

USS FRANK E. EVANS DD 754

WWII KOREA VIETNAM



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Shipmates, Family & Friends,

Hard to believe that in 2022 we are still having to deal with COVID and all the pain and suffering it has brought to the world. You will see in our obituaries that several shipmates have passed away due to this terrible virus. Many others have had the virus and fortunately have beaten the odds and are getting better. Please keep those who are sick in your prayers, we seem to have an enormous number of shipmates, family and friends who are battling a variety of illnesses.

Plans are under way for this years reunion in Portland, Maine. The dates are October 19-22, 2022. Also, Plans are underway for 4 memorial ceremonies on 3 June 2022, see page 9 for all the details.

We still are not receiving much input for articles to be put in the newsletter. It only takes a moment for you to jot down your stories, thoughts and ideas. Send them to Rolf Buchner via email at rbuchner@sc.rr.com or call him at 803-237-2550 if you see some information in other sources. We want new and fresh information so we don't have to run old articles.

Best Wishes, Stay Safe and Healthy.

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
Larry Gotz	Anaheim, CA	Oct. 2, 2021
Bob Platt	Curlew, WA	Nov. 10, 2021
Donald Pisarczyk	Pubelo, CO	Jan. 12, 2022
Wade Gillespie	Riverside, CA	Jan. 30, 2022
Dale Maddy	Marion, IA	Jan. 31, 2022
William Hendershot III	Delaware, OH	Feb. 1, 2022

RELATIVES OF THE LOST / 2ND WATCH

NAME	CITY/STATE	DECEASED
Ophelia King	Thomason, GA	Oct. 14, 2021
Dorothy Pisarczyk	Pueblo, CO	Jan. 14, 2022
George Ministeri	La Jolla, CA	Jan. 31, 2022

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

NAME	CITY/STATE	RELATIONSHIP
Brian Ralston	Clifton Park, NY	Son of Tom Ralston
Thomas Ralston Jr.	Arlington, MA	Son of Tom Ralston
Kevin Ralston	Middle Grove, NY	Son of Tom Ralston
Elizabeth Atkins	Mesa, AZ	Sister of Joe Mulitsch
Tray Huggins	Loveland, CO	Husband of Dulce Huggins
Julie Moreland	Lindenhurst, IL	Daughter of Jeff Covert
Jennifer Waugh	Fort Montgomery, NY	Daughter of Jeff Covert
Julie Rayfield	Lonedell, MO	Daughter of Flo Hoog
Charles Truelove	Columbia, MO	Friend of Gary Kraus

OBITUARIES



Association member George Ministeri, age 77 passed away on January 31, 2022 in La Jolla, California. Born December 4, 1944 in Boston, Massachusetts, he remained a Boston Red Sox fan his entire life. George married his wife Marlene in 1993. George first attended a Evans reunion in 2016. He became a supporter of the association and the cause to get the names of the lost 74 on the Vietnam Memorial Wall. George leaves behind, his wife, 2 step daughters, Dawn Carvajal and Maria Gonzales; 3 grandchildren, Claire & Ruben Gonzales and Gia Manzoni.

RD3 Robert "Bob" Platt (survivor 69) passed away on November 9, 2021 in the hospital, a victim of COVID. His wife Carol was also in the hospital with COVID at the same time and fortunately survived. Bob, Tom Anthony and Del Francis escaped from their berthing quarters located under the mess decks on that fateful June 3 night. Together they tried to open the hatch on the main deck but were not successful, fortunately Bob Petty opened the hatch, saving numerous sailors.



Association member and shipmate SN Wade Gillespie (63-66) passed away on Sunday January 30, 2022 in Anaheim, California, yet another victim of COVID. Wade leaves behind his wife, Lucy, son, Forrest and his brother Wayne. John Coffey reported he believed Wade will be interred at the Veteran's Cemetery in Riverside. Due to COVID, interments are taking months to schedule.



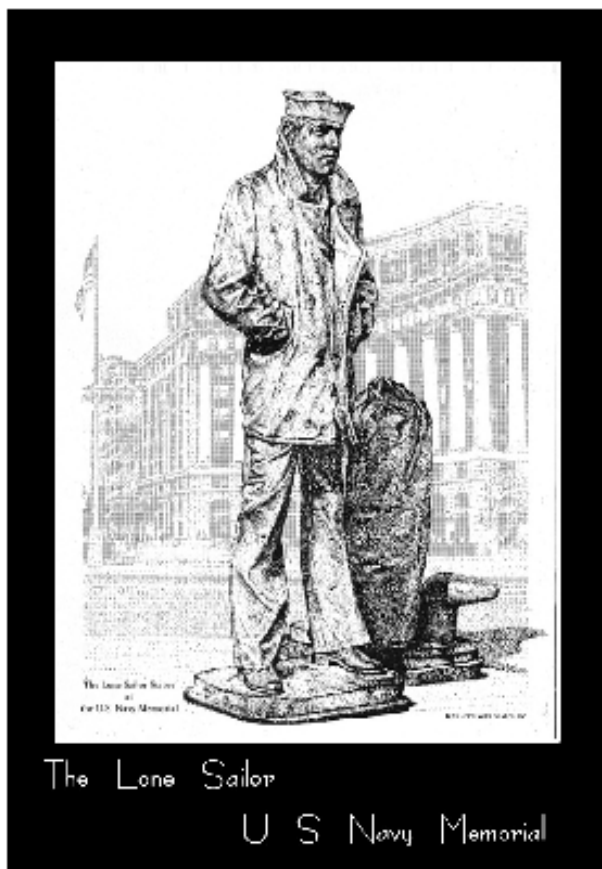
Association Second Watch Member Dale Maddy age 74 (Kersarge 69) passed away on January 31, 2022 at Unity Point St Likes hospital of COVID. According to sources he had been in the hospital for almost 30 days prior to his death. Dale was a writer and wrote the book titled "Million Dollar Experience" the book was about his experiences during his time in the Navy. Included was also the collision between Melbourne and Evans.

GOOD ARTICLE FOR WINTER—WISHING YOU STILL HAD YOUR P-COAT?

BY FRANK JABLONSKI

US NAVY'S PEA COATS (Bon Voyage)

March 17, 2018



The U.S. Navy pea coat? The Netherlands... to help Dutch sailors brave the bounding main in winter gales, developed a heavy, dark wool coat that they called the "pijjecker." In Dutch, "pij" (pronounced "pea") is the word for a coarse, twilled cloth with a nap on one side while "jekker" or "jakker" means "jacket."

It didn't take long...the British saw the benefits for their own seamen and the Pea Coat was popularized by the Royal Navy, first mentioned in the 1731 Royal Navy uniform manual. Perhaps its name comes from British uniform store owner Edgard Camplin, who suggested it as a coat for petty officers to distinguish them from ordinary sailors. So, rather than an officer's great coat, he came up with the "petty coat" or p. coat (pea coat) for short. (The U.S. Navy, however, maintains the name came because it was made from what was called "pilot cloth" or p-cloth for short, hence pea coat.) The pea jackets of 1731 were required due to the expansion of the British Royal Navy into the Northern Atlantic and other extreme regions of the world where cold weather gear was required. But even before that, pea coats/jackets were getting noticed. Presumably, the British brought the pea coat across the pond and Americans carried on the British style even after the Revolutionary War.

The first pea coats had short side vents or no vents while current U.S. Navy coats feature a center vent. The vertical

slit pockets were designed for easy access, and they usually boast a pocket for change because Navy pants had no pockets. There are also pockets on either side for storing a wallet and other valuables. Today's style features a double-breasted, hip-length coat made of dark blue (blue-black) fabric with a convertible collar and a single row of four 35-line black plastic anchor buttons down the right front and three on the left. To wear it correctly, leave the collar unbuttoned (except in the coldest conditions), the jumper collar should be inside the coat and sleeves should reach about three-quarters of the way from wrist to knuckles when arms hang naturally at the side. To personalize it properly, you should center your last name and last four digits of your Social Security number 3 inches from and parallel to the bottom edge.

In 2015, the Department of Defense awarded Boston-based Sterlingwear another four-year contract with options of up to \$48 million to produce pea coats and overcoats for the service. A pea coat was traditionally made from 100 percent Kersey wool, but today's Navy pea coat is made of a midnight blue mix of 80 percent Melton wool and 20 percent artificial fibers.

In August 2016, the Navy announced that it would start PHASING OUT THE PEA COAT THIS YEAR (2018) as it transitions to a black, synthetic, cold-weather parka as official outerwear by Oct. 1, 2020. The decision was based on the desire "to reduce current Navy sea bag uniform component requirements and reduce cost to the Navy's annual uniform budget." "The Cold Weather Parka was determined a suitable substitute because of its more modern appearance, lightweight fabric and inclement weather protective qualities/capabilities. The parka was also selected for its versatility in being able to be worn with service and dress uniforms and civilian clothing."

THE P IN P-COAT SOON MAY COME TO MEAN PASSÉ.

THE WALL THAT HEALS SCHEDULE

THE FOLLOWING IS THE CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR THE WALL THAT HEALS. THIS YEAR THE ASSOCIATION IS ASKING ITS MEMBERS TO TRY TO ATTEND AND IF POSSIBLE, PARTICIPATE IN THESE WALL CEREMONIES, LOOK FOR ONE OF THESE LOCATIONS AND CONTACT THE HOST TO SEE IF THEY WILL INCLUDE THE LOST 74 NAMES IN THEIR CEREMONY.



2022 Schedule

City	Host	Opening	Closing
Bay St. Louis, MS	Alice Moseley Folk Art & Antique Museum	3/24/22	3/27/22
Gamer, NC	Show N Tell Ministries	3/31/22	4/3/22
Crawfordsville, AR	City of Crawfordsville & Crittenden County	4/7/22	4/10/22
Knoxville, TN	Knox County & VVA Chapter 1078	4/21/22	4/24/22
New Castle, DE	William Penn High School	4/28/22	5/1/22
Findlay, OH	Findlay AmVets Post 21	5/5/22	5/8/22
Belvidere, IL	Flora Grange No. 1762	5/12/22	5/15/22
Winchester, IN	Randolph County Veteran Services Office	5/19/22	5/22/22
Erie, PA	Lilly Broadcasting/Erie News Now	5/27/22	5/30/22
Norwalk, CT	The Wall That Heals Norwalk Committee	6/2/22	6/5/22
Chisholm, MN	United Way of NEMN – United for Veterans	6/23/22	6/26/22
Franklin, WI	Civic Celebration Commission	6/30/22	7/3/22
Chicago Heights, IL	Bloom Township	7/7/22	7/10/22
Battle Creek, MI	Calhoun County Red White and Blue Foundation	7/14/22	7/17/22
Eagan, MN	Community of Eagan & The Dart Network	7/21/22	7/24/22
Winsted, MN	American Legion Post 407	7/28/22	7/31/22
Tama, IA	Meskwaki American Legion Post 701 & Z- Line LTD	8/4/22	8/7/22
Kearney, NE	37th Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Reunion	8/11/22	8/14/22
Mead, CO	Town of Mead	8/18/22	8/21/22
Payson, AZ	The Wall That Heals - Payson	8/25/22	8/28/22
Warrenton, MO	The Wall That Heals - Warrenton	9/8/22	9/11/22
Middletown, NY	K of C Blessed Titus Brandsma Council & Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9/15/22	9/18/22
Bedford, MA	VA Bedford Healthcare System	9/22/22	9/25/22
Methuen, MA	Methuen Veterans	9/29/22	10/2/22
Sayre, PA	The Wall That Heals Penn-York Committee	10/6/22	10/9/22
Charlotte, NC	Duke Energy Carolinas	10/20/22	10/23/22
Anahuac, TX	The Wall That Heals - Chambers County	10/27/22	10/30/22
San Antonio, TX	Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Texas (TMMTX)	11/3/22	11/6/22
Cabot, AR	Cabot Welcomes The Wall That Heals	11/10/22	11/13/22

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THE MOVING WALL

THE FOLLOWING IS THE CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR THE MOVING WALL. THIS YEAR THE ASSOCIATION IS ASKING ITS MEMBERS TO TRY TO ATTEND AND IF POSSIBLE PARTICIPATE IN THESE WALL CEREMONIES. LOOK FOR ONE OF THESE LOCATIONS NEAR YOU AND CONTACT THEM TO SEE IF THEY WILL INCLUDE THE LOST 74 NAMES IN THEIR CEREMONY. THE BEST WAY TO LOOK UP THE CONTACT PERSON FOR EACH LOCATION IS THROUGH THEIR WEBSITE [HTTP://WWW.THEMOVINGWALL.ORG](http://www.themovingwall.org) Phone: (906) 885-5599.

WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONY IN LIBERTY LAKES, WASHINGTON. PLEASE CONTACT MARY MANLEY-LEE AT 509-724-3395 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND & PARTICIPATE.

Schedule A	Schedule C
03/25 - 03/30 Fayetteville, North Carolina	05/05 - 05/09 Hooksett, New Hampshire
06/02 - 06/06 Moneta, Virginia	
06/30 - 07/04 Elmira, New York	
07/07 - 07/11 Randolph,	07/14 - 07/18 Sumner, Iowa
07/28 - 08/01 Spencer, Indiana	
08/04 - 08/08 Holly, Michigan	
08/11 - 08/15 Urbana, Ohio	
08/18 - 08/22 Elwood City, Pennsylvania	08/18 - 08/22 Dickenson, North Dakota
09/15 - 09/19 Pine Mountain, Georgia	09/15 - 09/19 Liberty Lake, Washington

HAPPY 77TH BIRTHDAY, USS FRANK E. EVANS!

USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754), an Allen M. Sumner-class destroyer was commissioned on 3 February 1945, with CDR Harry Smith in command. She was named in honor of United States Marine Corps Brigadier General Frank E. Evans, a leader of the American Expeditionary Force in France during World War I. During its activity, she carried a complement of 336 officers and enlisted on board and she made numerous deployments to support World War II, Korean and Vietnam War's. USS Frank E. Evans served her country for 24 years, 4 months and 28 days, until decommissioned on 1 July 1969. She received one battle star for World War II service, and five for her Korean war service.



Photo: February 3 1945, Commissioning Day.

USS KIDD (DDG100) UPDATE

A SPECIAL DAY IN BATON ROUGE LOUISIANA



Chief Petty Officer Cameron Cauthen and Boatswain's Mate Seaman Basilio Hernandez (Blue Jacket of the Year) accompanied KIDD Commanding Officer, Commander Noland, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana where they played a role in the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The commemoration took place while on board USS KIDD (DD 661)

Sailors from all three ships to bear the name KIDD (DD 661), (DDG 993), and (DDG 100) share the day together. And some gumbo! Three generations of KIDD sailors from three generations of KIDD ships: (L-R) Mess Management Specialist Drew Mullins (DDG-993), Yeoman 3rd class David L. Light (DD-661), Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Cameron Cauthen (DDG-100), Commander Matt Noland (DDG-100), Seaman Leroy Jenkins (DD-661), and Boatswain's Mate Basilio Hernandez (DDG-100). First time (that we know of) where crewmen from all three KIDD's have been together at the same time aboard DD-661.

Connecting USS KIDD (DDG 100) to our namesake and legacy is important to us. When we remember history we are never alone in confronting crisis.



SAVE THE DATES FOR 2022

Memorial Ceremonies 3 June

- ⇒ Herndon, Virginia (Carol Preston-Coulter)
- ⇒ Gurnee, Illinois (Jeff Covert or Chuck Huber)
- ⇒ Independence, Missouri (Ben & Pam Chilcutt)
- ⇒ Long Beach, California (Pete Peters)

Reunion October 19-22

- ⇒ Portland, Maine (Donna Kraus)

This year we will hold 4 Memorial Ceremonies on June 3 for our Lost 74. The following locations will be holding a Memorial Ceremony (rain or shine) on 3 June 2022. Make your plans to attend by letting the contact person know your are hoping to attend.

LONG BEACH-CA

Place: Shoreline Park
100 Aquarium Way,
Long Beach, CA 90802
Time: 10 AM
Contact: Pete Peters
Email repl1029@aol.com
Cell: 310-542-3609

INDEPENDENCE-MO

Place : Mt. Washington Cemetery
614 S Brookside Ave.
Independence, MO 64053
Time 10 AM
Contacts: Ben & Pam Chilcutt
Email: benchilcutt@gmail.com
Cell:816- 525-7772

GURNEE-IL

Place: Warren Cemetery
1475 N. Cemetery Rd.
Gurnee, IL 60031
Time: 10 AM
Contact: Jeff Covert
Email: jw.Covert@att.net
Cell: 847-989-3922

HERNDON-VA

Place: Mission BBQ
2403b Centreville Rd.
Herndon, VA 20171
Time: 10 AM
Contact: Carol Preston-Coulter
Email: crlcoulter@gmail.com
Cell: 571-317-9951

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Download the Latest Free Tools from VA's App Store

Refill and track prescriptions, ask a pharmacy question, receive appointment reminders or learn mindfulness to reduce stress -- download a variety of free apps through VA's app store. <https://mobile.va.gov/appstore>

Survivor Benefits for Family Members

If you're the surviving spouse, child, or parent of a service member or Veteran who died from a service-related injury or illness, you may be eligible for VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). DIC is a tax-free monthly financial benefit. Find out if you're eligible and how to apply. Learn more at: <https://www.va.gov/disability/dependency-indemnity-compensation/>

Appeal Your VA Claim

Do you disagree with VA's decision on your claim? Veterans and other claimants for VA benefits can choose from three decision review options: Supplemental Claim, Higher-Level Review, and Board Appeal. Learn more at: <https://www.va.gov/decision-reviews/>

ORDERING SHIPS STORE ITEMS?

Only items that are listed on the website are available during the calendar year. These items can be found at <https://www.ussfee.org/store/>

The remainder of items, which are stored in the trailer, are only available at reunions. If you are unable to order through the website, contact Mary Gregg at 949-290-1400

If you want to purchase "American Boys" or "Unsinkable Sailors" the best and cheapest way is through Amazon at <https://www.amazon.com/>

All Frank Jablonski's books are available at <https://www.lulu.com/products/>

A TRIBUTE "TO BEER"

BY FRANK JABLONSKI

"Sometimes, when I reflect on all the beer I drink, I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I did not drink beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. I think, it is better to drink this beer and let their dreams come true, than be selfish and worry about my liver." Babe Ruth

"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading." Paul Horning

"24 hours.. a day and 24 beers.. a case. Coincidence? I think not." H. L. Mencken

"When we drink, we get drunk. When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. So, let's all get drunk and go to heaven." George Bernard Shaw



"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." Benjamin Franklin

"Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza." Dave Barry

"Beer: Helping ugly people have sex since 3000 B.C." W. C. Fields

"Remember 'I' before 'E,' except in Budweiser." Professor Irwin Corey

"To some it is a six-pack. To me, it is a Support Group. Salvation in a can." Leo Durocher

One night at Cheers, a TV Sitcom, Cliff Clavin said to his buddy, Norm Peterson: "Well, ya see, Norm, it's like this ... A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells.

Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But, naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers." Cliff Clavin...Cheers



SAN MIGUEL...THE BEER THAT MADE SUBIC BAY FAMOUS!!!



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**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS
FOR THIS YEARS
EVENTS!**

**OUR NEXT
REUNION IS IN
PORTLAND,
MAINE, OCT.
19—22, 2022**

