

USS Frank Knox DDR-742 Reunion Association

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 16, 2025

9:30 am, Hospitality Room

Wyndam Hotel Philadelphia Historic District, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Chandler at 9:30 am.

Board members present were Harry Chandler, Steve Cross, Don Greer, Phil Jenkins, Don Landers, and Margaret Watson (Mike).

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

Others present: Members and Guests

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 past year. Harry gave a special acknowledgement to Don Landers and his team for a job well done. A heartfelt thank you went out to all members for their support and contributions to the reunion association.

2. Financial Report – 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. All current members of the Board of Directors have volunteered to remain serving for 2025. There were no objections

Note: Committee members are volunteers and must be approved by the Board. Per the By-Laws committee members may offer advice and opinions and may participate in discussion of matters before the board. Only Board Members may cast votes on board business. All dues-paying members/associates and life members/associates are entitled to vote on matters before the membership.

4. Bylaws Amendment: A notice of a proposed amendment to the Bylaws was posted on the website prior to the reunion and voted upon by the membership attending this business meeting. The following amendment was approved unanimously:

Article 4, Paragraph 3 is replaced with:

“Prior to dissolution, the Association will complete all unfinished Association business and pay all debts and obligations. Within 30 days hence the accounts of the Association will then be donated to a non-profit charitable US Naval veterans’ organization to be determined by a vote of the Board of Directors.”

5. Discussion – Reunion for 2026. Due to the small turnout for 2025 (13 shipmates), it was determined by the members present that we should defer the actual selection of the 2026 reunion until we have a chance to get some input from those who regularly attend reunions but were not able to attend Philadelphia.
Possible sites for 2026 – West Coast Region: San Diego, San Francisco, Sacramento, and Seattle. Also, mentioned with reservations: Las Vegas (off strip), Arizona (could still be hot in September), and Monterey (airport access).
Further discussion was held regarding the viability/sustainability of future Frank Knox only reunions for 2027 and beyond. We will be exploring our options with the goal of continuing our mission to ensure our legacy remains intact for future generations. Maintaining our website and continuing our newsletter are high priorities in preserving communication with our shipmates. Some suggestions were to hold reunions every other year, join up with other destroyers in the same situation, or attend the Tin Can Sailors reunion. Suggestions are welcome.
6. Voting and selection of the 2026 reunion site – An email will be sent to all members present at this reunion and include members who have attended at least 2 reunions in the prior five years. A consensus will then be taken and the reunion site selected in a timely manner.

Short Break

7. Auction
8. Adjournment