

If you are talking to a nonmember of this association please ask him to consider joining you as a member. Please read the note found in the web site portion of this newsletter. Need feedback and a question, Rob said he can add to our web site the dvd of the sinking of the Edwards is this something that the group would like to see? Have other projects to work on Awards Page Photo and history for Admiral Edwards. Also need more important history of the ship itself while we who served on it are still here to remember it. Last thing enter was the mining of the harbor during the 72 cruise. Have added more of these email newsletters to our web page, thanks Rob.

As of this date we have.

Active member with email 709

Active member no email 39

Please welcome Daniel Salzar (E3; 67-68) I have his information for anyone who wishes to contact him

Non members (found by other media) 124

Decease 153 added Arthur Salzar (Tm3;67-68) reported by his brother our new member, added James Smith (MM3; 58-60) plank owner, his death was reported by Jim Kress and John Baker Thank you for your help

From The President's Desk

We are finally coming down the home stretch with 2016 Reunion work. All the registrations are in and we have provided the vendors the information they require. We have a grand total of 118 participants for this year's reunion, surpassing attendance for the 2014 reunion.

As we have mentioned before, we will have two positions open on the board coming up for election. The positions are vice president and treasurer. These positions are four year terms. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, please let a board member know.

We will also be voting on where to hold the 2018 reunion. When making a proposal, please make a presentation to those members in attendance. If your location is accepted, be ready to coordinate the reunion, which means finding a hotel, negotiating prices for meals etc, and finding points of interest for us to visit. It is a big job best done with the help of others.

Here is the final list of those who will be in attendance for the 2016 reunion:

RON ABEL

TOM BERNARD

ERNIE CARTER

GLENDON CHESTER

DAVE CRAWFORD

JOHN CRAWFORD

TERRY CUTHBERTSON

ALAN DAVIDSON

CARL DEGE

KEN DONITHAN

TOM FADLEY

JOHN FASCE

TODD FOWLER

DEWAYNE GARDNER

BERRY GENE HART

BERT HEYMEN

JJ HOGUE

EPHRAIM HOLMES

JERRY HORTON

RUSTY HOWELL

DEAN JUSTICE

KERMIT KING

MARTY KOMAREK

JIM KRESS

DON KRUGER

KEN LOLLAN

MAUREEN MCKENNA

TONY MOTSCO

JEFF MESSINGER

HEINZ PARK

WORTHY PAUL

GEORGE PAVLOVICH

JIM PLANK

DALE PRESSCOTT

MIKE ROBERTSON

MIKE ROBINSON

JACK SANDERS

BOB SHEARD

MIKE SHULTS

DON SIEMS

BEN SMITH

BILL TRACY

MIKE TREADWELL

JERRY VANN

MIKE WAITE

DAVE WILLIAMS

ROGER WILSON

I should point out that we are going to see some new faces at the reunion. This will be the first time they have attended reunion, so let's make sure they are welcomed. We may not have ever met them and for some of us we may not remember them, but we all share a bond. That bond is we were all Ready Eddie sailors.

Thank you all for supporting our reunions. Without you there would not be reunions. It is always great fun to get together and do a little back slapping. A very special thanks goes out to our coordinators, Ken Lollman, Rusty Howell, Jim Kress, Jack Sanders and the civilian coordinator, Karel Lollman, who probably helped more than she would admit to. Thank you all.

JJ Hogue

From your Reunion Coordinator

We hope everyone has had a good winter and is ready for "Springtime in the Ozarks". The USS Richard S Edwards Reunion has been finalized and we are hoping to see many of you in Branson. The DEADLINE for reservations was APRIL 1, 2016. We feel this will be one of the most relaxing and fun reunions. Branson is a fun place to be and things to do for everyone. It is also a place that makes veterans feel appreciated and special--Most shows, the College of the Ozarks, and the people of the area. Many times veterans are given discounts.

Help us celebrate the 20th year since the Reunion started in Branson with six veterans and a wish for shipmates of the Edwards to meet, enjoy being together, and remember and share their lives aboard the ship.

Hope to see you in Branson! Jack Sanders, Jim Kress, Rusty Howell, and Ken Lollman

Web Site

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.

I was able to confirm that our website was hacked. While our website was not altered, additional files were uploaded and running in the background. It looks like there were 3 separate times that files were uploaded to the website:

May 13th 2015

June 17th 2015

December 14th 2015

I removed all of the malicious files, so we should report as clean after a few days. Base on what I saw, the majority of the content was to redirect people to pharmaceutical online stores.

I'm not sure how they gained access, but I'll shoot an email to the webhost and see what they say.

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 8 letters this for correction to email address or new member contacts. Received 1 application for membership

Treasures Report

March 09, 2016 - April 13, 2016

Beginning Balance \$ 15,299.42

Income 8,893.75

Expenses 150.00

Ending Balance \$ 24,043.17

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

Donald B Vanbuskirk no email, address, or phone. Does anyone know or as heard from him?

Notes from Last Month Newsletter

> > JUST A SIMPLE SAILOR

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> > He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast And he
> > sat around with his buddies telling stories of the past, Of a war
> > that he had fought in; and, the deeds that he had done In his
> > exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.
> > And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors, his tales became a joke All his
> > buddies listened, for they knew where-of he spoke But we'll hear his
> > tales no longer, for old Nick has passed away And the world's a
> > little poorer, for a sailor died today.
> > No, he won't be mourned by many, just his children and his wife, For
> > he lived an ordinary ... and very quiet sort of life, He held a job,
> > and raised a family ... quietly going on his way; And the world won't
> > note his passing; 'tho a sailor died today.
> > When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state, While
> > thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great,
> > Papers tell of their life stories from the time that they were young,
> > But the passing of a sailor goes unnoticed, and unsung.
> > Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land
> > Some politician broken promise and cons his fellow man?
> > Or the ordinary fellow who in times of war and strife Goes off to
> > serve his Country and offers up his life?
> > The politician' s stipend and the style in which he lives Are
> > sometimes disproportionate to the services he gives, While the
> > ordinary sailor, who offered up his all, Is paid off with a medal,
> > and perhaps a pension small.
> > It's so easy to forget them, for it was so long ago That our Nick's
> > and Jim' s and Johnny's went to battle for one and all But we know it
> > was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys, Who won for
> > us the freedom that our country now enjoys.
> > Should you find yourself in danger with your enemies at hand Would
> > you really want some politician with his ever waffling stand?
> > Or would you want a soldier/sailor who has sworn to defend His home,
> > his kin, and country, and would fight until the end?
> > He was just a common sailor and his ranks are growing thin But his
> > presence should remind us, we may need his like again.
> > For when countries are in conflict, then we find the serviceman's
> > part Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.
> > If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise,
> > Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.
> > Perhaps a simple headline in the paper that might say:

> >> OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING, FOR A SAILOR DIED TODAY.

sent in by John Fasce

Lee Baly

1943 -- 2016

Lee Stratton Baly Lee Stratton Baly peacefully closed his eyes and left our earthly realm on March 16, 2016. The aura of his wonderful life shone above him as our tears flowed and we clasped his hands for the last time. We had lost a beloved husband, father, grandfather, friend, and the kindest most gentle man we knew. The world is a dimmer place without the light in his eyes and his shy, beguiling smile. Lee was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on March 9, 1943. He was a quiet, sweet tempered child who grew to be a handsome man with a heart full of love and compassion for all people and all life on Earth. All who knew him were drawn in to his peaceful presence. Lee's parents Ginny and Roy and his brother Toby moved to San Mateo in 1953. They lived there for over 50 years. Lee's brother Bill and sister Debbie were born in San Mateo. All attended Meadow Heights and Hillsdale High School. Lee's wife, Jody, a retired San Mateo teacher, will sorely miss her devoted husband, her best friend and the love of her life. In retirement they traveled throughout the world together enjoying the many different cultures they encountered. The love that bonded them for almost 50 years will remain forever. Their children, Scott, Dustin and Kate, so loved and respected their wonderful father that his eternal presence will remain in them continuing to help guide their lives. Their spouses, Margarita, Karen and Josh, each brought new joy and love into his life which Lee cherished. Grandchildren Morgan, Emma, Chloe, Marisa, Alyssia, Corbin, Willand Jackson dearly loved their "Tapon" / "Papi." His love and dedication to them will surely guide their footsteps throughout their lives as well. Lee was a California certified CPA specializing in forensic accounting and partner at Hemming-Morse LLP firm. History was his passion and he was also the treasurer of the San Mateo Historical Society for many years. His work on family genealogy fills many binders in his study. He and his wife Jody shared an interest in science, especially geology, astronomy, and archeology. Lee had been a Lieutenant aboard the USS Richard S. Edwards during the difficult Vietnam War. He was a patriot who loved and served his country honorably. He received a Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and a National Defense Service Medal. All are welcome to attend Lee's memorial at Skylawn Mortuary in San Mateo County on April 8th, 2016 at 2:00 PM. There will be a reception following the service. - See more at: [Lee Baly's Obituary on San Francisco Chronicle](#)

Two summers ago, I did visit the USS Edson. It was while I was touring around on my Harley through michigan. It was tied up to a dock. The docent said "the renovation hasn't really begun yet". All the engineering spaces were blocked off, and pretty much all that was accessible was the main passageway and main deck.

After wards I rode to the coast of lake michigan and crossed via ferry boat into wisconsin to continue my vacation. That was a nice boat ride.

-Rob Lutz, BT3

Ref USS EDSON DD-946. Yes I toured the ship with my bride. Brought back a lot of memories but the layout is not the same as the Ready Eddie. I did find it very interesting to go inside spaces that I never explored while on the Edwards. I was a OS (radarman) so, to get down into the Engineering Spaces was a real treat. I live in Michigan so it is about a 2.5 hour trip for me. I posted photos to the DD-50 website in the past.

J Overholt

I have been wondering what happened to some of my old ship mate friends from 1967-69. So do you have a of shipmates who have been in contact and also who are known deceased?
thanks for your help

Michael brogan ET1 1967-69 USS R.S. Edwards