

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

As of 7/08/14 active members stand 637. New member Mark French (stg3;79-82), Robert Gage (71; bm3) I have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them. One renewed member John Iannucci (sk3, 70-72). Was able to get in touch with John through the inter net.

We have 131 on your memorial page. Added to Memorial page Max Whitehead (see below comments from last month newsletter)

From The President's Desk

As many of you know or maybe don't know, Ken Lollman is dealing with Mesothelioma. During a recent conversation with Ken, I asked him if he could be a contact for our members, should they feel they need some sound advice on how to deal with the illness and more importantly, how to deal with the VA in order to secure medical treatment and any compensation that would be entitled to receive. Ken said he would be more than happy to do that. So if you have any questions about Mesothelioma, shoot Ken an e-mail or give him a call. His information can be found in the members section of the website.

One big thing to remember, Army-Navy game is on December 13th, so don't forget to watch it and cheer for those who will be going forth to defend our country. Just cheer a little louder for our team.

Speaking for all the board, we wish you all a very "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year." Let us say a prayer for those of us who have passed on and those who are battling illness.

JJ

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 Christmas and A Happy New Year

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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 moved or changed phone number please take a few minutes and email me at bullcs3@hotmail.com .

Received two email application for membership and no letters were returned, 2 email address changed, 1 mailing addresses changed.

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. Our hope is that all of our members find Joy and happiness for the Christmas season and blessing for the New Year. Please pray for our shipmates, family or friends who are facing serious illness, reach out and let them know they are not alone.

Treasures Report

- > November 1, 2014 - November 30, 2014
- > Beginning Balance \$ 7,103.65
- > Income 0.00
- > Expenses 112.72
- > Ending Balance \$ 6,990.93
- > Jim Kress

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. Have received a couple of comments on offering golf balls with the Edwards DD 950 on them looking for more input before we consider ordering something like them. Need a stocking stuffer for your only stocking? Consider a ship's coin or new ball cap to replace that old worn out on that you now wear. Merry Christmas and season greeting to you and your family

Todd ship's store

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.

Max was added to the memorial by comments made by Joe Oleson in the ships's forum. Thanks Joe for your note

