



WINTER 2011

KNOX KNEWS

Returned from Hawaii and the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Attending were :

HARRY & JOY CHANDLER

EDMUND EWOLDT

MICHAEL HALOSKI

ORVILLE & NANCY KRIEG

ROBERT SUMMERS

DONNA SCUITTO (Guest)

DANIEL & THERESA McNAMARA (Guest)

ROBERT & CORAL WOODARD

Pearl Harbor Day 2011

It was just minutes past 6:00 o'clock, the sun was not yet up and all was peaceful and quite on this December 7th in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Our band of brothers, and sisters, from the USS Frank Knox (DDR-742) Reunion Association had made our pilgrimage to the hallowed location where World War II had begun exactly 70 years before. We would spend the next 9 hours reflecting upon the memory of the December 7th Japanese attack on the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

As the sun rises the soft daylight presents in the background of the speaker's podium a powerful visual image. On the right, the USS Arizona Memorial, where the war began and to the left the USS Missouri (BB-63) where the war ended.

The US National Parks Service maintains the World War II Valor in the Pacific sites whose focal point is approximately Pearl Harbor. The days events would all serve to appropriately remember the young lives lost that day. In the attack, over 2400 Americans would die.

About 120 survivors and an audience of about 3000 listened to program speakers including the Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus as did Mal Middlesworth, a marine survivor who had served aboard the USS San Francisco, who delivered a great keynote speech. The news of the day would be the disbanding of the Pearl Harbor Reunion Association. There are not enough survivors remaining to do the mission of the group.

The USS Arizona (BB-39) with 1400 officers, sailors and marines lost 1177 lives and over half of them are still within the confines of the ship's sunken hulk on the bottom of Pearl Harbor. The USS Utah (BB-31) lost 58 officers and men and 54 are still entombed inside that battleship. These are the only two ships from the Pearl Harbor attack that remain in the dark blue waters of the harbor.

Yesterday, the ashes in a small urn, of Lee Soucy a survivor of the USS Utah was placed by Navy divers in a porthole of the ship's wreckage. Today the cremated remains of Vernon Olsen, who served aboard the Arizona, will be interred on his ship during a sunset ceremony. Only survivors of battleships Arizona and Utah may return in death to their ships. The ashes of three other survivors are being scattered in the harbor this week.

I would be privy to the divers' briefing for Mr. Olsen's interment. While standing before an exhibit in the museum later in the afternoon which displays the USS Arizona as it is today, two divers came along side of me and began their briefing. Mr. Olsen's would later be placed underwater on a ledge inside gun turret number 4 of USS Arizona. The interments are done at the end of the day so as to offer the family's privacy and to avoid the possible spectacle caused by Pearl Harbor visitors.

The military would offer appropriate such as a fly-over by four Hawaii National Guard F-22's in the missing man formation, a Navy destroyer would pass the USS Arizona Memorial and render honors and a Marine detachment would observe the firing of volleys. All honors evoked great emotion and tears.

I was only 18 years old when I first sailed into Pearl Harbor aboard USS Frank Knox on our way to the Vietnam conflict. When I look back on the 45 years following I've enjoyed my day of marriage, the birth of my children, a relatively successful career and many other highlights of life. Looking down into the depths of the harbor I cannot help reflecting what has been denied those who died 70 years ago. The average age was not more than 18 or 19. They would never enjoy life beyond a peaceful calm morning of December 7, 1941.

At 3:00 o'clock our reunion group gathered at the taxi stand and would be returned to our Waikiki hotel. It had been quite a day to have been with my band of brothers.

Bob Summers

Bob Summers served on the USS FRANK KNOX (DDR-742) as a Sonar Technician Third Class from June 1967 to July 1969 and has been an active member of the ship's reunion association for ten years.

Received from Lionel Price (CDR) RET

12/10/11

OW,

Thank you so much for the plug in Knox Knews (Summer/Fall 2011). As a result, so far two shipmates have contacted me who were aboard the Knox when we ran aground. They were very enthusiastic and provided me with a lot of information. We'll see how it all bears out. I thoroughly enjoyed talking to both gentlemen.

My hope is to complete the book no later than Dec. 31, 2012, the good Lord willing.

Take care and God bless . . .

Lionel



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Mr. Orville Krieg
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Dear Mr. Krieg,

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii cordially invites your organization to display a wreath aboard the USS Arizona Memorial in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of December 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor Attack.

If your organization wishes to participate with a wreath and floral tribute aboard the memorial following the joint Navy and National Park Service ceremony ashore, please complete the enclosed form and return it by November 21, 2011. Organizations whose responses are received by this date will be recognized in the official souvenir program that will be distributed at the Navy/National Park Service Pearl Harbor Day commemoration ceremony.

You should also receive a separate invitation to the Pearl Harbor Day ceremony on Dec. 7 at 7:40 a.m. at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument's Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. If you have not yet received this invitation, please contact AMEL Calori Mullins, (808)473-0662 or e-mail at calori.mullins@navy.mil.

Please have your representatives check in at the "floral tribute" registration table before the start of the ceremony to receive a white boat shuttle pass. The pass will allow them to board the boat to the Arizona Memorial after the ceremony, which concludes at about 9:20 a.m. The wreath donor boat is scheduled to depart the visitor center at **11:00 a.m. Please be sure to arrive at the landing dock by 10:50 a.m. to prepare for departure.** At the memorial, you will see your wreath displayed and have an opportunity to offer a personal tribute in honor of the service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice on that fateful day in 1941.

If you have questions, please contact AMEL Calori Mullins, at (808) 473-0662. We look forward to seeing you on December 7th.

Sincerely,

A. T. Tauyan
Director of Public Affairs
By direction of the
Commander, Navy Region Hawaii

U.S. NAVAL TRAINING CENTER BAINBRIDGE

(By Walter Alexander, CMRP)

The U.S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland was established in early October, 1942, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt approved purchase of land and buildings from Jacob Tome Institute for a permanent naval installation. Named for Commodore William Bainbridge, commander of the famous frigate "Constitution", which was immortalized in the poem "Old Ironsides", USNTC Bainbridge was under the control and command of the Fifth Naval District, whose headquarters was in Norfolk, Virginia. USNTC Bainbridge had 1,132 acres located on the Susquehanna River, 35 miles northeast of Baltimore, midway between Washington, DC, and Philadelphia.

Activated on October 1, 1942, the Center trained a total of 244,484 recruits by the time V-J Day came in 1945. Also, the Service School Command had trained and graduated 24,484 men in technical ratings. On June 30, 1947, USNTC Bainbridge was deactivated as a Training Center. The Korean Crisis saw the Center reactivated in February 1951. By April 1, 1951, the first male recruits reported "on board". More than 400,000 recruits and students have been trained.

The USNTC Bainbridge served the United States Navy for 34 years from its beginning as a recruit training command (boot camp) in 1942 to its closing on March 31, 1976. During that period of time it also served as, among other functions, a mustering-out facility, the home for the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS), the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) Recruit Training, the Naval Reserve Manpower Center, and various specialized training schools, including the Hospital Corps and Dental Technician School. The Navy announced its intention to close the base in 1971 resulting in the final closing in 1976. In 1999, the Federal Government having met commitments made in 1942 to the town of Port Deposit, Maryland, and Environmental Protection Agency mandates, turned the Bainbridge facility over to the State of Maryland.

The USNTC Bainbridge Association's 14th annual reunion will be September 27 to 30, 2012, in Aberdeen, Maryland. Plans are being made to have a granite memorial stone be set in the Veterans Plaza at the Navy Jetty in Port Deposit to honor all the men and women who worked, studied, marched, and learned at Bainbridge over her four decade existence. Plans are also being made to have the dedication of this memorial stone during the 2012 reunion.

Attendance at its reunions is open to all military and civilian personnel whether or not they are members of the Association. Persons eligible for membership include members of the U.S. Armed Forces (male or female) who served at Bainbridge while it was Navy property, spouses and children of these U.S. Armed Forces members, and civilian employees of organizations located on USNTC Bainbridge property while it was in commission.

For reunion information or a membership application, please contact USNTC Bainbridge Association, Arline Caliger, President, PO Box 147, Harrison, TN 37341-0147, email: Kali8824z@aol.com. The Association's web site is www.USNTCB.org.

After mailing of Dues reminder received news that ED POAGE, MM2(07/55 – 12/58) Pahrump, NV passed away in March of 2011. Belated condolences sent to his family.

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INFO FOR NEXT REUNION

Next mailing will have all information concerning 2012 reunion at Seattle. If you haven't ordered your name badge do so now, it helps with all things at reunion time.

USS FRANK KNOX DDR-742
YOUR NAME RATE/RANK
DATES ON BOARD

Magnetic back, no holes in clothes

Baseball cap (blk&gold w/embroid)	\$15
License Holder (Cast metal)	\$19
Name Badge (magnetic back)	\$10
Rough Rider/USN Patch (both)	\$ 5
Shield Patch	\$ 5
Ship color photo w/ shield (8X10)	\$ 5
“ B/W “ (8X10)	\$ 5
“ '52 “ (8X10)	\$ 5
Sinking Greek Navy	\$ 5
Bumper Sticker (Proud Navy Vet)	\$ 2

Pacific Historic Parks

As noted in last Newsletter the Association donated \$150.00 to the Pacific Historic Parks and Jim Boyd suggested it might be a good idea if the membership dug into their pockets and sent a donation also, checks have started arriving and I pack them up and forward to Hawaii. If you want to be included make your check payable to: **“PACIFIC HISTORIC PARKS”** and mail to me at 585 Sky Harbor Dr. #125 Clearwater, FL 33759

Received so far;

JIM BOYD
ORV KRIEG
BILL MATTHEWS
VAUGHAN KRUGER
BOB SUMMERS
HARRY CHANDLER
DON SNIDER
LARRY MODLIN
OTTO SCHIESS
J. “TED” HALLMAN
HAROLD RINGSTROM

DO YOU KNOW WHEREABOUTS????

MICHAEL ANDERSON, Costa Mesa, CA
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MIKE CROUCH, Greensboro, NC
RAY HART, Mineral Wells, WV
HIRAN LIGGET, JR Chesterfield, MO
HARVEY MARKLEY, Seattle, WA
DAVID RANDALL, Glenoma,
WAGILBERT ROUPE, Peoria, AZ
ALFRED SEYMOUR, St. Louis, MO
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JOHN GRECIO, Buffalo, NY

Recent mailings returned “undeliverable”