

KNOX KNEWS

First one we heard from concerning updating the Master Roster is DARREL HAWK, Wellsville, KS. Thanks Darrel. Now let's get the rest of the crew on the ball. Check your entry on the Master Roster, be sure everything is correct and filled in properly. ARE YOU STILL IN CONTACT WITH SHIPMATES THAT SHOULD BE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION? Send us their address, we'll contact.

Have you checked out the FRANK KNOX web site? Do it today, go to <ussfrankknox.org> you will learn something about the Knox. Any problems contact STEVE CROSS (stephencross@earthlink.net) or BOB SUMMERS (bob.summers@sbcglobal.net).

How to Get Your Medals

So, you want to get your well-deserved medals. Just follow these simple steps and you'll have them in no time.

You also can fill out your request online at www.vetrecons.archives.gov.

It may take a little time (as long as three months in some instances). but rest assured, you will get the awards you deserve.

STEP 1: Obtain a *Standard Form 180 (SF 180)* available at www.archives.gov/research/order. Mail it to the appropriate address listed below based on your military service. Be sure to fill out the *SF 180* as completely as you can. **Service and social security numbers must be included.** If you do not have the requested information, write "NA," meaning the information is "not available."

STEP 2: Once your request has been processed, it will be forwarded to the facility from which the medals are mailed. You will receive a response showing which medals were verified for Army and Air Force veterans. For Navy, Coast Guard and Marines, you will receive a referral letter from NPRC.

STEP 3: If you experience problems with the verification process, write to the address listed for your military service. To check the status of your request, you can e-mail: *mpr.status@nara.gov*.

WHERE TO WRITE FOR MEDALS DOCUMENTATION SERVICE

NAVY Navy Personnel Command
Liaison Office Room 350
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:

In most cases, only a single set of replacement medals will be issued, and generally only to the veteran and the next of kin.

Personnel whose records were lost in the 1973 fire should include a copy of the separation document (*WD 53-55* and/or *DD-214*) with the eVetRecs signature page or *SF-180*.

Letter from James Gibbons GMG (SW) USN (RET)

Dear USS Frank Knox DDR-742 Association:

Sorry I missed Seattle! I was going to go but my right knee had to be replaced. Cannot make Washington DC reunion. My dues will be paid in a bit, as it's hard to keep up as I'm in 7 destroyer associations!!!

Oh, I have a picture of USS FRANK KNOX on her maiden builders trial cruise! You want a copy!?? Also have a picture of her stern to in 1969!

Let's see, next reunion Washington, DC – East coast! One before – Seattle, West coast! How about one in middle!? And please not Chicago!! That's east coast not Midwest! I'm in St Paul. We have many navy businesses here!! 3M, ATK, Federal Cartridges, plus the 4"/50 gun mount at our capitol, which sank the first Japanese warship 1 hour before Pearl Harbor attack!! Gun #3 from USS WARD DD-139. The gun crew was Naval reservists from Minnesota! They make the new 155mm naval gun at Northern Ordnance here, plus Tomahawk missile containers.

I hope to attend 2014 re-union wherever it is!??

James Gibbons GMG (SW) USN (RET)
USS Frank Knox DDR -742
USS Duncan DDR/DD-874
USS Evans DE-1023
USS George K. Mackenzie DD-836
USS John Paul Jones DDG-32
USS O'Callahan FF-1051
USS Hoel DDG-13

Editor note: I sent for the pictures and we'll see if we can reproduce for Newsletter.

Received word from Plank Owner JACK PATTERSON prior to leaving for the reunion:

September 17, 2013

Orv Krieg
585 Sky Harbor Drive
Unit 125
Clearwater, FL 33759-3947

Dear Orv

I noticed in the Knox Knews the mention of a wire-photo of the launching of the Frank Knox.

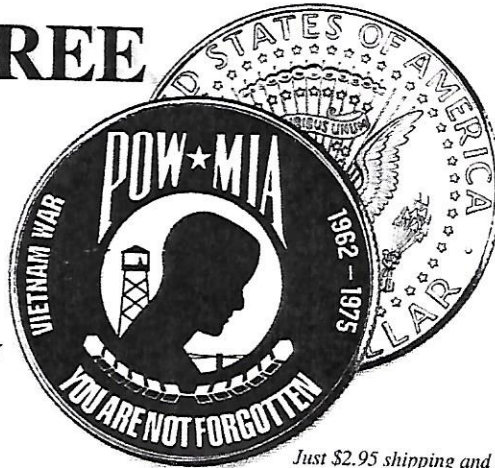
The launching took place at Bath, Maine, in October 1944, with Mrs. Frank Knox doing the honors.

I believe I was the only Frank Knox crew member there. I had recently graduated from the Supply Corps school at Harvard and was in a change-of-station situation.

Jack Patterson
Lt (jg) USNR

P.S. I don't expect to attend the 23rd reunion. I will be 90 on 2-22-14

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We have received a new shipment
of "MURDER ON PRATAS REEF" the novel
by Rick Ainsworth set aboard the USS
Frank Knox grounding on Pratas Reef.
The book is available from our ships store
at \$ 19 . Contact me at
orv.nancy@verizon.net or 727-724-1279.
Other items available

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In Sorrow call John 14
You have sinned call Psalm 51
You worry call Matthew 6;19-34
You are in danger call Psalm 91
Faith needs stirring call Hebrews 11
Feel down and out. call Romans 8;31
You want peace & rest. . . call Matthew 11:25-30
The world seems bigger than God...call Psalm 90
Your pockets are empty. call Psalm 37
You are lonely & fearful. call Psalm 23
You grow bitter & critical. . . call 1 Corinthians 13
How eo get along with other men call Romans 12
If you are depressed. call Psalm 27
If people seem unkind. call John 15

The Patriot

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in,
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
they were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Joe has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet way of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
"Tho a soldier died today

When polititions leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories,
From the time when they were young
But the passing of a Soldier
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?

The politicians stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Soldier,
Who offered up his all
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really cop-out,
With his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a Soldier
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Soldier,
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Soldier
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his likes again.

For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least give him homage
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps a simple headline
In the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY

If you are proud of our Vets, then send this
to them. You'll be glad you did.
Then send it to ALL your friends.

From a Legion Buddy, Thanks, Al

**STOP WHATEVER
YOU'RE DOING !!!!!**

Get your MASTER ROSTER, check
YOUR entry. IS IT CORRECT?
Name, Address, Telephone, Rank,
Rate, Dates aboard, Do you have
email? Make corrections, call me,
send letter, send email, do it NOW.

Just got word from CHARLES R.
SMITH 2/49-11/49 that he found an
error on the web site showing SAM
CALDWELL as CO in '49 and
Charles remembers WILLIAM
HEMBURY was CO. (*I went aboard
September '50 and CDR Caldwell
was replacing CDR JEWETT*).

Attendees of the 23rd Reunion
are:

BILL ATKINSON
GENE & JENNIFER CHAMBERS
DON & NANCY CRITZ
STEPHEN CROSS
JOE DEMPSKY & BILLIE BARKER
ED EWOLDT
MIKE & YUNG MEI HALOSKI
JIM & SUE HEALY
BILL & ELAINE KELLY
ORV & NANCY KRIEG
VAUGHAN KRUGER
DON LANDERS & BETSY WILSON
LARRY & BETTY PORTER w/ cousin
RICHARD MANN
(honeymooners.)
LIONEL & SHARON PRICE
Daughter DARBY PRICE &
boyfriend SPENCER SEWARD
ED & TONI REID
BILL RHODES w/ IVY & ELIZABETH
DARNALL daughter/granddaughter
HAROLD RINGSTROM
BRION SELLINGER
TOM SOLTIS
JIM STARK & RUSTY LAWRENCE
BOB SUMMERS & DONNA SCUITTO
MIKE & MARGARET WATSON
BOB & CORAL WOODARD

REUNION 2013

The reunion of 2013 is **HISTORY**. There were 45 members and guests attending. We stayed at the Holiday Inn, Chantilly, VA (about 30 minutes from downtown DC) Our tour of the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Space Museum on Thursday was a fascinating and lengthy tour with a very knowledgeable Docent telling of many of the aircraft within the museum. Very interesting and we only saw a small number of the planes and aircraft in the building. We were taken from pre-Wright Bros. invention into the space age with many of the actual space craft on display. In typical Smithsonian fashion there is never enough time to visit all of the features of a museum this large. The museum charges \$15 for parking so we took advantage of the Holiday Inn's offer to use their shuttle to transport to and from the museum. Admission to the museum is free. Don't fail to take in this very worthwhile museum visit when in the D.C. area.

Friday was another full day with a lengthy bus ride for a Potomac River Cruise to the estate of George Washington. The weather was perfect as we strolled the grounds taking in the Estate, Museum & Gardens where we met costumed interpreters and heard real stories about George Washington and the world he inhabited daily around the Historic Area. We met "Lady Washington" in the interpretive area. Viewing the Upper Gardens and crossing the Bowling Green to the Lower Gardens.

We returned to the dock for the trip back to Holiday Inn with a leisurely boat ride with narration along the way of interesting sites (some folks napped a bit after viewing Mount Vernon.)

Saturday was a free day until the Business Meeting when the new web site was discussed by Steve Cross and Bob Summers. If you have not visited the site as yet take a moment and dial up ussfrankknox.com

The annual bazaar was then held with very exuberant participants egged on by Vaughan Kruger. The results were \$405.00 for the raffle of the AFGHAN donated by Jennifer Chambers and the stature NAVY PRIDE. The Afghan was won by CORAL WOODARD and Navy Pride won by NANCY KRIEG. The bazaar offerings were \$1,446.00 all of which went into the coffers keeping the organization in the black.

Balloting for the next reunion found NEW ORLEANS the winner for 2014 closely followed by Mississippi River Cruise with 6 votes and Santé Fe and Albuquerque 5 votes each. There will be more information on NEW ORLEANS on our return to Florida and get the ball rolling on hotels.

Saturday evening was the annual Banquet Dinner. PETE LOPEZ was once again with us and offered prayer and then led the group singing The National Anthem.

The MIA/POW Ceremony was then held. This year we were not blessed with any Plank Owners, I heard from JACK PATTERSON prior to the reunion who said he was sorry but

could not attend this year but also said they would try for next year.

First time attendees were recognized as was ED EWOLDT, who has attended EVERY reunion since day one at Philadelphia.

We had the pleasure of RICK AINSWORTH, author of "Murder On Pratas Reef", and his wife THERESE joining for dinner. Rick also signed copies of the novel for those present.

Our guest speaker was LIONEL F. PRICE, who spoke on the subject of the grounding of the USS FRANK KNOX on Pratas Reef, many in attendance were present when that occurred and heard first hand about the recovery of a great ship and the incredible task of refloating and repairing the Knox.

NOW SOME HELPFUL INFORMATION

WD-40 and its uses:

Protect silver from tarnishing
Remove road tar & grime
Clean & lube guitar strings
Give floor "just waxed" stay non-slip
Keep flies of cows, horses, farm critters
Restore & clean chalk board
Remove lipstick stains
Untangle jewelry chains
Remove stain from stainless steel sinks
Remove dirt & grim from BBQ grill
Keep ceramic/terra cotta from oxidizing
Remove tomato stain from clothing
Keep shower door free of water spots
Camouflages scratches in ceramic floors
Keeps scissors working smoothly
Lube noisy hinges in home & vehicles
Remove nasty tar & scuff mark on floors
Remove bug guts that eat finish on cars
Playground slide shine for fast slide
Lube gearshift & mower deck lever on riding mower

Rids rocking chair & swing squeaky noises

Lube tracks in sticking home windows
Spray umbrella stem for easy open/close
Restores & cleans padded leather dashboards as well as vinyl bumpers

Restores roof racks on cars

Lube & stop squeaky electric fan noise

Lube wheel sprocket on triks, bikes

Lube fan belt on washers/dryers

Keeps rust from forming on saws, saw blades & tools

Remove grease spatters on stove tops

Keep bathroom mirror from fogging

Lube prosthetic limbs

Keep pigeons off balcony & ledges. They can't stand smell

Remove all traces of duct tape.

US FIRMS HIRING VETERANS

Some of America's biggest companies are tapping into the growing population of young veterans to fill positions within their ranks.

Wal-Mart is offering jobs to honorably discharged vets in their first 12 months after leaving the military

Blackstone Group a private equity firm, plans to hire 50,000 veterans over the next five years.

UPS wants to hire 25,000 veterans over the next five years.

JP Morgan Chase & Co has established a "military recruiting" team of mostly veterans to relate to veteran applicants. The company even has an Office of Military and Veteran Affairs, Military 101. **Humana Inc.** has already met an initial goal of hiring 1,000 veterans and plans to hire another 1,000 vets over the next two years. As Hayes Roth, the chief marketing officer of Landor Associates told *Los Angeles Times*, "There's more than charity or being nice people. It (hiring veterans) can be a smart business move."