

Association Officers

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

Reunion is to be postponed until next year stay tuned for further news to come.

New Dates April 20-25 2021

I understand postponing from an abundance of caution. I called the hotel and the tour vendor and arranged new dates for the reunion, Tuesday, April 20 through Sunday, April 25, 2021. Details on costs and the specific schedule will be available next week, after more talks with the vendors. Our deposits should roll forward. Each shipmate who has made a reservation at the Holiday Inn needs to contact the hotel and cancel their reservation. Otherwise, they will be charged for one night before the hotel then cancels the reservation after a no show.

Sent out 130 letters to fellow shipmates to try and correct our data base. Received an email from Teresa Carpenter that her husband Clyde Carpenter passed away, please read comments below. John M. Baker died 9/22/2019 per letter received. Milton Bailey died back in 2016 per email received from mail out, see comments below. Roy Woodward died 1/16/2016 per note received. Marvin Stevens died 1/22/2020 per note received. Ben Crihfield died 2018 per note received. Have a request for 3 new members, please welcome Harry Hartley Fn (67-68), Paul Sharp Et2 (60-63), Arturo Tamayo (77-80) MMCS I have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them.

President Desk

The coronavirus situation is getting serious every day. I went ahead and took a tally with the officers of the Edwards Association concerning the postponement of the 2020 reunion and here are the results, James Kress voted for postponement, Robert Sheard agreed to postpone. The understanding that I got from Dale Prescott is that money needed to be refunded if the reunion is canceled. George Pavlovich is against postponing. I understand and respect his opinion. I have brought nonrefundable airline tickets and my understanding about the nonrefundable tickets is that the airlines will work with you, give you a credit and waive booking fees. I paid my registration fees, signed up for the tours, reserved a hotel room for my wife and myself. I have looked forward to having this reunion and is disappointed about the circumstances that it is being canceled for. The decision to cancel the reunion was not easy to make helming factor in my decision to cancel is that the health and safety of my fellow association members are very important to me, I cannot in good faith encourage fellow members to attend. The risk of someone sitting next a fellow passenger on board a plane who might be infected with the virus is to great ,many of our association older members who would be attending the reunion might have health issues and could be susceptible to conronavirus .The virus has no known care for now.(We will all get through this) .Jim Kelly our reunion coordinator has talked to the tour guide and bus company about a possible date change The reunion dates are Tuesday, April 20 through Sunday April 25,2021 in San Diego at the same hotel that we were going to have the 2020 reunion. I wanted to go for June to allow school age kids to attend but the room rates for the hotel rooms would increase \$30-40 per night greatly increasing the cost per room. June through August are prime summer rates. April -May we would get similar rates that we had for the 2020 reunion. Jim Kress our treasurer is in the process of writing refund checks to those that signed up and paid for the reunion. Jim Kelly the reunion coordinator has been instructed to return any checks in his possession of members that paid the association for registration fees and tours back to them. Robert Sheard our secretary has updated the Edwards face book page with news of the cancellation and this upcoming newsletter will reflect the same. Also if you had not done so cancel your hotel registrations so that you will not get charged for reservations at the hotel in San Diego that you might have made.

(thoughts and prayers for you and your families)

Mike

Treasurer

Feb. 07, 2020 - Mar. 06, 2020

Beginning Balance	\$ 8,488.10
Income	8,764.76
Expenses	53.90
Ending Balance	\$17,198.96

Jim Kress

Reunion Coordinator Report

I understand postponing from an abundance of caution. I'll call the hotel in the morning and work things out with them.

Secretary

Sent out 130 letters this month to non email members, members who did not contact us about their email address change or people who are on the ship' website who never became active members. 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. Have corrected records on 39 shipmates, 3 phone numbers change, 6 email address changes, 6 death notices, 12 letters returned for nonactive members, 18 letters returned for active members, 2 Members non email renewed, 1 new member from crew list

Missing Members

Craig Lippert	crew member	letter return bad address
Rick Lehtonen	active member	
Gary Moore	crew member	
James Gillard	active member	
Robert Millman	active member	
Len Bonneville	crew member	
Kevin Hopper	crew member	
Karl Phaler	crew Member	
James Saxton	active member	
Herman Ritchie	active Member	
Esteban Rodriguez	active member	
Marshall Minks	active member	

Joseph Smith	active member
Grover Poe	crew member
Vitold Silevic	reported by a member as decease and added to memorial
Bill Tate	active member
Robert Holms	crew member
Venson Hoff	crew member
Gordon Phillips	crew member
Roger Stalvey	active member
David Castle	active member
Robert Mikkola	active member
Clarence Graham	crew member
Greg Martin	crew Member
Ervin Parker	crew Member
Peter Settle	crew member
Roger Walker	active member (no email)
Joe Sisto	crew member
Thomas Borelli	crew member

If you are in contact with any of these names above, please let us know. All active members have been switch to crew members only and address removed, crew members have mailing address removed.

Web Master

Some people have not been able to sign in to our website DD [950.com](https://www.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](https://www.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

Comments

Hi Bob, I was Clyde's wife for nearly 47 years. Clyde passed away July 25, 2017. He talked about his navy days a lot. I would look in the our books he used to get, to see if the was any reunions for his ships. The Edwards or the Dale. Today is first time I saw anything about the U.S.Richards S.Edwards.I looked up both ships, trying to find someone to get in touch with before Clyde passed away.

I still miss him like crazy. He was a good man. Everyone really liked him. Clyde never met a stranger. He was a hard worker, a vol, firefighter, and after he retired he was a mentor at the school near us. He loved his "kids" as he called them, when he was sick, he would tell everyone, he had to get back to his kids.

We had one son and three grandchildren.

I hope you knew him.

Would you please Email me back, so I know you got this from me.

I hope you are doing good.

Teresa Carpenter

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

Robert,

My husband of 53 years passed away on September 29,2016.

We enjoyed the reunions and seeing everyone. Please let me when you have put him on the memorial page. Thank you

Sharon Bailey

Gentlemen,

Per Dave Wells inquiry about the specific latitude/longitude of our tour of duty in Vietnam in 1972, I am in need of this info to follow up on the recently extended agent orange claim process. If anyone knows where I can get this information, I would greatly appreciate hearing about it.

Thanks,

Joe Steinmeyer

For the Crew of the EDWARDS during the 72 Campaign in Viet Nam. If you are already with the VA you go to Enrollment and get your name put on the Agent Orange list if you not with the VA at this time you must bring your DD214 and any records that may help(Medals & Awards) too. They will put you on the Agent Orange list immediately, you do not have to prove that the EDWARDS was within the 5 Mile limit as they already have that information. If you have any of the Agent Orange conditions go to the DAV and they will be extremely helpful in filing a claim. I hope this helps all my fellow Blue Water Navy EDWARDS VETS. If any has any questions please let me know, I have been

through the whole process.

Bob DeValk, SK2 (crew of '70,71, & 72)

Any one that are waiting to order one the two pins please send money to the address i well put here. Plus let Jim know which one you want or both. Again there \$13.00 each. Jim well let me know your address so to mail them to you. Thanks for your support to are Eddie association. Here is his address.

Jim Kress

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Thanks .

Robert: for the guy who's trying to locate latitudes and longitudes for the Edwards, he might be able to find what he needs by getting a hold of the ship's deck logs which were filled out daily and show the lat-longs. I attached a screenshot from a Google search I did and came up with a link to the national archives catalog. I am unsure as to whether this is some kind of commercial entity or if he can go directly to the national archives site. He may need to research it a little but the information should be available.

T. Farrell

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