

For those who are attending the reunion please read Coordinator portion of the letter. We as of this moment have received on 12 registration for this year's reunion. If you are planning to attend we need to know this as soon as possible, even if you cannot afford to pay the registration fee at this time. So please contact a board member to let us know you are thinking about attending. If you are talking to a non member of this association please ask him to consider joining you as a member. Face book has shipmates on the Edwards' pages who are not member at this time, again if you are talking to them ask them to join. It is with great sorrow we need to announce the pass of John (Jack) Turley. Pass secretary and coordinator of at least 2 reunions and help with many more project.

As of 12/05/15

Active member with email 571. Please welcome Ronald LaCourse (76-78; Yn3) I have his information for anyone who wishes to contact him

Active member no email 39

Non members (found by other media) 120

Decease 150 Added Charles Claybourn; Ted Padua, Joe (Fred) Olsen and John (Jack) Turley see notes below

From The President's Desk

It would be inappropriate to start the monthly newsletter without first mentioning the passing of a shipmate. That shipmate was Commander John Turley(Jack). The Commander passed away Sunday evening, Feb. 21, 2016, with his wife Pat at his side. Those of us who knew Jack will always remember his booming voice. It was always easy to know when he was in the room. Jack was our association secretary for a few years as well as the coordinator for the Washington DC reunion.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family, Pat, Debbie and Brian. He will be missed.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016, 10:00 am, at the Dellinger Funeral Home in Mt. Jackson, Virginia. If you would like to see his obituary it is posted on the funeral home's website at "dellingerfuneralhome.com."

Rest in peace Jack.

The 2016 reunion is just weeks away. There are things to consider. One item on the agenda will be elections. There will be two openings on the board of directors and those are vice-president and secretary. If you would like to be nominated, but will not be in attendance at the reunion, please let me know. Should you be in attendance, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

The next item for consideration will be the 2018 Reunion site. If you want to propose a location, be prepared to make a presentation during the business meeting. Also be prepared to act as the coordinator(s). It is the coordinator's responsibility to arrange hotel, tour and transportation needs. You will be the "boots on the ground." This can be a daunting task but past coordinators are willing to help.

There has been a change to the Branson schedule. This would be for the Friday night activity. The show we were to attend has changed. Instead, we will attend the "Baldknobbers Show." The Baldknobbers were Branson's first show, starting in 1959. Today, 2nd and 3rd generations carry on the family tradition of delivering everything from today's #1 hits, great country music and lots of comedy. The price of this show remains the same. Please remember that besides the Baldknobbers Show, we will also tour the College of the Ozarks where we will have our memorial service for those who have passed, and also lunch. As with Thursday, the college tour and the show are included in one price.-

So far I have received registrations from:

Don Kruger (who always seems to get his registration in first, plus 3 family members)

Ron Abel(2)

George Pavlovich(2)

Todd Fowler(1)

Kermit King(2)

Tony Motsco(2)

Cark Dege(2)

Glendon Chester (plus 7 family members)

John Fasce(plus two family members)

Dale Prescott(2)

Mike Robertson(2)

Mike Treadwell(2)

Dave Williams2)

Jim Plank(2)

Maureen McKenna(1)

Don Siems(2)

Carl Paul(2)

Rusty Howell(2)

Heinz Park(2)

Ben Smith(2)

Tom Bernard(3)

Jack Sanders(3)

Jerry Vann(2)

Bill Tracy(2)

Mike Robinson(4)

Dave Crawford(3)

The following have made their hotel reservations:

Rusty Howell

Carl Dege

John Fasce

Tom Fadley

Glendon Chester

Kermit King

Maureen McKenna

JJ Hogue

Tom Bernard

George Pavlovich

Mike Robertson

Don Seims

Gina Eastman(part of Glendon Chester's group)

Dale Prescott

Jim Plank

James Kress

Ephraim Holmes

Dave Crawford

Bill Lambrecht

Todd Fowler

Heinz Park

Ben Smith

Tom Bernard

Jack Sanders

Jerry Vann

Bill Tracy

Dave Crawford

As of this date, 2-23-16, we have 64 confirmed attendees, which does not include those folks who so far have not sent in their registrations. I have heard from several of our members that they will be attending but have not made their hotel reservations, so we can assume more people will be signing up. more registrations are expected.

Please remember, the cut-off date for receiving registrations is April 1st. The cut-off date was moved back at the request of the reunion coordinators. However please do not wait till the very last minute to get your registrations sent in. we need to determine what our transportation needs are going to be. So far we do not have enough people signed up to fill one 57 passenger bus. I would expect that we will fill one bus but may find we will require an additional smaller bus. Currently, the contract I have in hand is for two, 57 passenger buses which will cost \$1650.00 for one day. We do not want to contract for two big buses if we do not need both. We can opt for a second but smaller bus if need be. So please, get your registrations sent in.

A few weeks ago, I received a phone call from a Jerry Vann. I'm not sure if I spelled his last name right. Jerry told me he was on the commissioning crew and spent a total of 3 ½ yrs. aboard. He was a BT2 and the ship's first oil king. He sort of remembered Art Solis and Ken Lollman. He will be joining the association and will be attending the reunion in Branson.

I want to thank one of our attendees. He made a VERY generous donation to the association. He will remain anonymous for the time being. Thank you very much brother.

JJ

From your Reunion Coordinator

***** Deadline for reunion registration extended to APRIL 1, 2016!**

The reunion committee has been working on your Reunion for June, 2016 in Branson. And are looking forward to seeing you there, and everyone having a good time.

> The good news is the extension of the registration deadline by the USS Richard S Edwards board. We hope this will give you time to make arrangements to attend and celebrate the 20th year since the reunion began in Branson.

> The people in Branson are easy to work with, as they really like to take care of the veteran's.

> We have had one "glitch", the "Six" show changed their schedule and will not be having a show that

night, so we have changed the show to the Baldknobbers for nearly the same price(a few cents). See the blurb at end of letter. Everything else is as planned there will be more info on the venues in the next newsletter. Have a great HOLIDAY SEASON!!!!

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> "The Baldknobber's, Branson's first show started in 1959. The show is brand new every year, always featuring a variety of soul-stirring gospel, country favorites, and side-splitting comedy.

> Today the 2ND & 3RD Generations carry on the family tradition of delivering everything from today's #1 hit's , great country music, and lots of hilarious side-splitting comedy. Both longtime Baldknobbers' fans and new fans alike love the Baldknobbers All-New show each year and appreciate the Baldknobbers' family traditions that have made this show popular from generation to generation. Don't miss the show that started it all!!

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
- **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.

Sent Rob, last years email newsletters to be added to newsletter list.

- **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,**

Last year email newsletters Sent Rob copies of last years newsletters to be added to newsletter page.

Secretary Desk

As you can see have 121 nonmembers by such media as face book, hull number, and so proud we serve navy websites. If you know someone on these sites or in contact with shipmates who are not members please ask them to join us. Sent out 29 letters this for correction to email address or new member contacts. Also sent out 22 email application for membership. Received 3 email address correction and 1 address correction and had 6 email returned due to address no longer in use.

Treasures Report

> January 13, 2016 - February 10, 2016

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> Beginning Balance \$ 9,807.92

> Income 0.00
> Expenses 140.00
> Ending Balance \$ 9,667.92

> Jim Kress

Ship's Store

Received an email today claiming to be our ship's store out of Texas, please do not be fooled by it. This is not our ship's store and has nothing to do with us or the Edwards. Please contact a board member if you need help in using our ship's store.

Membership

If you are having trouble accessing the membership page on the Ship's home page @ WWW.DD950.com please contact me or a member of the executive board for help

Missing shipmates

Below is a list of names of shipmates who's letters were returned. If you are in contact with any of them please contact them to get their new address/phone/and email address.

Notes from Last Month Newsletter

Sadly, Master Chief Charlie Claybourn succumbed to some injuries sustained 3 weeks ago and long term medical issues on 21 January. I'm sure some in the group will remember him. I will send a copy of the obituary if you like. As per his wishes, he will be cremated and buried at sea. I am planning a memorial, the date to be forthcoming. Please let me know if anyone would like more information. I may be reached at this email or cincwife98@hotmail.com

He has regaled many tales of his time on Edwards and we still have the ships flag framed and on the wall. He loved the Navy and loved all his ships.

ARE THERE ANY SHIPMATES ABOARD DD950 DURING 1964 WEST-PAC CRIISETHAT AND WEST-PAC CRUISE DURING 1966 THAT FEEL HAVE MEDICAL ISSUES FROM AGENT ORANGE OR HAVE INFORMATION PRETAINING TO THE SAME?

ALSO, ANYONE HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BILL IN CONGRESS THAT WOULD ALLOW THE SHIPMATES ABOARD SHIPS THAT WERE WITHIN THREE MILES OF THE VIET NAM SHORE LINES THAT WOULD QUALIFY FOR AGENT ORANGE COMPENSATION. ?

ANYONE KNOW WHAT CONGRESS PERSON(S) WHO SPONSORED THE FOREMERNTIONED BILL?

ANY INFORMATION REGARDS TO THESE ISSUES IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

LAWRENCE JACKSON, ETR3

This e-mail concerns a recruitment effort of the **U.S. Naval Training Center Bainbridge Association**. You are receiving this e-mail because your e-mail address is listed as the reunion contact on the Tin Can Sailors web site for your group. The intent is that someone in your group notify its members of this recruitment by distributing the attached three documents to members of your group. If you are not the person who is responsible for distributing information to your members, I request that you forward this e-mail to the individual who is. Hopefully, your organization can distribute the material through a specific mailing or in a newsletter article. Three documents are attached: 1) "Attention on Deck," a recruitment overview, 2) a brochure about the **USNTC Bainbridge Association**, and 3) a Membership Application.

Many people served at the Center in numerous capacities during its operation from 1942 till 1976, and your reunion group likely has quite a few. I would like for them to be aware of the **USNTC Bainbridge Association**. and to join our ranks to provide an additional source of camaraderie and to share their memories about the Center.

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I thank you in advance for your help in this effort. Please contact me if you have any related questions or concerns.

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> **I'm trying to start the reunion posting process earlier this year.**

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> **HullNumber.com posts, and notifies the registered crew, of 400-500 reunions each each year.**

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> **The intention is to gather the details from the reunion coordinators over Christmas - New Years and into the first week of January 2016.**

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> **In early January I'll confirm the details and contacts and begin posting the 2016**

USN reunions in chronological order.

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> **Each year there are a limited number of reunions in JAN-FEB-MAR and I want to concentrate on getting their crews notified and helping their reunion attendance.**

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> **I'm expecting "a bunch" of emails... please be patient as I work towards **PASSING THE WORD** about your reunion.**

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> **I wish you and yours, and your extended crew, the very best in 2016,**

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> **Dave Schultz / WEB PO**

Good morning, I have a question. I got multi-myeloma blood cancer. I was informed that agent orange was probably the cause. I was on the ship 71 to 75. Do you have any information if the ship was on inland waters? I think there was the Hyphong Harbor we went in. This internet only shows a time in 68 it was on inland waters. Please let me know if you have info. Thanks Donnie SH3.

Welcome the Son of a former Eddie sailor, Nhoj Luap-Padua. He sent the following to show his connection to our ship

My Father, MS1 Teodoro "Ted" Padua, (deceased), served from est. 1977 -1979, at Pearl Harbor, Hi. He did a WestPac back in '79. Thanks, JP. Padua USAF Ret. **This note was copied from face book page Richard S Edwards**

Joe (Fred) Olsen BT3 has passed away on Wednesday February 10, 2016 from Mesothelioma caused by Asbestos exposure while serving in the fireroom aboard the Edwards. Reported by Jim Kress

Gene Stubsten has a original plank owner patch from the first commissioning of the ship and would like to give it to one someone who was aboard the ship at that time. Please let me know if you are interested in the patch.

As most of you are aware, Jack passed away Sunday night 2/21 of an apparent heart attack.

The scheduled services are as follows: For John (Jack) Turley

Visitation Wednesday evening 2/24 at Dellinger Funeral Home in Mt Jackson, VA from 1800-2000

Celebration of Life Thursday 2/25 at Dellinger at 1000

Visitation Thursday 2/25 at Adams Funeral Home in Cumberland, MD from 1800-2000

Burial at Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery Friday 2/26 at 1100