

Association Officers

Michael Robertson	(President)	GMG3	1972-1974
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Dale Prescott	(Master of Arms)	BM2	1966-1967
Todd Fowler	(Ship's Store)	MS2	1980-1981

I have asked for stories from your time on the Edwards and so far have received only one comment from a shipmate willing to write a story . Come on guys there has to be stuff out there about the time we spent on the Edwards that other people might enjoy reading about and may be shake out some of our cobwebs so that we can say I remember that. Get a ships patch for your story that we use in the newsletter

Would like to report that we have 2 new members Kirk Graham TM3 75-76, Edward Jones Pn2 74-76, Thomas Farrell Sn 69-70 I have there information for anyone who wishes to contact them. It was reported on facebook that Scott Lemon passed away Ftg who served on the Edwards in the late 70s. Start thinking who should be the next secretary for the association. If you would like the job please contact one of the board members to get your name in for it. A lot of us visit sites such as ebay, I ran across something interesting tonight. The original plaque for the E awarded to the ship in 1963 it was a little more than I could afford but passed it on to other board members to check it out. The ship's website has the next reunion up on our web page, please check it out. It is not to early to starting about attending the next reunion. This is to all who are on the ship's facebook page, have seen a lot of picture on the page. My question to you is can you also see them on the ship's web page dd950.com? Still looking for more new members to join, if you know someone who is not a member talk to them about joining. Our web master has been busy with the reunion info, adding newsletters and such to the web site. Would like to thank Rob for his work and if you have not been on the site for awhile please check it out. Death MMcs Millar see below

Reunion Information

Shipmates,

The following arrangements have been made for our San Diego reunion (April 28 – May3, 2020). We have a block of rooms reserved 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. The rooms are at a discounted rate or \$145 (single), \$153 (double) per night for the nights of Apr 28– May 2. The rate will also apply for three days before and after for those coming early or staying late and includes a Continental Breakfast each morning. Those desiring a full breakfast will have \$8 deducted from their bill. Make your reservations at (800) 662-8899 anytime between May 16, 2019 and April 8, 2020 and be sure to mention the USS RICHARD S. EDWARDS Reunion to receive the discounted rate. We have 50 rooms at this rate, but if they fill early, we should be able to get more. 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 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.

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Tuesday, April 28

1200 – 2000 Check into the hotel and then the hospitality room to receive your packets.

The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to/from both Lindbergh Field and the cruise ship piers for registered guests. After you have your baggage, call (619) 224-3621 to arrange your ride. For those driving to San Diego, parking is complimentary at the hotel.

Wednesday, April 29

0800 – 2200 Hospitality Room available for those not going on the tour.

0900 – 1700 Motor coach tour to the Napa of Southern CA. The coach will initially stop in Old Town Temecula, where there will be about two hours to explore and get a bite to eat, if desired. There are many one of a kind shops to explore and several small, local eateries. After reboarding the coach, we'll proceed up into wine country and stop at three of the better wineries for a tasting and chance to buy wine to bring home. The trip each way will be 90 – 120 minutes, depending upon traffic. We'll be going against the commuter flow, so we should be on the low side.

Thursday, April 30

0800 – 2200 Hospitality Room available for those not going on the tour.

0930 – 1430 City tour via full size motor coach. The tour will include Coronado, with expansive views from the 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, including dessert and coffee or iced tea. 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 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 available for those not going on the tour.

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. We will have a wreath with the name of the ship on it. Live *Taps* will finish the service. 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 in the late 1960s. Lunch includes dessert and coffee or iced tea. 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 available for those not going on the tour.

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, once we ensure everyone is back onboard. While enjoying the harbor tour, we'll also enjoy box lunches that include dessert and beverage. The excursion passes by five military installations (Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command, Submarine Base (Ballast Point), North Island Naval Air Station, Amphibious Base, and 32nd Street), and just before mooring, the tour passes by the bow of the MIDWAY, for another special photo opportunity.

1600 – 1700 Business Meeting

1800 – 2300 Banquet. The menu choices are: Teriyaki Chicken, Grilled Halibut with lemon-butter sauce, or Beef Bourguignon. Dinner includes Caesar salad, rolls and butter, coffee or iced tea. 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.

Sunday, May 3

0800-1100 Check-out and head for home or the next adventure. The hotel shuttle will again be available to take you to the airport or cruise ship terminal, if needed.

Just in case you haven't been informed:

WASHINGTON — A federal court ruled Tuesday that Vietnam veterans who served on ships offshore during the war are eligible for benefits to treat illnesses linked to exposure to the chemical herbicide Agent Orange – a decision that has the potential to extend help to thousands of veterans.

The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled 9-2 in favor of Alfred Procopio, Jr., 73, who served on the USS Intrepid during the Vietnam War. Procopio is one of tens of thousands of “Blue Water” Navy veterans who served aboard aircraft carriers, destroyers and other ships and were deemed ineligible for the same disability benefits as those veterans who served on the ground and inland waterways.

Treasurer Report

July 05, 2019 - July 12, 2019

Beginning Balance \$ 9,549.16

Income 107.18

Expenses 0.00

Ending Balance \$ 9,656.34

Ending Statement with American Trust & Savings Bank

Beginning Statement with Midwest one Bank (same bank new name and owners)

The new bank has agreed to wave monthly paper statement fee (\$5.00) to keep our business and we are still earning

interest monthly .64 this month.

July 12, 2019 - August 07, 2019
Beginning Balance \$ 9,656.34
Income .64
Expenses 800.00
Ending Balance \$ 8,856.98

Jim Kress

Secretary Desk

Received 2 correction this month for email corrections Jim Harp and one Bob McGovern

notes received

Thanks for the newsletters and all the work the board does. some thing I notice is there are no members from my time of service which was 1958 to may of 1960. I put the Edwards in commission in Bremerton Washington. I also want to let you know that I live in Murrieta Calif. and would like to know which winery you are looking to visit in May 2020.
Bob MCGovern

Can someone tell me how to get paperwork to obtain benefits like healthcare? I am volunteering on a project at the RI veterans home and think I should check my benefits.

I was the DCA in 59-60.

Sincerely,
Bill Riley

To Kill an American

You probably missed it in the rush of news last week, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American.

So an Australian dentist wrote an editorial the following day to let everyone know what an American is . so they would know when they found one. (Good one, mate!!!!)

" An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani or Afghan.

An American may also be a Comanche, Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, Seminole or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans.

***An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim.
In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses.***

An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American lives in the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each person to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return.

When Afghanistan was over-run by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country!

As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan. Americans welcome the best of everything...the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best services. But they also welcome the least.

The national symbol of America, The Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America.

Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of September 11, 2001 earning a better life for their families. It's been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 different countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and other blood-thirsty tyrants in the world. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

From: Bill Marchant

MMC Millar is on the crew list. He should be listed as deceased.

Link to obituary:

<https://www.altmeyerfuneralandcremation.com/obituary/?first-name=John&last-name=Millar&obit-search=true>