

See reunion Coordinator section for tour info. In the portion newsletter notes, please read item about Harold Haas. If anyone of his shipmates wishes to contact him I have his address. Read question asked by Rick Banks.

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

See President desk for information

As of 8/31/13 active members stand 637 (561 who have verified their info and 75 waiting for response). We added to members this month please welcome Richard Wass (62-63;sogsn) I have his information for anyone who wishes to contact him We have 122 on your memorial page. 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

Here is a little information on what will be going on in San Francisco for the 2014 Reunion. One of the optional tours is called the “Big Bus Tour” or the “hop on, hop off” tour. Ralph Draeger has been able to secure a three day pass for us. You will board the Big Bus downtown and begin a two and a half hour tour of the city. You can get off the bus at any of the twenty sites, and explore the area. When you are done, you can re-board another bus and continue on. Buses run about an hour apart depending on traffic. The charge for this outstanding tour will be about \$69.00 for adults and \$38.00 for children between the ages of 5 to 15 years old. It sounds like a lot but remember, this is a three day pass, which also includes admission to the Aquarium near pier 39. If you would like further information on this tour, go to “bigbustours.com” on the internet.

Day one of the reunion will feature a tour of Alcatraz. It will be necessary to divide our group into at least two groups. We have secured 120 tickets and the ferry boat to the island can hold only sixty people. The first group will depart the landing at 10:30 am followed by group two at 11:00am. The thing to note about this tour is that from the landing up to the prison itself is about one quarter of a mile, uphill. There is a small tram available for those who are handicapped. [We may be able to get more tickets should we need them.](#)

Later, on day one, we will all gather at Neptune’s restaurant on Pier 39 for a buffet style dinner. The restaurant offers beautiful views of San Francisco bay.

Day two will begin at the hotel with buses boarding for the Muir Woods/ Sonoma all day tour. This is an optional tour. The hop on-hop off tours will also be running.

Also on day two, we have scheduled a harbor cruise. Since we have chartered the boat for our group, our tour will last two hour as opposed to a normal one or one and half hour tours. The boat is equipped to handle up to two hundred people, but we need one hundred in order to meet the minimum number of participants. We can always add more. This should be a beautiful time of day to cruise San Francisco Bay.

Dinner will be on your own.

Day three will once again have an all day tour. This tour will begin with boarding buses at the hotel and then take us to three points of interest. These stops include Ft. Point, Crissy Fields and the USS Hornet across the bay in Alameda. While on the USS hornet you may partake of a hot lunch which is optional. This tour is an option to the hop on- hop off tour.

Sometime around 4:00PM we will have returned to the Pier 39 area and have boarded the buses back to the hotel. We will gather for pictures sometime before 6:30 pm. After pictures we have our banquet/business meeting, election of officers and finally selecting the site for the 2016 reunion.

Ralph Draeger and Lee Baly will be providing additional information and details about what they have arranged for us.. They have put together lots of options for us and left us with decisions on which tours we want to take.

We should be posting the registration form on the website very soon. The form will include the costs of tours etc. It won't hurt to make your hotel reservation well in advance. Twenty rooms have already been reserved out of the 85 set aside for us and adding more rooms later on might not be possible.

JJ

FHere's the best we can get as far as R.V. parks are concerned. Treasure Island R.V. park, located at 1700 El Camino Real. It the closest, as well as the cheapest, at \$65 per night. People can register online @ "Treasure island r.v. park.com." They can give all the vital info. about their rig. They can also call 650-994-3266 and speak to Vince. Tell them to mention they are part of the R.S. Edwards reunion.

Hope this helps,

rom your Reunion Coordinator

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 with, 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 .

We also sent no letters, for membership leads this month.

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

Treasures Report

July1, 2013 – July31, 2013

Beginning Balance \$3882.05
Income \$261.50
Expenses \$789.95
Ending Balance \$3,353.60

Jim

Memory

Ship's Store

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

Missing shipmates

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 (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. 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

Please remove me from your list of potential members. I have suddenly developed a medical problem that prevents traveling - and maybe even living much longer.

I regret both, and thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

Harold. E. Haas
LCDR, SC, USN Ret.

Last weekend I had the opportunity to visit the Military Sea Services Museum in Sebring, FL. It is a small place, but very well maintained. It is run mostly by retired navy volunteers who are doing a fantastic job. It has models, plaques, hats, and memorabilia from hundreds of navy ships. I was disappointed to find that there was nothing to commemorate DD-950.

I think it would be great to send them something from the ship. Got any ideas? I could help with the cost if necessary.

Rick Banks

CANCELLATION POLICY: Should cancellation of the rooms become necessary, the Hotel must receive cancellation notification in writing prior to the cancellation date indicated on the Rooms Contract. If a cancellation occurs after that date, the refunding of any deposit or money received, as payment will be made at the discretion of the hotel. The customer may also be liable for the payment of additional penalties if the hotel's opportunity to resell the sleeping rooms or meeting space is impaired because of late cancellation.

HOTEL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES: Check-in time is at 3PM and Check-out time is at 12:00N. Any requests for early check-in or late check-out will be considered, based upon the Hotel's occupancy, but not guaranteed. For late check-outs that are granted, a fee of \$50 per room will be charged, for no later than a 5PM check-out extension.

EXTRA PERSONS, ROLLWAYS, AND CRIBS: There is no charge for children 12 years of age or younger, providing they share the same room with their parent(s) with existing bedding. There is an extra charge per person for more than double occupancy in a room with maximum of 4 people for a double bed accommodation only. Rollway bed charges are net per night and taxable. Cribs are provided at no charge.