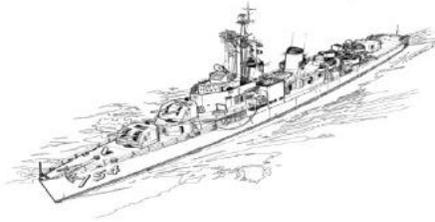


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Foot Locker Talk - Newsletter

Thanks to all who send materials, suggestions, & information for the newsletter. PLEASE - SEND YOUR NEWS to: fjab333@earthlink.net We plan to publish on or about: 14 Feb (Valentines Day); 30 May (in time for Memorial Day); 15 Aug; and 11 Nov (Veteran's Day). If you would like your newsletter in electronic form, Steve Kraus needs your email address. Each newsletter and other communications that can be done via electronic media saves the Association mailing costs.

Ahoy Shipmates, Family & Friends,

Errors - We do not intentionally make them. In the 2015 Memory Book we memorialized Jack Van Pelt and Paul Ward as "Our Last Plank Owners." In fact, we received notice that Roy C. Stephens recently celebrated his 91st birthday. We sincerely apologize to Roy and all other Plank Owners who may be out there. It is through our own research and notifications from families and shipmates that we are able to keep on top of matters. Once again, we are truly sorry, and we commit to doing a better job in checking our information, and appreciate being informed when we make a mistake. To Our Plank Owners - Lest We Forget.

Wishing all a very happy Memorial Day on May 30, 2016. Please check the information within this newsletter for events on this Memorial Day and throughout the summer.

As many of you know, the start of 2016 has not been good for all of us. We have received information from many about significant illnesses, health problems and deaths. A huge surprise to all was the stroke our founder Nick Nichols had in February. Nick is still undergoing rehabilitation and has a tough road ahead of him. Marv Jones was diagnosed with bladder cancer and had his bladder removed. He is currently undergoing chemo and radiation therapy. Earl Marchbanks was diagnosed with lung cancer and is also undergoing treatment. Please pray for our members and any other shipmates, family and sick friends.

Plans are firming up for our reunion in Buffalo, NY. Your reunion package should be in the mail about Mid-May! On Wednesday of the reunion we will begin with a Pub Crawl. Come and join us for a great way to start off our reunion. Thursday's tour will be a trip to the Canadian side of Niagara Falls... You must have a passport to take this tour! Since there is a large variety of tour options once at the Falls, we are leaving those decisions up to you. The reunion package only includes transportation to and from the Falls. We are excited about Friday's trip to the Buffalo & Lake Erie Naval Park. Upon arrival we will dedicate the New York Lost Memorial Stone, conduct a memorial ceremony onboard USS THE SULLIVANS (DD 537), have lunch onboard USS LITTLE ROCK (CL 92), and tour both ships.

Please mark your calendars now and make your plans to join us in Buffalo.

J C Campbell
President

Steve Kraus
Vice President

USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) Association MEMORIAL HEADSTONES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Memorial headstones set by family members of the "Lost 74"... To date, 50 personal memorial headstones have been located and documented. Thank you all who have cooperated or helped us.



Kenneth W. Glines
Mt. Washington Forever Cemetery
Independence, Missouri



Larry A. Gracely
Memorial Park Cemetery
Lima, Ohio



Steven A. Guyer
St. Joseph Memorial Park
St. Joseph, Missouri



IN FLANDERS FIELDS

by LTCL John McCreae, MD
Canadian Army
May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place; and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the Dead. Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, and now we lie, in Flanders fields. Take up our quarrel with the foe: to you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders fields.

MEMORIAL DAY MEMORIES

by Tom Schaeffer, USS OKANOGAN (APA 220)

I remember Memorial Day being called Decoration Day, and I remember my dad wearing a fake poppy he purchased from some veterans on Main Street. I remember being in third grade and having to memorize and recite a poem called "In Flander's Fields" right after we had pledged allegiance to the

flag the Friday before the Memorial Day weekend. I remember decorating my bike with red, white, and blue crepe paper woven through the spokes and streaming from the handle bars and then riding the bike in a parade ending at the military memorial in Greenwood Cemetery. I remember speeches, and brand new flags being placed on the graves of all of our town's veterans; and I remember rolling around on the ground, wrestling with other pre-teens, hoping to recover the brass from the rifles that had rendered the 21 gun salute. Finally, I vividly recall tears welling in my eyes when I heard "Taps" for the first time played by an American Legion bugler at the memorial site and "echoed back" by another Legionnaire, standing in the far reaches of the cemetery. Life was a little simpler in those days, but what a life it was!!! I hope your Memorial Day is as full of happy memories as mine is.

KEARSARGE PAYS TRIBUTE TO FRANK E. EVANS' MISSING

Courtesy of Survivor - Seaman Apprentice Terry R. Vejr
A Salute, by Chaplain Glynn aboard USS KEARSARGE (CVS 33) - At sea, 3 June 1969

IN MEMORIAM TO THOSE MEN OF USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) WHO DIED AT SEA

"When our nation was born on the fourth of July 1776, not all Americans, only a comparative handful, dare proclaim they were its fathers, pledging to one another, their lives and sacred honor, to tell the world here was a land where men would be free.

Destiny is not always fair. Men may starve at a Valley Forge while countrymen profit from their misery; but men have been willing in each generation of our history to pay freedom's price, and have served her at Gettysburg, the Argonne, Iwo Jima, Inchon, and Chu Lai. Still today, some pledge their very lives, and sacred honor. Too often, full payment is asked of that pledge and young lives are offered on freedom's altar, whether the inferno of Khe San or the tomb of FRANK E. EVANS.

No one really wants to leave home and loved ones, but to man freedom's distant ramparts, someone has to. No young man wants to die, but through the 193 years of our country's birth, the list of those who have done so continues to grow. Now and again the summons sounds. Someone must serve notice to the world. There is a land where a man, simply because he is a man, can live in liberty and dignity; and assure that they who have died for this cause have not done so in vain, but are in truth, freedom's honored dead."

DEAR EDITOR: (TIN CAN SAILOR)

by Del Francis (and others)

I received my (2016) 1st quarter newsletter Saturday and as usual I sat down to read it through. I got as far as your article on the National Vietnam War Museum. I want to thank you for the article. I was extremely dismayed to see that you felt compelled to note that you do not support the efforts of the Frank E. Evans DD 754 Association to have the names of the 74 men that we lost on June 3, 1969, placed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington DC. As such, I wish to cancel my subscription to "Tin Can Sailors" and I intend to encourage my friends to do the same. I will miss you. I have always enjoyed your paper but I am not interested in "Yellow Journalism." (Journalism that exploits, distorts, or exaggerates the news to create sensations and attract readers.)

If you are too lazy to research the facts you should read "American Boys" by Louise Esola. Ms Esola spent years researching the accident and the lengths which the politicians went to keep these men from being identified as Vietnam casualties. Facts: We left our home port for one reason, Vietnam. We had just left the "Gun Line" supporting ground forces. Evans drew "Combat Pay" for 6-3-69 and was credited with Vietnam Service along with all the other ships in the exercise. After the accident, all the ships in the squadron returned to the "gun Line." Many of us have suffered "Agent Orange" type illnesses, of course we were "Blue Water Navy." Many suffer PTSD including our Australian friends.

We have been fighting this battle since before the Wall was built. SecNav Ray Mabus supports adding the names. We are as close as we have ever been, and with a little support all the families and friends of the 74 will see this accomplished. It is just unimaginable to think that "Tin Can Sailors" won't support us. I know you mention your top recruiters every newsletter, how about some recognition for getting friends to drop you like a hot potato?

DEL FRANCIS RD3, SURVIVOR



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & EDITOR, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DESTROYER VETERANS, TIN CAN SAILORS, INC
Terry Miller

I am sorry you feel that way but I do understand that you, like many others, feel so strongly about it. If I may, I'd like to explain why I added what I did. In 1969 when pulling into Subic Bay in my ship, the George K. MacKenzie, I saw the aft section of the Frank E. Evans. I had met some of the sonar men once though only casually and didn't know any of them by name. I was told that none of them had survived. This had a tremendous impact on me. Another of our Directors, Jim Hoffman, was on the Everett F. Larson that day and saw first hand what had happened. We and our fellow directors are sympathetic to the tragic loss of so many shipmates and I have run the story more often than any other during my fourteen years as editor. It is an important story and one I was willing to tell.

Now, I tell you that so that you know that I am with you in this. However, Tin Can Sailors has for all of its 40 years had a policy of avoiding issues of advocacy, pro or con. The Navy says this tragedy occurred while the ship was detached from Vietnam duties. Frank E. Evans shipmates differ. While I personally agree with the Evans crew that the names of the 74 belong on the Wall, this long-standing policy makes it impossible for me to say that Tin Can Sailors supports either position. So if you have to cancel your membership I will understand but I want you to have the full story before you commit. I hope that you will stay with us and maybe provide more Frank E. Evans stories for future issues. I'd like to help keep the memory alive.

TO USS FRANK E. EVANS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Randy Henderson - 26 Feb 2016

Yes, I (Randy) did have drinks with Jordan Nicholson of Senator Schummer's staff two weekends ago; we spent almost two hours together. No I did not go to school with him, he did however graduate from our local high school when I was school board President where he attended many of our meetings as a student representative. I have known him for 10 years or so and his family home is just around the corner from mine.

Jordan has been in contact with me on a regular basis since Sen. Schummer first announced his intent to work on our cause back in June 2015. I asked for the meeting as I was concerned at the perceived lack of progress. We had a long and involved conversation about their ongoing efforts to date. I emphasized that we were anxious to see results yet, we realize this is not an easy task. Long story short, as an outgrowth of our meeting the staff has reenergized their efforts for an administrative solution.

What I posted on FB this week were CURRENT (from Wed) news releases from their office that were designed to get the new Sec Def's attention. These press releases are very similar to the ones sent in June 2015 but these address Ashton Carter, not Chuck Hagel who was still Sec Def back in June.

I did NOT say there was a meeting scheduled next week. What I mentioned to Steve was that their (Them Senator's staff's) goal is to secure a meeting between Sen. Schummer and Ashton Carter in the near future. Thus the Press releases aimed at Ashton Carter. These press releases spawned another round of coverage in NYS and some national coverage as The AP picked it up again and there was interest from a paper in the San Francisco area today.

I will update you in writing when I have additional definitive information to be shared. For now I remain very hopeful and very thankful that Senator Schummer is working for us.

Lest We Forget

Randy Henderson (Terry Henderson's brother)

A PLEA ON EBAY!

Submitted by Terry Vejr

VIETNAM WAR MILITARY SINKING NAVY SHIP THE USS FRANK E EVANS 1969 MEMORIAL ITEMS
3pcs. in Cedar Box PATRICK M. CORCORAN Can Anyone Help?

"I truly believe he and his father are reaching out for their due recognition. Please Read on...The other day I brought several boxes to our local Goodwill store. Since there, I looked through the book section. Immediately I spied a Cedar Box. As listed in my Ebay add, this is what I found.

VIETNAM WAR MILITARY, MILITARIA MOURNING, MEMORIAL ITEMS, BIBLE, CRUCIFIX marked ITALY, CARD as found in the CEDAR BOX given to PATRICK'S FATHER from Teamsters Union 929 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

It touched my heart, and after looking up the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans official site (His name is at least there) when I returned home, I decided to try and list simply knowing there has got to be a place for items as a result of war...He simply would not have been there otherwise! Patrick was 19 yrs 1 mo 29 days old when he perished in this most unusual ship accident involving the FRANK E. EVANS and the Australian aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne. Surely this should not end up in the trash! Perhaps there are remaining family members? (I just found that Patrick's father Thomas Corcoran, passed away in 2006...I typed in Patrick's name and wasn't I shocked to see this young man staring back at me!!!! I changed the pictures around in the listing to include the article I found... I just don't know what to do with this! It's not like it is some spectacular medal or Patrick's Navy footlocker or he saved his shipmates in battle...But, a life, none the less...A boy... serving his Country...AND the Defense Department still will not acknowledge Patrick or his 73 shipmates who were lost... Can anyone help with this?..Sincerely, From A Parent's Heart....."



Our shipmate and survivor Terry Vejr responded to the ad, and submitted the winning bid. This was a very special find. In his opinion, Susan, the finder, is a special lady. To say thanks, he is sending her a copy of American Boys.

Thanks Susan.....Lest We Forget!

JEROME H. KING JR.- COMMANDER IN VIETNAM

From a piece by Adam Bernstein

Jerome Henry King Jr. was a native of Youngstown, Ohio, and a 1941 engineering graduate of Yale University, where he was in the Navy ROTC program. He received a master's degree in nuclear physics from MIT and became an authority on the effects of nuclear weapons. His most public task was succeeding Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr. as commander of naval forces in Vietnam. In 1969, Adm. King was commander of an anti-submarine warfare group when he was asked to lead a "delicate" assignment. He was the senior member of a joint U.S.- Australia board of inquiry into a fatal collision between USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) and HMAS MELBOURNE during NATO maneuvers in the South China Sea. The panel primarily faulted the actions of the U.S. destroyer, which was sheared in half after turning at night in front of the carrier. Seventy-four U.S. sailors died. Retired Vice Adm. Jerome H. King Jr., 88, died 13 Jun 2008, in Pasadena, California.



"FISH OUT OF WATER"

by Steve Kraus

Just wanted to share some good news with you. Association Member Paul Sherbo has written his second book titled "Fish Out of Water." Captain Paul Sherbo USN (ret) writes about his experiences in the gulf war. If you read his first book, "Unsinkable Sailors" then you know this certainly is a "must read." You can order on-line by going directly to www.patriotmediainc.com

In March 2003, a coalition of countries headed by the United States invaded Iraq. Two months later, President Bush declared the end of major combat operations. It was almost a year later that the Navy recalled Paul Sherbo to active duty. At that time, one of Paul's fellow reservists was sure the war was winding down and Paul would be home in just six months. It wasn't winding down; he was not home in six months.

Admitting he was "not one of the 19-year-old American warriors kicking in doors in Fallujah," Paul says, it was nonetheless an expedition into unfamiliar territory. "I began this journey as a married father of three in my early 50s with a good job, a transplanted Iowa boy living and working in the Denver area. I was a captain in the Navy Reserve with a decent amount of sea-time on active duty behind me. None of this prepared me for a ground war insurgency in a desert."

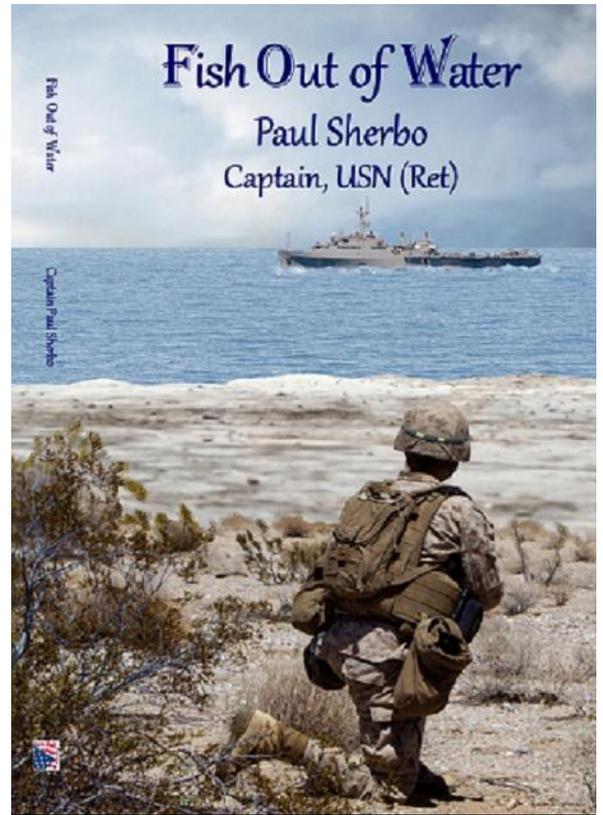
KILROY WAS HERE

Even our kids who are in their 50's & 60's may not remember him – maybe it's time to bring him back...

...Anyone born from 1913 to 1950 is familiar with Kilroy. Everybody seemed to get into it. We older folks remember him well, had even been party to inscribing on our school desks, books, just anywhere at all. He is engraved in stone in the National War Memorial in Washington, DC, where very few people have seen it. For the WWII generation, this will bring back memories. For you younger folks, it's trivia, a part of our American history. So who was Kilroy?

In 1946, the American Transit Association, sponsored a nationwide contest to find the real Kilroy, the genuine article. Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but only James Kilroy from Halifax, Massachusetts, had evidence of his identity. "Kilroy" was a 46-year old shipyard worker who worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were on piecework and got paid by the rivet. He would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark. Later on, an off-shift inspector would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters.

Kilroy's foreman was upset about all the wages being paid to riveters, and asked him to investigate. It was then he realized what had been going on. The tight spaces he had to crawl in to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with the waxy chalk. He continued to put his check mark on each job he inspected, but added 'KILROY WAS HERE' in king-sized letters next to the check, and eventually



added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence and that became part of the Kilroy message.

Once he did that, the riveters stopped trying to wipe away his marks. Ordinarily the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With the war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy Yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them. As a result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced. His message apparently rang a bell with the servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific. Before war's end, "Kilroy" had been here, there, and everywhere on the long hauls to Berlin and Tokyo. To the troops outbound in those ships, however, he was a complete mystery; all they knew for sure was that someone named Kilroy had "been there first." As a joke, U.S. Servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived.

Kilroy became the Super-GI who had always "already been" wherever GIs went. It became a challenge to place the logo in the most unlikely places imaginable. Kilroy is said to be atop Mt. Everest, the Statue of Liberty, the underside of The Arc de Triomphe, and even scrawled in the dust on the moon.

As the war went on, the legend grew. Underwater demolition teams routinely sneaked ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific to map the terrain for coming invasions by U.S. Troops and thus, presumably, were the first GI's there. On one occasion, however, they reported seeing enemy troops painting over the Kilroy logo! In 1945, an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill at the Potsdam conference. Its first occupant was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide in Russian, "Who is Kilroy?"

To help prove his authenticity, James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters. He won the trolley car, which he gave to his nine children as a Christmas gift and set it up as a playhouse in the Kilroy yard in Halifax, Massachusetts... And The Tradition Continues... It's said that EVEN Outside Osama Bin Laden's House, Kilroy was there!!!

BY THE NUMBERS

America's Navy - Naval History & Heritage Command - History in Pieces - Military.com

The numbers for all services spiked in 1968-69 as U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War reached its peak. In 1969 there were 775,000 people wearing the USN uniform; there were 932 active USN ships...All dropped dramatically as the war drew down. But even the peak of the Vietnam War pales in comparison to World War II.

Cumulative Years of Sea Duty

Pay Grade	Under 1	Over 1	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 5	Over 6	Over 7	Over 8
E-9	135	135	160	381	400	438	438	469	688
E-8	135	135	160	381	400	438	438	469	688
E-7	135	135	160	381	400	438	438	469	688
E-6	135	135	160	350	375	394	406	438	638
E-5	70	80	160	350	375	394	406	438	638
E-4	70	80	160	350	363	363	363	363	488
E-3	50	60	100	125	125	125	125	125	125
E-2	50	60	75	94	94	94	94	94	94
E-1	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50

IN 1945, THERE WERE OVER 12 MILLION ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL

The Army, Navy, and Air Force had significant cuts in the numbers of personnel with the end of the Cold War, while the Marine Corps numbers have stayed relatively flat.

In 1969, there were 775,000 people available to serve on 831 ships; today there are 323,000 people and only 272 Ships. Your chances of serving aboard ship nowadays have decreased.

Cumulative Years of Sea Duty

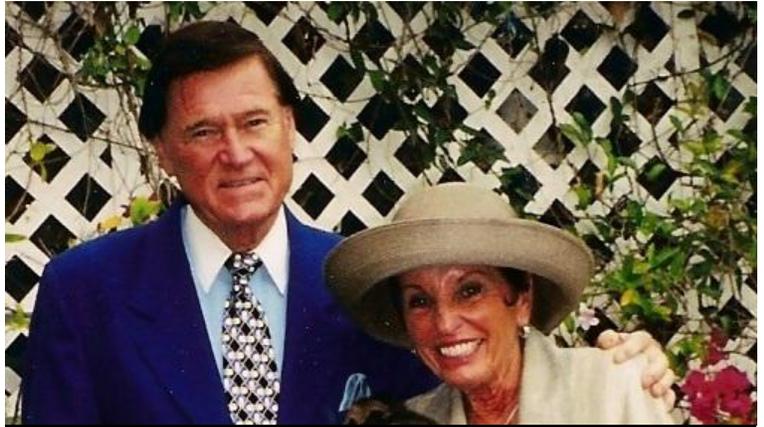
Pay Grade	Over 9	Over 10	Over 11	Over 12	Over 13	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20
E-9	700	700	713	725	750	750	750	750	750
E-8	700	700	713	725	750	750	750	750	750
E-7	700	700	713	725	750	750	750	750	750
E-6	656	656	656	675	694	713	731	750	750
E-5	638	638	638	638	638	638	638	638	638
E-4	488	488	488	488	488	488	488	488	488
E-3	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125
E-2	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94
E-1	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63

In 1969, MONTHLY SEA PAY RANGED FROM \$8-\$22.50. Today, sailors are ENTITLED to "Career Sea Pay." The enlisted monthly rate varies from \$20 to \$750, depending on rank and number of years served at sea (Sea Duty). Line officers are paid between \$100 and \$669. There is also "Sea Pay Premium" (\$200/month) which is paid after 36 consecutive months at sea.

**ELDON EDWIN KIEHLER
1925-2016**

It is with much sadness that we report the passing of association member Ensign Eldon Edwin Kiehler. He served aboard USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) from 13 Jan to 16 May 1946. Eldon always shared the excitement of being aboard EVANS and the pride he felt when the ship returned from the war and passed under the Golden Gate Bridge.

Eldon attended Notre Dame University, Valparaiso University, and graduated from the University of Michigan, with an engineering degree. After service aboard EVANS he served on the troop transport ship USS RUTLAND where his proudest moments were returning U.S. Serviceman safely to the United States. He had an extremely successful career in designing, engineering, and selling packaging machinery to the food industry. Eldon was an incredibly warm, kind and generous gentleman, with the ability to engage with everyone he met on a very personal level. Hardly a day went by without Eldon sharing a moment with one of his many friends. Eldon was a member of American Legion Post #291, Oasis Sailing Club, Elks Club #1767, the 552 Club in support of Hoag Hospital, USS Frank E. Evans DD 754 Association, the Amigo Viejo's, and Goof-Offers Club of Newport Beach!



Eldon passed away peacefully on 23 Jan 2016, with his son Chris, and a friend John Byerlein at his side. Eldon was predeceased by his wife Mary Lou and his brother Fritz. He is survived by a sister, his son, and two grandchildren. The funeral service was 29 Jan 2016, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Newport Beach, CA.

**SAN FRANCISCO VIETNAM MEMORIAL
LEON LARRY DEAL AND FRANCIS JOSEPH GARCIA
November 11th VETERANS DAY 2016
Paul Cox**

Dear FEE Association,

This note is to inform you that the names of Leon Larry Deal and Francis Joseph Garcia, who were native sons of San Francisco killed in the accident on the USS FRANK E EVANS in 1969, will be included on the San Francisco Vietnam Memorial.

The memorial, first dedicated in 2001, is slated to be moved from its current location at the base of Market Street to a more appropriate space within the San Francisco War Memorial Veterans' Building. In the course of removing the simple bronze plaque it from its current mounting, it will be so badly damaged that it will have to be recast. This unfortunate necessity gives us the fortunate opportunity to include those two men's names on the recast plaque.

Several local veterans and veterans' organizations and the City of San Francisco have joined in this effort, and we expect to rededicate the memorial around Veterans' Day, 2016. We are trying to contact family members of the 168 San Francisco sons whose names will be on the plaque so that they can know about the move and, if possible, attend the rededication.

If you have contact with any of Seaman Apprentice Deal's or Seaman Garcia's families, we would be most grateful if you could put us in touch with them.

Thank you for the work you have done to keep alive the memory of the USS Frank E. Evans.

Paul Cox, Board Member, Swords to Plowshares Veterans Rights Organization
510-418-3436, Paulcox890@comcast.net

USS RECRUIT - THE BATTLE SHIP IN UNION SQUARE NEW YORK 1917-1920



In 1917 the Navy built a full-size battleship in Union Square, New York. Intended as a recruitment and training center, the ship was commissioned under Acting Captain C. F. Pierce, and manned by trainee sailors from Newport Training Station. Internally the ship had a wireless station, full officer's quarters, doctor's quarters and examination rooms to assess the health of potential candidates.

Constructed from wood, USS RECRUIT carried 2 masts, a conning tower and a fake smokestack with 6 wooden 14-inch guns housed in 3 twin turrets, 10 wooden 5 inch anti-torpedo boat guns and 2 replica 1 pound saluting guns, matching the configuration of battleships of the time, a dreadnought set up to accommodate day/night life for officers and men. According to the August 1917 edition of Popular Science, RECRUIT followed the normal Navy

routine. Sailors rose at 0600, scrubbed the decks, did their laundry, attended instructional classes, then stood guard over the ship and were available to answer questions from visitors. By night, all the ship's lights were turned on, including a series of searchlights. The ship hosted a variety of social events and receptions, including a christening, patriotic speeches and visits by various dignitaries, a group of Native Americans and the woman's motor corps. As a recruiting tool the ship was very successful, helping to recruit 25,000 men into the U.S. Navy. The First World War ended in 1918, and by 1920 RECRUIT was no longer needed in Union Square. She was properly decommissioned and dismantled, with the intention of relocating her to Coney Island's Luna Park. This did not happen and the fate of RECRUIT is unknown.

US NAVY 2016 NAVY LIBERALIZES GUIDELINES "Losing Too Many 'Talented' Sailors"



New rules allow sailors to retake physical fitness tests if they failed for exceeding body fat limits, and now can have tattoos in places previously not allowed...service becomes "more realistic." US Navy Secretary Ray Mabus said the service was adjusting to reality. A 2014 Pentagon study found that roughly two-thirds of Americans would not qualify for the armed services as a result of health problems, obesity and the failure to complete a high-school education. Mabus said the service was NOT lowering standards but adjusting to reality (becoming more liberal): people today, in general, are fatter. "We were kicking more people out for being fat than for drugs." (From 694 in 2011 to 1,536 in 2014.) The millennial generation, 1 in 3, sport body art including neck tattoos, sleeves, and even markings behind their

ears, are all allowed under the new policy, which is the most liberal of any military service. Only heads are off limits! "We needed to be honest with ourselves and put something in place that was going to reflect the realities of our country and the needs of our Navy," Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Mike Stevens said. "We need to make sure we're not missing any opportunities to recruit and retain 'THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST'."

VICTORIA FIELDS

Victoria Fields is a friend to Luanne Reilly Oda, thru Facebook. When Victoria heard about the struggles trying to get the names on the wall, she painted this picture for Chief Reilly, Luanne's Dad.

Victoria is an amateur artist who was severely injured in an auto accident. She was left with permanent brain damage. Victoria has trained dogs to assist her, and trains dogs for others, many of which go to military members. She has gone on to show some work in galleries and elsewhere in Texas. The wall was one of her first pieces.

Thanks to Luanne Reilly Oda, Chiefs' daughter, Larry Jr's sister.



Names on the Wall

UPCOMING EVENTS

5/20/2016 - Frederick Messier MEMORIAL DEDICATION, 2:00 pm, Resurrection Cemetery, W. Wrentham Rd, Cumberland, RI. Contact Terry Vejr trvejr@gmail.com

5/21/2016 - Gary Vigue MEMORIAL DEDICATION, 1:00 pm, New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH. Contact John Coffey johnjudyc@gmail.com or Terry Vejr trvejr@gmail.com

5/30/2016 - MEMORIAL DAY 10:00 am - Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, at Green Hills Memorial Park...the largest Memorial service in California. Contact Pete Peters rep1029@aol.com or 310-947-5823.

5/30/2016 - Memorial Day DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE "LOST 74" MONUMENT 2:00 pm, Niobrara, NE. Contact Jim Scott, Commander, Post 224, American Legion.

5/30/2016 - Memorial Day - DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE "LOST 74" MONUMENT, Mineral Wells, Texas. Contact JC Campbell

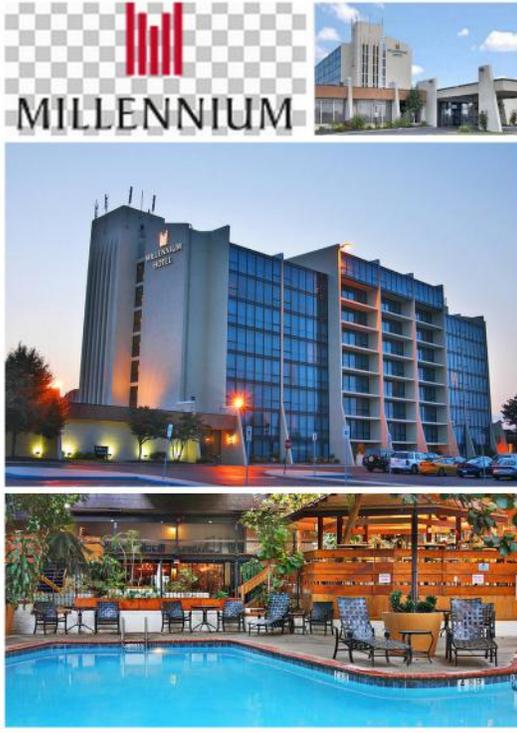
6/3/2016 - Long Beach Navy MEMORIAL CEREMONY 10:00 am. - The 47th anniversary and 12th ceremony at Rainbow Park in tribute to our 74 shipmates who perished in the collision with HMAS Melbourne. Contact Pete Peters rep1029@aol.com or 310-947-5823.

9/28/2016 - 24TH FEE Reunion - Millennium Airport Hotel, Cheektowaga, Buffalo, NY

11/11/2016 - Veterans Day - San Francisco Vietnam MEMORIAL DEDICATION honoring Leon Larry Deal and Francis Joseph Garcia - Contact: Paul Cox, Board Member, Swords to Plowshares Veterans Rights Organization 510-418-3436, paulcox890@comcast.net

24TH REUNION 28 SEP - 1 OCT 2016
Millennium Airport Hotel, Cheektowaga, Buffalo, NY

GET YOUR PASSPORTS IN ORDER!
(30 Minutes from Niagara Falls)



MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

The hotel is 1 mile from Interstate 90, 4.5 miles from Buffalo Niagara International Airport and 9.7 miles from downtown Buffalo...the rooms are relaxed and modern and many have internal pool-view balconies. Free perks include parking and an airport/local area shuttle. There's also a gym, an indoor tropical courtyard pool and expansive event space, including a wood-paneled ballroom. For dining there's a casual American restaurant with pool views, and a sports bar.

All for \$99.00 + taxes

A trip is planned on the Canadian side. All who go, MUST HAVE A PASSPORT with an expiration date beyond March 31, 2017, i.e. 6 months of September 29th the date for the excursion. Check your passport, NOW...you might need a renewal...the processing time is lengthy..6 months!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome and warm wishes to all new members. Interested in joining? Contact Donna Kraus at krausdf@cox.net or 760-941-8184, or go to our website www.ussfee.org

NAME	RANK	RELATIONSHIP	SERVED	CITY/STATE
Colin Kraus	NA	Nephew-Steve Kraus	NA	St. Louis, MO
Philip Michael	USN	Crew USS DULUTH	69	Sterling Hts, MI
Scott Moore	NA	Nephew-Steve Kraus	NA	Dana Point, CA
Michael Schertz	SN	Shipmate-Survivor	69	Oshkosh, WI
Ron Stever	NA	Twin Brother-ENS Jon Stever	NA	Sebastopol, CA
Sharon Wastowicz	NA	Sister*-Ed Holsopple	NA	Centerville, VA

* CORRECTION

IN MEMORIAM

NAME	RANK	SERVED	CITY & STATE	DECEASED
Raymond Hay	FA	68/69(S)	Guthrie Cent, IA	20 May 2016
Eldon Kiehler	ENS	46	Newport Beach, CA	23 Jan 2016
Arnold Sherrell	SN	57/59	Sabetha, KS	16 Mar 2016

IN MEMORIAM RELATIVES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	CITY & STATE	DECEASED
Helene Corcoran	Stepmother-SN Patrick Corcoran 68/69	Nokomis, FL	17 Jun 2014
Elaine Sherrell	Wife-SN Army Sherrell 57/59	Dipping Springs, TX	09 Jan 2016
Scott Simoneit	Son-FTG2 Jerry & Donna Simoneit 66/68	Hamburg, NY	02 Feb 2016
Emily Zook	Wife-LTJG Roger Kosel, 67/68	Mt. Shasta, CA	19 Feb 2016

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