

On to Branson 2016 Reunion

As of 4/25/2014 active members stand 647. New members are Dennis Ricker (Stg.2,63-66), Rick Renzelman (Lt; 75-77) I have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them. Memorial page has 129 names on it with the addition Arwood Roy Fitzpatrick (BMC) See comments below for his information.

Would like to thank a new member Raymond Katsanes (BM3,73-77) for helping as a guide at the rock. He works on the rock and his inside tour was greatly appreciated by those who took the tour by him.

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. Thank you to all who responded to last month's request to verify email addresses. 172 of you did respond

From the President's Desk

From your Reunion Coordinator

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. We are 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.

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 Facebook there is a Facebook page for the Richard S Edwards. On it is 110 names of people who were on the Edwards or related to Edwards' crew members. 16 of them are not members to this association. Sent out 42 letters with application for membership and for problems with member's email address since last newsletter. Received one correction for an address and phone number update this month

Treasures Report

March 1, 2014 - March 30, 2014
Beginning Balance \$ 16,757.27
Income 4,966.12
Expenses 45.40
Ending Balance \$ 21,677.99

Memories

Ship's Store

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, password is rse950

Service Jokes

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,

Notes Received from last month

Received from Navy:togetherweserve that Roy Fitzpatrick born April 9,1942 died Feb. 5,2014 at home with his family by his side. Wife was Lucille. Retire from Leavenworth, Ks. police department in 2004 after having retired from the Navy.

While at San Francisco a question was asked by members about asbestos exposure. Some of the information gathered so far is from va website and mesothelioma.com. Basically all of the navies' destroyers are on mesothelioma.com list for exposure to asbestos which includes the Edwards. From what I gather from the Va website so far is if you did not have it when you separated from the navy you will have to prove the condition and that it is linked to asbestos exposure. You have to prove that the only place you came into contact with is while in the navy. The site pointed out that there are more places for contact other than service related. Both sites have a lot of information on them to write it all down here. If anyone has more information, please let me know and it will be added to future newsletter.