

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. 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 591** added Martin Munroe (79-82; os2) Donald Downing (79-82; Qm2) have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them

**Active member no email 54**

**Decease 163** Added Richard Williams Rd2, Frank Monroe ETN2 to the memorial page see comments below.

**Non Members 195** (found by other media) (not in our data base)

## **From The President's Desk**

We are very close to start creating the registration form for the reunion in Norfolk, Virginia, starting on Monday, June 18, 2018 and officially ending on

Sunday, June 24, 2018. Jim Kress has been working with Phillips DMC, which is a tour company in the Norfolk area. Together, they have put created great tour packages from Monday thru Friday. The only down day would be Saturday. The only scheduled activity Saturday is the banquet dinner so you can take the day to do whatever you wish. The registration form will include a very detailed description of each event, so pay close attention. Of course no one required to sign up for everything. Please take note that all tour prices include transportation and two of the tours do not include lunch. The only requirement for all the tours is that we have minimum of 40 people. If we do not have forty people, we will need to cancel the tour. We can always have more, but not less than forty.

The location of the reunion will be the Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport. It is my understanding that there is a hotel shuttle service for those who elect to fly. If you are driving, parking at the hotel is free. The hotel has four handicapped rooms available. The price of a standard room will be \$119.00 plus any applicable taxes. Once we obtain the final contract from the hotel, we will be able to start making hotel reservations shortly thereafter. So far, we have sixty rooms set aside with more available as needed. The hotel will have a cutoff date for room reservations at which time any rooms not reserved, will go back to the hotel. Any reservation made after the cutoff date will be charged at the regular hotel rate. All the hotel information will be on the registration form.

We will once again have a hospitality room for the duration of the reunion, such as we had in Branson.

We will have cutoff dates for receiving registration forms and checks. The last date for you to sign up for the reunion will be April 1, 2018. The last date for cancelling your plans to attend and obtain a refund is April 15, 2018. This is necessary as we are only the middle man. We receive your check, deposit it in the association bank account and the pay for your activities out of the bank account. There will not be any refunds after April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The cost of registration will be \$50.00 per person. Any child 14 and under will not be charged.

As with every reunion, there will be elections. President, treasurer and master-at-arms will be elected. If you want to be involved with the board, please submit your name to any board member .

Hope you are all doing well.

JJ

## **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.

We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport, however by the time we arrive it will be operating under the Marriott flag.

Cost will be \$119.00 for a single king or a double queen and \$139.00 for a suite plus tax of 14% and a flat city tax of \$2.00 per night.

There will be organized tours Monday - Friday. Feel free to sign up for as many or as few tours as you wish. The Mon. - Wed. tours were added this reunion because every reunion people started arriving early, so I thought I would schedule these tours to give these people some scheduled activities. We do have to meet a minimum of 40 people per tour which I don't think will be a problem.

There will be a Wednesday evening kick off event in the Hospitality room with snacks and a cash bar. We cannot bring our own bottled liquor into hospitality room.

We will have our usual Saturday night banquet/business meeting and the Sunday morning Farewell Breakfast.

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. Sent out 6 letter this month to members who have bad email address. Received 1 note this month to correct their email address.

## Treasures Report

## 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](http://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.

## **Fellow shipmates Richard S. Edwards DD950**

This email is to inform you that changes have been made to our web page DD950.com. We have added last year's email newsletter to the site. More important is that we changed the access to our forum page. It is now password protected as is the membership list. To access the forum you will need to type in the word **member** and password is **rse950**. This was done to keep nonmembers from posting to this page. If they wish to post to the forum they will need to contact me for access.

What is next for our web site is adding a tab called Admiral which will have a picture of Admiral Edwards and his bio. Future will be a tab for the awards earned by the ship and adding more pictures.

Thank you to Rob our web master for the work he is done. Rob is looking to one day stepping down from this post and we are looking for a replacement. If you are interested or know someone



who is please contact me.

I just wanted to let you know that Richard E. Williams Rd 2 passed away on Sunday, March 14. We mailed his membership form to you in October, I believe. Could you please update the records on the Memorial page to show that he is deceased. He left quietly in his sleep and he had been in poor health for about two years. He was my big brother, and I remember when he came home on leave, probably sometime in 68-70. He came to my elementary school in his dress whites. Being 9 years old, I thought he was so handsome. He also told the story of the little white dog that the crew and kept on the boat, even though the dog wasn't supposed to there.

Thank you,  
Jerri Williams Hill

I am a former shipmate of the USS Edwards, my name is Michael Cassidy, OS3 (1975-1978). I served with Frank Monroe ETN2, just spoke with his wife he passed away April 23, 2016 She requested to have him listed on the memorial section of the website.

Thank you,  
Mike cassidy, OSC (SW), USN Retired