

# **USS Frank Knox DDR-742 Reunion Association**

## **Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

Saturday, September 25, 2021  
9:30 am

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Chandler at 9:30 am. Board members present were Harry Chandler and Steve Cross. Present by virtual zoom call were Bill Atkinson, Don Greer, Vaughan Kruger, Mike Watson, Margaret Watson. Committee members present were Tom Soltis (virtual), Joy Chandler, and Sue Healy (virtual). Members present were Joe Dempsey, Mike Haloski, Yung-Mei Haloski, Darrell Hawk and Charyl Link, Bob and Nancy Hubbard, Dick Huehn, Phil and Bonnie Jenkins, Ed Kent, Don Landers, Gary Platou, Larry and Betty Porter, Woody and Coral Woodard, Richard Swaney, and Don and Rebecca Yegge.

### 2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Harry Chandler, followed by the President's Message.

Harry thanked the Board and Committee Members for their hard work during this difficult year. A heartfelt thank you went out to all members for their support and contributions to the reunion association.

### 3. Prior to the Election of Officers, Harry Chandler announced:

Vaughan Kruger had recently resigned from the Board of Directors as Reunion Coordinator. He will remain on in an advisory capacity, assist the new officer and attend board meetings. The board would like to acknowledge Vaughan for his many years serving on the Board of Directors and for his selfless contribution to the USS Frank Knox Reunion Association. We will welcome his advice and input.

Bill Atkinson was appointed to fill the vacant office of the Reunion Coordinator. Bill previously held the Member-at-Large office on the Board of Directors.

Tom Soltis was appointed to fill the vacant office of Member-at-Large. Tom was previously a committee member, supporting the office of the Communications officer, Steve Cross. Tom will continue to support Steve in the capacity of web maintenance and design, and will assist Steve with the Knox News – newsletter.

All board members volunteered to remain in their current positions for the 2022 year.

### 4. Election/Confirmation of Officers 2022 Reunion Year

The floor was open to nominations and/or volunteers to run for the 2022 Board of Directors. Don Landers volunteered to serve. A motion was made to amend the By-Laws and add a board member to the slate of officers rather than hold an election of the existing candidates. The motion was passed unanimously by the members present. A motion was then made to nominate and confirm all current-year board members and add Don Landers to the board. The motion was passed unanimously by the members present.

The 2022 Board of Directors are:

Bill Atkinson  
Harry Chandler  
Steve Cross  
Don Greer  
Don Landers  
Tom Soltis  
Mike/Margaret Watson

Committee Members:

Vaughan Kruger  
Sue Healy  
Joy Chandler

Per the By-Laws committee members may offer advice and opinion, and may participate in discussion of matters before the board. Board Members may cast votes.

5. Financial Report – Harry Chandler for Margaret Watson

Harry reported the association is in good shape financially and thanked members for their support through dues and donations throughout the year. The current bank balance is slightly higher than at the beginning of the year. Deposits with the hotel and tour companies were made for the reunion year 2020 and were carried forward to 2021 with the balance due the hotel and bus tour company to be paid prior to the end of the reunion. Our major operating costs are website maintenance and mailing costs. In addition, special projects, such as the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin, are paid from funds available.

6. Discussion – Possible sites for 2022 – East Coast

There are currently three sites for consideration:

- Charleston, South Carolina
- Pensacola, Florida – suggested by Joe Dempsey. Joe made a “pitch” and provided information to the membership for review.
- Wilmington, North Carolina

7. A show of hands selected Pensacola, FL as the location for the 32nd Annual Reunion. Bill Atkinson will begin the 2022 Reunion planning process. LeAnn Bylo of HelmsBriscoe will work closely with Bill on site research and selection.
8. 2021 Recap – Projects and Accomplishments – Steve Cross
  - Plans are underway to hold a virtual zoom meeting in November, probably around Veterans Day. At this time, we hope to hold a virtual auction including some very unique items.
  - Tom Soltis continues to improve our website – [ussfrankknox.com](http://ussfrankknox.com)
  - Lionel Price has offered a small % of the proceeds to the Frank Knox.
  - Two other books are in the working which can generate future income for the Knox.
  - Publications - Stranded, stories and official records of the July -August Salvage of Frank Knox in 1965 - the book draft will go out to the participants for review first. Then rewrite and picture placement will be followed by placing copy in Amazon format reading for publication.
  - Steve suggested since the vote was very close on the reunion site, the board will keep both sites (Charleston, SC and Wilmington, NC) available as a backup in the event of weather problems in Pensacola.
9. Adjournment: 10:35am