

**We have 561 who verified their information, thank you. If you receive a membership application please fill it out and return it as soon as possible. We are starting to let you know about information on the next reunion. It will be found in the president portion of the newsletter. We have dropped 6 members in this newsletter from our membership list. We had no current information on them. See reunion Coordinator section for tour info**

**“The challenge coins are now available in the ship’s store!”**

See President desk for information

As of 7/08/13 active members stand 636 (561 who have verified their info and 75 waiting for response). We added to members this month please welcome Robert McGovern (58-59, ossn) Walter Branson (OS2, 81-82) I have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them.

We have 122 on your memorial page. Added to the memorial page. (Butch) Dennis Leon Wheeler (60-61; bmsn) See comments below by Bob Sheard

A lot of us have friends who we have kept in touch with who are not members. We are asking you to contact them and get them to join us.

### **I From The President’ s Desk**

The hotel has agreed to extend the cost of rooms to those who wish to arrive earlier than the scheduled dates of the reunion and also after the conclusion of the reunion. We have 85 rooms set aside for us and if we need to have more rooms made available, that might be a problem, so reserve early. When making your reservation, be sure to give them our code of “RSEDWARDS, MAY 2014.” Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-722-7141.

Don Stine will no longer be posting photographs on our website. So, we are looking for someone to take his place. Please, if you would like to help, contact me or any board member. It will be necessary to work closely with our webmaster, Rob Dege. There are some photographs waiting to be posted on the website and your help would be greatly appreciated. Rob can certainly tell you what you need in the way equipment and guide you through the process. If possible, we will try and return any photos that Don may have, to the rightful owners.

In other news: Our association exists through donations and profits from the sale of items in the ship’s store, which are minimal. The association has a non-profit tax status. Any donation that is received is tax deductible. The money you spend on items purchased through the ship’s store might be tax deductible. Our association is solvent, but it never hurts to have money in our bank account so that we can explore the possibility of expanding items available in the ship’s store. Todd Fowler would love to ship you something.

Some of our members who have purchased our latest item in the ship’s store, the challenge coin, have wondered how to get the coin out of the protective plastic case. There is a very small notch on the outer edge of the case. You may need a magnifying glass to find it. Once you locate it, gently insert a small screwdriver or similar tool into the notch and lightly twist the tool. This should pop the case open so that you can handle the coin.

We are striving to get the 2014 Reunion information completed so that we can post it on the website and get registrations started. By the way, if you plan on attending the reunion and wish to suggest a location and coordinate a 2016 reunion, start doing your homework and make a proposal. We would need information on lodging, tourist attractions and transportation in order for those members in attendance at the 2014 Reunion San Francisco, to make a decision where the 2016 Reunion will be held. We should be going back to the eastern part of our country. So think about it.

There isn't much else going on right now. The board hopes everyone is having a great summer.

JJ Hogue

## **From your Reunion Coordinator**

Reunion dates may 28, 2014-jun 1, 2014, see president's notes for hotel information. If you are planning to go to the reunion, please consider making your room reservation soon. Do not wait for the last moment there might not be a room available. Will start informing you of rooms left of the 85 that are available in our monthly newsletter. See information on hotel attached. Limited number of microwave are also available upon request first come first served. Hey Guys, These are the rates. double, triple and quad. Add 10% tax+\$3.50 surcharge per night. Mention R.S. Edwards Reunion. **Cut- off date is April 4, 2014.** Hope to have tour finalized in the near future

### 2014 Reunion Rough Draft

#### **Wed. 28<sup>th</sup>: 6:30-9:00 Welcome**

Conference room—cash bar

Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup>: 6:30-8:30—Breakfast

9:00—Begin boarding buses to Pier 39

10:00-3:00—Hop on-hop off tours—drop off buses

3:30—Alcatraz tour

6:30—Dinner

9:00pm—Buses back to Best Western—pick up buses

#### **Fri.30<sup>th</sup>: 6:30-8:30—Breakfast**

9:00—Begin boarding buses

Group A: all day buses to Muir Woods & Sonoma-Back@3:00

Group B: buses to Pier 39 hop-on-hop off—drop off buses

5:30-- Harbor tour, both groups dinner on their own (transportation  
Back to hotel option)

9:00—Buses back to Best Western—pick up buses

**Sat. 31<sup>st</sup>: 6:30-8:30—Breakfast**

9:00—Begin boarding buses

Group A: all day buses to Ft.Point, Crissy Field, USS Hornet

Group B: buses to Pier 39 hop-on-hop off—drop off buses

4:00—Buses back to Best Western—pick up buses

TBA—Pictures (possible 5:15-6:00pm)

TBA—Dinner in Hotel (following pictures)

TBA-- After dinner farewell in conference rooms

**Sunday, 1June—6:30-8:30---Breakfast**

12noon departure

This is a tentative schedule, that is being sent to give you an idea of possible site seeing tour being arrange and are subject to change

Wolf

## Web Site change

We are adding something to our web site under ship information history. Looking for some, who was on board the Edwards when it was hit by the carrier to add something about it also to this portion of the ship's info. Please contact me if you wish to do the write up

## Secretary Desk

I am asking for any leads of shipmate that you are in contact, who are not members of the Edwards' Association. If you have not verified your address and phone number please take a few minutes and email me at [bullcs3@hotmail.com](mailto:bullcs3@hotmail.com) .

We also sent out 2 letters, for membership leads this month.

Again thank you to all shipmates that responded to the records verification updates.

## Treasures Report

June 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013

Beginning Balance \$3,766.05  
Income \$116.00  
Expenses \$0  
Ending Balance \$3,882.05

Jim

## Memory

If you have a story to tell, while aboard please send it to me.

## Ship's Store

If you have not visited the ship's store please do so. Need a new tee shirt?

## Missing shipmates

Frederick L. Thompson (58-60: Ft3) no current email. phone or address on record

Fred Weary (80-81; FTG2) no current email, address, or phone on record

If you are in contact with them please have them email me with their information

## Newsletter Notes

**The free guestbook service that was used on the website was discontinued by the vendor. For the interim, the guestbook buttons have been removed from the website.**

**We are currently looking for a suitable replacement. Once we locate one, the buttons will be restored.**

**Thank you,**

[www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/ships/list.asp](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/ships/list.asp) (united States Department of Veteran Affairs)

I'm trying to get some information regarding the USS Edwards' activities in Vietnam during my tour which was from 1970-72. Could you provide me with this information or direct me to a good source that supports our efforts to support the war effort off the coast of Vietnam. Please send any reply to [grizzlee1950@aol.com](mailto:grizzlee1950@aol.com). Thanks.  
Sherrill L. Swinney

- > **Does any one know how to get in touch with MMC Smith on board 79 to 82**
- > **Paul Binette**
- > **BRR Refrigeration**

Going through records for the association noticed that we have not heard from (Butch) Dennis Wheeler Sr for awhile, could not find his address in the phone book. Checked online tributes site and saw that ancestry had an obituary on him. He was born 6/6/1942 in Greensboro North Caroline. Enlisted Us Navy 1959 and retired from his flooring business and moved to Oak Island where he owned A Cash Unlimited Pawn Inc. Died o Dec. 11, 2011, after battling heart disease for 16 years. (bull)

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