

USS FRANK E. EVANS DD

WWII KOREA VIETNAM



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WE SCARED THE HELL OUT OF THEM IN
SAN ANTONIO TEXAS



IN MEMORIAM

Matthew 11 Verses 28 - 30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

SHIPMATES

NAME	CITY/STATE	DECEASED
Charles Wright	Atwater, CA, CA	Apr. 28, 2021
William G. Gaines	Dillsboro, IN	Jul. 10, 2021
Richard (Rick) Warden	Carthage, MO	May. 8, 2021
Charles E. Paden	Stewartsville, MO	Aug. 27, 2021
Larry Golz	Anaheim, CA	Oct. 2, 2021
Robert Platt	Colville, WA	Nov. 10 2021

RELATIVES OF THE LOST

NAME	CITY/STATE	DECEASED
Paris Carruth	Sacramento, CA	Apr. 23, 2021
Ophelia King	Thomason, GA	Oct. 14, 2021

MEMBER RELATIVES

NAME	CITY/STATE	DECEASED
Joey Boleti-Zismer	Spokane, WA	Aug. 22, 2021
John Hensley	San Antonio, TX	Aug. 22, 2021
Jeanet Moneaux	Delcambre, LA	Aug. 29, 2021
Robert Wimsett	Garfield Heights, OH	Oct. 25, 2021

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

NAME	CITY/STATE	
Cecil Young	Paramatte, NSW	HMAS Melbourne 3 Jun 1969
David Hopfauf	Plano, TX	Godson of Steve and Donna Kraus
Jeff Waite	Vista, CA	Friend of Steve and Donna Kraus

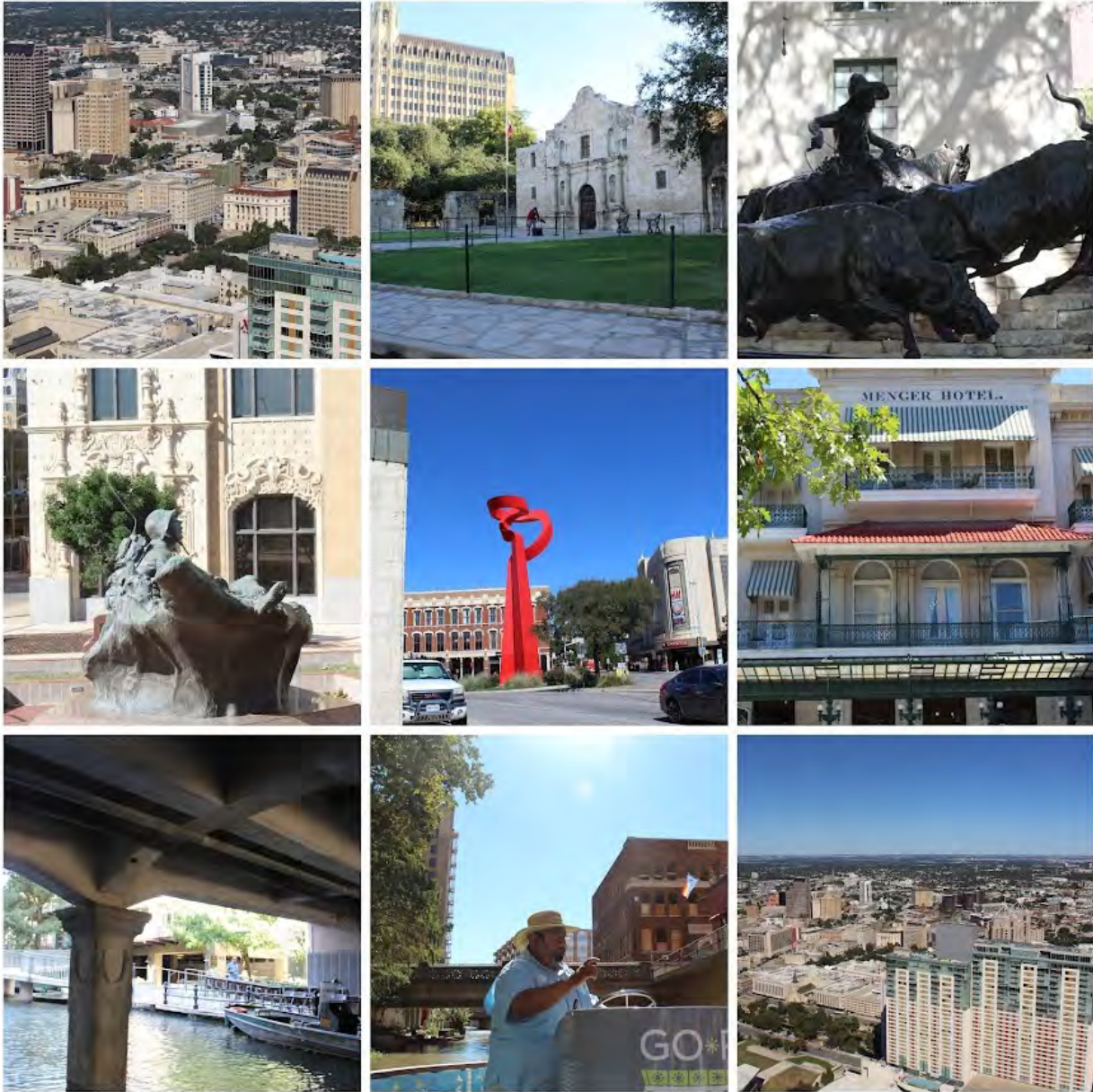
SAN ANTONIO REUNION 2021

It was 879 days since the end of our last reunion, we were finally able to gather in San Antonio, Texas for the 28th USS Frank E. Evans Association Reunion. The following pages reflect a few of the highlights of the reunion. The Pub Crawl was planned and orchestrated by Del and Loretta Francis. We believe pictures are worth a thousand words. Day 1 Wednesday, 27 October, 97 People Participated in the Pub Crawl. The Theme was Halloween attire...Contest winners were Anne Messier-White and Joanne Messier-Derosier for best females, Jeff Waite, best male and Steve Kraus, most creative.



L-R: Terry & Sharyn Nykoluk / Gary Dixon; Anne Messier-White, Steve Kraus, Joanne Messier-Derosier; Jeff Waite & Chris Sherrod; Loretta & Del Francis; Sharon Hopfauf; Renee Lehman & Julie Anderson; Eric Lee; Joe Lehman; John Coffey.

REUNION 2021 CONTINUED



Most of this years attendees took advantage of the great tour package offered by Site City Tours. After the tour of the Alamo on Thursday morning our members took off to enjoy the river boat, hop-on-off bus and Tower of America package. To our surprise Site City Tours expanded the use of the transportation to cover all three days we were in town. As you can see by the pictures above the weather could not have been better.

San Antonio City certainly rolled out the red carpet for us.

REUNION 2021 CONTINUED

This years memorial ceremony was held in Fredericksburg, Texas at the WWII War of the Pacific Museum. The Museum surprised us with an additional plaque dedicated to all who served onboard Evans. Jeff Covert lead the group in the memorial ceremony and Joe Bob Mann conducted the plaque dedication.



INTRODUCING Jennifer (formally Jennifer Nichols) and Duane Henley.

Duane surprised Jennifer on August 28, 2021 by asking her to marry him. Of course she said "yes." Then on August 30, they obtained their marriage license. Not wasting any time they were married September 4, 2021.

Congratulations to the married couple!



REUNION 2021 CONTINUED



We continue our nightly tradition of remembering all our past shipmates from the 40's 50's and 60's by lighting a 3 wick candle at each meeting. Another tradition we continue is our table of the missing and our friendship alliance with USS Kidd (DDG 100)

Jennifer Kraus presented a certificate and flag of the United States of America to the Association on behalf of the San Diego Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The flag was flown over DAR Headquarters in Washington D.C. in September 2021 in memory of the lost 74.



One of the highlights of the reunion was the live auction on Friday evening. Our auction was a huge success. Our total for the evening was over Seven Thousand dollars and to our surprise we had a silent donor who matched the nights sales. Bravo Zulu to our silent donor, the Association is behold-ing to you for such an incredible donation.



Our auctioneer (Doug Sage) and his assistants Carl Hicks and Fletcher Kraus made the evening not only a profitable evening, but entertaining as well.

REUNION 2021 CONTINUED



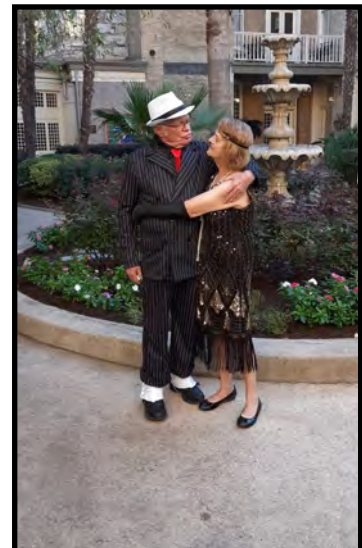
Saturday evening Terry Vejr received the Association's prestigious Golden Anchor Award. Terry has unselfishly worked diligently to put his shipmates, relatives of the lost and family members first. As his plaque says "He knows how to Serve."

Our Association continues to develop its own traditions. On Saturday evening we started a new tradition. We dedicated "The Founders Table." This table represents J. C. & Sylvia Campbell, Nick Nichols and Cal Rankin.

With the passing of our founders, we decided to honor them by creating their very own banquet table. The table will be present at all future reunions as we continue to have them present in our hearts.



Saturday evening's theme was the roaring 20's. Our members dressed the part. Also as a surprise we had a casino night, including gaming tables and several prizes for our big winners.



WISCONSIN STATE MEMORIAL DEDICATION

By Terry Vejr

On Memorial Day 31 May 2021 a Lost 74 dedication ceremony was held at The Highground Veterans Memorial Park & Museum, Neillsville, Wisconsin in honor of: YN3 James Richard Cmeyla, SA Michael Anthony Orlikowski and RD3 Jon Wayne Thomas.

In attendance were Joe and Cindy Cmeyla, Jack Cmeyla, shipmate Joe Brusca, his wife Sue, survivors Mike Schertz and Terry Vejr. In addition, there were approximately 75-100 people in attendance.

YN3 James Cmeyla's brothers Joe and Jack unveiled the memorial stone. Mike Schertz and Terry Vejr read the 74 names.

A special thank you to Chris Pettis (Executive Director), Bonnie Pettis (Events Coordinator) and their staff for all their hard work in making this an outstanding dedication ceremony.



Association member and survivor Mike Schertz and his wife Kay donated this plaque to the association to add to our memorabilia collection. Mike brought the plaque to the Wisconsin dedication ceremony and presented it to Terry Vejr. The plaque was located in the quarterdeck area of the ship. The Plaque was on display at the reunion in San Antonio where several shipmates remembered it. Thank you Mike and Kay.

LONG BEACH NAVAL SHIPYARD

By Frank Jablonski

1940—The life of the Long Beach Naval Shipyard began when, for \$1, the Navy acquired 104 acres of oceanfront on Terminal Island from the city of Long Beach. Later, landfills and dredging increased the shipyard site to 396 acres. It was located at Terminal Island between Long Beach and San Pedro about 23 miles south of Los Angeles International Airport.

1943—The Secretary of the Navy established the facilities as the U.S. Naval Dry Docks, Roosevelt Base, California on 9 February. It was established to repair and refurbish U.S. naval vessels and opened with 300 workers.



During World War II, the naval dry docks did routine and battle damage repairs to tankers, cargo ships, troop transports, destroyers and cruisers. It also served as a depot for fuel and supplies for U.S. Navy ships on their way to war or deployment.

Thousands of men and women had been hired for several different trades. Employment reached more than 16,000 civilian employees in August 1945. From early 1950 to early 1980 employment averaged 7,500.

1945 - The name was changed 30 November to Terminal Island Naval Shipyard.

1948 - In March, the name was finally made to Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

1950 - There were about 5,800 employees when it closed on 1 June. Less than a month later the Korean War began.

1951 - Reactivated 4 January

1952 - USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) calls Long Beach her homeport.

1991- Thirty-eight ships based in Long Beach were reassigned to other west coast home ports... an estimated 17,000 jobs were lost in the area.

1994- The shipyard employed about 3,000 civilians and 800 Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Navy Exchange personnel.

1995- about 3,000 civilians were working at the yard when the announcement came that the facility would be closed.

1997- In May, four months before closing, more than 700 yard-birds had been placed in jobs at other military installations. More than 200 employees took voluntary separation incentive and more than 1,000 workers learned new skills.

30 September: Final Closure... Pentagon cutbacks closed the shipyard for good.



USS KIDD Report

By Rich Alverdes

On a somewhat chilly and foggy morning, the families of the U.S.S. KIDD (DDG 100) gathered on the pier of Naval Station Everett to welcome their Sailors home. Out of that overcast morning, and right on time at 10 AM, with her Pirate flag at full mast, she pulls into the pier to the cheering, waving and enthusiastic crowd of family and friends.



Per Naval tradition, the first off the ship were those who had new born children waiting to see their "Sailor" for the first time!



Remember to track the KIDD on Facebook for all of her new photo's and stories. Also please remember to keep the KIDD in your daily prayers as the Officers & Crew settle in from her recent deployment.

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