

KNOX KNEWS

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Please up-date your email address, too many times we receive returned email due to incorrect address.

Membership has once again passed 400 and continues climbing slowly. Please submit your Dues as soon as possible. An active membership allows us to send Newsletters and only those members currently paid up receive the Newsletters along with the Master Roster. Printing costs and raising postal rates prevent the sending of these items unless you are actively paid up in good standing. We can only accomplish our goals if our membership is strong, active and participating. It is not asking a lot from you financially, our dues are only \$30.00 per year (.0822 cents a day, \$2.50 a month) I am calling on those of you who have not yet submitted your annual dues to do so today and be counted as a paid up member of U.S.S. Frank Knox DDR-742 Reunion Association. If you are still in contact with former shipmates that are not members of the association please send me their names, address if possible and I will contact.

Plans are still being made for the next reunion at Williamsburg, Virginia. Nothing is set as yet and we will inform as soon as possible. We're looking at October 14 – 17 as a target so you may make your plans.

Since our return from the Reunion in Milwaukee several "Thank You" notes have arrived from attendees Jack and Mary Patterson, Paul T. Stout and Billie Ann Braden among others and from some who could not make the trip Bob O'Kon and Phillip and Nancy Richard. As mentioned previously Bob and Eileen Beachkofski were able to join us for lunch in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Nancy and I thank you for the kind words.

CHANGE IN PLANS !!! After visiting several sites in Williamsburg and surrounding area we have located a very good hotel in Newport News, Virginia. It is almost a suburb of Williamsburg or vice versa and we will be giving more information a bit later. Your invitation to the Reunion will have all info. REMEMBER you must be a paid up member

to receive the invitation and attend a Reunion. One more reason to keep your Dues current!

After sending out the bad news about Captain Caldwell and the good news about Pete Lopez we received several e-mail notes from members including BOB O'KON, WILLIAM CASEY, BILL FELL, LONNIE McCAIN, and DON McCLANAHAN.

For those who do not have e-mail addresses the note that went out was about Captain Caldwell (now in his 90's) and has dementia and is in assisted living. (He was my first and best skipper).

When sending in your 2009 dues you should up-date all information, check your Master Roster and be sure info about you is correct and up-to-date. We receive too many returned letters because of incor-rect addresses, etc.

Bill Fell also sent a note about Chuck Smith who has been undergoing treatment for colon cancer and is coming along fine. Lymph nodes show no further signs of spreading so he won't need further treatment. More good news!

Mermaid Visiting Card

Shortly after the United States entered the great European war an identification tag was made and issued to every man in the navy, especially on sea-going ships.

It is made of monel metal, an alloy containing copper and nickel, which is uncorrodible (sic) by seawater. The tags are slightly oval in outline and 1-½ inches in length. On one side is a reproduction of the forefinger print and on the other side is the man's name, date of birth and date of enlistment. The tag is supposed to be worn around the neck but most men wear them around the wrist.

However, as is gob-like, the sailors dubbed it a Mermaid Visiting Card. The idea being if they ever went down to Davy Jones' Locker that they would have a card to present to a beautiful mermaid.

"The Navy Explained" by Logan E. Ruggles, Chief Printer, U.S.Navy, 1918 Great Lakes Naval Museum collection.

*From Jim Boyd;
Internet Definitions . . .*

Ratio of an igloo's circumference to it's diameter = Eskimo Pi

200 pounds of Chinese soup = Won Ton

1 millionth of a mouth-wash = 1 microscope

Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 banaNosecond.

Weight one evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram.

Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knotfurlong.

16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling.

Half of a large intestine = 1 semicolon.

1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurts.

Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower.

453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound

Shortest distance between two jokes = a straight line.

1 million-million microphones = 1 megaphone.

2 million bicycles = 1 megacycle.

365.25 days = 1 unicycle.

2000 mockingbirds = 2 kilomockingbirds.

52 cards = 1 decacards.

1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 FigNewton.

1000 milliliters of wet socks = 1 literhosen.

1 milionth if a fish = 1 microfiche.

1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin.

10 rations = 1 decoration.

100 rations = 1 C-ration.

2 monograms – 1 diagram

4 nickels = 2 paradigms.

2.4 miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital
= 1 IV League.

100 Senators = Not 1 decision.

Thanks Jim

A NOTE FROM JIM GIBBONS

Thanks again for the mention in Knox Knews! And may I suggest another site for a reunion?
Minneapolis/St. Paul . In St. Paul by the state capitol sits a lone gun mount! It's a 4"/50 that fired the first shot in anger in WWII! It also sank the midget sub-marine it shot at morning of 7 Dec, 1941!
Sub found at entrance to Pearl Harbor in 2001 by University of Hawaii submersible. Midget sub has 4" hole at base of conning tower!!
Minneapolis has 1840 Fort Snelling next to airport that during Summer holds re-inactments of life at 1840 Fort. Also Mall of America and soon a Water Park for the family.
And there are cruises on Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers by paddleboat. Plus (I'd have to check if they allow tours) a company called FMC who's division called Northern Ordnance makes the U.S. Navy's gun mounts! 5"/62, 76mm also the canister/missile tube for the Tomahawk cruise missile. This is for consideration. Question? Do you have a hat without scrambled eggs?
I'm a ex-enlisted man, not an officer.

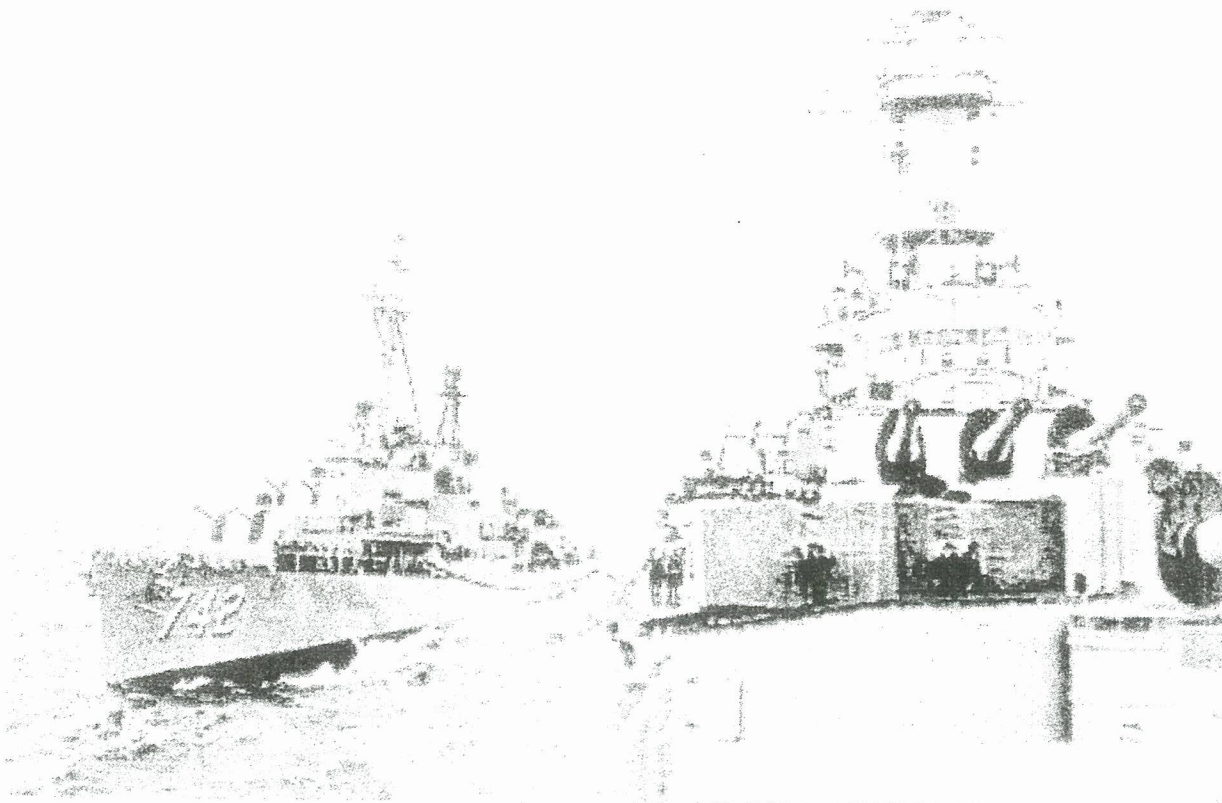
Sincerely,

GMG2(SW) *James Gibbons*

USN (RET)

REUNION 2009

We have contracted to stay at POINT PLAZA SUITES AND CONFERENCE HOTEL. 950 J. Clyde Morris Blvd. Newport News, VA 23601
Phone: Toll Free (800) 841-1112 (757)599-4460 BE SURE TO MENTION: USS Frank Knox DDR-742
Room rate; \$89.00 Suite \$119.00 Plus State & local tax. Breakfast Included. Date is Oct. 14 – 17 make your plans now! Reunion invitation will be mailed upon receipt of 2009 Dues. Remember you MUST be paid-up member to attend a reunion. Room rates are good 3 days before/after reunion. There will be a cut-off date with the invitation There will be a Hospitality Room where we will provide snacks, beer & wine. You provide conversation! Banquet will be Saturday evening. All of this information AND more will be forthcoming with your invitation.
Don't delay, send in your Dues NOW!



I am pretty sure that this is the Missouri. we on the Frank Knox, are coming along side. I do not remember any other BB we operated with in Korea. Looks like we are refueling from the Big MO. Makes us look very small in a big ocean

BASEBALL CAP (Black & Gold w/ ship embroidery)	\$15	\$ _____
License Plate Holder (Heavy cast metal w/ USS FRANK KNOX & US NAVY)	\$18	\$ _____
USS FRANK KNOX & US NAVY PATCHES (both for)	\$ 5	\$ _____
SHIP'S COLOR PHOTO (with shield patch)	\$ 5	\$ _____
SHIP'S PHOTO 8X10 BLACK & WHITE	\$ 5	\$ _____
SHIP'S PHOTO 8X10 ('52 COLORIZED)	\$ 5	\$ _____
PHOTO SHIP SINKING BY GREEK NAVY	\$ 5	\$ _____
PROUD NAVY VETERAN Bumper Sticker	\$ 2	\$ _____
NAME BADGE (Magnetic back)	\$10	\$ _____
MURDER ON PRATAS REEF (a novel)	\$24	\$ _____
Total		
Enclosed.....	\$	_____

All items sent First Class Mail