

RICHARD J. GLEASON

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Mr. Tommy Lyons
Semper Fi Society
43 Hawkins Street
South Boston, MA 02127

Dear Mr. Lyons;

A few days ago my friend, Captain James Beakey, USMC, suggested I write to you about a project in which you should be interested.

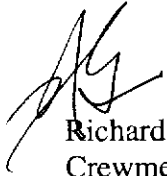
USS Frank E. Evans, DD754 was sunk in a collision with the carrier HMAS Melbourne on June 3, 1969. Seventy-four sailors were lost. I have written to President Bush requesting that a new destroyer be named in their memory.

However, the Marines have a stake in this because the ship was named for Brigadier General Frank E. Evans, USMC. Attached you will find historical information on the general and the ship's history and points of interest.

On behalf of the Frank E. Evans Association we would ask for your organization's support and, further, the support of the Marine Corps if possible.

Please advise, and thank you for any support your group can offer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RJG', written over the typed name.

Richard J. Gleason
Crewmember 1957-1958