

GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

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USS Frank Knox Reunion Association

It's an honor to extend my warmest greetings to all who have gathered for your 2007 reunion, and I send a special welcome to all the courageous veterans in attendance.

Through many conflicts, the brave actions of those onboard the USS *Frank Knox* (DDR-742) proved that nothing could melt the mettle or tarnish the steely resolve of our nation. You served with unbridled courage in some of history's toughest battles, enduring great sacrifices to secure victory for America and our allies.

On behalf of all Californians, I thank you for your heroic deeds in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. I honor each of you here today, as well as all of your comrades-in-arms, for the role you played in defending our freedom. Time has passed, but our nation's gratitude for your service will always remain.

San Diego has a rich naval history, and I'm certain this place holds fond memories for many of you. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful stay in this beautiful city.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger