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Dear Brian,

As you know our association will be having its reunion in San Diego in September. At this meeting we will begin in earnest with the planning of our trip to Australia in 1999. We will be in need of any details about the memorial services being planned by your association. Any information you can supply to me would be greatly appreciated. Maybe it will be possible for you to attend and give a first hand report, or Ron Baker or one of your other member can give an update or briefing at our Saturday evening dinner meeting.

For those of us who want to extend our trip to see your lovely country, it would be helpful to know what might be available at that time of year. Which part of the country would be best to visit? etc.

I would also welcome any input your might have as to what part if any, we as an association may be expected to have in the memorial service. Should we have a crest or plaque that can be placed at some place to remain for all to see and to remind us of what this special occasion means. The memories will always be held in a special place in the hearts of those fortunate enough to have participated in! Any thoughts you have will be most welcome!

In the near future we will be attempting to talk to our Senator, Kay Bailey Hutchison, about the possibility of getting another ship designated as the second USS Frank E. Evans. There is no doubt that this is a lofty goal, but one we think will be worth pursuing. We will keep you informed as we make any progress in this matter.

We hope to have a large number of our association to make the trip in 1999, and we

will be inviting members of our government, both elected and from the Armed Services Department to be in attendance at this most important occasion.

Please give our regards to your association and to all our friends from down under.

Hope this letter finds you and your family in good health.

Sincerely,

J. C. Campbell