

Association Officers

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| 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 |

We have added (3) new member since our last newsletter. Please welcome Ricky Douin (71-72); Victor Ocampo jr. (73-75); Jerry Bass (73-5) I have their information for anyone who wishes to contact one of them. Time is running short to get your application in for this years San Diego reunion. If you are planning on attending you need to contact one of us asap. Was planning on sending this newsletter out last month, but had a senior moment last month and broke my wife's computer and only got it back a couple of days ago.

We also added to the memorial page Decidero (aka Monty) R. Montoya Ic3 79-80 who died Dec. of 2019. Would like to thank George Pavlovich for getting us the information.

President Desk

Good afternoon, James and Jim. Here are my thoughts on the memorial service for our departed shipmates. I like the idea of a ship's bell to ring and record the service. I will get on the Edward's facebook page and pass the word for anyone attending the reunion asking for volunteers to help us out. I will also ask Robert Sheard to print the request in the association news letter when he can. The least that we can do is honor our ship mates who departed this year by offering a simple prayer for them by mentioning their names and recording the service if possible. I would like for the memorial service to be simple dignified and not to long. Jim Kelly mentioned the service being held the at the Mount Soledad Veteran's Memorial on the La Jolla leg of the tour, I am in total agreement with that idea. Our departed shipmates had one thing in common, they all serviced on the Edwards at some point in their career and their spouses and family members supported them.

(Your thoughts Shipmates)

Mike

Treasurer

Jan. 07, 2020 - Feb. 07, 2020

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 8,878.25 |
| Income | 39.75 |
| Expenses | 429.90 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 8,488.10 |

Dec. 06, 2019 - Jan. 07, 2020

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 8,726.48 |
| Income | 151.77 |
| Expenses | 0.00 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 8,878.25 |

October 07, 2019 - November 07, 2019

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|-------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 8,641.93 |
| Income | 124.74 |
| Expenses | 40.88 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 8,725.79 |

November 07, 2019 - December 06, 2019

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 8,725.79 |
| Income | .69 |
| Expenses | 0.00 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 8,726.48 |

Jim Kress

Reunion Coordinator Report

At this time February 5, 2020. I have received nine registrations, nine shipmates and eight guests. After I get my desktop computer back in operation, I'll have more details available.

Gentlemen,

I just got a room count for the reunion, and Holiday Inn has reservations for nine shipmates. I think we all need to start beating the bushes among shipmates with whom we're in contact and encourage them to attend. I have started this on my end, but can't do it alone. The reunion is only 3-1/2 months away.

Regards,

Jim

Secretary

Sent out 9 letters this month to non email members or members who did not contact us about their email address change. If you are going to change either your email address or like me our phone number please contact me so that I can update our records. I am getting close to the end of being your Edwards secretary. I started out helping Jack Turley after our Washington D.C. reunion, by looking up members who had fallen of the active membership. Would like to thank those who helped me and those who gave me positive notes after receiving their email newsletter. Due to cost of printing, stamps and etc. this was the only way to keep down the cost for the association.

Web Master

Some people have not been able to sign in to our website [DD 950.com](http://DD950.com) as it has been declared unsafe

This "unsafe" warning is generated by a SmartScreen security feature that is built into Microsoft Edge and Internet Explorer. Visitors that use Firefox, Chrome, Safari, etc are not affected.

The website autoplays the "Anchors Away" them when you first visit the website. This SmartScreen feature has falsely identified this as some sort of phishing attack, and marked the website as unsafe. Obviously, this is not true. So I filled out a Microsoft form requesting that the website be marked as safe.

Unfortunately, this is all we can do, and I'm not sure how long it will take for Microsoft to respond. In the meantime, we should encouraged all members to use Firefox, Chrome, or Safari until the issue is resolved.

The dd950.com website domain expires on 1/11/220. We need to login and renew before Sunday, otherwise someone else could purchase the domain from us.

Tuttle was able to send me the password reset email, and I was able to log into the website. I forwarded the new credentials to Jim so that he can renew the domain.

-Robert

Story

I was Supply Officer from February 1975 to April 1977. It was not a particularly good time for EDWARDS. We had a yard period at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, and with a 1200-pound plant, came out with what seemed like more problems than we went in with. But, in any event, as part of the process of preparing for deployment was REFTRA, or refresher training....a series of exercises over several weeks, both in port and at sea to ensure the command could effectively fight and operate correctly.

One at sea period had us go through a few different combat scenarios. One was combat feeding. This meant getting food to the sailors at their battle stations, so the crew could maintain their stations. In order to do that, we had brought along sufficient Meals-Ready-to-Eat, sometimes referred to as "c-rats". They were in small cardboard boxes, with cans for main meals, cookies, and some fruit. Lots of calories, and some of the entrees were considered better than others.

Since this was a scheduled event, we were able to stage the MREs on the mess decks, and when the word was passed, "Commence battle feeding!", each battle station sent a representative to the messdecks, and collected the necessary number of boxes. Since my battle station was Gun Director #2, I relied upon the Chief Mess specialist to execute the plan.

I got my MRE in the Director, and was opening my meal when I got a call over my headphones: SUPPO REPORT TO THE BRIDGE. Aye, aye. I got out of the Director, made my way to the bridge, and the CO was holding a can of pork and beans that had expanded...the ends were rounded. He said: SUPPO, DOES THIS LOOK RIGHT? I said: No Sir, those cans means the contents are probably bad, and should be thrown away.

The next announcement over the 1MC was something like: IF YOU HAVE ANY MRE CANS THAT DON'T LOOK RIGHT, THROW IT AWAY! Almost simultaneously, several dozen small cans were flying off both sides, like miniature depth charges. But we passed the exercise, and never served MREs again.

Tony Steigelman

CAPT, SC, USN (Ret)

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Comments

Gentlemen,

I am writing to you all with regard to burying Joe's ashes at sea. I was of the opinion that my husband's ashes could be buried at sea via a Navy ceremony on a Coast Guard vessel, with family aboard if they choose. I am unable to locate a ceremony like this and in retrospect it seems unlikely that it would be even possible. So I am now trying to put together the documentation to have Joe's ashes buried at sea utilizing the Navy Military Funerals document that Jim Kelley forwarded to the rest of you and subsequently was forwarded to me.

As you may know the Association was very important to Joe he could spend hours researching and trying to locate those who served on the "Ready Eddie" and he was also very proud of his service in the Navy. These were more important, I sometimes think, than his almost 30 years in law enforcement. To that end I have arranged for the family to be in San Diego during the time of your next reunion, April/May of 2020. I thought it would be nice to coordinate some kind of gathering (dinner, picnic, or other event) as a memorial in his honor but I am sure the reunion days are packed. Perhaps I can make a donation in his honor; or maybe you will have some ideas for me. Is it possible we could be present for the reading of names and ringing the bell for shipmates that have passed. His name will now be among those read. I would value thoughts and ideas.

Respectfully,

Sandra (Sam) Hogue

Hi everyone,

Rob Dege our website manager has renewed our website for the next five years. So we are good until Jan. 11, 2025 at a cost of \$249.90. This renews our Domain Name Renewal and Private Registration for Domain Name. Thanks Rob.

Who is planning on attending the reunion this summer?

Jim

Hey Bull,

Not sure if this info is available, but I've been watching the developments on the Blue Water Navy Agent Orange claims and it seems like it would be helpful to know the lat & long for our time on the gunline. Seems like it might be necessary if anyone is submitting an Agent Orange claim.

Maybe someone has that info and could share.

Dave Wells