



USS Frank Knox (DDR-742) Reunion Association
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REUNION INVITATION & REGISTRATION

**29TH ANNUAL USS FRANK KNOX 2018 REUNION
 75TH ANNIVERSARY PLAQUE DEDICATION AT MT. SOLEDAD
 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA SEPTEMBER 18-21, 2019**



ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Name:		
Date of birth (optional):	Wife/Companion:	
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Phone/s:	E-mail:	

****MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR CALENDAR YEAR INCLUDE: MASTER ROSTER, MEMBERSHIP CARD, REUNION PRICING & NEWSLETTER****

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a relative not residing with you:		
Address:	Phone:	
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Relationship:		

REUNION EVENTS – THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

	\$ PRICE	QTY	AMOUNT
Thursday 9/19 2-hour Bay Cruise includes lunch and dessert (per person)	\$ 77.00		
Friday 9/20 Beach & Trolley Tour, Mt. Soledad Plaque Dedication, box lunch included (per person)	\$ 55.00		
Saturday 9/21 USS Frank Knox Banquet Dinner (per person)	\$ 47.00		
While we know you would like to attend all events, it isn't required you sign up for everything. If it fits your schedule and budget, we're pleased. But, don't feel you must attend all festivities and stay all 4 days. The main thing is to show up to the reunion and enjoy your friends and shipmates. The Business Meeting and Banquet are our primary events.			
Looking forward to seeing you in San Diego, CA!!			
Non-Members & Guests please add \$10.00 per event per person (Member's guests receive member pricing):	\$ 10.00		
** 2019 Association Membership Dues if not already paid will give you membership pricing on Reunion events. Family price:	\$ 30.00	→	
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		\$	

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: MARGARET WATSON

**Please return this form with your payment to: USS Frank Knox Reunion Association c/o Margaret Watson, Treasurer
 3421 NW Coronado St., Corvallis, Oregon 97330 Tel: 541-757-8067 Make payable to Margaret Watson.**

Questions: Contact Vaughan Kruger, Reunion Coordinator at (206) 466-6094 or e-mail vaughankruger@yahoo.com

REUNION ITINERARY & ACTIVITIES:

Best Western Hacienda, Old Town San Diego



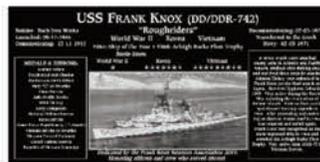
Reserve your hotel today. The dates are Sept. 18th – Sept. 21st, 2019
It does not cost you anything to reserve your room (just a credit card to hold your room). If you need to cancel your reservation, you may do so up to 48 hours prior to arrival date. \$139.00 per night reunion rate (+tax, +facility fee), single/double occupancy, traditional room. Please call the hotel **direct at (619-298-4707)** to make your reservations now and lock in your rate. Be sure to tell them you are with the Frank Knox Reunion to get our reduced rate. These rates apply 2 days before and 3 days after the reunion.

- **20% discount in Hotel Restaurant – Tequila Factory**
- Complimentary fitness room and indoor pool
- Business Center
- Complimentary Wireless Internet
- San Diego airport is less than 5 miles from the hotel. Airport shuttle available 7am-10p. Uber/Lyft are also good options.

In addition to the hotel restaurant, Old Town, which is considered to be the birthplace of San Diego, has many restaurants, shops, historical sites and museums --- all within walking distance.

Wednesday, 18 Sept. 2019: Attendees arrive for 29th annual Frank Knox Reunion. Meet and Greet! Check into your room and then come to the Hospitality Suite to pick up your Welcome Packet and visit with shipmates. Evening meal is at your expense.

Thursday, 19 Sept. 2019: Following breakfast we will meet in our hotel lobby at 9:15 am and board our bus for San Diego Harbor. We then board the Hornblower cruise boat for a 2-hour double tour and locate our private area. We're free to roam the boat as we head out to Point Loma and travel past the Ballast Point sub base. We then travel southeast under San Diego Bay Bridge to 32nd Street Naval Base. Our 2-hour tour includes hosted soda bar, cash bar, and luncheon buffet including salads, chicken or beef, fresh fruit, rolls, full dessert. Tour ends at the pier between USS Midway CV-41 Museum and the San Diego Maritime Museum. Those wishing to return to the hotel will be transported by bus. For those who want to spend the afternoon at the Midway Museum and/or the Maritime Museum a taxi, Uber or Lyft back to the hotel is reasonable. Dinner is on your own with shipmates.

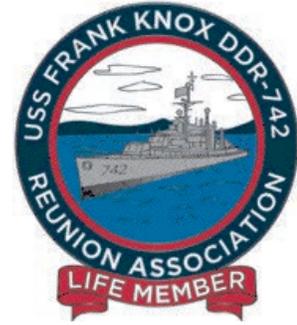


Friday, 20 Sept. 2019: Beach and Bay trolley tour and USS Frank Knox plaque dedication at Mt. Soledad. We'll enjoy viewing sea life in and around the La Jolla cove area and plan to arrive at the dedication and our 1st group picture about 11am-noon. We'll then head onto Crown Point and enjoy our pre-selected box lunch sandwich including water, soda, cookies and fruit on beautiful Mission Bay before boarding our bus to journey down Harbor Drive through Barrio Logan and over to Coronado and the famous Hotel del Coronado. Returning from Coronado we will travel through the world-famous Balboa Park, down to Little Italy and return to our hotel around 3:30pm. In addition to our lunch we'll have a morning and afternoon snack.

Saturday, 21 Sept. 2019: After breakfast, we will meet in the hospitality room at 9:30am for our **Annual Business Meeting** where we'll elect Officers for 2020 and **select a location for the 30th Annual Reunion.** Please come prepared to present your suggested reunion location. We'll adjourn for lunch on our own and then at 1:30pm begin our **Blind White Elephant Auction!** Please remember to bring your gifts (wrapped if possible and suitable for auction) and a full billfold as we raise funds for our association coffers. Each year there are surprises, wine, and other great items from your shipmate's locale. As soon as the auction is over, we will rest up in anticipation for our no host bar Happy Hour, 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

Before entering our **Grand Banquet** at 6:30 pm, we hope to gather for a Group Portrait. The portrait would be available for purchase. The cost of the Banquet is \$47.00 for members and their guests, and \$57.00 for non-members and their guests. Following introductions and buffet service, a special speaker will address the association (TBA and posted on the website).

Sunday, 22 Sept. 2019: Wake up to our last breakfast and say farewell to all our friends and shipmates until fall 2020.



70 LIFE MEMBERS and counting

KNOX KNEWS

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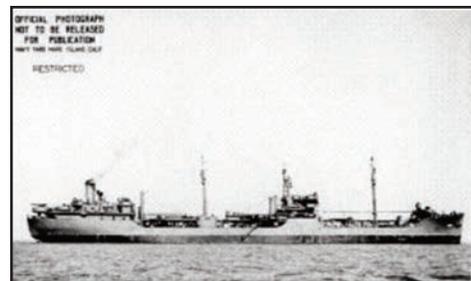
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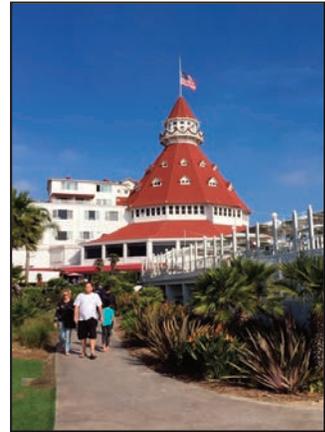
KNOX KNEWS - SUMMER 2019

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U.S. MERCHANT MARINE in WWII – From a prewar total of 55,000 experienced mariners to 215,000 trained the US Merchant Marine sailors aboard merchant ships faced danger from submarines, aircraft, "kamikazes" and the elements. About 8,300 mariners were killed at sea; 12,000 were wounded, 1100 of those died of their wounds. 663 men and women were taken prisoner. 66 died in prison, including some that were part of convoy PQ-17 headed to the Soviet Union. The Soviets seized ships and the sailors were put in prison for the remainder of WWII. The number of casualties, by percentage, exceeded that of any other combat service. There were no widow's pensions, no insurance, no honors or medals for these men. Our speaker, Art Webster, was part of this group who moved million and millions of tons of supplies to support the war effort. The US Merchant Marine Fleet...constituted one of the most significant contributions made by any nation to winning WWII.



Merchant Marine

REUNION TOURS SET – On **Thursday** our bus will take us to San Diego harbor for a two-hour cruise out past yachts, the ASW (Anti-submarine School) and the old NTC (Naval Training Center) to Point Loma and the submarine base at Ballast Point, directly across from North Island Naval Station. On our return we'll eat **lunch** as we pass the nuclear carrier berths at North Island then on to 32nd Street Naval Station and the Coronado Bay Bridge. Our tour ends between two famous museums, USS MIDWAY CV-41 and The Maritime Museum featuring San Diego's whaling and Naval History including the Great White Fleet of "Teddy" Roosevelt fame. After our cruise you're free to return to the hotel on our bus or stay the afternoon near 910 North Harbor Drive. There are three

restaurants between the Museums, all three on our Reunion travel guide. It is a short UBER/Lyft ride (about 4 miles) back to Old Town and our hotel should you decide to stay. Complementary USS Midway tickets are available to everyone.

On **Friday** we'll leave ½ hour early for an amazing day along some of San Diego's beaches, bays, and La Jolla. We'll view the primer west coast Scripps Institute of Oceanography from MT Soledad. We'll see Sea Lions, and possibly some Harbor Seals. We might even glimpse a dolphin or two. After a morning snack we'll head up to **Mt.**

Soledad for a 1 hour stop and our 75th Anniversary Plaque dedication. There will be plenty of time for **photos** at this great viewing point. At **noon** we'll head down to our **lunch spot on Mission Bay** where your preselected lunch will be waiting. After lunch, we'll head for historic **Coronado Island** via the Coronado Bay Bridge to see the Hotel del Coronado and this quaint town. Returning from Coronado we'll travel to San Diego's world-**famous Balboa Park** just past its' 100th Anniversary. The beautiful park contains many museums including the famed Aerospace Museum home of the SR-71 Blackbird and aviation history that marks San Diego as the Air Capital of the West. Whether its planes, trains or automobiles ore art and architecture, this is the place. From here its back to the **hotel about 3:30pm**, and our hotel.

In **Old Town** you'll find 13 restaurants, 23 historic sites, 13 museums, 12 specialty shops all within a 6- block stretch. Old Town, founded in 1769, saw Spanish, Mexican and finally American control of the town and California. If you would like a 32 page color **Old Town guide** e-mail Steve Cross, Stephencross742@gmail.com and I'll send you a copy.

CRUISE BOOK DONATED – The letter from Paul Fields GMG-3 of Lakewood CO is simple enough: "Dear Mr. Cross, having thought about coping the cruise book I have decided to donate the book to the Frank Knox Reunion Association. It will be better served in the Associations possession. Sincerely, Paul Fields." Thank You, Paul!! Your book and two others rest in the USS Midway Research Library, San Diego CA. The library now has cruise books 1961-1964, 1967-68 and 1969-70. There is also a digital copy of our newsletters, the *Knox Knews*, published on our website ussfrankknox.com. Your stories and memories go into the newsletter, then on to the website and then to the USS Midway library as an additional level of preservation. IF YOU SHARE, your stories are not lost.



Dolphins & Surfer



USS Midway & Kissing Sailor



Chips and Margarita

The opening Two pages of the 1961-64 cruise book are quoted here: “On the morning of 21 October 1961, USS FRANK KNOX sailed from San Diego, California to begin her eleventh tour in the Western Pacific. Unlike previous Far Eastern deployments, her recent commitment homeported FRANK KNOX in Yokosuka, Japan for a period of 33 months.

“During that time, she operated both independently and as an AEW/ASW support unit for six attack and two Anti-submarine carriers in a variety of Seventh Fleet missions. From the Yellow Sea through the Straits of Taiwan to the Gulf of Tokin FRANK KNOX picketed and steamed under the watchful eyes of Communist China. She and her crew became well-acquainted with the South China, East China and Philippine Sea areas. The track between Subic Bay and Yokosuka through the Bashi Channel was used to the extent that navigation was second hand. Keelung, Kaohsiung, Hong Kong, Olongapo and Okinawa became familiar ports of call.

“In the late spring of '62, FRANK KNOX participated in “Project Mercury” – America’s first extended, manned orbital space flight. On her assigned recovery station east of Luzon P.I., she achieved the distinction of being the first surface unit to visually sight the capsule.

“During the summer of '63, FRANK KNOX made goodwill visits to Uno, Beppu, and Kure on the Japanese Inland Sea. In March of the following year, she deployed to the Indian Ocean as a unit of the United States First Concord Squadron. Steaming as far west as the Ivory Coast of Africa, the force made calls at Diego Suarez, Madagascar – Mombasa, Kenya – and the British Protectorate of Aden. [Following these visits, the Concord Squadron traversed the east and west section of the then-contested Singapore Straits with FRANK KNOX leading the night passage of destroyers, the carrier USS BON HOMME RICHARD and a fuel ship, thus opening the passage to international shipping. (information from CDR Lionel Price and LT Douglas McKnight of USS BON HOMME RICHARD. ED) On her return to CONUS in July of the same year she visited Cairns, Newcastle and Sydney on the western coast of Australia. In each of these operations and good-will missions she was closely associated with the President’s “People to People” program of cultural exchange. As an ambassador of America’s aims and ideals, FRANK KNOX performed an outstanding service to the furtherance of creating the true American image in the hearts and minds of peoples throughout the Eastern Hemisphere.

For overall superior performance in the battle efficiency competition during '63, FRANK KNOX was awarded the Marjorie Sterrett Battleship Fund Award; CRUDESPAC nominated the ship for the Arleigh Burke Award; OUR NAVY declared her “Ship of the Year”. She set a Pacific Fleet refueling record with the HASSAYAMPA and performed firepower demonstrations for Chang Kai Shek and the Shah of Iran. The record is endless.

“During her tour the FRANK KNOX steamed 187,280 miles, conducted 192 underway replenishments, and consumed a total of 11, 182, 292 gallons of fuel – underway! On 12 August 1964, FRANK KNOX chopped once again to First Fleet and, via Pago Pago and Pearl Harbor, returned to their current home port of San Diego arriving on the 31st of that month.” [The FRANK KNOX was relieved by USS MADDOX DD-731. Maddox was attacked by NVA patrol boats the evening of August 2, 1964. A subsequent report of a second attack when Maddox was accompanied by USS TURNER JOY

proved incorrect according to a US Naval Institute article published in February 2008. Multiple crew members including Paul Fields report that “during our tour of the Tonkin Gulf we had multiple VC gunboats around us most of the time.” ED]

ALL I DID WAS MAKE WATER – Phillip Richard MM-3, Life Member, served aboard three destroyers, USS WALK, FRANK KNOX and USS RUPERTUS. He was aboard FRANK KNOX from August 1946 - April 48. Running and maintaining the evaporators was his main job. The evaporators were the source of fresh water aboard ship for the crew and the ship’s boilers. Read below for another evaporator story.



R. Lowery

SNAKES!! – Robert Lowery FNMM, and Life Member has a story to share from 1969. Inspecting the strainers which are part of the evaporators seems like a routine matter. Lowery writes “We were on the 1969 cruise. I think the port for R&R was Subic Bay, Philippines. We were cold iron. After taking the bolts off the inspection cover. I remember seeing one sea snake. We were not supposed to pick up the snakes with our hands.

(Good idea – Among this group of snakes, also know as Coral Reef Snakes, are species with some of the most potent venoms of all snakes. ED) Lowery continues “Using tong type instruments we removed it (the snake) and other things like plastic, etc., inspected and cleaned the tubes, put the inspection cover back on, just big enough to crawl through.” [To the right is the Editor’s interpretation of the incident since no pictures of the episode exist. ED]

Robert also lists his favorite foods, all grouped under “breakfast”. He rates the worst job as “taking on ammo all night or supplies at sea. Or fueling, unless you have the watch.”

LASSWELL HALL – The picture to the right is Jim Lasswell who was the Weapons Officer aboard the FRANK KNOX 66-68. He is one of several new Life Members in 2019. Jim is pictured with 5” 38 batteries that are part of the NTC Parade Ground still preserved today.



Jim Lasswell

Lasswell Hall is not about Jim but about his father, Alva Lasswell a career Marine Officer and Japanese Language specialist. With the 77th anniversary of the Battle of Midway and the 75th D-Day Anniversary fresh in our minds let’s look back in history. Prior to and during WWII Col. Lasswell was working with CDR Joe Rochefort to crack, or read, the Japanese Navy Code. Lasswell, an expert Japanese linguist and cryptanalyst, was an important figure in translating messages that revealed the Japanese trap for the US Fleet being set at Midway Island in early 1942. A now famous deception message was devised and sent. The Japanese repeated the message destination and the US learned the identity of Midway Island as the target for part of the upcoming operation. The US was able to ambush the Japanese fleet and win the battle thanks to the code-breakers. The next year Lasswell also had a major role in translating the itinerary of the senior Japanese Admiral Yamamoto Isoroku, enabling US Army Air Corp planes to shoot down his plane killing.[OR later, Rochefort, Lasswell and their team were reading Japanese Naval code and tracking the movements of Admiral

Yamamoto, the planner of the Pearl Harbor and Midway Island operations. The pair correctly guessed Yamamoto's destination and an Army Air Corp flight of P-38's shot down the plane carrying the Admiral and killing him.} One of these events would be a career for some. These events lead to the Marine Corps honoring Colonel Alva B. Lasswell, SIGINT Officer 1920 – WWII by naming the Marine's newest building at Cyberspace Command - Lasswell Hall.

FRANK RHODES – Frank became a Life Member to honor his brother William (Bill) Rhodes ESQ. Bill was aboard the Frank Knox from February '46 – June '56; he was an EM3C. The only part of Bill's story I know was at the reunion in Washington DC he told me his first stop overseas was in the Philippines in a place called Zamboanga, a place on the very southern tip of the Philippines. I hope to get the rest of Bill's story for the newsletter soon.



Frank Rhodes

Frank on the other hand recently was a guest of Honor Flight on a trip to Washington DC to see the WWII memorial. Frank served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Frank retired as a PCC, Chief Postal Clerk. Since retiring he lives in Napa, CA. He was selected for Honor Flight and visited Washington DC in May 2018. Following that visit he joined a Korea Revisit Tour in September 2018. The Korea revisit tour totaled 64 Korea veterans, 5 USN, 4 USMC, 7 USAF and 29 USA. Frank included a picture of his Korean War ship USS BREMERTON CA-130. The heavy cruiser mounted nine 8"/55 main guns and twelve 5"/38 multipurpose guns, and at 13,600 tons, was five and ½ times larger than FRANK KNOX. Frank wrote "I feel honored to be a Life Member of USS FRANK KNOX REUNION Assn. Respectfully, Frank." We feel honored to have you and your brother as members, thank you!

JANICE KELLER – Janice is the widow of Robert Keller SOM2c who served aboard the FRANK KNOX from November 1944 – December 1945. The dates make Janice's husband a plank owner. John Keller, SOM2c referred to the FRANK KNOX as "Halsey's Taxi" in recounting stories to his family. Keller was a sonar technician during the time the FRANK KNOX depth-charged a German U-Boat (& later was credited with sinking the U-Boat). Keller also shared stories of Pacific encounters with Japanese submarines and tracked Japanese torpedoes fired at the ship. Two of the attacks were single torpedoes however, one attack was a spread of three torpedoes. Gerald Harms TM1 recalled "that was close" in his wartime diary when the FRANK KNOX narrowly avoided the torpedo spread.

Tracing back through the records it appears that Janice, an Associate member of our Association, and her son David have maintained membership in the association since before 2000 to honor John's service. I do not have a picture of Janice to share however we should all salute a long and faithful association with our Association. Thank you, David and Janice.

JAMES PEARSON – Jim is a new Life Member. He is pictured to the right with a military artifact close to his home. Jim came aboard the Frank Knox September 1968 and was aboard until

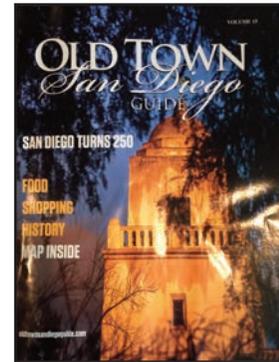


James Pearson

February 1970. He relieved me as ASW Officer. He lives in Florida (Jacksonville). Jim is a Retired US Navy officer serving aboard destroyers Frank Knox, USS Jonas Ingram, USS Bigelow, cruiser USS Albany, USS Austin, carriers Saratoga and Ticonderoga as well as time in Washington DC, CENTCOM and NAVELIXIT in Mayport FL. Jim and his wife will join us for the San Diego Reunion. Welcome Jim!

OLD TOWN GUIDE – SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Old Town San Diego, where our hotel is located, is basically 6 blocks long and contains 12 restaurants, 20 historic sights, 13 museums, our transportation OLD TOWN TROLLEY, several ice cream and coffee shops, Fiesta de Reyes with the folkloric dancers and Los Rios Mariachi band, the Old Town Transportation Hub and it is said that Old Town serves more Tequila than any other place in the US. [Old Town Guide is yours for the asking – phone 619-992-9449 to get one sent to you].



Old Town Guide

Old Town is strategically close to Balboa Park, San Diego Harbor, historic Naval Training Center, USS Midway Museum and Maritime Museum, Little Italy San Diego International Airport, Sea World and the historic Gaslamp District. It is ideal for seeing the best of San Diego.

SAN DIEGO – Old Town was the site of the first European settlement in California in 1769 with the establishment of the first Spanish Mission in California. In 1827 Jose Estudillo, Commandant of the Presidio, (just above our Old Town Hotel) built a home for his parents in Old Town. The house is still standing and was considered the finest home in California in those days. In 1846 Governor Pio Pico served as the last Governor of the Mexican State called Alto California. When Mexico and the US declared war in 1846 Captain John Fremont and his men were in Oregon. Upon hearing the news Fremont headed South into California to begin “the first step in the conquest of California.” Fremont’s arrival caused many settlers to rebel against their Mexican leaders. An independent Republic of California was declared and a new flag raised with a bear facing a five-pointed star on the flag. In early 1847 Fremont was appointed territorial governor, transferring control from Mexico to the US. California became the 31st state on September 9, 1850.

USS INDIANAPOLIS – A new book about the sinking of the USS INDIANAPOLIS with the loss of 890 men is in book stores now. The locating of the ship’s hull in 18,000 feet of water by billionaire Paul Allen has focused new attention on this tragedy. There appears to be a FRANK KNOX connection to this story and a letter has been sent to the individual who can confirm that a crewman from our ship assisted survivors of the INDIANAPOLIS when they reached the pier in Palau or Peleliu Islands. More to come in future a newsletter.



Mt. Soledad National Memorial Park

PLAQUE UPDATE – Donations keep rolling in for the Plaque to be dedicated September 20, 2019 at Mt. Soledad National Memorial Park. So far, your association has received \$1420.00 toward the cost of the **plaque leaving us \$520 left to cover the cost. Thank you** to all who contributed so far – to honor your contribution you will receive a special photo of the plaque from the original design engraving. Picture release date, post reunion, October 2019.

HIDDEN HEROS, BOSWAIN'S MATES – 1956-58 – Our newest Life Member Bob Jines lists his rate as SN/BM. Jines shared his memories and pictures with me after I sent him his Life Member certificate. Jines is a retired auditor and senior home office staff for Farm Bureau Insurance in Mississippi, and now retired. To get his degree he went to night school for eight years using the GI bill. Originally from Missouri, he worked and is now retired in Brandon MS. He keeps watch over nine grandchildren with his wife. Every week he talks to one of his best friends from the Frank Knox, Bobby Lawson, another Boatswain's Mate, **that's 60+ years!**

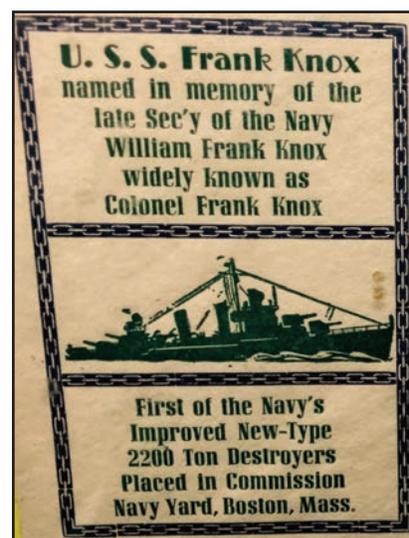
In addition to his 1st Division duties, Jines “was volunteered” to be the rescue swimmer for the FRANK KNOX. While serving as a swimmer Jines had to go in the water three times to assist plane guard operations. The best part of the operation was after a swim. He would report to the Corpsman for a shot of “medicinal whiskey”. BM-1 Miles was his supervisor.

MISSION-FRANKKNOX REUNION ASSOCIATION - Our goal is to **PRESERVE, INSPIRE and EDUCATE** today's and future generations about what service about a destroyer is like and life in the US Navy. Less than 1 percent of Americans today serve or have served their country in the military. By preserving your stories and pictures we can inspire and educate others.

Where is the information stored? The newsletters are archived as a group on the website uss-frankknox.com and broken down into time periods in Frank Knox history. Websites last a long time and ours is packed with information for you and future researchers. In the near future I'll begin to transfer Frank Knox history to the USS Midway Research library for additional Preserving of your stories and pictures because NO website is forever.

Everyone can share pictures, stories and recollections, member or not. When you share you inspire and educate our website visitors; WE need as many as possible to keep enriching the ship's history AND the recollection of the crew. “It is only through shared pictures and stories that we live on and do not die.”

WHO IS YOUR DADDY? – **Life Member** Mike Watson alerted me to the 2020 75th anniversary of Gering class destroyers. Since FRANK KNOX, a Gering class destroyer, is celebrating her 75th Anniversary in 2019 it raised a question about which ship is “senior.” After investigating, the following information showed FRANK KNOX is “senior” (maybe the class should have carried the name KNOX or FRANK KNOX class). See if you agree:



Finish of a new class

FRANK KNOX DD-742 – laid down 8 May 1944; Launched 17 September 1944; Commissioned 11 December 1944.

Builder – Bath Iron Works, Bath ME. Length 390 ‘, Beam 40.7 ‘, Displacement 2425 tons, Full Load 3520 tons.

GERING DD-710 – laid down 10 August 1944; Launched 18 February 1945; Commissioned 3 May 1945.

Builder Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Kearny, NJ, Length 390.6 ‘, 2616 tons, Full Load 3460 tons.

On the date the GERING was commissioned FRANK KNOX was in the Pacific, linked up with ADM Halsey’s task force, and sailing toward a meeting with Typhoon Viper on June 4-6, 1945.

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