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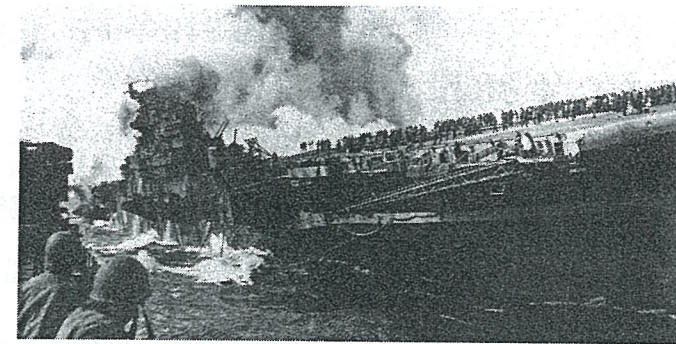
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Museum Board to Expand, Will Add 4 Members

The general business meeting held during our reunions usually is quiet and serene as routine reports are read and accepted but in June, at the meeting in Kansas City, that changed. The announcement that the Board of Directors authorized four more directors to be added at the next regular election was greeted with enthusiastic approval. Future Boards will have thirteen members...four officers and nine Directors.

Membership open to non-crew

It was also approved that Board membership would no longer be restricted to crew members but open to Museum members and friends. A candidate for Board membership must meet the following criteria—A) be at least twenty-one years of age; B) be a current, paid up member of the Museum Association; C) submit a 250 word essay advising why you wish to serve on the Board and what experience/ability you can offer. This essay has to be mailed to Robert Ladewig, 331A Oak Hill Road, Lake Barrington, Illinois 60010-1656 no later than October 1. The adjoining article explains the new, annual election procedure.

2009 Reunion In New York

Rob Florenza volunteered to chair a 2009 reunion in New York at the Kansas City reunion. Since then he has been making arrangements and advises the Marriott New York/downtown has been booked for July 9, 10, 11 and 12. More information including reservation details will be announced at a later date.

Board Election Procedure

This is the time-line procedure for electing candidates to the Board of Directors which was approved in June at the reunion in Kansas City.

Ballots will be mailed ONLY to current, paid-up members of the Museum Association!

OCTOBER —

During the second week of October a ballot will be mailed with a separate listing of the candidates and their profile. The ballot will be mailed only to each person who has paid their 2008 annual dues.

The ballot will be identified as such and the mailing address will be listed with the election date to be Saturday, November 15, 2008. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.

NOVEMBER —

Ballots will be counted and the result advised each member of the Board of Directors.

JANUARY —

During the third week of January 2009 a Newsletter will be mailed to the entire membership. It will include the names of the newly elected (or re-elected) members of the Board.

Our election procedure will be repeated. The 2009 membership cards will be included along with a request that 2009 dues be paid.



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Your Board of Directors has been seeking a way to have younger and talented candidates join those crew members who have served on the Board over the years and found a way to

achieve this goal. They have also moved forward to amend our bylaws to legally add members to the Board.

Officers (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) will continue to be elected each year: this has always been the procedure.

We have been fortunate in having shipmate Bill Albrecht (a retired attorney and judge) assist us in making these changes legally and we extend our thanks.

Sites for our memorial Granite Plaques have become somewhat diminished actually there is no appropriate site at hand. So the Board is contemplating the possibility of donating our own hard-bound books to deserving libraries as a way of keeping the USS Franklin a part of our nation's World War II history.

Too, we are considering how we will continue having the wonderful reunions; what shall we do when no one volunteers to host a reunion?

This poses a problem since we are chartered as a "Not-for-Profit" and as a "Charitable" organization we are not legally able to host reunions therefore we need a volunteer to accept the responsibility each year.

I think it appropriate to remind everyone that the members of the Board have never received any remuneration for their service...we are unpaid volunteers except for operation expense reimbursement.

The Directors, Officers and I appreciate the trust you have placed in us over the years, hopefully we will continue to be successful.

Bob St. Peters

The Franklin Saga

Available in Print

USS FRANKLIN (CV-13) – *Original Documents 1943-1946*, Robert St. Peters, Turner Publishing Company, 1994. Order from Robert St. Peters, \$50.00 postage paid.

USS FRANKLIN (CV-13) – *The Ship That Wouldn't Die*, Robert St. Peters, Turner Publishing Company, 1989, 1986. Order from Robert St. Peters, \$50.00 postage paid.

INFERNO – *The Epic Life AND Death Struggle of the USS Franklin in World War II*, Joseph A. Springer, Zenith Press, 2007.

LUCKY LADY – *The World War II Heroics Of THE USS Santa Fe AND Franklin*, Steve Jackson, Carroll & Graf Publishers, 2003.

SAVING BIG BEN – *A Historical Novel, Second Edition*, Peter J. Prato, Ph.D., Stress Resource Publishing Company, LLC, 2001.

THE FRANKLIN COMES HOME – *The Saga of the most decorated ship in naval history*, A. A. Hoehling, Prentice-Hall of Canada, Limited, 1974.

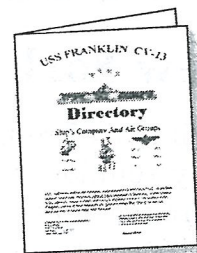
I WAS CHAPLAIN ON THE FRANKLIN – *A Gripping, Personal account of heroism on the high seas*, Father Joseph T. O'Callahan, S.J. Bantam Books, Inc. 1956.

THEIR LIFE IN MY HANDS – Edgar Mikronis, Mountain Lake Publishing.

BIG BEN THE FLAT TOP – *The Story of the USS Franklin*, Albert Love Enterprises, Atlanta, GA.

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Where they will steer with steady hand throughout eternity,*

No longer will the high sea roll,

The skies will be clear and every day will be a day of happiness and cheer,

No storm shall cross their valiant prow and calm will be the sea,

In that bright place where all is well and kindly is the breeze,

They are at peace with our shipmates who have gone before.

— Word was received that these crew members were absent from muster since the 2007 reunion —

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Dean H. Artman, F2/c B-Div.
Glenn E. Blankenship, BKR3/c S-Div.
George W. Bogar
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James I. Brumfield, WT1/c B-Div.
Charles S. Clowdus, T/Sgt.
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Charles C. Ellsworth, ARM1/c VT-5
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P. C. Newman, Jr., S2/c R1-Div.
Eddie Nycum, Rev., RT1/c
Seldon Ohlsson, RN3/c ComCarDiv. 2
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Michael Pelinsky, SK3/c S-Div.
Robert Quay, ARM1/c VT-13
Eugene D. Reed, S2/c
John S. Sandifer, Lcdr
Fench A. Sanderson, RM2/c ComCarDiv. 2
Walter A. Schott, SF2/c R-Div.
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David W. Self, Lt. (jg) VT-5
Samuel R. Sherman, Lcdr VB-5
James H. Smith II
Russell L. Smith, Lt. (jg) VT-5
Victor J. Spataro, AOM3/c VF5-Div.

Roy E. Hulslander, S1/c V4L-Div.
Myron L. Humphrey, FC3/c F-Div.
Walter B. Hurst, 1Lt. VMF-452
Keith A. Jones, SC2/c S1-Div.
Helbert V. Kiesel, S2/C Y-Div.
Spencer L. Kimball, Lt.
Joseph F. Lafferty, YN2/c K-Div.
Robert Locke, Jr., SF1/c
Garnett E. Lowe, Jr., Lt. (jg) VF-13
James J. Manzari, S2/c V5-Div.
James J. McCann, RM3/c K-Div.
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Edger Mikronis, Lt. LSO
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Donald R. Mockrud, Lt. (jg) VF-5
Richard Moore, ADC VF-13 V6-Div.
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Michael P. Stefkovich, MM2/c B-Div.
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Bernard Tarr, Jr., S2/c QM
Howard Tincknell, MM3/c
Salvator R. Tumino, S1/c Armory
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E. Ellison Walker, Lt. (jg) VF-13
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