

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

Ode to the Fallen

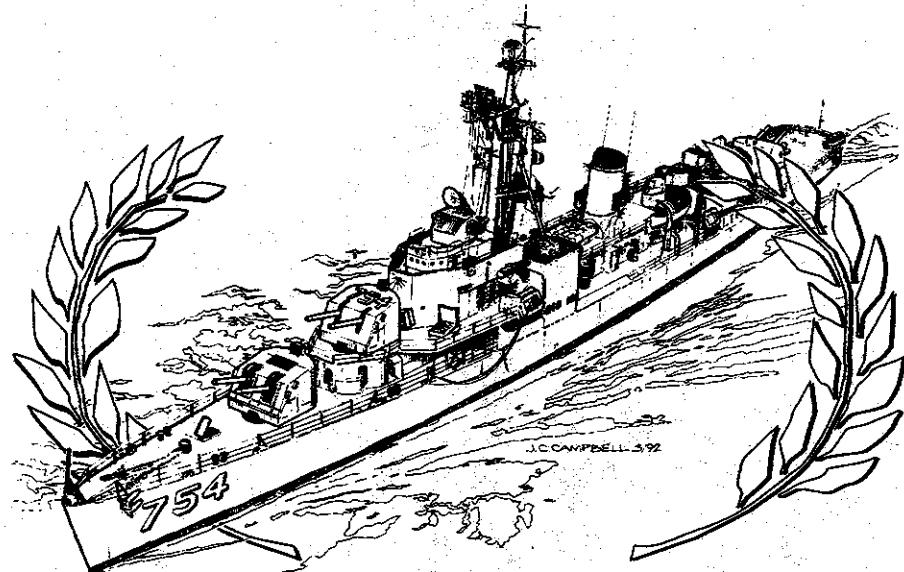
They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning,
We will remember them.

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



U.S.S. Frank E. Evans **DD754**

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

Arlington National Cemetery

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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	Seaman Apprentice	Michael Anthony Orlowski
Seaman Apprentice	Melvin Holloman Gardner Jr	Electrician 3rd Class	Linden Russell O'Court	
James Robert Baker	Donald Eugene Gearhart			
Seaman Apprentice	Patric Gene Glennon			
Andrew James Botta	Demeth Wayne Glines			
Seaman	James Franklin Bradley			
Thomas B. Box	Joe Luis Gonzales			
Electronics Tech 3rd Class	Larry Allan Gracely			
Robert G. Brandon	Desere Ray Grissom Jr.			
Seaman Recruit	Stephen Allen Guyer			
Melvin Harris Brown	Victor Thomas Kicall			
Boilerman 2nd Class	William Daniel Brown II			
Chief Hospital Corpman	Charles William Cunningham			
Radaman 3rd Class	Edward Phillip Hess			
Christopher J. Carlson	Garry Bradbury Hodgson			
Seaman	Dennis Ralph Johnston			
Michael Kale Clawson	James William Kerr			
Seaman Apprentice	Boatswains Mate 1Class			
Danny Victor Clute	Willie Lee King			
Electronics Tech 3rd Class	George Joseph Laliberte			
Larry Wayne Cool	Raymond 2nd Class			
Seaman Apprentice	Ray Patrick LeBurn			
Patrick Michael Corcoran	Radaman 1st Class			
Seaman	Eugene Francis Lehman			
Joe Eddie Craig	Isaac Lyons Jr.			
Electronics Tech (Radar)	Frederick Conrad Meissier			
James Wilburn Davis Jr.	Douglas Roy Meister			
Seaman Apprentice	Andrew Martin Melendrez			
Leon Larry Deal	Timothy Lynn Miller			
Seaman Apprentice	John Townsend Norton Jr.			
James Fred Dykes III	Gregory Koichi Ogawa			
Seaman Apprentice	James Richard Oneyela			
Raymond Joseph Early				
Gunnersmate 3rd Class				
Steven Frank Espinosa				
Seaman Apprentice				
Stephen Don Fagan				
Seaman Apprentice				
William Donald Fields				
Seaman Apprentice				
Alan Carl Flummer				
Seaman Apprentice				
Henry Kenneth Frye				
Stewardsman				
Francis Joseph Garcia				

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.***