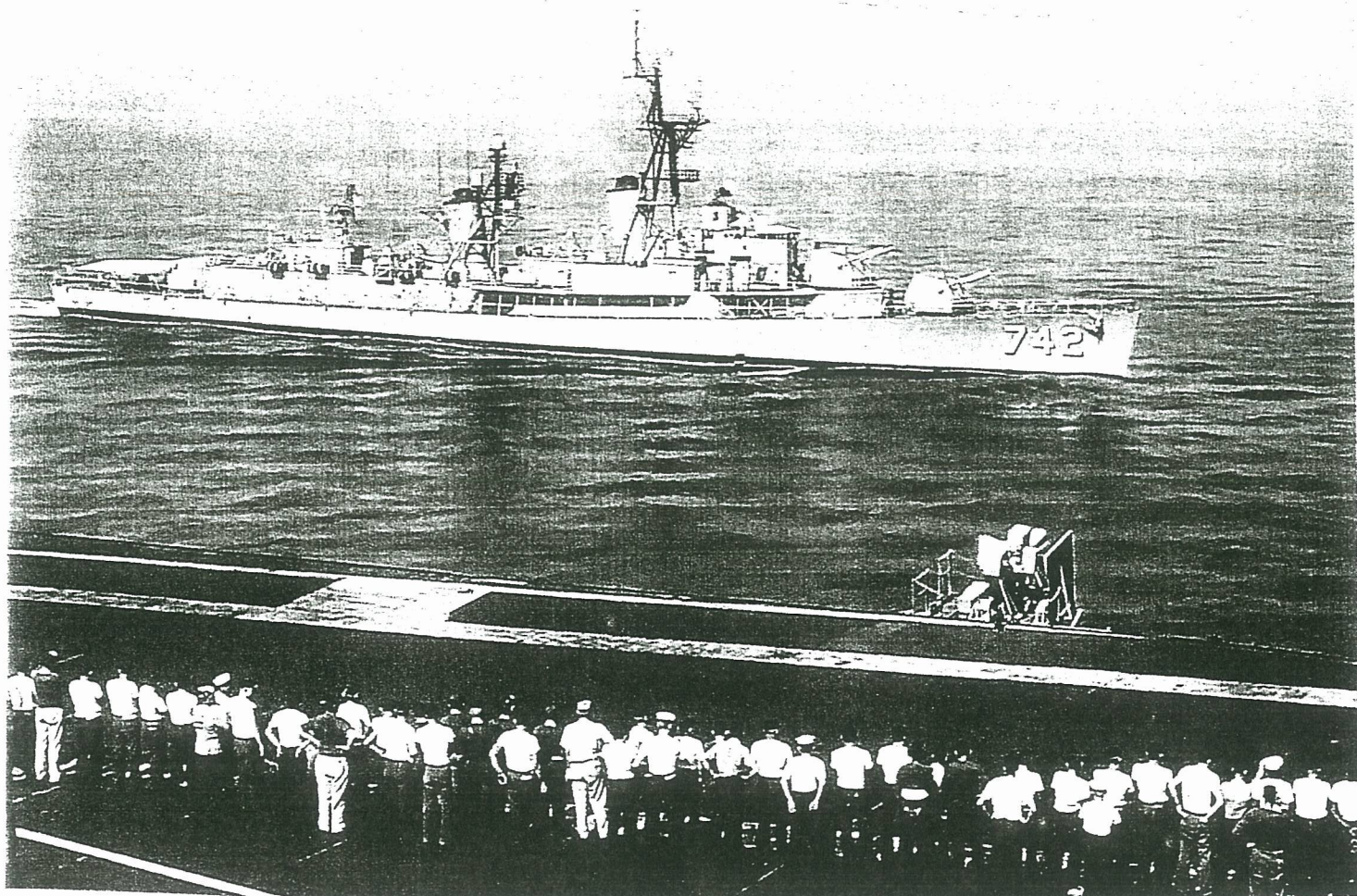


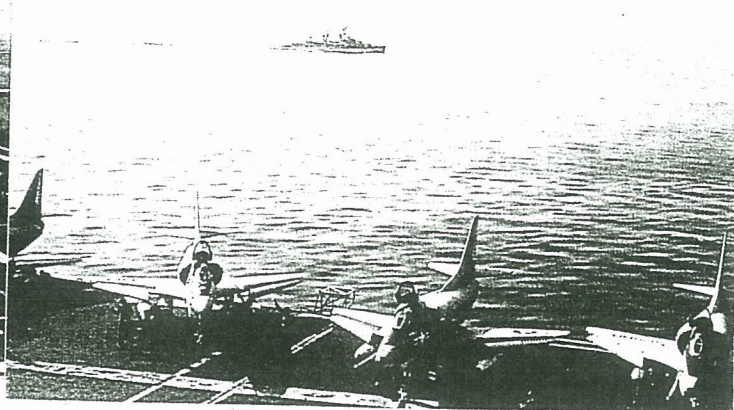
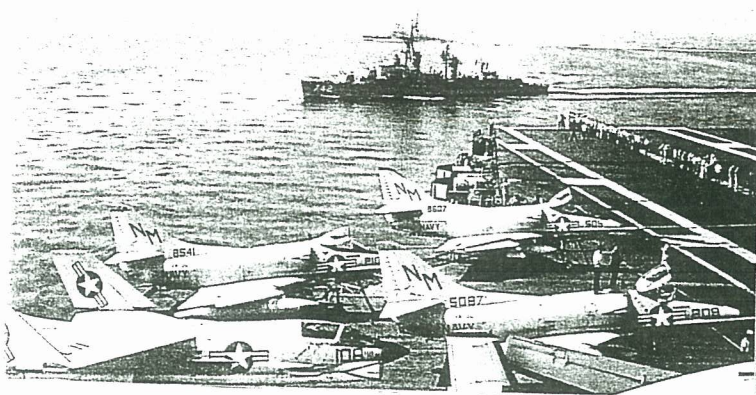
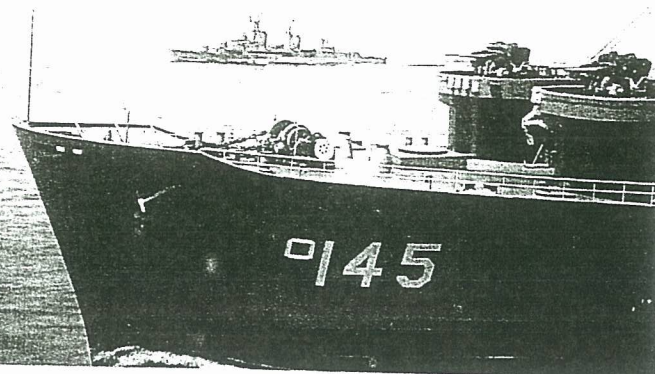
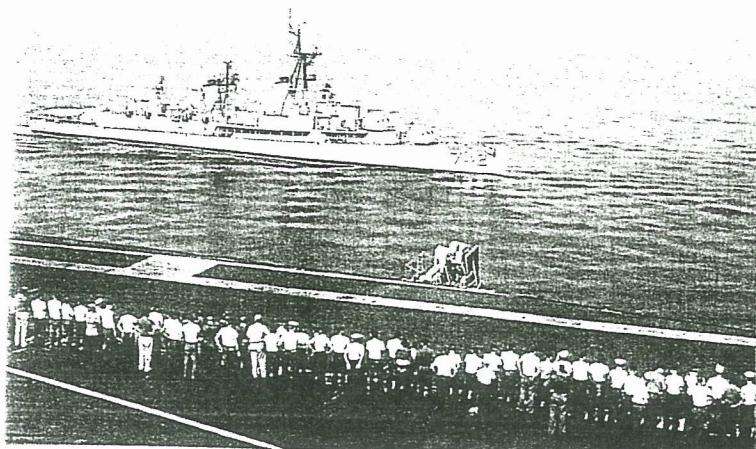
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# KNOX KNEWS



As you probably noticed in the last Newsletter there was a picture submitted by JOE DEMPSKY that was missing, somehow the printer omitted this picture from the letter.



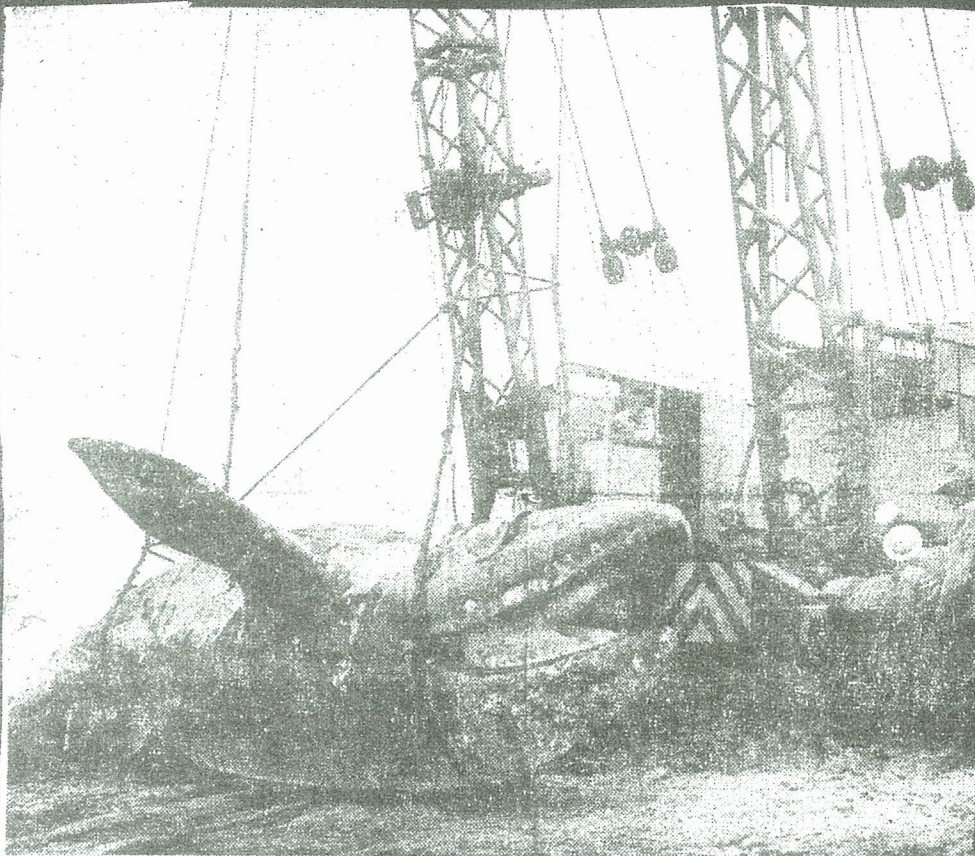


Joe sent addition pictures of that time taken from the Bon Homme Richard

Received a short note from GEORGE GLAZE ('50 - '53) asking if any of the crew remembered when the Knox ran over a whale while operating out of San Diego putting us in the shipyards in San Francisco for three months? George lives at 316 W. Padon Ave., Blackwell, OK 74631-2837

I sent a number of inquiries to members who were aboard during that time and received several replies confirming the incident and even a newspaper clipping about Winifred the Whale. Most of the replies said we did not have to go to San Francisco but did have inspection for damage at San Diego. As memory serves me I think we went to Mare Island (San Francisco area) for overhaul some time later.





**WINIFRED THE WHALE REPOSES ON MISSION BAY BEACH BEFORE LEAVING**

She learned the hard way about destroyers. She will be mummified for a museum.

## WHALE SCENT UP NORTH

# Aquarium Carries Poor Winifred Off

By ARTHUR RIBBEL

The 25-ton carcass of Winifred, the whale, gently lifted from Mission Bay by cranes, was en route to Hermosa Beach aquarium today.

There she will be preserved as a mummy. Her cortege consisted of a huge flat bed truck for her hearse, and cars containing aquarium officials.

With Winifred gone, city officials breathed easier. It was feared that after a few days in the water here, the carcass would begin to offend the olfactory sensitiveness of Mission Bay area residents.

### San Diegans Regret

There was considerable regret that arrangements couldn't be made to strip the body of its blubber and viscera and place the skeleton on exhibit at the San Diego Museum of Natural History.

Joe Sefton, president of the

Society of Natural History, had planned the exhibit if the Hermosa Beach moving was abandoned.

Belly up, the 30-foot-long carcass was removed from the water by two 20-ton cranes on trucks.

Boards were placed between the crane cables and the blubber to prevent cutting.

### To Be Mummified

The carcass is now the property of Marine Enterprises Inc., of Hermosa Beach, a private concern which operates the Hermosa Beach Aquarium. The mummification will be done through a secret process, according to Arthur D. McBride, president of the corporation. He has mummified two other whales.

Winifred's job, including moving and embalming, will cost

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## SCENT SENT AWAY

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\$4000, he estimated. Embalming will require two months.

Winifred's body will have to have a plastic tail, because she lost the member—and her life—in a collision Saturday with the destroyer Knox outside the San Diego Harbor entrance.

She drifted through the Mission Bay boat channel (in violation of a city ordinance closing the channel) and floated up near Dana Point. Lifeguards George Stanley and John Largent moved the carcass to Quivera Basin.

Winifred had four tons of red meat beneath her eight-inch layer of blubber, a 600-pound heart and an 800-pound liver. For a young woman she had a large tongue, 300 pounds. She probably would have produced 1000 gallons of oil. She was about 2 years old.

McBride said Winifred will be the only mummified whale on exhibit in the United States.

Winifred was a California grayback. Her ancestors made quite a splash in this city's history 100 years ago. Whale cows used San Diego Bay as their "maternity ward." They were often so thick in the channel a boat could not negotiate it. Near Ballast Point, whaling companies rendered the valuable great pots over fires.



**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 address and up date it. Many times we get returned messages 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 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."**

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**USAF Ammo Troop**

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**"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...**

## *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."

# 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-members

|                 |        |            |             |
|-----------------|--------|------------|-------------|
| MESSERE, Edw.   | CDR CO | (02/17/05) | /66 – 01/68 |
| McDONALD, Bruce | LTjg   | (unknown)  | /66 - /69   |

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
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U.S.S. FRANK KNOX DDR 742  
RESERVATION FORM NEWPORT NEWS, VA  
Oct. 14 - 17, 2009

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife/Companion \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Days you will be in Newport News \_\_\_\_\_

BANQUET RESERVATIONS: Sat. Oct. 17 \_\_\_\_\_ Persons @ \$25 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Dinner Choice: \_\_Prime Rib. \_\_Breast of Chicken. \_\_Baked Filet North  
Atlantic Salmon.  
Entrees include Fresh Garden Salad with two dressings, Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream,  
Chef's Choice Vegetables, Fresh Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Decafe, Tea, Milk and  
Cheesecake w/ Fruit Topping. (Virginia State Tax and Gratuity Included)

TOUR NO. 1 Thursday Oct. 15, 9 AM – 4 PM. **COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG  
OVERVIEW** Including **YORKTOWN. Lunch included.** Full details to follow in  
Newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_ Persons @ \$66 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOUR NO. 2 Friday Sept. 16 9 AM - 4 PM **NORFOLK RIDING TOUR** including  
**NAUTICUS, THE NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER, BATTLESHIP  
WISCONSIN and NAVAL STATION NORFOLK TOUR. Lunch included.**  
Full details attached in Newsletter.

\_\_\_\_\_ Persons @ \$49 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME BADGE . . . . . \$10 Each \_\_\_\_\_  
(Magnetic Back) crew w/name rank/rate time aboard. Spouse/companion  
will have Name and Hometown

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: ORV KRIEG.  
Mark "memo line" USS FRANK KNOX BANQUET, Mail to:

ORV KRIEG  
USS FRANK KNOX DDR-742 REUNION ASSOCIATION  
585 SKY HARBOR DR. #125  
CLEARWATER, FL 33759



## TOURS

Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009: 9:00am – 4pm

**COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG OVERVIEW** Depart via motor coach with our tour guide for the charming town of Williamsburg. Guide will provide interesting and informative narration during the ride about the historic Virginia Peninsula and the Hampton Roads area.

Once we arrive in Williamsburg we will step back into the 18<sup>th</sup> century while strolling the streets of Colonial Williamsburg. The historical interpreter will guide us through the past and the events that helped shape America's history as you enjoy a one and one half hour leisurely walking tour through the restored area of this lovely colonial capital city (Actual distance is approximately 4-5 blocks).

Following the overview tour, enjoy free time to shop and browse the many unique specialty shops in Merchants Square. Next board the bus and admire the view as you ride along the scenic Colonial Parkway to the quaint village of Yorktown.

### LUNCH AT RIVERWALK RESTAURANT

Enjoy lunch at this charming restaurant located in Riverwalk Landing, a shopping and dining destination just a short walk from Yorktown's historic Main Street and the battlefields.

The Yorktown Visitor Center is the orientation point for exploring the colonial Chesapeake Bay port of Yorktown and Yorktown Battlefield. The battlefield is the site of the final, major battle of the American Revolutionary War and symbolic end of Colonial English America.

**Package Price: \$66.00 per person, inclusive. Lunch included.** Gratuity for driver and guide included.

Friday, October 16, 2009: 9:00am – 4:00pm

**NORFOLK RIDING TOUR** Board the coach with our guide for a short drive to Norfolk. Learn about Norfolk's colorful 325-year history as you ride through the lovely historic district and restored areas. View stately homes along the Hague, old St. Paul's Church, the Moses Myers House, the MacArthur Memorial, the Chrysler Museum of Art, the historic Freemason District, Nauticus, the Battleship Wisconsin and the restored waterfront area. **NAUTICUS, THE NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER** is a unique and thriving campus of visitor attractions. Also housed here is the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, one of ten museums officially operated by the U.S. Navy.

**BATTLESHIP WISCONSIN** one of the famous Iowa-class ships. A true highlight of the visit to Nauticus. This great ship saw action in WWII, the Korean War and most recently in the Persian Gulf War.

**NAVAL STATION NORFOLK TOUR** – The largest naval installation in the world. Home port to 78 ships, ranging in size from aircraft carriers to submarines, 26 aircraft squadrons and headquarters of the Atlantic Fleet. Over 800 acres of land and more than 100,000 military personnel. The tour takes us past the 14 piers and through the Naval Air Station. We also drive by the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown Exposition on "Admiral's Row" which now house the flag officers. Lunch will be included at one of the clubs on base.

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