



# KNOX KNEWS

JANUARY – MARCH 2009

Plans are shaping up for the 2009 Reunion. Invitations will be coming in the mail soon. As stipulated in the association By-laws only those current members with paid up Dues Cards receive the invitation to attend a reunion.

We want to thank all of the members who sent Greeting Cards for the Holidays, they are most appreciated. Also received a notice from Terry Miller of Tin Can Sailors that JOSHUA W. RUSSELL of Tyler Texas has joined the ranks of destroyer veterans. Josh Was one of the winners of a Tin Can Sailors Certificate at the Reunion.

## REUNION 2009

We have contracted to stay at POINT PLAZA SUITES AND CONFERENCE HOTEL.

950 J. Clyde Morris Blvd. Newport News, VA 23601

Phone: Toll Free (800) 841-1112, (757)599-4460 BE SURE TO MENTION: USS Frank Knox DDR-742

Room rate; \$89.00, Suite \$119.00 Plus State & local tax. Breakfast Included. Date is Oct. 14 – 17make your plans now! Reunion invitation will be mailed upon receipt of 2009 Dues. Remember you **MUST** be paid-up member to attend a reunion. Room rates are good 3 days before/after reunion. There will be a cut-off date with the invitation.

There will be a Hospitality Room where we will provide snacks, beer & wine. You provide conversation! Banquet will be Saturday evening. All of this information AND more will be forthcoming with your invitation. Don't delay, send in your Dues NOW!

I don't believe we told you the picture of the Knox refueling alongside the battleship was courtesy of KEN BULLOCK of Indianapolis, IN. THANKS Ken.

Sadly we must report the passing of old friend BILLY JACK SMITH on December 30, 2008 at Crown Point, Indiana. Smitty was a Plank Owner serving on the USS Frank Knox from November 1944 until June 1946 as a TM3. I recently read the following poem