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Knox Knews

Reservations for the BRANSON reunion have been coming in, however, a little slow. I expected more participation after so many voted for Branson as the site. If you haven't sent in your reservation PLEASE do so NOW. Remember to mention the USS FRANK KNOX when making your reservation to get the special room rate at the hotel. Can't emphasize enough the importance of making your reservation early to insure you will be staying with the group. We say it every newsletter that we know no one likes to put out money weeks in advance but we have to make commitments to hotels, tour buses, caterers, etc. and most times they require deposits.

The latest Consensus 2007 has San Diego on top with 52 votes, Chicago and Nashville at 34, Portland 33, Albuquerque 32, Milwaukee, Cody, WY and a Cruise 27, Oxnard and Omaha 22, Cleveland 16 and fifteen others with one vote each. Final tabulation will be given at the Reunion.

Many of you have been contacted by Ken Sewell who is researching the incident in December, 1950 of our and the *USS McKEAN DD 784* encounter with a Russian submarine. We will have Ken Sewell as guest speaker and possibly Richard Shaw (who was aboard the McKean) to join us at Branson along with Bob O'Kon whom I've asked to speak to us about the birth of this reunion association. This should prove to be another GREAT reunion.

NEW MEMBERS:

We are constantly looking for new members, below you will find lists, if you can offer any information please do so.

We have too many returns from recent mailings. If you know any of these people drop me a line with correct address. A postcard will do.

GEORGE BACON	CINCINNATI, OH	MAGOFFIN, PETE	MANASSAS, VA
ROGER CARNAHAN	FALLON, NV	GEORGE ROSS	FARMINGTON, NM
ROBERT DAVIS	BAKERSFIELD, CA	WILLIAM TATON	ROY, UT
JACK GARDNER	CHELSEA, MA	DAN THOMAS	KENOSHA, WI
JOHN GRECIO	BUFFALO, NY	CLARENCE THOMPSON	LEXINGTON, KY
LEROY HILL	LONG BEACH, CA	DANIEL TURNER	DEL VISTA, AR
RAND LOWERY	LONG BEACH, CA	JOHN WILLCUTT	SPRING VALLEY, CA
		MYRON WILLIAMSLONGBRANCH,	WA

I have also attempted to reach some former shipmates who are registered with The Tin Can Sailors Registry and the Destroyers On Line Crew Locator only to find their e-mail addresses are no longer valid. If you know any of these men and have an address or e-mail please call me or drop a line, a post card will do, we're always looking to recruit new members:

GUY ANDREWS	DC3	51-53	JAMES HALE	LTJG	50-51
STEVE ARNOLD	BT3	64-68	ALEX HAZUDA	YN3	56-61
ROBERT BOYER	GM3	49-53	WM. HENDERSON	RM2	51-55
VERRIL CARPENTER	EM3	54-55	HUGH HETRICK	SN	59-61
KENNETH CASTEEL	MM1	58-61	DAVID KELLY	QM3	64-67
WILLIAM CLEM	STG3	65-66	RICHARD LAMOTHE	SN	67-69

TED ELLIA	TM2 70-71	RALPH LEONARD	SO3 61-62
PAUL FIELDS	GMG3 63-65	RAMON MAIZE	GM3 52-56
LARRY FORTOM	MM3 63-64	PAT PENDERGAST	BMSN61-65
LAURENCE GARDNER	BT2 67-70	DARREL PETTIT	MM3 69-70
FERRIS GEORGE	MM3 61-63	JAMES PHILLIPS	BMSN61-65
DONALD GEORGE	GMSN64-65	JIM POLONKEY	SN1 52-53
KENNETH GILES	QM 66-69	JIM SUTTON	RD3 70-71
EUGENE GILLUM	BT2 59-60	RICHARD WILLIAMSON	E5 60-70
JOHN GROVE	SK3 68-70	CLARENCE WANDERSEE	44-47

Bob O'Kon sent us an e-mail with the following:

Ever wonder what happened to your old ship?

You might want to look up

<http://www.nvr.navy.mil/quick/inactive.htm#nameA>

Recently reported to us the death of LEE WILSON, Ocala, FL. October, 2004. He was a QM and served aboard 5/45 - 10/46. Also MARTIN L. BICKLEY, Indianapolis, IN, RM2 died May 7th, he was aboard 3/49 - 4/52, SYDNEY COCKRELL, NCCM, died June 9, 2005 Ewa Beach, HI 12/61 - 11/64 BILLY MOSS, Franklin, TN RM April 23, 2006 11/49 - 4/53 and CHARLES E. SANDERS, Tiffin, OH, ENCM Sept. 8, 2005 10/61 - 9/64

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis has a new electronic method for veterans to obtain copies of their discharge papers. Officially known as *DD Form 214, or DD-214s*, the documents can be requested at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. NPRC designed the new online system to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the record center's mail room processing time.

Individuals other than veterans or their next-of-kin must complete *Standard form 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records*, which can also be downloaded from the Web site.

NPRC archives millions of military personnel, health and medical records of discharged and deceased veterans of all services during the 20th century. Records prior to WWI are housed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

NPRC also stores medical treatment records of retirees from all services, as well as records for dependents and other persons treated at naval medical facilities. Information from the records is made available upon written request (with signature and date) to the extent allowed by law,

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON:

Veterans who served Dec. 6, 1941 through April 14, 1946 and June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1954 can apply. Send letter to Chief Naval Personnel (NO9B33) 200 Navy Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20350-2000. Include your Social Security No., copy DD-214, name of ship and eligibility dates. There is no medal.

If you have moved or thinking of moving please drop me a note with all pertinent information, address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.

If you find a RED dot here your dues are delinquent and as such you do not have a current (2006) Master Roster and will not receive any future Newsletters. You must be current with dues to attend the Reunion. Your Dues card will be your admission to the Reunion. Your Association MUST remain strong.

Looking forward to seeing you at the reunion,

Orv Krieg, President
USS Frank Knox Reunion Association