

As of 10/30/10 active member now stand at 639; we have also 72 deceased member; 2 are pending waiting for their application in the mail; and 31 more shipmates that I am in contact with.

We had a great response to last month request for commanding officers Of the Richard S Edwards. Many thanks to shipmates who were contributors .

Commanding Officers For the Richard S Edwards DD-950

CDR. R.P. Law	5 Feb 50 - 6 Jan 61	
CDR. H.E. Thronhill Jr,	6 Jan 61 - 14 Jul 62	Deceased
CDR. R.A. Hogsed	14 Jul 62 - 1 Aug 64	Deceased
CDR. J.E. Evans	1 Aug 64 - 16 Feb 66	Deceased
CDR. J.D. Owens	16 Feb 66 - 24 Aug 67	
CDR. C.L. Blair	24 Aug 67 – 8 May 68	deceased
LCDR. B.A.Tager	8 May 68 – 15 Aug 68	
CDR. J.E.Murray	15 Aug 68 – 27 Feb 70	deceased
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CDR. W.C. Deal	15 Jan 71 – 16 Aug 72	deceased
Cdr. L.K. Rice	16 Aug 72 – 16 Feb 74	
LCDR. A.E Witham	16 Feb 74 - 17 Apr 76	
CDR. J.W. Walker	17 Apr 76 - 1 Apr 78	
CDR. R.E. Barbour	1 Apr 78 – 11 Aug 80	
CDR. J.E. Traver	11 Aug 80 – 23 Apr 82	
Capt. D.D. Clark	23 Apr 82 – 6 May 82	
CDR. J.R. Bailey	6 May 82 – 15 Dec 82	

In the next couple of week we hope to have up on the web site the schedule for 2012 reunion with signup sheet. If anyone knows of shipmates who are interested in getting information on the reunion and who do not have computers or internet access please let me know their names and I will mail out the information to them. I am already putting together a list for mail out towards the end of October.

I am asking for leads, names of shipmates who are not members of the association that you are in contact.

Next, this is for those who are still working, if your employer pays part of your medical insurance as of 1/01/11 that money will be reported to the IRs as income on your 2011 W-2. You will be able to deduct a portion of the cost , after you meet the requirements on your schedule A. If your company pay the insurance with pre tax money, you cannot deduct insurance cost on your itemized schedule A. Please check with your tax person on this matter.

The board has also been busy voting on a resolution.

It is the position of the board of Directors for the Richard S Edwards Association, that the Association is not in a financial position to make donations/contributions to any organization, no matter how worthy the cause maybe.

It is also the board of director position that member or guest should not conduct business as it relates to financial gain, while attending an official Association activity, nor using one's membership status to solicit business for personal financial gain or contributions for organization not related to the USS Richard S. Edwards Association

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No new memberships received this month

A new project That I am doing is trying to find as many shipmates as possible who are on face book. Would like this to be developed this as another way to contact members when other means such as email fails. If you are on face book and have not been contacted by me please let me know

From the President's Desk

“ AT THE 2010 REUNION DINNER, ONE OF OUR MEMBERS ASKED ABOUT THE SHIP RECEIVING A ‘PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION’ AWARD SOMETIME AROUND 1971 OR 1972. I PROMISED I WOULD CHECK WITH MY UNITED STATES SENATOR AND IF THERE WAS AN AWARD, I WOULD LET EVERYBODY KNOW. I ALSO ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION FROM THE MEMBER. NO FURTHER INFORMATION CAME TO ME BUT I DID CONTACT THE OFFICE OF MY SENATOR ANYWAY. A MEMBER OF THE SENATOR'S STAFF REPORTED BACK TO ME THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO FIND ANY INFORMATION THAT THE SHIP DID IN FACT RECEIVE THE AWARD. I DO INTEND TO RECONTACT THE SENATOR'S OFFICE AND ASK THAT HE SPONSOR SOME SORT PAPERWORK THAT WOULD ALLOW THOSE OF US, WHO ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR THE VIETNAM CAMPAIGNE RIBBON, TO WEAR THE RIBBON. SOME OF US WERE THERE AND BECAUSE OF THE POLITICS OF THE TIME, SOME OF OUR MEMBERS CANNOT WEAR THE

VIETNAM RIBBON WITH THE ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. I HOPE I CAN CHANGE THAT.” JOSEPH “JJ” HOGUE

He would also like to let you know that to please check out your website dd950.com. In the reunion tab will be found 2012 New Orleans **For Planning purpose only information on our next reunion.**

From your Secretary Desk

Last month's email request for contacts produced good response. One of the names give me to track down was Theoplis King per his wife died on 1/07/05. To place his name in your memorial page we need his rank and years aboard the Edwards. Anyone who has this information please contact me with it