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Ahoy Shipmates, Family & Friends:

Hopefully everyone is looking forward to our 2017 Reunion, Sept 27 - Oct 1, in Branson, Missouri. The reunion packets will be mailed by mid-May.

At the top of the list is the update on where we stand getting the names of our "74 Lost" on the Vietnam Memorial Wall. We have made zero progress to date. The DOD did provide a formal response to Congressman Schiff and their findings were not in our favor. What follows is the press release, verbatim, issued on 1 May 2017, in response to the latest Department of Defense's stance on the issue. At this year's reunion we will provide details on what occurred last year.

USS FRANK E EVANS (DD 754)
ASSOCIATION
"LEST WE FORGET" FOR
IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Department of Defense has silently removed the Vietnam Service Medals from official naval records, affecting the service record of some 2,000 Vietnam Veterans who served on vessels off the coast of Vietnam in June 1969, the USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) Association recently learned. The veterans group believes the revision of records are a despicable effort to avoid putting the names of 74 fallen American sailors on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.—the latest move in a saga that goes back decades despite congressional support and that of the Department of the Navy.

"We are in disbelief that this was in the Department of Defense's strategy to further bury the sacrifices of 74 of my brothers," said survivor Steve Kraus, vice president of the USS Frank E. Evans Association, adding that the United States Navy twice agreed that the omission of names on the Vietnam Wall warrants reversal.

"We've come so far in two decades trying to memorialize men who gave their lives for this country and this is what we are dealing with now. They simply altered the records."

Forty-eight years ago, on June 3, 1969, the USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) collided with the allied flagship of the Royal Australian Navy while engaged in a joint war exercise that had ties to the Vietnam conflict. A total of 74 Americans were killed in the disaster off South Vietnam. Among them were three brothers and the son of a Navy chief who barely survived the catastrophe that resulted in the Seventh Fleet's only lost warship—the second largest single loss of life for the

U.S. Navy in that war, after the deadly USS Forrestal Fire. The incident was buried. But never for the families, survivors and former shipmates.

For decades the Department of Defense has maintained the 74 crewmen did not die in the war—and have left their names off the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It's a wrong that has yet to be corrected. The issue has made recent headlines in Philadelphia, San Diego, and Washington, D.C., and has been featured on at least a dozen major television news outlets.

Today the group is the closest it has become to resolution: the United States Congress in 2012 and the United States Secretary of the Navy in 2010 and 2016 endorsed adding the names to the wall. In 2015, the state of California added the names of the Californians killed on the ship to its Vietnam memorial on the state capitol grounds in Sacramento. The Association feels it is time for the Department of Defense to reverse its long-held misconception about the ship and what it was doing off the coast of Vietnam in 1969.

Louise Esola, author of the award-winning book *American Boys: The True Story of the Lost 74 of the Vietnam War*, which chronicles the disaster and the ongoing efforts to memorialize the 74 fallen sailors, spent four years investigating the incident. She has the original records, which list Vietnam Service Medals for the USS Frank E. Evans and other American vessels that were there on the morning of June 3, 1969.

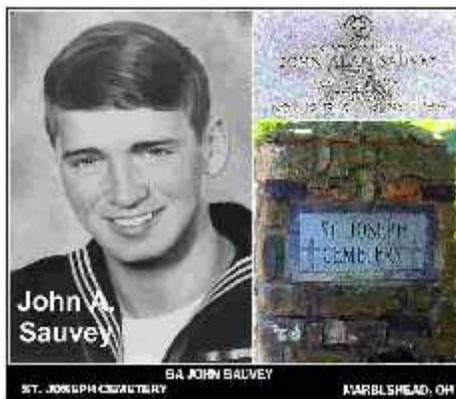
"A key point has always been that the ship and all the American ships there that morning, including the one that came to the aide of the Evans, all received Vietnam Service Medals, a citation you can only get if you are doing something related to the war," she said recently. "This is the third tragedy. The first was the incident. The second was leaving those names off the wall. The third is this. To keep from answering questions, they simply alter naval records. How convenient."

J C Campbell
President

Steve Kraus
Vice President

MEMORIAL HEADSTONES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Memorial headstones set by family members of the "Lost 74"... To date, 51 personal memorial headstones have been located and documented. By 4th quarter 2017, all will have been included in the newsletter. Thanks for cooperating and helping us.



YN2 Earl Preston, SA John Sauvey, BTFA Robert Searle

SPRINGTIME - ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY - 2017

USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) Memorial Stone and Tree Arlington National Cemetery.
If you are in the Washington D.C. area please take the time to visit Arlington Cemetery. Our memorial is located in Section 6, # 5769-A2.



**WHY MEN WHO HAVE BEEN TO WAR
YEARN TO REUNITE**

I NOW KNOW WHY MEN WHO HAVE BEEN TO WAR YEARN TO REUNITE. NOT TO TELL STORIES OR LOOK AT OLD PICTURES. NOT TO WEEP OR LAUGH.

COMRADES GATHER BECAUSE THEY LONG TO BE WITH THE PEOPLE WHO ONCE ACTED THEIR BEST; WHO ONCE SUFFERED AND SACRIFICED. WHO WERE STRIPPED OF THEIR HUMANITY.

I DID NOT PICK THESE MEN. THEY WERE DELIVERED BY FATE AND THE MILITARY. BUT I KNOW THEM IN A WAY I KNOW NO OTHER MEN. I HAVE NEVER GIVEN ANYONE SUCH TRUST.

THEY WERE WILLING TO GUARD SOMETHING MORE PRECIOUS THAN MY LIFE. THEY WOULD HAVE CARRIED MY REPUTATION... THE MEMORY OF ME.

IT WAS PART OF THE BARGAIN WE ALL MADE. THE REASON WE WERE ALL WILLING TO DIE FOR ONE ANOTHER. AS LONG AS I HAVE MEMORY, I WILL THINK OF THEM ALL, EVERY DAY.

I AM SURE THAT WHEN I LEAVE THIS WORLD, MY LAST THOUGHTS WILL BE OF MY FAMILY, AND MY COMRADES.

SUCH GOOD MEN!"

THE BALLAD OF THE FRANK E. EVANS

Thomas Daniel Beechey

Dedicated to the everlasting memories of Radarman Second Class Victor Rikal, Sr.
and 73 others aboard the USS FRANK E, EVANS -

<p>On the third of June Nineteen sixty-nine Under a shining moon Was no end of the line It was the promotion To an eternal tour On celestial oceans Forevermore</p> <p>Make way for the Frank E, Evans She's sailing today in the heavens Full steam ahead on a steady course Being driven and led with the Lord as the Source</p> <p>Seventy-four souls All brave and true Fulfilling their roles</p>	<p>Only as sailors do Now new missions start Their duty's begun Seventy-four hearts Now beating as one</p> <p>Make way for the Frank E, Evans She's sailing today 'cross the heavens On a journey that runs from coast to coast With the Father and Son and the Holy Ghost</p> <p>On the third of June Nineteen sixty-nine Lives weren't taken soon They're now with the Divine</p>	<p>Sailing the waters In the heavens above As the sons and the daughters And the wives send their love</p> <p>Make way for the Frank E. Evans She's sailing today through the heavens Where the waves are calm and the breezes are light They're safe in God's Palm and He's holding them tight</p>
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Mr. Beechey is a local poet who graduated with my son, Victor T. Rikal, Jr. He wrote this poem after the dedication of a park shelter, in honor of RD2, Vic Rikal. It piqued his interest in the story of the Frank E Evans. We will be forever grateful that he did.

Thank you
Barbara Rikal

FROM OUR CHAPLAIN - HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME

Al Collins

God's instructions are found in His Ten Commandments. They teach us the proper relationship we should have toward God and our fellow veterans. Do the people we come into contact with have a reverence for God's name or do they use His name in vain? "Keep my commands and follow them. I am the Lord. Do not profane My name, for I must be acknowledged as holy..." Leviticus 22:31-32

What is our culture's attitude toward the use of God's name? Our social 'norm' is far from God's intent! "They speak of You with evil intent; Your adversaries misuse Your name." Psalm 139:20 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." Ephesians 4:29-30

Cursing is a form of using God's name in vain. Another way would be to act as your Chaplain, but live a lifestyle of sin. The damnation of a person or thing in the name of God is sin. "Do not swear false by My name and so profane the name of God. I am the Lord." Leviticus 19:12 "But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all; either by Heaven, for it is God's Throne; or by the earth, for it is His Footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King." "All you need to say is simply 'yes' or 'no'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one." Matthew 5:34 & 37

I am distressed about the flagrant use of OMG (Oh My God)! Facebook is an altar for the god of this world. This subject really hit home when my five year old great granddaughter spouted out "Oh My God" while watching television. From then on, I have begun to correct, not rebuke, with love. What is your reaction when you hear someone misuse God's name thoughtlessly or without respect? "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His Name." Exodus 20:7 & Deuteronomy 5:11 --Holy and Awesome is His name." Psalm 111:9

I will endure in the face of adversity against OMG phrases. I feel no threat at this point for my position or actions, but justified by the Holy Spirit. I speak from my heart as your servant before Almighty God. Please know that as the Chaplain, I can not accept the misuse of His name and I must correct the abuse of God's Holy name. "Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?" Galatians 4:16

LAST KNOWN PLANK OWNER & LONG TIME ASSOCIATION MEMBER PASSES ON

CS3 Roy C. Stephens 45-46, Plank Owner & long time Association Member, of Haw River, SC died Sunday, 5 Feb 2017 at the VA Hospital in Durham. Roy was 91. He attended the 1st reunion in 1992 at Grapevine, TX with fellow ship's cook Pete Duhe.

A native of Alamance County, Roy was the husband of the late Molly Ann Morgan Stephens and the son of the late Cicero Stephens and the Alice King Stephens. Roy, a retired truck driver and a member of the VFW, loved helping people and playing music for them.

Roy is survived by two sons, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Stephens was preceded in death by a daughter.

Burial was in Graham Memorial Park. The family would like to thank the staff of the VA Hospital and their neighbors for the wonderful support and care given to them and Roy during his illness. Condolences may be offered at www.richandthompson.com



VA UPDATES

(Your Best Bet... ALWAYS CONTACT THE VA)

<https://www.va.gov/> <http://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/benefits-summary/SummaryofVABenefitsflyer.pdf> <http://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/>
<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>
Veteran Homelessness - www.va.gov/homeless

If you served in the active military service and were separated other than dishonorably, you **MAY** qualify for VA health care benefits. Dealing with the VA, and traversing their path can be complicated and perplexing. (As an example, see the item below GROUP.)

THE "SIMPLEST" (AND SAFEST)WAY TO APPLY FOR VA HEALTH BENEFITS IS ON-LINE: COMPLETE AND SUBMIT VA FORM 10-10EZ, APPLICATION FOR HEALTH BENEFITS. <https://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/apply/>

OR...Apply in person at your local VA medical facility, by calling 1-877-222-8387 (1-800-829-4833, if hearing impaired) or mail the completed form to: VA Health Eligibility Center, 2957 Clairmont Road, Suite 200, Atlanta,GA 30329.

The VA applies a variety of factors to determine eligibility for enrollment. Once your application is processed, you will be assigned to a priority group. Certain veterans may be eligible for more than one group. You will always be placed in the highest priority group eligible. You will receive a personalized Handbook detailing your benefits and access to VA health care.

(DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME...shown here for illustration of how complex this can be.)

GROUP 1-3: Service-connected

1- Disabilities rated 50 percent or more; unemployable

2- Disabilities rated 30 to 40 percent.

3- Disabilities rated 10 and 20 percent; former Prisoners of War (POW), awarded a Purple Heart Medal; awarded the Medal of Honor (MOH); Disabilities incurred in treatment or participation in a VA Vocational Rehabilitation program; and disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

GROUP 4: Receiving aid and attendance or catastrophically disabled.

GROUP 5: VA pension or Medicaid programs, and non-service-connected /non-compensable, zero percent service-connected; gross annual household income and/or net worth below VA national income threshold and geographically adjusted income threshold.

GROUP 6: Veterans of WWII; ionizing radiation during atmospheric testing or during the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; illness associated with Project 112/Project SHAD; Veterans receiving disability compensation benefits; served in the republic of Vietnam between 1962 and 1975; Persian Gulf War that served between August 2, 1990 and November 11, 1998 and Veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998 as follows: 1. Veterans discharged from active duty on or after January 28, 2003, who were enrolled as of January 28, 2008 and Veterans who apply for enrollment after January 28, 2008, for 5 years post discharge; 2. Veterans discharged from active duty before January 28, 2003, who apply for enrollment after January 28, 2008, until January 27, 2011.

GROUP 7: Gross household income below the geographically-adjusted income threshold (GMT) for their resident location and who agree to pay co-pays.

GROUP 8: Enrolled as of January 16, 2003, with gross household income and/or net worth above the VA national income threshold and the geographically-adjusted income threshold for their resident location and who agree to pay co-pays.

Department of Defense - Discharges and Military Records Review

The DOD encourages all Veterans who believe they have experienced an error or injustice to request

relief from their service's Board for Correction of Military/Naval Records or Discharge Review Board. DOD intends to review and upgrade the discharge status of all individuals that apply and are eligible. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and the repealed "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policies will be considered, that is, to rectify errors or injustices and treat all Veterans with dignity and respect....You must apply to correct your service record or you believe your discharge was unjust or erroneous.

News - Tidbits from the VA

Eligibility determinations for interment in a VA national cemetery prior to the time of need. Learn if you are eligible for burial or memorialization in a VA national cemetery by submitting VA form 10-10007 to the VA National Cemetery Scheduling office by mail to PO Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151.

Crisis line satellite office in Atlanta allowing the life-saving hotline to expand capacity by nearly 600 Veterans each day which doubles the ability to help Veterans. Atlanta offers 200 call responders and 25 social service assistants and support staff.

Hepatitis C database study shows that new drug regimens have resulted in "remarkably high" cure rates among patients in the VA's national health care system. Of the more than 17,000 Veterans, 75 to 93% had no detectable levels of the disease for 12 or more weeks after the end of treatment. The therapy regimens lasted 8 to 24 weeks.

Routine ear and eye exams for care at VA Medical Centers will now be scheduled at local VA Audiology and Optometry clinics without a primary care referral.

Emergency Care in Non-VA Facilities

USE COMMON SENSE (Always think negative!)

If you need emergency care, and it is not possible to go to a VA medical center, go to the nearest hospital's emergency room, by ambulance too. A medical emergency is when you have a situation that threatens your life or health. Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. Do not call the VA.

Notify the VA afterwards... when treated and released.. as soon as possible, within 72 hours, with information about your emergency event and services being provided to you. Ask the VA for guidance on how they will consider reimbursing these emergency charges on your behalf, so you can plan accordingly.

If the doctor then wants to admit you to the hospital, under emergency conditions, no advanced approval from the VA is necessary, although prompt notification is. If a VA bed is available and you can be safely transferred, you have to move to the VA hospital. Refusal to be transferred, the VA will not pay for any further care.

Everything else associated with an emergency condition is treated by the VA on a case by case basis, which is way too involved to be discussed here. Get to a VA facility ASAP!

If you have other insurance (TRICARE, Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross, etc.), it will probably affect whether claims for emergency services will be paid at VA expense. If you are in jail, VA will not pay for emergency care. File your claim with the nearest VA medical center quickly within 90-days. Contact your local VA medical center's benefits counselor.

In certain cases, VA pay will pay for emergency care received outside the United States if your emergency is related to a service-connected condition.

(Your Best Bet... ALWAYS CONTACT THE VA)

VA SECRETARY SHULKIN CONSIDERING CLOSING OVER 1,100 VA FACILITIES

Secretary David Shulkin says his department is seeking to close more than 1,100 VA facilities nationwide to allow more veterans to receive medical care in the private sector. The VA has identified more than 430 vacant buildings and 735 that are underutilized, costing the federal government \$25 million a year. The VA will work with Congress in prioritizing buildings for

closure and was considering to follow a process (Base Realignment and Closure) or BRAC, the Pentagon used to decide which of its underused military bases to shutter. More than 50 percent of all VA facilities are more than 50 years old. Of the 431 vacant VA buildings, most were built 90 or more years ago.

While President Trump's budget blueprint calls for a 6 percent increase in VA funding, Shulkin has made clear the government's second-largest agency with nearly 370,000 employees will have to operate more efficiently and that budget increases should not be considered a "given" in future years. The department recently announced hiring restrictions on roughly 4,000 positions despite the lifting of the federal hiring freeze and also left open the possibility of "near-term" and "long-term workforce reductions." Shulkin is also putting together a broader proposal to expand the VA's "Choice" program of private-sector care.

Mr. Trump recently signed an executive order to establish an Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection within the VA. The order says, "The Office will help the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to discipline or terminate VA managers or employees who fail to carry out their duties in helping our veterans. The Office will also identify barriers to the Secretary's authority to put the well-being of our veterans first."

USS KIDD (DDG 100) PACIFIC OCEAN - APRIL 2017



While underway on 13 April, here are some examples of what went on: YN2 Ramon Mercedes, from Paterson, NJ, performed maintenance on a fire hose nozzle; SHSN Devon McBride, from Clarinda, IA, removed laundry from a dryer; EMFN Puridet Chailiab, from Fresno, CA, was troubleshooting a grounded circuit; SH3 Ryan Pearson, from Los Angeles, CA assisted DC3 Alonzo Lefridge, also from Los Angeles, in completing a transaction in the ship's store; Chief and first class petty officers assembled on the messdeck for training.

Along with other ships of DESRON 9, the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS KIDD (DDG 100) was underway conducting a composite training unit exercise (COMPTUEX) with USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) CARRIER STRIKE GROUP 11 in preparation for an upcoming deployment in 2017. COMPTUEX tests the mission readiness of the strike group's assets through simulated real-world scenarios and their ability to perform as an integrated unit. DESRON 9 is comprised of the guided-missile destroyers USS HOPPER (DDG 70), USS HOWARD (DDG 83), USS SHOUP (DDG 86), USS CHAFFEE (DDG 90), USS PINCKNEY (DDG 91), USS KIDD (DDG 100), and the TICONDEROGA-class guided-missile cruisers USS PRINCETON (CG 59) and USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70). On 21 April, COMPTUEX was completed.

FORTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO

The Los Angeles Times - Mon May 16, 1960



'ADOPTED' BY SAILORS—Girl Scout Mariner Ship 39 of Chino has been "adopted" by the sailors of Navy destroyer USS Frank E. Evans based at Long

Beach. From the left are Mrs. Howard Cattle, leader of group; Janet Cattle, Susan Porter, Gail Hill, Karen Holmes, Dianna Kimball and Joan Johnson.

FORTY-SEVEN YEARS LATER...A SIGN OF THE TIMES

Navy Updates Regulations on Nonconsensual Sharing of Imagery

Acting Secretary of the Navy Sean J. Stackley released All Navy Message (ALNAV) 021/17, April 18, which updated Navy regulations, making it unlawful to share an intimate image of someone without his or her permission for personal gain or to humiliate, harm, harass, intimidate, threaten, or coerce the depicted person or with reckless disregard of harm to the victim.

The new regulation serves to underscore leadership's commitment to eliminating degrading behaviors that erode trust and weaken the Navy and Marine Corps team. It provides commanders another tool to maintain good order and discipline by holding Sailors and Marines accountable for inappropriate conduct in the nonconsensual sharing of intimate imagery.

This regulation complements Article 120c, "Other Sexual Misconduct" of the UCMJ, which prohibits the indecent viewing, visual recording or broadcasting of another person. Anyone found to have violated the new regulation could be subject to court-martial, or adverse administrative actions, such as nonjudicial punishment or administrative separation.

The revised policy stems from a March 2017 Marine Corps investigation into the Facebook group "Marines United," that involved the solicitation and sharing of nude and explicit photos of female service members and veterans by possible members of the Marine Corps. The investigation has expanded to include all of the military services, and has uncovered a culture of "toxic" behavior among some service members, veterans and civilians with respect to their conduct online. The Navy Criminal Investigation Service (NCIS) leads a joint task force investigating the circumstances under which explicit photos were circulated.

Does anyone remember this??? "Penetration however so slight...guilty of a court martial offense."

THE STORY BEHIND TAPS



If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps were played; this brings out a new meaning of it. Here is something Every American should know. We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, 'Taps'. It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

In 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia, the Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union

or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military funerals was born. The words are:

Day is done. Gone the sun. From the lakes. From the hills. From the sky. All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh. Fading light. Dims the sight. And a star. Gems the sky. Gleaming bright. From afar. Drawing nigh. Falls the night. Thanks and praise. For our days. Neath the sun. Neath the stars. Neath the sky. As we go. This we know. God is nigh

Remember Those Lost and Harmed While Serving Their Country.

PLEA FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

In each and every newsletter we ask for your input into Footlocker Talk. In the past year input has significantly fallen off. We remind you that this is your newsletter! In the last several issues we have been forced to find articles out of military publications to fill pages. This was never the intent when we decide to publish newsletter on a quarterly basis. If we do not receive input for future editions from the membership we will be forced to reduce the size of the publication or to produce less than quarterly. By going to less than quarterly this can result in significant delays in getting timely information out to the membership.

SHIPMATES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

John Coffey

We all know of Del Francis' bicycle ride from Suphur Springs, TX, to the East Steps of the Capital in Washington, DC. There were many pictures and videos made along the way as well as pictures of the Lost 74 on Facebook. Our Historian, Frank Jablonski, compiled several of these pictures and set them to music in a video. See it on YouTube... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kk0nBoGE-og>

The video also includes shipmates, family and friends who passed away during the Ride. I've asked Bill Thibeault, our website guru to add the video to the website (USSFEE.org). Enjoy it and pass it on. Let the world know of Del's ride to make the country aware of, and commitment to, his/our lost shipmates and the efforts to get the names on The Vietnam Memorial Wall in DC. LEST WE FORGET

QUOTE OF THE QUARTER

"It's hard to predict, especially about the future." Baseball great, Yogi Berra

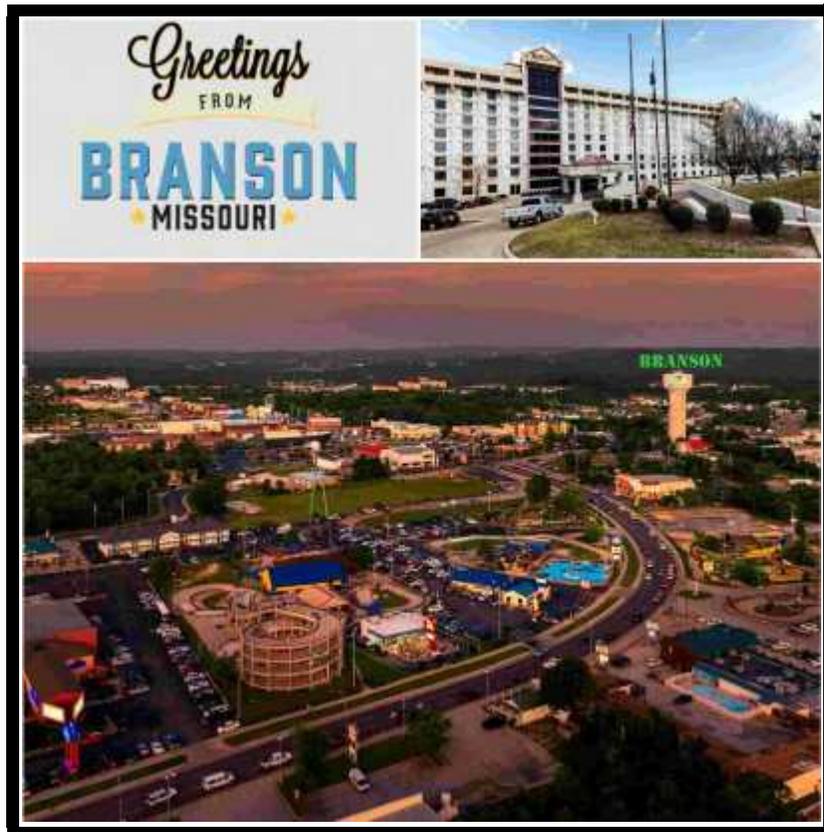
UPCOMING EVENTS

8 Jul 2017: "Lost 74" Memorial Dedication at 1400, American Legion Post 21, Rose Garden, McMinnville, Oregon, in honor of RD2 Garry B. Hodgson

Looking farther into the future for reunion locations: 2018 - Rapid City, South Dakota (First part of October time frame); 2019 - Long Beach, California (Tentatively the first week of June); 2020 - San Antonio, Texas (Fall time frame).

25TH REUNION 27 SEP - 1 OCT 2017

Branson, Missouri - Radisson Hotel



BRANSON...the capital of live entertainment with something for everyone. Room rate Single / Double Occupancy \$99; Triple \$104; Quadruple \$109; Special rate for a suite, with breakfast included; registration fee \$15 per person by July 1, 2017...BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR YOUR PACKET IN THE MAIL!

GET YOUR FOOTLOCKER TALK NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL & IN COLOR!

We provide about 350 newsletters per quarter. About half are mailed USPS. If you have an email address please provide it to Steve Kraus at kraussa@gmail.com. This helps reduce our postage and printing costs. Thanks for your help! IF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION HAS CHANGED PLEASE LET US KNOW!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>
Karen Baldwin	Widow of Robert Baldwin SM2 195	Auburn	CA
Raymond Camagna	Brother-in-Law of Andrew Botto YN3 67-69	Hughson	CA
Gary Clark	Shipmate, SK3 1966-67	Capistrano Beach	CA
Lucille Dailey	Widow of Alan H. Armstrong Ens 1969	Auroa	CO
Florence Hoog	Widow of Charles Hoog BT2 1952-55	Harlingen	TX
Myrtle Jones	Widow of Marvin Jones MM2 1952-55	Tonganoxie	KS
Sandra Little	Sister of Joe Eddie Craig SA 1969	Rancho Cordova	CA
James O King	Brother of Willie King BMC 1968-69	Griffin	GA
Lauren Spray	Widow of John R. Spray ST2 1967-69	Simi Valley	CA
Susan Vejr	Wife of Terry Vejr (S) SA 1968-69	Portland	CA

IN MEMORIAM

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>YEARS ONBOARD</u>	<u>CITY & STATE</u>
VerDon Scott	09 Nov 2016	FT3	54-58	Grant, NE
William Siener Jr.	25 Dec 2016	SN	52-55	Bakersfield, CA
Roy Stephens	05 Feb 2017	CS3	45-46 Plank Owner	Durham, SC



1992 - USS FRANKE, EVANS (DD 754) FIRST REUNION - Hilton Conference Center - DFW/Grapevine, TEXAS

Rear: Myron Mike McMillan - Gerald Simoneit - George Taggart - Charlie Hoog - Cal Rankin - James Meagher
 Second: Alex Typinski - Pete Duhe - Roy Stephens - Paul Meyer - Joe Clark - John Coffey - Charles Cour - JC Campbell - Troy Martin
 Third: Jim Culverhouse - Orville Brinkman - Nick Nichols - Robert Phillips - Frank Jones - Robert Warstler - Michael Chintala - Harold Higginbottom
 Front: Jerry McCartney - Robert Carlson - Carl Maiorino - Frank Reid - Tommy Anthony - Walter Schoke - Alex Sanchez
 Not Pictured: Fred Arrington - Frank Banner - Walter Hogan Jr. - Dave Lawlis - Joe Bob Mann - Dean Wyse - Unknown

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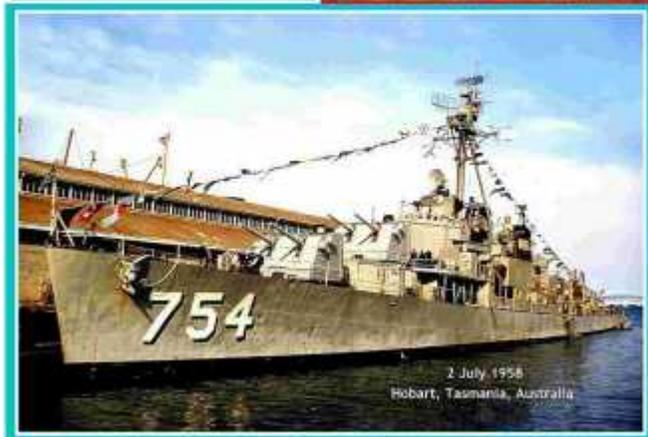


MEMORIAL DAY/MOTHERS DAY

We All Have One...

Mum, Mom, Ma, Mother...the EVANS

What is the one word you would use to explain, define, feel, to love or not to love what she means to you, or what is just the first thing that comes to your mind when you think about her?



LEST WE FORGET...

OUR "LOST 74" EARNED THEIR PLACE ON THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL

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