

On to Branson 2016 Reunion

As of 7/08/14 active members stand 636.

We have 131 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.. Received an email about a Thomas Grand who served on the Edwards during the war, He died on or around Oct. this year. Mention in the Superior evening telegram per email. Does anyone remember him, need his rank and rate for memorial page

From The President's Desk

The other day, my wife Sam and I where seating in a restaurant in Rapid City. I had my "Ready Eddie" hat sitting on the table, next to me. Shortly, a man sitting across the aisle stood up, walked up to our table and asked me if I was in the Navy. Of course I said yes. He stuck out his hand and said "Sir, thank you for your service. If we thanked more of you people, maybe this country wouldn't be in the mess it is today." I could not agree more.

I thank all of you great guys for your service. I hope you have a great Thanksgiving.

From your Reunion Coordinator

We have been working on the Branson reunion in 2016 and have 2 venues about set up, but do not have final pricing yet, as we are still talking with transportation people. Some of us are meeting again in Branson the first week in November, and hope to set up a third venue and finalize some transport. We want to keep the cost down and also allow time for you to do things individually. We hope to have more info for you next month. Have a great Thanksgiving!

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> **The 2016 Reunion Coordinator**

Rusty Howell, Jack Sanders, Ken Lollman

Web Site change

We want your thoughts on this as were you would like to see these items and what you would like to see worked on first, This is your web site and we do not want to hear later that maybe this should have gone here, why was this added, or why was still done at all? See comments in red for status and or question, bull

- **Awards Page** - has not been started yet. Based on an email thread from 2013, you were going to send materials for me to use. However, the only items I received were a USB drive with Newsletters, and a few printed newsletters. I acknowledged that I did not receive any awards content, but did not follow up with you on it, and thus was quickly forgotten
- **Newsletters** - partially completed. Primarily a lack of free time on my part. Will try to complete by the end of September **Completed**
- **2012 Reunion Group Photo** - scanned the photo into the computer, but have not created an image map to associate faces to names. Primarily a lack of free time. However, a lack of reunion photos to post from members indirectly lowered the priority of the task.
- **Agent Orange exposure** - not added to Ship Info. As far as I know, I am still waiting for the content to post onto the website. **Info found, were to put it so that members can find it?**
- **List of Commanding Officers** - Last I knew, you were still compiling data for this list. I have not heard anything about it, or where to post it on the website. **Bob has the list in one of the newsletters, need help with the finding their pictures**

- **Admiral Edwards** - I have attached a photo and bio to this email. Is this the content you want posted on the website? **yes, where do you want it placed?**
- **Bon Hon Refueling** - I have attached a photo of the Bon Hon Refueling in 1959. **Where would you like the photo posted?**
- **Turley & Capt. Deal** - I have attached a photo of Jack Turley that was submitted. Where would you like the photo, **Please hold on to it until we decide about commanding officers list and then add it next to his bull name**

CHINFO_DD950 - I have attached a PDF document that details the sinking of the ship. **Do you want this posted on the Ship Info page yes,**

Secretary Desk

I am asking for any leads of shipmate that you are in contact, 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 .

We also sent out 120 letters, for membership leads, bad email address and July's newsletter for no email members this month

Received two email application for membership and no letters were returned, 1 email address changed, 1 email address and mailing addresses changed.

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Treasures Report

September 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014
> Beginning Balance \$ 6,306.20
> Income 28.00

- > Check recorded twice + 750.00
- > Expenses 20.55
- > Ending Balance \$ 7,063.65

Financial Report October 1, 2014 - October 31, 2014

Beginning Balance	\$ 7,063.65
Income	40.00
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 7,103.65

Jim Kress

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The taxes for fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 have been filed and excepted by the IRS.

Military Joke

One reason the Military Services have trouble operating jointly is that they don't speak the same language. For example, if told to "secure a building":

Navy personnel would turn off the lights and lock the doors.

The Army would occupy the building so no one could enter.

Marines would assault the building, capture it, and defend it with suppressive fire and close combat.

The Air Force, on the other hand, would take out a three-year lease with an option to buy.

Ship's Store

Looking to add new articles for the ship's store do you have any ideas? Some things mention to me are golf balls with Richard S. Edwards DD-950 on them if we can keep the unit price down. Another is Edwards on the navy's camo. ball cap.

Notes from Last Month Newsletter

ATTENTION VETERANS! Another scam revealed.

This new scam reports that scammers claiming to be calling on behalf of [Veterans Affairs \(VA\)](#) to verify information for an updated Medicaid card, medical care, new VA Medical card or Medicare-related package. In fact, it is a ruse to get veterans' bank account information to make unauthorized withdrawals from their accounts.

The callers said they need to verify veterans' identities using information that included the veterans' bank account information. According to the FTC, the scammers are telling veterans that the information would not be used to debit their bank accounts, and that there was no charge for their services. But the FTC alleges that was a lie. Within a month or two, veterans learned their bank accounts had been debited, often for \$400 or more.

The FTC is seeking to **permanently** end the operation and return victims' money. In the meantime, beware of individual telemarketers asking for your bank or credit card information.