



USS Frank E. Evans Association, Inc.
DD 754



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Dear Shipmates,

GREAT NEWS!!!! On Friday the 3rd of May, I received a phone call from the office of Rear Admiral G. Dennis Vaughn. His office informed us that Admiral Vaughn has accepted my invitation to be the key note speaker for our Saturday night dinner in San Diego. Admiral Vaughn served aboard the Frank E. Evans in the 1963-64 time frame as MPA and later as Chief Engineer on two West Pac Deployments. From his note that he sent to me in 1994, I quote "It must have been the basic training that the Snipes gave me, for I just got nominated for my second star." I consider this a very important event in the life of our organization. It is not every group that has an officer of this rank who will take time to attend a reunion and be the guest speaker. I ask for your support for this event.

The Association By-laws and Constitution place fiscal responsibility of the Association on the Executive Committee. That is the President, Vice President and Secretary. They have the responsibility and the authority to act on behalf of the Association between scheduled business meeting. Understand, it is your Association, but you elected the executive committee to administer and safeguard it! Here is our issue! To date we have received dues from approximately sixty (60) shipmates in response to 300 plus notifications mailed out. Historical records indicate that approximately 1/3 of the Membership is carrying or paying for the other 2/3 of the membership. We need a better response! Mailings of the photo book and reunion packages cost \$1.24 each, and that is before we factor in the cost of printing, paper and envelopes. The Executive Committee has opted to not spend this \$372.00 but rather mail the photo book and Reunion Registration Packages to **ONLY** those who show an interest in supporting the Association with their dues. This will save the Association quite a bit in printing and postage and still get the benefits of membership directly to those who support the Association. So get your dues in soon and we will get your photo book and registration package out to you quickly by return mail.

The reunion is in September, which is coming up very quickly, and if we are to make this reunion as good as the others, we need your cooperation in getting the needed information so that it can be a success.

Last year the membership asked that tours be arranged, which Ken has done. To date Ken has received ONE (1) registration form back. It's kind of hard to do much planning with only one response! So those of you who have not sent in your dues, and those of you who have paid your dues and already have your packages, please let us hear from you. This is your organization and your assistance is needed! Besides, we have a contract with the hotel for a block of rooms that the organization is responsible for filling.

I also expect to hear from the Australians as to what they have in the planning stages for the 1999 Reunion. This will be discussed at the business meeting, so it is important for every one to be in attendance.

Also in the business meeting we will discuss the naming of a new Arleigh Burke class destroyer, the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans. To accomplish this task will take the efforts of everyone!

So shipmates, get off of it and send in your dues! Your packages will arrive by return mail quickly, and you can make final arrangements for a successful reunion.

Hope to be hearing from you soon!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,

J. C. Campbell