

## Association Executive Board

Michael Robertson	( President)	GMG3	1972-1974
George Pavlovich	( Vice President)	IC3	1975-1979
Robert Sheard	( Secretary)	CS3	1970-1972
Jim Kress	(Treasurer)	BT3	1961-1964
Dale Prescott	( Master of Arms)	BM2	1966-1967
Todd Fowler	( Ship's Store)	MS2	1980-1981

Would like to take this time to address the group about new members. A lot of you have shipmate friends who you are in contact on other social media Who may not be members, My goal is to get as many new members to join us as possible over the next year plus before the next reunion when I step down as secretary. On facebook alone we have a least about 24 shipmates who are not even on our crew list. The other thing I need to do is get our records up to date with such information as addresses/phone numbers. Over the last couple of years I have not requested up dates to your records, we need to get this done. So even if you thought you sent your updates to me, please do so again or if you have moved or changed your phone number over the last 2 years and forgot to send me your update, please get it to me as soon as you can. Would like to pass on that Don Farrar 70-72 died on died in March for those who are not on facebook. He was of ill health for the last couple years. Please see the note below for those who served 63-67. Would Like to welcome 9 new members this month, John Hoelscher 74-78; Jose Plazola 80-82; Chris Gallagher 69; Chuck Ebbe 82; Randy Perry 73-7; Bob Trickey 72-75; Phillip Slown 75-76; Scott Hama 78-79; Harry Prothero 72-74. I have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them.

Receive a note this month which I added to this newsletter. Which I do agree is this letter should be more than the news on the reunion, who is a new member or who died. These are important but there should be more. Not only for the letter but also added to the website. In the next couple of month we will be adding to the ships history west pac 72 and the awards page, new pictures of the board and information on 2020 reunion, and the program that was given out when the ship was retired. There are a lot of stories out there that should be told and history of the ship that needs to be added and it needs to be done by all of us. Please take some time and send me a story for story time or history of the ship.

Looking for the commissioning programs for both of its commissioning please let me know if you have one

**Added John Jeanis to the memorial page. Last contact I had was about 4 yrs ago when the family request no more contact due to his advance case of alzheimer**

**I have a new name for crew page and then the memorial page. Grier Ingebratsen MMFN 1962 and he passed away in 2017. This information was given to me by a private investigator who is working for an Attorney who is attempting to get a settlement for him for Mesothelioma from asbestos exposure.**

Jim

## From the President's Desk

I Robert, sorry I took a while to add something to the news letter, but the only things that I can comment on are the Edwards Web page is being updated. The section of the web page( about us) has all the association officers pictures on it. Robert Dege is working on the Norfolk reunion pictures and that should be posted shortly. The Edwards website being updated is very important to me because people google it. I do not have any thing to say about 2020 Reunion because the final arrangements are being worked on, hopefully in May I can talk about it.

Regards  
Mike

## Secretary Desk

We had 10 members update their information this month, thank you for your updates. This is important that we have current information on file. Thank you to Greg Huckabey; John Crawford; David Morehead; Harry Jamers; Dale Alyea; Charles Sheetz; Andrew Potter; John Ritter; Harold (Joe) McIntrye; John Walker

## Treasurer Table

January 07, 2019 - February 07, 2019  
Beginning Balance \$11,160.45

Income	0.00
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	\$11,160.45

February 07, 2019 - March 07, 2019

Beginning Balance	\$11,160.45
Income	95.50
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	\$11,255.95

Jim Kress

## Jim Kelly Reunion Coordinator

Shipmates,

The following lays-out the planned schedule for our 2020 San Diego reunion. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Bayside, which is at the intersection of Harbor and Nimitz Drives between what used to be the Naval Training Center and the ASW School (then and now). Plan on arriving Wednesday, April 29 staying until Monday, May 4. The room rate for the block would be \$145 single, \$153 double per night for Wednesday through Saturday nights. A continental breakfast in the hotel restaurant is included (If you want a full breakfast, \$8 will be deducted from your check.). The same rate will also apply for three days before and after for those coming early or staying late. We have an initial block of 35 rooms at this rate, but if they fill early, we should be able to get more. (I hosted a reunion of another destroyer at this location on a similar weekend, and we got the reduced rate for 70 rooms.) The hotel will be available for reservations about mid-May 2019. I'll notify our newsletter editor when the rooms are available and ask that he send out an email to everyone announcing the availability. The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to/from both Lindbergh Field and the cruise ship piers for registered guests. Besides a terrific location, the hotel offers a putting green, shuffle board, pool, Jacuzzi, loaner bicycles, free Wi-Fi, fitness center, and table tennis. For those driving in, parking (normally \$15 per night) is complimentary. For more hotel information, see: <http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/san-diego/sanby/hoteldetail>. Our hospitality room is noteworthy in that it is on the fifth floor with expansive views of the harbor through multiple sliding glass doors leading to small balconies. Most of the guest rooms have similar balconies. Don't let the five floors discourage you, there are two elevators proximate to the room. We offer a different tour each day. The cost of the tours is \$89 per person. The hospitality room is at no extra charge if we have 35 or more rooms filled. We will be able to bring in our own snacks and drinks and the hotel will provide tables, chairs, ice chests, ice, and water. The hotel restaurant offers a 10% discount to all patrons 65 and older. Complimentary shuttle can be arranged, in advance, to local shopping and Balboa Park/Zoo, using a sign-up sheet.

If you haven't an EDWARDS nametag, we can have one made for you. They are approximately 3-in wide by 2-in high and have the ship's name and the attendee's name engraved on the front as well as the years onboard. For guests, it is obviously just the ship and guest names. The nametags have magnetic backs, so there are no holes poked in clothing. The cost is about \$9.00 each. I have a name tag for another destroyer from this vendor that they did for me 20 years ago, and it still looks brand new.

Our proposed schedule of events is:

Wednesday, April 29

1200 – 2200 Check into the hotel and then the hospitality room to receive your packets.

Thursday, April 30

0800 – 2200 Hospitality Room open.

0930 – 1430 City tour via full size motor coach. The tour will include Coronado, via Coronado Bridge, Balboa Park, the Gaslamp District with its renovated late 1800s buildings, plus a stop at Seaport Village with an opportunity to browse for an hour and shop and/or enjoy the scenic view of the harbor. Back on the bus, we'll proceed to the famous Bali Hai Restaurant on Shelter Island, for lunch. The view is scenic and will bring back memories of the Ready Eddie steaming past this very restaurant, established in 1953. It was renovated a few years ago, and offers one of San Diego's best restaurant views. After lunch we will proceed a short distance to Cabrillo National Monument, for a view of San Diego and the Pacific Ocean from 610 feet above sea level, seeing a similar view to that of those who watched us enter and depart San Diego Harbor.

Friday, May 1

0800 – 2200 Hospitality Room open.

0930 – 1430 La Jolla Tour, including Mount Soledad Veteran's Memorial with Memorial Service, lunch, and the former NTC via full size motor coach. We will first visit Mount Soledad, a one of a kind Veteran's Memorial, located 900 feet above sea level with a 360 degree view. We will hold our Memorial Service there. There will be time to view this site up close and take pictures. We will then travel to the Stephen Birch Aquarium, one of the best aquariums on the West Coast. Lunch will be at Tom Ham's Lighthouse located on Harbor Island, which island many of us watched being built as the harbor channel was dredged during 1967 and 1968. After lunch, the bus will drive through the former NTC where many shipmates went through Boot Camp, with a photo op stop at USS RECRUIT, which has recently undergone a significant exterior refurbishment.

Saturday, May 2

0800 – 1730 Hospitality Room open.

0930 – 1515 USS MIDWAY CV-41 and Two-Hour Narrated Harbor Excursion. The MIDWAY is handicap accessible, with elevators and park benches. Each visitor receives a complimentary headset that provides information about all of the exhibits on the ship. The tickets are pre-ordered, so there are no lines, everyone boards together. At noon, we again board the motor coach and proceed to the harbor excursion for a two-hour narrated tour. While enjoying the harbor tour, we'll also enjoy box lunches. The excursion passes by five military installations (Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command, Submarine Base (Ballast Point), North Island Naval Air Station, Coronado Amphibious Base, and 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Naval Station).

1600 – 1700 Annual Business Meeting in Hospitality Room

1800 – 2300 Annual Banquet. There will be three menu choices. Dinner includes salad, rolls and butter, desert, and Kona coffee, brewed decaf coffee, or hot tea. A full cash bar will also be available. Cost of the banquet is \$53 per person.

Sunday, May 3

**0800 – 1900 Hospitality Room open.**

**0900-1700 Tour of Southern California's Wine Country and Wine Tastings.** This will be another motor coach tour proceeding initially to Old Town Temecula where we will have two hours to visit many one of a kind shops and grab a bit to eat. After re-boarding the bus, we will proceed to the nearby vineyard area, where we will visit three of the many local wineries. We will have a complimentary wine tasting at each winery and an opportunity to purchase any wines that particularly please our palates. After the last winery, we will proceed back to San Diego. The time each way is 90 -120 minutes, depending upon traffic. Most of our travel will be against the commuter flow. The minimum number for this tour is 35.

**Monday, May 4**

**0800 – 1100 Check-out and head for home or the next adventure.**

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Things are on track, almost as outlined in the last newsletter. The only change is the winery tour will be on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, rather than Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, so folks should plan on arriving on Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> and leaving on Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The tour guy changed the date on me, and I apparently did not forward the info to Bob and others. I have addressed your other concerns next to their listing.

### Ship's Store

Sent out 9 ship's hat to our new members this month

### Story Time

I and Don Farrar was on the Hanson DD832 when the notice came out about signing up for the new crew for DD950. Don wanted to and I did not care on way or the other, we were both non rates so we did and to your surprise both of us were chosen. After leave we reported to Long Beach. The first couple of weeks we saw a lot of moves on seamanship and the like. Don was able to get into a billet and I still was a non rate, that was to change with the first work party for loading stores. That when I met CSC Harris for the first time. We were loading the store room beneath the chief compartment and most of the work party had left for the evening, but Harry asked if I would stay to help tie down the flour stack. We got to talking and the chief asked what I wanted to strike for and I told him that I had put it to strike for cook on the Hanson but never heard anything about it until I got orders and found out that I was excepted. The chief took one look at me and handed me the store keys and said you are my jack of the dust and report to supply division for morning muster. Morning came and I reported to supply division for muster and to my surprise my name was called and after muster I reported to the chief and for the rest of the time at Long Beach I spent my days working in the store rooms. I got very interesting when the crew came on board and we stated to live on the ship. By that time the rest of the cooks had reported aboard. The watch captain and I would go over the menu for the next day and figure what stores were needed. I and the mess cooks would break it out then I would wait for the mid night cowboy but know as CS1 Holder the baker would tell me what he needed and I would get it for him. About eleven at night Holder and i would go over the records for the stores and post to them. Most of the time I was up at 5 AM because the cooks needed something from the store room for breakfast. As we started to learn the ropes it got easier but those first couple of weeks it was hell it seem like I never left the galley. Don and guys I new liked it because they were always hunger and I would make them sandwiches late at night. It was Harry who gave me the nickname Bull. I stayed with the ship to half way through west pac 72 when I got high line transfer to an oiler and went to the Davidson DE1045 . More to come Cs3 Sheard Do you have a story to tell? If so please drop me a line

### Comments Received

thank you very much. thanks for the hat. I remember my experience on the Richard S. Edwards fondly. Even though the ship was in Vietnam, anchored in Da nang harbor, firing the guns, and ferrying marines up and down the coast, I remember those days as being a good experience. I was a only a 19 year old kid, and it helped me grow up. we had a great crew, everybody worked together. I didn't want to be there then, but I'm very glad today that I was. New member Kevin Conroy

**From:** David Karle <[dkarle@stu.norwich.edu](mailto:dkarle@stu.norwich.edu)>  
**Subject:** USS Richard S. Edwards (DD-950) -  
**Date:** March 6, 2019 at 1:06:00 PM CST

I'm a grad student in military history at Norwich University and am doing some research about your ship and one of your captains. You look like you have a very active association and I'm hoping I can coordinate with you to do some research from the 1963-1967 time period.

Let me know if you got this and I'll fill you in.

Thanks in advance.

Dave Karle

Ah ha! Thanks sir! Sad news about Don Farrar. He and I were close.

Regards,

W. Don Bailey

While I am glad past Veterans attend the reunions, it seems that the only thing all the newsletter are about is the DD950 upcoming reunions. I would like to read more on what went on while we were on the ship. The older newsletters printed stories that pertained to stories I think we would all like to read about.

I was on board the USS Richard S Edwards DD950 from 01/1963 to Nov. 1966.

Sincerely,  
Gary Pat Clifford