

JANICE KELLER – Janice is the widow of Robert Keller SOM2c who served aboard the FRANK KNOX from November 1944 – December 1945. The dates make Janice’s husband a plank owner. John Keller, SOM2c referred to the FRANK KNOX as “Halsey’s Taxi” in recounting stories to his family. Keller was a sonar technician during the time the FRANK KNOX depth-charged a German U-Boat (& later was credited with sinking the U-Boat). Keller also shared stories of Pacific encounters with Japanese submarines and tracked Japanese torpedoes fired at the ship. Two of the attacks were single torpedoes however, one attack was a spread of three torpedoes. Gerald Harms TM1 recalled “that was close” in his wartime diary when the FRANK KNOX narrowly avoided the torpedo spread.

Tracing back through the records it appears that Janice, an Associate member of our Association, and her son David have maintained membership in the association since before 2000 to honor John’s service. I do not have a picture of Janice to share however we should all salute a long and faithful association with our Association. Thank you, David and Janice.