

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.

Looking for someone with the following experience to help Rob with web and who could one day take over the position of web master

***) Experience building webpages using PHP**

***) Familiarity with content flow and page layout**

***) Experience with resizing and cropping photos**

***) MySQL experience is a plus, but not required**

See reunion for last information on 2018 reunion at Norfolk, Please contact me if you are interested in attending next year's reunion. Would like to start getting a head count for those who maybe thinking of attend. Please note Jim has things planned for the whole week

As of this date we have.

Active member with email 590

Active member no email 55

Decease 162 added ; Larry Wayne Ray 1962-63 OC Division, died 1987 reported by daughter

Non Members 192 (found by other media) (not in our data base)

From The President's Desk

As you may all know, our webmaster is a volunteer and has been taking care of our website for many years now. Rob Dege has our deepest appreciation for the work he has done for us. Time has come that he would like to step away from those responsibilities. He works full time and is trying to start his own business, besides being a husband and father to two kids. So with that, we need to ask for a volunteer to step up and take his place as webmaster. The position certainly requires a knowledge of

computers. Rob would help with the transition. So please, if anyone out there would like to help out in this regard, let us know. I would think that just maybe one of our younger members would know more about computers than most of us old farts. If no one steps up to take over for Rob, our only recourse is to hire a professional which could cost the association a lot of money. We have had some pretty lean years financially speaking but are in great shape now. However we would certainly hate to see the bank account dwindle down every month. You have to remember, our only income is from the ship's store and donations.

Also, you will notice that Jim Kress is providing information on what has been arranged for the 2018 reunion in Norfolk. He is scheduling tours for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, but leaving Saturday open. The only event scheduled for Saturday would be the banquet. This is going to be a whopper of a reunion. As always, it is your choice as to what you would like to do. We do need at least forty people for each tour. Jim is talking with the transportation folks to see what can be worked out should we have enough to fill one bus but not enough for a full second or third bus. Please contact one of us and let us know what you think about the extended tour days and would you sign up for them. We need your input.

Hope everyone is doing well.

JJ Hogue

From the VP Chair

Coming soon

From your Reunion Coordinator

Monday June 18, 2018; 8:30AM - 5:00PM

Depart via motor coach for tour of Williamsburg. We will have a one and one half hour guided tour through the restored district.

We will have free time to browse/shop in unique specialty shops in Merchants Square and have lunch on our own in one of the Colonial Taverns. The guide will point out dining options.

Next we ride along the Colonial Parkway and spend the afternoon in Jamestown Settlement established in 1607.

PRICE: \$56 PER PERSON

Tuesday, June 18, 2018; 9:00AM - 4:30PM

Board the buses for Virginia Beach to visit the Military Aviation Museum. There will be a guided tour of the galleries and shopping in the gift shop.

We will have lunch oceanside at Waterman's Surfside Grill with beachside dining. Following lunch enjoy free time leisurely walking the Virginia Beach Boardwalk.

Then re-board the buses as our guide points out the history of Virginia's largest city.

See the First Landing Cross at Cape Henry where the English first came ashore in 1607. We will stop at The Old

Cape Henry Lighthouse, then we will ride down the resort strip, see the historic Cavalier Hotel and the Tidewater Veterans Memorial.

PRICE: \$79 PER PERSON, INCLUSIVE. LUNCH INCLUDED

Tuesday Evening, June 19, 2018; 6:00PM - 10:00PM

Two hour dinner cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk. We travel north on the Elizabeth River, passing Nauticus, The National Maritime Center. Portsmouth Naval Hospital, the Lamberts Point Coal Piers, and the Norfolk Naval Base the World's largest operational naval base and home to the Atlantic Fleet. The top-of-the-line buffet includes beef, poultry, and seafood, fresh vegetables, potato, salad, rolls and butter, and dessert.

PRICE: \$99.00 PER PERSON, INCLUSIVE. DINNER INCLUDED.

Wednesday, June 20, 2018; 9:00AM - 4:30PM

Learn about Norfolk's colorful history of over three centuries as we ride through the lovely historic district and restored areas. We visit the MacArthur Memorial then have a delicious meal at the Freemason Abbey Restaurant housed in a 135-year-old renovated church. Next we cruise the Victory Rover through the bustling Hampton Roads Harbor, one of the largest in the world. We will see aircraft carriers, nuclear submarines, guided missile cruisers and all the other ships that make up our Navy.

PRICE: \$69 PER PERSON, INCLUSIVE. LUNCH INCLUDED.

Thursday, June 21, 2018; 9:00AM - 3:30PM

Tour the Norfolk Naval Base, the largest naval installation in the World and headquarters of the Atlantic Fleet. We will have lunch at one of the Officer's Clubs on the base. Next we visit Nauticus, Hampton Roads Naval Museum and the Battleship Wisconsin. On the way back to the hotel we stop at Dumar's, home of the world's first ice cream cone machine. We will be given an introduction and history and be given an ice cream cone.

PRICE: \$68 PER PERSON, INCLUSIVE. LUNCH INCLUDED.

Friday June 21, 2018; 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Begin the day with a tour of Norfolk's Botanical Gardens. Then we stop at the Chrysler Museum of Art. Lunch will be on our own at Waterside, Norfolk's unique newly re-imagined waterside festival marketplace located on the scenic Elizabeth River.

We visit the Hermitage Foundation Museum, nestled on 12 beautiful landscaped acres alongside the Lafayette River. Free time will be given after the tour to walk the beautiful gardens and grounds.

PRICE: \$58 PER PERSON, INCLUSIVE. LUNCH ON OWN

Saturday free time as of now.

I have to make contact and find out if there are children prices.

Jim

Your reunion coordinator,

Web Site

- **Awards Page** – Rob has awards list with pictures of ribbons

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 120 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.

Treasures Report

Nov. 09, 2016 - Dec. 14, 2016
Beginning Balance \$ 9,218.87
Income 60.00
Expenses 0.00
Ending Balance \$ 9,278.87

Dec. 14, 2016 - January 11, 2017
Beginning Balance \$ 9,278.87
Income 0.00
Expenses 186.56
Ending Balance \$ 9,092.31

Jim Kress

Ship's Store

Please contact a board member if you need help in using our ship's store. Do you need a new ball cap? Have you been to the ship's store lately?

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

Notes from Last Month Newsletter

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.

WASHINGTON – New burial regulations effective today will now allow the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to automatically pay the maximum amount allowable under law to most eligible surviving spouses more quickly and efficiently, without the need for a written application.

Under former regulations, VA paid burial benefits on a reimbursement basis, which required survivors to submit receipts for relatively small one-time payments that VA generally paid at the maximum amount permitted by law.

“VA is committed to improving the speed and ease of delivery of monetary burial benefits to Veterans’ survivors during their time of need,” said Acting VA Secretary Sloan Gibson. “The recent changes allow VA to help these survivors bear the cost of funerals by changing regulations to get them the benefits more quickly.”

This automation enables VA to pay a non-service-connected or service-connected burial allowance to an estimated 62,000 eligible surviving spouses out of a projected 140,000 claimants for burial benefits in 2014. Surviving spouses will be paid upon notice of the Veteran’s death using information already in VA systems. The burial allowance for a non-service-connected death is \$300, and \$2,000 for a death connected to military service.

This revised regulation will further expedite the delivery of these benefits to surviving spouses, reduce the volume of claims requiring manual processing, and potentially make available resources for other activities that benefit Veterans and their survivors.

For more information on monetary burial benefits, call 1-800-827-1000 or contact your [VSO](#).

A memorial service for Richard Barbour has been scheduled at Arlington National Cemetery. Full military honors will be delivered on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. A memorial service will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by the military honors and a reception. Please see the information that is attached to this email for additional details. Please feel free to share this information with whomever you believe would want to have it.

Thank you,

Glen Barbour

I too, am looking for the mail clerk. His name is William Woodward, 2nd class, He was also the person on the radar, in the Gulf,

I hit the beach with WOODY, the Coats brothers, William Gilbreath, .Kennedy, R Person,
Sometimes I'd be the only white boy with TK KING in little Harlem, SUBIC

Danny Hayward Sr.