



USS Frank E. Evans Reunion DD 754



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Dear Shipmates:

Let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a belated Happy Holidays. Time has again flown by these first couple of months. It seems that the harder you run, the further behind you get. Anyway, that's what it seems like!

There are lots of happenings going on here in Texas. Ken Adams has done a tremendous amount of work in preparation for the up coming reunion. The site chosen last year in Las Vegas was Charleston, South Carolina. The Holiday Inn Charleston/Mt. Pleasant is the place that was selected. The phone number for your room reservations is 1-800-290-4004. CALL NOW!!!! Ken has all of the forms along with a letter explaining what needs to be done and the time frame in which it needs to be done. Remember, if you don't get your reservations in before August 16th, 1995, it is by space availability only after that.

Remember the still photos that we took in Las Vegas? Well I have been working on the picture book and it is coming along fine and I hope to have it completed and everyone a copy ready by the time you remit your yearly dues of \$20.00. A copy of the updated mailing list is in this packet, so look to see if you recognize anyone that is not there and should be. We want very much to get everyone listed. I have received phone calls from the wives of two Frank E. Evans sailors who served the Frank E. in the 40's in the last month. They just happened to see about the reunion for 1994. They are listed on the supplemental members list, which will be up-dated as new names are received. We are sending packets to every name that we have on our mailing list again this year, however if we do not receive confirmation back from that name, then that name will be placed on our inactive list. So it is important that everyone help us in locating all of our shipmates.

You will notice that we had to schedule this reunion in the early part of September. That is because all of the later dates had already been taken. In order to get the dates we feel you will like, Ken, Nick and myself have chosen Corpus Christi, Texas as next years reunion city. Ken is also working on that at this time. Corpus is a good party town with lots to do and it too has some BIG ships. It also is a good town for the ladies to do their shopping, ect, ect, ect!

I want to say to all who attended the reunion in Las Vegas that the memorial services were especially meaningful to me, and I plan on having some type of a service each year for those who are unable to attend, for whatever reason. It is my hope that we will be having more officers in attendance for our future reunions. Hopefully they may want to have a part in these ceremonies honoring those who have passed on. We each need to remember those who will not be there with us.

A special thanks to Captain Bill Meyer and his lovely wife Helen for attending last year, and hope to see them in Charleston in September. The podium is his again, should he desire, or to anyone else for that matter.

I hope to hear from our very good friends from Australia about attending again this year. We had a jolly good time with those bloke's from "down under". I'm still not sure if Arthur Downelly is as "pretty or good looking" as he says, but anyway, they're ALL our kind of sailors. In case you have not heard, the Australians are having a memorial service in 1999. We are getting things started so that we can have a group go to Australia then. Save your money!!

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