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Knox Knews

Plans for the 2007 Reunion at San Diego, California are coming along. We have made arrangements with Holiday Inn at the Zoo and are currently working with Walt DeFelice who lives in San Diego concerning Tours, etc., more information forthcoming. It's going to be another grand reunion.

If you plan to attend the reunion at San Diego now is the time to order your name badges if you do not already have them. They are very helpful when meeting "old" shipmates who think they haven't changed in forty or fifty years. The mens badges read:

USS FRANK KNOX DDR-742
YOUR NAME RATE/RANK (*when aboard*)
MONTH/YEAR - MONTH/YEAR

Ladies badge

NAME
CITY AND STATE

they have magnetic backs eliminating poking holes in your clothes. Either drop me a line or e-mail.

Received some notes with Dues payments, JOE DEMPSKY wanted me to pass along his guest LEE LOCKE attended the reunion at Branson. Sorry if I missed mentioning anyone else, I don't always receive the names of guests.

Note from JIM and PAT WILSON, Redmond, OR that they were sorry to miss the Reunion and said Pat has written a children's book and wish to donate it to the Auction in San Diego. Many thanks to Jim and Pat.

A sad note received from BARBARA MATTHEWS informing us FIRLE REDBURN passed away December 5th. Don and Firlie were with us for many reunions. Our deepest sympathy to Don and his family.

HUGH GUSCETTI said he really enjoyed the latest Knox Knews and also expressed he would have liked to hear Ken Sewell's talk about the December 1950 "incident". He was aboard the Knox at the time and was caught in the shower when GQ sounded and spent the next hours half-dressed and itching from the drying soap! We are all looking forward to Ken's book and perhaps a movie. Hugh also recalls another incident when we were "bird dogging" for the carriers when our fighters requested permission to fire on suspicious planes. I told Hugh I do remember as Gun Captain of Mount 52 we had many sightings of aircraft but they always stayed out of range of our 5" 38's.

The following is from William T. Emery, Lewisburg, PA, an excerpt from Tin Can Sailors:

The USS FRANK KNOX (DDR-742) left Long Beach in September 1961 for a two-and-a-half year transfer to the WestPac home port of Yokosuka, Japan. After a Formosa patrol and other WestPac activities, the Knox left Yokosuka for Subic Bay after Christmas 1961. While the ship was operating out of Subic Bay, she participated in a movie called *No Man is an Island* with Jeffrey Hunter as the U. S. Navy sailor George W. Tweed who was the last sailor left on Guam after the Japanese invaded the island. The movie was filmed in the Philippines while the KNOX was at Subic Bay during January 1962. The KNOX's part in the movie was to pick up Tweed after he warned the navy about a Japanese