



Knox Knews

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REMINDER!!!!

If you haven't sent your reservation form as yet PLEASE do so now!!!! We have made commitments to the hotel and tour company. Let's make this one of the best reunions with a big turnout.

Received the following from WILTON L. ATKINSON, Captain, U.S.N. (retired):

April 10, 2008

Dear Shipmates,

A few years ago I met the U.S.S. Frank Knox personnel across the hall from the room where my wife and I were attending a reunion of the U.S.S. Fred T. Berry. Just seeing many friends of yesteryear brought back great memories of some mighty fine seagoing personnel, men I admired and respected. We hoped the reunion dates of the two ships would not be during the same period. Unfortunately, every reunion for the two ships has been near the same time.

As I have, almost without exception, been the senior officer in attendance to the U.S.S. Fred T. Berry, it was clear which reunion I should attend. Hopefully, reunion days will not always be that way and we will be able to renew treasured friendships on the U.S.S. Fran Knox. We appreciate the patience displayed by your group and thank you for being one of the finer crews in the destroyer fleet. Please extend our sincere best wishes to all.

Respectfully,
Wilton L. Atkinson, Captain,

Received an email from BILL ATKINSON:

Hello Shipmates... HR 4986 was signed into law by President Bush on January 28, 2008. This bill allows service members and veterans who are present but not in uniform during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the flag to render the military salute.

Reservations for the upcoming reunion have begun coming in. First in the mail was VAUGHAN KRUGER!! Congratulations.

Then received a short note from PHIL & NANCY RICHARD:

Dear Orville, Sorry, but we will be unable to make the next reunion. (2008). I just had hip surgery and you know how long that takes to heal. Can't walk all those trips back and forth. Also airfare is getting a little too much for us to handle.

Best Regards to all shipmates.

Phil & Nancy

Then came a letter from CDR JAMES BOYD, USN (RET):

ORV – unable to attend. Will be in Canada, northeast of Maine, at that time. Looks like a good event. Thanks for your effort.

Jim Boyd

IF YOU HAVEN'T SENT YOUR RESERVATION AS YET DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DON'T MISS OUT !! IT'S SHAPING UP TO BE ANOTHER GREAT REUNION.

If you're hesitant about the tours BILL ATKINSON reminded us that we sent out the original info sheet on happenings in the Milwaukee area. You can pick and choose from many attractions. Miller Park, a new state of the art baseball stadium is about 8 miles from the hotel. Tickets are reasonable and as I'm writing this the Milwaukee Brewers are in third place in the standings behind Chicago and St. Louis! You'll have the chance to see major league baseball. Also the Miller Brewery is close by and they have a great tour, museum, free beer, etc., BILL also suggests attractions in the Chicago area, the Field Museum, the Aquarium plus Navy Pier.

Along with Bill's thoughts we sent out the Knox Knews last November with a list of places in and around Milwaukee for the membership to choose including Potawatomi Casino, Harley Davidson Tour, Pier Wisconsin, Basilica of St. Josaphat with Great Lakes Training Center and the Manitowoc Tour receiving the most votes, so you can see there are many diverse and interesting things to do in Milwaukee. We have contacted the Convention & Visitors Bureau and they tell me they will provide brochures for us to give to the attendees.

JIM BOYD sent along *Idle Thoughts of a Retiree's Wandering Mind:*

I had amnesia once – or twice.
