



THE WHITE HOUSE

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I send greetings to those gathered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the reunion of the USS FRANK KNOX (DDR 742).

As the United States engages in a global war against terrorism, we look to our veterans as examples of courage, dedication, and sacrifice. The Sailors who fought for America have helped to secure our Nation, liberate millions of people around the world from the threats of tyranny and terror, and advance the cause of freedom worldwide. By answering the call of duty and risking their lives to protect their fellow citizens, these patriots continue to inspire new generations as we work to extend peace, liberty, and opportunity to people around the world.

I join with Americans across the country in expressing my gratitude for your patriotism and selfless service in defense of our country. Laura joins me in sending our best wishes for a reunion filled with renewed friendship and shared memories.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "G" and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.