

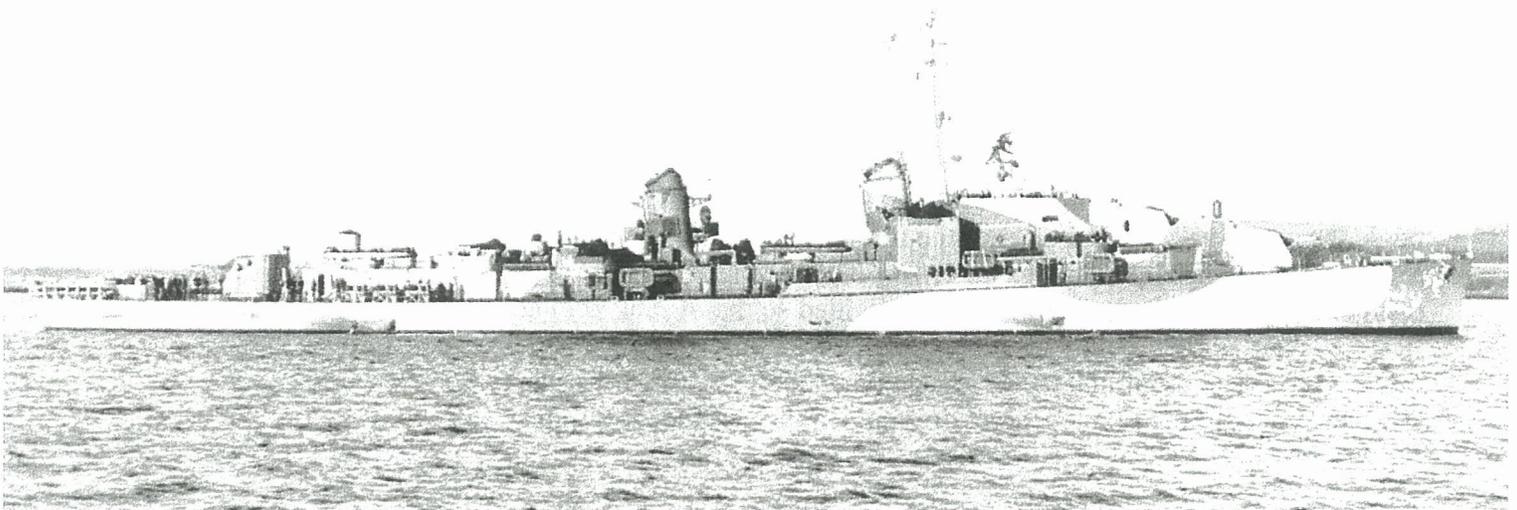


July/August 2009

KNOX KNEWS

IMPORTANT !!! PLEASE check the Master Roster and update your email address! I recently sent out email and TOO many were returned due to wrong address! PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE check your listing in the Roster and give me any changes that need updating. THANKS.

Recently received E-mail from Mr. Lance Larson asking about his uncle Gunners Mate Bernard Glidwell who served on the Knox DD-742 during the Korean War. We sent out inquiries to the members who indicated they were aboard at that time and if any of you have any knowledge of Bernard Glidwell please contact Mr. Larson at l.larson@hotmail.com



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Frank Knox, DD 742, off Rockland, Maine for standardization trials, 2 December 1944.*

Stephen Cross, LT 4/67 – 12/68 sent email informing of two non-members Edward Messere, Capt (CO 66 – 1/68) and Bruce McDonald, LTjg 66 – 69 passed away. He was also trying to locate two officers from the last two cruises in 1967 and 1968. HOMAN HALLECK, LTjg and their gunnery officer, DAVID JOHNSON (or JOHNSTON). Halleck and his family are watermen on the east coast, likely Maryland, Virginia or the Carolinas. Any help would be appreciated.

Cross also said you are well aware of the grounding and subsequent repair of the ship in Japan. You also probably know that the 67 – 68 deployment won a number of awards including the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy.

Mr. Cross and his wife unfortunately cannot attend the reunion this year as they were unlucky enough to win a trip to Fiji scheduled for October . . . too bad. We're looking forward to their joining us for the twentieth reunion.

E-mail from ROGER CARTER FT2, 11/49 – 11/52 sent a newspaper column of 75 years ago describing life on a battleship in 1934.

The following letter, written by a hometown boy, Benham Carter, now Aide to the Admiral on the U.S.S. Tennessee.

U.S.S. Tennessee
17 May

Enroute Gonaives to Guantanamo
Dearest Lad,

For 38 days now, since leaving Pedro, we have been almost completely out of touch with news of home. We get our daily radio press but it is distinguished by its brevity. We had two weeks in Panama which were thoroughly boresome. I remember when I came through the canal on the Tennessee in 1921. I was thrilled by the "for-eign-ness" and romantic aspect of everything. I'm sure Panama hasn't changed, but I'm afraid I'm getting old and slightly blasé. It is a dump! – dirty, slovenly, cheap, tawdry and frumpy. Prices are high, the citizens are dirty, the women are brazen, and the weather is torrid. And besides I hate being away from my family.

Well anyway we finally left on 5 May and immediately jumped from the frying pan into the fire, metaphorically and literally. We went to Gonaives, Haiti. Was hotter if anything. The natives are the blackest people imaginable, and the street (singular) is decorated on each side by an open sewer.

I went ashore once there. That was enough for a lifetime. The Captain of the Tennessee died while we were there and it was his wish to be buried at sea. His coffin was placed on the quarterdeck. All the Admirals of the fleet came aboard and we steamed out to deep water. The crew were all marched aft to the Funeral March. Everyone of course uncovered while the Chaplain read the service. Then our band played "Abide With Me," our saluting battery fired a captain's salute of 7 guns, then three volleys from a firing squad, and as taps was sounded on the bugle the coffin was hoisted clear of the lifelines, swung out over the side, lowered away nearly to the water and finally tilted at a sharp angle by means of a pre-arranged rig, and the coffin slid off into the water. It had of course been weighted so that it sank at once. All of the ships of the fleet half-masted their colors as the Tennessee went out, and remained half-mast until sunset. All officers wore arm mourning bands and crepe on their swords. It was an extremely impressive ceremony, and, in my opinion, a very proper way for a sailor to slip his cable.

I was very much impressed by the smoothness with which the ever-pressing activities afloat seemed to be carried on. We only pause for a moment to honor one of our number, and then the demands of life require us to pick up our duties and proceed as if nothing had happened. Death seems quite important to the individual, but to the human race it is of less significance than the ripples caused by the Captain's coffin. Makes one feel thoroughly insignificant, and a little bit foolish about spending a lifetime worrying over something which is of little importance.

We are now on our way to Guantanamo, an old Navy tradition. I know an officer on duty at the Naval station there, whom I intend to visit. Then I shall go to Camenira once, and finally one day in the city of Guantanamo, the metropolis of southeastern Cuba, and that will fix me up as far as Cuba is concerned.

We arrive off Ambrose Light on 31 May where Pres. Roosevelt will review the fleet prior to our entry into New York. We remain in New York June 1 to 19 then to Newport, R.I.

Your Brother

Ed note

I never made it to Guantanamo, all my time was on West coast or Naval Gun Station.

Thanks, Roger.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LCDR. William G. Fell USN (RET). On his #1 son being appointed Assistant Superintendent for Regimental/Student Affairs/Commandant of Midshipmen at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

The following is a letter from Rear Admiral Allen B. Worley, U.S. Maritime Service

FOR ALL:

It is my pleasure to announce that William George Fell, Jr., LtCol, USMC(RET)(USNA) '78) has been selected by the Superintendent, on the recommendation of the selection committee as the Assistant Superintendent for Regimental/Student Affairs/Commandant of Midshipmen at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Bill arrived at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in June 2004 and assumed duties as Assistant Director of Athletics for Physical Fitness and Club Sports, with additional duties as Assistant Football Coach and Boxing coach. He was assigned as The Deputy Commandant in November 2007 and has been Acting Commandant since July 2008. After retirement from the Marine Corps in 1998 Bill worked as science, physical and health teacher at Grove City High School in Columbus, Ohio. A native of Rootstown, Ohio LtCol Fell Received the Cornwall Leadership Award, Legion of Merit Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals and a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal along with various unit and campaign awards while on duty. LtCol Fell was a three-year member (1974-76) of the Naval Academy football team and was selected twice (1984-'85) to the USA Military Select Rugby Team. He also was the captain of the 1985 U.S. Marine Corps Rugby Team – the last Marine Corps squad to win the U.S. Military Rugby Championship. Bill graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a BS in Management and Engineering, and earned a MS in Educational Leadership from the Troy State University in 1993. He also acquired a certificate in Sports management from the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics' (NACDA) Sports Management Institute. LtCol Fell has been married to his wife, Deborah, for 25 years. They have three children: Kimberly, Director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Athens, Ohio, Billy a junior at Ohio State University and Jeffery a sophomore at Yale University. He has competed with an outstanding field of applicants and selected as the most qualified. Bill has demonstrated a true compassion for our Regiment of Midshipmen and has set an excellent

example of professionalism and ethical leadership here at USMMA. With his selection to the position of Commandant of Midshipmen, Bill will be appointed to the rank of Captain in the U.S. Maritime Service and relocating to the Commandant's Quarters (C) on campus. Please join me in welcoming and congratulating Captain William (Bill) Fell USMS and his wife Debbie.

Allen B. Worley, Rear Admiral, U.S. Maritime Service
Superintendent, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

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Orv (sometimes Buzz)*

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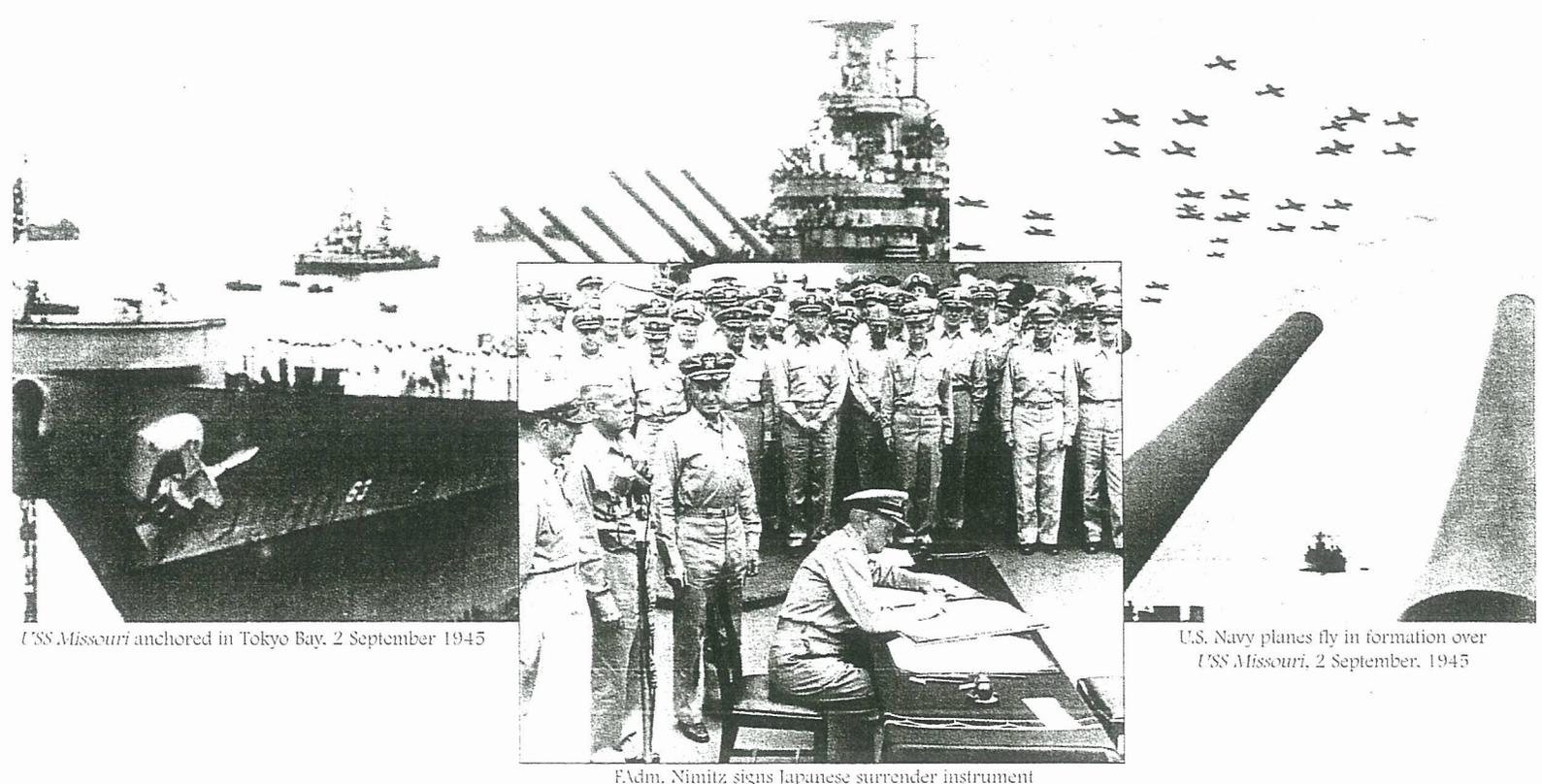
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We were one of the Cans in Tokyo Bay for the signing of surrender but I don't think the one in this picture is the Knox.



USS Missouri anchored in Tokyo Bay, 2 September 1945

U.S. Navy planes fly in formation over USS Missouri, 2 September, 1945

Adm. Nimitz signs Japanese surrender instrument

Lionel F. Price, LT 3/64 – 12/65 (CDR Ret)
Wrote that he had moved and has taken on a new profession – will be teaching at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – World Wide, at the Tyndall AFB campus. Plans to buy “Murder On Pratas Reef” to support his shipmate author. (Note: My son, at the time, a Capt. In the U.S. Marine Corps, fresh back from Iraq, my youngest daughter, my daughter-in-law and two grandchildren, put together a ceremony in Okinawa, Japan, on July 18, 2005, to mark the 40th anniversary of the grounding of the U.S.S. Frank Knox (DDR-742). The Navy Times contacted me before hand and did a story on it a month or two before the above. (Not sure of the exact issue, but it was written by Robert Dorr, if anyone is interested.) By the way, I put the story on a CD, 3 ½ hrs. worth, which needs a lot of editing and revamping to bring it up to snuff.

I hope this communications finds you and your wife and family in good health. I bid farewell to our lost shipmates. God bless

Lionel F. Price

TIN CAN SAILORS . . .

E-mail from HARRY CHANDLER:
New Law Authorizes Veterans’ Salutes during National Anthem

Veterans and active-duty military not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the nation anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect this month. “The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation’s armed forces,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. **“This provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation’s flag.”**

For more on this go to :

<http://www.treppenwitz.com/2009/01/a-fitting-tribute.html>

Thanks, Harry.

Plank Owner JACK PATTERSON sent a note and a page from the VFW Magazine, February 1987 under the heading REUNIONS NAVY stating:
USS Frank Knox (DD-742) (WWII)-May, Delran, NJ- John Bellis, 41 Haines Mill Rd. Delran NJ, 08075

Further down the column was:
Tin Can Sailors of Mid-west States- March, Oak Lawn, IL-John Opitz, 9345 Menard, Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Jack said this ad appeared four years before our first reunion.
Thanks Jack, the page will be added to our Memory album.

REUNION NEWPORT NEWS:

Reservations have been arriving. The first two came from VAUGHAN and CAROL KRUGER and DON and LOLITA SNIDER. There will be a surprise for them at Newport News!
DON’T BE LEFT OUT . . . GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN THE MAIL RIGHT AWAY! We have booked a great hotel and the tours promise to be a highlight.
Don’t forget to mention USS FRANK KNOX when making your room reservation to get our special discounted room rate. DO IT TODAY!

PLEASE check your e-mail and U.S.P.S. address and up date it. Many times we get returned messages and mail as undeliverable, we try to keep the Roster up dated but we need your help and input. Check the Roster, be sure all information about you is correct.

It was noted in the last Newsletter the passing of BRUCE THOMPSON. His wife Linda informed us of the memorial service to be held on June 18 with sea burial on June 19 at Myrtle Beach, SC.

Bruce served aboard 12/65 – 5/67, DC2. Bruce and Linda attended many reunions, the latest at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

WISDOM FROM THE MILITARY MANUAL

“If the enemy is in range, so are you”
-Infantry Journal-

“It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed.”
U.S. Air Force Manual

“Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons” General MacArthur

“You, you, and you ... Panic. The rest of you, come with me.”
U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt.

“Tracers work both ways.”
-U. S. Army Ordnance-

“Five second fuses only last three seconds.”
-Infantry Journal-

“Any ship can be a minesweeper...Once.”

“Never tell a Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do.”
-Unknown Marine Recruit-

“If you see a bomb technician running, keep up with him.”
USAF Ammo Troop

“Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death, I Shall Fear No Evil. For I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing.”

“You’ve never been lost until you’ve been lost at Mach 3.”
-Paul F. Crickmore (test pilot)

“The only time you have too much fuel is when you’re on fire.”

...to be continued...

As of August 15 the following have signed up for the Reunion:

KEN & YOKO ARTHURS
BILL ATKINSON
HARRY & JOY CHANDLER
JOE DEMPSKY & LEE LOCKE
RICHARD GREENE & SHARON
TED HALLMAN & MITSUKO
JIM HEALY & SUE
AL KAMISHLIAN
BILL KELLY & ELAINE
ORV KRIEG & NANCY
VAUGHAN KRUGER & CAROL
DON LANDERS & BETSY
PETE LOPEZ & JUANA
SUZANNE McCLANAHAN & BRION
SELLINGER
DON McCLANAHAN
REG MUMLEY
JON OSBORNE & VERLIE
JACK PATTERSON & MARY
WM. RHODES & BETTY NORTON
HAROLD RINGSTROM & MARGARET
KEN ROBERTS & SUZANNE
GARY RUSCH & JOAN BELKE
OTTO SCHIESS
DON SNIDER & LOLITA
JIM STARK & KARON
PAUL STOUT & BILLIE ANN BRADEN
BOB SUMMERS & DONNA SCUITTO
RAY THOMPSON
JOE VIROTSKO & DOUGLAS
AMOS WHITMAN & ELIZABETH &
YVONNE GAINES
BOB WOODARD & CORAL

HAS ANYONE HEARD FROM
THE FOLLOWING . . .

CHARLES R. SPENCER SAN DIEGO, CA
PERRY W. NELSON SHORT HILLS, NJ
JOHN WILLCUTT SANTA MARIA, CA
WILLIAM C. TRAVIS DALLAS, TX
JOHN A. GRECIO BUFFALO, NY

Recent mailing returned as not forwardable

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
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

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.”