



U.S.S. FRANK E. EVANS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Chartered in the State of Texas
October, 1992

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS REUNIONS

- 1. 1992 - Grapevine, Texas**
- 2. 1993 - Granbury, Texas**
- 3. 1994 - Las Vegas, Nevada**
- 4. 1995 - Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina**
- 5. 1996 - Corpus Christi, Texas**
- 6. 1997 - San Diego, California**
- 7. 1998 - Alexandria, Virginia** (to be published)

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FIRST REUNION MEETING - GRAPEVINE, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 26, 1992

Election of Officers for 1992-1993

President - Nick Nichols

Vice President - J.C. Campbell

Secretary/Treasurer - Tom Anthony

Opening Prayer

Discussion:

Voted to hold 1993 reunion in Granbury, Texas. Suggested locations for future reunions were Long Beach, CA; New York in 1999; Mobile, Alabama at the Battleship Memorial; Charleston, SC and Washington at the Navy Memorial.

Presentation:

A plaque was presented to Nick Nichols as thanks for all of his efforts in establishing the first U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Reunion.

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Discussion:

A speaker for the U.S.S. Johnston gave suggestions about handling future reunions. He left a tape on destroyers from World War II through the Persian Gulf and a news letter for viewing.

A suggestion was made that as many as could, write letters to encourage some sort of memorial for the Evan's men at the Arlington National Cemetery.

Voted to have our dinner and dance at the Grapevine Steakhouse.

Discussed having caps made up with the insignia Frank E. Evans

DD 754. Also discussed having some embroidered patches made available.

Recognition:

Recognized each man present, their rank and years served.
Closing Prayer - J.C. Campbell

Tom Anthony - Secretary/Treasurer

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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING - GRANBURY, TEXAS
OCTOBER 2, 1993

The annual meeting of the Frank E. Evans Association was held on October 2, 1993 at The Lodge, Granbury, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President H.G. Nichols.

A prayer was given by J.C. Campbell.

Rick Frye, Mayor of Granbury gave a welcome address.

Minutes of the 1992 first reunion (annual meeting) were read by Tom Anthony.

Election of officers for 1994-95 was held and the following were elected:

President - J.C. Campbell
Vice President - Tom Anthony
Secretary - Dave Lawlis

It was voted that the President also serve as Treasurer. This will simplify use of funds for setting up the next meeting.

Discussion:

There was discussion regarding incorporation, by-laws - Ken Adams spoke. The charter was voted on and accepted as proposed. There is a need to change wording in the by-laws from Corporation to Association and from dues/fees to donations. There was discussion regarding the need to apply for a federal identification number.

There was discussion and a vote to put a copy of the old and the new emblem (both) on any charter.

A motion was made to accept the by-laws with the changes made necessary for incorporation - motion approved.

There was discussion regarding the site for the 1994 reunion. Possible locations were: Kenner, LA (outside New Orleans), Granbury, TX (Carla Bandera spoke about the community and Granbury sites. A central location is needed as well as a convention chairman.

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It was voted that the site for 1994 be Las Vegas and that the date would be the second week in October. Ken Adams volunteered to get information from Las Vegas on hotels, etc. and help with organizing the functions.

Nick Nichols discussed having a plaque made for the Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, Texas in memory of those who served and died on the DD 754 Frank E. Evans on June 3, 1969. The hat was passed and \$555.00 was collected for this purpose.

A suggestion was made to change the by-laws to allow spouses to vote. This motion was approved with majority vote of 29.

Mark Rash discussed the video and group photograph.

Meeting Adjourned.

David W. Lawlis, Secretary

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THIRD ANNUAL MEETING - LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
OCTOBER 22, 1994

At 10:00 a.m. on the 22nd of October, 1994 at the Hacienda Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada the business meeting of the third annual reunion of the association was called to order by the association president, Mr. J.C. Campbell. Mr. Campbell requested Mr. Larry Malilay to lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Campbell reported 69 shipmates registered for the reunion, in addition there were 5 shipmates from Australia present for a total of 74 plus spouses and/or guests. (The Australian shipmates were active duty sailors from the Australian Royal Navy serving in the same Task Force with the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans on the night of it's fateful collision). Mr. Campbell reported an expected attendance of 112 for the scheduled evening Memorial Service. Mr. Campbell continued with a welcome to the visiting Australians.

Shipmates not at the Friday reception were welcomed. Mr. Danny Wilson was introduced as the reunion photographer and information about the video being made was presented. Information about T-shirts was provided.

Minutes from the October 2, 1993 (Granbury, Texas) reunion business meeting were not read aloud, but presented in the registration package. Time was made for attendees to read the minutes and a motion entertained to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, and motion carried.

Mr. Campbell presented a letter from Alex Sanchez about the by-laws including "Spouses of Shipmates" as being eligible as "voting" members of the association. The issue was opened for discussion. It was noted that the subject was not a man vs woman issue or an equality of the sexes issue, but rather that the association was a crew member association with the prerequisite of having served a crew member on the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans. a motion was made to eliminate the "Spouses of Shipmates" qualification and seconded. Prior to the vote, it was determined that spouses could vote on the issue because they had that right under the current by-laws (unamended). a vote was taken on the motion and carried by the majority. Further discussion was made in regard to "relatives of deceased shipmates" being voting members and a general agreement reached without vote that relatives would be considered to be casting a vote (in proxy) for the shipmate who had served as a crew member.

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There were three additional letters presented from L.S. Curling of the Naval Museum, Shipmate Carl a. Marino and Warren Bramich.

Mr. Campbell presented the Financial Report showing expenses of 1993/1994 of \$7,137.59 with a current balance in the association's account of \$7,591.39. He noted that we would have an anticipated expense of approximately \$5,000 for the reunion in Las Vegas to be paid at the conclusion of the closing meeting to follow on Sunday.

Old Business: None

Australians were asked to speak and they thanked the association for including them in the reunion.

New Business:

Mr. Campbell presented a letter from Admiral Dennis Vaughn.

Mr. Campbell opened the floor for discussion on selection of the site for the 1995 reunion. Five locations were presented: Norfolk, VA by Mr. Campbell, Colorado Springs, CO by Buck Warson, Charleston, SC by Tom Anthony, Washington DC by Cliff Harrington, as well as a suggestion of Palm Springs, CA made by a shipmate present, but not identified. Discussion of the options continued and a motion was made and seconded to select Charleston, SC as the 1995 reunion site. Motion was voted on and carried by a majority.

Election of Officers - The floor was opened for nominations.

Nominated for President - Mr. J.C. Campbell
Nominated for Treasurer - Mr. Tom Anthony (declined)
Nominated for Vice President - Mr. Ken Adams
Nominated for Secretary - Mr. H.G. Nichols

Discussion concerned the by-law provisions that provided for the president to combine office responsibilities and a motion was made to elect the nominees by acclamation and seconded. Motion carried.

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Mr. Campbell presented a letter from a Mr. Harold Palmer, who wrote of his experience in being one of the last sailors aboard the USS Frank E. Evans before striking her commission. His experience included having found in the ships store area two Zippo cigarette lighters with the USS Frank E. Evans engraving. Mr. Campbell asked for the permission of attendees to present the lighters to Mr. Ken Adams for his work in preparing for the reunion and Mr. H.G. Nichols as the founder of the association. It was agreed and the presentations made.

Ken Adams provided information on the intent to develop a newsletter/photo album of the reunion.

Mr. Adams also presented a three wick candle to the association and proposed that the association adopt the tradition of lighting all three wicks anytime an association function took place with the understanding that the three wicks would represent each of the three decades (1940's, 1950's and 1960's) represented by shipmates and crew members of the USS Frank E. Evans. A motion was made and seconded and carried.

A motion for adjournment was made, seconded, and carried.

H.G. Nichols, Secretary

U.S.S FRANK E. EVANS ASSOCIATION, INC.
FOURTH ANNUAL REUNION, MT. PLEASANT, SC
SEPTEMBER 9, 1995

The business meeting of the fourth annual reunion of the Frank E. Evans Association was called to order by the association president, J.C. Campbell at 9:30 a.m. on the 9th of September, 1995, at the Holiday Inn, Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Fifty-seven shipmates were present. One Australian, Arthur Donnelly and family was also in attendance.

Mr. Campbell gave a brief explanation of the three decade unity candle which was presented to the association in Las Vegas by Ken Adams, Vice-President. The following shipmates came forward to light a wick on the candle:

John Cornwell, Tequesta, FL	(40's)
Unidentified sailor	(50's)
Ben Steagall, Union, SC	(60's)

The prayer was given by Mr. Campbell. Earl Marchbanks, Columbus, GA, lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nine shipmates who were first time attendees were recognized. Each gave his name, rank and date of service.

The minutes from the third reunion in Las Vegas, NV business meeting were presented in the registration package. Time was provided for attendees to read the 1994 minutes. A motion was entertained to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The organization's Financial Report was given by J.C. Campbell. The CPA's report as of September 2, 1995 gave an association balance of \$6,776,46.

Old Business:

A. A discussion was held about the establishment of annual dues of \$20.00 to help cover the cost of the photo album and postage of the association. The motion was made, seconded and carried by a majority.

B. By-law amendment (Article 1, Section 1, Item (B) "Spouse voting". Copy of by-laws and amendment included in registration package.

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C. The president reported on action taken by the Executive Board (Members: Nick Nichols, Ken Adams and J.C. Campbell). The board made a decision to hold the 1996 reunion in Corpus Christi, Texas. J.C. Campbell related that Ken Adams needed more lead time when seeking a location.

New Business:

A. A discussion followed on the Executive Board's suggestion that a pattern of sites be set-up a minimum of three years ahead of time. Background information was provided by the president on how the previous sites came to be selected.

Original site: Grapevine, Texas
2nd reunion site: Granbury, Texas
3rd reunion site: Las Vegas, Nevada
Current site: South Carolina, east coast

Following a group discussion, the following schedule was established.

1996 Corpus Christi, Texas (Central)
1997 West Coast
1998 East Coast
1999 Australia for the ^{30th} Memorial of the sinking of
the USS Frank E. Evans

The president asked for an amendment to Section III of the By-laws. John Smith (Somerville, NJ) made a motion to amend the by-laws to read:

"The corporation shall have an annual meeting or reunion, at a place designated by a vote of the shipmates a minimum of three years ahead."

Mr. Smith's motion also empowered the Executive Committee to select the hotel site. Joe Atkinson (Pawhatan, VA) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

B. The site of the 1997 reunion was discussed by the membership. Cities suggested were Seattle, San Francisco, San Diego and Portland. San Diego, CA was chosen as the site of the '97 reunion.

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C. In keeping with the site pattern, the floor was opened for nominations of areas on the East coast for 1998. Atlantic City, Washington, DC, Mobile, and Norfolk. After shipmates gave brief comments on each city, all but two shipmates voted for the Washington DC area.

D. The suggestion was made for the Vice-President to contract with the hotels to specify the rates be the same for 2-3 days before and after the stated reunion dates. The majority of shipmates wanted the reunion days to start on Thursday evening and end Sunday mornings after breakfast.

Election of Officers:

The floor was open for the election of officers. Charlie Hoog (Missouri) made a motion the current officers be retained for the 1996-97 year.

J.C. Campbell - President
Ken Adams - Vice President
Nick Nichols - Secretary

The motion was seconded by an unidentified shipmate. The motion was voted upon and carried.

The following suggestions were given to the officers:

1. Establishment of a regional or decade membership committee.
2. Don't drop names from the mailing list.
3. Request for a complete list of all men who have ever been a member of the association.
4. Note present members on the roster.

Announcements:

1. Don Shelton (Mount Airy, NC) spoke on behalf of the National Association of Tin Can Soldiers of America. Yearly dues are \$15. Nick Nichols noted the membership dues of the Tin Can Sailors goes to keep up the destroyers in dry dock around the nation.

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2. The quilt with the names of the 73 sailors lost in 1969 quilted by Kitty Warstler (North Judson, IN) was shown. A drawing will be held at the Saturday evening dinner.

3. Sheila Faulkner (John Gamber) spoke about having a memorial to the 74 sailors lost on the Frank E. Evans. J.C. Campbell asked for volunteers to come up with suggestions to be presented to the association in Corpus Christi next year. The committee will be:

Chairman: Calvin Rankin (Loveland, CO) 50's
John Gamber (Newark, DE) 60's
Joe Atkinson, (Pawhatan, VA) 60's

A motion was made at 11:00 a.m. for adjournment, seconded and carried.

H.G. (Nick) Nichols, Secretary

U.S.S. FRANK E. EVANS ASSOCIATION, INC.
FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS
OCTOBER 19, 1996

The business meeting of the Frank E. Evans Association was called to order by president J.C. Campbell at 9:10 a.m. on the 19th of October 1996, at the Emerald Beach Holiday Inn, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Nick Nichols led the Pledge to the Flag.

The Unity Candle was lit by representatives from the three decades:

40's Cliff Harrington, Houma, LA
50's James Wallace, Northport, FL
60's Carl Maiano, San Jose, CA

New members stood and introduced themselves.

Frank Banner, Weston, TX (50's)
Don Merriman, Timonium, MD (40's)
Ted Mortensen, Butte, MT (50's)
Bob Baldwin, Auburn, CA (50's)
Rick Coagan, Livingston, TX (50's)
Bill Howard, San Antonio, TX (60's)
Carrol Pitzer, Corpus Christi, TX (50's)

The minutes of the 1996 South Carolina meeting was not available but will be presented next year in San Diego.

The Treasurer Report was presented by J.C. Campbell. The CPA report showed expenses of \$9,775 and an association balance of \$7,154.92 as of October 14, 1996. The largest expenses since last year have been for the 1995 reunion, printing of the photo book, mailing and a one-time expense for convention banners.

J.C. Campbell gave a summary of membership. The membership continues to grow. The organization has lost a few members (moved and mailings have been returned). All former lists have been combined. A current list will be prepared and mailed to the membership.

Ken Adams, Vice-President, gave a report on the 1997 accommodations at the Marriott Downtown in San Diego. The reunion will be held on October 25th through October 28th. 75 mini-suites have been reserved at \$79 per night. At the suggestion of Captain Bill Meyer, verbal agreement will be made for members wishing to arrive 3 days before and/or stay 3 days after, rooms will be the same price as during the reunion dates.

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Ken continued with a day-by-day breakdown of activities and noted the high cost of food. He proposed a \$15 registration fee per member. Bob Baldwin (Auburn, CA) made the motion which was seconded by Jim Wallace, (Northport, FL). The motion was voted on and passed.

No old business.

Election of Officers:

Jim Wallace made the motion to keep the existing officers the organization currently has. Calvin Rankin, Loveland, CO made the second. The motion carried.

President	J.C. Campbell, Granbury, TX
Vice-President	Ken Adams, Arlington, TX
Secretary	H.G. (Nick) Nichols, Frankston, TX

New Business:

A. A letter from Richard Gleason, Wellesley Hills, MA (Oct, '95) was read. J.C. Campbell suggested the Evans organization try to get one of the DDS ships named "Frank E. Evans". Within the next 4-6 years, several ships are to be built. Ken Adams suggested he would do a letter with the necessary information. Jerry Simoneit (Hamburg, NY) made the motion which was seconded by H.G. Nichols. During the discussion, John Cornwell (Tequesta, FL) suggested the organization find out how the names are selected. The motion carried.

B. No action was taken on an association historian.
Announcements:

1. A Memorial Report will be given by Calvin Rankin at the dinner on Saturday night.

2. Ron Baker, Australian sailor, will be the Dinner speaker. Trip in 1999 will be outlined.

3. Ken Adams reminded everyone planning to go to Australia a passport will be needed. He also noted that June "down under" is winter time. Several travel possibilities will be discussed next year.

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4. Earl Marchbanks, Richland, GA has made some contacts about getting the Evans sailors on the Wall in Washington. He will continue.

5. Site for future reunions will be selected three years ahead.

1997 California (San Diego)

1998 Washington, DC area

1999 Australia

The 2000 site will be discussed in 1997. The group will be open to suggestions. Colorado and Boston have been suggested.

6. Pictures will be taken Saturday night at the dinner.

The motion to adjourn was made by Michael Chintala (Phoenixville, PA) and seconded by Harold Higginbottom (Baltimore, MD). Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1015.

H.G. (Nick) Nichols, Secretary

Frank E. Evans Association
Sixth Annual Reunion
Merriott Suites - San Diego, California
25-28 September 1997

Business Meeting Minutes
September 27, 1997

The business meeting of the Sixth Annual Reunion of the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Association, Inc. Was called to Order by the President, Mr. J.C. Campbell at 9:00 a.m. on the 27th of September, 1997 at the Merriott Suites in San Diego, California. Mr. Campbell opened with a prayer.

Fifty-eight shipmates were registered. One Australian, Mr. Bobby Winston and his wife Christina were also in attendance.

An explanation of the Unity Candle was given by Mr. Campbell and he asked the below listed shipmates to come forward to light a wick representing the decade they served aboard the ship.

John Cornwell--40's
Charles Cour--50's
Robert Warstler--60's

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Adams. Christina Winston sang the National Anthem of Australia. Ley Malilay accompanied her on the piano.

Mr. Campbell welcomed everyone and introduced the Australian representative. Eight first time attendees were asked to stand, give their names, rating and date of service.

Nick Nichols, secretary noted the minutes of the 1995 and 1996 reunions were in the registration packets. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented was made by Bruce Vaughan and seconded by Charlie Wilson. Motion passed.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Ken Adams, Vice-President, gave an update on members & names on the membership roster.

The financial report was given by J.C. Campbell as prepared by his CPA. Nick Nichols motioned and Willis Zismer Seconded accepting the financial report as presented. Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Calvin Rankin presented a financial report on the memorial fund.

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Ken Adams provided a summary of the area around Washington, D.C. that would be studied for the Seventh Reunion in 1998. Some discussion took place regarding the price of accommodations and food and it was noted that the members select the Reunion sites by vote and they selected the Washington D.C. area which is a high cost area. Ken promised to make a broad comparison of hotels and food prices and get the best accommodations and prices for the quality that most members expressed a desire for.

An update on the new DDG ships to be commissioned was provided by J.C. Campbell.

NEW BUSINESS:

The membership voted on Colorado to be the site of the year 2000 Reunion.

Bruce Vaughan made the motion that Dale Mann and Alan Arnold be elected Historians for the Association. Motion was seconded by Bob Baldwin. Motion Passed.

Robert Warstler volunteered to be the photographer for the evening banquet.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Ron Baker gave a general overview of plans and information concerning the proposed 1999 Reunion in Australia. Several members indicated they were interested in attending. The tentative schedule as presented by Ron is an attachment hereto.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried.

H.G. (Nick) Nichols, Secretary

Attachment for 1997 Minutes:

Tentative Proposal for the Reunion in Australia

29-30 May Sat & Sun

Arrive at Sidney Airport- proceed to private homes or hotel accomodations.

31 May Monday

Free Day for travelers to rest up from Jet Lag.
Evening--An Informal Buffet

1 June Tuesday

Sidney Harbor Cruise (lunch)
Late P.M. Shopping and Show

2 June Wednesday

Visit Olympic Village
Katuba - Blue Mountains
Free Evening

3 June Thursday

Rememberance and Dedication
Church Service
BBQ Lunch - Ship Visit
Evening Free

4 June Friday

Sidney Harbor Complex
Visit Ships
Dinner Dance & Formal Reception

5 June Saturday

Trip to Capitol
War Memorial
Art Gallery
Nat'l Buildings

6 June Sunday

Trip to Winerys

7 June Monday

Return to Winerys to get Cal!