

**There is only a little over four 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 12/31/13 active members stand 643. . Added Walter Schubert ( 61-64;ETN3 ) to our memorial page. Please read comments below for his notice. New member Stewart Fye (65-67;ftgsn). I have his information for anyone who wishes to contact him.

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.

### **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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Here is a reunion update. So far we have 35 rooms reserved. Please remember that there is a cutoff date around the middle of May and any unreserved rooms will go back to the hotel. Should you decide to attend the reunion after the cutoff, you may or may not be able to reserve a room, and if you are able to get a room, you may be required to pay full price. The hotel information can be found on our website, in the upcoming events section, which will also provide the registration form.

As of January 13<sup>th</sup>, we have received eight registrations. So far, Rick Banks, Byron Cooley, Dave Crawford, Don Haslett, Dale Prescott, Bill Rennick, David Williams, Joe Trytten, and Roger Wilson, have submitted their registrations.

We will need to make a major payout by mid march, in order to secure our transportation requirements. So if it is at all possible, get your registration and checks sent in very soon.

Things to remember:

The weather in San Francisco can be a bit chilly, even during the time of our reunion, so you might consider bringing some warmer clothing just in case it is chilly.

Before deciding on what tours to take, you may want to consider just what the tour entails. The Muirwoods tour is a self guided walking tour and it is recommended that you go to their website for additional information. Remember that this tour can only accommodate 52 people, because we are restricted to two, 36 passenger buses. As of this date, ten people have signed up for this tour.

The Alcatraz tour is another walking tour. The first leg is an uphill walk to the prison. There is a tram available that can transport you to the front gate, and back to the dock. But once inside, you will to walk. It is recommended that you check their website for additional information about accessibility.

A change of topics:

I don't know if anyone is aware of the cutbacks to the military budget. One of the things that will occur around July, is the closing of commissaries on Air Force bases. This will cause our regular military and retirees to shop at retail stores. I am not sure how these cutbacks are going to affect the other branches of our military, but it might be a good idea to contact your representatives in Washington and let them know how you feel. With so

many military families struggling to make ends meet, the closing of commissaries will be going to cause them more financial problems

I hope everyone had a very nice holiday season. We should remember those who spent their holidays in places other than home, in the service of our country. Try and remember how we felt. God bless all those who have served and are serving today.

JJ Hogue

## From your Reunion Coordinator

A suggestion for those not knowing what to do about the hop on/off bus tours. Thursday is a great day to hop on/off tour the city. Even with you going to Alcatraz in the morning, there is plenty of time to see the city before dinner at Neptune's.

Friday is another great day to tour the city with the hop on/off bus if you choose not to go to Sonoma & Muirwoods. REMEMBER, only 72 people can sign up for the Sonoma trip, due to no parking for big buses. So, not going to Sonoma & Muirwoods allows you to purchase the 48 hour hop on/ hop off pass for the price listed on the registration packet.

If you plan to tour Sonoma & Muirwoods, your best bet is to purchase a one day hop on/ off pass on your own when we get into San Francisco Thursday. You will have ample time after your Alcatraz Island tour to tour the city. There are ticket booths everywhere between Fisherman's Wharf and pier 39.

Upon your arrival for the reunion, I will have locations for you to purchase your day pass.

shops... OH MY!

Enjoy the holidays, may your house and hearts be full of joy!

Ralph (Wolfman)

Register soon, those 72 spots to Sonoma will be going fast. Sonoma Square has 18 wineries to taste from! Restaurants, deli's and

## Treasure Island Rates

*Rates October 1 through May 15*

**Short Term Stays (less than 30 days)**

**Visitors staying through the rate change dates will pay the rates in effect on those dates**

RV Space	Daily	\$55	All water/electrical usage
RV Space	Weekly	\$350	All water/electrical usage
RV Space	Monthly	\$850	All water/electrical usage

*Rates May 16 through September 30*

## Short Term Stays (less than 30 days)

Visitors staying through the rate change dates will pay the rates in effect on those dates

RV Space	Daily	\$65	All water/electrical usage
RV Space	Weekly	\$395	All water/electrical usage
RV Space	Monthly	\$925	All water/electrical usage

## Long Term (more than 30 days) Residency Agreements & Mobilehome Lease Agreements

RV's Over Ten (10) Years Old MUST Be Pre-Approved For Long Term and Residency Stays

RV Space	Monthly	\$850	Utilities – sub-metered & billed monthly
RV Space	Security Deposit	\$750	Subject to credit approval, not to exceed an amount equal to two months rent
Mobilehome Space	Monthly	\$850	Utilities – sub-metered & billed monthly
Mobilehome Space	Security Deposit	\$850	Subject to credit approval, not to exceed an amount equal to two months rent
Application Fee	Per Adult Household Member	\$35	Application fees credited back to approved applicants at time of move in

\*prices subject to change

**\*All stays of 30 or more days:**

- 1) must qualify for residency by completing our application process which includes credit check, nationwide eviction search, previous landlord/housing verification and income verification;
- (2) execution of a month-to-month registration agreement; and
- (3) payment of a required security deposit.

Credit checks can be obtained in as little as 48 hours however the court records background check may take additional time depending on how many different states and counties need to be checked for the previous 7 years. Please plan accordingly as this process can take up to 14 days.

### Service and Companion Animals are Welcome as Permitted Under State and Federal Laws

**PET RULES:** No pets are allowed to stay in the Community at any time without the express written permission of the Community, which may withhold said permission at its sole discretion. If any said pet is approved, resident must sign and obey Community's separate rules for keeping pets. If allowed, no more than two "house" pets may be allowed in each RV. A house pet means an animal that spends its primary existence within the RV Permissible pets are as follows: 1) dogs and cats weighing under 20 lbs. and reaching less than 15" in height at the shoulder when mature; 2) small birds, i.e., parakeets and canaries; 3) fish and 4) other typical household pets as approved by the Community upon application by the Lessee. No exterior pet housing is permitted in Community; this includes any type of confining barricade or structure. House pets are not permitted to be left unattended outside the RV, regardless of whether or not they have been restrained. All Pets must be on a leash.

## Web Site change

We added something new to the ship's website under the ship's info section in the history portion check it out. Looking for more history off the Edwards' to place there. Also will be starting to make other changes to the site in the future, will keep you informed.

## Question received from last newsletter about Next Reunion

Bob Hillman Wrote. I have a computer but do not have any way to print out the forms. What do we do about it?

Answer: Secretary will mail out a printed form to you

## 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](mailto: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

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## Treasures Report

> December 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013

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> Beginning Balance \$3,555.41

> Income 31.00

> Expenses 0.00

> Ending Balance \$3,586.41

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> Jim

## Memory

**Subject: Vietnam POW 40th Reunion News Coverage - YouTube**

**Date:** January 19, 2014 at 5:55:50 PM EST

**To:**

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/LemllfcAY8A>

Click on the link below for the The Navy Reports on Pearl Harbor:

<http://www.hullnumber.com/ALL-HANDS/The-Navy-Reports-on-Pearl-Harbor-DEC-1942>.

My best wishes to you and yours for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2014,

Dave Schultz - Web PO hullnumber.com

## 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 its 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

## 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,**

Does anyone have an E-Mail address for David Zimmerman 1981 - 1982?

James Klug

Forwarded by Bill Albritton and Walter Byron

<http://www.cc.gatech.edu/fac/Thomas.Pilsch/Vietnam.html#Navy>

**This site has a treasure-trove of references to every aspect of Vietnam.**

Some of our early 1970'2 crew may be interested in paying for wine on the tables for Saturday's dinner in honor of CDR Jack Deal. If that would be acceptable to the Board, could you please either ask Wolfman to get a price for that or send me his email and I will work with Ralph directly. I was thinking a bottle of house wine for every 3-4 people with an equal mix of red and white.

I'm sorry to inform you that Walter Schubert passed away on 22 Dec 2013. I've been busy trying to locate folks that knew him to let them know that his death and that his obit is on-line under Walter Curt Schubert. Mrs. W. Schubert