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## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE USS FRANK KNOX REUNION ASSOCIATION

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## Association Facing Important Election Saturday

### Important By-Law Vote Sought

Orville Krieg, President of the USS Frank Knox Reunion Association will announce he is stepping down as our capable and effective leader on Saturday, September 26th. His term will end January 1, 2016. Krieg has been the association president for 12 years following the group's founder Bob O'Kon. It is expected the association will formerly acknowledge the

lengthy service of both Orville and Nancy Krieg at the Saturday night banquet.

It is expected the association will vote on new leadership and on a new proposed by-laws Saturday at the 2:00 PM Business Meeting in the Hospitality Room. The proposed by-laws are contained in this edition of Knox Knews. Members are encouraged to read through the proposals and be prepared to discuss and vote on them at the meeting.

## Welcome to Portland!

The USS Frank Knox Reunion Association is pleased to welcome you to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of the USS Frank Knox in Portland, Maine.

See Page 2 for the 2015 Reunion Agenda.



## President's Corner

By: Orv Krieg, President

When Bob O'Kon asked me to take over the USS Frank Knox Reunion Association I gladly accepted thinking this would be a short-term job. It has been a rewarding experience and a job I have enjoyed for twelve years. It has been a thankful endeavor and one Nancy and I will never forget, but as years will do they go on and there comes a time for a change. That time has arrived and we

will welcome a new regime with some changes forthcoming.

We expect to rewrite the by-laws of the association and distribute the responsibilities with these needed changes. We have the manpower in the organization and the willingness of those involved to make the necessary changes and improvement in the operation of the organization.

I feel certain you will fully

support and wholeheartedly welcome the proposed program and the people who will be doing your bidding in the following years.

Nancy and I have most certainly enjoyed the comradeship of our association and again I say it has been most enjoyable being with such a great group of former shipmates and wish you "Fair Winds and Following Seas."

- Orv

### Editorial

#### Submissions:

- ◆ Website and Newsletter Contributions desired
- ◆ Send Photos and story to [bob.summers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bob.summers@sbcglobal.net)
- ◆ The Association reserves the right to edit and or use any submissions

## Welcome to Portland!, continued

### AGENDA

#### Wednesday, September 23

The Hospitality Room will be open whereupon attendees may gather for casual visits with other attendees and enjoy snacks and beverages. Beer may be purchased from the hotel.

#### Thursday, September 24

**9:15 AM**--Our bus will leave the hotel to Casco Bay Lines for a 3 hour narrated cruise of Little Diamond, Great Diamond, Long, Chebeague and Cliff Island.

#### Friday, September 25

**9:00 AM**--Our bus will leave the hotel for a tour of the Maine Maritime Museum. We had planned on a tour of Bath Iron Works, but due to heightened security concerns the shipyard is not offering tours at this time. We will take a cruise by Bath Iron Works, where USS Frank Knox was built and commissioned in December 1944. It is hoped we will be able to view the USS Zumwalt (DDG-1000).

#### Saturday, September 26

**1:00 PM**—**Business Meeting** in the Hospitality Room followed by our Annual Bazaar Auction. Please bring your wrapped auction items. You may see Nancy Krieg beforehand for wrapping assistance.

**6:30 PM**—**Cocktail Hour**, No Host Bar

**7:30 PM**—**Twenty Fifth Annual Banquet**

#### Sunday, September 27

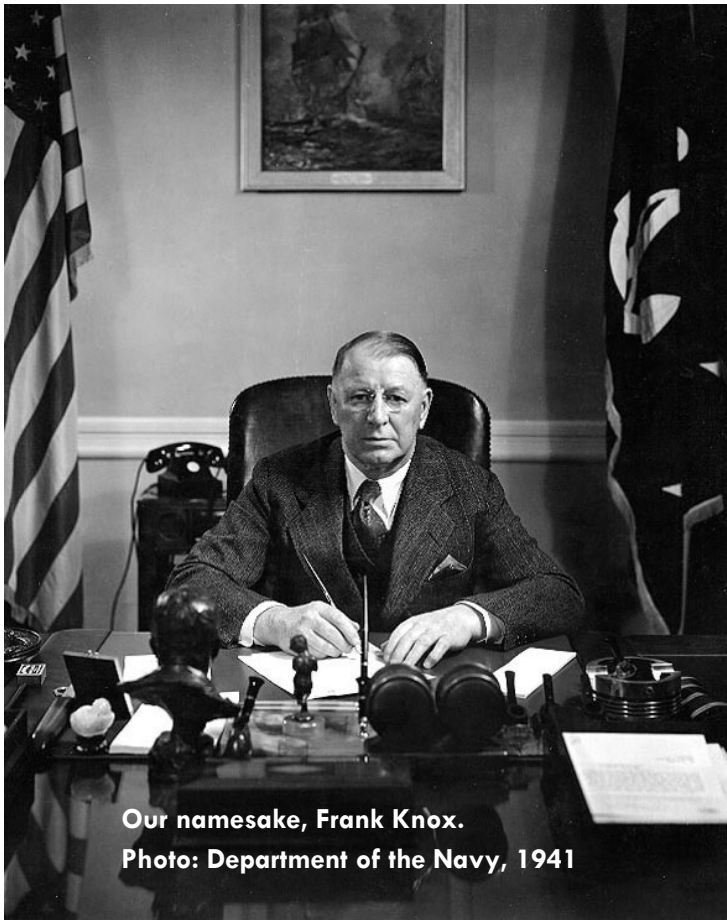
Depart Portland Maine. Have a safe trip home! See you in 2016.

*"And gentlemen in England now-a-bed  
Shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here,  
And hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks  
That fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day."*

- William Shakespeare, Henry V

### Portland to Portland

The association is currently in the process of planning and contracting with a major hotel for next year's reunion in Portland, Oregon. 'The City of Roses' promises to show her very best, hopefully in September, 2016. Details to follow. Watch this space.



Our namesake, Frank Knox.  
Photo: Department of the Navy, 1941

## Mission Statement

*The USS Frank Knox Reunion Association conducts reunions and other meetings to foster camaraderie with the officers and sailors who served aboard the USS Frank Knox (DDR-742) during her 27 years of service in the US Navy. The Reunion Association will maintain a factual narrative of the ship and men who served aboard USS Frank Knox.*

## Lifetime Members

John Bruins  
Donald Greer  
Joshua Russell  
Donald Snider  
Bob Summers

One time lifetime dues by age:  
60 years old + = \$300  
70 years old + = \$200  
80 years old + = \$100  
90 years old + = FREE

## Our Website

Want more news about our association? Would you like to see pictures of Frank Knox sailors back in the day?  
Would you like to read stories about our history? Go online to:

**[ussfrankknox.com](http://ussfrankknox.com)**

We are very proud of our website and believe you may be also. Go online and check it out. Do you resist going online? Grab your grandson or granddaughter and have them help you. Perhaps have them show you how to save the site to your 'Favorites'.

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### Looking back: Pratas Reef 50 Years

Photo # USN 1113134 USS Frank Knox aground on Pratas Reef, South China Sea, July 1965



This photo shows our ship upon Pratas Reef 50 years ago. The ship ran aground July 18, 1965. According to Lionel Price author of the new book, [Knox Maru](#) and on the bridge at the time of the accident as JOD, the ship sat atop the reef for 38 days while the crew along with those of the salvage operation met the challenges of 2 typhoons as well as handling dangerous fuel and ammunition off-loads. Price writes, "just about every day there were dangerous occurrences." Barring the unforeseen, Lionel Price's book is expected to be published later in 2015.

See the association website, [ussfrankknox.com](http://ussfrankknox.com), under the 'about' tab, then select 'Pratas Reef' for more information.