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Leslie and I are going to Hawaii in march for our 43 year of Marriage and to get away from everything that has happened this year so far. Two daughters having major surgery, 90 old mother in the hospital for a fracture neck cause by her forth fall in 2 years. Leslie up coming hand surgery to remove a bone and wrist repair. Other family problems. Bottom line will not be attending this years reunion. Will still help were needed. Will be stepping down from secretary position when my time is up. Have been either secretary or his helper (Jack Turley ) since the Washington reunion. Will continue to help were needed, because I believe what we are doing still matters. Just wish more people would get involved and bring new ideas to help the Edwards association continue to grow. AS far as our Website goes, I am asking Rob our web Master to added one more page to the site. The new page will be a picture of admiral Edwards along with his bio. While searching for it, found out that he was part USS submarine Squalus rescue in May 23,1939 in which he was awarded the Navy Cross.

I hope someone can help me out. I need a photo of the post fram Eddie, I want to put it on the name tags for the members who served on it during that time.

Jim kress

## From the President desk

JIM AND ROBERT, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING THIS TRANSITION. I HAVE BEEN RESEARCHING ABOUT WAYS TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE REUNION. I WENT ON THE WEBSITE OF NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND, WHICH PRINTS OUT A NEWSLETTER CALLED SHIFT COLORS, WHICH HAS INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING REUNIONS FOR THIS YEAR. WHICH IS HOW I FOUND OUT THE REUNIONS. I WILL ATTEMPT TO LIST OUR REUNION IN THAT NEWSLETTER. I ALSO HEARD FROM ANOTHER SHIPMATE ABOUT A WEBSITE CALLED HULL MASTER WHICH WOULD HELP US IN GETTING OUT INFORMATION ON THE REUNION. I ASO LIKE TO INCLUDE IN THE NEWSLATER CONCERNING THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN JUNE FOR; VP, TREASURER, MASTER OF ARMS AND OTHER POSTIONS WHICH ARE OPEN. I AM HOPING FOR A LARGE TURN OUT WHICH WILL DETERMINE THE COURSE OF THIS UNIT FOR YEARS TO COME AND I HOPE THAT SOME OF YOUNGER MEMBERS OF EDWARDS WILL STEP FORWARD AND HELP SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE WITH THE REUNIONS. JIM, I HAVE BEEN RESERCHING ABOUT FRAM CONVERSION FOR THE EDWARDS, I KNOW THAT IN THE 1960S, EIGHT OF THE FORREST SHERMAN CLASS DESTROYERS WERE CHOSEN TO RECEIVE AN ANTI-SUBMARINE UP GRADE WHICH REMOVED THE MIDDLE GUN MOUNT AND REPLACED IT WITH A ASROC MISSILE LAUNCHER ALONG WITH VARIOUS UPGRADE. I SEE PICTURES OF THE EDWARDS WITH THE THREE GUN MOUNTS BEFORE THE CONVERSION AND PICTURES AFTER THE OVER HAUL. I CAME ON BOARD IN 1972 WELL AFTER THE FRAM OVERHAUL. TELL ME IF THIS IS WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR, IF NOT I WILL KEEP RESEARCHING.

MICHAEL ROBERTSON

## Treasure Report

## Financial Report

December 07, 2017 - January 05, 2018

Beginning Balance	\$10,082.23
Income	3,504.50
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	\$13,586.73

Jim Kress

The Memorial being planned at the banquet. Once we are there, Sat, we can meet to plan the business meeting. I will take the lead reading the names .

Mike Robertson

We need four others at the four corners of the room responding with "Absent Sir" as the names are read. Then have the four take their list and come forward to the "Missing Man Table" lay their list on the table and salute then go back to their seats. I have a recording of Taps we could then play to close the memorial. I am open to any suggestions anyone has for the memorial.

Registration forms are starting to come in.

Jim

### **From Secretary Desk**

We added a new member this month, please welcome William Bailey (LTjg; 0-72). I have his information for anyone who wishes to contact him

### **Reunion News**

I want to remind everyone the deadline for submitting your registration forms for our 2018 reunion in Norfolk, VA. is April 1, 2018. The deadline for hotel reservations is May 17, 2018. After this date you will not receive the negotiated room rate for our group.

So far the following shipmates have registered:

Jim Kress

Roger Wilson

Dale Prescott

Dave Crawford

Barbara Emerson

Pat Turley

Terry Cuthbertson

Ben Smith

Tom Bernard  
Rusty Howell  
Ron Abel  
Don Kruger  
Jim Plank  
Jim Kelly  
Heinz Park  
Worthy Paul

## reunion coordinator

Good morning shipmates,

Mike I already have our reunion posted on [Hullnumber.com](http://Hullnumber.com). I will go to [Tincansailors.com](http://Tincansailors.com) and post there. The registration forms are starting to come in I have received fourteen so far.

Yes I was looking for a photo with the missile launcher on the ship. I did find a few on line and Todd sent me one also. I have selected one I found on line as it showed up better after downsizing the photo to fit on a name tag. What year was the new Eddie commissioned? If I can determine who the "Plankowners" are I will print that on their name tags also. I already know two of the first plank owners who are attending and will print it on their tags.

What is everyones thoughts about getting a Ready Eddie flag made to have at reunions? I do have an image of the one that a crew member designed and was flown onboard for a few years. Maybe we could order a few extra and sell in ship store. I will get some prices.

Jim

## Comment from last Newsletter

For those who are making last minute reservations

Called hotel again and selected front desk at prompt and made reservations no prob.

Apparently central res cannot see rooms the property has blocked for us.

Hi, thank you for recent letter and all before. sorry to hear about passing of JJ Hogue as loss of any of our U.S.S. RSE family passing is always

one too many. My heart will always be with the patriots of DD950 until i take my last breath. with gratitude and respect, DMK

We were sorry to hear about JJ. I have our registration

and check ready to be mailed.

Thanks

Conni