



**USS Frank E. Evans Reunion
DD 754**



J. C Campbell

June 19, 1996

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We have had a number of additions to the known Frank E. Evans roll lately. Nick Nichols put the reunion schedule in the VFW magazine and within the last two (2) weeks we have added six (6) or eight (8) new names. They indicated to Nick that they have been watching and waiting for something to appear anyplace that they might learn something of the Frank E. Evans. So if anyone gets the opportunity, don't hesitate to spread the word about the upcoming reunion and all the information necessary for anyone to come join us.

I want to encourage everyone who has not sent in their yearly dues to please consider doing it now. At the South Carolina reunion we used a poloroid camera to take pictures for our picture book. As you know, they are not the best for making picture books so I took the pictures to a black and white photo shop and had them shoot me some better photos that I could use. The book is in the printers now and should be back by the time you receive this letter. We had 57 different photo's of individuals and then the three (3) shots of the 40's, 50's and 60's groups. This years book had sixteen (16) pages because I put four (4) photos per page with the back page having lines to write additional information. I used the same basic cover but with the different place and date.

If any one has sent Ken your registration sheet for Corpus Christi and the check has not cleared through your bank, you need to get in touch with Ken and re-up again. Ken had his briefcase stolen from his vehicle. As far as we can determine, none of the checks have been processed.

Speaking of Ken, I want to let everyone know that Ken's wife Judy had an operation but everything seems to be progressing well. They have had a rough year!

I have had a number of inquiries about caps, so I ordered one hundred (100) dark blue with yellow flocked letters that read "U.S.S. Frank E. Evans - DD754". They look pretty good if I do say so myself. The price is ten dollars (\$10.00) each which includes shipping. The profit will be used to help pay for the picture books. So if you want one cap or a dozen just let me know how many and I will get them to you quickly. Also, at the same time you can send in your 1996 dues if you haven't already.

As voted on by the membership in South Carolina, the reunion in 1997 will be in San Diego, then in 1998 the Washington D.C./Alexandria, Virginia area, then in 1999 we will be going to Australia for the 30th Memorial service of the sinking. The HMAS Melbourne Association will be organizing this function. Ken will be looking in San Diego for a place to hold next years reunion, and Sylvia and I are going to check out the Washington/Alexandria area the middle of this July. When we see you in Corpus Christi maybe you will have some suggestions for the membership to vote on for the year 2000 reunion. This will give you something more to think about between now and October.

We hope to see a large group in Corpus Christi this fall, so do the planning and get your registration in. The Emerald Beach has a very nice place to hold our get together.

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