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Winter 2010

The Spirit of Christmas Past



*Icebreaker USS Edisto AGB-2
Antarctica, 1962*



Fro the Helm

Greetings, Shipmates and Friends,

It was a great 5th reunion, (127 people), thanks to all the hard work and dedication that Glenn and Kathie Smith have brought to our association over the years.

We hope that everyone had a relaxing, safe and happy reunion. It was very enjoyable getting together to share the camaraderie, stories, fun events, etc. with old and new friends.

We want to remember our friends who have gone before us. We miss that kind and loving lady, Odell Paulk, and are grateful for her friendship. We also have many fond memories of being with Ed Schardein. He was a good friend with a great sense of humor.

We look forward to another reunion in the spring of 2012. A survey is enclosed that gives you the opportunity to vote on your choice of destinations. Please indicate your preference as to which location you would like and tell us what locations you would likely attend.

We wish the happiest of holidays to all of you.

Jerry Downs



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On the Cover

Our historian Jon Newton, '58-59 came up with the idea of the Christmas card after receiving a photo from George Strayton that showed the Edisto with a tree on the bow absent any decorations. Newton decided the tree needed some Christmas lights so he designed the card on the cover to send a Holiday Greetings to all our shipmates.

A note from the Treasurer



Holiday greetings to everyone.

Below is the 2009 Treasury Report presented to the Edisto Association Officers and Directors at the Providence-Warwick, Rhode Island reunion. The report was signed off by all who attended that meeting. The report was then presented to the membership at our business meeting. A motion was made to accept the report as read, seconded and passed.

An explanation of some items - "Edisto Book" - This is money that some of our members have paid in advance for the Edisto History Book. This money will be used when the book is published. The other item is "Life Membership". Thirty three members elected to pay one hundred dollars for Life Membership in 2009.

As of this writing we have two hundred fifty four (254) paid members of which one hundred nineteen (119) are Life members for the year 2010. What all these figures say is that for the year 2011 we will have 47% less money coming in from membership and that the treasure will start to decline.

With our projected expenses for the next few years the Edisto Association appears to be in a healthy financial state.

Jim Jensen, Treasurer USS Edisto Association

2009 Treasures Report	
Beginning Balance (1/1/09)	\$6,544.74
Edisto Book	\$945.00
Donations	\$1,490.00
Dues & New Members	\$2,455.00
Life Members	\$3,300.00
Bank of America (BOA)	\$514.45
Cash Account	-\$775.41
Expenses	-\$5,011.10
Ending Balance	\$11,472.68
Gain for 2009	\$4,927.94
Expenses include – Stamps-Ink – Paper-Envelopes – Printer-Gas-Food-Lodging- Bulk Mailing-Kee Bird - Florida Incorporation Fee	

2009 Baton Rouge Reunion	
Income from Registration, Tours, Meals & Ships Store	\$17,935.00
Expenses for tours, meals, entertainment, insurance and gratuity.	-\$17,607.06
Net	\$325.90

About the Kee Bird

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Shipmates that have passed Over the Bar

Last_Name	First_Name	Rate	Onboard	Gone To Sea
Detwiler	Earl F.	SA	48-49	02/07/2010
Duffy	Thomas E.	PC3	62-63	01/29/2010
Jacobs	Roland E.	ETSN	51-52	02/04/2010
Kerrigan	Hugh R.	SK	48-52	06/03/2010
Schardein	Edgar A.	EN1	57-60	07/23/2010
Smith	Charles R.	FN	59-62	04/15/2010
Stoop	Richard	EMFA	52-54	01/13/2010
Yohn	Leeonas	AD2	61	06/02/2010



- Please complete the enclosed survey as to your preferred destination for next reunion
- Dues period runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31
- Our Historian Jon Newton is soliciting information for the Edisto History book. Any original material you may wish to share will be handled carefully and returned back to you. Jon’s contact information is as follows:

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Warwick, Rhode Island Reunion Attendees

A total of **126** Shipmates and Guest attended the 5th reunion of the Icebreaker Edisto. All branches of service were represented by members of the Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

Adam	Marlene			Koski	Pat			Travis	William E.	FN	47-49
Adam	Jerome	YN2	54-56	Koski	Ray	YN3	61	Walther	Paul R.	RD2	58-59
Andrews	Eleanor			Laviana	Sue			Ward	Maureen		
Andrews	Bruce J.	EN2	48-52	Laviana	Gary W.	EMFN	62-65	Ward	James A.	SN	64-65
Bechard	Marie R.			Lebeau	Roger A.	FA	61	Weber	Valerie		
Bechard	Ronald A.	DT3	48	MacGlaflin	Jeff			Weber	Robert A.	RD3	62-64
Breslin	Joy			MacGlaflin	James E.	GM2	46-50	Wells	Yvonne		
Breslin	Peter M.	ICC(SW)	59-61	Maisano	Kathi			Werner	Alexander	AV1	47-48
Carlan	Sharon			Maisano	Frank	AT2	55-56	Wood	Charles L.	ENS	56-59
Christopher-Curry	Dee			Mallet	Rhonda			Woodworth	Becky		
Colegrove	Bud	STCM	53-55	Mallet	Ronald J.	BM3	58-64	Woodworth	James A.	F2	47
Collins	Holly			Marx	Laverne						
Collins	David S.	LTJG	64-65	Marx	Tom	EN3	56-61				
Curry	Jim			Mathews	Tory						
Curry	Dan	EN2	51-55	Meyer	Pattie						
Deegan	Patti			Meyer	Rudolf K.	RM3	64-65				
Deegan	Martin J.	SN	61	Mollica	Sandy						
Dohner	Karl E.	SK3	48-52	Mollica	Eugene T.	LTJG	58-59				
Donnelly	Frank P.	ENS	62-64	Morris	Carol						
Downs	Judy			Morris	Alex	LTJG	59-61				
Downs	Gerald L.	CS3	60-62	Neilsen	Nancy						
Driscoll	Frank	US Army		Neilsen	Kenneth	SN	63-65				
		PN3	61-63	Newton	KT						
Duignan	John J.			Newton	Jon V.	YN3	58-59				
Dykas	Ronald			Ortt	William R.	USCG	65				
Dykas	Nancy			Patarini	Sandi						
Evans	Billie			Patarini	Valentino	BMG3	54-56				
Evans	Sidney	S1	47-48	Paulk	Virgil H.	S4	47-48				
Gallant	Cathy			Pease	Shirley						
Gallant	William F.	SN	60-62	Pease	Paul W.	ETS3	60				
Gorsuch	Thomas			Pullin	Helen						
Gorsuch	John	SN	49-51	Pullin	Helen						
Green	Betty			Reidy	Teresa						
Green	Valerie			Reidy	James J.	SN	61				
Green	Duane	Marine	47-48	Robertson	Phyllis						
Griswold	Richard E.	AN	53	Robertson	John L.	LTJG	55-58				
Harper	Sandra			Rochelo	Donald R.	USCG	65				
Harper	Thomas J.	LTJG	57-60	Ross	Betty						
Heidel	Faye			Ross	Robert E.	AG3	54-55				
Heidel	Warren A.	E3	62-64	Saroch	Emil	LT	53-55				
Henderson	Joan			Schroder	Consuelo						
Henderson	Billy R.	EMFN	58-60	Schroder	Austin R.	LCDR	62-65				
Holden	Robert			Seymour	Sapaeto J	SN	61-63				
Holden	Judith			Simmons	Gina						
Howes	Leta			Simmons	Lawrence	QMSA	63-65				
Howes	Wilbur L.	FN2	49-52	Smith	Kathie						
Hoyt	Joanne			Smith	Barbara						
Hoyt	Charles W	FA	63-65	Smith	Glenn D.	ET2	60-62				
Hurwitz	Donald B.	E5	63-65	Smith	Lyman	ENS	62-64				
Isachsen	Kit			Soucey	Barbara						
Isachsen	Eric	BM3	64-65	Soucey	Roger A.	EN1	48-54				
Jensen	Norma			Spruill	Jeff						
Jensen	James M.	SA	60-62	Spruill	Carol		56-59				
Jodrey	Norma R.			Strayton	Victoria						
Johnson	Bentha			Strayton	George	BT3	62-64				
Johnson	Edward P.	ENS	63-65	Szymanski	Eugene	FP3	52-55				
Kerachsky	Gerald D.	ENS	65	Taddeo	Anthony	GM3	52-55				
Koenig	J. Weldon	RADM	58-60	Talbot	Kenneth	LTJG	55				



Lyman Smith, '62-64 was presented an award at the Welcome Dinner in recognition for his outstanding contribution and financial support to the Association.

The Group visited Fall River and toured Battleship Cove where they conducted a memorial service on the USS Massachusetts.

Plank Owners James MacGlaflin and Sidney Evans honored our shipmates by throwing a memorial wreath into the harbor.



In Boston, the Group took a trolley tour of the city before visiting the USS Constitution where it was learned that the Great Grandfather of Virgil Paulk, '47-48, was on Old Ironsides in



1845-1846. Even more remarkable was Virgil's use of his iPhone to take a photo below decks and email it to his friends & family.

A Business Meeting was held on the last day with an election of officers.

All of the incumbents were reelected except for the Vice President office.

Donald Hurwitz, '63-65 was elected to replace Dave Collins who wished to step down after one term (Remember? Dave was elected in Baton Rouge when he stepped out of the room).



Straight Skinny

U.S. Veterans May Now Salute Old Glory

U.S. veterans may now salute the flag, thanks to the efforts of U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.). Inhofe's Senate Bill 1877 passed by unanimous consent, clarifying U.S. law to allow **veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag**. Previous law (US Code Title 4, Chapter 1) states that veterans and servicemen not in uniform should place their hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the flag.



The new legislation removes the confusion and makes it clear that veterans and service members not in uniform **may** render the military salute. It's my understanding that you may salute the Flag whether you are covered or not.

WARNING TO VETERANS

Forwarded by Kevin Secor, VSO Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

An organization called **Veterans Affairs Services (VAS)** is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. **This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way.**
<http://www.vaservices.org/us/index.html>

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Our Legal Counsel has requested that we coordinate with DoD to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services.

In addition, GC requests that if you have any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, please pass any additional information to Mr. Daugherty at the address below.

Michael G. Daugherty, Staff Attorney, Department of Veterans Affairs
Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of General Counsel (022G2)
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Don't
FORGET...

DUES – SHIPS STORE PURCHASES –  LOVE LETTERS

Enclosed you will find a pre-addressed envelope to **James Jensen**, our Treasurer which you may use to pay dues that are coming up January 1st unless of course you have already paid for 2011 or if you are a Life Member, in which case you no longer have to pay dues. Or you may use this envelope to purchase an Ice Water Navy pin or any of the other items shown in the Ships Store page. Or you may wish to make a donation or send Jim a love letter or inquire about his success at ice fishing. Whatever the reason, we have made it easy for you to “reach out and touch someone.” 😊



MAIL CALL

-----Original Message-----

From: Art Kelsey
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2010 3:48 PM
To: gdsmith@cfl.rr.com
Subject: awards



Edisto was awarded the navy "E" during deep freeze 62-63. I still have the cloth E on the right sleeve of my jumper. That has been replaced with the navy E ribbon, which takes residence over the National Defense Medal.

From a shipmate

4--Northern Wyoming Daily News, Worland, Wyo., Friday, April 2,

Opinions

Readers' Views

Objection from a former sailor

To the Editor:
I object and take exception to everyone saying that Obama and Congress are spending money like a drunken sailor. As a former drunken sailor, I quit when I ran out of money.

Bruce L. Hargraves
USN Retired
Worland



Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 4:44 PM

To: gdsmith@cfl.rr.com

Subject: Thank You

Hi Glenn, Jim and Lyman too!:

Just a note to say thanks. My life pin is beautiful, as is the hat, picture and license plate. The letters that accompanied the items were very thoughtful and interesting, I'm sure that you all are appreciated by the association. All items arrived in great shape, thanks again.

John Hockenbrock



Mail Call

From: Preston Conaway

[mailto:prgmc@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 8:57 PM

To: glennsmith@cfl.rr.com

Subject: Command change.

Hi Glenn; this just happened last week. I was sitting next to Col's, a Three Star General. My son-in-law is coming up in this man's Army. I believe I know the editor of the Kee Bird, so this might make the paper..... I really wanted to go to the last reunion but we could not get it all working. Maybe it was for the best, this was something you do not see every day. Preston

P.S. My son-in-law is LTC James T Schumacher's wife is my daughter Cheryl. As you can see he is and all-Army family. Even his Father was an Army career man. Since I was Navy, I could not sing Anchors Away at the service. But it was still GREAT.

Preston & Glenda Conaway



INCOMING COMMANDER LTC JAMES T. "TOM" SCHUMACHER



LTC Schumacher was born and raised in Fayetteville, NC, and is a 1984 alumnus of Reid Ross High School. He attended the Virginia Military Institute for 1 1/2 years prior to enlisting in the US Army in 1985 as a communications specialist. He then graduated from the Special Forces Medical Qualification Course in 1990 and served on several A-teams until he departed as a Sergeant First Class to attend the Army's Physician Assistant Program at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. After graduating magna cum laude in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Texas at San Antonio, LTC Schumacher was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Medical Specialist Corps in 1996. He received his Masters Degree with

honors from the University of Nebraska in 2005. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, Military Freefall and Special Forces Combat Diver courses and the US Army Ranger School. His operational medical experience includes four assignments as a Battalion Physician Assistant with the following units: 3d Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment (Airborne), Fort Benning, GA; 245th Area Support Battalion, Fort Clayton, Panama; 1st Battalion (Airborne), 321st Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC and most recently, the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Baghdad, Iraq. Additionally, he has served as a special staff officer with the 82nd Airborne Division as the Senior Physician Assistant and Deputy Surgeon for Clinical Operations. Subsequently, he served on the XVIII Airborne Corps staff as the Senior Physician Assistant and culminated that assignment serving as the Task Force Bragg Surgeon. He also commanded both the Bravo and Headquarters Companies of the 261st Area Support Medical Battalion (Airborne) and the Headquarters & Headquarters Company of the 44th Medical Command (Airborne), all at Fort Bragg, NC. His most recent assignment was serving at the Phase II Program Manager for the Interservice Physician Assistant Program at Womack Army Medical Center.

LTC Schumacher has earned the Special Forces and Ranger tabs, the Combat Action Badge, and the Expert Field Medical Badge. Additionally, he has completed the Army Airborne and Flight Surgeon courses. His individual awards include the Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (8 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (10 OLC), numerous Campaign and Service Medals and the Venezuelan, 42nd Parachutist Brigade, Honor and Merit Badge.

Throughout his 24-year Army career, LTC Schumacher has been assigned to Wurzburg, Germany; Fort Bragg, NC (twice); Fort Clayton, Panama; Fort Benning, GA. He and his wife, Cheryl, have two children. Nadine is a senior at the Virginia Military Institute and Sam is a freshman at Central Carolina Community College and a private in the North Carolina National Guard.

MAIL CALL

Below Left:

Proud Papa John Duignan and daughter Kathleen celebrating her promotion to Captain, USCG (Right).



At the Warwick Reunion, John was accompanied by another daughter Margaret (not shown), a Long Island, N. Y. Police Officer.



Bill
Travis

Are you in
this photo
with Bill?

Bill Travis' photo - Peru 1947



Royal Court



"...The one on the right is reel purty."



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Reunion 2010 Warwick, RI

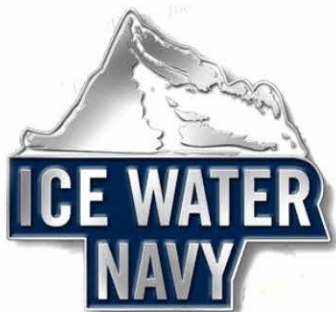
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\$10



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