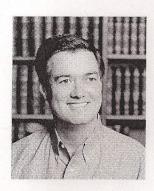
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## Greetings:

On behalf of the citizens of the State of Colorado, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion of the U.S.S. Frank Knox DDR-742.

The American military has always fought valiantly against oppression, protecting our country with selfless service to ensure that all of us can continue to enjoy the privileges of liberty. With our nation at war, we should all be proud of the honor and sacrifice of our servicemen and servicewomen. Today, and throughout history, these brave individuals have serve as a powerful example of America's ideals and democratic spirit.

The soldiers who served aboard the U.S.S. Frank Knox represent some of the very best that our American armed forces have to offer. Thank you all for your exemplary dedication to our country and you tireless commitment to the protection of our freedom.

My best wishes to all of you today, and I hope you have an enjoyable reunion.

Sincerely,

Bill Owens