



January/February 2010

KNOX KNEWS

IMPORTANT !!! PLEASE check the Master Roster and update your information. I receive too many returned mailing with "Forward Expired, cannot forward" and too many email messages returned as not valid.

ED EWOLDT sent this along:

A U.S. Navy captain was about to start the morning briefing to his staff. While waiting for the coffee machine to finish its brewing, the captain decided to pose a question to all assembled. He explained that his wife had been a bit frisky the night before and he failed to get his usual amount of sound sleep.

He posed the question of just how much of sex was "work" and how much of it was "pleasure"?

A commander chimed in with 75%-25% in favor of work.

A lieutenant said it was 50%-50%.

An ensign responded with 25%-75% in favor of pleasure, depending upon his state of inebriation at the time.

There being no consensus, the captain turned to the seaman who was in charge of making the coffee. What was HIS opinion?

Without hesitation, the young seaman responded, "Sir, it has to be 100% pleasure."

The captain was surprised and, as you might guess, asked why?

"Well, sir, if there was any work involved, the officers would have me doing it for them."

The room fell silent.

God bless the enlisted man.

On November 20 received a phone call from a former crewman of the U.S.S. Sutherland DD-743 who became a harbor master in Yokosuka and was there when the Knox was towed into port and put in dry dock for repairs. He was under the impression that they fixed her up enough to get it back to the states and decommission. I was able to tell him

She underwent Fram and returned to the fleet and was sold to the Greek Navy that used her for another 30 years until September 11, 2001 when it became an artificial reef somewhere in the Aegean Sea.

While many members signed up for 2010 at the reunion WILLIAM PARKS was the first to respond to the renewing membership letter. He was closely followed by DON ABEL, JOHN AMIN, JOE CABOT, BILL CASEY, HARLEY CLEEK, JOHN DUGAN, ED EWOLDT, BILL FORTENBERRY, BOB JINES, LARRY McCLINTICK, PHIL RICHARD, JOHN SARTIN and JOE SCHRECK all coming in the same day.

A sad note, received word that ALLAN N. ANDERSON passed away September 8, 2009 in Bloomington, MN. He served aboard the Knox from November 1946 to April 1947 as LT SC. Condolences were sent to his wife and family.

Received a note from JACK COUSINS along with 2010 Dues. Jack apologized for missing the reunion and said he will probably miss a couple of others as he is at Salt Lake City serving a mission for the Mormon Church in the Family and Church History section. Looking forward to his attending and letting us know what he's been doing.

Another noteworthy item with Dues renewal came from JAMES R. WILSON of Redmond, OR who sent along a packet of postage stamps. Thanks JIM

And on the same day we welcomed Dues from PEGGY MOSS, associate member. As you know Associate Members are always welcome at the Reunion.

Plank Owner WILLIAM J. FOLEY sent along his 2010 Dues with something extra to help with, as he called it, "stamp kitty". Much THANKS.

Also in the envelope was an article from Sea Classics magazine. It's a bit long so I will just send part of it.

On 14 and 15 July, while the main body lay 80-mi offshore, carrier planes severed the ferry line. Five of the boats were sunk, one left beached and burning, the three others damaged.

Navy fliers, denied their primary mission of shooting down Japanese, roamed at will over all northern Japan, leisurely picking "targets of opportunity." Factories, bridges, oil tanks, rail yards, warehouses, lighthouses, power houses, barracks, radio stations, ammunition depots, canneries, paper mills, and even coal mines were dive bombed and even rocketed. Eighty-four locomotives were destroyed and half as many damaged, 29 merchant ships and four armed escort vessels sunk. It was the first time American wrath was felt on Hokkaido. The deepest B=29 penetration to date had been to Sendai, the southernmost point of the Halsey-McCain strikes and 190-mi north of Tokyo.

The writhing land of Japan was cut from its northern resources as earlier it had been cut off from the rich land of the Indies.

Not all the coal and ore of Hokkaido was shipped to Honshu. In the town of Muroran on the southern coast near Tsugaru Strait are the Nihon Steel Company and the Wanishi Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company and a synthetic oil refinery. Or rather they were there- before Halsey decided to throw a few 16-inch shells in that direction.

At dawn on the 15th, Muroran awoke to the sound of American salvos. Vice Admiral Badger had brought a heavy bombardment group within sight of the city. Vice Admiral Louis E. Denfeld Commanded the battleships *Wisconsin*, *Iowa* and *Missouri*, with Halsey aboard the last named. The light cruisers *Atlanta* and *Dayton* and the destroyers *Remey*, *Norman Scott*, *Mertz*, *Monseen*, *McGowan*, *McNair*, *Melvin* and *Frank Knox* made up the rest of the force.

William Foley sent:

Dear Orr

I thought you might be interested in this article that I took from a 2005 Sea Classics magazine, as it sort of pertains to the letter from Ed Summers that you posted in the Knox News. The Knox was a busy ship during the month of July 45, operating with the major ships of the fleet and with the British fleet. This article lists one of our assignments.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Xmas and a healthy and happy New Year.
William Foley

TO OBTAIN A COPY OF DD 214:

If you have a computer go to www. national personnel records center, st.louis or write to National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-1547
(314) 538-4243

I sent a request on-line to see how long it would actually take, received on-line message acknowledging receipt and note that normal response is a week to 10 days. Received two copies of DD 214 a week later. So if you plan to take advantage of the discount rate for the 20th anniversary reunion cruise get a copy of your DD 214 to send to the travel agency.

WHY ATHLETES CAN'T HAVE REGULAR JOBS:

1. Chicago Cubs outfielder Andre Dawson on being a role model:
"I wan' all dem kids to do what I do, to look up to me. I wan' all the kids to copulate me."

New Orleans Saint RB George Rogers when asked about the upcoming season:

"I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first."

3. Torrin Polk, University of Houston receiver, on his coach, John Jenkins:
"He treats us like men. He lets us wear earrings...."

4. Senior basketball player at the University of Pittsburgh: "I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes." (Now that is beautiful.)

5. Boxing promoter Dan Duva on Mike Tyson going to prison:
"Why would anyone expect him to come out smarter? He went to prison for three years, not Princeton."

6. Chuck Nevitt, North Carolina State basketball player, explaining to coach Jim Valvano why he appeared nervous at practice:
"My sister is expecting a baby, and I don't know if I'm going to be an uncle or an aunt." (I wonder if his IQ ever hit room temperature in January.)

7. Frank Layden, Utah Jazz president, on a former player:
"I told him, 'Son, what is it with you? Is it ignorance or apathy?'" He said, "Coach, I don't know and I don't care."

8. Shelby Metcalf, basketball coach at Texas A & M, recounting what he told a player who received four F's and one D: "Son, looks to me like you're spending too much time on one subject."

9. In the words of NC State great Charles Shackleford,
"I can go to my left or right, I am amphibious."

We received this email January 14; some of you must remember a ROGER CADDELL:

I am the eldest son of Roger Caddell who served aboard the "Knox on the Rocks" as he calls it in 1969. Sad news to report on the "DOC" is that he developed Parkinson's disease and recently it has been brought to his wife's and my attention that he might be entitled to VA benefits due to this disease and presumed Agent Orange exposure. We met with a VFW caseworker who has filed a claim on his behalf. However, there is a requirement that we show proof that the ship was moored in Vietnam or was a "boot on the ground" during 1969 or traveled inland waterways anytime during 1969 to qualify his claim. If the ship only traveled up and down off the coast of Vietnam it does not qualify him for benefits presently. We have been made aware of HR 2254 which seeks to rectify this inequity in the Agent Orange issue. Any information or assistance you could provide the "Doc" would be appreciated very much by he and his wife. He is quite confused now as to what he did or did not do during that time on the Knox. He has Vietnam service medals even a bronze star. Please help!!! Thank you,

Roger Caddell II
619-565-6267
rlcaddell@hotmail.com

If any of you shipmates can give some help it will be greatly appreciated. I personally do not know the situation as this occurred 15 years after my leaving the Knox.

Old Orv

NEED YOUR HELP

Sent out email to paid up members announcing the 20th reunion and several were returned as "address rejected", can anyone help updated address for the following:

RONALD AUBIN, Stratford, NY
IRVING EISENBERG, Great Neck, NY
ALBERT KAMISHLIAN, Watertown, MA

REGINALD MUMLEY, Herndon, VA
RAY HART, Mineral Wells, WV
JOHN D. ELROD, Gainesville, GA

HARRY CHANDLER *sent an email of Historical Footage: Japanese Surrender Signing Aboard Battleship Missouri Sunday September 2, 1945. To view this newsreel go to <http://enka2.netorage.com9711/harddisk/user/lyk36/mumess/376-macarthurjap.htm>*
Very interesting, especially to those of you who were there.

NEWS OF THE 20TH REUNION OF THE USS FRANK KNOX DDR-742 WENT OUT TO THE PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP AND RESULTS STARTED COMING IN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY!

First to sign up were MICHAEL and MARGARET WATSON, Corvallis, OR. This will be the first reunion attended by the Watson's who stated, "we've been waiting for just such an occasion." WELCOME ABOARD!
For the rest of you, don't be left out, make your reservation NOW. If you have heard from any shipmates who say they have not heard of the reunion plans explain to them that the invitation only goes out to members in good standing, meaning those paid-up members.

VA & R Electronic Bulletin 01-10

Of Importance to Navy Veterans who served in/near Vietnam

January 25, 2010

C&P Brown Water Navy Tracking Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in a January 2010 Compensation and Pension (C&P) Service Bulletin, announced a new initiative to collect data on Vietnam naval operations for the purpose of providing regional offices with information to assist with development in Haas related disability claims based on herbicide

exposure from Navy Veterans. To date, they have compiled verification from various sources showing that a number of offshore "blue water" naval vessels conducted operations on the inland "brown water" rivers and delta areas of Vietnam. VA has also identified certain vessel types that operated primarily or exclusively on the inland waterways. The ships and dates of inland waterway service are listed below. If a veteran's service aboard one of these ships can be confirmed through military records during the time frame specified, then exposure to herbicide agents can be presumed without further development. This is an ongoing project and the list below is by no means complete. Therefore, veterans on vessels that traveled the inland waterways not identified below will need to submit evidence supporting brown water service.

The vessels currently identified via this program include:

All vessels of Inshore Fire Support (IFS) Division 93 during their entire Vietnam tour

- USS Carronade (IFS1)
- USS Clarion River (LSMR 409)
- USS Francis River (LSMR 525)
- USS White River (LSMR 536)

All vessels with the designation LST (Landing Ship, Tank,) during their entire tour [WWII ships converted to transport supplies on rivers and serve for barracks for brown water Mobile Riverine Forces]

All vessels with the designation LCVP (Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel) during their entire tour

All personnel with the designation PCF (Patrol Craft Fast) during their entire tour

VA & R Archived Bulletins can be found at www.legion.org

Origin of:

"Fair Winds and Following Seas"

The origin of the quote "Fair Winds and Following Seas" is unknown. It is often said to have been lifted from a poem, phrase, or literary work. Over the last century at least, the two quotes "Fair Winds" and "Following Seas" have

evolved, by usage, into a single phrase which is often used as a nautical blessing.

"Fair Winds": The Dictionary of American Regional English defines "Fair Wind" as "safe journey; good fortune." An early example of the phrase's use is in Herman Melville's *Moby Dick* published in 1851, where it says near the end "Let me square the yards, while ye may, old man, and make a fair wind of it homeward." In other words, let me square the yards (add on all sail) and make a safe journey home.

"Following Seas": Defined by *Bowditch's American Practical Navigator* as "A sea in which the waves move in the general direction of the heading." It further defines "Tide" as "the periodic rise and fall of the water resulting from gravitational interactions between the sun, moon, and earth . . . the accompanying horizontal movement of the water is part of the same phenomenon." In simple terms: the movement of the water, the waves, and the surface, correspond with the movement of the tide.

"Fair Winds and Following Seas" is really two quotes originating from different sources. The two quotes are a nautical phrase of good luck—a blessing as it were—as the person, group, or thing it is said to departs on a voyage in life. It is often used at a "beginning" ceremony such as a commissioning ceremony of a ship or people, as well as in retirement, change of command, or farewell ceremonies.

Our thanks to Don Snider for this information.

FOLLOWING FROM CHUCK SMITH

VIETNAM VIRTUAL WALL:

The link below is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Viet Nam war with the names, bio's and other information.

Pass it on to other veterans who you think would like this. Click on the state....then when

it opens...a name....then it should show you a picture of the person or at least his bio and medals....

<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>

***REMEMBER and reminder;
Send in your reservations to attend
the 20th reunion of the U.S.S.
Frank Knox DD/DDR 742 NOW!
Don't be left out, it promises to be
a fantastic journey.***

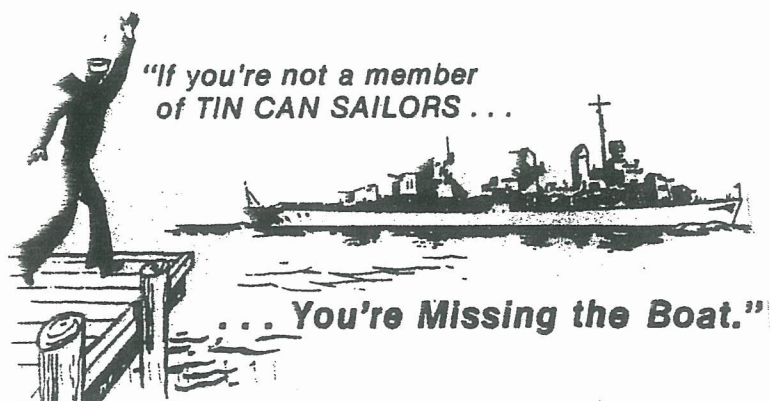
MORE HELP NEEDED! !!

Recently sent email reminding about 20th reunion, the following were returned as "not deliverable". If you know email address please forward:

LARRYAANDERUD, Ridgecrest, CA
KEN ARTHURS, AIEA, HI
RON AUBIN, Stratford, NY
JAY BARABASH, Valrico, FL
SAM BARTLETT, Baytown, TX
JAMES BROWN, Ball Ground GA
STANLEY BUCK, Waldport, OR
JIM BURTON, Eugene, OR
ANDREW CAREY, South Bend, WA
NORMAN CARLSON, Surprise, AZ
MELVIN CLARK, Pensacola, FL
MIKE CROUCH, Greensboro, NC
JOE DEMPSKY, Antelope, CA
ROGER DEPPEN, Wathena, KS
RAYMOND DIEMERT Buffalo, ND
EVART DORSTEN, Celina, OH
PAUL FIELDS, Lakewood, CO
ALBERT GRITZ, Palmdale, CA
ROBERT GUZMAN, Winlock, WA
WILLIAM HAMMETT, San Diego CA
DARREL HAWK, Wellsville, KS
TRACY HORRIE, JR, Gardiner, IL
ROBERT HUBBARD, Albuquerque, NM
HENRY HUBER, Lansing, MI
FRED B. JENKINS, Portland, OR
ROBERT KAUSEN, Nampa, ID

JOHN KRIEGER, Colorado Springs, CO
TED LAURILA, Centralia, WA
BOBBIE GENE LAWSON, MorenoValley CA
HIRAM LIGGETT JR Chesterfield, MO
RICHARD LIGHTEL, Yuma, AZ
BERNARD McELWAIN, Allentown, PA
ROBERT McMAHON Renton, WA
DON McVAY, Lower Burrell, PA
SALVADORE MESA, San Jose, CA
DAVID MOORE, San Diego, CA
JAMES MOORE, Fallon, NV
PEGGY MOSS, Franklin, TN
REGINALD MUMLEY Herndon, VA
ANTON LES NELSON, Kingman, AZ
ED POAGE, Pahrump, NV
ROY LEE POWELL, Alvin, TX
EDWARD REID, Bradenton, FL
RICHARD SANFORD Buellton, CA
JAMES SCOTT, Prattsville, AL
MANUEL SEGURA, Vacaville, CA
HENRY SIMS, Ocala, FL
CHARLES SWARTZ, Lisbon, NY
MYRON TIMMONS, Conifer, CO
FRANK TREADWAY, Gahanna, OH
VINCE VITCAVAGE, Garfield, OH
DAVID WADDELL, Van Buren, AR
GEORGE WARBURTON, Clyde, KS
BUD WEEKS, Portsmouth, RI
JAMES WILLIER, Edina, MO
THOMAS WOLFE, Freemont, OH
DONALD YEGGE, Loyalton, CA

*This was a lot of wasted time sending email to
defunct addresses. PLEASE check your listing on
the Master Roster as correct. It was only my time
and not postage via USPS!
Thanks, ORV*



TAPS

The following shipmates have reported to a new duty station, some recently reported to us:

	KING, Richard A.	STG2	(08/??/07)	10/61 – 11/63	Waterford, MI
PO	MYHRE, Maurice R.	MM2	(02/06/08)	11/44 – 10/45	Spring Lake Park, MN
PO	KIESLING, Raymond C.	EM2	(10/05/06)	11/44 - 11/45	Brookhaven, PA
	VAUGHT, James W.	ENFM	(07/12/08)	02/48 - 11/49	Saint George, UT
PO	SMITH, Billy Jack	TM3	(12/30/08)	11/44 – 06/46	Crown Point, IN
	THOMPSON, Bruce Y.	DC2	(01/27/09)	12/65 – 05/67	Livingston, TX
	CALDWELL, SAM J.	CDR CO	(01/29/09)	06/50 – 04/52	Palm Desert, CA
	WILLIAMS, Meredith, Jr	MM3	(unknown)	08/46 – 11/47	Claremore, OK
	HANSARD, George	SN	(07/02/05)	03/51 – 11/51	Sherman, TX
	HEMPSTEAD, Robert L.	GMCS	(01/31/09)	08/56 – 05/58	Winchester, VA
Non-member	MESSERE, Edw.	CDR CO	(02/17/05)	/66 – 01/68	
Non-member	McDONALD, Bruce	LTjg	(unknown)	/66 - /69	
	TRAVIS, William C.	LTjg	(unknown)	06/46 – 10/47	Dallas, TX
	MARTIN, E. Meril	FN	(05/20/09)	11/51 – 09/52	Port Townsend, WA
	ANDERSON, ALLAN N.	LT	(09/08/09)	11/46 – 04/47	Bloomington, MN
	HAMMERSTROM, Jr. Phil	TME3	(01/27/09)	01/46 – 05/46	Dover, OH
PO	RIVIAS, Joseph C.	TM3	(05/13/08)	11/44 – 05/46	Columbus, GA

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM

May their Souls Rest in Peace and be escorted to the SUPREME ADMIRAL of the UNIVERSE.

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*Fair Winds
&
Following Seas*

"May the Lord fill our sails with fair wind,
Support our hulls in inviting seas,
Guide our hands upon the tiller toward
pleasant places,
And bring us home, O Lord, to a safe and
loving harbor."

