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# KNOX KNEWS

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## News & Info . . . . .

"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
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<i>Now available</i> <i>NEW</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 1<sup>st</sup> Class US Mail

Make check payable to ORV KRIEG. Mark Memo Line USS FRANK KNOX SHIP STORE

**BY UNANIMOUS VOTE THE DECISION FOR ALL USS FRANK KNOX DD/DDR-742 MEMBERS OVER 90 YEARS OF AGE NOW HAVE FREE MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION. ....**

“PAID UP FOR LIFE” membership in the organization. It breaks down as to age.

**60+ \$300**

**70+ \$200**

**80+ \$100**

**90+ FREE**

**If you are 90 + years of age please send your name and age to USS Frank Knox DDR-742 Reunion Association, 585 Sky Harbor Dr. #125, Clearwater, FL 33759**

***CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE and most importantly inform ALL of your shipmates to also look at the website. They just MIGHT want to join a great association.***

Due to increased United States Postal Rates we have had to raise the price of the Frank Knox Ball Cap to \$20 and the Name Badges to \$12 each effective NOW.

Received notice that JOSEPH J. VIROSTKO, LTJG (7/46-3/50) passed away October 16, 2014, Coshocton, OH

**It has been proposed that KNOX KNEWS will be delivered via the Internet, thereby saving postage. We know not all members are on the Internet so they will still receive the paper by regular United States Postal Service.**

**A notice was sent to the membership concerning the proposed 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reunion, so far the response has been overwhelming with the majority saying they cannot attend. And that brings us to “PLAN B” which is the second choice of the vote, Portland, Maine.**

**We are now investigating the Portland area and will report to you soon as to the prospect of holding our reunion there.**

Received from CHARLES BELL, BM3, Avinger, TX. Charles was aboard 11/54-10/58:

16 Dec. 2014

Exact dates are a little hazy, but here it is – The best I can do.

As a 2<sup>nd</sup> class seaman, I was put in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. (deck force), berthed aft, when I reported aboard “Knox”, summer of ’54. I stood many watches on the bridge as messenger, look-out, helmsman and lee-helms and later B’sun of the watch.

The “Knox”, with the rest of DesDiv 112 (Osbourn, Hollister, & Isbelle) left ‘Dago for the Far East late Aug or early Sept of ’54.

Later that winter, I think we were SW of the Philippines, when we got caught in a hurricane (typhoon). I was on my way forward for my watch, (inside passageway), the seas were extremely rough – Big rolls – mostly to starboard. The portside, water-tight door – amid ship had been compromised and water would spray in on every portside roll. Water was a couple of inches deep in the passageway as I went forward – bracing my hands on the bulkheads as we pitched and rolled. Just as we recovered from a starboard roll we went into a deep port side roll. The way she shuddered, I felt like a large starboard roll was coming. Sure enough – I took a few steps – left foot on the deck, right foot on the starboard bulkhead – THEN – I took 5 or 6 steps on the starboard bulkhead and braced my left hand on the deck. After I had gone about 10 -12 feet, I look back and saw 5 or 6 footprints, on the white bulkhead.

When I finally I got to the bridge, I found out we had taken a 47degree roll. I was also told we could only take 49 degree’s before capsizing because of the extra radar gear topside.

Does anyone remember that storm?

*Charles V. Bell,*  
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Avinger, TX 75630

A note of condolence was sent to Mrs. Concetta R. Parks when we were told of the passing of CWO (RET) WILLIAM J. PARKS, Braintree, MA on September 20, 2014.



Bill was a BT aboard 5/50 – 1/54 and attended reunions at Washington, D.C., Jacksonville, FL, Seekonk, MA and Newport News. He was 82.

God looked around His garden  
And saw an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew that you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
get well on earth again  
He saw that the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered "Peace Be Thine"  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone....  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

**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](mailto:orv.nancy@verizon.net). THANKS.**

A belated condolence was sent to Barbara Gargano family, she apologized for a late notice that her father Lloyd V. Hummer Sr. passed away November 13, 2010. He served aboard the USS Frank Knox 6/50-11/52 as Commissary Chief.

*Received phone call from ARVIL L. DIAL correcting the spelling of the Master Roster, Arvil was a CS3 5/61-9/64 attending the Jacksonville reunion stating that he didn't know anyone at the reunion so you guys aboard May 1961 thru September 1964 get on the stick and attend a reunion so Arvil will know some of you are still alive.*

**The hotel for the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion has been selected as The Best Western Merry Manor Inn, 700 Main Street, South Portland, ME 04106.**

**The date of the reunion is September 23 – 26, 2015. Telephone number 207-774-6157 contact Gayle Cairns or Don Haggett. Room rate is \$97.00 per night with 8% tax rate.**

**Cut-off date September 1, 2015 Same rate 2/3 days before and 2/3 days after event. Included each morning is FREE FULL American Breakfast Buffet.**

We are working on tours and will be announced as soon as possible. Right now we want you to make your room reservations so we will know how many will be attending this 25<sup>th</sup> annual reunion. A tour to The Maine Maritime Museum is planned along with the visit to Bath Iron Works where the USS Frank Knox was built. More information to follow. The Banquet will be Saturday evening Sept. 26, full information to follow.