

# MERRY CHRISTMAS-- &-- HAPPY NEW YEAR

**There is only a little over five months to the reunion May 28- Jun 1, 2014. The registration forms can now be found on the ship's website for our next reunion. See the President's desk for information on how to use it. Bob**

**“The challenge coins are now available in the ship's store!”**

As of 11/19/13 active members stand 643. Please welcome Roger Wilson (67-68; SN), John Rockfolski (71-72, Sa). I have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them. We have 125 on your memorial page.

A lot of us have friends who we have kept in touch with who are not members. We are asking you to contact them and get them to join us.

## **From the President's Desk**

The registration form for the 2014 San Francisco Reunion is now available on the website. There has been a significant change in how to register. Previously, a member would download the form, print it out, fill it out, before mailing it with the check. The process has now been simplified. Now, you fill out the form through the website, print out the results, and mail it along with your check.

Here's how it works

1. Go to the DD-950 website
2. Click on the Reunion button on the left side
3. Click on the 2014 Reunion (Upcoming Events)
4. The reunion itinerary will appear. As you will see, the activities are listed, along with the costs. Along the right side of the page, you will see a red column, with a small box next to the cost for each of the activities. Enter the number of people who will be attending the reunion with you, then move on to the next activity. Place the number of people who will be taking the tour in the box and then move to the next day and repeat the process, until you reach the bottom of the page.

5. Once you get to the bottom of the page, fill out your Registration information.
6. Click the "Preview Form" button
7. A new window will appear, listing all of the information that you filled out on the previous page. Review all of the information, and confirm that everything is correct.
8. If you need to make changes, close the window. This will take you back to the reunion itinerary. Repeat steps 4 - 7.
9. If everything looks good, you may hit the print button and like magic, the final page, will printout. You will see that everything has been totaled for you, showing the costs associated with everything. The only thing left to do is mail the print out, along with your check.

You can also just printout the entire form, fill it in by hand if you prefer.

Additional information regarding the 2014 reunion: The first large expense associated with the upcoming reunion will occur on March 19<sup>th</sup>, when we need to pay, in full, for bus transportation. For this reason, we will not be able to grant any refunds, for any reason, after March 15, 2014. Please understand, the association is merely the middle man in tractions between attendees and contractors for services. Money comes in and we pay the bills on your behalf even though you make your checks out to the association.

One of the tours available is called the "Hop on – Hop off" tour or "Big Bus tour." This tour takes you to 20 different locations within the San Francisco area. At anytime during this tour, you may get off the bus to visit a place of interest. You may re-board another bus and go to a different location. Buses run about every twenty to thirty minutes, depending on traffic. Our reunion coordinator has been able to get a special two pass at a very decent price. The two day pass will be valid for Thursday and Friday only. The cost of the tour also includes the aquarium on Pier 39.

The Muirwoods/Sonoma tour will be limited will be limited to just 72 participants. This is due to the fact that we will only be allowed two, 36 passenger buses as there is insufficient parking for larger carriers. This tour will be on a first come, first served basis. So once the registration form is posted on the website, and you want to take this tour, submit your registration as soon as possible.

Get your hotel reservations made soon. We need to know if we have to try and have more rooms set aside for us.

It's also not too early to think about a location for the 2016 reunion. If anyone desires to make a presentation at the business meeting, and coordinate the reunion, please do. We should be going east again. Coordinators from past reunions will gladly provide you with assistance in how best to coordinate a reunion.

JJ Hogue

## **From your Reunion Coordinator**

A suggestion for those not knowing what to do about the hop on/off bus tours. Thursday is a great day to hop on/off tour the city. Even with you going to Alcatraz in the morning, there is plenty of time to see the city before dinner at Neptune's.

Friday is another great day to tour the city with the hop on/off bus if you choose not to go to Sonoma & Muirwoods. REMEMBER, only 72 people can sign up for the Sonoma trip, due to no parking for big buses. So, not going to Sonoma & Muirwoods allows you to purchase the 48 hour hop on/ hop off pass for the price listed on the registration packet.

If you plan to tour Sonoma & Muirwoods, your best bet is to purchase a one day hop on/ off pass on your own when we get into San Francisco Thursday. You will have ample time after your Alcatraz Island tour to tour the city. There are ticket booths everywhere between Fisherman's Wharf and pier 39.

Upon your arrival for the reunion, I will have locations for you to purchase your day pass.

Register soon, those 72 spots to Sonoma will be going fast. Sonoma Square has 18 wineries to taste from! Restaurants, deli's and shops... OH MY!

Enjoy the holidays, may your house and hearts be full of joy!

Ralph (Wolfman)

## **Web Site change**

### **Question received from last newsletter about Next Reunion**

Bob Hillman Wrote. I have a computer but do not have any way to print out the forms. What do we do about it?

Answer: Secretary will mail out a printed form to you

## Secretary Desk

I am asking for any leads of shipmate that you are in contact with, who are not members of the Edwards' Association. If you have not verified your address and phone number please take a few minutes and email me at [bullcs3@hotmail.com](mailto:bullcs3@hotmail.com) . On Face book there is a face book page for the Richard S Edwards. On it is 102 names of people who were on the Edwards or related to Edwards' crew members. 14 of them are not members to this association.

We sent out

## Treasures Report

Nov, 1, 2013 – Nov. 30, 2013

Beginning Balance \$ 3414.41

Income \$141.00

Expenses \$0.00

Ending Balance \$3,555.41

Jim

## Memory

EM2 Treadwell's article, "Memories" jogged my mind about the RSE - Bennington collision/can-opening. I reported aboard RSE a month after Mike, straight from the Naval Academy. His story described the incident about the way I remember it, i.e., without the embellishment that time usually provides. It did make me wonder if the incident had anything to do with me changing from destroyers to "safer" nuclear powered submarines? I also recall Mr Treadwell being quite a good athlete and playing on several RSE flag football and basketball teams!

Dick Pariseau

Ensign

Click on the link below for the The Navy Reports on Pearl Harbor:

<http://www.hullnumber.com/ALL-HANDS/The-Navy-Reports-on-Pearl-Harbor-DEC-1942>.

My best wishes to you and yours for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2014,

Dave Schultz - Web PO hullnumber.com

## Ship's Store

If you have not visited the ship's store please do so. Need a new baseball cap? Is yours old cap showing it age?

## Ship mates who have made their reservation for the next reunion

Richard Banks, David Crawford, Ralph Draeger, Todd Fowler, Jerry Heinen, Robert Hillman, Joseph Hogue, Russell Howell, Don Kruger, Robert Millman, Carl Paul, George Pavlovich, William Rennie, Michael Robertson, Joe Trytten, John Turley, Roger Wilson.

## Missing shipmates

Remove Fred Weary from active membership list due to letter returned, email address does not work and no active phone number. If you are in contact with him please tell him we need to update his information      bob

## Newsletter Notes

**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,**

Correction to last month's newsletter

I hate to tell you this Bull, but Ledbetter's real name was in fact Billy Dean Ledbetter, not William.

JJ

Does anyone have an E-Mail address for David Zimmerman 1981 - 1982?  
James Klug

Forwarded by Bill Albritton and Walter Byron

<http://www.cc.gatech.edu/fac/Thomas.Pilsch/Vietnam.html#Navy>

**This site has a treasure-trove of references to every aspect of Vietnam.**

Some of our early 1970'2 crew may be interested in paying for wine on the tables for Saturday's dinner in honor of CDR Jack Deal. If that would be acceptable to the Board, could you please either ask Wolfman to get a price for that or send me his email and I will work with Ralph directly. I was thinking a bottle of house wine for every 3-4 people with an equal mix of red and white.