

# USS FRANK E. EVANS DD 754

WWII KOREA VIETNAM



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*THIS NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO THE  
MEMORY OF OUR LONGEST STANDING MEMBER  
FN JC CAMPBELL*



## IN MEMORIAM

Our thoughts are ever with you  
Though you have passed away.  
And those who loved you dearly  
Are thinking of you today.

### SHIPMATES

NAME	CITY/STATE	DECEASED
FN JC Campbell	Granbury, TX	30 March 2021
BT3 Bob Gruber	Atascadero, CA	12 March 2021
MMCM Charles Wright	Atwater, CA	28 April 2021

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### 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](http://ussfee.org) and click on the tab titled join association or contact the association Secretary Rich Alverdes at [richalverdessr@gmail.com](mailto:richalverdessr@gmail.com) or call him at (425) 367-9345

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	CITY/STATE
Dana Francis	Daughter of Del Francis	Lakewood, CO
Sandra Dutton	Daughter of Lorretta Francis	Justin, TX

### 3 June Memorial Ceremonies

This year we will hold 4 Memorial Ceremonies on June 3 for our Lost 74. These locations will be holding a Memorial Ceremony (rain or shine) on 3 June 2021 at 10 am. Make your plans to attend by letting the contact person know you are attending.

Long Beach, California - Pete Peters 310-542-3609  
Shoreline Park, 100 Aquarium Way

Independence, Missouri - Joe Mulitsch 443-905-1434  
Mt Washington Cemetery, 614 S Brookside Ave.

Gurnee, Illinois - Jeff Covert 847-989-3922  
Warren Cemetery, 1475 North Cemetery Rd.

Fairfax, Virginia - Terry Vejr 971-645-8655  
Mission BBQ, 13067 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy

# *JOHN CALVIN "JC" CAMPBELL*

*29 JULY 1932 — 30 MARCH 2021*

John Calvin "JC" Campbell passed away Tuesday, March 30 2021 surrounded by his loving family. JC lived 32,386 days and he made the best of each and everyone.



JC was born July 29, 1932 in Dallas, Texas, a large city at the time with a population of 266, 500. Today, Dallas boasts a population of 1.4 million. JC was born to John and Mildred Campbell. He joined the Naval Reserve during his senior year of high school at Irving High. He graduated high school in 1950 then in 1951 he volunteered for active duty. He attended Great Lakes Naval Training center for boot camp. On 29 February 1952 he



reported onboard USS FRANK E. EVANS DD 754 for duty.

At the time Evans was homeported in San Diego. The ship was reassigned home ports on 5 November 1952 to Long Beach, California. Most of JC's Navy time was overseas in the far east, mostly duty in Korea. He was classified as a Fireman and worked below the main deck in the fire and engine rooms. Sailors in that classification were called "snipes."

JC was discharged from active duty in October 1953 and he returned to Texas where he attended the Dallas Art Institute. In 1955 he became a student at North Texas State University where he met the love of his life, Sylvia Jenne Carmichael. Sylvia, was a Hood county native and the daughter of county Judge Joseph Carmichael and his wife, Margaret. He often said that when you



see something you want, then you just have to go for it, and he did just that. He also indicated Sylvia was too good for him, so he would just have to get that much better...and that he did! JC also said he was super intimidated by Judge Carmichael so he always stood at attention and was on his best behavior when in presence of "The Judge."

JC and Sylvia were married on 19 July 1958, in Granbury Texas at the First Presbyterian Church. The church still stands today in Granbury on Bridge Street. At the time they settled in Haltom City Texas on the north side of Fort Worth. In 1960 they moved with their first son, John Lewis to Granbury. Two more sons were born to them; Jerry Alan and Joel Levin.



Family meant everything to JC, and yes it grew through the years. Unfortunately Sylvia had already passed away when this photo was taken. JC and Sylvia belonged to the First United Methodist Church Granbury for most of their adult lives and recently they became members of the Acton Methodist Church where JC's funeral took place. JC was active at the church and taught Sunday School.

Over the years, JC worked for Southwestern States Telephone, Southwest Automotive Company, Convair Aeronautics, Ling-Temco-Vaught and General Dynamics Lockheed Martin from which he retired in 2001. JC was a graphics art illustrator for the schematics components for Lockheed jet fighters. He also was responsible for the fighter books and hand manuals for the B-58 Hustler.



In the last 56 years, JC has served Granbury and Hood county in many capacities; including Granbury City Council (1971-1982), Granbury Volunteer Fire Department (1971-2021), Granbury Masonic Lodge #392 and the Bluff Dale Lodge #724, Hood County Committee on Aging, and the Advisory Board of the Area Agency on Aging of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.



JC served on the Hood County Development and Advisory Board, the Hood County Hospital District Board, the Transit System Board, and was the member to the Antique Automobile Club of America and the Lake Granbury Vintage Car Club.

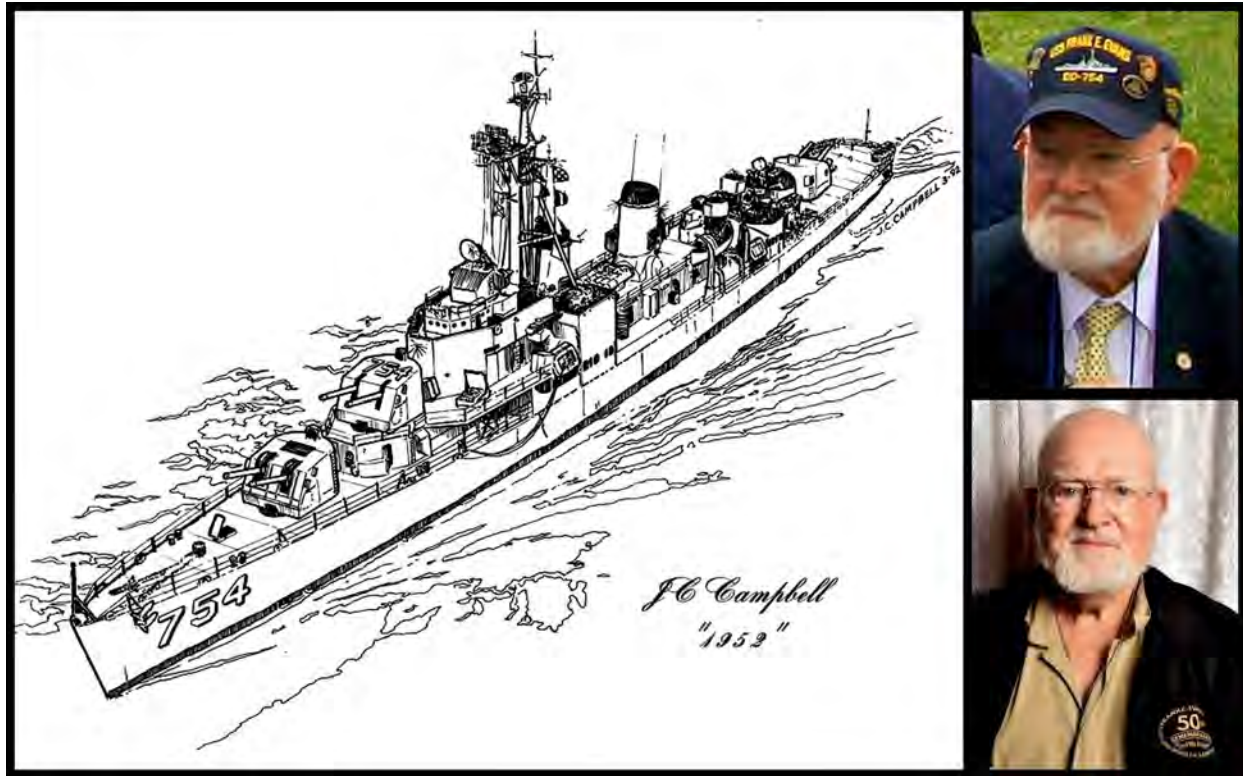


Another love of his life was the USS Frank E. Evans DD 754 Association. JC and one of his good friends, Nick Nichols, started the association in 1992. JC was the President of the Association for 25 years. He presided over 19 reunions, the very first in Grapevine, the second in Granbury and his last in Long Beach, California . He returned to Long Beach after 66 years when he was a Fireman in the Navy. He told many great stories of the times onboard Evans, he said “it was my home and my shipmates were my family.” He organized the Association as a family and it grew in stature as a family, it remains today as one of the most unique Military Ship Associations. Membership grows each year were others have died.

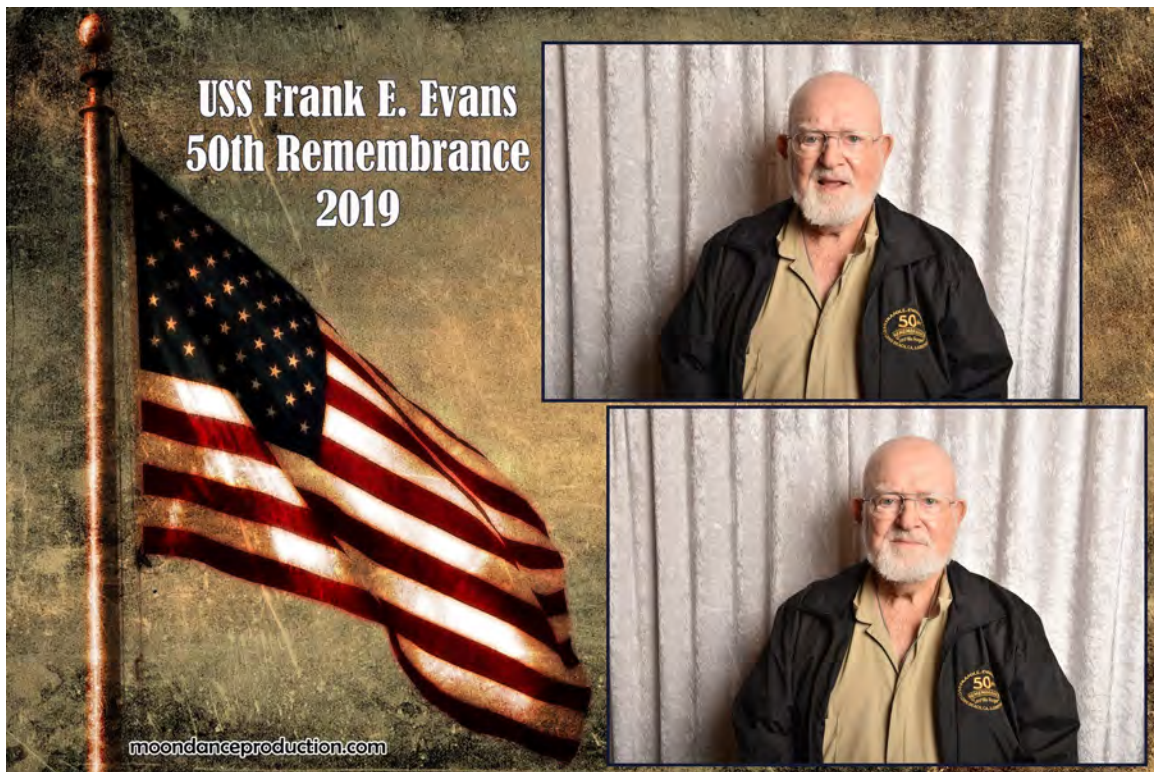


In 1952 off the coast of Korea, the ship held a drawing contest to see who could design the best logo. There was really no competition, JC's talent was evident when he submitted and won the best entry. The Logo is still displayed and used today. JC never accepted any payment for his art work. Several of his art works are shown throughout this newsletter.





In 1953, between standing his watches and performing his duties, he set down to sketch out his visual memory of his home (his ship.) Today this sketch has become the backdrop for hundreds of pictures, and official documents of the Association. It has become a legacy and will certainly stand the test of time, "Lest We Forget."



For the Hood County Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2016 JC graciously allowed the Hood County Historical Commission to utilize his drawings for the Sesquicentennial i.e. the 150th Birthday of Hood County. As you can see JC was not shy to play the part.

43 of JC's sketches were used to compile the limited edition of the Sesquicentennial Book.



The following pictures are a small representation of his talent.

**Hood County Courthouse of Granbury Town Square**  
100 E. Pearl Street



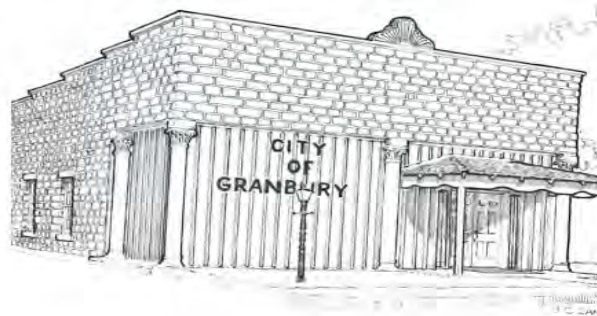
**The Baker-Carmichael House**  
225 East Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas



**The Granbury House**  
101 East Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas



**City of Granbury Building**  
111 South Houston Street, Granbury, Texas







This picture was taken in 1966 during the Hood County Centennial Celebration. In the early 1970's, JC started sketching historical buildings within Hood County. Combined with work and pleasure he always maintained his artistic talent. One of his last designed pieces was the logo for the 50th Remembrance Reunion in Long Beach.



In 2010 JC brought a visitor with him to the reunion in San Diego. He had been challenged to travel the farthest with the bear. He attempted to hand it off to one of our Australian members to take back to Australia but he couldn't figure out how to get it back to it's rightful owners.



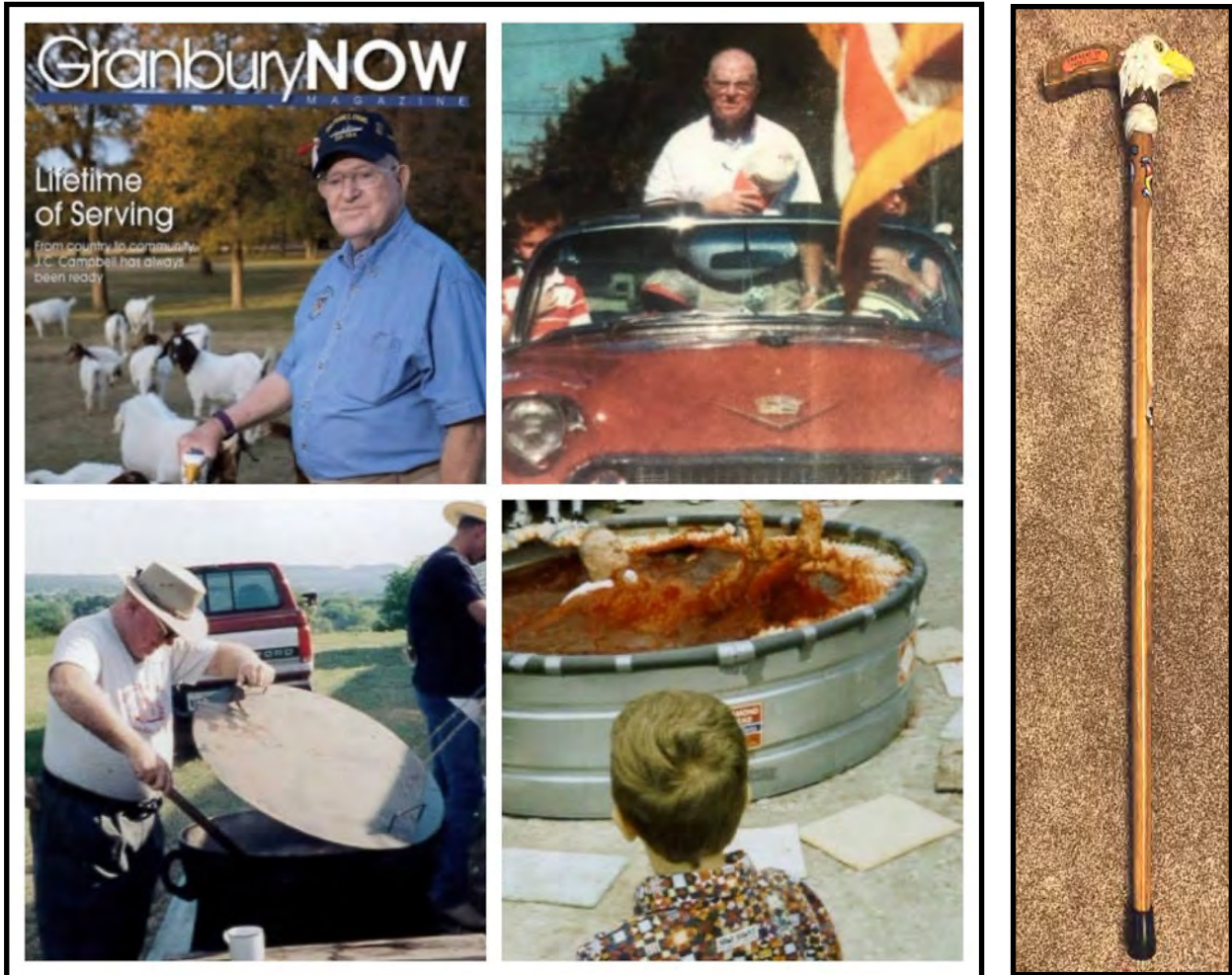
JC was received into the Golden Anchor Circle in Waterloo Iowa at the 2015 reunion.. Just one of the many awards and accomplishments he received during his 29 year affiliation with the USS Frank E. Evans Association. "Bravo Zulu JC."

# *Its all about Family*



## *Its all about Service*

JC was the poster boy for the city he loved, Granbury, Texas. As mentioned previously he served on the city council for 12 years. He knew just about everyone in the town of Granbury, on several occasions he could be seen in the town parades, town events and chili cook offs.



The Bridge Street History Center honored J.C. Campbell (waving) during a special reception on Thursday March 18, 2021., just 12 days before he died. His drawings of local historic homes and buildings were on display Saturday March 20 at, 319 E. Bridge St. Pictured are JC's son Jerry, granddaughter Margaret Campbell and daughter-in-law Teresa Campbell, wife of John Campbell.

*"Lest We Forget"*

*You will never be forgotten*





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

