

As of 7/21/11 active member stands at 656; there are 36 shipmates pending information, and we have 87 shipmates on our memorial page. Please welcome our newest member to the association. David King (smsa, 75-76)

We added Dan Burns to the memorial, and William (bill) Mitchell thanks to Al Patson for Bill's Notice.

From the President's Desk

HEY, ALL YOU SWABBIES, THE FINAL REUNION INFORMATION IS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE. CAPT. GARY BAIR HAS PUT TOGETHER A GREAT REUNION FOR US. ALL THE COSTS ARE LOCKED IN AND WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY CHANGES. THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR REGISTRATION WILL BE APRIL 30, 2012. THIS NEEDS TO BE "THE" CUT-OFF DATE AS IT WILL GIVE US THE INFORMATION WE NEED TO ARRANGE BUS TRANSPORTATION TO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.

THE REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE DOWNLOADED BY GOING TO THE REUNION SECTION OF THE WEBSITE, AND CLICKING ON "UP COMING EVENTS." SCROLL DOWN AND YOU WILL SEE INFORMATION ON THE HOTEL AND THE REGISTRATION FORM. THE REGISTRATION FORM INCLUDES THE REGISTRATION COST, WHAT TOURS CAPT. BAIR HAS ARRANGED, THE COST OF EACH TOUR, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY WHO ARE TAKING THE TOUR, AND THE TOTAL COST. AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE REGISTRATION PACKAGE, PLEASE SEND ENTIRE REGISTRATION PACKAGE AND A CHECK TO ME. MY ADDRESS APPEARS ON THE FORM. BE SURE TO FILL IN ALL THE INFORMATION ON THE FORM AND MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO "RS EDWARDS ASSOCIATION."

AS CAPT. BAIR HAS STATED BEFORE, THE HOTEL IS EXTENDING OUR SPECIAL ROOM RATE FOR ADDITIONAL DAYS, SHOULD YOU CARE TO SPEND A FEW EXTRA DAYS, EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE REUNION. SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE EXTRA DAYS, BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. EXTRA DAYS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE ARRIVING ON WEDNESDAY (OR SOONER) AND WISH DINE AT EITHER JACQUES-IMO'S OR MULATE'S ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE. THERE WILL BE A \$5.00 PER PERSON CHARGE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM EITHER RESTAURANT THAT WILL NEED TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR TOTAL COST.

ONE THING THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE REUNION IS THE LOCATION OF THE 2014 REUNION. THE 2014 REUNION SHOULD BE HELD SOMEWHERE OUT WEST. IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A SUGGESTION FOR THE 2014 REUNION, PLEASE BE PREPARED TO MAKE A PRESENTATION AT THE BUSINESS MEETING, WHICH SHOULD BE SATURDAY EVENING. IF YOUR SUGGESTION IS APPROVED BY THOSE ATTENDING THE BUSINESS MEETING, YOU SHOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PUTTING TOGETHER THE REUNION. IF FOR SOME REASON WE DO NOT RECEIVE ANY PROPOSALS FOR A WESTERN AREA LOCATION, WE MAY NEED TO TAKE ANY AND ALL SUGGESTIONS.

MARK AND JODY, THE PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO DID SUCH A GREAT JOB AT THE 2010 REUNION, WILL ONCE AGAIN BE TAKING A PHOTO RECORD OF THE REUNION. A GROUP PHOTO WILL COST \$15.00 AND THE DVD WILL COST \$30.00. IF YOU CHOOSE TO PRE-ORDER THE GROUP PHOTO AND /OR THE DVD, YOU CAN CERTAINLY DO SO. IF YOU CHOOSE TO PURCHASE EITHER THE GROUP PHOTO AND/OR THE DVD AT THE REUNION, IT WILL COST YOU MORE MONEY.

WEATHER/ATTIRE: DATES FOR THE REUNION ARE WELL PRIOR TO ANY THREAT OF A HURRICANE. EXPECT IT TO BE HOT, BUT NOT AS HOT AND HUMID AS IT WILL BE ONLY A FEW WEEKS LATER. PLAN TO DRESS COMFORTABLY AND CASUALLY.

FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE FLYING INTO NEW ORLEANS: THE HOTELS DO NOT RUN THEIR OWN AIRPORT SHUTTLES. THERE IS AN AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE FOR \$20.00 PER PERSON. TAXI TRANSPORTATION IS \$30.00 FOR THE FIRST TWO PASSENGERS.

PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORMS COMPLETELY.

THE 2012 REUNION IS GOING TO BE FUN AND EXCITING. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY OF YOU AGAIN, ALONG WITH A FEW NEW FACES.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHIPMATE, JOHN FASCE. HE IS THE FIRST MEMBER TO SEND IN HIS COMPLETED REGISTRATION PACKAGE.
JJ HOGUE

From the New Orleans Coordinator

Plans have been finalized for an exciting reunion early next summer in New Orleans in the heart of the famed French Quarter. **You can read all about it and click on for your registration form by going to our web site www.dd950.com at any time.**

We are encouraging a join-up Wednesday evening, May 30th, (and have offered dining options), so you can sign up for our series of morning excursions. Handicap-friendly, we'll tour during the cooler part of the days, using comfortable air-conditioned coaches for short trips, with minimal walking, delicious lunches, and reduced prices. You'll have some afternoon time to "do your own thing", and some fun evenings to be all together, and others to "hit the Quarter."

We have strived to make the entire time fun and entertaining for all ages. Think about bringing family and friends for a true vacation! Of course, you can come earlier, and/or stay longer. We'll have plenty of recommendations for more things to do, and the hotel will extend our special rates and benefits, **based upon availability**. So it's best to call the Maison Dupuy Hotel now at 1-800-535-9177.

Thanks to Webmaster Rob Dege, our site makes it easy to read all about the reunion, and even to click on to get more detail, and even to check out the websites of all the attractions we'll experience.

Please let me know at 504-391-0667 if you have any questions or want to let me know of any special needs.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,
Gary Bair

*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 32 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; Solis, Arthur; Heinen, Jerry; Underwood, doug; Total reservation as of 7/15/11.

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 1 emails. This month, we received 1 new member applications by email, also received no email this month for records corrections. I sent out no letters to shipmates about the reunion

or problems with their email addresses. Thanks to the shipmate for the lead C. Atwater will now try his wife. We remove Robert Marlett from the active row due to unable to contact him in any form. **If any of you have had a change in address, phone number or are thinking of change to a different email provider or know of a shipmate who has changed any of his information, please email with your corrections to update our records.** If you know of a death shipmate that served on the Edwards and is not on the memorial page. Please contact me with as much information as possible such as year of death rank, years aboard. Last three need if not a member. To the shipmates who are waiting for the agent orange if you did not receive an email from on Tuesday 8/15/11 please contact me and will send it again.

Treasures Report

Treasurer's report: \$2,456.97 in account.

Ship's Store

Start thinking what you are going to need for the reunion and order now.

Missing shipmate

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 him or know the wife's name please contact me. None this month have 4 I am trying to contact

Notes received from last month letter

[Thanks for the informative articles, very nice](#)

Good evening, Bull. Many thanks for all you and your staff do for the Ready Eddy and Bravo Zulu to Skipper Page for the great job to get the RSE added to the Agent Orange list. I had just reported aboard on 12 Fed '69 - as it happened my 21st birthday - and have been praying for the Agent Orange recognition. I would appreciate a copy of Skipper Page's letter and that of the Under Secretary as well. I didn't see any attachments in the newsletter. If you have it electronically that will be fine, otherwise pls fwd hard copy via snail mail.

Thnx again,

Maurice L. Conner Jr.

2/'69-3/'70, YN3 (Ship's Office)

LNCM retired 12/'91

Some forms that our shipmates may need.

The 2011 edition of the Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors booklet is now available on the web at http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp and is also available in [PDF Format](#).

Do you want to apply for VA [health benefits](#), request [military records](#), or [change your address](#)? These are just a few of VA's [most frequently requested forms](#).

Visit the [National Resource Directory](#) for information about military and VA benefits, military pay, disability compensation, insurance, Social Security benefits and more. This was submitted by Jack Turley thanks Jack (bull)