

Please read comments from web master as to how to access web site www.dd950.com membership list

As of 5/11/11 active member stands at 650; there are 39 shipmates pending information, and we have 82 shipmates on our memorial page. Please welcome our newest members to the association: David Cox (70-73, gmg3), James R. Johnson (MM2, 62-66). Roy Rogge ((stg3 74-75). I have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them.

We added Gary W Jones (RMSN, 65-66) to our memorial page, Would like to thank Dan Gravatt for sending in this information. See notes received for more information. We added Miles Garlitz to memorial page, Miles died 8/02/10 from cancer. Last time I talked to him was July of last year about his membership at that time he told about his cancer. Researching records found a notice of his death in Maryland where he lived. George Beshears , died 9/13/09 See below

From the President's Desk

Check out the Web site 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

“IT IS MONDAY MORNING, MAY 2, 2011. I HAVE JUST TUNED ON FOX NEWS AND LEARNED THAT PUBLIC ENEMY # 1, MET HIS DEMISE, WHILE LIVING IN A COMPOUND IN PAKISTAN. THE BEST PART OF IT IS THAT IT WAS SEAL TEAM SIX WHO AVENGED THOSE WHO DIED ON 9/11/2001.

OUR POLITICIANS IN WASHINGTON ARE GOING TO BASK IN THE GLORY IN THE EXTERMINATION OF THE MOST DESPICABLE CRIMINAL EVER TO HAVE SLITHERED OUT FROM UNDER A ROCK AND ACROSS THE FACE OF THE EARTH. OF COURSE WE ALL KNOW THE POLITICIANS ONLY SIGNED THEIR NAME TO A PIECE OF PAPER GIVING PERMISSION TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION AND THAT ALL THE REAL WORK WAS DONE BY SEAL TEAM SIX AND THE CIA. I DON'T BELIEVE A POLITICIAN WOULD EVER PUT HIMSELF/HERSELF INTO A COMBAT SITUATION, SUCH AS THOSE OUR FORCES FACE EVERY DAY AND FOR THAT WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL. WE KNOW WHERE THE REAL CREDIT SHOULD GO.

WE ALSO KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO BE AWAY FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHILE ON A DEPLOYMENT. WHEN YOU SEE ONE OF OUR ARMED FORCES MEMBERS, TAKE THE TIME TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE. A SIMPLE 'THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE' CAN GO A LONG WAY IN SHOWING THEM WE CARE. GOD BLESS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AND CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR GREAT COUNTRY.”

“ THE NEW ORLEANS REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE WILL BE COMING OUT VERY SHORTLY. WE WILL DO A SPECIAL E-MAILING TO EVERYBODY, SO THAT YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR THE REUNION AND GET YOUR MONEY SENT IN. I WOULD ENCOURAGE EVERYONE WHO WILL BE GOING TO THE 2012 REUNION, TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE 85 ROOMS RESERVED, AND SO FAR, 28 ROOMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN RESERVED. WE NEED TO KNOW IF MORE ROOMS WILL BE NEEDED, SO FEEL FREE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION. JUST BE SURE TO TELL THE HOTEL YOU ARE WITH THE USS RICHARD S. EDWARDS ASSOCIATION.

“ SPEAKING FOR THE BOARD, I HOPE WE WILL SEE MANY PRIOR REUNION ATTENDEES AS WELL AS NEW ATTENDEES. CAPT. GARY BAIR HAS PUT TOGETHER AN OUTSTANDING REUNION FOR US.”

JOSEPH J. HOGUE

From the New Orleans Coordinator

*Please be sure to check out all the reunion information on our web site www.dd950.com. We'll be finalizing everything and sending the registration form shortly. Note that you can also click onto "March 13, 2011 Newsletter Update" for expanded information on our hotel, The Maison Dupuy. You are encouraged to go ahead now and make your reservations at no cost. **As of this date, we already have 28 rooms reserved by shipmates in the following names: (list)***

Hogue, JJ; Turley, Jack; Trytten, Joe; Crawford, Carolyn; Kruger, Connie; Kruger, Patrick; Cusick, Bill; White, Larry; Marceau, Steven; Kress, James; Howell, Russell; Fowler, Todd; Sheard, Bob; Chester, Barbara; Fadely, Tom; Fadely, Steven; Fadely Daniel; Lambrecht, Deb; Tuttle, Debra; Cooley, Bryon; Robertson, Michael; Banks, Richard; Renniecke, William; Bair, Gary.

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 7 emails. This month, we received a 2 new member application, one by email, 2 regular mail. Received 2 emails this month for records corrections. Sent 28 letters to members who have no email accounts about the reunion or asking to verify the member's information.

Web Master

To all,

In the past few months, it has come to our attention that spammers have been accessing the email addresses from the Crew & Members sections of our website. As a result, two changes have been applied to the website to better protect our Members, while at the same time, minimizing the amount of information removed for non-members who are visiting our website.

1) The Members page has been locked down, and requires a username & password. To access the Members section, the username is **member**

2) The Crew page will still be accessible to the general public, however, all of the email addresses have been removed.

Also, three new email distribution lists have been created to help members contact different areas of the

Association:

- 1) officers@dd950.com -> Send an email to all of the Association officers
- 2) mal@dd950.com -> Send an email to all of the 'Members at Large'
- 3) store@dd950.com -> Send an email to the Ship's Store

Treasures Report

Bank balance is \$ 2,416.36

Ship's Store

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Ships store operator is Doug Teeter

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 (3 month). At the end of this month we will drop this member from our active row.

Notes received from last month letter

Just wanted to let the shipmates know that Gary W Jones passed away on March 26, 2011. He died of cancer. He served on the Ready Eddie from 1965-1966 as a RMSN. Gary was at the last reunion. His beloved friend Evelyn recited a beautiful poem at the memorial aboard the battleship. He was a good friend and will be missed.
Dan Gravatt RM3

I was aboard the Eddie 65/69. Remember a Commodore Robinson ,Des/sqd /7 We were his flag ship. We went into Danang Harbour. Mike boat came along side to pick up and poked a hole in our side just above the water line. We were at GQ the whole time we were there. Heard sometime later that Capt Robinson and some of staff were killed in a helo crash. R.Ogden RD2.

George Beshears 58-60 gm3 survived by his wife Martha was last known to have live in Bucyrus Ohio where died on 9/13/09. No forwarding address was found for Martha. Death notices stated he was a navy veteran who died at 74 years of age.

John Fasce

Hi I am a radarman from the 1965 to 1970 CIC team and would like to find Chief Carl Buss, RD2 Thomas, RD3 Williams and others from my time period. If you have any news of them please post it for me. Thanks in advance.

Hi Bob. This is Cindy writing on behalf of Dan Burns.

He's been quite ill for a few months. He was in the hospital in Lynchburg for a week, being treated for pneumonia. They sent him home and he got worse so we went to UVA Hospital in Charlottesville, VA where he was admitted this past Sunday. Since then, he's been on several different IV antibiotics and undergone many many tests. It turns out that, in addition to the pneumonia, he also has stage 3 lung cancer. He'll be in the hospital for a while longer while they try to figure out what bacteria is causing the pneumonia so they can best treat it because they can't start cancer treatment while he has an infection.

Feel free to pass on the information. Here's a link to a UVA site where people can send a free e-card to him. He's gotten several and really gets a kick out of them. He's in room 3 West - 3171 <http://uvahealth.com/ecard-gallery>

If anyone wants to send him a card or anything else, here is some information from the UVA web site:

Deliveries

Deliveries are made to inpatient units on weekdays. For patient safety, only Mylar (not latex) balloons are permitted. After a patient leaves the hospital, mail is forwarded to the address given to the Admitting staff.

Send mail and flowers to:

[Patient's full legal name]

UVA Medical Center, Nursing unit and room number
Charlottesville, VA 22908