

# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

If you are talking to a nonmember of this association please ask him to consider joining you as a member. Next Reunion will be held at Norfolk 2018, time and hotel to be determine. For those missing medals on their dd 214 see below for an address to request them to be added. Please see note from last Month, Read about West Pac 72 by Joe Leckron and Bob Sheard. We added 7 new members this month, please welcome them.

As of this date we have.

**Active member with email 590** added John Shellenbach (77-79; Os3) Mark Bernoski (76-79; ftg2), Tony DeVictoria (81;ht3), Kevin VanKirk (78-82; et2), Clifford Hickerson (80-82; bt2), Bruce VanBuskirk (73-76,stg3), Steve Sneve (77-80;FTG2) I have their information for anyone who wishes to contact them

**Active member no email 55**

**Decease 161 added Donald Lines (67-69 Lt)**

**Non Members 192** (found by other media) (not in our data base)

## From The President's Desk

Would like to take this time to wish everyone. happy and safe Christmas and Joyous New Year. With this I would like each one of us to take a minute to give thanks for those on active duty around the world where ever they maybe. To the family of those who are on our memorial page our deepest respect sympathy for your loss, they are missed.

## From the VP Chair

Coming soon

## **From your Reunion Coordinator**

I have already started planning the 2018 Reunion in Norfolk, Va. The dates for the reunion are June 20, 2018 to June 24, 2018. Sarah and I have been checking on Hotels so we will have a base to plan tours from then. There are so many things to do and sites to see that I was thinking of scheduling some tours and activities to start on Monday the 18th and Tuesday the 19th of June for early arrivals, with the kickoff for the reunion to be on Wednesday evening the 20th of June. So if you want to see more sites than three days will allow please come early. Of course if you wait until Wednesday to arrive you will not be disappointed.

The Norfolk Reunion is still a work in progress. Our hotel has been pretty much decided on.

**Here is a tentative reunion schedule for Norfolk. Nothing has been finalized yet.**

**Monday a trip to the Ghent Historical District and lunch somewhere. An evening Dinner cruise of the bay.**

**Tuesday a tour with the American Rover Sailing Cruise and still checking for other activities. Maybe this would be a good day to have lunch at the Oceanview Fishing and Restaurant Pier, and still looking at another activity for Tuesday.**

**Wednesday a tour of Yorktown and Fort Norfolk and lunch somewhere.**

**Thursday would be Nauticus and the BB Wisconsin the Victor Rover Naval Base Cruise and tour the Naval Base, hopefully a tour of an active destroyer.**

**Friday we would go to Chrysler Museum of Art and the Botanical Gardens**

**Saturday morning do one of the above we did not have time for. Then of course the Banquet would be Saturday evening with the farewell breakfast Sunday morning.**

Jim

Your reunion coordinator,

# Web Site

- **Awards Page** – Rob has awards list with pictures of ribbons
- **2016 Reunion Group Photo** – need to added photo from Branson reuinion
- **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. **Rob has list, 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? **Gave rob on 10/03/16 Admiral Bio for addition to web site**
- **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. **Sent request to rob today for it to be added to our web site**

# Secretary Desk

As you can see have 120 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. Received 4 requests for membership and 3 member updated his information. Four letters were returned

## Treasures Report

October 12, 2016 - November 09, 2016

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,268.87
Income	0.00
Expenses	50.00
Ending Balance	\$ 9,218.87

Jim

November 09, 2016 - December 14, 2016

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,218.87
income	40.00
Expenses	72.59
Ending Balance	\$ 9,186.28

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. Do you need a new ball cap? Have you been to the ship's store lately?

Just to let you know that I am checking with a company that does personalized/custom golf balls. I have sent a couple of pictures to them and they will let me know what the golf balls will look like and I will forward the results to the board and see what happens. I am looking at getting about 2 or 3 dozen and go from there. I am checking to see what else I can get and will forward to everyone. Would like feed back if you are interested in getting some.

## Membership

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

## Missing shipmates

**Harold Hass** (58-60;LCDR.) **Robert Millman** (SN;65-68) Have lost contact with these members. Does anyone have information on them? Please contact me if you know anything about them.

## Notes from Last Month Newsletter

Navy Personnel Command  
Retired Record Section  
Pers 312B  
9700 Page Avenue  
St Louis, MO 63132-5000

Include a copy of your DD214, name of ship you were on, years you were on ship, and medals you think you are entitled to if you know them. If not request any medals you earned. Then plan on waiting a few years to hear from them.

### West Pac Cruise USS Richard S. Edwards DD-950 1972

Second half of 72 West Pac by Joel Leckon copied by Bob Sheard

\_august\_

1 fired 1,179 rounds in 18 hrs during coordinate offensive by VN Marines near Quang Tri

2 Detached; enroute Subic Bay

4 Moored Subic Bay

14 Under way enroute to combat Zone

16 Change of command in Da Nang Harbor; CDr. L.K. Rice relieved Cdr. W.C Deal at 0653; enroute Pt. Angela; arrived Pt. Angela

17 Detached; enroute and arrive Pt. Claudia for NGFS

25 Detached, enroute and arrived Pt. Angela for NGFS

26 COMCRUDESPAC, Rear Admiral Woods, visit RSE while steaming on station

28 Detached. enroute to Gulf Tokin

29 Begin linebacker strikes against North Vietnam

\_September\_

1 Evacuated Gulf of Tokin to evade Typhoon Elsie

4 Returned to Gulf of Tokin to recommence Linebacker strikes

10 Night raid with cruiser, RSE assigned suppression of coastal defense sites no rounds fired

11 Detached, enroute Pt. Angela; arrived Pt. Angela for NGFS

14 Detached enroute to Hong Kong

16 moored Hong Kong

22 underway enroute Subic Bay

23 Arrived Subic Bay, enter floating dry dock

October

2 underway for sea trails, moored Subic Bay

5 Underway Kaohsiung, Taiwan

6 moored Kaohsiung

9 underway, enroute to combat zone

11 Arrived Pt. Angela for NGFS

14 Detached enroute and arrive Pt. Owen for NGFS duty

25 detached, enroute Subic Bay

27 arrived Subic Bay

30 Underway enroute to Pearl Harbor

November

2 Refueled at Gaum

10 moored Bravo pier Pearl Harbor Hawaii

Some excerpts from Quartersmate Matebook

27 April 0049 fired first round from Mt. 51

9 May coming around to make another run 0853

Hostile aircraft bears 310 right standard rudder retiring 0854

12 May Presently running through Vietnamese fishing fleet

15 May MIG alert

16 may (mid watch) Heading south for next strike. Crew ready GQ at anytime      Three more strike  
against NV this morning

31 may RSE is acting as shotgun on this mission

12 juy 1607 motor whale boat in the water for testing

1628 commence firing Mt. 51

1655 cease fire commence firing Mt 52

1718 cease fire

1720 motor whale boat back aboard

## Statistic

214 days out of homeport

173 days a sea

Steamed over 45000 miles

80 days NGFS

33 DAY Freedom Train/ linebacker duty

94 raids against Nort Vietnam

11 days carrier escort/plane guard

99 underway replenishment

54 helo details

46 small boat evolutions

4,717,241 gallons of fuel consumed

21625 rounds of 5"/54 cal. Ammo fired