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# KNOX KNEWS

Received news from BILL ATKINSON, JR that Captain PERRY W. NELSON (RET) passed away February 2009.

If you know of anything, especially a death notice, please let us know so we may be able to inform the membership. Thanks.

The 2010 Reunion is now history. Those attending were MICHAEL & MARGARET WATSON, ROBERT SUMMERS & DONNA SCUITTO, GREG & DIANE ARATA, WILLIAM & ELAINE KELLY, JOSHUA & DELIA RUSSELL, DONALD & LOLITA SNIDER, MICHAEL & YUNG-MEI HALOSKI, DONALD & NANCY CRITZ, ROBERT & CORAL WOODARD, ALBERT SMITH & HELEN SMITH-TARCHALSKI, VAUGHAN & CAROL KRUGER, WILLIAM ATKINSON, JR & BRION SELLINGER, WILLIAM RHODES & BETTY NORTON, JAMES & SUSAN HEALY, ORV & NANCY KRIEG, HARRY & JOY CHANDLER, DON LANDERS & BETSY WILSON and ED EWOLDT.

We arrived at the Hawthorne Suites Hotel at Orlando, Florida on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> and the hotel treated us to a managers reception of Beer, Wine, Soup & Salad. The rooms, actually suites, were excellent and the price of the room included breakfast. Everyone seems to agree that this is a good feature. Dry Cereal, Juices, Bagels, Danish Pastry, Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Milk & Coffee.

Friday morning we arose for a journey to The Kennedy Space Center for a great Tour although we did need more time as there is too much to see in just one day. Perhaps one day we will arrange a Reunion in Orlando or another city near the Space Coast for a more in depth visit to the Center. You should have been with us!

Saturday was up early when we boarded the bus for an almost identical trip to Port Canaveral to board our ship – aptly named “DREAM”. You could put three USS Frank Knox ships and ten times the amount of Frank Knox crew! Everywhere you go



aboard ship there is food. Anything you can imagine and from almost every country AND you can have it anytime of the day or night. YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN WITH US!

The staterooms are excellent, some members said, "Much more than I expected", the Heads, (public restrooms) and the Bulkheads (walls to landlubbers) is all spotless ceramic tile.

First Port 'O Call was Nassau in the Bahamas. Nancy and I sat on our balcony enjoying beautiful tropical breezes and watched the sun rise over the approaching islands. Shore excursions are available at Nassau as well as a Casino on Paradise Island where you are welcomed with the opportunity to take some of their money home with you. I did not hear of anyone getting lucky at the Casino.

Sunday evening was "Dinner with the Captain" Carlo Queirolo, the ladies were all dressed to the nines and tuxedos were throughout the dining room. As always the food was superb, the wait staff excellent and always at our beck and call.

Our second port was St. Thomas. Again there are many expeditions to be taken to explore the island. Weather has been cooperating with only a slight sprinkle (not enough to get wet). Much picture taking by all of the travelers.

The final island was St. Maarten on Wednesday arriving at 8:00 am. After breakfast a number of us journeyed to town and made arrangements with a twelve-passenger bus tour driver to see a "bunch" of the island. He gave a running commentary from Columbus discovering the island in 1492 to the days when it had two governments Dutch and French that later included the English and Spanish and is soon to become only one nation - - enough of today's history lesson. Our driver commentator then took us to a "clothing optional" (nude beach), not exactly a pretty sight. As one lady said, "when you've seen one you've seen 'em all" and for the males when a young girl gets a small rose bud tattooed on her breast thirty years later it's a long stem flower. Anyway he then told of another beach . . . Happy Beach, he said you know "all the gay people hang out there. We opted not to stop.

Thursday and Friday were days at sea on our way back to Port Canaveral. Friday was a private Cocktail Party of wine, beer, soft drinks and dry snacks given by the cruise people who arranged the cruise. Thursday was the Frank Knox Cocktail Party at the "Song Lounge" where we also had our business meeting discussing the condition of the U.S.S. FRANK KNOX DDR-742 REUNION ASSOCIATION finances where we were able to say we are in good shape. Many of the attendees paid their 2011 membership dues on the spot. There was not the annual Auction Bazaar due to being aboard ship and did not have a private "Hospitality Room" some members came forward with donations for the coffers. Our Bazaar is the big money raising event that keeps us in the black. At the San Diego Reunion the results brought in \$2,756.00 – Milwaukee in 2008 brought \$2,221.00 and Newport News brought \$2,450.00. Helps keep us solvent. So plan for Rapid City bringing your home state items . . . PLAN BIG! Bring your check book.

*There was a special thought brought up about the possibility of a trip to Hawaii to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of December 7<sup>th</sup> and the attack at Pearl Harbor. What are your thoughts on this? Drop me a line or email or contact Bob Summers and/or Woody Woodard (addresses and phone numbers are on Master Roster). This would NOT be a replacement of the Annual Reunion. Would you be interested in making such a trip with some of your shipmates? When I get additional information it will be passed along to you. meantime if you are interested drop me a line.*

The announcement was made that the 2011 Reunion will be at RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA and we are shooting at dates Sept. 28 to Oct. 1. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the reunion. Remember you MUST be a paid up member to receive an invitation attend a reunion. Your Dues renewal form is in the mail send it in right away.

We received letters and/or email from Capt. Wm & Rosemary Cloughley, Capt. Orlin & Kirk Putman and Jack & Mary Patterson they could not attend this reunion but hopefully will be with us next year. Other travel plans precluded them joining us.

ALL IN ALL IT WAS A MARVELOUS CRUISE, MAYBE WE CAN DO IT ANOTHER YEAR . . . . .

FYI

## Chips add cost to keys

As the little computer inside your car becomes more sophisticated, buying a spare is a good way to save money in case your key goes missing. Newer cars won't start unless they read a signal from the key, making it difficult for thieves to hot-wire and steal your ride.

Normally you get two sets of keys with a new car. Older models, mostly before the mid to late 1990's, came with simple metal keys that you could duplicate at the local hardware store for a

few bucks. After that, automakers began making bigger keys and installing computer chips. Keys had a separate fob, that dangling plastic device, to unlock doors or the trunk. But more automakers are starting to combine the fob and the key, putting the unlock buttons on the plastic part of the key. And as the keys get more complex to stay ahead of crooks, they are becoming more expensive to lose. It can cost more than \$1,000 to replace both on some models. Here are some tips to save you money.

### Get an extra

Chip keys vary by make, model and years, but many automakers (mainly GM, Ford and Chrysler Group LLC) have a feature in which the car will automatically program an extra key if you have at least one, or sometimes two, of the original keys. It cost about \$25 to buy an extra key from a dealer, locksmith or sometimes the local hardware store, and they duplicate keys by cutting grooves in them, just like they used to. But here's where you can save money by getting the key early: The keys still must be programmed to match the signal to the car's computer. Dealers know how to do this. Some locksmiths also have figured it out on many models. But programming can cost another \$50.

On later model Fords, for instance, if you put in each of your keys and turn the car into the "on" position for a few seconds (you don't need to start it), then put in the new key and do the same thing, the car will program the key automatically. Which cars will program keys themselves and how many keys you need to do that varies by model and make. It's wise to check with your dealer or a locksmith before spending any money.

### The cheaper option

If you are prone to locking your keys in your car, get a conventional metal key without a chip and have a locksmith or hardware store cut it to match your key. It won't start the car, but it will



open the doors, and you can get in without  
having to call a locksmith or tow truck.

### Protect your fob

Make sure you don't leave it in your pockets  
and run it through the washing machine. In most  
cases it will fry the circuitry and you'll have to  
spend \$50 or more on a replacement.

Since more automakers are integrating the fob  
into the head of the key, that makes it even more  
important to keep your fob out of the water. It  
can cost \$110 or more just for the fob and key  
that is combined, and that doesn't include  
another \$50 or so for programming.

Doyle Holliday sent this:

## KOREA

*By Francis M. Macy*

We didn't do much talking,  
We didn't raise a fuss,  
But Korea really happened,  
So please remember us,

We all just did our duty,  
But we didn't win or lose,  
A victory was denied us,  
But we never got to choose,

We all roasted in the summer,  
In the winter, damn near froze,  
Walking back from near the Yalu,  
With our blackened frozen toes,

Like the surf the enemy kept coming,  
With their bugles in the night,  
And we fired into their masses  
Praying for the morning light

All of us just had to be there,  
And so many of us died,  
But now we're all but half forgotten,  
No one remembers how we tried,

We grow fewer with the years now,  
And we still don't raise a fuss,  
But Korea really happened,  
So please remember us.

## FYI

New member. . . . .

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## September 11, 2001

Received an email from JIM STARK about  
everyone flying the Flag on September 11  
which I forwarded to many of the members and  
received this reply from BILLIE ANN  
BRADEN and PAUL STOUT;  
"Our Lions Club has a Fly the Flag project  
which Paul and I mostly take care of. We put  
the flags out at homes and businesses 6 times a  
year the day before the holiday and then take  
them down the day or so afterward for storage.  
It has been a really well received project. Where  
my Arkansas home is, the Lions Club did that. I  
"took it before our club" and they wholehearted-  
ly approved it. It's lots of work but makes the  
town shine a little brighter during the holidays.  
I'm going to ask a business that has a sign at the  
park for such notices to put "We remember 9-  
11-01" in addition to the flags the city puts on  
Main Street and the ones we put all over town.  
Each holiday that we've put flags up, we've had  
people stop us and want flags put at their  
houses.

*Many thanks Billie; our retirement park here in Florida has many flags year round. When I was writing a newsletter for the park I would make mention of the total number of flags on each street and before long each street was trying to have the greatest number of flags flying.*

## The Knots Prayer

Dear God:  
Please untie the knots  
that are in my mind,  
my heart and my life.  
Remove the have nots,  
the can nots and the do nots  
that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots,  
may nots,  
might nots that may find  
a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots,  
would nots and  
should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all,  
Dear God,  
I ask that you remove from my mind,  
my heart and my life all of the "am nots"  
that I have allowed to hold me back,  
especially the thought  
that I am not good enough.  
Amen

**Author Known to God**

## Who knew?

**Did you know that drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately- without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional pain relievers?**

**Before you head to the drugstore for a high-priced inhaler filled with mysterious chemicals, try chewing on a couple of curiously strong Altoids peppermints. They'll clear up your stuffed nose.**

**Sore throat? Just mix ¼ cup of vinegar with ¼ cup of honey and take 1 tablespoon six times a day. The vinegar kills the bacteria.**

**Honey remedy for skin blemishes... Cover blemish with a dab of honey and place a Band-Aid over it. Honey kills the bacteria, keeps the skin sterile, and speeds healing. Works overnight.**

**Easy eyeglass protection... To prevent the screws in eyeglasses from loosening, apply a small drop of Crystal Clear Nail Polish to the threads of the screws before tightening them.**

**Quaker Oats for fast pain relief... It's not for breakfast anymore! Mix 2 cups of Quaker Oats and 1 cup of water in a bowl and warm in the microwave for 1 minute, cool slightly, and apply the mixture to your hands for soothing relief from arthritis pain.**  
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## FROM BOB O'KON:

*The Old Navy*

*Come gather round me lads and I'll tell you a thing or two;  
About the way we ran the Navy in nineteen forty two.*

*When wooden ships and iron men were barely out of sight;  
I am going to give you some facts to just set the record right.*



*We wore the ole bell bottoms, with a flat hat on  
our head;  
Always hit the sack at night and never "went to  
bed."*

*Our uniforms were worn ashore and we were  
mighty proud;  
Never thought of wearing civvies, infact they  
were never allowed.*

*Now when a ship puts out to sea I'll tell you son  
it hurts;  
When suddenly you notice that half the crew is  
wearing skirts.*

*And it's hard for me to imagine, a female  
boatswains mate;  
Stopping on the Quarter deck to make sure her  
stockings are straight.*

*What happened to the KiYi brush, and the old  
salt-water bath;  
Holy stoning decks at night cause you stirred  
old Bosn's wrath!*

*We always had our gedunk stand and lots of  
pogey bait;  
And it always took a hitch or two just to make a  
rate.*

*In your seabag all your skivvies, were neatly  
stopped and rolled;  
And the blankets on your sack had better have a  
three-inch fold.*

*Your little ditty bag, it is had to believe just  
how much it held;  
You wouldn't go ashore with pants that hadn't  
been spiked or belled.*

*We had scullery maids and succotash and good  
old SOS;  
And when you felt like topping off, you headed  
for the mess.*

*oh we had our belly robbers but there weren't  
too many gripes;  
For the deck apes were never hungry and there  
were no starving snipes.*

*Now you never hear of Davy Jones, Shellbacks  
Or Polliwogs;  
And you never splice the mainbrace to receive  
your daily grog.*

*And you never had to dog a watch or stand the  
main vent;  
You even tie your lines today, back in my time  
they were bent.*

*We were all two-fisted drinkers and no one  
thought you sinned;  
If you staggered back aboard your ship, three  
sheets to the wind.*

*And with just a couple hours of sleep you  
regained your usual luster; Bright eyed and  
bushy tailed you made morning muster.*

*Rocks and shoals have long since gone, and  
now it's UCMJ;  
Then the old man handled everything if you  
should go astray*

*Now they steer the ships with dials, and I  
wouldn't be surprised;  
If someday they sailed the damned things from  
the beach computerized.*

*So when my earthly hitch is over, and the good  
Lord picks the best;  
I'll walk right up to Him and say, "Sir, I have  
but one request.*

*Let me sail the seas of Heaven in a coat of Navy  
blue;  
Like I did so long ago on earth way back in  
nineteen forty-two*

THANKS BOB . . . . .