

There is only a little over three 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 12/31/13 active members stand 644. New members are Steve H Johnson (69-70, en3); Bret VanDuesen (SKsn; 81-82). I have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them. Memorial page has 127 names on it, with the addition of Albert Dennis Ferency (63-66; Em3) Richard Bell (74-76; MM3) See notes below.

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.

Here is an updated list of those who have submitted their registration and checks for the reunion in San Francisco, as of Feb. 17, 2014:

RON ABEL

RICK BANKS

BYRON COOLEY

DAVE CRAWFORD

JOHN CRAWFORD

BILL DAVIS

JOHN FASCE

TODD FOWLER

DON HASLETT

JJ HOGUE

RUSTY
HOWELL

DON KRUGER

DALE PRESCOTT

BILL RENNICK

CARROLL RISBON

MIKE ROBERTSON

MIKE ROBINSON

MIKE SHULTS

BEN SMITH

DON SIEMS

JOE TRYTTEN

JACK TURLEY

DAVE WILLIAMS

ROGER WILSON

One thing we need to stress is getting your registration forms and checks submitted as soon as possible. We are going to need an accurate count of people attending the reunion so that we can make adjustments to our travel needs and meals that are included in the registration cost. The cutoff date for registering for the reunion is March 15th. We currently have forty rooms booked but have only fifty-two people attending at this time. While many have made their hotel reservations, many have not submitted their registration and checks. We realize a lot of folks are waiting for their tax refunds, but if it is at all possible, please send in your paperwork, as soon as you can. There is a lot of work to be done prior to the reunion, such as making name tags, creating schedules and assembling handout packets that are given out at check-in, Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Getting as much of this work done in advance will sure help.

Our reunion coordinator was able to have sixty-five rooms set aside for our reunion. We would urge those who plan to attend the reunion, to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible. All rooms that are not reserved will be returned to the hotel on April 4th, per the contract. At that time, those rooms will be available to the general public and would not be available to us at a special rate.

Sorry we have to be pushy, but we are under contracts that may require re-negotiating, so the sooner we get everything locked down, the better.

So keep these dates in mind:

Cutoff date for accepting reunion registration is March 15, 2014.

Cutoff date to make your hotel reservation is April 4, 2014.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Joseph J. 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.

shops... OH MY!

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

Ralph (Wolfman)

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

Treasure Island Rates

Rates October 1 through May 15

Short Term Stays (less than 30 days)

Visitors staying through the rate change dates will pay the rates in effect on those dates

RV Space	Daily	\$55	All water/electrical usage
RV Space	Weekly	\$350	All water/electrical usage

RV Space	Monthly	\$850	All water/electrical usage
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Rates May 16 through September 30

Short Term Stays (less than 30 days)

Visitors staying through the rate change dates will pay the rates in effect on those dates

RV Space	Daily	\$65	All water/electrical usage
RV Space	Weekly	\$395	All water/electrical usage
RV Space	Monthly	\$925	All water/electrical usage

Long Term (more than 30 days) Residency Agreements & Mobilehome Lease Agreements

RV's Over Ten (10) Years Old MUST Be Pre-Approved For Long Term and Residency Stays

RV Space	Monthly	\$850	Utilities – sub-metered & billed monthly
RV Space	Security Deposit	\$750	Subject to credit approval, not to exceed an amount equal to two months rent
Mobilehome Space	Monthly	\$850	Utilities – sub-metered & billed monthly
Mobilehome Space	Security Deposit	\$850	Subject to credit approval, not to exceed an amount equal to two months rent
Application Fee	Per Adult Household Member	\$35	Application fees credited back to approved applicants at time of move in

*prices subject to change

***All stays of 30 or more days:**

- 1) must qualify for residency by completing our application process which includes credit check, nationwide eviction search, previous landlord/housing verification and income verification;
- (2) execution of a month-to-month registration agreement; and
- (3) payment of a required security deposit.

Credit checks can be obtained in as little as 48 hours however the court records background check may take additional time depending on how many different states and counties need to be checked for the previous 7 years. Please plan accordingly as this process can take up to 14 days.

Service and Companion Animals are Welcome as Permitted Under State and Federal Laws

PET RULES: No pets are allowed to stay in the Community at any time without the express written permission of the Community, which may withhold said permission at its sole discretion. If any said pet is approved, resident must sign and obey Community's separate rules for keeping pets. If allowed, no more than two "house" pets may be allowed in each RV. A house pet means an animal that spends its primary existence within the RV. Permissible pets are as follows: 1) dogs and cats weighing under 20 lbs. and reaching less than 15" in height at the shoulder when mature; 2) small birds, i.e., parakeets and canaries; 3) fish and 4) other typical household pets as approved by the Community upon application by the

Lessee. No exterior pet housing is permitted in Community; this includes any type of confining barricade or structure. House pets are not permitted to be left unattended outside the RV, regardless of whether or not they have been restrained. All Pets must be on a leash.

Web Site change

We added something new to the ship's website under the ship's info section in the history portion check it out. Looking for more history of the Edwards' to place there. Also will be starting to make other changes to the site in the future, will keep you informed.

Question received from last newsletter about Next Reunion

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. 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

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Treasures Report

> December 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013

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> Beginning Balance \$3,555.41

> Income 31.00

> Expenses 0.00

> Ending Balance \$3,586.41

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> Jim

Memories

[A Sailor's Thoughts](#) Some random and rambling thoughts accumulated from various quarters over the years. A bit of introspection from an "older" sailor.

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A sailor will walk 10 miles in a freezing rain to get a beer but complain mightily about standing a 4 hour quarterdeck watch on a beautiful, balmy spring day.

- A sailor will lie and cheat to get off the ship early and then will have no idea where he wants to go.

- Sailors are territorial. They have their assigned spaces to clean and maintain. Woe betide the shipmate who tracks through a freshly swabbed deck.

- Sailors constantly complain about the food on the mess decks while concurrently going back for second or third helpings.

- Some sailors have taken literally the old t-shirt saying that they should “Join the Navy. Sail to distant ports. Catch embarrassing, exotic diseases.”

- After a sea cruise, I realized how much I missed being at sea. We are now considering a Med cruise visiting some of my past favorite ports. Of course I’ll have to pony up better than \$5,000 for the privilege. To think, Uncle Sam actually had to pay me to visit those same ports 25 years ago.

- You can spend two years on a ship and never visit every nook and cranny or even every major space aboard. Yet, you can know all your shipmates.

- Campari and soda taken in the warm Spanish sun is an excellent hangover remedy.

- E5 is the almost perfect military pay grade. Too senior to catch the crap details, too junior to be blamed if things go awry.

- Never be first, never be last and never volunteer for anything.

- Almost every port has a “gut.” An area teeming with cheap bars, easy women and partiers. Kind of like Bourbon St. , but with foreign currency.

- If the Guardia Civil tell you to “Alto,” you’d best alto, right now. Same goes for the Carabinieri, gendarmes and other assorted police forces. You could easily find yourself in that port’s hoosegow. Or shot.

- Contrary to popular belief, Chief Petty Officers do not walk on water. They walk just above it.

- Sad but true, when visiting even the most exotic ports of call, some sailors only see the inside of the nearest pub.

- Also under the category of sad but true, that lithe, sultry Mediterranean beauty you spent those wonderful three days with and have dreamed about ever since, is almost certainly a grandmother now and buying her clothes from Omar the Tent maker.

- A sailor can, and will, sleep anywhere, anytime.

- Do not eat Mafunga, ever!

- Yes, it’s true, it does flow downhill.

In the traditional “crackerjack” uniform you were recognized as a member of United States Navy, no matter what port you were in. Damn all who want to eliminate or change that uniform.

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The Marine dress blue uniform is, by far, the sharpest of all the armed forces.

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Most sailors won't disrespect a shipmate's mother. On the other hand, it's not entirely wise to tell them you have a good looking sister.

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Sailors and Marines will generally fight one another, and fight together against all comers.

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If you can at all help it, never tell anyone that you are seasick.

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Check the rear dungaree pockets of a sailor. Right pocket a wallet. Left pocket a book.

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The guys who seemed to get away with doing the least, always seemed to be first in the pay line and the chow line.

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General Quarters drills and the need to evacuate one's bowels often seem to coincide.

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Speaking of which, when the need arises, the nearest head is always the one which is secured for cleaning.

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Three people you never screw with: the doc, the paymaster and the ship's barber.

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In the summer, all deck seamen wanted to be signalmen. In the winter they wanted to be radarmen.

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Do snipes ever get the grease and oil off their hands?

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Never play a drinking game which involves the loser paying for all the drinks.

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There are only two good ships: the one you came from and the one you're going to.

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Whites, coming from the cleaners, clean, pressed and starched, last that way about 30 microseconds after donning them. The Navy dress white uniform is a natural dirt magnet.

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Sweat pumps operate in direct proportion to the seniority of the official visiting.

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Skill, daring and science will always win out over horseshit, superstition and luck.

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We train in peace so that in time of war the greater damage will be upon our enemies and not upon ourselves.

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"Pride and professionalism" trumps "Fun and zest" any day.

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The shrill call of a bosun's pipe still puts a chill down my spine.

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Three biggest lies in the Navy: We're happy to be here; this is not an inspection; we're here to help.

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Everything goes in the log.

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Rule 1: The Captain is always right. Rule 2: When in doubt refer to Rule 1.

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A wet napkin under your tray keeps the tray from sliding on the mess deck table in rough seas, keeping at least one hand free to hold on to your beverage.

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Never walk between the projector and the movie screen after the flick has started.

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A guy who doesn't share a care package from home is no shipmate.

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When transiting the ocean, the ship's chronometer is always advanced at 0200 which makes for a short night. When going in the opposite direction, the chronometer is retarded at 1400 which extends the work day.

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If I had to do it all over again, I would. Twice.

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When I sleep, I often dream I am back at sea.

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Good shipmates are friends forever

Received from John Fasce

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

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,

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.

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Gary Pat Clifford served with Albert Dennis Ferency on board the USS Richard S. Edwards DD 950. We are not sure exactly what years he served but he was on the ship when I served from 1/1963 through 11/1966. He is in the 1966 cruise book and was an EM 3 electrician. We live close to Terre Haute, IN where Albert retired and recently passed away at 66 years old on 9/8/2011. I found out this by calling information. Albert wasn't listed but I ended up talking to his brother. Albert died of cancer within 18 months of his diagnosis. When they found out the cancer had spread throughout his body and his brother said he suffered much pain.

Albert's wife Lisa and their 2 children left Terre Haute and moved to Denver, CO. Albert's brother was nice enough to give me Lisa's cell phone and I called and talked to her. Albert retired from Universal Studio's in California after 37 years. I believe he was the head of the workers union. I hope this solves one more mystery of one of the shipmates you have been looking for. I will give you his wife Lisa's cell phone number. In case you would like to call her she still works so you may have to leave a message. I told her I would probably send this information to you. Her cell phone number 812.239.1984. She still has a phone number from Indiana so thus the 812 prefix.

We just found out they added the USS Richard S Edwards DD 950 to the ships that qualify for Agent orange for the year 1969 I believe. The ship was already on the list when it was there in the 1970's. Does anyone that served from January 1963 to November 1966 think that the ship was exposed to Agent Orange from the planes flying above them spraying? We would like to hear your thoughts on this.

Updating records of crew members, who have no working email addresses Contacted William Bell's wife and she reported that he had passed awhile in 2011 of lung cancer after a 5 year battle with it. She would have notified us sooner, but lost the last letters sent to her from the association. bull

Subject: Fw: ? Rear Admiral Lee Addresses Restrictive Regulations on Religious Liberty - YouTube

Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2014 14:07:13 -0600

About 14 min. long but worth finding time to watch. Political pressures put on our military leadership to eliminate religion from being part of consoling our men and women in our great Arm Forces.....Malcolm

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXPtXPJLnJY>

Subject: Actual footage - Kamikaze attack in 1945

This is outstanding video footage.....

A kamikaze attack in 1945 ... this clip gives you a feel for what it was like in the gun turret.

<HTTPS://www.dropbox.com/sh/4zkp7hvrgbcd7gd/D-qPNsG9ym#lh:null-Laffey%20Enhanced%20vo%203.wmv>

