



**USS Frank E. Evans Association, Inc.
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Dear Shipmates,

June 22, 1998

Time for our '98 Frank E. Evans Reunion is drawing neigh!!!!

August 27 - 30, 1998

The deadline for reservations at the Holiday Inn - Old Town in Alexandria, VA is 1 August. Call by the 1 August and *you will be* guaranteed a room at a rate of \$89.00 per night if you tell the hotel you are *with the Frank E. Evans Reunion*. For the best reservations service call the hotel direct at 703-548-6400.

Calvin Rankin has completed the plans for a *Living Memorial Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday, August 29th*. Family members of the 74 crew members lost at sea on 3 June, 1969 will be our honored guests along with the survivors. The officers of our association believe the ceremony will truly be the most meaningful in our seven year history. For sure, all Frank E. Evans sailors will be proud to be a part of the event. We hope you are planning to be in attendance!

One of our members, George Martin of Baltimore, MD (1955 era), has agreed to be in charge of the coach transportation for those of us without a car.

Friday, August 28th

Some have said they would like to go to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD and maybe to Baltimore. Cost of the bus: \$10.00 for all day.

For the ladies and others who do not attend the business meeting on Saturday morning, a bus can be available to take you to Mount Vernon. Cost of the bus: \$10.00 plus admission fee to Georges's Place is \$8.00. ---You may return around noon.

About 1:30 pm the coach will be at the hotel ready to leave for Arlington National Cemetery. Following the service the driver will conduct a tour to points of interest in the cemetery. Cost: \$10.00 per person.

In order to secure a coach, we are required to put a deposit down for each charter day and then the balance will be due around 12 August. Again, please notify us of your desire to participate in these coach trips. Send your check to the Granbury address.

Australian Trip

When our group began to plan our trip to Australia we discussed the possibility of everyone flying over together. However, upon further investigation with travel agents the following plan of action seems to be the most logical and practical.

1. Determine the day you want to leave California and/or the day you want to arrive in Sydney. (Example: Leave California on Friday, arrive Sydney on Sunday)
2. Next decide when you want to return and from where. (Example: Staying five days / one week / two weeks / etc. Fly into Sydney - visit other cities and maybe fly home from New Zealand.)

3. Contact a travel agent who will work to find the best rate and help you with you special arrangements. Pick up travel brochures of the areas you want to visit.

4. Barbara (Cal) Rankin said her agent told her this week a round trip is about \$998.00 each. However, he noted he felt there might be a price special coming up soon (one ticket full price and the second ticket at half price). This is an example of working with and keeping in contact with an agent frequently----maybe once a week. Prices on specials usually come out on Wednesday mornings.

30th Anniversary Events in Australia

Many of you have expressed a desire to attend the 30th Anniversary of the Frank E. Evans and the HMAS Melbourne collision next June in Sydney, Australia. The HMAS Melbourne Association is deep into the planning stages for our visit. Of course the most important day will be 3 June. However, an outline of other days activities has been suggested beginning on Monday 31 May and continuing thru Sunday 6 June. Each of your activities will really depend on the individual, time available and of course the dollars you want to spend. The program that has been suggested by the Melbourne Association will allow time to visit Sydney and the surrounding area. I would like to recommend to everyone attending that they take full advantage and see this beautiful place, Australia.

Back to the Present:

At the moment we have received about 30% of our guarantees for meals at the Holiday Inn. We realize time has flown by fast for you and you may have postponed sending you reservations into the hotel and/or more importantly your check to us for your meals. However, it is important that you not forget the *1 August deadline for your room reservations and to send us your meal requests.*

If you are among those who aren't planning to attend our meeting in August but are saving for the Australian trip---drop us a note so we know if you would like to stay with a host family during the special events being planned. We also need to keep Captain Swan informed of the numbers to expect.

Please give us a call should you have concerns and/or questions. Hope all is well with you and your family. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

J. C. Campbell

P.S. There will be *NO Photo Book* this year! We had a problem with the developing of the film, and I chose not to spend our money on a half-way job. We will give it another shot at this year's reunion.