

U.S.S. FRANK KNOX
DDR-742
REUNION - 1992

OCTOBER 9-11, 1992
BALTIMORE, MD.

WHY HAVE A REUNION???

Those of you who served in the military know that those years were among the most intense, unforgettable, and influential of your life. And the largest part of that experience, the part that keeps coming back time and again, is the people — those men or women you served with. Served with?? What a strange term. That actually meant eating, working, playing, joking, yelling, suffering and celebrating together; day in and day out. Good times, bad times, great times, boring times and times that scared you to death. At first you were strangers, but you became friends, even with some you might have avoided or never met in “the real world”.

But it was MORE than friendship. Your present sense of camaraderie and nostalgia is not really focused around happy and casual memories like say those of high school; but on uncommon bonds forged under unusual conditions. You depended on each other to get the job done; you needed each other to survive battles and boredom, and you came away with an experience known only to those who have been there.

U.S.S. FRANK KNOX DDR-742 REUNION ASSOCIATION:

Bob O’Kon, Reunion Coordinator, spent the greater part of 1990 and 1991 obtaining lists of ex-shipmates from various persons and through ads run in the American Legion, V.F.W., “Tin-Can Sailor”, and other publications. A Master Roster was prepared and a mailing and questionnaire sent out. The original response was outstanding, with over 100 ex-shipmates replying.

The FIRST REUNION was held at the U.S. Naval Aviation Supply Office, November 9-10, 1991; hosted by CAPT. Dan Robinson, SC, USN, Executive Officer of the Base (Former Supply Officer on the U.S.S. Frank Knox). Nearly 60 persons attended and enjoyed the function at the beautiful Officer’s Club at the base.

The SECOND REUNION was held at the beautiful TREMONT PLAZA HOTEL, Baltimore, MD, October 9-11, 1992. Everyone attending enjoyed the Cocktail Hour and wonderful Banquet served by the hotel. In addition, everyone enjoyed the famous Baltimore INNER HARBOR with it’s National Aquarium, U.S.F. Constellation, Baltimore Maritime Museum and many more interesting tourist attractions. The Hospitality Suite provided a place for all the memorabilia and a place to get together and chat.

Through continuing advertising media, several new members were discovered including Chief Bosun “Red” Willard Garrish, Chief PHM Bill Looper, Philip Richard, Chief Radarman John O’Brien, FClc (LCDR) Bob Stanley, Leo Stinson, and many more, all of whom attended the SECOND REUNION.

We certainly hope the THIRD REUNION will be as big a success as the past two and I hope everyone is looking forward to it.

Bob O’Kon, Reunion Coordinator

BANQUET PROGRAM

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS - BADGES

Bob O'Kon, Reunion Coordinator

COCKTAILS - HORS d'OUEVRES - REVIEW MEMORABILIA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All ex-Crewmembers & Guests

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

CHOW DOWN FOR THE CREW AND GUESTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FORMER SHIPMATES

Special tribute for Joel C. Ford, USN

First CO of the U.S.S. Frank Knox DDR-742 — Died 3/17/92

BUSINESS MEETING

"NOW HEAR THIS!!! — NEXT REUNION"

BENEDICTION

GOD BLESS YOU ALL - SAFE JOURNEY