

If you are talking to a nonmember of this association please ask him to consider joining you as a member. Next Reunion will be held at Norfolk 2018, time and hotel to be determine. For those missing medals on their dd 214 see below for an address to request them to be added. Please see note from last Month, Read about West Pac 72 by Joe Leckron and Bob Sheard

As of this date we have.

Active member with email 676 Roger Drye updated his info 78-80 et3

Active member no email 40 added 4 names to this list

Decease 160 Added Cdr. Barbour to the memorial who pass away early this year. Added Don Minnich who died 10/22/2016; Floyd Huhes died 7/06/2016, Tom Petersen 67-68;Pn2, Richard Beaver (58-60; BT2).see notes below.

Non Members (found by other media) 121 (not in our data base)

Please welcome Douglas Russo (MM2 71-74); Richard Williams (mm; 65-68), David Rodriguez (mm3, 80-82),I have their information for anyone who would like to contact them

From The President's Desk

Happy Thanksgiving.

Wish you and your family the best and hope you had a great veterans day.

From your Reunion Coordinator

I have already started planning the 2018 Reunion in Norfolk, Va. The dates for the reunion are June 20, 2018 to June 24, 2018. Sarah and I have been checking on Hotels so we will have a base to plan tours from then. There are so many things to do and sites to see that I was thinking of scheduling some tours and activities to start on Monday the 18th and Tuesday the 19th of June for early arrivals, with the kickoff for the reunion to be on Wednesday evening the 20th of June. So if

you want to see more sites than three days will allow please come early. Of course if you wait until Wednesday to arrive you will not be disappointed.

The Norfolk Reunion is still a work in progress. Our hotel has been pretty much decided on. The tours are still being planned as to which ones to do on what days. I have some good ones planned for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday while saving the bigger and most popular ones for Thursday and Friday. I am considering leaving Saturday as a free day to either rest or do something on your own. Of course Saturday evening will consist of our Banquet/ Business Meeting and Sunday our farewell breakfast.

Your reunion coordinator,

Jim Kress

Web Site

- **Awards Page** – Rob has awards list with pictures of ribbons
- **2016 Reunion Group Photo** – need to added photo from Branson reuion
- **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. **Rob has list, 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? **Gave rob on 10/03/16 Admiral Bio for addition to web site**
- **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. **Sent request to rob today for it to be added to our web site**

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. Received one application for membership and 3 members updated their information. Mailed out 117 newsletters for no email members and crew list. Received 1 address correction,. 9 letters returned please see missing shipmates.

Treasures Report

September 14, 2016 - October 12, 2016.

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,268.87
Income	0.00
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 9,268.87

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

Harold Hass (58-60;LCDR.) **Robert Millman** (SN;65-68) Have lost contact with these members. Does anyone have information on them? Please contact me if you know anything about them.

Notes from Last Month Newsletter

I am Richard Beaver's daughter. He passed away on 10/26/16.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Brenda Beaver
405-650-2602

Added Tom Petersen to the memorial page from email received from his wife announcing his death on 10/26/2016

Navy Personnel Command
Retired Record Section
Pers 312B
9700 Page Avenue
St Louis, MO 63132-5000

Include a copy of your DD214, name of ship you were on, years you were on ship, and medals you think you are

entitled to if you know them. If not request any medals you earned. Then plan on waiting a few years to hear from them.

My husband Gary Clifford served on board the USS RIchard S Edwards, DD950 from 1963 through 1966 as an E4 Electrician.

I would also like to hear from anyone on board the ship that thinks they were exposed to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam coastal waters.

Received a letter from Floyd Hughes wife that he lost his fight with bone cancer on Aug.06/2016. Floyd was on the ship 1959 as a FTG 3

I am sending this email for my husband John A. Jeanis; (bt2, 59-63) my husband was diagnosed with Alzheimers a couple of years ago. He has progressed so much with this disease so you can discontinue sending him anything regarding the newsletters, information on reunion, etc.

Sincerely,

Betty Jeanis

**Current ways of
STEALING...**

**ESPECIALLY LOOK AT
SCENE THREE...**

Be sure to read Scene 3. Quite interesting.

This is a new one. People sure stay busy

Trying to cheat us, don't they? Make your kids watch this one too!

SCENE 1.

A friend went to the local gym and placed his belongings in the locker.

After the workout and a shower, he came out, saw the locker open,

and thought to himself,

'Funny, I thought I locked the locker...

Hmm,

'He dressed and just flipped the wallet to make sure all was in order.

Everything looked okay - all cards were in place...

A few weeks later his credit card bill came - a whooping bof \$14,000!

He called the credit card company and started yelling at them,

saying that he did not make the transactions.

Customer care personnel verified that there was no mistake in the system and asked if his card had been stolen...

'No,' he said, but then took out his wallet, pulled out the credit card, and yep -

you guessed it - a switch had been made.

An expired similar credit card from the same bank was in the wallet.

The thief broke into his locker at the gym and switched cards.

Verdict: The credit card issuer said since he did not report the card missing earlier, he would have to pay the amount owed to them.

How much did he have to pay for items he did not buy?

\$9,000! Why were there no calls made to verify the amount swiped?

Small amounts rarely trigger a 'warning bell' with some credit card companies.

It just so happens that all the small amounts added up to a big one!

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SCENE 2.

A man at a local restaurant paid for his meal with his credit card.

The bill for the meal came, he signed it and the waitress folded the receipt and passed the credit card along.

Usually, he would just take it and place it in his wallet or pocket.

Funny enough,

though, he actually took a look at the card and, lo and behold, it was the expired card of another person.

He called the waitress and she looked perplexed.

She took it back, apologized, and hurried back to the counter under the watchful eye of the man.

All the waitress did while walking to the counter was wave the wrong expired card to the counter cashier, and the counter cashier immediately looked down and took out the real card.

> No exchange of words -- nothing!

She took it and came back to the man with an apology..

(This scenario actually happened to me at a local restaurant

- Falls Terrace - between the waitress and the front desk cashier.)

Verdict Make sure the credit cards in your wallet are yours.

Check the name on the card every time you sign for something and/or the card is taken away for even a short period of time.

Many people just take back the credit card without even looking at it, 'assuming' that it has to be theirs.

**FOR YOUR OWN SAKE,
DEVELOP THE HABIT OF CHECKING YOUR CREDIT
CARD**

**EACH TIME IT IS RETURNED TO YOU AFTER A
TRANSACTION!**

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SCENE 3:

Yesterday I went into a pizza restaurant
to pick up an order that I had called in.

I paid by using my Visa Check Card which, of course,
is linked directly to my checking account.

The young man behind the counter took my card, swiped it,
then laid it on the counter as he waited for the approval,
which is pretty standard procedure.

While he waited, he picked up his cell phone and started
dialing.

I noticed the phone because it is the same model I have,
but nothing seemed out of the ordinary.

Then I heard a click that sounded like my phone sounds
when I take a picture.

He then gave me back my card but kept the phone
in his hand as if he was still pressing buttons.

Meanwhile, I'm thinking:
I wonder what he is taking a picture of,
oblivious to what was really going on.

It then dawned on me: the only thing there was my credit card,
so now I'm paying close attention to what he is doing..

He set his phone on the counter, leaving it open.

About five seconds later, I heard the chime that tells you that the picture has been saved.

Now I'm standing there struggling with the fact that this boy just took a picture of my credit card.

Yes, he played it off well,
because had we not had the same kind of phone,
I probably would never have known what happened.

Needless to say, I immediately canceled that card
as I was walking out of the pizza parlor.

All I am saying is, be aware of your surroundings
at all times.

Whenever you are using your credit card take caution
and don't be careless.

Notice who is standing near you
and what they are doing when you use your card.

Be aware of phones,
because many have a camera phone these days.

Never let your card out of your sight...

check and check again!

West Pac Cruise USS Richard S. Edwards DD-950 1972

April

10. Under Way from Pearl Harbor enroute to Subic Bay PI

12 Refuel at Midway

19 Refuel at Guam

22 Moored, Subic Bay for final preparation for combat zone

25 Underway, enroute to combat zone

26 Arrived Pt. Alison near DMZ for NGFS duty

27 First round fired from MT 51 at 0049, hostile fire at 0058; embark COMDESRON 9

28 Enroute Gulf Tonkin; begin Freedom Train strikes against North Vietnam

May

8 Operation Frame Glory, daylight raid near Hon Mat with USS Berkeley DDG15

9 Operation Pocket Money, daylight raid near Haiphong Harbor with destroyers Berkeley, Buchanan, M.C. Fox to provide suppression gunfire for first aerial mining; begin Notification line duty.

11 End Notification line duty; enroute to DMZ

12 Returned to Gulf of Tokin; begin linebacker strikes against North Vietnam

16 Detached enroute to Sasebo, Japan

20 Moored Sasebo

27 Underway, enroute combat Zone. Lost power while underway engineering made repairs to boiler

31 Arrived Pt. Allison, near DMZ; for NGFS duty; debarked COMDESRON 9

June

2 Detached. enroute USS Saratoga CV-60 for escort/plane guard duty

13 Detached from Saratoga enroute to PT Joey

14 Arrived pt. Joey, Binh Dinh Province for NGFS duty

28 Detached after 5754 rounds in support of 22nd ARVN Division; enroute Subic Bay

29 Moored Subic Bay

july

4 Underway enroute combat zone

5. Arrived Pt. Joey for NGFS duty

29 Detached, enroute Pt. Angela; arrived Pt. Angela, near DMZ for NGFS duty

The rest of West Pac 72 will be in Next newsletter

Don Minnich passed away early this morning, after having suffering a stroke early this year I will let you know more when arrangements are made Sheila