

The Sea

*The sea! That vast, majestic plain
Of foam-flecked wave and windswept rain
And howling gales that bend the brain
And fill brave men with dread.*

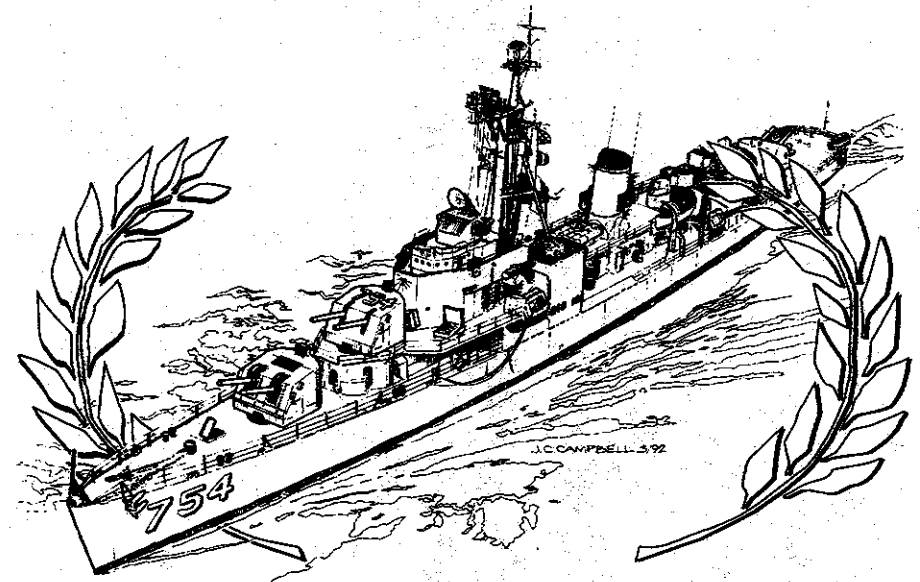
*The sea! That sparkling crystal pool
Bedecked with phosphorescent jewel
Where dolphins play the merry fool
And Neptune makes his bed.*

*The sea! That final resting place
For sailing men of every race
Where seaweed shrouds are commonplace
Among the grateful dead.*

*No grave for me, nor crypt, nor tomb
Nor roaming furnace in curtained room
But Nature's cool and watery womb
Is where I'll lay my head*

By Ron Baker

Living Memorial Ceremony



U.S.S. Frank E. Evans DD754

***Saturday, August 29, 1998
2:00 p.m.***

Arlington National Cemetery

Ode to the Fallen

*They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

Lest we forget.

*The purpose of the
U.S.S. Frank E. Evans
Association*

*is to remember those sailors
"Lost in Action"
and other shipmates.
May we never allow anyone
to forget
the price they
paid!*

Living Memorial Ceremony

Arlington National Cemetery

Guests Arrive at 1345

Musical Selection Navy Band

Welcome By Rear Admiral G. Dennis Vaughan

Master of Ceremonies Commander Naval Reserve Force
(U.S.S. Frank E. Evans, 1963-1965)

Presentation of Colors Naval Ceremonial Guard (NWD)

National Anthem U. S. Navy Band

Lighting of the Remembrance Candle

Invocation U. S. Naval Chaplain

Introduction of Special Guests RADM Vaughan

Guest of Honor Vice Admiral Thor Hanson,
U.S.N. (Ret.)
(Commanding Officer, U.S.S. Frank E. Evans, 1966-1968)

Reading of Names of Lost Crewmen Autumn & Adam Schultz

Unveiling of Plaque Mr. J. C. Campbell
(President, U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Association)
Mr. Cal Rankin
(Chairman of Memorial Committee, U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Association)
VADM Hanson

Taps Navy Band

Benediction & Prayer U. S. Navy Chaplain

Closing Remarks RADM Vaughan

Anchor's Away Navy Band

*“Hear our prayer O Lord to thee
for those in peril on the sea.”*

Early Morning - Tuesday 3 June 1969 - 74 Sailors Lost

Ensign Allen Herbert Armstrong	Sonar Surface Tech 3rd Class Melvin Holleman Gardner Jr	Seaman Apprentice Michael Anthony Orlikowski
Seaman Apprentice James Robert Baker	Seaman Apprentice Donald Eugene Gearhart	Electrician 3rd Class Linden Russell Orput
Seaman Apprentice Andrew James Botto	Seaman Patric Gene Glennon	Ensign Dwight Scott Patten
Seaman Thomas B. Box	Seaman Denmeth Wayne Glines	Yeoman Seaman Apprentice Earl Frederick Preston
Electronics Tech 3rd Class James Franklin Bradley	Seaman Apprentice Joe Luis Gonzales	Seaman Apprentice Craig Allen Pennell
Ensign Robert G. Brandon	Sonar Surface Tech 3rd Class Larry Allan Gracely	Seaman Apprentice Jerome Pickett
Seaman Recruit Melvin Harris Brown	Seaman Apprentice Devore Ray Grissom Jr.	Fireman Lawrence John Reilly Jr.
Boilerman 2nd Class William Daniel Brown II	Seaman Steven Allen Guyer	Radarman 3rd Class Victor Thomas Rikall
Chief Hospital Corpsman Charles William Cunningham	Radarman 3rd Class Terry Lee Henderson	Radarman 3rd Class Gregory Allen Sage
Radarman 3rd Class Christopher J. Carlson	Chief Electricians Mate Edward Phillip Hess	Seaman Recruit Gary Loren Sage
Seaman Michael Kale Clannson	Radarman 2nd Class Garry Bradbury Hodgson	Seaman Recruit Kelly Jo Sage
Seaman Apprentice Danny Victor Clute	Seaman Apprentice Dennis Ralph Johnston	Seaman Recruit John Allan Sawyer
Electronics Tech 3rd Class Larry Wayne Cool	Seaman Apprentice James William Kerr	Boilerman-Fireman Apprentice Robert James Searle
Seaman Apprentice Patrick Michael Concoran	Boatswains Mate 1 Class Willie Lee King	Seaman Recruit Gerald Wayne Smith
Seaman Joe Eddie Craig	Radarman 1st Class George Joseph Laliberte	Seaman Recruit Thurston Perry Smith Jr.
Electronics Tech (Radar) James Wilburn Davis Jr.	Radioman 2nd Class Ray Patrick LeBurn	Sonar Technician 2nd Class John Raymond Spray
Seaman Apprentice Leon Larry Deal	Radarman 1st Class Eugene Francis Lehman	Ensign Jon Kenneth Stever
Seaman Apprentice James Fred Dykes III	Seaman Apprentice Issac Lyons Jr.	Seaman Thomas Fred Tallon
Seaman Apprentice Raymond Joseph Earely	Seaman Apprentice Fredrick Conrad Meissier	Radarman 3rd Class Ronald Arthur Thibodeau
Gunnersmate 3rd Class Steven Frank Espinosa	Seaman Apprentice Douglas Roy Meister	Seaman Recruit John Wayne Thomas
Seaman Apprentice Stephen Don Fagan	Seaman Apprentice Andrew Martin Melendrez	Seaman Recruit John Thomas Tolar
Seaman Apprentice William Donald Fields	Seaman Apprentice Timothy Lynn Miller	Seaman Gary Joseph Vigne
Seaman Apprentice Alan Carl Flummer	Ensign John Townsend Norton Jr.	Radarman 3rd Class Con Wesley Warnock
Seaman Apprentice Henry Kenneth Frye	Ensign Gregory Koichi Ogawa	Seaman Recruit Henry D. West III
Stewardsman Francis Joseph Garcia	Seaman James Richard Omeyla	

**USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754)
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

PARKING:

If you drive a private or rental automobile you must advise the gate that you are there for the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Memorial Service and you will be allowed to drive in. The guard will give you directions.

EVENT:

Living memorial ceremony unveiling brass plaque to mark location of tree (planted previously) honoring memory of 74 crew members lost at sea in collision on 3 June 1969.

LOCATION:

Arlington National Cemetery
Burial Section 6 -- 5769-A-2
In proximity of grave of BGEN Frank E. Evans, USMC

DATE & TIME:

Saturday, August 29, 1998
2:00 pm (1400)

PROGRAM:

1345

Guests arrive, proceed to seats.
VIPs escorted to reserved seats.
Music selection by Navy Band.

1400

Master of Ceremonies, Rear Admiral G. Dennis Vaughan, USNR
Commander, Naval Reserve Force (RADM Vaughan served as Main Propulsion Assistant and Chief Engineer of Frank E. Evans in 1963-1965)
Welcomes assembled guests.

1405

Presentation of Colors - Naval Ceremonial Guard (NDW)
National Anthem - U.S. Navy Band

1410

Lighting of the Remembrance Candle
Invocation - U.S. Navy Chaplain

1415

RADM Vaughan - Brief opening remarks - Introduces special guests and introduces guest of honor and featured speaker.

1420

Remarks by the Guest of Honor, Vice Admiral Thor Hanson,
USN (Ret), Commanding Officer, USS Frank E. Evans, 1966-1968

1435

RADM Vaughan introduces Association representatives Autumn and Adam Schultz (Mr. Schultz created the memorial plaque) to read names of 74 lost crewmen.

1445

RADM Vaughan introduces Mr. J.C. Campbell, President, USS Frank E. Evans Association, and Mr. Cal Rankin, Chairman of the Memorial Committee for the USS Frank E. Evans Association, to officiate at unveiling of plaque with VADM Hanson.
Plaque unveiling ceremony. Navy Band renders Taps.

1450

Benediction and prayer by Navy Chaplain.

1455

RADM Vaughan closes program.
Navy Band - upbeat music, Anchor's Away, etc.

1500

Guests Depart

GOD OF THE OCEANS AND SEAS, WE COME TOGETHER THIS DAY TO REMEMBER AND HONOR ALL THOSE WHO SAILED THE SEAS IN THE *USS FRANK E EVANS* FROM HER COMMISSIONING IN 1944 TO HER DECOMMISSIONING IN JULY 1969.

WE REMEMBER AND HONOR THE OFFICERS AND MEN WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY ABOARD THE *EVANS*, A QUICK AND POWERFUL DESTROYER, NICKNAMED "*THE FIGHTER*"... IN WORLD WAR II, IN THE POST WAR YEARS, IN THE KOREAN WAR AND THE VIETNAM CONFLICT.

GOD OF THE OCEANS AND SEAS, WE COME TOGETHER, OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE *EVANS*, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, AND INVITED GUESTS TO REMEMBER AND HONOR IN A SPECIAL WAY THE 74 OFFICERS AND MEN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY ON THAT FATEFUL DAY OF JUNE 3, 1969. INDEED THERE IS NO GREATER LOVE THAN THIS ... TO LAY DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR OTHERS.

THESE MEN ARE PERHAPS THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THE "SEATO" TASK FORCE BUT IN THE HEARTS OF THEIR FAMILY, FRIENDS, FELLOW OFFICERS AND MEN, THEY ARE INDEED HEROES. WE STILL FEEL THEIR LOSS BUT WE KNOW THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF OUR LIVES AND THAT ALL THE GOOD THEY HAVE SHARED WILL LIVE ON IN OUR HEARTS.

GOD OF THE OCEANS AND SEAS, WE REMEMBER AND HONOR THESE 74 MEN AND ALL THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE *USS FRANK E EVANS*, MEN WHO UPHELD, LIVED AND EVEN DIED FOR THOSE IDEALS PROCLAIMED BY OUR ANCESTORS.. JUSTICE; DOMESTIC TRANQUILLITY; COMMON DEFENSE; GENERAL WELFARE; AND THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR POSTERITY.

IT IS NO WONDER THEN THAT ON THE DAY OF HER DECOMMISSIONING, IT WAS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF PRIDE THAT A TRIBUTE WAS PAID TO THOSE OFFICERS AND MEN, LIVING AND DEAD, WHO HAD SERVED HER SO WELL..

THE USS FRANK E EVANS - "A FINE FIGHTING SHIP."

AS WE REMEMBER AND HONOR THESE MEN, WE USE THE WORDS OF THE NAVY HYMN, PRAYING..

**"ETERNAL FATHER,
WHO IS STRONG TO SAVE
AND WHOSE ARM HAS BOUND THE RESTLESS WAVE,"
HEAR OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS THIS DAY.**

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US, FOR THOSE WHO ARE STILL WITH US -
THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE USS FRANK E EVANS.
FOR ALL THEY ARE, FOR ALL THEY HAVE BEEN
FOR ALL THEY HAVE DONE,
*WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD.***