

# USS FRANK E. EVANS DD 754

WWII KOREA VIETNAM



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### AHOY SHIPMATES, FAMILY & FRIENDS

The first quarter is almost at a end and it seems like yesterday we celebrated the new year. We hope 2024 will be a lot kinder to us all.

Losing John Coffey was a shock to everyone! It certainly will not be the same to not receive news from him. As you all know Sondra Dutton had taken over the communications duties early in January. We were extremely fortunate to transition most of his information, programs and routine. Again, it will be a true loss never to see or hear from John.

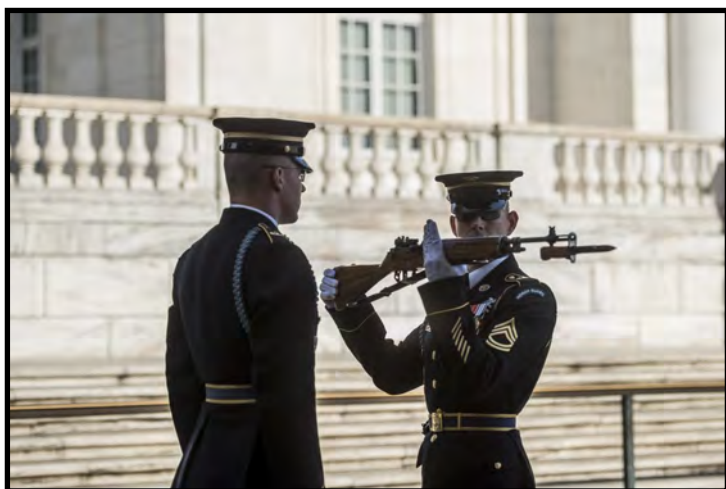
John did not want any fan fare when he passed, but we are happy to say “John you’re not going to get your way this time” The Association is placing a plaque in the American Legion Post where John frequented, it will be presented to the post commander on April 6, 2024 by Rolf Buchner and Marni Hicks. The address is American Legion Post #56, 309 Lee Street, Jefferson, GA 30549; the time is Noon to 3 pm. We are also in the process of preparing a tribute to John to be posted on our website page where it will reside for the remainder of 2024. Lastly, we will do something special at the reunion to remember him.

In this edition we have information on the locations of the 3 June Memorials and the events taking place at the Grand Opening of the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial on 6 June in Papillion, Nebraska. As always please stay healthy and we hope to see you at the memorials, dedication of the NVVM and the upcoming reunion in September.

“Lest We Forget”

*Steve Kraus*, Association President

## The Guards—Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Recently on the TV show Jeopardy, the final question was, How many steps does the guard take during their walk across the Tomb of the Unknowns? All three contestants missed the answer.

**1. How many steps does the guard take during their walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?**

**21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.**

**2. How long do the guards hesitate after their about face to begin their return walk and why?**

**21 seconds for the same reason as mentioned above.**

**3. Why are the guards' gloves wet?**

**Their gloves are moistened to prevent losing their grip on the rifle.**

**4. Do they carry the rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not?**

**They carry their rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After the march (21 steps) they execute an about face and move the rifle to the outside shoulder.**

**5. How often are the guards changed**

**Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.**

## IN MEMORIAM

### Robert I Shaw

Reedsville, PA

Deceased October 26, 2023

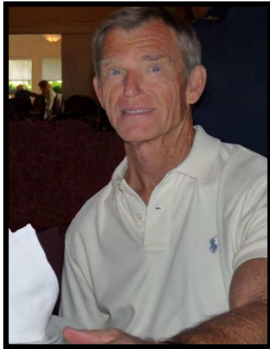
Robert I Shaw, 89, of 72 Tollgate Hill, Reedsville, passed away Robert Shaw and Sarah L. (Emerick) Shaw. On May 26, 1950 on Oct. 26, 2023, at home. He was born on July 9, 1934, to the late 5, he married his wife, Patricia Shaw, who preceded him in death on July 23, 2023. He graduated from Armagh-Brown in 1952. He served in the U.S. Navy as a machinist mate 2nd class on the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans, serving from March 9, 1955 to March 5, 1959. He was employed and retired from the Standard Steel in the tool crib of the Machine Shop. A former member of Reedsville Lutheran Church, he served on the church council and served as President four times. He was a Sunday school teacher and choir member. He is a current member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lewistown, where he served as a choir member.



### Jack Leland Davis

Orange, CA

Deceased November 18, 2023



Jack Leland Davis born September 16, 1946 in Long Beach, CA. went home to his Lord, November 18, 2023 in Orange, CA at the age of 77. Jack was an avid surfer; he even surfed when stationed in Vietnam. A fellow serviceman established a surf club in Da Nang, which Jack joined and was able to use one of their surfboards. There was a paddle out on Friday, December 29th in Seal Beach, CA, where his ashes were scattered at sea. Jack was a survivor of the accident of June 3, 1969

### Chester P. Moneaux

Abbeville, LA

Deceased January 19, 2024

SA Chester P. Moneaux, age 76 (Survivor) of Abbeville, LA, passed away on January 19, 2024 at the Calcutta House in Lafayette surrounded by his loving family. Chester, fondly known as daddy, Pop and Poppy, was born to Irene and Edwin Moneaux, on September 15, 1947. He was a proud Vietnam Veteran, he served in the Navy on the USS Frank E. Evans. Chester came onboard the Evans on June 25, 1967 and served until the collision in 1969. Following the collision, he was transferred to Long Beach commissary where he served out his enlistment. Chester fought his battle against heart disease for years. .

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Harold Emery Ford**  
Frederick, MD  
Deceased September 21, 2021

Harold was born June 7, 1939, in Chehalis, WA, the second son of Harvey Russell Ford and Naomi Hollis (Underwood) Ford. Harold married Mary D. (Marydon) Ford after a four-week courtship on May 12, 1961, in Centralia, WA. He had 2 sons and a daughter, 6 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

Harold served with the United States Navy for 11 ½ year's, he was a Vietnam Veteran. He came aboard USS Frank E. Evans DD 754 on December 29, 1965 and was assigned to the OI Division. He remained for two years and left the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer. After leaving the Navy, Harold worked in the private sector until retirement from ViaSat.



**Stanley K. Edwards**  
Squim, WA  
Deceased May 8, 2023

Stanley K Edwards passed away at age 82 on May 8, 2023 at the Olympic Medical Center in Port Angeles. Stan and his wife Virginia lived in Squim, Washington and Mesa, AZ. They were active missionaries for the River of Life Christian Ministries and spent time in Cornesti, Romania. Stan work for the School Administration in Sequim for many years until he retired in 2002. Stanley K Edwards served on Evans early 60's as CS3.

**Daniel Howard Barron**  
Old Town, FL  
Deceased October 6, 2023

SN Daniel Howard Barron came onboard Evans on 19 July 1963 and was assigned to First Division. He served in the Navy from 1963 to 1985 and retired as Chief Hospital Corpsman in Key Wes Florida. He served 3 tours in Vietnam and received 2 purple hearts. When he retired, he moved to Old Town, Florida where he lived the rest of his life. At the time of his death, he was under the care of Haven Hospice.



**Wayne Tachell**  
Orofino, ID  
Deceased July 23, 2023

BTFN Wayne Tachell, reported aboard on 12 Feb. 1966. He was not a member of the Association but was a crew member who deserves to be recognized and remembered. Wayne Tachell was born in Omak, Washington Sept. 6, 1946, and died at home in Orofino, Idaho, July 23, 2023. He grew up in Gig Harbor, Washington, and Alaska, with his mom and stepdad and four younger siblings. Wayne joined the Navy in July 1964. He served on the USS Herbert J. Thomas, USS Frank E. Evans, and USS King. He was honorably discharged in February of 1968. Coming back home to Washington State, he met the love of his life, Suzette. They were married on May 9, 1970, in Silverdale, Washington. They had three boys together, and last May celebrated 53 years together



## In Memoriam

Jennifer S Kraus  
Vista, CA  
Deceased March 2, 2024



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Jennifer S. Kraus age 54. Jenny, as she was known, died on March 2, 2024 at Scripps Hospital in Encinitas, California. Jenny is the mother of association members Mallory, Skyler and Kyra Kraus. By her side was her mother, father, brother and sister.

As many of you will remember Jenny created the first USS Frank E. Evans Association Website in 2006. She was the webmaster for a number of years. She was a strong advocate for veteran's rights and helped craft some of our early legislative outreach letters. Jenny had many different working careers but the one she liked best was that of teaching. She taught first grade at Maricopa Elementary School, in the city of Maricopa, Arizona. When she moved to California in 2009, she worked as an executive for Aroma.

Jenny leaves behind her children, Mallory, Skyler, and Kyra; parents Paul & Michelle Morton; brothers Dennis Morton and John Morton, sister Sarah Cronk and many nieces and nephews.



**RDSN JOHN D. COFFEY**  
Commerce, GA  
Deceased March 7, 2024



There are special people in our lives who will never leave us. They might leave us in body, but never in mind. John Coffey was one of those people. The days John was with us might fade away, but his memories, moments, quick wit and laughter, will never fade away!

When we have collected John's obituary information, we will post a special "In Memory of John" tribute on our website home page.

Condolences can be sent to John's daughter Marni  
[mhicks904@gmail.com](mailto:mhicks904@gmail.com)

# **USS KIDD DDG 100 UPDATE**

**By Mike Lehman**

The KIDD was in Sasebo, Japan for Thanksgiving and in Singapore for Christmas. They have just returned from the South China Sea with the USS Carl Vinson Strike Group.

## **Why The USS KIDD Flies A Pirate Flag**

The USS Kidd is a US Navy destroyer that has a unique tradition of flying a pirate flag as it returns from a deployment. The flag, known as the Jolly Roger, features the skull and crossbones and has a history of being used by pirates in the 17th and 18th centuries. But why does the USS Kidd have this special privilege and what does it mean?

The USS Kidd is named after Rear Admiral Isaac Kidd, who was killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. His namesake, Captain William Kidd, was a Scottish sailor who was executed for piracy in 1701. The admiral's widow, Inez Kidd, obtained official permission from the Navy for the ship to fly the flag and paint a pirate on its stack in 1943.

“The Jolly Roger is a tribute to our namesake. It shows that we are not afraid to stand up for what we believe in and fight for what is right,” said Petty Officer 1st Class James Anderson, operations specialist on USS Kidd.

The USS Kidd became known as the “Pirates of the Pacific” and earned eight battle stars for its service in World War II, as well as several awards for the new USS Kidd DDG100 in operations in the Persian Gulf, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

The Jolly Roger is a symbol of pride and morale for the USS Kidd and its crew. It is flown at the discretion of the commanding officer, usually to celebrate successful missions or to honor the ship's legacy. The flag is also a way to showcase the crew's esprit de corps and their dedication to their mission and their country.

“The Jolly Roger is an indicator of our success at sea. It's something that reminds us of our history and why we exist,” said Cmdr. Nathan Wemett, former commanding officer of USS Kidd. “The Jolly Roger is a way to showcase our esprit de corps. Not only do we uphold the legacy of Adm. Isaac Kidd, but also those who served before us,” said Cmdr. Matt Noland, current commanding officer of USS Kidd. “The Jolly Roger is a symbol of pride for this crew. It represents our dedication to our mission and our country,” said Chief Petty Officer Jeremy MacKnight, command master chief of USS Kidd.

The USS Kidd is the only surface ship in the US Navy that has official permission to fly the Jolly Roger, but it is not the only one that has done so. Other ships have flown the flag as a sign of defiance or victory over enemies, such as submarines that sank enemy vessels or aircraft carriers that launched successful strikes. The practice dates back to World War I, when British naval officers adopted the flag from German U-boats that used it to taunt their foes.

The Jolly Roger is a tradition that connects the USS Kidd and its crew to their past and their future. It is a reminder of their courage and their commitment to defend their nation and its values. It is also a way to have some fun and enjoy their achievements. The USS Kidd is not just a warship, it is also a pirate ship. And as the Pirates of the Pacific, they fly their flag with pride and honor.

# NVVM Grand Opening

## 6 June 2024 Papillion, Nebraska



Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact	Notes
Jun 5, 2024	1800	Preview Memorial	11891 S. 108 St., Papillion, NE	Brian Thomas	
Jun 5, 2024	1900	Social/Dinner	TBD	Brian Thomas	Venue TBD
Jun 6, 2024	1100	Grand Opening	11891 S. 108 St., Papillion, NE	Ron Elwell	
Jun 6, 2024	1800	Remembrance Memorial	11891 S. 108 St., Papillion, NE	Lisa Jorgensen	Reading of Names
Jun 7, 2024	1100	Speedway Museum Tour	599 Oak Creek Dr., Lincoln, NE	David Black	

**Join us to celebrate the grand opening of the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Honor RD2 Garry Hodgson, BM2 Gary Sage, RD3 Gregory Sage and SA Kelly Jo Sages inclusion onto the Nebraska Memorial Panel along with the other 396 veterans that gave their lives in the Vietnam War from Nebraska. On display is a permanent memorial panel for the "Lost 74"**

### MEET SONDRA DUTTON — COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Sondra was born in Nebraska and has lived in Texas since she was 2 years old. She is the daughter of Loretta Francis. She grew up in East Texas and moved to Dallas once she graduated from high school. There she went to ATI to start her career as an Executive Assistant. She has worked for many large companies including Verizon and Avaya.



She was married in 2001 and is currently living in Justin, TX with her husband Tom. They both have lived in Justin for 20 years near his family. Tom and Sondra never had children but enjoy cruising and going on road trips with the dog Toby. When she is not working, she enjoys creating things with resin/epoxy. Hopes to one day be able to do it full time. She is very active in her church and is the church treasure.

# 3 June 2024 Memorials

**LONG BEACH, CA**

**10 AM PST**

**GURNEE, IL**

**10 AM CST**

**FAIRFAX, VA**

**10AM EST**

**INDEPENDENCE, MO**

**10 AM CST**

**NIOBRARA , NE**

**10 AM CST**

**This year there will be 5 Memorial Ceremonies on June 3 to honor our Lost 74. Please support these events.**

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**Long Beach CA  
Shoreline Park  
100 Aquarium Way  
Pete Peters  
rep1029@aol.com  
310-947-5823**

**Gurnee IL  
Warren Cemetery  
1475 N Cemetery Way  
Chuck Huber  
cghmh1@gmail.com  
847-308-8445**

**Fairfax VA  
American Legion Post 177  
3939 Oak St.  
Carol Coulter  
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571-317-9951**

**Independence MO  
Mt Washington Cemetery  
614 S Brookside Ave.  
Ben & Pam Chilcutt  
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**Niobrara NE  
Sage Brothers Landmark  
25410 Park Ave.  
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**RANDOM PHOTOS FROM THE 2023 REUNION SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**



**Top—Waiting at the Airport for the next flight**

**Middle—Motorhead (Pub Crawl)**

**Bottom Left —Joanne and Tim...finding Route 66**

**Bottom Right—Northfield Inn & Suites**



**RANDOM PHOTOS FROM THE 2023 REUNION SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**



**Top—Group Shot Banquet Evening**

**Middle Left—BINGO Night**

**Lower Left—Joel Accepts transfer of Trailer**

**Middle Right—Board Meeting**

**Lower Right—Table Decorations by Vaa**



## Tony Cuzzupe Jeep—Main Attraction



**Top Row - Tony Cuzzupe's Jeep**

**Middle Row - Donna Albert, Marc Rosen, Frank & Terri Jablonski**

**Bottom Row - Guest appearance by Abraham Lincoln (Richard "Fritz" Klein) and Holiday Geiger**

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**OUR NEXT  
REUNION IS IN  
SPOKANE, WA,  
SEPT. 11-14, 2024**

**LOOK FOR THE  
REUNION  
REGISTRATION  
INFORMATION IN  
THE MAIL AROUND  
JUNE 1**

