

We have received on 26 registration for this year's reunion. If you are planning to attend we need to know this as soon as possible, even if you cannot afford to pay the registration fee at this time. So please contact a board member to let us know you are thinking about attending. If you are talking to a nonmember of this association please ask him to consider joining you as a member.

As of 3/01/16

Active member with email 570

Active member no email 39 Please welcome Kermit King (ic3;76-78) I have his information for anyone who wishes to contact him

Non members (found by other media) 124

Deceased 151 Added Lee Baly Lt. to the list from post found on facebook, read below or go to Lee's facebook page

From The President's Desk

So far I have received registrations from:

Don Kruger (who always seems to get his registration in first, plus 3 family members)

Ron Abel(2)

George Pavlovich(2)

Todd Fowler(1)

Kermit King(2)

Tony Motsco(2)

Cark Dege(2)

Glendon Chester (plus 7 family members)

John Fasce(plus two family members)

Dale Prescott(2)

Mike Robertson(2)

Mike Treadwell(2)

Dave Williams2)

Jim Plank(2)

Maureen McKenna(1)

Don Siems(2)

Carl Paul(2)

Rusty Howell(2)

Heinz Park(2)

Ben Smith(2)

Tom Bernard(3)

Jack Sanders(3)

Jerry Vann(2)

Bill Tracy(2)

Mike Robinson(4)

Dave Crawford(3)

Bob Sheard (2)

The following have made their hotel reservations:

Rusty Howell

Carl Dege

John Fasce

Tom Fadley

Glendon Chester

Kermit King

Maureen McKenna

JJ Hogue

Tom Bernard

George Pavlovich

Mike Robertson

Don Seims

Gina Eastman(part of Glendon Chester's group)

Dale Prescott

Jim Plank

James Kress

Ephraim Holmes

Bob Sheard

Dave Crawford

Bill Lambrecht

Todd Fowler

Heinz Park

Ben Smith

Tom Bernard

Jack Sanders

Jerry Vann

Bill Tracy

Dave Crawford

From your Reunion Coordinator

***** Deadline for reunion registration extended to APRIL 1, 2016!**

The reunion committee has been working on your Reunion for June, 2016 in Branson. And are looking forward to seeing you there, and everyone having a good time.

> The good news is the extension of the registration deadline by the USS Richard S Edwards board. We hope this will give you time to make arrangements to attend and celebrate the 20th year since the reunion began in Branson.

> The people in Branson are easy to work with, as they really like to take care of the veteran's.

> We have had one "glitch", the "Six" show changed their schedule and will not be having a show that night, so we have changed the show to the Baldknobbers for nearly the same price(a few cents). See the blurb at end of letter. Everything else is as planned there will be more info on the venues in the next newsletter. Have a great HOLIDAY SEASON!!!!

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> "The Baldknobber's, Branson's first show started in 1959. The show is brand new every year, always featuring a variety of soul-stirring gospel, country favorites, and side-splitting comedy.

> Today the 2ND & 3RD Generations carry on the family tradition of delivering everything from today's #1 hit's , great country music, and lots of hilarious side-splitting comedy. Both longtime Baldknobbers' fans and new fans alike love the Baldknobbers All-New show each year and appreciate the Baldknobbers' family traditions that have made this show popular from generation to generation. Don't miss the show that started it all!!

Web Site change

We want your thoughts on this as were you would like to see these items and what you would like to see worked on first, This is your web site and we do not want to hear later that maybe this should have gone here, why was this added, or why was still done at all? See comments in red for status and or question, bull

- **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

- **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.

Sent Rob, last years email newsletters to be added to newsletter list.

- **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. **Bob has the list in one of the newsletters, need help with the finding their pictures**
- **Admiral Edwards** - I have attached a photo and bio to this email. Is this the content you want posted on the website? **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, **Please hold on to it until we decide about commanding officers list and then add it next to his bull name**

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 yes,**

Last year email newsletters Sent Rob copies of last years newsletters to be added to newsletter page.

Secretary Desk

As you can see have 121 nonmembers by such media as face book, hull number, and so proud we serve navy websites. If you know someone on these sites or in contact with shipmates who are not members please ask them to join us. Sent out 8 letters this for correction to email address or new member contacts. Received 1 application for membership

Treasures Report

> February 10, 2016 - March 9, 2016
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> Beginning Balance \$ 9,667.92
> Income 5,946.00
> Expenses 314.50
> Ending Balance \$15,299.42
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> Jim Kress

Ship's Store

Received an email today claiming to be our ship's store out of Texas, please do not be fooled by it. This is not our ship's store and has nothing to do with us or the Edwards. Please contact a board member if you need help in using our ship's store.

Membership

If you are having trouble accessing the membership page on the Ship's home page @ WWW.DD950.com please contact me or a member of the executive board for help

Missing shipmates

Donald B Vanbuskirk no email, address, or phone. Does anyone know or as heard from him?

Below is a list of names of shipmates who's letters were returned. If you are in contact with any of them please contact them to get their new address/phone/and email address.

Notes from Last Month Newsletter

Gene Stubsten has a original plank owner patch from the first commissioning of the ship and would like to give it to one someone who was aboard the ship at that time.

Bob, re: your newsletter inquiring about Agent Orange; There is an organization(Blue Water Navy Veterans Association.org) and a Facebook group(same name). For anyone interested, the group is pushing for the Agent Orange provision to be reinstated by the VA. Both the website and the Facebook group is worth spreading the word about.

James F Klug

Feb 8, 2016 - 10:10PM

USS Edson DD 946

I am wondering if any one has been to USS Edson DD 946 Museum? It is at THE SAGINAW VALLEY NAVAL SHIP MUSEUM, at Bay City MI. They also have there own Web Site.

In Memory of my wonderful brother. He was an amazing man, loving husband and adoring father/grandfather. It is hard to imagine a world without him in it. Love to you Lee! This post was found on face by Deborah Baly about Lee Balt (It 65-68)