

# ***USS Frank Knox DDR-742 Reunion Association Annual Business Meeting Minutes***

Monday, September 4, 2023

10:00 am Hudson Room, Holland America Eurodam, Alaska Cruise

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Chandler at 10:00 am.

Board members present were Harry Chandler, Don Greer, and Don Landers

Committee member present: Vaughan Kruger, Yung-Mei Halowski, Danielle Johnson (Don Greer) and Joy Chandler.

Members present: Mike Halowski, Bob & Nancy Hubbard, Phil & Bonnie Jenkins, Danielle Johnson, Suzanne McClanahan, Brion Sellinger, Rick Swaney, Helen Smith-Tarchalski & Stas Tarchalski, Wally Waldorf, Betsy Wilson (Don Landers), Woody & Coral Woodard, and Don & Rebecca Yegge.

Guests present: Jennifer Chandler, Shellie, Zoey & Keira McCune, George & Tamara Hatfield, and Randy Morales

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Harry Chandler and his granddaughters, Zoey & Keira McCune followed by the President's Message.

Harry conducted the POW/MIA Remembrance and the TAPS acknowledgement.

Harry thanked the Board and Committee Members for their hard work during this past year and gave a special shout out to Yung-Mei Halowski. A heartfelt thank you went out to all members for their support and contributions to the reunion association.

## 2. Financial Report – Harry Chandler for Margaret Watson

Margaret reported the association is in good shape financially and thanked members for their support through dues and donations throughout the year.

## 3. Election/Confirmation of Officers 2024 Reunion Year

At the pre-cruise meeting of the Board of Directors, it was determined that the election of the Board and confirmation of Officers for the reunion year 2024 would be conducted via email and mail. Active members who have attended 2 of the last 5 reunions will be eligible to vote and may submit a nomination or volunteer to run for the Board.

Committee members are volunteers and must be approved by the Board. Per the By-Laws committee members may offer advice and opinion and may participate in discussion of matters before the board. Only Board Members may cast votes on board

business. All dues-paying members and life members are entitled to vote on matters before the membership.

4. Discussion – Possible sites for 2024 – Central Region, North & South

Steve Cross brought our attention to the fact the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ship's commissioning is in 2024 and welcome ideas for this celebration. A suggestion was made to think about Texas (Austin, San Antonio, etc). Fredericksburg is home of the National Museum of the Pacific War. We could consider donating a plaque.

5. Discussion – Possible site for 2025 – East Coast

Helen Smith suggested we consider Annapolis as our site for 2025. Another suggestion was Philadelphia.

6. Announcement: There was no auction at this reunion. As part of Holland America group incentive, a rebate of approximately \$2,000 has been earned. Miscellaneous reunion expenses will be deducted from the proceeds and the balance will be deposited into the reunion coffers. A plan is under way for a Veterans Day auction. Rick Swaney has donated an engraved USS Frank Knox Zippo lighter.

7. Woody announced he will be representing the Navy in full uniform for the Elks entry in the 2024 Rose Parade in Pasadena, California.

8. Nancy Huber closed with a performance of whistling the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

9. Adjournment

Note: Separate emails/mail will be forthcoming regarding the protocol for election of the Board of Directors and selection of the 2024 reunion site.