

SWIM CALL 1944 – 1970 – It is a time honored tradition for Navy ships to stop when the water is warm, the seas calm and operational requirements permit and ship to stop for a couple of hours and allow the crew to “jump off ship” and swim in the ocean. Irv Eisenberg RM3 recalls the FRANK KNOX allowing swimming in likely places such as Uliti Atoll, Tinian Island and the Philippines. A shark watch is always stationed, with a rifle, to protect the swimmers. Shark interruption is rare, however there are a couple of recorded cases so caution is best. When I asked Irv if he swam during WWII he said of course. Irv is a New Yorker – did the sharks give him professional courtesy?