13th Annual Reunion
USS Frank E. Evans Association, Inc.
DD754

PHOTO ALBUM

23-25 September, 2004
Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers
Lubbock, Texas
To the memory of all sailors who ever served aboard
the Destroyer

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

This Plaque is Dedicated.

And Special Commemoration to the Crew who sailed
with her on that fateful morning, 3 June, 1969 when
the Evans collided with the Australian Aircraft
Carrier HMAS Melbourne (CVS-21) and was cut in half.
The forward section of the Evans sank in 5400 feet
of water within two minutes. Seventy-four lives
were lost. The Frank E. Evans was struck from the
Navy Register in 1969.

**MAY WE NEVER FORGET THE SHIP,**
**THE MEN WHO PROUDLY SAILED WITH HER,**
**AND THOSE WHO PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE IN SERVICE**
**ABOARD THE U.S.S. FRANK E EVANS!**

**3 June, 1994**

*This Plaque Dedicated By The Frank E. Evans Association*

*Granbury, Texas*
2004 has come and gone and the USS Frank E. Evans Association has had another great year. Two events have been recorded in the archives to mark our 2004 year: (1) the Dedication of the Long Beach Memorial in July, and (2) the Thirteenth Lubbock, Texas Reunion in September.

While in Long Beach, California in September, 2003 for our 12th reunion, the Board of Directors learned about the Friends of the Navy’s plans for the Long Beach Navy Memorial. Dennis Swann was invited to provide the Board with additional information. After consideration of the project Memorial Chairman Cal Rankin felt the project would provide a lasting memorial to honor the US Navy and the “74” from the USS Frank E. Evans accident on 3 June 1969. In addition to the association paying for the larger monument, many of our members and families purchased bricks inscribed with names and dates of men who served on the destroyer. On 10 July 2004 a sizeable group of former crew members, parents, sisters, brothers and best friends of the lost 74 were in attendance at the dedication ceremony. The HMAS Melbourne was represented by Bob Winston.

It was an honor for me, as president, to serve as one of the day’s speakers. Relating the events leading up to the accident and continuing with our efforts to get names on the wall, I closed with words of appreciation and sincere thanks to all of the Long Beach community.

The 2004 reunion was the second highlight of the year. The impressive tour of the Texas Tech Vietnam Center gave attendees a behind the scenes view of the current and most modern archival tools available. The association couldn’t have chosen a better facility for the safe keeping of our memorabilia. Our three programs were brought to us by Dr. James Reckner, Director of the Vietnam Center. Not only is he a tremendous speaker but he author of several books. On Thursday night we learned about Vietnam today via slides he took last summer. On Thursday and Friday evenings he took information from two of his books. He gave us insights into what it was like to be a sailor in the early 1900’s. and again using slides he gave a presentation of “The Great White Fleet” under Theodore Roosevelt. The Lubbock reunion may not have been one of the larger reunions but many positive comments were received.

I want to give a personal thanks to Bill Richardson for his photography and most of all for his willingness to stand ready everyday during the reunions to snap the many photos that are used in our Photo Book. The 2003 Long Beach book was put together by Cal Rankin and Sharon (Rankin) Shirack last year. When they returned home after the Lubbock reunion in September, 2004 they started working on this album. Cal’s illness and passing on 12th November left a big vacuum in our association since he was the association’s Memorial Chairman.

Sharon continued to work on the album while keeping up with many details of the family business. The week after Christmas, with the office closed, she started working again on the book. Her helper was husband Doug/ Our association is very fortunate to have two great “Second Watch Members” in Bill Richardson and Sharon Shirack. Without them it would have been impossible to have a nice photo book this year.

As I write this letter for the photo book, we are finalizing details on the Milwaukee, Wisconsin reunion on June 9 thru 11, 2005. Those of you not in attendance last year, YOU were missed! We appreciate very much your notes on cards, with checks, E-mails and, of course your telephone calls. When your fellow shipmates call wanting to know your new phone numbers or E-mail address we are always pleased to help them. So keep up the good work of communicating with us. SEE YOU IN JUNE!
"Hear our prayer O Lord to thee
for those in peril on the sea."

Ensign
Allen Herbert Armstrong
Seaman Apprentice
James Robert Baker
Seaman Apprentice
Andrew James Botto
Seaman
Thomas B. Box
Electronics Tech 3rd Class
James Franklin Bradley
Ensign
Robert G. Brandon
Seaman Recruit
Melvin Harris Brown
Boilerman 2nd Class
William Daniel Brown II
Chief Hospital Corpsman
Charles William Cannington
Radarman 3rd Class
Christopher J. Carlson
Seaman
Michael Kale Clawson
Seaman Apprentice
Danny Victor Chute
Electronics Tech 3rd Class
Larry Wayne Cool
Seaman Apprentice
Patrick Michael Corcoran
Seaman
Joe Eddie Craig
Electronics Tech (Radar)
James Wilburn Davis Jr.
Seaman Apprentice
Leon Larry Deal
Seaman Apprentice
James Fred Dykes III
Seaman Apprentice
Raymond Joseph Earely
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
Sonar Surface Tech 3rd Class
Melvin Holleman Gardner Jr
Seaman Apprentice
Donald Eugene Gearhart
Seaman
Patric Gene Glennon
Seaman
Denneth Wayne Glines
Seaman Apprentice
Joe Luis Gonzales
Sonar Surface Tech 3rd Class
Larry Allan Gracely
Seaman Apprentice
Devere Ray Grissom Jr.
Seaman
Steven Allen Gayer
Radarman 3rd Class
Terry Lee Henderson
Chief Electricians Mate
Edward Phillip Hess
Radarman 2nd Class
Garry Bradbury Hodgson
Seaman Apprentice
Dennis Ralph Johnston
Seaman Apprentice
James William Kerr
Boatswains Mate 1st Class
Willia Lee King
Radarman 1st Class
George Joseph Laliberte
Radioman 2nd Class
Ray Patrick LeBurn
Radarman 1st Class
Eugene Francis Lehman
Seaman Apprentice
Issac Lyons Jr.
Seaman Apprentice
Fredrick Conrad Meissier
Seaman Apprentice
Douglas Roy Meister
Seaman Apprentice
Andrew Martin Melendrez
Seaman Apprentice
Timothy Lynn Miller
Ensign
John Townsend Norton Jr.
Ensign
Gregory Koichi Ogawa
Seaman
James Richard Omeyla
Seaman Apprentice
Michael Anthony Orlikor
Electrician 3rd Class
Linden Russell Orpurt
Ensign
Dwight Scott Pattee
Yoeman Seaman Apprentice
Earl Frederick Preston
Seaman Apprentice
Craig Allen Pennell
Seaman Apprentice
Jerome Pickett
Fireman
Lawrence John Reilly Jr.
Radarman 3rd Class
Victor Thomas Rikall
Radarman 3rd Class
Gregory Allen Sage
Seaman Recruit
Gary Loren Sage
Seaman Recruit
Kelly Jo Sage
Seaman Recruit
John Allan Sawyer
Boilerman-Fireman Apprentice
Robert James Searle
Seaman Recruit
Gerald Wayne Smith
Seaman Secruit
Thurston Perry Smith Jr.
Sonar Technician 2nd Class
John Raymond Spray
Ensign
Jon Kenneth Stever
Seaman
Thomas Fred Tallon
Radarman 3rd Class
Ronald Arthur Thibodeau
Seaman Recruit
John Wayne Thomas
Seaman Recruit
John Thomas Tolar
Seaman
Gary Joseph Vigue
Radarman 3rd Class
Con Wesley Warnock
Seaman Recruit
Henry D. West III
Tom, Leslie & Tyler Anthony
1967-69 "S" RD2

Ron Baker "Aussie"
1968-69 HMAS Melbourne

Larry & Jan Bigham
1964-1968

Robert "Bob" & Karen Baldwin 1950-1952
SM2
Michael & Mary Budler
1966-67

Richard Burke
1969 S FTGSN

JC & Sylvia Campbell
1952-1953 BTFN

Jerry & Michelle, Clay & Chase Campbell
(Son & Daughter-in-law of Sylvia & JC Campbell)
Joel & Monica, Margaret & William Campbell, (Son & Daughter-in-law of Sylvia & JC Campbell)

John & Teresa, Taylor & Tanner Campbell (Son & Daughter-in-law of Sylvia & JC)

Russell & Evelyn Carver 1950-54

Clyde & Pat Chandler 1950-53
Judy & Larry Cuzzupe
1964-65

La Ruth & Billy Joe Davis
1951-54

Pete Duhe & Ron Amadee
1945-1946 SC3

Del Frances & June Jackman
1968-69 S
Dana Frances & Thomas Maclean  
(Daughter of Del Frances)

Charlie Fuchs  
1967-69 MMFN

Richard & Pauline Gleason  
1957-58

Mary & Gary Guyer  
1969 Brother of SNSteven Guyer  
lost in 1969
Donald & Louise Haight
1955-57

Alan & Gerry Hemphill
(1969) Sister of SA James William Kerr
Lost in 1969
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Charlie & Flo Hoog
1952-55 FN

Charlene Guyer Meinert & Laura Guyer
(Sister and Mother of Stephen Allen Guyer-1969)
Gerald "Jerry" & Georgie Haugen
1957-59 EN2

Thurman Hollingshead
1953-55

Maryann & Charles Huber
QM2 1963-65

Frank & Wanda Jones
1952-55
Marvin & Myrt Jones
1952-55 MM

Calvin Kunkel
1945-46

Fern Kerr
Mother of SA James W. Kerr-1969

Donna & Stephen Krauss
1969
Kelli & Michael Kraus
(Son & daughter-in-law of Stephen & Donna Kraus)

Jennifer & Jason Kraus
(Son & daughter-in-law of Stephen & Donna Kraus)

Calvin Kunkel
45-46

Robert & Linda Lockwood
1969 FN
Mark Macayan  
(Son of Florentino "Mike" Macayan)  
1968-69 S

Tom & Mary Manley  
1967-69 BT3

Dale & Jo Bob Mann  
1969 S  MMFA

Earl & Marie Marchbanks  
1963-68
James & Robin Martensen
1965-67 BM2

Robert Mason
1967-69

Andrew "Joe" & Debbie Mulitsch
1969 S MMFN

Harold "Nick" & Billie Nichols
1950-53 MM3
Jennifer Nichols
Daughter of Harold & Billie Nichols

Tom "Charlie" & Cathy Nobles
1951-54

Ken Norton
1969 Brother of J.T. Norton
Lost in 1969

Charles & Jessie Paden
1954-1957
Pete & Karen Peters
1966-69 S MM3

Donald & Dorothy Pisarczyk
1950-54

Calvin "Cal" & Barbara Rankin
1950-53 BTFN

Jim, Shannon & Jordan Rankin
1950-53 (Son & daughter in law of Cal Rankin)
William "Bill" & Estella Rankin  
1952-56

Sandy & Ian Richardson

William "Bill" Richardson  
Association Official Photographer

Jack & Peggy Sheehan  
1952-55  MM3
Doug & Sharon Shirack
(Daughter & Son in law of Cal Rankin)
P O Box 348

Emmett H. & Muggs Tidd
VADM Retired 1950-52

Robert & Phyllis Tryon
1952-54

Peter Wallis, Jr.
1957-58 EN3
Charles (Fred) & Dorothy Wilson
1950-51

Charles (Fred) Jr. & Gail Wilson
(Son & Daughter-in-law of Charles (Fred)
& Dorothy Wilson

Cleo Wilson
1963-66 (Widow of Doc Wilson)

Dean Wyse & Cheryl Thompson
1967-69
To those that were here this year
It was good to see you,

To those that won't be back
We will miss you,

To the rest....

We hope to see you next year!
Check-in & Ships Store

time to check in

patiently waiting
Check-in & Ships Store

Old friends...  ..meet again
Vietnam Center & Archives

bus ride...

instructions...
waiting our turn... memories....
Thursday/Friday Nights

taking it in...

checking it out...
Thursday/Friday Nights

ship stories?

good friends...
Thursday/Friday Nights

good food...

better company...
Thursday/Friday Nights

relax....

enjoy....
Saturday Business Meeting

speeches...

...reports
Saturday Business Meeting

decisions...

where next year?
Saturday Night Banquet

present colors...

welcome guests....
Saturday Night Banquet

light the candle...

recite the ode...
Saturday Night Banquet

present awards...
say hello...
Saturday Night Banquet

smiles... well.....some
Saturday Night Banquet

good times... 

laughter...
Saturday Night Banquet

old friends...

time to eat...
Saturday Night Banquet

hugs...

memories...
Saturday Night Banquet

family...

new friends...
Saturday Night Banquet

take care...

till next year....
The Del Frances Family

H. G. "Nick" Nichols Family

The Cal Rankin Family

The Stephen Kraus Family
Shipmates attending Lubbock "2004"

Shipmates of the 50's
Shipmates of the 60's

"1969" Survivor Shipmates
Ladies of the Frank E. Evans

LOVE
Makes our friends - A little dearer,

JOY
Makes our hearts - A little lighter,

FAITH
Makes our paths - A little closer,

HOPE
Makes our lives - A little brighter,

and

PEACE
Brings us all - A little nearer.

Author unknown
IN MEMORY

During the year of 2004, the association received the following names of shipmates passing ...

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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..

C=CHARTER MEMBER    A=ACTIVE    #=REUNIONS ATTENDED
DATE=DATE OF PASSING
Photos – Notes and Keepsakes
INVITATION

This is your personal invitation to join us for our 14th Annual Reunion
To be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Milwaukee Airport
4747 S. Howell Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

9th thru 11th June 2005

Come see us.................

USS Frank E. Evans Association, Inc.