



# KNOX KNEWS

FEBRUARY/MARCH

## News & Info . . . . .

E-mail was sent regarding a book being made available by the Korean Government to the veterans of the Korean War at no cost. I contacted my American Legion Post in Wisconsin but found their supply was exhausted and they did not expect to receive replenishment.

1. I have since found if you have a computer you can download the entire book by visiting the following website;  
[www.rememberingmyservice.com/koreapreview.html](http://www.rememberingmyservice.com/koreapreview.html)
2. If you have any questions regarding your status, medical forms, enrollment in Tricare, lost DD214 forms, etc., this website can answer all of your questions. The website can be found at  
[www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov)
3. Over 600 veterans took part in a VA sponsored trail which showed that Vitamin E helped slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease in vets with mild to moderate symptoms.
4. The Dept. of Veteran's Affairs has expanded benefits for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Those vets who are diagnosed with this must also have symptoms of Parkinson's Disease, certain types of dementia, depression, unprovoked seizures or certain diseases of the hypothalamus and pituitary glands.

You may want to contact your local American Legion or VFW Post for information concerning this book, I have tried several other locations with little success but if I hear something new I will let you know the results. IF YOU HAVE HAD SUCCESS OBTAINING THE BOOK LET ME KNOW.

**Important Reminder. . . . .** You MUST be a PAID UP member to attend a Reunion. You have already missed the first Newsletter of the year if you have not sent you Dues. Don't Miss The Boat! Send your Dues TODAY. We need your support.

"MURDER ON PRATAS REEF" (a novel)	\$15
BASEBALL CAP Black/Gold with insignia	\$18
USS FRANK KNOX & US NAVY PATCH 2 for	\$ 5
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"        "        " <i>Arleigh Burke Award</i>	<b>\$10</b>
NAME BADGE (USS FRANK KNOX DDR-742 Name/Rate/Rank Dates Aboard)	\$10
Wife Name Hometown/State	\$10

All items sent 1<sup>st</sup> Class US Mail

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The next REUNION  
will be at the BIG EASY. New Orleans, LA September  
17-20, 2014**

New Orleans promises to be a fantastic trip. Make your plans now to see old shipmates and friends and you'll be sure to re-acquaint with many old time pals and renew friendships.

**NEED YOUR HELP . . . . .** Recent mailing has some returned as,  
**"RETURN TO SENDER NOT DELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED UNABLE TO FORWARD."**

If you are still in contact with the following please update their USPS mailing address and send to me. ORV KRIEG, 585 SKY HARBOR DR. #125, CLEARWATER, FL 33759 **THANKS!**

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**NOW IS THE TIME TO CHECK YOUR ROSTER LISTING, IS EVERYTHING CORRECT? LET ME KNOW IF ANYTHING NEEDS UPDATING.**

Plank Owner Robert Beachkofski sent the following:

1-15-2014

*Hi Orr:*

*After reviewing a Knox Knews from Summer/Fall 2013 about Plank Owners recollections of the signing of the surrender by the Japanese on the Battleship U.S.S. Missouri, I recall an unbelievable sight, sound and never ending fleet of B-29's flying overhead by the "thousands". We were told later that several hundred B-29's flew in a big circle which I thought were "thousands".*

*I also note that Jack Patterson's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday is on 2-22-2014. Another anniversary on that same date in 1944 (2-22-1944) the date I became a U S Navy seaman 3<sup>d</sup> class - at Great Lakes Training Station. I became a Plank Owner on Dec. 11, 1944, a very blustery day- more like a blizzard, and Honorably discharged from the U S Navy as SKD-1 on May 20, 1946.*

*I will be 96 years old on April 14, 2014 - been married to Eileen for 66 years - have three daughters and a son and am still "Kicking the Can".*

**FYI:**

The TIN CAN SAILOR edition "January-February-March" has a very good article by Captain Orlie Baird USS Cogswell (DD-651) entitled "Getting the KNOX off the Rocks"

Captain Baird gives a very interesting and informative view of the grounding rescue of the USS Frank Knox including photos of the operation. If you are not a member of TIN CAN SAILOR contact some of your shipmates and try to get a copy of the article.

If you contact me I will try to copy his article and send it to you by e-mail excluding the pictures.

ORV

*News From New Orleans;*

*February 27, 2014*

I won't copy the entire letter. The most important paragraph is;  
*In 2013, the Louisiana State Legislature passed Act 410 authorizing an assessment of 1.75% on the daily hotel room rate, applied to the consumer the same as and in conjunction with sales tax.*

(In other words it will be on your hotel bill.)

REUNION ATTENDEES as of March 11, 2014

Orv & Nancy Krieg

Greg & Diane Arata

Mike & Yung Mei Haloski

Don & Betsy Landers

Bob Summers & Donna Scuitto

Steve & Carol Cross

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

We are still negotiating with New Orleans for the tours planned during the reunion. As soon as all is finalized a registration will be sent to you however we NEED to know if you plan to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> reunion. Please fill out the enclosed form as soon as possible and return to me.