

On to Branson 2016 Reunion

As of 7/08/14 active members stand 636. New member (Michael Townsend;(QM3, 74-77), Robert Baker. (79-81, Os3), Tom Goforth (HM1;78-80), Sisto Holguin (Sh3;71-71) I have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them.

We have 130 on your memorial page. Added to the memorial page. Robert Richardson, see comments below

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

Hope Everyone had a good labor day, fall is just around the corner. Had to turn on the furnace last week. Would like to remind everyone who need a flu shot to get one, do not want to lose anyone because of the flu. Need to remind everyone about the importance of keep your records up to date for the association. We lost members this month because they failed to notify us of an address change or a change in their email provider or phone number change; . Those that were at the reunion who took pictures need to send copies to enter in for the reunion along with names of who are in the picuter.

From your Reunion Coordinator

Rusty Howell, Jack Sanders, Ken Lollman

> "The Branson Reunion Committee has booked the Radisson Hotel in Branson, Missouri for June 8-12, 2016 with extended days on room pricing before and after the reunion. Branson is known as the Military Reunion Capitol, and really show veterans respect.

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> Due to the popularity of the Branson area, we are working on pricing with several of the entertainment venues to get a variety of things for you to do. We also will plan for everyone to have some "free" time to attend things they wish to see or do. This is a great place for families to do things together whether young or old. This reunion will be a good time to bring your kids and grandkids for some special times together.

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> More detailed information will be in the next newsletter- room pricing, available

transportation, shopping, sports, shows, etc.

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> The Branson Reunion Committee

Web Site change

- **Awards Page** - has not been started yet. Based on an email thread from 2013, you were going to send materials for me to use. However, the only items I received were a USB drive with Newsletters, and a few printed newsletters. I acknowledged that I did not receive any awards content, but did not follow up with you on it, and thus was quickly forgotten
- **Newsletters** - partially completed. Primarily a lack of free time on my part. Will try to complete by the end of September
- **2012 Reunion Group Photo** - scanned the photo into the computer, but have not created an image map to associate faces to names. Primarily a lack of free time. However, a lack of reunion photos to post from members indirectly lowered the priority of the task.
- **Agent Orange exposure** - not added to Ship Info. As far as I know, I am still waiting for the content to post onto the website.
- **List of Commanding Officers** - Last I knew, you were still compiling data for this list. I have not heard anything about it, or where to post it on the website.
- **Admiral Edwards** - I have attached a photo and bio to this email. Is this the content you want posted on the website? If yes, where do you want it placed?

- **Bon Hon Refueling** - I have attached a photo of the Bon Hon Refueling in 1959. Where would you like the photo posted?
- **Turley & Capt. Deal** - I have attached a photo of Jack Turley that was submitted. Where would you like the photo posted?

CHINFO_DD950 - I have attached a PDF document that details the sinking of the ship. Do you want this posted on the Ship Info page?

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 .

We also sent out 120 letters, for membership leads, bad email address and July's newsletter for no email members this month

Received two email application for membership and 13 letters were returned, 4 email address changed, 2 email address and mailing addresses changed, 1 info verified. 1 new member by face book. One new member from tin can sailor. One death notice from a letter returned

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Treasures Report

August 01, 2014 to August 31, 2014

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,267.70	
Income		38.50
Expenses		0.00

Ending Balance \$ 6,306.20

The taxes for fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 have been filed and excepted by the IRS.

Jim

Memory

Early aircraft's throttles had a ball on the end of it, in order to go full throttle the pilot had to push the throttle all the way forward into the wall of the instrument panel. Hence "balls to the wall" for going very fast. And now you know, the rest of the story.

During WWII , U.S. airplanes were armed with belts of bullets which they would shoot during dogfights and on strafing runs. These belts were folded into the wing compartments that fed their machine guns. These belts measure 27 feet and contained hundreds of rounds of bullets. Often times, the pilots would return from their missions having expended all of their bullets on various targets. They would say, " I gave them the whole nine yards, " meaning they used up all of their ammunition.

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October). Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool.

They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig'. Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal.. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board.'

Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'straight laced' wore a tightly tied lace.

Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of Spades.' To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't 'playing with a full deck.'

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to 'go sip some Ale and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there.' The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term 'gossip.'

At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and

remember who was drinking in 'pints' and who was drinking in 'quarts,' hence the phrase 'minding your 'P's and Q's'.

One more: bet you didn't know this! In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem....how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.' Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled.. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey; Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.' (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)

Thanks to Dave Crawford for sending this in

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Ship's Store

Looking to add new articles for the ship's store do you have any ideas? Some things mention to me are golf balls with Richard S. Edwards DD-950 on them if we can keep the unit price down. Another is Edwards on the navy's camo. ball cap.

Missing shipmates

Kevin Busch last known to be living in Princeton, Mi

Roger Drye last known to be living in Round Rock, Tx.

Jeffery Christiansen last known to be living in Binghamton, Ny

Royce Dunnuck last known to be living in Niles, Mi

Martin Jasso last known to be living in Houston, Tx.

Charles Greer last known to be living in Bryon, Ga.

All above have had the last newsletter returned, phone number does not work and have no email address. So they have been drop from active membership

Membership Triva

Top three States with most members

Top city with most members

Let me know by email before next month newsletter, first one with correct guest sent by email will receive a 5 dollar credit for purchase at the ship's store

Newsletter Notes

Service Jokes

Have a service joke that you want to share?

Notes from Last Month Newsletter

Looking for names of the plank owners I am trying to find some tec wood to make name tags for them to hand out. So if I could get me the name of the members who are the original plank owners I could get started on them. Thanks to Art Solis, who be helping by giving me names as new members sign up. What I need is rate/rank last name only. Again thanks for the help, was a damn good reunion and hope to see more of you 2016.

George Pavlovich

I am going to writing a letter to the secretary of the navy to see if we can get one of those new ddg named after Richard S Edwards. What we need is each of you a willingness to circulate a sheet with your friends and family and have them, sign the request. I got all the info from my congressman, were it needs to be sent. I need your help in this matter and will be posting the letter on the face book page Richards S. Edwards also, again thanks any help you can give on this.

George Pavlovich

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This month we received a couple of comments about why Branson for 2016. The simple true of the matter is that no one who attended this year reunion came forward with an East Coast site and was willing to help as the coordinator. Jack Sander and Rusty Howell coming forward with Branson and JJ Hogue with another site. These were the only 2 site brought up and voted on, Branson won

Received Bob Richardson death notice from the mail out newsletter. Letter was returned with a note died 7-11-13.