



**USS FRANK KNOX DD-742 REUNION ASSOCIATION**  
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**NEWSLETTER**

**MARCH 2006**

**BRANSON, MO**

**OCTOBER 25 - 28, 2006**

**Our SIXTEENTH Annual Reunion will be at the :**

**CLARION at the PALACE HOTEL**  
**2820 W. 76 Country Blvd.**  
**Branson, MO 65615**  
**1-800 725-2236**  
**1-417 334-7666**  
**www.palaceinn.com**

### **LOCATION & DATES:**

**CLARION HOTEL AT THE PALACE, BRANSON, MISSOURI OCT. 25 - 28, 2006**  
Room rate is \$74 + tax. (Three days before/after same rate.) Check-in time is after 2:00 pm and check-out time is 11:00 am. Guests who vacate their room after 11:00 am and prior to 4:00 pm will be charged a half day rate equal to half the room rate that they are paying. Guests checking out after 4:00 pm will be charged a full room rate. **Be sure to mention USS FRANK KNOX REUNION when making reservations. PLEASE BOOK EARLY! September 26th is the cut-off date for making reservations at this rate. There is ample FREE parking for auto or RV.**

### **TRANSPORTATION:**

Branson is serviced by two Springfield, MO airports, 1500 W. Kearney Street, Springfield, MO 65803-1354. Starting out going WEST on W. Kearney St./Mo 744 toward N. Bolivar R4 - .01 Mile Turn RIGHT onto MO-13N/ N Kansas Expy. .06 Mi Merge onto I-44E. 4.4 mile, merge onto US 65 via EXIT 82A toward Branson. 42.9 mile Take the MO-76/76 Country Blvd/Main St. exit. .02 mile Turn LEFT onto MO 76/W76 Country Blvd/Main Street. Continue to follow MO-76/W76 Country Blvd 2.5 mile. End at Clarion Hotel at the Palace 2820 W. Highway 76, Branson, MO 65606.

**OR**

2546 E. Division Street, Springfield, MO 65803-5138. Start out going EAST on E. Division St. toward OLD ORCHARD AVENUE, 1 mile. Merge onto US 65-S 41 Mile. Take the MO 76/76 Country Blvd/Main Street exit. .02 mile. Turn LEFT onto MO76/W76 Country Blvd/W Main Street. Continue to follow MO76/ W76 Country Blvd. 2.5 mile. End at 2820 W. Country Blvd at Clarion Hotel at the Palace.



The Hotel does not have a shuttle service, you may want to rent a car. Vaughan Kruger has volunteered to rent a Van as will Nancy & I and transport as many to the hotel as possible. When you make your travel reservation please let us know your arrival time and we will try to coordinate pick-up. Branson is about an hour drive.

I have contacted several services for transportation to Branson:

All Around Branson Shuttle, 1-888-882-9766 \$35 per person (Cindy)

Best Price Shuttle, 1-417-251-0153 \$35 person, 4 or more \$30 person (Jim Clark)

Branson Shuttle 1-800-237-4466 \$35 person leaves 9AM - NOON - 3 PM - 6 PM (Scott)

Classic Shuttle 1-417-598-0227 Up to 27 people \$20 person

Crystal Cove Chauffeur Service, Lincoln Town Cars 3/4 \$25 person (Wes Cooley)

## **HOSPITALITY SUITE:**

The hotel will provide a Hospitality Suite where we can display our memorabilia Collection, albums, photos, etc.. Something new this year, we have compiled the Display Boards into ALBUMS, EACH DESIGNATING THE REUNION YEAR. This will make shipping and handling easier. Be sure to bring YOUR Cruise Books, photos, etc. we have "first timers" who have not seen all of the items. We will have soft drinks, beer and snacks in the Hospitality Suite.

## **BADGES:**

Please bring AND wear your name badges. It makes introduction and checking lists much easier. If you don't have a name badge, ORDER THEM! Member badge has Name & Rating & Time aboard. Spouse (Guest) badge has Name and Hometown. Badges are still only \$8.00 each but prices are going up along with postage. Last day for ordering badges for this year reunion is Sept. 15, 2006.

## **WHITE ELEPHANT SALE:**

Remember to bring something from your home state to be auctioned at the Annual White Elephant Sale. This is one of our "replenish the coffers" programs to keep our Dues low, so be sure to bring an item. Wrapping is appreciated, however we have "Volunteers" who will assist wrapping.

## **TOURS:**

The consensus of those who returned opinions of the questionnaire thought all three suggestions merited consideration, so . . . .

THURSDAY, 26th will be a Luncheon Cruise aboard the Showboat Branson Belle. Lunch - Admiral's Choice Beef and Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice. Steamed Garden Vegetables, Salad, Sourdough Bread, Tea, Coffee and Dessert. \$35. +tax (\$37.27) Relaxing 2-hour cruise on Table Rock Lake. Show stopping Production featuring over 30 musical triumphs from Broadway hits and award winning numbers.



**FRIDAY, 27th Dinner/Theater at the White House West Wing Conference Centre. Dinner Menu, Traditional Iceberg Salad, Fresh Baked Bavarian Bread, K.C. Strip w/Baked Potato OR Grilled Chicken Breast w/Rice Pilaf, Mixed Vegetable Medley, Champagne Cake w/Chocolate & Carmel Accents, Coffee, Iced Tea, Fresh Brewed Hot Tea. \$25.50 Inclusive. \*Optional Entree' Choices, Grilled Filet of Beef with Hand Breaded Butterfly Shrimp, Baked Potato Mixed Vegetable Medley, (additional \$5.00 per entree'). Cold water Lobster Tail with Fondue Butter, Hand-Breaded Butterfly Shrimp, Mixed Vegetable Medley, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, (additional \$5.00 per entree')**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

**BANQUET:**

**6:30 PM Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)**

**7:30 PM**

**SIXTEENTH ANNUAL BANQUET.**

***Open Banquet with National Anthem with Pledge of Allegiance (Pete Lopez)***

Richard West Anderson, BT3 who served aboard August '64 to October '66 has written a book, "Sailor Boy" Life Aboard the USS Frank Knox, there is reference to Joe Dempsy and others who served aboard at the same time. You can reach Anderson at 127 Schneider Dr. Fort Myers FL 33905 or e-mail shuttersoldtown@aol.com I'm sure he'd like to hear from you. There is an epilogue stating Anderson received a letter from a Vargas (not a reunion member) that the Knox had run aground on Pratas Reef in 1965 which brings us to the next paragraph.

Rick Ainsworth (did not serve aboard the Knox) is writing a novel about that incident. He was aboard the USS Prairie as part of the salvage team. He wants to get in touch with any members who were aboard at the time of the incident. You can get in touch with Mr. Ainsworth at rlainsworth@cox.net

In an issue of Tin Can Sailors there is a color profile of the USS Gearing Class FRAM DDR (1960s Conversions) that states the USS Frank Knox three twin 5-in. gun mounts, *two triple MK 32 torpedo tube mounts*, the 5-in. gun mounts I remember as gun captain of mount 52, but during my time aboard, 1950 - 1954, we never had a single torpedo mount. Was this a conversion after 1954?

**There is always a reminder to make checks for the Association made payable to Orv Krieg, the reason being if we set up an association account with a bank the local laws require paying taxes and extra fees. To save the group money I took Bob O'Kon's advice and set up a separate account but only in my name, none of the association money goes into my personal account. Nancy keeps books for the association showing what we receive and what is spent. Much thanks for your help and remember to always make your checks payable to Orv Krieg, too often I have to return checks for proper endorsement and this just costs extra postage.**

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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USS FRANK KNOX DDR-742 BRANSON, MO RESERVATION FORM  
OCT 25 - 28, 2006

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife/Companion \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

TEL. NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Days you will be in Branson \_\_\_\_\_

BANQUET RESERVATION: \_\_\_\_\_ Persons @ \$28 each (tax & tip included) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Buckingham's Supreme Buffet will include:

STUFFED PORK LOIN    CHICKEN MARSALA    GRILLED FRESH SALMON

*INCLUDED WITH BUFFET:*

*THEIR FAMOUS CAESAR SALAD, A PASTA SALAD, CHEF'S POTATO,  
TWO VEGETABLES, BREAD & BUTTER, CHEF'S DESSERT, COFFEE, OR TEA*

*DUE TO LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS AND HEALTH RISKS BUFFET WILL ONLY  
BE SET UP FOR A MAXIMUM OF 3 HOURS AND LEFTOVER BUFFET FOOD  
MAY NOT BE TAKEN FROM THE PREMISES*

Showboat Branson Belle Luncheon Cruise    \_\_\_\_\_ Persons @ \$37.27    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

White House Dinner/Theatre    \_\_\_\_\_ Persons @ \$25.50    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\$5.00 extra optional entree' per person    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME BADGE ..... \$8.00 EA    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to ORV KRIEG.

Mark "memo line" "USS FRANK KNOX BANQUET" Mail to USS FRANK KNOX  
DDR 742 REUNION ASSOCIATION, 585 SKY HARBOR DR. # 125, CLEARWATER,  
FL. 33759

*Thank You - Orv Krieg*