

Happy and Safe Thanksgiving to you and your family

From your executive board

There is only a little over six months to the reunion May 28- Jun 1, 2014. The registration forms can now be found on the ship's website for our next reunion. See the President's desk for information on how to use it. Bob

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

As of 11/19/13 active members stand 645; (593 who have verified their info and 51 waiting for response). We added 3 members since last letter. Please welcome Roger Wilson (67-68; SN); James Morehouse (qmsn; 66-67) , Ken Romain (sn; 67-69)I have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them. We have 125 on your memorial page. Added to the memorial page is name Roy Curran (MMC.; 70-71); Dan Parshall (FTG3; 79-81, Billy Dean Ledbetter (mm3; 61-64) See notes.

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. Removed 5 names from active membership, please read missing shipmates for their names and if you are in contact with anyone of them please have contact me.

I From the President's Desk

The registration form for the 2014 San Francisco Reunion is now available on the website. There has been a significant change in how to register. Previously, a member would download the form, print it out, fill it out, before mailing it with the check. The process has now been simplified. Now, you fill out the form through the website, print out the results, and mail it along with your check.

Here's how it works

1. Go to the DD-950 website
2. Click on the Reunion button on the left side
3. Click on the 2014 Reunion (Upcoming Events)

4. The reunion itinerary will appear. As you will see, the activities are listed, along with the costs. Along the right side of the page, you will see a red column, with a small box next to the cost for each of the activities. Enter the number of people who will be attending the reunion with you, then move on to the next activity. Place the number of people who will be taking the tour in the box and then move to the next day and repeat the process, until you reach the bottom of the page.

5. Once you get to the bottom of the page, fill out your Registration information.

6. Click the "Preview Form" button

7. A new window will appear, listing all of the information that you filled out on the previous page. Review all of the information, and confirm that everything is correct.

8. If you need to make changes, close the window. This will take you back to the reunion itinerary. Repeat steps 4 - 7.

9. If everything looks good, you may hit the print button and like magic, the final page, will printout. You will see that everything has been totaled for you, showing the costs associated with everything. The only thing left to do is mail the print out, along with your check.

You can also just printout the entire form, fill it in by hand if you prefer.

Additional information regarding the 2014 reunion: The first large expense associated with the upcoming reunion will occur on March 19th, when we need to pay, in full, for bus transportation. For this reason, we will not be able to grant any refunds, for any reason, after March 15, 2014. Please understand, the association is merely the middle man in tractions between attendees and contractors for services. Money comes in and we pay the bills on your behalf even though you make your checks out to the association.

One of the tours available is called the "Hop on – Hop off" tour or "Big Bus tour." This tour takes you to 20 different locations within the San Francisco area. At anytime during this tour, you may get off the bus to visit a place of interest. You may re-board another bus and go to a different location. Buses run about every twenty to thirty minutes, depending on traffic. Our reunion coordinator has been able to get a special two pass at a very decent price. The two day pass will be valid for Thursday and Friday only. The cost of the tour also includes the aquarium on Pier 39.

The Muirwoods/Sonoma tour will be limited will be limited to just 72 participants. This is due to the fact that we will only be allowed two, 36 passenger buses as there is insufficient parking for larger carriers. This tour will be on a first come, first served basis. So once the registration form is posted on the website, and you want to take this tour, submit your registration as soon as possible.

Get your hotel reservations made soon. We need to know if we have to try and have more rooms set aside for us.

It's also not too early to think about a location for the 2016 reunion. If anyone desires to make a presentation at the business meeting, and coordinate the reunion, please do. We should be going east again. Coordinators from past reunions will gladly provide you with assistance in how best to coordinate a reunion.

JJ Hogue

From your Reunion Coordinator

See the hop on hop attachment for the bus tour information. Please read from the President's desk on how to sign up for the reunion, also read below who has signed up for the hotel already. Please don't wait to the last minute to make your reservation. If you have any questions, you can contact bob sheard at bullcs3@hotmail.com and he will forward your question. Your question and answer will appear in the next newsletter.

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

Our webmaster, Rob Dege worked hard and long to come up with this simple on-line form. We hope to use this same format for future reunions. Many thanks to you Rob!

JJ

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 . On Face book there is a face book page for the Richard S Edwards. On it is 102 names of people who were on the Edwards or related to Edwards' crew members. 14 of them are not members to this association.

We sent out 3 email 2 invites on facebook. Received 4 corrections this month. 4 letters were returned as not able to forward return to sender. Sent out 9 applications for membership. One new member from Facebook, the came from an email request.

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

Treasures Report

Oct, 1, 2013 – Oct. 31, 2013

Beginning Balance \$ 3331.61
Income \$125.00
Expenses \$42.21
Ending Balance \$3,414.20

Jim

Memory

I Mike Treadwell, reported to the Edwards June 10th 1960 fresh out of Electricians school at Great Lakes, Ill-In August we were in Seattle for Sea fair Celebration for 4 day's-When the Ready Eddie left Puget sound waters we pulled along the Bennington to take on fuel. I was an Electrician on the bow with the movies to transfer to the Bennington while we were refueling- I noticed the fueling lines all tighten up then slack off as the Edwards came closer to the Bennington, then the Edwards moved away and all the lines began to tighten, Someone came on the speaker said(all hands clear the port side, stand by for emergency break away. .At that point, people ran past me to the starboard side, I grabbed the handles of a P250 pump and hung on, As we headed into the carrier and I thought it was going to throw me off the main deck but it was a soft collision, then the Edwards slid back along the Bennington. Then the carrier started to tear into the port side above the main deck. We found out later that two officers had jumped out of their bunks into the passageway as the carrier tore the Officer's quarters apart. My general QTRS station was the mess desk. I went to the mess desk and found the port side was gone. The Edwards limbed into Long beach at 8 knots while feeding the crew cold meals along the way- I send 39 months on the EDWARDS met a lot of nice guys, have lots of great memories, Mike Treadwell EM2-

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Joe has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Veteran died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'Tho a Veteran died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young,
But the passing of a Veteran
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country

And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Veteran,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever-waffling stand?

Or would you want a Veteran
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Veteran,
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Veteran,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his likes again.

For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Veteran's part,
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline

In the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A VETERAN DIED TODAY."

PLEASE pass On The Patriotism! YOU can make a difference.

If you are proud of our Vets, then send this to them. You'll be glad you did... Then send it to ALL your friends!

Ship's Store

If you have not visited the ship's store please do so. Need a new baseball cap? Is yours old cap showing it age?

Ship mates who have made their reservation for the next reunion

Richard Banks, David Crawford, Ralph Draeger, Todd Fowler, Jerry Heinen, Robert Hillman, Joseph Hogue, Russell Howell, Don Kruger, Robert Millman, Carl Paul, George Pavlovich, William Rennie, Michael Robertson, Joe Trytten, John Turley, Roger Wilson.

Missing shipmates

Michael Whelan no address, phone, or working email address, letter was returned from last known address

Michael Brogan no address, phone or working email address, letter was returned from last known address

Robert Trickey " " "

Hubert Lee " "

William Carl " "

If you are in contact with them please have them email me with their information. They have been dropped from the membership lists and now appear only on the crew list. Address, phone, email address have been removed.

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,

Roy Curran (MMC; 70-71) died in the beginning of this year, reported by his son, who was added to the ships' face book page. He is doing research on his dad's service career and the ships he served on. If anyone remembers Chief Curran contact his son on the ships face book page. bull

Rodney Harrison reports in the Forum that Dan Parshall passed away on June 29th. 2013.

Billy Ledbetter death notice was given to us by our President JJ Hogue

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.