

# Knox Knews

2007

The seventeenth reunion is now history . . . and what a good history it was! There were 74 members and guests including:

GREG and DIANE ARATA, KEN and YOKO ARTHURS, WILLIAM ATKINSON, JAMES and LEATHA CAMPBELL, GENE and JENNIFER CHAMBERS, HARRY, JOY and JENNIFER CHANDLER, WILLIAM CLOUGHLEY, TRACY CULLEN, ED EWOLDT, TED and MITSUKO HALLMAN, MICHAEL HALOSKI, JIM and SUSAN HEALY, WILLIAM HEMBURY, CLIFFORD JENSEN, ROSS and SYLVIA KENNEDY, CHARLES and JOYCE KING, WILLIAM and SHEILA KING, ORVILLE and NANCY KRIEG, VAUGHAN KRUGER, DON and BETSY LANDERS, MORGAN and CHRISTIE LLOYD, PETE LOPEZ, BILL and BARBARA MATTHEWS, SUZANNE McCLANAHAN and BRION SELLINGER, LARRY and BETTY PORTER, DONALD REDBURN, WILLIAM RHODES and BETTY NORTON, HAROLD RINGSTROM, GARY RUSCH, JOSHUA and CHRIS RUSSELL, OTTO SCHEISS, GERALD and EILEEN SCOTT, JOHN SCHMIDT, ALBERT SMITH and HELEN SMITH-TARCHALSKI, BILLY JACK SMITH, DON and LOLITA SNIDER and DON, JR., JIM and KARON STARK, ROBERT SUMMERS and DONNA SCUITTO, BRUCE THOMPSON and LINDA TOLBERT, MYRON TIMMONS and BECKY WEINER, DAVID TOLL and ROBIN COBBEY, ROBERT and CORAL WOODARD and JOSEPH and ANNE-MARIE ZOCCALI.

Our accommodations at the Holiday Inn met all expectations, the staff went out of their way to be sure we were taken care of well. The Tour of the USS MIDWAY had to be a highlight and the two hour tour of the harbor with Hornblower Cruises was icing on the cake! The USS RONALD REAGAN CVN 76 and the USS NIMITZ CVN 68 were in port plus we saw many other ships of the fleet during the harbor cruise. We made a small detour when we came upon Navy Seals doing a training exercise.  
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On page two will be descriptions of some of the attractions in and around Milwaukee so send us your input on what you would like to do for the 18th Reunion. MAIL NOW!!!

\_\_\_\_ Miller Brewery Tour    \_\_\_\_ Basilica of St. Josaphat    \_\_\_\_ Harley-Davidson Tour  
\_\_\_\_ Pier Wisconsin    \_\_\_\_ Manitowoc Maritime Museum    \_\_\_\_ Lake Country Tour  
\_\_\_\_ Eagle/East Troy Tour    \_\_\_\_ Ozaukee/Washington County Tour    \_\_\_\_ Potawatomi Casino  
\_\_\_\_ Baraboo/Spring Green/Madison Tour    \_\_\_\_ Great Lakes Naval Training Center

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tear off and mail to:

ORV KRIEG  
USS Frank Knox DDR-742 Reunion Association  
585 Sky Harbor Drive # 125  
Clearwater, FL 33759



On our return to the hotel we naturally gravitated to the Hospitality Room. JENNIFER CHAMBERS has made an Afghan that she presented to the Association with the thought of selling chances to bolster the Activities Funds. The winning ticket is to be drawn at the Banquet.

Also meeting at the Hotel was a group from the California Police Officer Association who were meeting next to our room, one of them approached me and asked if they could have a few words with us. I thought it was going to be a solicitation for their group when their spokesman formed them in a semi-circle and said to us, "We are members of the California Police Officers and have been holding a Standards and Training session and we want to say to you THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE THRU THE YEARS YOU SPENT IN SERVICE WITH THE USS FRANK KNOX." And then they stood there applauding - you should have been there!

BRION SELLINGER, guest of SUZANNE McCLANAHAN, asked if he could purchase a Frank Knox ball cap even though he was in the Army so we made him an Honorary Frank Knox member and he is proudly wearing the cap.

Continuing with San Diego Reunion, on Friday it was off to the Wild Animal Park for a Zoofari, we were able to board trams that took us into the Park for a close up view of many of the animals. The Park is part of the world famous San Diego Zoo. It is a breeding facility and while we were led to believe walking would be limited we still did quite a bit, especially the long walk down and then back up the entrance hill! We found out later that the monorail we expected to ride had been removed and replaced by the trams, a little disappointing but all in all still a worthwhile experience. We were back to the hotel a little after 1530 to the friendly confines of the Hospitality Room.

Saturday was a "Free Day" for shopping, visiting or relaxing until the business meeting at 1400 in the Hospitality Room for a short informational meeting. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM where the membership stood and joined PETE LOPEZ in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance.

We apologized for the lack of a Welcome Letter from President Bush \*, but we did have Greetings from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger that was included in everyone's Welcome Packet.

We currently have 425 members on the Roster, having lost some due to moving and/or not sending a forwarding address or new email address and some have passed away. I asked if any are still in contact with some who complain they are not receiving Newsletters please send me their address and I will contact. Also if they have any shipmates who are not members we should sign them up in the Association. Past President BOB O'KON is a constant supplier of candidates.

We had correspondence with members who could not make this years reunion, HAROLD BENSON (the first to sign up for the reunion) had to cancel due to illness and a stay in the hospital. FRANK TREADWAY and CHRIS had to decline due to a son getting married at Las Vegas, ORLIN and KIRK PUTMAN were traveling in Israel, Plank Owner JACK PATTERSON and MARY had to pass due to Jack having mitral valve repair July 25th and doctor's orders were not to travel, they hope to be with us at Milwaukee. We also heard from BILLIE BRADEN and PAUL T. STOUT were both in good health but Paul had some chores around the house that weren't completed. LONNIE MCCAIN was in the process of selling his house and had to cancel, unfortunately DON McCLANAHAN became ill on the plane coming to San Diego and had to return home immediately. TOM MARK and EMMA LEISURE received unexpected visitors and were unable to be present and our Guest Speaker, former shipmate, WALT DeFELICE and ARLA had to cancel due to Walt coming down with a lung infection.

#### Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin:

Discovery World's exhibits, live shows, S/V Denis Sullivan schooner, aquariums and interactive activities combine innovation, technology, exploration, environment and fun. Also at Pier Wisconsin; public park, amphitheater, cafe, dock and event facilities with catering by Bartolotta's Catering and Events.

#### Miller Brewing Company Visitor Center:

The indoor/outdoor guided tour takes guests through 150 years of the famous brewery's heritage. Guests experience everything from the history of Frederick Miller's 1855 arrival in Milwaukee, to the high-speed production lines being used today. The one-hour tour seamlessly blends the rich history of Miller with the modern age technology of today's brewing process.

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Ozaukee/Washington County Tour:

Enjoy quaint villages with great shopping, experience a real working family farm and also the rolling hills of the Kettle Moraine formed by the glaciers that created the Great Lakes. Historic Cedarburg, Cedar Creek Winery, Cedar Creek Settlement, Amy's Candy Kitchen, Holy Hill National Shrine of Mary, Bast Bell Museum, Germantown, Riveredge Nature Center, Newburg.

Lake Country Tour:

This area in Milwaukee's western suburbs was created by glaciers 10,000 years ago. Left behind is the Kettle Moraine State Forest, with its glacial lakes, kettles and drumlins. Nestled in this area are some memorable tour stops. Historic Delafield, Mason Creek Winery, Ten Chimneys - the estate of Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne, Genesee Depot, Johnson Creek Outlet Center.\

Eagle/East Troy Tour:

Communities such as Lake Geneva and East Troy were, and still are, popular getaways for some of Milwaukee and Chicago's rich and famous. History, theater and scenic beauty greet those who visit the area. Old World Wisconsin at Eagle, East Troy Electric Railroad Museum, Lake Geneva Cruise Line.

Baraboo/Spring Green/Madison:

Enjoy sights that are truly unique to Wisconsin. Nestled among some of the most spectacular scenery in Wisconsin are attractions that can only be described as "must-sees". Circus World Museum, Baraboo, House on the Rock, Spring Green (walking involved), Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison.

Manitowoc Maritime Museum:

Featuring an authentic WWII submarine the USS COBIA, the museum offers a look at Great Lakes shipping history. Rahr-West Art Museum. This 1891 Victorian mansion showcases a modern exhibition wing with changing exhibits of American art, permanent collections of porcelain, Chinese Ivory Carvings, Indian relics, dolls, 19th century paintings and furniture.

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*Two Part Promotions?*

*How many times have you seen the cute little bumper sticker on the backs of automobiles that say, "Support Our Troops?" What does it really mean? Aren't we naturally supportive of our military?*

*Some current military policies suggest that improvements might be needed if not downright necessary*

*I have learned through an active duty sailor, that current members of the United States Navy upon passing promotional exams wear the new insignia for their promotion and act in their responsibility in every way, but pay may not be received for up to one year afterward and not retroactively.*



*I recently spoke with a senior naval officer at the Pentagon about the current policy. He confirmed the policy as stated above. Further he reported this has been the policy for “a long time. At least 18 years, as long as I have been in (the Navy)” He stated that the policy applies also to naval officers.*

*Young sailors take written fleet-wide petty officer examinations that pertain to their particular rating such as Electrician’s Mate, Gunner’s Mate, Aircraft Mechanic and a variety of others. Coupled with written evaluations and other achievements a numeric score is produced. Passing sailors are notified in writing, referencing ‘MILPERSON 1420-060’, “you are hereby authorized to assume the title and wear the uniform of a (Chief, First, Second, or Third Class Petty Officer) effective immediately” quoting an actual notification letter.*

*The document goes on to explain the responsibility required of the promoted sailor. Finally, the states, “you will not be entitled to pay and other monetary allowances” of the earned rank “until actually advanced to the pay grade for which you have been selected.” Again, pay may not catch to advancement for a period up to one year.*

*The Navy has each sailor sign a document outlining their policy which provides the participant’s acceptance.*

*Newly promoted sailors may participate in a “frocking ceremony” which the Navy calls it, whereby they enjoy the announcement of their limited advancement before their naval unit. At such ceremonies, they proudly wear the insignia of their two part promotion.*

*The Pentagon senior officer pointed out that sailors may opt out and stay at the lower rank. By opting out a delayed advancement will occur simultaneously with the pay increase. Here sailors waive wearing the stripes until their pay raise. He didn’t disclose how often that occurs.*

*When I served during the Viet Nam era, sailors were promoted and paid as such immediately. Sometime time later the policy changed. Why? Is the Navy test-driving young petty officers? Are we saving money with such a policy? What is gained? Are the other branches of the service doing such things?*

*In forty years in the civilian business world I’ve rarely, if ever, heard of such behavior. Oftentimes in business, persons accept more responsibility into their current workload and later budgets allow for new monies to be paid to them. Firefighters use “probies” which are probationary*

*firefighters and could be mustered out if they fail their probationary period.*

*In the military it's hard to imagine a squadleader taking the responsibility of a company commander without the benefits of proper pay and allowances. There are no "probies" in the Navy. The petty officer is for real. His service is real. Ask the family members of deceased sailors of the U.S.S. Cole (DDG-67) how many "probies" were on board that awful day. How many "almost" sailors were on the U.S.S Arizona (BB-39) or on the U.S.S Indianapolis (CA-35)? They were all real sailors, 100% bonafide sailors. Their occupation is to perhaps go into harms way on our behalf.*

*In 1968 I personally presented the American flag to a naval mother who's son had died in his service to our country, I can report that I would have felt terrible representing the Navy and my country knowing my friend was perhaps being shorted in pay matters. The United States of America earned the full measure of my friend's service to his country. He wasn't shorted in any manner and I was very proud of him and my Navy.*

*Students of law understand that a contract is a mutual benefit document providing both sides with provisions and stipulations that are the basis for a fair agreement. It is only right that when service in the military by it's very nature dictates this day might be your last, it should have with it a clear un-ambiguous contract with our country. You should be paid with fully and immediately for your responsibilities. Our country's benefit is that we have brave souls out in front to possibly handle the worst task of all--- fighting and possibly dying for our freedoms. The benefit for the serviceperson is to give them all that is proper and fair. It's as simple as that. It is the least we can do for them.*

*Remembering our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines only on Memorial or Veterans Day is just not good enough. There are 363 other days of the year that our finest young people deserve our full support and attention. The next time you see a military member consider thanking him or her for their valuable service to our country and ask them if there is anything we citizens can do for them. Writing a policy changing letter can have a big impact in a democracy. Making a phone call to a legislator is true participation in our government. Our democracy requires advanced*



*citizenship.*

*Just maybe that's what "Support Our Troops" means.*

*A military struggling for enlistments, and in particular re-enlistments, might do well to consider altering their policy. In the meantime, write your senator or congressperson. SUPPORT OUR TROOPS.*

Bob Summers  
Foster City

Bob Summers is a fourth generation Navy family. He served in Viet Nam and is now a member of several veterans associations. He is currently a vice president of a major brokerage firm.

This is a very meaningful letter and while I didn't have time to read it to the attendees of the reunion I told Bob we would include it in the next Newsletter for ALL members to read.

Continuing with the business meeting it was noted we have had inquiries about "paid-up-for-life" membership. Past President Bob O'Kon sent information from the American Legion. With our current \$30 per year dues their outline is as follows:

Age 50-54 \$556.00	Age 55-59 \$496.00	Age 60-64 \$431.00	Age 65-69 \$365.00
Age 70-74 \$302.00	Age 75-79 \$242.00	Age 80-84 \$192.00	Age 85 & over \$176.00

We are looking into other organizations and will impart information as it becomes available, if you have additional information please forward to me and a decision will be made as to P-U-F-L.

Many of you know KEN SEWELL has written a novel concerning the USS FRANK KNOX (DDR-742) and the USS McKEAN (DDR-784) involvement in the 1950 incident with a submarine outside of Sasebo. The latest word is a video documentary was sent to the publisher's and the book should be coming out in 2008.

Speaking of books, I received email from VRA Publishing that a novel "Murder On Pratas Reef" by RICK AINSWORTH, a work of fiction, has been published concerning the grounding of the USS FRANK KNOX on the reef. The purchase price is \$19.95 but they will discount 25% for military active service and veterans and their families and they are making a \$1.00 donation for each book sold to the US Navy memorial Foundation. Let me know if you would like a copy of this work. I will contact VRA and order copies.

Received a card from The Retired Enlisted Association, TREA, advising us of their website where they published our reunion notice FREE. They asked that we read their card at the reunion, which we did, and if you care to join their organization or want to know more about them contact:

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The Banquet on Saturday evening began with "attitude adjustment" cocktail hour at 1830 followed by dinner at 1930 that was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of The National Anthem, led by PETE LOPEZ.

This year we had a table setting for the MIA/POW presentation. MIKE HALOSKI suggested

last year that we recognize there are still MIA/POW personnel unaccounted and they are with us in our thoughts and prayers.

The Holiday Inn staff did a very good job with our banquet which did not go unnoticed in our assessment of their service.

The fantastic Afghan made by JENNIFER CHAMBERS for which raffle tickets were sold that brought in \$381.00 for our Activities Fund was won by new member ROSS and SYLVIA KENNEDY. Congratulations.

Plank Owner BILLY JACK SMITH was recognized as the sole attending P.O., hopefully we will have several more at Milwaukee. There were also 11 first time attendees, many of whom said they enjoyed the reunion and plan to attend again.

It has to be noted that ED EWOLDT is now the ONLY member that has attended every reunion! Congratulations ED! Looking forward to your continued winning streak.

Many, many thanks once again to the assistance of PETE LOPEZ, VAUGHAN KRUGER, HELEN SMITH-TARCHALSKI, MIKE HALOSKI and NANCY KRIEG for all of their help with the reunion. The Bazaar Auction brought in \$2,756.00 thanks to the donations made by all and especially new members JOSEPH and ANNE-MARIE ZOCCALI who donated two special USS FRANK KNOX bottles of California wine. I am going to contact Joe to see if we can hopefully have many more available at the Milwaukee get together!

\* For the asterisk on page 2

Nancy and I returned home to Clearwater and found an envelope from The White House that had to be the letter from President Bush, unopened I sent it back to Washington with a note stating the reunion was over and consequently we didn't read it to the attendees. I had requested the greeting May 20, 2007 and a reminder on September 2, 2007 but evidently that was not sufficient time for a response. I did mention that perhaps the Special Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Correspondence might need to be replaced or given additional staff to keep up with their duties. Haven't had a reply from that note.

The following shipmates have gone to a new duty station, some only recently reported to us.

	GRAHAM, Jerry L.	(02/04/06)	Unknown	Lubbock, TX
	MILLER, Oscar H., Jr. FC1	(02/21/06)	01/46 - 05/47	Downingtown, PA
	MOSS, Billy RM	(04/23/06)	11/49 - 04/53	Franklin, TN
	SANDERS, Charles E. ENCM	(09/08/05)	10/61 - 09/64	Tiffin, OH
	ZELLER, Roger J. YN3	(06/11/06)	03/46 - 04/47	San Diego, CA
PO	NISCHWITZ, Robert T. TM1	(10/24/06)	11/44 - 10/46	Kirkwood, MO
	GARRO, Sam SH2	(12/15/06)	05/51 - 11/54	Yuma, AZ
	LANSING, Jim MM2	(01/10/07)	07/50 - 11/52	St. Joseph, MO
PO	ESTEP, Samuel D. LT	(07/08/06)	11/44 - 09/45	Naples, FL
	HELLBERG, Vernon W. BM3	(11/03/06)	08/59 - 08/62	Astoria, OR
PO	HAINES, Donald L. BKR2	(01/29/07)	11/44 - 11/45	Lafayette, IN
	BOOTH, David "Gus" BM3	(12/30/05)	05/56 - 05/58	Pahrump, NV
	ALSOBROOKS, Edward PHM3	(01/01/07)	06/47 - 11/47	Tuscon, AZ
	SCIASCIA, Angelo DK3	(03/29/07)	02/48 - 03/50	Gardnerville, NV
	McGOVERN, John (Jack) FT1	(04/06/07)	09/51 - 07/54	Vacaville, CA
	WARD, John MM1	(11/02/06)	07/66 - 07/67	El Cajon, CA
	HILL, Leroy DK1	(04/08/07)	08/49 - 11/52	Allen, TX
PO	PERRY, Carmen SN	(01/21/07)	11/44 - 12/45	Hazelton, PA
	GILBERT, H. Glenn SK1	(03/20/07)	03/65 - 12/65	Pacific Grove, CA
	SIERS, James A. RD3	(10/05/07)	02/50 - 08/51	Mogadore, OH

