



KNOX KNEWS

APRIL MAY JUNE

First to sign up for the reunion BOB SUMMERS, and Donna Scuitto Foster City, CA. Others include Orv & Nancy Krieg, Mike & Yung Mei Haloski, Don & Lolita Snider, Vaughan Kruger, Mike & Margaret Watson, Bill Atkinson, William King & granddaughter, Roger Carter, Charles Bell, Bob & Coral Woodard, Donald Greer, Suzanne McClanahan & Brion Sellinger, Don Landers & Betsy Wilson, Bill & Elaine Kelly, Larry & Betty Porter, Harold Ringstrom, Steve & Carol Cross, Frank Treadway & granddaughter, Jim & Susan Healy, Dennis & Noriko Conley, Joe Dempsey

Don't miss the boat!! Join us for the 25th annual reunion in Portland, Maine where we will visit the birthplace of the USS FRANK KNOX DD/DDR 742. Send your reservation **TODAY!**

Received letter from Charles Bell BM2 and he received a letter from William King LTJG in response to his story in the Knox Knews and both are looking forward to the Reunion at Portland who also haven't seen each other after 60 years!

Received word that **Myron and Janice Kay Timmons** have relocated in Spokane, WA. Change your Master Roster with this new address and phone number:
7516 E. COLUMBIA DRIVE, SPOKANE, WA 99212 (509) 891-7066 Email stays same
myron.timmons@gmail.com

STOP WHAT YOU ARE DOING Go to the Master Roster, check your entry, is everything up to date and correct? Send ALL corrections to ORV KRIEG, 585 Sky Harbor Dr. #125, Clearwater, FL 33759 or E-MAIL, orv.nancy@verizon.net. THANKS.

Received a letter from **PETE LOPEZ, BT3 11/49-10/52** with new address and he would really enjoy hearing from some of the old crew. Write to him at 1300 South 11th Street, Apt. 627, St. Joseph, MO 64503. Or you can reach him at 816-232-3987. Pete says he doesn't hear as good as the old days but give him a call anyway. You'll remember Pete always lead the singing of the National Anthem at many reunions. Thanks.

Also received notice that **RICHARD WILLIAMSON, BT3 (8/68-2/70)** deceased 3/27/07. Belated condolences sent to family on behalf of Reunion Association.

Another late return Plank Owner **HERBERT J. WEICHERT RDM2 11/44 -12/45** Mitchellville. MD reportedly passed away 07/24/06 Condolence to family

Plank Owner **DON E. McVAY, SO3 11/44-12/45** has also reported to a new duty station 04/29/15. Condolence sent to family.

We were informed by the tour people that our planned visit to BATH IRON WORKS (home of the USS Frank Knox) cancelled due to homeland security, BIW suspended visitation to their facility, however we were able to make other arrangement with a boat tour and were able to view the USS ZUMWALT, the Navy's latest Destroyer. The Maine Maritime Museum remained on our slate for visitation.

Bill Atkinson reported the sad news **KENNETH A. ROBERTS SH3 8/66-11/68** Westfield, MA passed April 8, 2015. Ken and Suzanne had signed up to attend the 25th reunion along with Bill. Condolence sent to Suzanne and family. Donation made to Memorial Fund by Bill Atkinson

Notified as to passing of Plank Owner **WILLIAM A. GRAY,**

RD2 11/44 – 12/46 Hatfield, PA May 5, 2015. Condolences sent to Lucille and family.

AGENT ORANGE benefits updates

By-partisan legislation introduced in the Senate in March aims to extend VA benefits to “blue water” Vietnam-era veterans exposed to Agent Orange, despite never having set foot on land.

The new bill would allow for those veterans who served up to 12 miles offshore to qualify for VA health care and disability benefits for illnesses linked to Agent Orange exposure.

If passed, the legislature could affect hundreds of thousands of veterans who served aboard aircraft carriers, destroyers, cruisers and other Navy ships in Vietnamese waters during the war. Studies have shown that these veterans may have suffered exposure to the herbicide through contaminated water sources on ships, by direct transport of the chemical or through proximity to Agent Orange drop sites. Contact your local Service Officer at American Legion Post or VFW for more information.

SHIPS STORE

“MURDER ON PRATAS REEF” (a novel)		\$19
BASEBALL CAP Black/Gold with insignia		\$20
USS FRANK KNOX & US NAVY PATCH	2 for	\$ 5
ROUGH RIDER PATCH		\$ 5
SHIELD & ANCHOR PATCH		\$ 5
SHIP PHOTO 8 X 10 (Black/White)		\$ 5
SHIP PHOTO 8 X 10 (Colorized '52)		\$ 5
SHIP SUNK BY GREEK NAVY (Color)		\$ 5
COLOR PHOTO W/ SHIP PATCH		\$ 5
LICENSE PLATE FRAME: Heavy Cast Metal w/ USS FRANK KNOX DDR-742 & US NAVY (Top & Bottom)		\$20
<i>Now available</i>	<i>NEW Coin</i>	
<i>Ship of the Year Rough Rider in COLOR</i>		<i>\$10</i>
<i>FRANK KNOX COIN</i>		<i>\$10</i>
“ “ “ <i>Arleigh Burke Award</i>		<i>\$10</i>
NAME BADGE (USS FRANK KNOX DDR-742 Name/Rate/Rank Dates Aboard)		\$12
Wife Name Hometown/State		\$12

All items sent 1st Class US Mail or FEDEX

Another note of memorabilia from Charles Bell BM3 '54-'58

"During my last cruise on the "Knox", I had become the Captain's Coxswain of the Gig. (Captain Pierson I think)

We were lead ship going into Hong Kong harbor, so it was our duty to tie up to the bouy, then the Osborn, Isabelle and Hollister could nest up next to us.

With the 2/3 man bouy working party aboard, we pulled away. I gave the Engineer 1 bell, then 4 bells for full speed. Just then the engineer yelled, "We're taking on water." He had forgotten to put the plug in. All I could see was his rear end sticking up in the air while he fished around in 1-2 ft of water for the plug. I looked around and the nearest land was on the Kaloon side of the harbor so I headed that way to beach instead of sinking. Finally the plug was found and the bilge pump did it's work. The working party did it's work and we returned to the starboard side to tie-up, and that's when I realized it seemed like th whole crew was topside, laughing and catcalling. My Division Officer leaned over the lifeline and said, and I quote, "Bell, the Captain and Exec are laughing right now but if they stop, your ass is all mine."

No repercussions were forthcoming except the 'Plan of the Day', the next morning had a cartoon of a sinking GIG with a white hat and my name by the tiller and the rear-end of the engineer sticking up out of the water.

*Charles Bell, BM3
2ND DIV.*

Pleasant surprise when we received a telephone call from PLANK OWNER GERALD HARMS TM1 11/44-10/45 just to say hello and wish everyone a grand time at the reunion even though he is unable to make this one but hopefully the next one especially if near the west coast.

MAY ISSUE MILITARY 2015

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