

As of 4/2/11 active member stands at 648; there are 43 shipmates pending information, and we have 79 shipmates on our memorial page. We added two shipmates this month to our memorial page this month Paul Bernat, Charles Benway. Notices were given by a friend of the family. Please welcome our newest members to the association: Paul Goff (65-67; yn2) Darrel Johnson (mm1; 60-64) Ray Rapalee (CWO2; 77-79). I have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them.

From the President's Desk

Check out the Web site [www. dd950.com](http://www.dd950.com). Please look at the information we have added about your reunion in New Orleans May of 2012. While you are there checkout the rest of the Web site

From the New Orleans Coordinator

Hello Ready Eddie Shipmates,

We are finishing up planning our RICHARD S. EDWARDS 2012 Reunion in New Orleans May 30 (eve) to June 3 (morn), 2012. Basic information can be found at our website www.dd950.com.

I am going to pass on periodic updates by going in greater depth into specific subjects. We'll begin today with our hotel, ***The Maison Dupuy, "The French Quarter Hotel."*** Check it out at www.maisondupuy.com.

This beautiful boutique hotel is ideally located in the residential section of the Quarter, yet only two blocks from the center of Bourbon Street, and such landmark establishments as Pat O'Brien's, Preservation Hall, Court of Two Sisters, etc..

Our special room rates are \$109 (plus tax) for single or double, \$129 for triple, and \$139 for quad. You may opt for a balcony for only \$20 more. These are their deluxe rooms, all with a French Quarter of Patio exposure, and with a king size or two double beds. These rates also apply before and after our reunion dates, depending on availability.

Our group will also enjoy **complimentary extend full American breakfast daily**, a 2 for 1 cocktail coupon per guest daily, and half price valet in-hotel parking (\$16 per night.) Enjoy the salt water pool and Jacuzzi on the patio, well-equipped fitness center, 24 hour complimentary Internet Center, and free internet service throughout the hotel.

Room furnishings reflect the neighborhood ambiance, are spacious and include pillow topped mattresses, safes, iron/ironing board, granite/marble bathrooms, hair dryers, and heat lamps.

The Hotel's **LeMeritage Restaurant** with noted Chef Michael Farrell offers a fine dining option featuring a unique WINE centric menu complete with small and large plate selections. **The Bistreaux** features inspired comfort food with a touch of local New Orleans concoctions for lunch and dinner. **The Bistreaux Bar** presents live music nightly.

Congratulations to those of you who have already booked 28 rooms. If you are even thinking about coming to the reunion, I encourage you to reserve your room now, at no cost to you. Call 1-800-535-9177 and mention the EDWARDS reunion for our special rates.

We are delighted to see that half of you who have booked are coming one or more days early. This is going to be a very family friendly occasion, ideal to plan a vacation with extra time on your own in New Orleans. (I'll be providing several options of things to do.) And remember, our special rates will apply depending upon availability. All the more reason to book soon.

This is my first in-depth update. Future subjects will include Schedule of Events, Excursions in Detail, Dining & Entertainment, and more.

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From your Secretary Desk

I am asking for any leads of shipmate that you are in contact with who are not members of the Edwards Association.

We sent out 12 letters, 3 emails. This month, we received a 3 new member application, one by mail the others by email. Two death notices, one by phone and one by mail. The letters were sent either for bad email address, no email address, or possible new members.

Treasures Report

The Treasures report is; we have \$2,847.61 in our account. Only upcoming expense is \$323.40 for website fee. Ship Store has had one sale since the first of the year. As of last month newsletter.

Jim

Ship's Store

We have a new ship store person. Please welcome to the position Doug Teeter Sog2 (60-63). We would also like to thank Jim Hovatter for all his years as the ship's store operator.

Web Master (rob Dege)

We are looking several changes to the website in the near future. As changes are completed we will let you know what was done and where to find on the Web Site.

1) Adding CO and XO to the website with possible pictures. I do not have the knowledge or materials available to actually build this website. **I need someone with the necessary knowledge that I can place onto the website.**

2) Award Ribbons. I am still waiting to hear back from Tut on this task.

3) Email address security. Progress is being made. I already have a "test" page that you can view at <http://dd950.com/Crew/crew-new.php> Some tweaking still needs to be done, and the Member's page needs to be password protected, but progress has been made.

-Rob

Missing shipmate

I am starting a new heading for this letter format. Shipmates listed here, we are longer in contact with at all. This is either by email, phone, and my last letter to them was returned. What I am asking is for your help and possible leads for theses shipmates. I will keep their names in your letters for three months. At the end of this time we will drop them from our active roll. If you are in contact with them or know the wife's name please contact me.

Gordon T Phillips 68-70 btfn (2 month)

Notes received from last month letter

Commodore was Capt. Shilson and his XO was Lcdr. Wilson.

For many there is a problem concerning the DD214's. They are incomplete as I was unfortunate to discover. Requesting a DD215 solves the problem as it is amending what was left out. Thanks,

Dana E. Doliber
U.S.S. Richard S. Edwards (DD-950)

> For everyone's information, your letter about the Fort Rosecrans cemetery being full, that is very true there are no more real estate that the cemetery could expand in that area, but they are opening a new one at MIRAMAR Marine Corps Air Station formerly MIRAMAR Naval Air Station. It's a big one and plenty of rooms. It was opened only a few months ago. Plenty of time to make reservation.

Tin Cans forever!
Scott Gordon BT2

Thanks, nice to hear from you. Started a new job and ran into a Ready Eddie Shipmate. Tim Lewis 75-76 , OS I think. Small world. Take care , MMFN Tom Richardson

Thanks for the info. I enjoyed it.
John Overby, FTG2, 61-65

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> A reply for FTG2 Steve Taylor about Com Des Ron 7. The Commodore, that came aboard shortly after the yard period in Long Beach, was Capt James S. Shilson. He got DesRon 7 for his twilight tour after he requested one last chance in destroyers. He had had a squadron before and also was ComFit Acts Sasebo; he turned down a cruiser to get DesRon

I had misplaced my DD214 when I moved. I tried NPRC as you had recommended. They did not have my record on file. So, I emailed NPC and this was my response. I sent a letter and within 2 weeks, I received a cd disk of my DD214's and records of reenlistment and medals received. Thanks for your lead and hope this helps anyone else.