

The reunion registration form and reunion schedule forms are on the website so start signing up.

If you are even thinking of going to the reunion next year and have not contacted a board member of your attention. Please let us know so that we can start planning how many will be at each days advent

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.

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 593

Active member no email 53

Decease 163

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

From The President's Desk

The reunion registration information and registration form has been available on the website for about a month now. I have received two registrations so far. The first was from Dale Prescott and the second from Roger Wilson. Thank you very much gentlemen for your early registration. It will surely our job easier.

The board was contacted by a member who noticed a difference in the registration cost for children, in that a very old newsletter stated there was no registration cost for kids while the registration form indicated a cost of \$17.50. for kids 6 to 10 years old. Jim Kress and I cannot figure out where the no charge for kids came from. Just to let you know, the registration form is correct.

Please keep in mind cutoff dates. The cutoff date for receiving reunion registrations is April 1, 2018. The cutoff date for cancelling your plans to attend the reunion and receiving a refund is April 15, 2018. No refunds will be granted after this date as we will be paying various vendors for their services. The association is merely the middle man when it comes to handling your money and cannot be responsible for cancelling your plans, once we start paying the bills. I guess you could consider it a tax deduction in the form of a contribution. You might check with your tax person.

Not much more to report on.

JJ

From the VP Chair

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.

I have received info from our Tour Agent in Norfolk regarding menu selections at two of the restaurants we will be having lunch at. It is important that you check what you and your guests will want for lunch at these two establishments. The selections are:

At Waterman's

Crab Cake Sandwich
served with French fries

The Waterman Salad
with grilled chicken

Guinness Burger
served medium-well with French fries

Fish Tacos (fried flounder)
with rice & bean salad

Desert
Key Lime Pie

Iced tea or soft drink

At Freemason Abbey:

Crab cake Sandwich
4 oz. crab cake on a Kaiser roll

Waldorf Chicken Salad
Our homemade chicken salad with walnuts and apples
served on a Kaiser roll with lettuce, tomato and kettle chips

Abbey Club Sandwich
Turkey, Black Forest ham, Swiss, bacon, lettuce and tomato,
on toasted sourdough with a hot & smoky mayo, served with kettle chips.

Coffee, iced tea or soft drink.

Please save these menu selections to refer to when filling out your registration form.
Thank you,

Jim Kress, 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, we have 195 nonmembers found 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 no letter this month to members who have bad email address. Received 1 note this month to correct their email address.

Treasures Report

July 07, 2017 - August 07, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,822.23
Income	0.00
Expenses	0,00
Ending Balance	\$ 9,822.23

August 07,2017 - September 07, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,822.23
Income	70.00
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 9,892.23

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](#).

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.

Near the end of Hotel street in Honolulu was the Glades. This establishment was "off limits" because it featured men in "drag." One evening four guys from First Division return to the ships with various cuts, bruises and black eyes. My recollection of the actors involved was; BMC

Woodrow Smith, BM1 Harris, BM3 JD Hanks(?) BM2 (I can't remember this skinny fellows name. Does anyone remember the "Glades Incident?" Also what ever became of Chief Woodrow Smith? What was the name of the skinny BM2? Lastly; what was BM1 Harris's first name?

Taken from the forum posted by Dale Alyea Mar of this year

Father Norton woke up Sunday morning and realizing It was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, Decided he just had to play golf.

So... He told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and persuaded him to say Mass for him that day. As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away.

This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish. Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church!

At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not."

Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole.

IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE!

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

Thanks to Dave Crawford for sending this joke

There has been a lot of talk on this subject about taking a knee, here is one side

So you want to take a knee!!

Take a little trip to Valley Forge in January. If you don't know where that is, just Google it from the sidelines. Hold a musket ball in your fingers and imagine it piercing your flesh and breaking a bone or two. There won't be a doctor or trainer to assist you until after the battle, so just wait your turn. Take your cleats and socks off to get a real experience. Then take a knee.

Then, take one at the beach in Normandy where man after American man stormed the beach, even as the one in front of him was shot to pieces...the very sea stained with American blood. The only blockers most had were the dead bodies in front of them, riddled with bullets from enemy fire.

Take a knee in the sweat soaked jungles of Vietnam. from Khe San to Saigon...Anywhere will do. Americans died in all those jungles. There was no playbook that told them what was next, but they knew what flag they represented. When they came home, they were protested against as well..and spit on for reasons only cowards know.

Take another knee in the blood drenched sands of Fallujah in 110 degree heat..Wear your Kevlar helmet and battle dress...Your number won't be printed on it unless your number is up! You'll need to stay hydrated but there won't be anyone to squirt Gatorade into your mouth. You're on your own.

There's a lot of places to take a knee. Americans have given their lives all over the world. When you use the banner under which they fought as a source for your displeasure, you dishonor the memories of **those who bled for the very freedoms you have. That's what the red stripes mean. It represents the blood of those who spilled a sea of it defending your liberty.**

While you're on your knee, pray for those that came before you, not on a manicured lawn striped and printed with numbers to announce every inch of ground taken...but on nameless hills and bloodied beaches and sweltering forests and bitter cold mountains...every inch marked by an American life lost serving that flag you protest.

No cheerleaders, no announcers, no coaches, no fans...just American men and women...delivering the real fight against those who chose to harm us...blazing a path so you would have the right to "take a knee."

You haven't an inkling what it took to get you where you are...but your "protest" is duly noted. Not only is it disgraceful to a nation of real heroes, it serves the purpose of pointing to your ingratitude for those who chose to defend you under that banner that will still wave long after your jersey is retired..

If you really feel the need to take a knee, come with me to church on Sunday and we'll both kneel before Almighty God. We'll thank him for preserving this country for as long as He has. We'll beg forgiveness for our ingratitude for all He has provided us. We'll appeal to Him for understanding and wisdom. We'll pray for liberty and justice for all...because He is the one who provides those things.

But there will be no protest. There will only be gratitude for His provision and a plea for His continued grace and mercy on the land of the free and the home of the brave. It goes like this...

GOD BLESS AMERICA