

U.S.S. FRANK KNOX

DDR-742

REUNION - 1991

NOVEMBER 9, 1991

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

IT FINALLY HAPPENED After several attempts to organize a Reunion for the U.S.S. FRANK KNOX DDR-742; it became a reality on November 9th, 1991, at the Officer's Club of the U.S. Naval Aviation Supply Office, N.E. Philadelphia, Penna.

Bob O'kon, Reunion Coordinator, spent the greater part of the year obtaining several lists of ex-shipmates from various persons; ran ads in American Legion, V.F.W. and "Tin-Can Sailor" magazines and worked up a Master Mailing List. A preliminary mailing was made and a questionnaire sent out. The response was very encouraging. Over 100 replies were received.

One of those responding was CAPT. Dan Robinson, S.C., U.S.N. Executive Officer of the U.S. Naval Aviation Supply Office, N.E. Philadelphia (former Supply Officer on the Frank Knox). CAPT. Robinson said he would be glad to assist with the Reunion, and also offered to host the function at the beautiful Officer's Club at his base.

A total of 57 people attended the FIRST REUNION. Several were not able to attend due to conflicts, illness, etc. We had a wealth of MEMORABILLA and even though some was duplicated, it was most interesting to review photos from 1944 Commissioning through the 1950s.

A good time was had by all and everyone unanimously agreed that the Reunions should be continued. It was agreed that a Reunion Association be established (with a Board of Directors) to plan forthcoming Reunions; and to make the next one even bigger and better with more advanced planning. Also, "Word-of-Mouth" should increase the number of ex-shipmates on our ROSTER.

BANQUET PROGRAM

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS - BADGES

Bob O'Kon, Reunion Coordinator

COCKTAILS - HORS d'OEUVRES - REVIEW MEMORABILIA

HAROLDING THE OPENING

Capt. Dan Robinson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All ex-Crewmembers & Guests

STAR BANGLED BANNER

LETTER FROM RADM. PHILIP C. KOELSCH, U.S.N. (Ret.)

(Former Executive Officer Frank Knox & Good Friend)

Read by Jack D. Pgtterson

CHOW DOWN FOR THE CREW AND GUESTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FORMER SHIPMATES

"NOW HEAR THIS! ! ! - NEXT REUNION"

BENEDICTION

GOD BLESS YOU ALL - SAFE JOURNEY