

USS FRANK E. EVANS DD

WWII KOREA VIETNAM



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AHOY SHIPMATES, FAMILY & FRIENDS

Shipmates, Families and Friends

COVID-19, everyone is sick of hearing about the virus...us too. We have cancelled, postponed and changed dates on numerous events planned for 2020. As it stands today we no longer have any events planned for the remainder of 2020. Should we become aware that groups larger than 8 are approved for meetings, we will let you know. We still have three memorial dedications on hold, they are; North Carolina, Wisconsin and West Virginia.

Save the Dates in 2021. 3 June Memorial Services The first annual Memorial Service in Washington DC is being coordinated by Ann Armstrong-Dailey, Tim Wendler and Terry Vejr, Ann has been working with staff members of Congressman Schiff and Senator Cramer's offices for the Washington Memorial Service. The exact space within or outside the US Capitol Building will be confirmed after the first of the New Year. We are expanding memorial services and hope to have other locations firmed up by year end 2020.

Senate Bill S 849 is still alive and a new USS Frank E. Evans Act is in this years NDAA...keep your fingers crossed and keep the pressure on your governmental representatives.

Steve Kraus
Association President

Terry Vejr
Association Vice President

IN MEMORIAM

Turn Again to Life – by Mary Lee Hall

If I should die and leave you here a while, be not like others sore undone, who keep long vigils by the silent dust, and weep. For my sake – turn again to life and smile, nerving thy heart and trembling hand to do something to comfort other hearts than thine. Complete those dear unfinished tasks of mine and I, perchance may therein comfort you.

SHIPMATES

NAME	CITY/STATE	DECEASED
Francis Xavier Gardiner	Baton Rouge, LA	Jan 17, 2017
Lloyd "Leroy" Schaller	Bakersfield, CA	Jun 23, 2020
Jerry D. Kennedy	Shelby Mt	Oct 6, 2016

RELATIVES OF THE LOST

NAME	CITY/STATE	DECEASED
David Wayne Lehman Son Of RD1 Eugene Lehman	Neenah, WI	Jun 2, 2020

MEMBER RELATIVES

NAME	CITY/STATE	DECEASED
Judy Coffey Wife of John Coffey	Conners, GA	July 10, 2020
Shirley Craig Wife of Nolan Craig	Albuquerque, NM	Apr. 19, 2020
Kevin C. Webb Son of Larry and Diane Webb	Shakopee, MN	Jun 15, 2020
Daniel Maurice Hagarty Brother of Margaret Ackerman	Iowa City ,IA	May 11, 2020

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome and warm wishes to all new members. Our success in part, is due to our members involvement in the Association. We ask new members to consider volunteering for some task or activity within the organization. Know any one interested in joining...go to our website ussfee.org and click on the tab titled join association or contact the association Secretary Rich Alverdes at richalverdessr@gmail.com or call him at (425) 367-9345

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	CITY/STATE
GMG3 Leroy G. Huff	Shipmate	Port Washington, OH
QM3 John Dapper	Shipmate	Saint Helens, OR
EM2 Robert E. Lares	Shipmate	Barboursville. WV

War Stories From Mt. Washington Memorial Cemetery

This year around 3 June the Mt. Washington Memorial Cemetery published the death of one of our lost Kenneth W, Glines. Kenny's remains are buried at the Mt. Washington Cemetery in Independence, Missouri.

KENNETH WAYNE GLINES (1950-1969)

Seaman, United States Navy

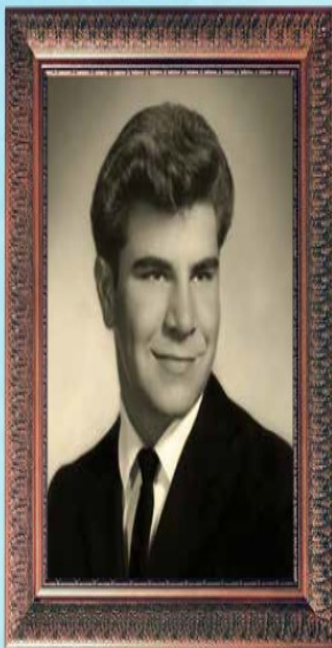
By Bruce Mathews

"My son believed in his country as most Americans do, and he died for it, as would I."

— Larry G. Glines, June 15, 1969

Father of Kenneth Wayne Glines, S.A. U.S.N., from a letter to the President Richard M. Nixon

Before sunrise on the morning of June 3, 1969, the Navy destroyer USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) was participating in maneuvers with 42 ships from seven nations under the name Exercise Sea Spirit in the South China Sea during the Vietnam War. That day, it was operating in formation with the Royal Navy, the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal New Zealand Navy. This included the aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne (R 21) of the Royal Australian Navy. By necessity, all ships were running in a darken ship condition. In the darkness and confusion of the moment, the conning officer of the Evans, who had misunderstood a communication from the Melbourne,



The 1968 high school graduation picture of Kenneth Wayne "Kenny" Glines, taken just months before he lost his life aboard the USS Frank E Evans

PORTRAIT: THE GLINES FAMILY ARCHIVES

turned the destroyer starboard directly into the path of the oncoming carrier. At 3 a.m. the Melbourne struck the Evans, cutting the ship in half. Within three minutes the bow section of the ship sank to the bottom of the sea, taking 73 service members. Of the 74 sailors who lost their lives, only one body was able to be recovered: that of 19-year-old Seaman Kenneth Wayne Glines from Independence, Mo.



The USS Frank E. Evans before it was cut in half by the Australian carrier, HMAS Melbourne

SOURCE: GLINES FAMILY ARCHIVES

Seaman Glines had been born in 1950 in Kansas City, Mo. The son of Larry and Wanda Glines and brother of Pamela and Jackie Glines, he was a 1968 graduate of Van Horn High School in Independence. He loved swimming, fishing and football. According to those who knew him, he was the type of person who would do anything for anyone. He died doing just that, in the service of his country.

Kenneth's body was returned home, and he was laid to rest in Mount Washington Cemetery.

Included in this poignant photo from Seaman Glines' funeral is his uncle Chief



The military funeral for Seaman Kenneth Wayne Glines
at Mount Washington Cemetery

SOURCE: GLINES FAMILY ARCHIVES

Petty Officer Harvey Joseph Glines, who is seen leading the casket to the burial site. He had accompanied the body from overseas to Mount Washington. Also, shown in the background, in the Army uniform, is James R. Chilcutt, a friend and brother-in-law of Kenny's sister Pamela.

To the right of James is Wayne Neece, a high-school friend. To the right of Wayne is Edward Fitzwater, a close family friend. To the right of Edward, barely visible, is John Stover, Kenny Glines' best friend.

As tragic as the circumstances were that cost Seaman Glines his life, the



Memorial plaque presented
to the Glines family from the
surviving officers and men of
the USS Frank E. Evans

SOURCE: GLINES FAMILY ARCHIVES

tragedy did not end there. Nor did it end there for his 73 other shipmates. Nor has it ended, to date, for their survivors.

According to military records the names of the Evans crew killed in the accident are not inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. It was determined that Exercise Sea Spirit was not directly linked with U.S. operations in Vietnam at the time it was

struck. An act of Congress specifically permitting the inclusion of their names on the memorial would be required to add their names, and although legislation has been introduced on several occasions, it has yet (as of May 2017) to gather sufficient support.

Memorials have been erected at other sites, in tribute to the fallen sailors, including one at Mount Washington. This memorial includes a duplicate of one of the panels from the official Vietnam Memorial wall. On it are inscribed the names of all 74 seamen.

Shortly after Kenny's death, the Glines family received a letter of sympathy from a buddy he had made in boot camp, Larry Webb. In his letter, Seaman Webb referenced the protests of the war that he knew were being held in the States. He placed it all in perspective when he concluded the letter: "What better way would there be to die than in the service of your country for those who live in it. Many people will never know who Kenny was, but to those of us in the Navy who knew him, we are affected very much. To us, his death is just as important as a Medal of Honor recipient in Vietnam. No matter what the conditions, he has died protecting what he believed in, and for all those he loved."

After receiving the letter, Kenny's father, Larry Glines penned his own to

President Nixon and included a copy of Seaman Webb's. He remarked to the president, "This letter helped us a great deal in our time of grief. When you read this letter think of my son and the young sailor who wrote my family, and all the good young men in our country who we seldom hear about ... My son believed in his country as most Americans do and he died for it, as would I."

KENNETH W GLINES • ALAN H ARMSTRONG • JAMES R BAKER
ANDREW J BOTTO • THOMAS B BOX • JAMES F BRADLEY
ROBERT G BRANDON • HARRIS M BROWN • WILLIAM D BROWN II
CHARLES W CANNINGTON • CHRISTOPHER J CARLSON
MICHAEL K CLAWSON • DANNY V CLUTE • JAMES R CMEYLA
LARRY W COOL • PATRICK M CORCORAN • JOE E CRAIG
JAMES W DAVIS • LEON L DEAL • JAMES F DYKES III
RAYMOND J EARLEY • STEVEN F ESPINOSA • STEPHEN D FAGAN
WILLIAM D FIELDS • ALAN C FLUMMER • HENRY K FRYE
FRANCIS J GARCIA • MELVIN H GARDNER • DONALD E GEARHART
PATRICK G GLENNON • JOE L GONZALES • LARRY A GRACEY
DEVERE R GRISSOM JR • STEVEN A GUYER • TERRY L HENDERSON
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EUGENE F LEHMAN • ISSAC LYONS • DOUGLAS R MEISTER
ANDREW M MELENDREZ • FREDERICK C MESSIER • TIMOTHY L MILLER
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THURSTON P SMITH JR • JOHN R SPRAY • JON K STEVER
THOMAS F TALLON • RONALD A THIBODEAU • JON W THOMAS
JOHN T TOLAR • GARY J VIGUE • WESLEY WARNOCK • HENRY D WEST III

This replica Vietnam Memorial Wall panel was placed in Mount Washington Cemetery in honor of Seaman Kenneth Wayne Glines and the 73 other seaman who lost their lives aboard the USS Frank E. Evans on June 3, 1969.

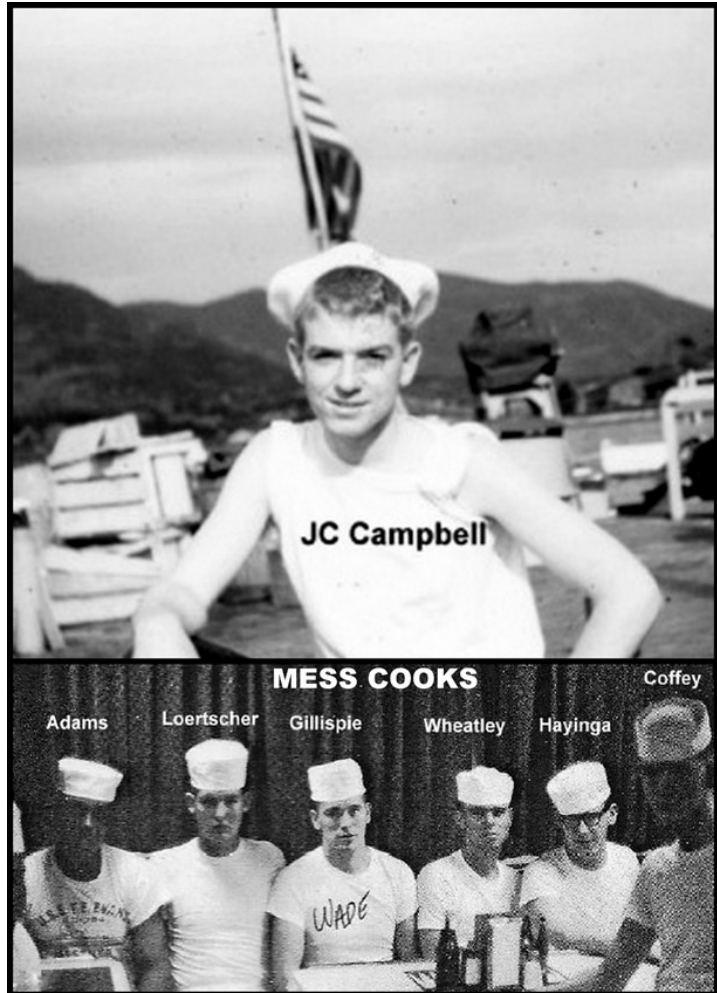
PHOTO BY BRUCE MATHEWS

MESS COOKING

An anthropologist might call mess cooking a rite of passage... the fate of the lowly non-rated man in the Navy... to be assigned to Mess Cooking. The term is a misnomer. A mess cook cooks nothing. A mess cook serves the food, peels the potatoes, does the trays & pots and pans, cleans the mess deck and galley, generally all the dirty work for the cook.

The best job as a mess cook was to be assigned to the CPO mess. The normal assignment was 30 days. Only after you made PO3 did you leave mess cooking behind. I remember mess cooking...

I don't remember it too fondly. My whole time was pretty bad... 45 days straight, no days off, 0530 to 1800. In port, weekends were light when every one left. Mess cooking in 20ft seas, everyone should try it sometime. It gets pretty messy. The worst was a perfect demonstration of projectile vomiting during a storm.



RECIPT FOR SOS — CHIPPED BEEF ON TOAST

Beef, dried and sliced	21 pounds	Milk, liquid	15 gallons
Fat, melted	6 pounds	Flour	8 pounds
Pepper	4 1/2 tablespoons	Stale Bread	300 slices

I never got seasick again. If not mess cooking, it was chip-ping paint. Every day was the worst time!!! I don't think I EVER had a good time doing that crap.

My favorite memory was a couple of particularly nasty pots that weren't coming clean, OVERBOARD..... Another favorite, is the one mess cook that completely filled the dishwasher with liquid detergent, instead of powder, and there were like two feet of suds all throughout the galley..... I never realized the importance to crew morale, as when this First Class left and we got a good, competent one... he walked on water.... Everyman on the crew, from the skipper on down paid homage to his meals, which were excellent, especially underway and chow was the only thing to look forward to. And then, the people...people didn't know how to scrape their plates. They'd toss their trays into the scullery with a half chewed enchilada on their plate..... Nasty...

I remember being a mess cook for, it seems like, three months. My station was in the scullery washing the trays, cups and eating utensils. I would put them in one end of the washer and take them out the other, sort and stack them for reuse. One time we were forced to leave Hong Kong after only one day in port, because of a typhoon. You know how hot and steamy it can get in the scullery? Going into a storm and working in this place was not pleasant. I recall getting the dirty utensils into the washer, running to the sink, THROWING UP, running back to get the dishes coming out of the washer, running back, THROWING UP, and then repeating the process again and again. Crackers and apples were all I could keep down. It was a wonderful experience.... JC Campbell

I was mess cooking. The mess crew slept at the extreme forward part of the ship on the lowest deck. We had one shipmate who was really scared. The rest of us convinced him to write a farewell note home and put it in a bottle. After thinking back on it, I think we were all too young to understand the seriousness of our situation. When we served meals, the Sailors didn't always pay attention so the trays slid off the tables. This made for a big mess to clean after the meal. We served hot meals all during this event except one of cold cuts; it was just too rough. This will always be a major event in my memory... Allan Bostic Article Submitted by Frank Jablonski

USS KIDD (DDG 100) REPORT

By Rich Alverdes

THE USS KIDD (DDG100) IS BACK AT SEA!

As many of you are aware, the KIDD was in San Diego undergoing a top to bottom clean and doing a total disinfection procedure to clean the ship of Covid-19. Now the KIDD has returned to sea. Here is an update from the XO Commander Matt Noland.

"Resilience: The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness."

Greetings KIDD Family!

KIDD sailed away this morning after nearly 45 days in port getting healthy and getting the ship clean and ready to get back to operations at sea. From beginning to end all of your Sailors did it right, and we had the support of our chain of command and the entire Navy to make sure our shipmates were healthy and the ship was well taken care of. Looking forward to getting out there and getting our deployment right back on track. Thanks for all the support to get us through this. We may be socially and physically distant but spiritually as a crew we are closer than ever before!

Very respectfully, XO"

INFORMATION ON USS KID DD 631 (MOVIE STAR)

All of the background shooting was filmed onboard the KIDD (DD661). Here is a short BIO of the movie:

Also, again I'm sure know this, the re-(DD661) which is Rouge Louisiana as is now the majoring movie GRAYHOUND Ernest Krause (Tom lead an Allied conctic during World War ever, is pursued by hough this is time mission, he broiled in what as the longest, larg- naval battle in his- the Atlantic"



some of you already tired USS KIDD stationed in Baton a historical ship and player in the upcoming starring Tom Hanks. Hanks) is assigned to voy across the Atlan-II. His convoy, how-German U-boats. Alt-Krause's first war-finds himself em-would come to be know est and most complex tory: "The Battle of

CHAPLIN'S WORDS

BY AL COLINS

In the first quarter we discussed the Christian Soldier adequately outfitted for battle. The second quarter discussed the soldiers ammo container. Now this third quarter brings to light the need for an intelligence report. One of the reasons many Christians become immobilized and ineffective in their callings is because they are unaware of the enemy's tactics. We have a whole society built on lies. We have lies about what is beautiful, lies about what it means to be successful, lies about God, lies about creation, etc. Scripture says the evil one is the prince of this world (John 14:30). Many our age can remember what Paul Harvey's "If I Were the Devil" had to say.

If I were the devil...if I were the Prince of Darkness, I'd want to engulf the whole world in darkness, and I would have a third of its real estate and four-fifths of its population. I wouldn't be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree. So I'd set about, however necessary, to take over the United States.

If I were the devil...I'd subvert the churches first. I'd begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whisper to Eve: "Do as you please." To the young I would whisper that the Bible is a myth. I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what is bad is good, and what is good is "square." The devil lies and deceives. The devil incarnate is fundamentally destroying America.

If I were the devil...I'd pedal narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil... I'd soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings, I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames.

If I were the devil... I would encourage schools to refine young intellects but neglect to discipline emotions - just let those run wild until before you I knew it, you'd have to have drug sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

If I were the devil... Soon I could evict God from the courthouse, and then from the schoolhouse, and then from the houses of Congress.

Wisconsin Memorial Stone

The "Lost Sailors" from Wisconsin memorial stone has been placed at the The Highground Veterans Memorial Park and Museum" in Neillsville, Wisconsin. The stone has been set, but due to Covid-19 limitations on the number of allowed people concerns there has been no formal dedication ceremony done yet. The "Highground Veterans Memorial Park and Museum" is located at 7031 Ridge Rd, Neillsville, WI 54456. The park is open 24/7/365. If you are in the area, please take the time to visit



THIS MEMORIAL HONORS :

YN3 James R. Cmeyla,

SA Michael A. Orlikowski

RD3 Jon W. Thomas.

North Carolina Memorial Stone

On August 7, 2020 the "Lost Sailors Memorial Stone was placed at Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake, North Carolina. Sandhills currently has the same restrictions as The Highground on the number of people that are allowed to attend gatherings. As a result we will postpone the dedication in North Carolina until restrictions are lifted. The address is 400 Muchison Rd, Springlake, NC. The cemetery is open daily until 4:30 p.m.

THIS MEMORIAL HONORS :

STG3 Melvin H. Gardner JR

RDC George J LaLiberte,

RD3 Thurston P. Smith Jr.



REMEMBERING THE LOST 74

By Steve Kraus

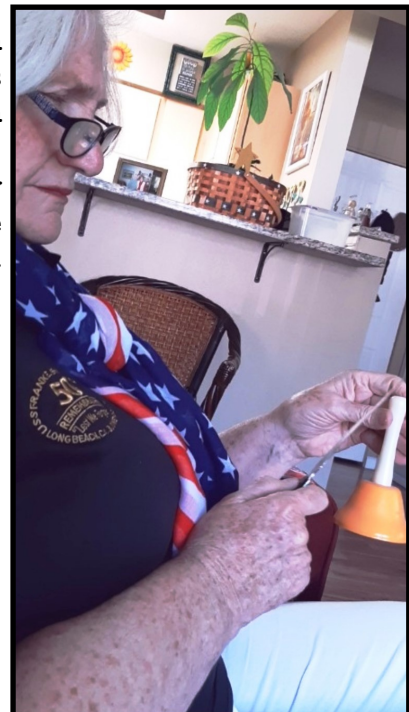
COVID—19 vs MEMORIAL SERVICES

Sometimes a man as to do what a man has to do! On 3 June across the United States our members decided to do some sort of memorial service in remembrance of the Lost 74. Even though we had been informed that parks and cemetery's were not open, some didn't let that stop them. The Long Beach Memorial Park was closed, chains blocked off the parking lot, no parking. Signs informed the public "the park was completely closed," no admittance. That didn't stop Pete Peters and Duane "Butterball" Conely from honoring the lost 74. Pete's comment "I hope the security cameras were inoperable."



The Recognition Committee planned its monthly meeting through the use of the app Microsoft Team. Before the meeting officially started the committee conducted a virtual memorial ceremony. Rich Alverdes opened with a prayer. Poems were then read. Steve Kraus read each name followed by the ringing of the bell. In closing a Benediction was given by Rich. The Committee is working with Pete Peters to expand locations for Memorial Ceremonies in 2021.

In Liberty Lake, Washington Mary and Erick Lee decided they too would not miss the honored tradition of paying homage to the Lost 74. They too conducted their very own ceremony which included the reading of the names and the ringing of the bell. As you know Mary is the official "Bell Ringer" at most USS Frank E. Evans Association Ceremonies. (See photo right.)





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**ALL EVENTS
FOR 2020 HAVE
BEEN
POSTPONED**

**OUR NEXT
REUNION IS IN
SAN ANTONIO
TEXAS, OCT.
27—30, 2021**

