USS FRANK KNOX DDR-742 - TWENTY SEVENTH REUNION HOLIDAY INN, ELK GROVE VILLAGE, CHICAGO IL SEPTEMBER 13-16, 2017





Chicago, IL Reunion 2017

Program of Events

Wednesday - September 13, 2017

Early Arrivals. Check in after 3pm. Hospitality Room open About Noon. Dinner on your own.

Thursday – September 14, 2017

Buffet Breakfast (Complementary)

8:45a Bus loads for the double tour around Navy Pier; Tour ONE – 10:45a is the exceptional ARCHITECTURE RIVER TOUR. Then lunch on your own on or near NAVY PIER. Tour TWO - 2:30pm is the CLASSIC LAKE TOUR WEST. Following this tour, we'll board our bus to return to the hotel. Estimated arrival before 5pm. DINNER ON YOUR OWN.

Friday – September 15, 2017

Buffet Breakfast (Complimentary)

8:45a Bus loads for the CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM tour. An amazing tour. Lunch in the award-winning café is on your own. Then we'll board the bus to stop at some of the famous sights in and near Millennium Park. Return to the hotel. DINNER ON YOUR OWN.

Saturday – Buffet Breakfast (Complementary)

9:30a – Annual Business Meeting – Review By laws, Financials, Nominations and Election of President and Board for 2017-18. Selection of location for 2018 Reunion. Adjourn for lunch.

1:30p – Annual Auctions and White Elephant Sale. Proceeds go to replenish our coffers for another year of serving our members.

530p – Cocktails outside the dining room. About 550p the PIPES and DRUMS of the EMERALD SOCIETY, Chicago Police Dept. will play and perform for us.

6:25p - Assemble for group pictures. Pledge of Allegiance and POW/MIA Ceremony. Then be seated for salad and soup course followed by buffet dinner and dessert. Brief program and introductions. Presentation of Life Member Pins and Certificates.

8:00pm Guest speaker – Fred McLaren, Captain USN Ret. PhD. Author of *Unknown Waters* and *Silent and Unseen*. Exploring the Siberian Ice Shelf as skipper of USS QUEENFISH, SSN-651. This is a fascinating account by a submariner with one of the highest totals of Cold-War missions.

9:15p - Evening ends.

REMEMBERING DEPARTED SHIPMATES

DIAL, Arvil, CS-3, San Diego CA 17 Jan '17 – Aboard 5/61-9/64

DUGAN, John, RC, Plainville KS 21 Jun '17 - Aboard 7/50-12/53

EVEY, Donald, QM-1, Gainesville FL 16 Jan '17 – Aboard 7/52-4/56

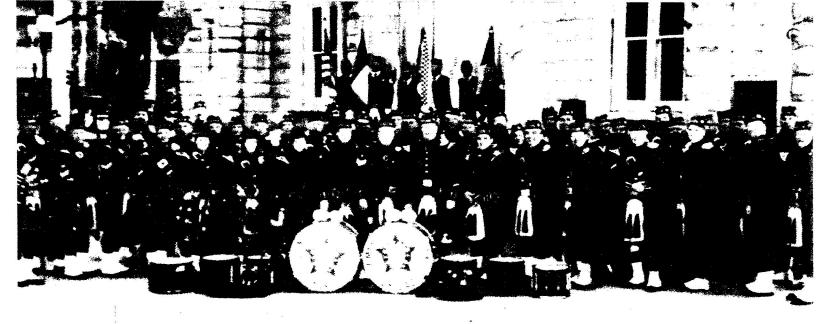
GOLETZ, Thomas, SN, Jamesburg NJ 19 Nov '16 – Aboard 2/48-3/50

HENDERSON, Stanley, CAPT/CO, Alexandra VA 17 Oct '16 – Aboard 11/60 – 2/61

WATSON, Thomas, SN, Decatur AL 12 Oct '16 – Aboard 11/44 – 10/46

PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR - SAFE TRAVELS UNTIL 2018

1 ST Reunion	1991 Philadelphia PA
2 nd "	1992 Baltimore MD
3 rd "	1993 Virginia Beach VA
4 th "	1994 Charleston SC
5 ^{th"}	1995 San Diego CA
6 th "	1996 ST Louis MO
7 th "	1997 Laughlin NV
8 th "	1998 San Antonio TX
9 th "	1999 Washington DC
10 "	2000 Seattle WA
11 th "	2001 Jacksonville FL
12 th "	2002 San Francisco CA
13 th "	2003 Mobile AL
14 th "	2004 Colorado Springs CO
15 th "	2005 Seekonk MA
16 th "	2006 Branson MO
17 th "	2007 San Diego CA (2)
18 th "	2008 Milwaukee WI
19 th "	2009 Newport News VA
20 th "	2010 Caribbean Cruise
21 st "	2011 Rapid City SD
22 nd "	2012 Seattle WA (2)
23 rd "	2013 Chantilly VA DC (2)
24 th "	2014 New Orleans LA
25 th	2015 Portland ME
26 th	2016 Portland OR
27 th	2017 Chicago IL



History of the Band

February of 1982 witnessed the tragic deaths of three Chicago Police Officers. Fatefully, two were lost returning from the first officer's funeral. Police Officers from the Emerald Society of Illinois, with the assistance of then Mayor of Chicago, Jane Byrne, arranged for the presence of the Pipes & Drums of the Emerald Society - City of New York Police Department to conduct their "Inspectors Funeral" in Chicago. This impressive and fitting tribute to these "fallen men in blue" was the impetus for the formation of the Band. The Bagpipes & Drums of the Emerald Society - Chicago Police Department was subsequently formed in May of 1982 with the help of Mayor Jane Byrne and then Emerald Society President Dan Burke. Playing at the funerals of Police Officers and Firefighters killed in the line of duty was the goal. Throughout the years the Band has participated in over one hundred honor funeral services for members of the Chicago Police Department, Chicago Fire Department and numerous Suburban, County, State and Federal agencies - including Capitol Hill Police Officer Jacob J Chestnut and Special Agent John M Gibson, killed in July of 1998. In September of 2002, the band journeyed to New York's Ground Zero to return the benevolence they offered in 1982.

Forty-four members of the Emerald Society of Illinois consisting of State, County, City of Chicago and Suburban Officers gathered to form the Band. Over the years, many members have come and gone for various reasons. However, today the band has over eighty officers in uniform with twelve original members still active in the Band. Even today members of the Band consist entirely of active and retired Law Enforcement Officers from the rank and file of Federal Agencies, State, Counties, City of Chicago and numerous Suburban Police Departments.

Besides our primary function, the band has expanded its purpose to promote the appreciation of piping music. To this end, the band performs at numerous parades throughout the year, highlighted by the St. Patrick's Day events in the Loop and Southside. As a member of the Midwest Pipe Band Association, the band has participated successfully in various competitions through the midwest.

Several movies that show our Band in action include:

Backdraft

The Fugitive

The Package

The Negotiator.

Stir of Echoes (Pipe Sgt. Tim Sheehan)

The Band has also performed alongside Doc Severenson, Kevin Matthews, Jay Leno, Drop Kick Murphy's, Black 47 and Seanchai & the Unity Squad.

In September of 2007, the Band celebrated twenty-five years of service to the members of the Chicago Police Department and the surrounding law enforcement communities by hosting a Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Tattoo at the Chicago Symphony Center. Performing at the Tattoo were the Bagpipes & Drums of the Emerald Society, New York City Police Department, Police Pipes & Drums of Bergen County, Mullane Irish Dancers, Catherine O'Connell, The Larkin & Moran Brothers and of course, the Bagpipes & Drums of the Emerald Society, Chicago Police Department. Mayor Jane Byrne was in attendance as the Bands Special Guest of Honor. The Tattoo was a complete success, and the Band would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Band during the last twenty-five years.