin (70-72), Jack Wambach (58-60). Please see notes below for comments

From The President' s Desk

Ahoy to all.

If you have photographs from the 2012 Reunion (only) and wish to have them posted on the website, here is what you will need to do.

You may send them to my e-mail address. We need to know who is in the photo and if you would like to enclose a small caption, please do so. By necessity, I will check each photo to make sure you have provided the information we need, before forwarding them on to our webmaster. If the photo does not include who is in the photo, we will not use it. You may forward photographs by e-mail to josephjhogue@yahoo.com.

You may also send photos to me by regular mail. We can scan the photo into our computer and then send them on to our webmaster. Here again though, we need to know who is in the photograph. If that information is not included, we will not post the photo on the website. If you elect to send photographs by regular mail, my address is 590 State Hwy 116, Sundance, Wyoming, 82729-9534.

Please be aware that if and when you send in a photograph to be posted, you are giving the association tacit approval to use the photograph as well as giving the association the right to post the photograph. Please keep this in mind, so that there will be no copywrite issues later on. All photographs will become the property of the association and may not be returned (most likely they will be though).

Our secretary, Bob Sheard will be having a serious surgery in the next couple of months, so if you do not receive a monthly newsletter or two, it is because he has not recuperated enough to be able to spend time on his computer. I'm sure we all will wish him well when he has to go in for the surgery.

That's it from the high and very dry high plains of Wyoming.

JJ

From your Reunion Coordinator

New reunion coordinator is Ralph (wolfman) Draeger. 2014 site is San Francisco. Please help support him in his task

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 have 127 members who have verified their information on our membership list. Again thank you for your help, we were able to update 13 records with new information. 3 address changes, 10 phone numbers, If you have not verified your address and phone number please take a few minutes and email me at bullcs3@hotmail.com Again thank you to all shipmate that responded to last month's request.

Treasures Report

> August 1, 2012 - August 31, 2012
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> Beginning Balance \$4,305.27
> Income 103.70
> Expenses 0.00
> Ending Balance \$4,408.97
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> Hi shipmates, hope all is well with you all.
>
> Jim

Ship's Store

Thinking of coming up with a challenge coin to be sold through our ship store. More info to follow on this. If you have not visited the ship's store please do so. Need a new Edwards' ball cap?

Missing shipmates

Newsletter Notes

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

Sign in is the word member

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,

Subject: Your email about the jet crash

William,

I remember you well from the Richard S. Edwards (DD 950). I was your Division Officer as Electronics Officer, was a Plankowner and later Gunnery Officer, leaving the RSE in October, 1961. I am emailing you about the correct happenings about the jet crash you wrote about in your email to Robert Sheard. I was Officer of the Deck that night in late '59 when we were plane guarding a carrier, in a station 2,000 yards astern. We were in WESPAC on the ship's first deployment. The carrier was conducting night operations when a jet attempted to land, hit the round down (rear of the flight deck), skidded across the angle deck and exploded just after clearing the ship on the port side. There was NO chance for the pilot to survive. We searched for wreckage and remains for about 8 hours in fairly rough seas. You are correct that the whale boat was not used in the search efforts. All that was recovered was some flotation gear and the pilot's helmet. This was recovered by ship's personnel using grappling hooks. I know all of this because the crash occurred just before I was to be relieved as Officer of the Deck following the 2000 – to 2400 watch. I saw it all and can see it again in my mind's eye. Captain Law would not let me be relieved and I retained the Deck and the Conn for the 8 hours we searched for remains, making a total of 12 continuous hours I was on watch on the Bridge. That incident, and the time we collided with the Bennington during a high-speed (18 knot) opposed replenishment are the two most vivid memories of my 5 years in the Navy. I was OOD for the Bennington incident also, although Captain Law had the Conn, not me, thankfully. I figure I would just be getting out of Leavenworth about now if I had. I don't know anything about the "large knife" portion of your email.

It was a great coincidence that you would write Robert about the incident and that I would read it. Please write back about your life since RSE, one that I hope has been fulfilling.

John Titus

LT, USNR

While checking records on the internet found out about their deaths. Frank Blansfield had been in poor health for the last couple of years with kidney failure. Frank died in Feb 2011, Mike Martin May30 2011 in Kentucky where he lived survived by his wife Teri. Both death notices are on the internet. bull

Hi Bob, Please let everyone know that the Edwards is now considered a "GOLD STAR" ship with the VA. On Wednesday I filed for disability and I was told that I should be able to get 100% for my Diabetes, Loss of Kidney function, Heart Disease, and Cataracts. I hope this news help everyone.

Thanks, Bill Ealey

Please check with the Va to see if your years are cover for the Gold star

I am Connie Wambach, Jack and Linda's daughter-in-law, I am going through Jack's emails to get out the sad news of his passing this morning. I'm trying to reach a couple of his Navy buddies to get the information out to the rest of his Navy buddies. No arrangements have been made at this time, but hopefully will be in the Evansville newspaper tomorrow. I do know that Pierre Funeral Home will be handling the arrangements.

I appreciate your help with contacting the rest of the Navy buddies and would appreciate your prayers for Linda and his children, Todd, Shannon and Lisa.

Thank you so much
Connie Wambach

If you would like to call me cell number is 812-431-4614