

As of 6/06/11 active member stands at 653; there are 37 shipmates pending information, and we have 83 shipmates on our memorial page. Please welcome our newest members to the association: David Kaylor (mm3 , 77-80), H. Scott Darling (mm3, 72-75), Charles Webber (80-82 et3), James Lanyon 970-73 Bt3) have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them.

We added Steven Springer to the memorial page. Please see below letters received.

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

Gary next letter Reunion letter will be in the July's newsletter. That will have the tours an events on it with cost

*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; Rennieke, William; Bair, Gary; Solis, Arthur; Heinen, Jerry Total reservation as of 3/17/11 is 30 rooms.

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 2 new member applications, one by email and one by mail, also received 6 emails this month for records corrections. I sent out 45 letters to shipmates about the reunion with problems with their email addresses. One letter was returned David Atwater Itjg. See below missing shipmates. We removed from the active members list Gordon T. Philips. 68-70 I was unable to contact this member at all for over 3 months. We found out through Joseph Wozniak That a fellow shipmate passed away please see letters received below. Looking for his rank and time on the Edwards need to enter his name on the memorial page

Treasures Report

Bank balance is \$ 2,483.82 as of last month. Next month report will have Yearly Report for tax July 1, 2010 to June 30,2011

Ship's Store

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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 these 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 him or know the wife's name please contact me.

David C. Atwater Ltjg last known address Phoenix Az, no email address on record with the associatioin

Robert Marlett (cdr) bt3 on the Edwards moved no phone number, no email address

Notes received from last month letter

Dear Robert

I got your email today and need to tell you something. I lost my beloved Steven to pancreatic cancer this January 21st. He was told back in June and only given 6- to 1 yr so he went thru the kemo crap every week and took a cancer pill TARCEVA.....He did NOT really go downhill till dec. At his birthday parties in Nov he still looked like himself. he was also still working full time. later on the company got him a lap top to work from home,,,, he was put on the list for trial drugs and kemo in dallas but never had the strength to start, In middle of all this crap he had his gallbladder removed so he REALLY went down from there with his strength... he went peaceful at home (we were only with hospic for 1 week) he went bad on Jan 20th on a Thrus then went to cowboy heaven around 1pm on Fri Jan 21st. Steven was creamated and his ashes were buried in the National VA cemetery here in Dallas (about 20 min from the house)

He was a very PROUD man,,,and always grateful he got to serve his country. 2 years ago he was able to get 4 medals he was entitled too thru the computer. So now I have his flag and the medals hanging in the house. We were only married for 18 years...and he was only 67. I am still trying to get use to the idea. We live on 6 beautiful acres here in Mansfield Texas. I am going to do my damnest to hang on to this place since I feel him everywhere out here. We raised 3 georgous appaloosa horses over the last 10 years, Please give everyone my best and I hope your reunion is wonderful. Steve and I had planned to come to this but life took a different turn.

GOD BLESS all you great Navy men. I hope you can all keep his memory in your hearts and keep his memory very much ALIVE on the USS Edwards. He always told me some WILD stories.

Take care

the VERY proud Mrs Steven B Springer

have recently found out that James "Izzie" Izard, Naval Academy class of '58, passed away last October. The Academy's Alumni magazine obituary notice listed him as having served on the Edwards in 1962. When we roomed together on the Edwards we were known as "Iz" & "Woz", go figure.

Joe

J. Ann Springer
SpringTex Appaloosa Ranch
Mansfield, Texas

In contact with Dan Burns, has moved to another hospital wear they have just started his cemo along with fighting his other health problem. Dan has suffered one stroke and a heart attack since being told had third stag lung cancer

[David Freeman](#)

12:33pm May 24

I was aboard the Edwards form January 2, 1964 until February 1967, we went to GQ and fired several rounds, I was in the mid-ship magazine loading power and ammo for the 5" gun, we fired several shots. We were told that we had sunk several small Vietnamese Torpedo boats, which I believe did happen, later were on deck looking for survivors; there was derby in the water but, we found no bodies or survivors

[Dale Spain](#)

7:40am May 25

Joe, I was a 2nd class FT and standing watch in CIC when we went to GQ. I saw at least one target approaching at high speed off the port side. When we went to GQ we fired one round across his bow. He turned and went back the way he came. My station during GQ was in the forward gun director. After we had gone to GQ, another target approached from astern off the starboard side. The aft fire control locked on to him and fired a round. Just as that round was fired, the gyroscope for the aft fire control,(which kept everything level as the ship rolled) lost power and the barrel of the 5" gun dropped. The round went into the water just a few yards from the ship. We swung around and locked onto what I think was the same target, traveling parallel to us on the starboard side. We were firing VT frag ammunition, set to go off over the target. We were the flagship for the Commodore and he wanted to kill the people on board but not destroy the boat. We would have then had proof that we were attacked. As I was looking through the scope of the gun director, I saw one of our rounds go off where this target was and saw what appeared to me to be a mast pass in front of the explosion.. I believe this round went off beyond the target and the boat was passing between the Edwards and the explosion. I think that was the last round fired. The next day we criss-crossed back and forth over this area looking for debris, but we never found anything. We had people from Washington come and talk to us about it later. When the report in Stars and Stripes came out, it was reported that is was cloudy and raining that night. Not true. It was clear and the moon was out. It's been almost 47 years, and I might be a little befuddled, but that's the scenario that I've carried since that night.

[Joe Elbaor](#)

12:08pm May 24

On our ships history it says, "Edwards and Morton (DD-948) engaged North Vietnamese torpedo boats in the Tonkin Gulf on 18 September, probably sinking several." But other sites say this on September 18th, two destroyers, the U.S.S. Richard S. Edwards (DD - 950) and the U.S.S. Morton (DD - 948) were alleged to have been attacked according to both the United States and the North Vietnamese, this event did not occur. Who's right?