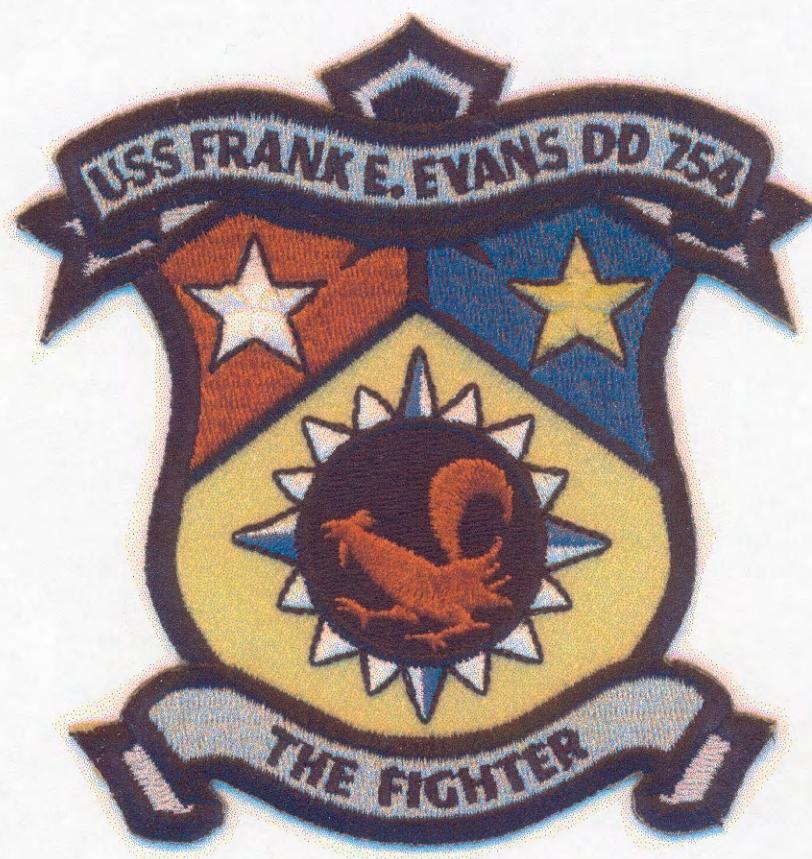


# Reunion 2000

## Aurora, CO.



*U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Association, Inc.*

*J. C. Campbell*

## *Schedule of Events*

*Thursday: Early Check-in-----2:00-4:00 p.m.*  
*Cash Bar-----6:00 p.m.*  
*Dinner-Colorado Room-----7:00 p.m.*  
*Announcements, Dinner, Dancing & Sharing Memories.*

*Friday: Free Time all day--Check Bulletin Board*

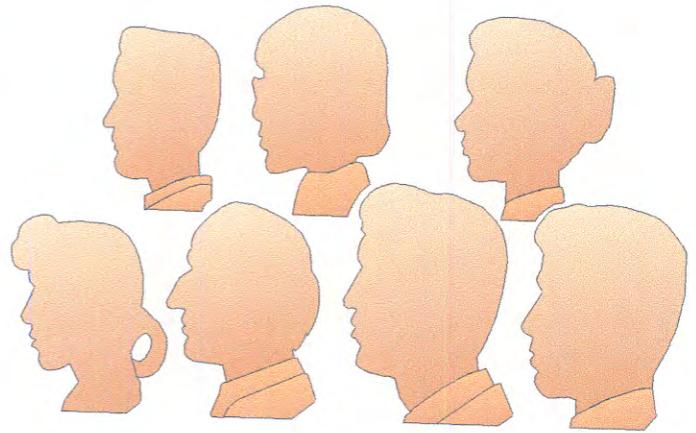
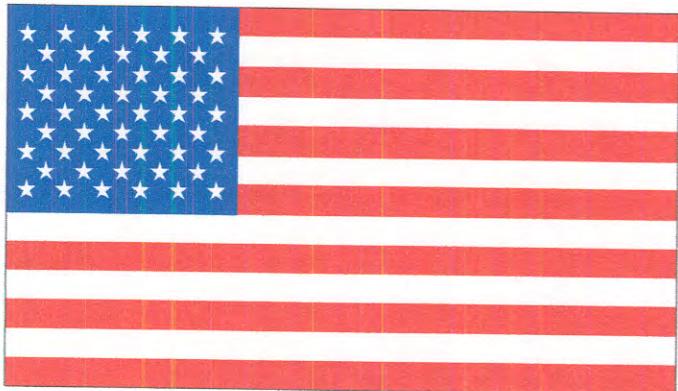
*Cash Bar-----6:00 p.m.*  
*Dinner-Arapahoe Room-----7:00 p.m.*  
*Announcements, "Remember the 74"*  
*Surprise Entertainment, followed by Sharing Memories*

*Saturday:*

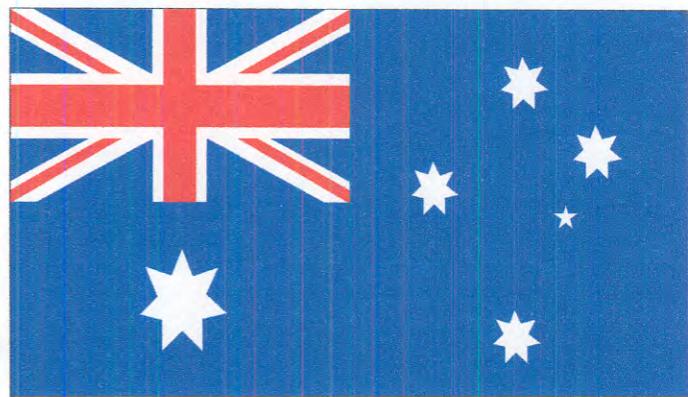
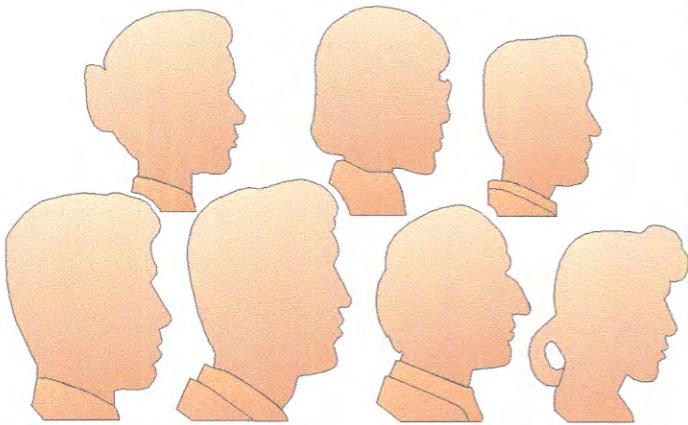
*Business Meeting in the Heather Garden-----9:00-11:30 a.m.*

*Free Time until:*

*Cash Bar-----6:00 p.m.*  
*Present Colors-----7:00 p.m.*  
*Acknowledgement of Guests & Announcements*  
*Two Bell Ceremony-----7:10 p.m.*  
*Dinner is Served-----7:30 p.m.*  
*Key Note Speaker: Mrs. Jo Stevenson*  
*Presentations: J.C. Campbell*  
*50th Anniversary Flag Presentation Area Defence Council*  
*Address by President of Aurora Chamber of Commerce*  
*Final Announcements & Auld Lang Syne*  
*Dancing until-----*



# *Attendees by the Decades*



## Attendees by Decades to Denver/2000

### The Forties

Cornwell, John & wife Cynthia of Tequesta, FL 45/46

Duhe, Pete (Ned) and Friend Ron Amedee of Garyville, LA 45/46

Higginbottom, Harold & wife Betty of Baltimore, MD 44/46

Stephens, Roy C. of Haw River, N.C. 45/46

Van Pelt, Jack & wife Grace of Dallastown, PA 45/47

## Attendees by Decades to Denver/2000

### The Fifties

Albers, Marvin & wife Betty of Sun City, AZ. 50/54

Baldwin, Bob & wife Karen of Auburn, CA 50/52

Benson, Thomas J. & wife Nancy of Moundsview, MN. 55/57

Blankenship, Hubert & wife Ruth of Atoka, TN. 50/54

Bristow, William (Bugs) & wife Analeta of Lewisville, KY. 50/53

Butler, Donald E. & wife Marjorie of Ada, OK. 50/54

Campbell, J.C. & wife Sylvia of Granbury, TX. 52/53

Cox, Donald R. & wife Gladys of Herford, TX. 50/54

Davis, Billie Joe & wife La Ruth of Bude, MS. 1950

Doherty, Richard of Schererville, IN. 50/54

Farnsworth, Charles & wife Shirley of Erie, CO. 52/54

Hacker, Robert A. of Citrus Springs, FL. 51/54

Hall, Robert D & Joyce Butcher of Forest City, MO. 55/56

Hollifield, William (Bill) & wife Marilyn of Hemet, CA. 50/54

Hoog, Charlie & wife Flo of Bloomsdale, MO. 52/55

Johnson, Charles A. of Bakersfield, CA. 52/54

Larsen, James (Swede) of Shoreline, WA. 50s

Lenz, Carl W. & wife Margaret of Onawa, IA. 50/53

**The Fifties (continued)**

Lubitz, William J. & wife Jeanette of Hartland, WI. 54/55

McGee, Frank of Gordo, AL. 51/53

Guests: Grandsons: Zak Smith & Cody Arnold

Mendoza, Tony & wife Gloria of Tulsa, OK. 50/53

Mortenson, Ted of Butte, MT./Chico, CA. 50/54

Moss, Ralph and wife Mary of Prescott Valley, AZ 50/53

Nichols, Nick & wife Billie of Frankston, TX. 50/53

Nobles, Tom & wife Cathy of Ocala, FL. 51/54

Owens, Irene (sister to Dave Lawless 51-54), of Fort Worth, TX.

Guests: Nancy Newsom & Shirley Witt

Pagel, Wayne & wife Helen of Cornersville, TN. 50/51

Phillips, Robert E. & wife Jean of Bellevue, WA. 56/5

Pisarczyk, Donald L. & wife Dorothy of Pueblo, CO. 50/54

Pitzer, Carroll of Corpus Christi, TX. 51/54

Pollett, Robert S. of Ramona, CA. 50/53

Rankin, Cal & wife Barbara of Loveland, CO. 50/53

Guests: Bill Richardson (Brother-in-law)

Sharon Shirack (Daughter)

Doug Shirack (Son-in-law)

Bonnie Rankin (Daughter-in-law)

Vicki Lynch (Daughter)

Wes Lynch (Son-in-law)

Beth Rankin (Daughter)

Alan Rankin (Son-in-law)

Jeff & Debbie Brooks (Friends)

## The Fifties (continued)

Rankin, William & wife Estella of Abilene, KS. 52/56

Schultz, Glen T. & Barbara Harrison of Calimesa, CA. 51/52

Sheehan, Jack & wife Peggy of Glendale, AZ. 52/55

Swalberg, William O. of Salt Lake City, UT. 54/55

Wallace, Jim & wife Jackie of Punta Gorda, FL. 51/55

Wallis, Peter J. Jr. of Hill City, MN. 1958

Wammock, Charles T. & wife Joyce of Hawkensville, GA. 51/53

Wilson, Charles (Fred) & wife Dorothy of Amarillo, TX. 50/51

Zismer, Willis of Lander, WY. 52/53

## **Attendees by Decades to Denver/2000**

### **The Sixties**

Adams, Ken & wife Judy of Mineral Wells, TX. 61/63

Anthony, Tommy & wife Leslie of Mansfield, TX. 67/69

Arnold, Alan of Yuma, AZ. 60/62 and 63/67

Atkinson, Joseph M. & wife Elizabeth of Powhatan, VA 67/69

Baughman, Terry of Oxford, MI 66/69

Bigham, Larry & wife Jan of Meriden, KS 64/68

Buchner, Rolf & wife Marie of Lawrenceville, GA. 67/69

Guests: Rolf M. and Kathlene Buchner

Cash, Vernon & wife Nadine of Rio Rancho, NM 68/69

Cates, Daniel H. & wife Shirley of Watertown, SD. 63/64

Clark, Joe & wife Ellen of Saugatuck, MI. 68/69

Coffey, John & wife Judy of Woodstock, GA. 62/64

Corcoran, Thomas & wife Helene of Nokomis, FL 68/69 (Son Patrick)

Crowson, Brian & wife Mitzi of Arvada, CO. 66-69

Culbertson, Bill & wife June of Santa Rosa, CA. 64-68

Culverhouse, James & Cherie Toth of Chelsea, MI. 66-69

Dewey, Chris & wife Christin of New Port Richey, FL. 1969

## The Sixties (Continued)

Dover, Frederick W. (CHIEF, USN)& wife Judy of Lakewood, CO.  
61/64

Del Francis & June Jackman of Walden, CO 68/69

Guests: Grace Francis (Mother)  
Tim Francis (Son)  
R.J. Francis (Sister)  
Dana Mueller (Daughter)  
Matt Mueller (Son-in-law)  
Crystal Galvin (Granddaughter)  
Dylan Milroy (Grandson)  
Gary Haulman (Nephew)  
Cindy Haulman (Niece)  
Danielle Haulman(Great-niece & St. Woman's bike champ)  
Joe Haulman (Great-Nephew)

Holsomback, Conrad (Chief USN) & wife Trisha, Hodges SC. 1960s

Johnson, Terry L. (LTCDR) & wife Janet of Littleton, CO. 1960s

Maiorino, Carl & wife Lucy of San Jose, CA. 59/63

Macayan, Mark & wife Brooke (Son of Chief Florentino-(Mike) Macayan)  
Huntington Beach, CA. 68/69

Macayan, Susie (Widow of Chief Florentino-(Mike) Macayan) Huntington  
Beach, CA. 68/69

Mann, Joe Bob & wife Dale of Friona, TX. 1969

Marchbanks, Earl & wife Marie of Richland, GA. 63/68

Mason, Robert and wife Dixie of Mishawaka, WI 67/69  
Guest: son Richard Mason

McMillan, Thomas E Jr. and wife Patricia of La Porte, TX. 66/68

Norton, Kenneth C. (Brother of Ens. J.T. Norton lost 6/3/69)

## **The Sixties (Continued)**

O'Neil, John and wife Laurel of Hurlock, MD. 1969

Peters, Pete and wife Karen of Redondo Beach, CA. 66/69

Guests: Mayor of Lewisville, CO:

The honorable Tom Davidson & Mrs. Sharon Davidson

Sage, Eunice of Niobrabra, NE (Mother of Sage Brothers)

guest: Gweneth Petersen (Sister-in-law to Greg Sage)

Serafin, Ralph and wife Nancy of Whiting, IN. 67/69

guests: Jeffrey and Nancy Stoll

Simoneit, Gerald and wife Donna of Hamburg, NY. 66/68

Sutton, Larry and Marcie Vega of Redding, CA. 65/68

Warstler, Bob & wife Kitty of North Judson, IN. 65/68

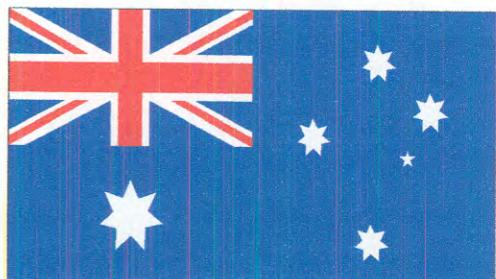
White, James of Kent, Ohio 61/64

Wyse, Dean & Cheryl Thomson of Maricopa, AZ. 67/69

York, Dennis R. & wife Judy of Watertown, SD 64/67

## ATTENDEES FROM AUSTRALIA

The following are friends from the Royal Australian Navy. This is a friendship started initially the morning of 3 June 1969 as the Australians went to great measure to save lives and secure the aft section of the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans. This friendship for many has continued through the years but for most of us it began in 1994 at the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Association, Inc. Reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada. In 1994 efforts of the HMAS Melbourne Association established contact with our association and each year since we have had several of these RAN sailors visit us at our reunion. On June 3rd, 1994 (the 25th anniversary of the collision) the Australians hosted a special memorial service in Sydney and we had just a few from our association make that trip. Last year a total of 52 from the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Association, Inc. made the trip to Sydney where the Australians hosted the 30th Anniversary memorial. Captain Stevenson along with Janice Lehman (Widow of Francis Lehman RD 3rd Class) laid the wreath at that memorial service. We value this lasting friendship and welcome these special guests.



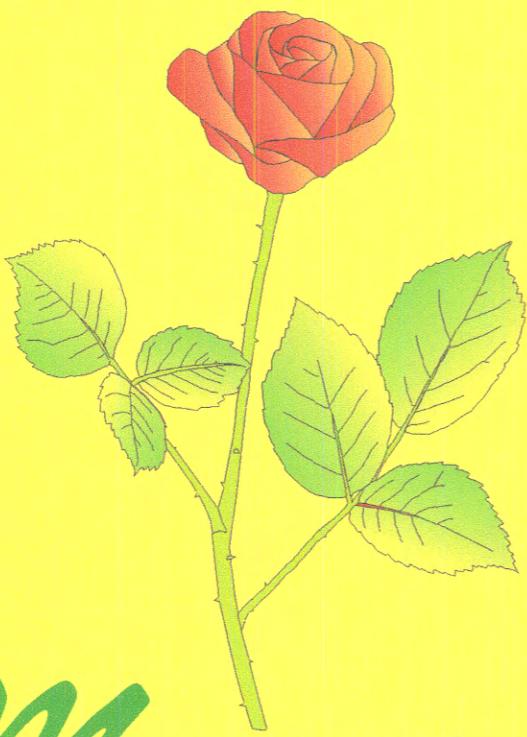
These special guests are:

Maughan, Bob and his lady Rose-Marie of NWS Australia 69

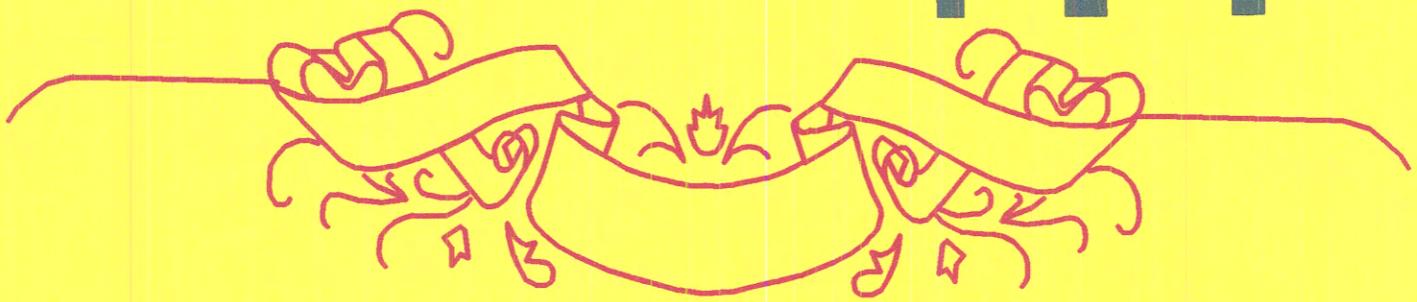
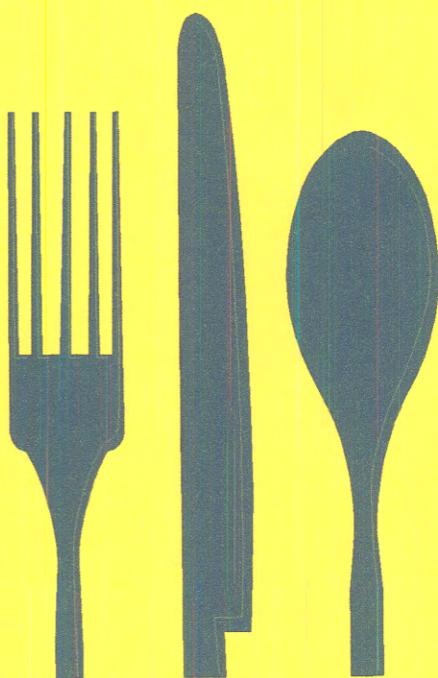
Stevenson, John (CPT/RAN) and his wife Jo of 1969

Winston, Bobby & wife Chris of NWS Australia 1969

Young, Ces and wife Barbara of NWS Australia 1969



# Menus



**U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Reunion  
Denver 2000  
21 September, 2000**



**Santa Fe Buffet**

Seven-Layer Taco Salad

Cheese Enchiladas

Chicken & Beef Fajitas

Refried Beans & Spanish Rice

Warm Flour Tortillas

Southwestern Vegetable Medley

Guacamole, Salsa, Sour Cream.

Shredded Cheese

Lettuce, Tomato and Jalapenos

Sopapillas & Honey

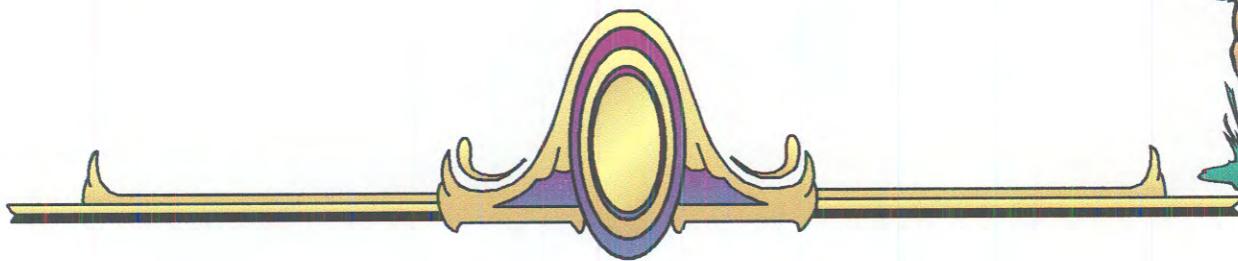
Coffee & Tea Service

# U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Reunion



## Home on the Range Buffet:

Fresh fruit  
Fresh salad & dressings  
Cole Slaw  
Potato Salad  
Country Fried Chicken  
Barbecued Baby Back Pork Ribs  
Sliced Roast Sirloin of Beef  
Corn on the Cobb  
Baked Beans  
Rissole Potatoes  
Cornbread & Rolls w/honey butter  
Hot Apple & Cherry Crisp  
Coffee & Tea Service



Denver 2000  
23 September, 2000



...  
Your Previous Selection  
of

**12 oz New York Strip Steak**

served with herbed butter,

Baked Potato

&

Fresh Vegetables

or

**Chicken Wellington**

Breast of Chicken

filled with mushroom stuffing

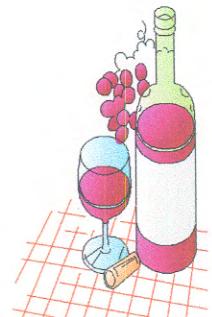
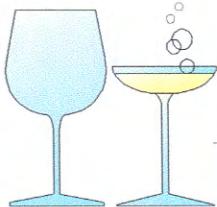
and baked in puff pastry

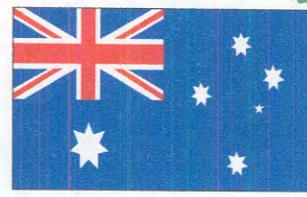
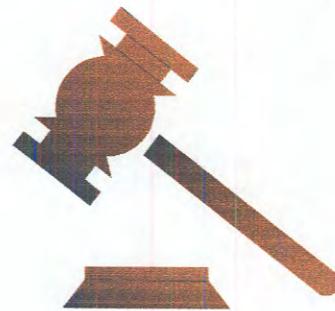
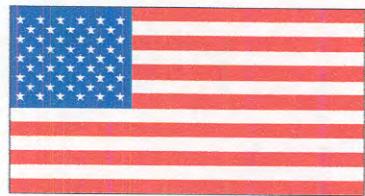
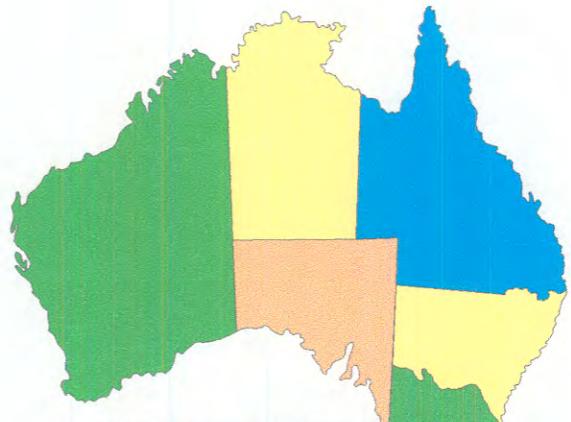
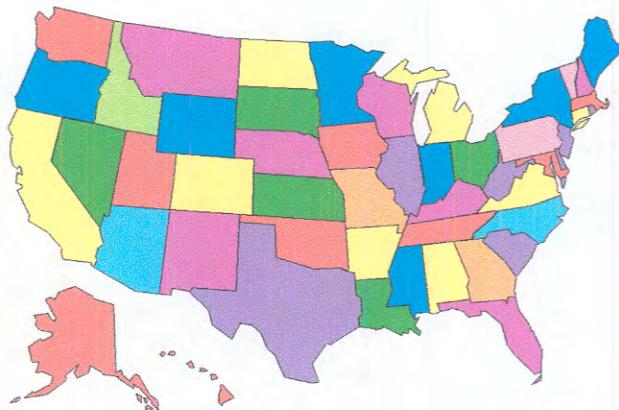
Oven Roasted Potatoes

Fresh Vegetables

Coffee & Tea Service

Dessert: **Key Lime Pie**





**BUSINESS MEETING  
0900-1200 HRS  
23 SEPTEMBER, 2000**



**USS FRANK E. EVANS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Ninth Annual Reunion**  
**Holiday Inn Denver S.E., Aurora Co.**  
**21-23 September 2000**

**Business Meeting Agenda  
9:00 a.m. Saturday, 23 September**

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer	<u>J.C. Campbell</u>
II. Lighting of Unity Candle	<u>J.C. Campbell</u>

40's \_\_\_\_\_  
50's \_\_\_\_\_  
60's \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Pledge to the Flag Ode to the Fallen

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IV. Welcome and Introduction J.C. Campbell

Australia relationship - Friendship & hands across the sea

- A. Introduction of Australian Sailors
- B. Acknowledge First Time Attendees by Decade 40's, 50's & 60's

## V. Presentation of Minutes Nick Nichols

- A. 1998 - Alexandria, VA
- B. 1999 - Sydney, Australia & Niobrara, NE

## VI. Reports from Officers

A. Secretary - Agenda/Minutes	<u>Nick Nichols</u>
B. Vice-President (Roster of Membership)	<u>Ken Adams</u>
C. Report on Memorial Fund	<u>Cal Rankin</u>
D. President/Treasurer	<u>J.C. Campbell</u>

## VII. Old Business

A. Report on 1998/1999 Reunions	Alexandria, VA. Sydney, Australia Niobrara, NE	<u>Ken Adams</u> <u>Pete Peters</u>
B. Discussion on Amendments to the By-Laws/Charter	1. Board Authority 2. Associate Membership	<u>Ken Adams</u>

**Business Meeting Agenda  
(Continued)**

**VIII. New Business**

J.C. Campbell

- A. Selection of site for the year 2001
- B. Selection of site for the year 2002
- C. Selection of site for the year 2003
- D. Dues notification, Payment, Newsletter, Rosters, Reunion Photo book etc.
- E. Dues increase in support of Memorial Fund  
(Grandfather those who have already paid for 2001)
- F. Group Photo's
- G. Adoption of Newsletter and assignment of Editor & Chief
- H. Policy on Bereavement notice to families (standardize w/notice of Memorial fund Contribution in the name of the deceased. Adopt standardize embossed card from the Association.
- I. Search committee for each decade.

**IX. General Information**

Move to item XIII to get timely announcements for evening activities.

**X. Election of Officers**

J.C. Campbell

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Secretary

**XI. Introduction of new officers and Passing of the Gavel**

J.C. Campbell

**XII. Comments of Newly elected officers**

**XIII. General Information**

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**C. ARRIVE & BE SEATEDPRIOR TO 7:00P.M.**

- 1. Color Guard will post colors followed by National Anthem  
Pledge of Allegiance & Ode to the Fallen
- 2. Colors will be retired (remain standing) Flags will be returned
- 3. Doors will be secured for the 2 Bell Ceremony ---Don't be late or you'll miss it!!!

**XIII. Adjournment**

Presiding

President

USS FRANK E. EVANS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
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40's Pete Duke  
50's Dow Cox  
60's Donald Cates  
DANIEC

III. Pledge to the Flag "Nick" Nichols  
Ode to the Fallen Bobby Winston

IV. Welcome and Introduction J.C. Campbell

Australia relationship - Friendship & hands across the sea  
Tell new attendees how contact between the two associations  
started what has continued to be a growing & involved relationship.

A. Introduction of Australian Sailors  
They are if present. Captain John Stevenson & Jo Stevenson  
Bob & Rose-Marie Maughan  
Ces & Barbara Young  
Bobby & Chris Winston

B. Acknowledge First Time Attendees by Decade 40's, 50's & 60's

V. Presentation of Minutes Nick Nichols  
Nick can note minutes are in folder and entertain a motion that they be entered into  
the record as recorded. If so moved and voted on he can conclude this action as  
his Secretary report.

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  - 1. Board Authority
  - 2. Associate Membership Ken Adams

### VIII. New Business J.C. Campbell

- A. Selection of site for the year 2001
  - Here we can have already gotten our pitch from Michelle we can explain the advantage to us is that a site survey will not have to be done. We can survey prior to 2001 on the Site for 2002 and possibly report results to members at 2001 meeting. May ask Michelle & Gretchen to make a pitch here!
- B. Selection of site for the year 2002
- C. Selection of site for the year 2003
- D. Dues Payment, Newsletter, Rosters, Reunion Photo book etc.
  - Dues perforated statement with addressed envelope mailed between Christmas & New Years.
  - Possibility of Credit Card Payment,
  - Separate letter for Reunion notice.
  - Send out latest roster and or Photo book when dues received.
  - No Payment stop we stop the newsletter.
  - Problem with some who pay only when they attend a reunion. We won't single you out but we will send you a record of your dues payments and ask if you want to catch-up.
- E. Dues increase in support of Memorial Fund
  - Grandfather those who have already paid for 2001
  - Payment by Credit card cost will be absorbed by Association

And full \$5 will go to Memorial fund.

## Business Meeting Agenda (Continued)

### F. Group Photo's

When & Where

### G. Adoption of Newsletter and assignment of Editor & Chief

Make note of Tom absorbing all the cost, may not always  
Be that way.

### H. Policy on Bereavement notice to families

Cost varies by area and season \$35-\$85

Need to standardize so everyone gets the same.

Contribution in the name of the deceased.

Adopt standardize embossed card from the Association.

### I. Search committee for each decade.

Might ask Charlie to give a little synopsis on his software and  
how to get into Naval Archives

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J.C. Campbell

### A. President

### B. Vice-President

### C. Secretary

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## XII. Comments of elected officers

## XIII. General Information

Ken Adams

### A. Purchase of Trailer (Registered to Association, etc.)

This was a larger than normal up front expense but it saves.

Time--packages and everything ready when we arrive.

Money-- Cost of shipment which is exorbitant

Inability to negotiate price on printing & collating like with locals  
Is registered in the name of Association and will be safe guarded by  
Pres/Reunion planner

## **Business Meeting Agenda (Continued)**

### **B. Review of Current Reunion Schedule and comments on this evenings activities.**

1. Cash Bar opens at 6:00p.m.
2. Music during & after dinner-

**WE CONTROL VOLUME - Complain to us not the D.J.**

2. We'll close out as always with Auld Lang Syne
3. Dancing will continue until.....

### **C. ARRIVE & BE SEATED PRIOR TO 7:00P.M.**

1. Color Guard will post colors followed by National Anthem  
Pledge of Allegiance & Ode to the Fallen
2. Colors will be retired (remain standing) Flags will be returned  
Regulations require when colors are posted with an armed guard  
that armed guard must stand at attention with the colors until Flags  
are retired.  
To prevent these young people from standing at attention all through the evening  
we will retire colors, then bring them back in without official Color Guard Posting
3. Doors will be secured for the 2 Bell Ceremony ---Don't be late or  
you'll miss it!!!

**The Two Bell Ceremony will be a lights out event.**

**Please in consideration of others do not try and enter once the Ceremony has  
begun.**

**The doors will be secure- don't take your tardiness out on those manning the doors.  
If you are late, it's your loss don't spoil things for everyone else.**

**XIII. Adjournment**

**Presiding President**

**NAME THAT COUNTRY:**

- \* **709,000 regular (active duty) service personnel;**
- \* **293,000 reserve troops;**
- \* **Eight standing army divisions;**
- \* **20 air force and navy air wings with 2,000 combat aircraft;**
- \* **232 strategic bombers;**
- \* **13 strategic ballistic missile submarines with 3,114 nuclear warheads on 232 missiles;**
- \* **500 ICBMs with 1,950 warheads;**
- \* **Four aircraft carriers, and;**
- \* **121 surface combat ships and submarines, plus all the support bases, shipyards and logistical assets needed to sustain such a naval force.**

**Is this country Russia? No**

**Red China? No**

**Great Britain ? Wrong Again**

**USA? Hardly**

**Give Up? Well, don't feel too bad if you are unable to identify this global superpower because this country no longer exists. It has vanished. These are the American military forces that have disappeared since the 1992 election.**

**Sleep well, America. This is ONLY the Beginning of what is in store for us !!!**

**GOD Save the Republic from the Enemies of the Constitution, both Foreign and DOMESTIC. These enemies are systematically destroying this nation and dismantling our once large and powerful military for the sole purpose of assimilating this once morally strong and sovereign nation into this "godless" New World Order.**

**GOD FORGIVE US for allowing this to happen.**

**Richard Ainsworth  
Christian Patriot**

## Special Guests

- Captain John Stevenson  
Affectionally known as "Steve" to his friends.  
Royal Australian Navy (Retired)
- Mrs. Jo Stevenson  
(wife & helpmate of Capt. Stevenson)  
The resin of the glue bonding the Stevenson family and Author of "In The Wake" --prior to applying her writing skills she worked both in Hollywood and the Theater in New York as well as Theater work in Australia.
- Mr. Georg Peck, Vice President of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce & his wife Barbara.  
  
Mr. John Wehrle, Chairman of the Local Area Defense Council for the Aurora Chamber of Commerce
- Mr. Rod Utech, Producer of the POW/MIA Freedom Radio Talk Show on American Freedom Network KHNC-AM & his wife Karen who he refers to as a professional glitterer (or Kindergarten Teacher.)
- The honorable Mayor of Lewisville, Co. Tom Davidson and his wife Sharon
- Ms. Irene Owens sister to Dave Lawless 51/54 who we lost on 21 Oct 1997 & her guests Nancy Newsome & Shirley Witt
- Mrs. Suzie Macayan, her son Mark and Daughter-in-Law Brook. The Family of Chief Mike Macayan 68/69 who we lost this year on the 14th of February.
- • Mr. Ken Norton, brother to Ensign John Townsend Norton, lost 3 June 1969  
  
~~Mr. Tomas Corcoran and his wife Helene, parents of Seaman Apprentice Patrick Michael Corcoran, lost 3 June 1969~~
- Ms. Gweneth Petersen, Sister-in-law to Radarman Gregory Allen Sage, lost 3 June 1969
- Mrs. Eunice Sage, mother to: Boatswain Mate 2nd Class Gary Loren Sage, Radarman 3rd Class Gregory Allen Sage, and Seaman Recruit Kelly Jo Sage, all lost 3 June 1969

LARGE GROUPS

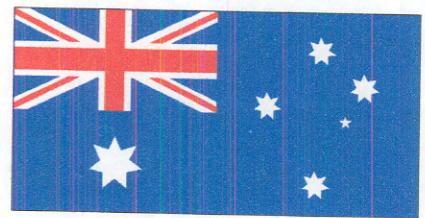
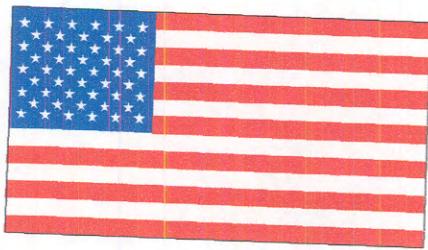
## Other Guests

- Cal & Barbara Rankin with eight family members and their two special friends, Jeff and Debbie Brooks.
- Del Francis his friend June Jackman and eleven of his family. Del brought everyone from his Mother & Sister, Sons, Daughters, Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews and even his Great Niece and Great Nephew. Incidentally his Great Niece-Danielle Haulman is the Colorado State Woman's Bicycle Champion.

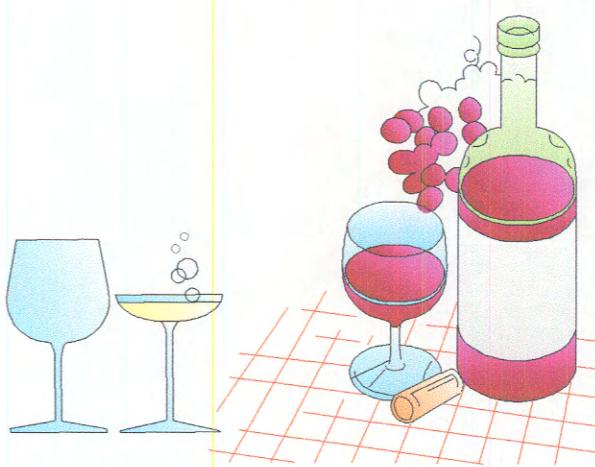
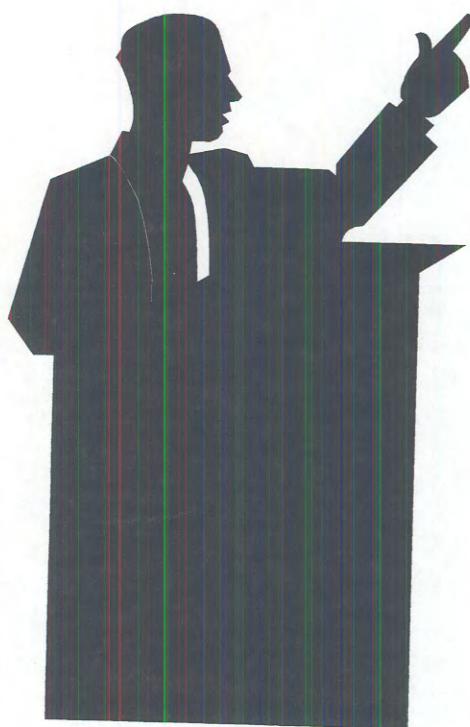
- Robert Mason brought his son Richard. Actually it's his Dad Richard but who'd ever know it! Who brought who Bob?
- Frank McGee brought his Grandsons, Zak Smith and Cody Arnold
- Rolf & Marie Buchner brought their son and daughter-in-law Rolf and Kathlene
- Ken & Judy Adams brought their special friend Dorothy Prailey
- Ralph & Nancy Serafin brought as their special guests; Jeffrey and Nancy Stoll

## AUSTRALIAN GUESTS

- Bob & Rose-Marie Maughan
- Ces and Barbara Young
- Bobby and Chris Winston.



# Saturday Night's Dinner Program



Wayne Page → prayer

## THE SATURDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

Lighting of Candle - 40 Harold Higginbottom

50 Donald Pisarczyk

Posting of Colors by the Honor Guard

60 Ralph Serafin

National Anthem followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Ode to the Fallen

Retire the Colors and remain standing. Here we need to explain that the Colors are being retired in accordance with regulation. Regulation requires if we post colors with armed escort that the armed escort must stand at attention through out the evening., and although they would have willingly done that we prefered that they retire the colors officially and our flag bearers will reset the colors after the guard is released.

Reset the Colors.

Announcements: Ken Adams - Greetings from Adm'l Todd -

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Head Table Guests retire to chairs on the floor level

Lights out—Stage Spot on—Sailors place empty table beneath spot light.

Two Bell Ceremony begins

House Lights Come on-

Head Table returnss to head table.

J.C. Introduces Special Guests — hold applause until all are seated

Innovation - Wayne Page. 50-54 —

Dinner is Served

Jo Speaker —

J.C. Introduces Jo Stevenson—Jo speaks approximately 10 minutes and allows about the same in questions.

J.C. speaks 1st part of speech approx 10 minutes.

Announce a five minute break ask the audience to return for a special flag ceremony.

Ken moves wireless mike to center stage just in front of the head table during break.

Ken Read Captain Meyer's letter while helpers pour the Brandy  
Our Traditional Toast!

FLASK — Presented to U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Association from HMAS  
HARMAN Senior Sailors Mess

USS Frank E. Evans Reunion  
1999

We, the executive staff, gave some thought to "What if there is never another USS Frank E. Evans? How do we, the Association continue? We know the answer to that is "Through our families". That is why, for the first time, we have a reunion with a theme, "The Importance of Family".

We the "Crew" or "Shipmates are family! But as time goes on the association will no longer exist unless we get our individual families involved and insure that they know and understand what being a part of the USS Frank E. Evans really means to us.

So how do you select a keynote speaker for such an event? Who could we pick to speak on such a close and personal subject? The answer came to us easily!

Our speaker tonight has lived with the same tragedy that has affected so many of us here tonight. She wasn't involved at the scene that early morning of 3 June 1969 but like some of you who lost loved ones, or close friends, or perhaps survived that tragic morning, or have had a loved one who survived, her life too, was affected.

Jo Stevenson wife and helpmate to Captain J.P. (Steve) Stevenson had to be our choice as keynote speaker because she immediately became aware of, and dedicated herself to, tonight's theme "The Importance of Family"

Jo Stevenson, author of "No Case to Answer" and "In The Wake" is Australian born but and American citizen. She gave up a successful and promising career as an American and Australian Film and Stage Actress to dedicate her every waking moment as well as sleepless nights to hold together her family and honor her husband as they lived and survived the effects of that tragic morning of over 31 years ago.

So Ladies and Gentlemen please welcome "A Sailor's lady Extrordinaire" Jo Stevenson.

Recognition of Hotel Staff ~~of the Staff~~ Michele, Gretchen, GM. Jay - and the rest

J.C. from head table mike calls forward all who served aboard on Sept 15 1950 take up position as a group on the right of dance floor facing audience (Nick to the Front)

J.C. from head table mike calls forward all survivors to take up a position to the left of the dance floor facing audience (Pete to the Front)

J.C. introduces John Wehrle Chairman of the Local Area Defense Council and asks him to take the floor podium and make the Flag presentation.

Mr. Wehrle reads the Congressman's Letter and asks for H.G. Nichols 15 Sept 1950 to step forward, meets him in front of the floor podium and presents the flag to Nick. Mr. Wehrle shakes Nicks hand and takes his seat.

J.C. from the head table mike asks Pete Peters 3 June 1969 to step forward and meet Nick in front of the podium.

Nick hands off the flag to Pete, shakes his hand and returns to the 50's group.

J.C. from head table mike asks Alan Arnold Association Historian to step forward to receive the flag.

Pete and Alan face each other (their sides to the audience) and as Alan holds the case open, Pete places the flag in the case. J.C. says, "Thank You", Historian secure the flag " Alan then closes the case and retires to his seat with it. And Pete returns to the 60's group!

J.C. "Ladies & Gentlemen you have just witnessed the passing of the colors from the Crew of the ship on 15 Sept 1950 to the Grey Ghost's final crew of 3 June 1969 and that crew make a presentation of colors for retention by our Association Historian, Thank you Gentlemen, you may be seated"

J.C. Introduces Mr. George Peck, Vice President of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, thanks him for the cities hospitality and asks him to say a few words.

George Peck should speak about 5 minutes.

Presentations: \_\_\_\_\_

Drawings: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo's to continue for those not yet taken.

J.C. announces that the Association Staff will have breakfast between 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning and would like to say our good-byes to everyone before they check-out at 11:00 so we will either be in the restaurant or the hotel lobby for that purpose.

For those friends staying in a motor park, please try and catch us this evening before you leave as bringing your rigs through the hotel lot might endanger one of us. Huh Nick?

J.C. announces that our formal program is all but complete but that we want everyone to stay and enjoy dancing and visiting at their tables but first we must close with our tradition of singing Auld Lang Syne and asks everyone to dig out their meal ticket envelope and find the words to "Auld Lang Syne" form a circle around the room holding hands and sing our traditional closing song.

Please stay and enjoy yourselves!!

#### Formal Introductions

##### GEORGE H. PECK

George H. Peck is Vice President of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. He hails originally from Deer Lodge, Montana. He earned his bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from the University of Montana in Missoula and his Masters in Psychology from Ball State University in Indiana. He is also a graduate of Air Command and Staff College, the Defense Language Institute, Leadership Aurora and has earned full accreditation from the Public Relations Society of America.

George is a 25-year Air Force veteran. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1993 after a wide variety of assignments as a public affairs officer including service throughout the United States and overseas in Turkey, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia and South Korea.

Since retiring from the Air Force he has worked in community planning and healthcare before joining the Chamber staff in February of this year. His wife of 30 years, Barbara, and he have two grown children: Mark, a program manager for a large computer firm in Seattle; and Heather Anne, an environmental planner for Jefferson County here in the Denver metro area.

##### ROD UTECH

Rod Utech is the producer of the radio talk show "POW/MIA Freedom Radio for the American Freedom Network through the Flagship Station of KHNC-AM, 1360, Johnstown, Colorado. Rod and his wife Karen of 32 years have two grown children. He affectionately refers to Karen as a professional glitterer, or Kindergarten Teacher. Rod is a Navy veteran of 7 years having served between 1967 and 1974. He has been a project manager with IBM and has lived in Colorado for the last eight years. Rod says his passion is POW/MIA, from all wars past, present and future. This is obvious just from the groups he works and thrives with; The Colorado POW/MIA Coalition; Vice-President American Legion Post 2527, Commander Task Force Omega of Colorado; Thailand-Laos-Cambodia Brotherhood and Brothers Vietnam

ADDRESS TO DENVER 2000 REUNION  
FROM CAPTAIN WILLIAM MEYER

Good evening Shipmates of the USS FRANK E. EVANS, family members, friends and Distinguished Guests.

It was with heavy hearts that Helen and I had to make a decision that Ol' Father Time was catching up with us, and we were going to have to realize that our traveling days were coming to an end. As our lives slip away into the Golden Sunset, we are learning to use common sense and say "NO." Please be assured, that though we are not there in person, we are in spirit. We know that you are having an outstanding gathering of the FRANK E. EVANS family. Ken sent us an outline of the events for this year's reunion and it looked terrific.

I am sure that each of you join in a vote of appreciation and thanks for the effort on the part of Cal, Nick, JC and Ken in putting together this Reunion. I believe it is the largest gathering in our history of reunions.

To the Association - the crew of the Frank E. Evans, my sincerest thanks for the USS Frank E. Evans jacket that your officers planned on presenting to me at the reunion. Believe it or not, as I sit here in our den typing these comments, I have it on, just to make me feel as though I were there with you all. It fits perfectly, and will now replace my ComPhibRon 7 jacket that I have worn since 1962 when I was Commander of the Squadron. Thanks to each of you.

With your permission I would like to made a few comments regarding one of our shipmates. Tom "Charlie" Nobles - would you please stand.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we owe "Charlie" a tremendous vote of thanks for his initiative and hard work in producing and printing the ship news letter. From what I have gleaned in comments about "Charlie" and his effort, to communicate news stories, this man has done a tremendous job making shipmates aware of the Association, and probably contributed a great deal to the large attendance of shipmates at this reunion.

"Charlie" - WE SALUTE YOU WITH - "BRAVO ZULU." Do you remember what that signal means? I believe you were a quartermaster or signalman. Right?

So once again, Thanks - "Charlie Nobles."

By the way, Charlie, I finally sent my dues in, thanks to your reminder. Better late than never.

With all due respect to "Charlie's" "The Evans Report," I would like to review a little history of the name "Evans" and "Frank E. Evans."

In World War I there was a four-piper destroyer in the US Navy named "EVANS." I have not been able to determine the background of the Evans name for that ship. The EVANS was one of the 50 old Navy DD's transferred to Great Britain in 1941 to help break the Nazi submarine threat in the Atlantic. The Brits renamed her the "Mansfield."

Then on December 11, 1943, a new 2,100 ton Destroyer was commissioned the USS EVANS (DD 552) and at Okinawa, in company with the Hugh W. Hadley, on 11 May 1945, became known as the "Champion Kamikaze-killers." On Radar Picket Station 15, the hottest station west and north of Okinawa, these 2 DD's, along with their Combat Air Patrol, fought off or shot down a total of 151 Japanese fighter/bomber aircraft in an hour and half battle. Both ships were heavily damaged by bombs and kamikaze attacks. The EVANS received 4 Kamikaze attacks but shot down 23 aircraft. The Hugh W. Hadley also accounted for 23 aircraft and the 12 CAP aircraft accounted for 40 to 50 aircraft. At the time of this attack, the USS RINGNESS (APD 100), which I had the honor and privilege of Commanding, was on Radar Picket station 10, due west of Naha, Okinawa.

We were ordered to proceed at maximum speed to aid and assist the EVANS and HUGH W. HADLEY. On arrival in the area, we found the two DD's had suffered major damage but were still afloat. We assisted the EVANS, who had sustained 31 killed in action and 29 injured. Damage control efforts were successful and the EVANS was towed by salvage tugs to Ie Shima.

This may give you a little understanding why I personally had a very close and warm feeling for the USS EVANS, and why, when in 1949, I had the honor and privilege of assuming command of the USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754), I was adamant that the two ships -- the EVANS, and the FRANK E. EVANS, always be known by their true name. Each was a proud ship, and WE ARE the FRANK E. EVANS.

Now for a little light hearted fun. Some of you may remember my introducing you to a friend of mine - PETEY THE SNAKE. I have had many requests to repeat the story of PETEY, including a request for this reunion.

Therefore, I have asked Ken Adams to stand in for me. Ken is a very articulate speaker, and a linguist. I feel very confident that Ken will be an outstanding stand-in.

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Petey was a snake, only sooo big. Petey lived in a pit with his mother.

One day Petey was hissing in the pit when his mother said: "Petey, don't hiss in the pit. If you must hiss, go outside the pit to hiss."

Petey was hissing all around, when he finally leaned over and hissed in the pit.

Petey's mother heard Petey hissing in the pit, and said: "Petey, if you must hiss in the pit, go over to Mrs. Pott's pit and hiss in her pit."

But Mrs. Pott's was not at home, so he hissed in her pit anyway. While Petey was hissing in Mrs. Pott's pit, Mrs. Potts came home and found Petey hissing in her pit and said: Petey, if you must hiss in a pit, don't hiss in my pit. Go to your own pit and hiss."

This made Petey very sad, and he cried all the way home. When Petey got home, his mother saw him crying and said: Petey, what's the matter?"

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Cute. Right? Will one of my good shipmates please report to me how Ken did. I just trust that he did not get a "P" where an "H" was printed.

Reunions are great fun. Helen and I have, over the years, thoroughly enjoyed the 4 or 5 a year we were attending in "our younger" years. In closing I would like to quote a poem a shipmate of mine, on the USS NEWMAN (DE 205), Master Chief Yeoman Harold P. Armstrong wrote, entitled:

#### "THE MILITARY REUNION"

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We became men together in an ugly war, cruel and bleak.

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So don't leave me, dear friend; stay and hold my hand  
While I go back in memory with someone who will understand.  
And forgive me my tears when they begin to fall,  
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Speak to me of your sorrows, your fortunes and woes.  
My heart hears your words ..... anything goes.  
So God Bless this reunion and understand me when I say:  
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Harold P. Armstrong  
USS Newman - 1998

May you all have a safe trip home, and yes, let's meet again, if not in body, at least in Spirit. Keep the FRANK E. EVANS family together. God Bless you all.

Helen and Bill Meyer

Ken: Cut, slice, trash as you see fit, especially due to your full program planned. This is probably much, much too long.

Bill

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