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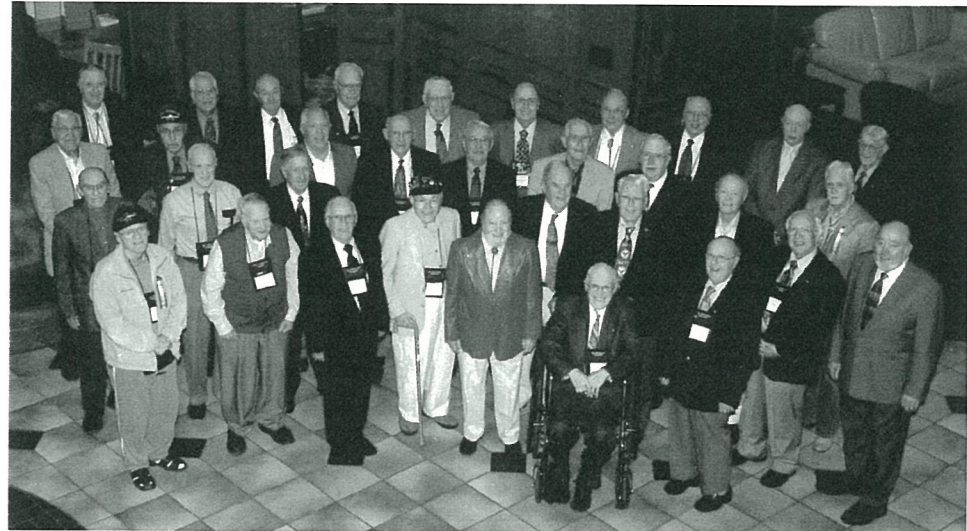
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**BRANSON REUNION
ATTENDED BY 165**

35 CREW PICTURED HERE

There was no plan for a 2010 reunion at the conclusion of the New York meeting . . . no one had volunteered to chair the event. Not much time elapsed when Beth and Chet phoned Sam and Elaine to discuss the dilemma and the Rowland/Rhodes families decided to save the day. The reunion in Branson was a success. Our profound thanks to Sam, Elaine, Beth and Chet!

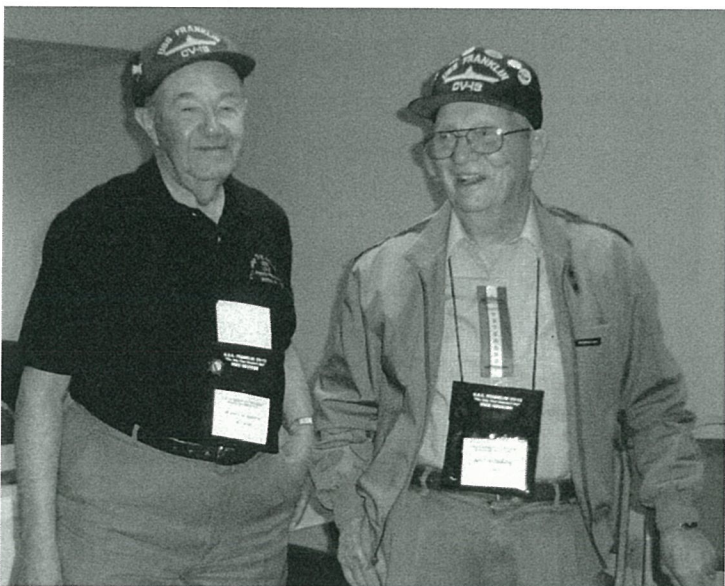
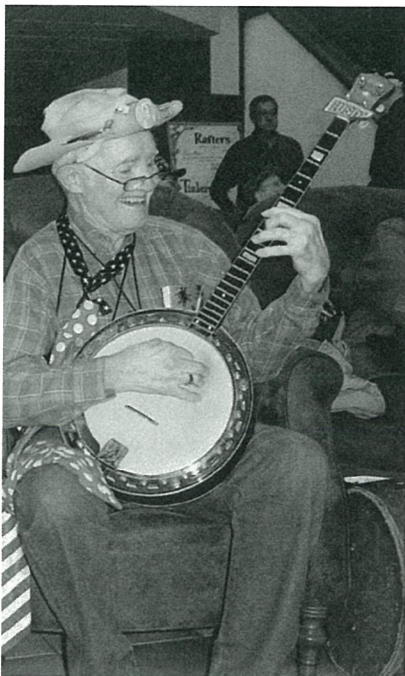


Two crew members attended a reunion for the first time! A couple of folks dropped in after they heard of the reunion during a local radio broadcast . . . their uncle served aboard the Franklin. Bill Hewes, who served on the USS Miller, and his family along with Ralph Packard, who served on the USS Hunt, and his family were special guests. And we are pleased to advise some new family members have joined us.

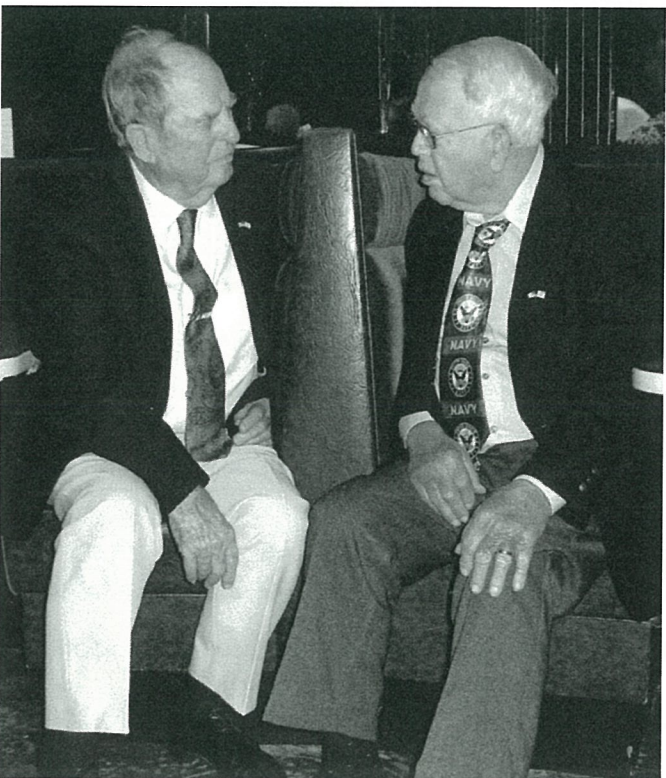
Our lodge was next to the Roy Rogers Jr. theatre/restaurant and he stopped in one afternoon to visit. He was genial and gracious, signing autographs and having his picture taken with quite a few folks. Richard Simms, whose seaman father was killed on March 19, 1945, entertained us with his banjo one afternoon, We even enjoyed a sing-a-long!

The showboat excursion was fabulous. Perfect weather, a scrumptious luncheon served while we enjoyed a stage show of singing, dancing and some humorous "talking dogs." The latter being with the help of a ventriloquist.

Our guest speaker was Ralph Packard who was in a boat which plucked more than 400 of the crew from the sea. Of course this was an unusual emotional moment for all of us but especially for any of the crew present who had been in the ocean.



TWO CREW MEMBERS, DONALD CONRAD (ON THE LEFT) AND ORVILLE HALLEY PAUSE A MOMENT FOR A PHOTOGRAPH.



SHIPMATES SAM RHODES (ON THE LEFT) AND LEONARD HALL HAVING A SERIOUS DISCUSSION IN BRANSON - MARCH 20, 2010.

LOOK! WE'RE ON THE WEB!

It was just a couple of years ago that Phil Gentry designed a USS Franklin web site and it is simply awesome!

www.ussfranklin.org



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from the desk of the president . . .

Greetings:

It is with great pleasure and privilege that I enter my second year as your president of the USS Franklin CV-13 Museum Association.

On March 19th, 2010 we celebrated the 65th anniversary of the Japanese attack on the USS Franklin. There was a historical memorial and reunion in Branson, Missouri from March 18th – 21st where 38 survivors, along with their families and friends honored the legacy of this carrier that “refused to die.” As President, it was a humble moment in my life to be granted the privilege to speak words of respect at this solemn occasion, I am sure that this memorial was an inspiring time for all of us.

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to Sam and Elaine Rhodes and Beth and Chet Rowland for providing us with an outstanding 2010 reunion.

Currently, under the leadership of Ken and April Homko, plans are underway for the 2011 reunion. Elsewhere in the newsletter they have provided pertinent information regarding the reunion plans. Please respond to their request for pictures of you and your family members attendance at past reunions.

Ray Bailey advised us in March that some 200 crew members of the USS Franklin were still living. I would like to strongly suggest that each of us attempt to contact these USS Franklin survivors. Your contact with any of these men will be recognized during our reunion in May.

Honor to the Men of the USS Franklin CV-13

Dr. H. Prentice Baptiste, Jr.
President

Annual Election of Directors

This is the procedure for electing candidates to the Board of Directors which was approved by the Board.

October						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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OCTOBER —

During the third 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 2010 annual dues.**

NOVEMBER —

The ballot will be identified as such and the mailing address will be listed with the election date to be Saturday, November 13, 2010. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.

Board Membership Is Open to All Museum Members

Board membership is no longer restricted to crew members. In fact, in the interest of perpetuating the Museum we have to have younger people on the Board. So, if you are interested, follow these criteria:

A) be at least twenty-one years of age, B) be a current paid up member of the Museum Association, C) make an effort to attend the reunions, D) submit a 250 word essay on why you wish to serve on the Board including any experience or ability you can offer. This essay is to be mailed to:

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**MUST BE MAILED NO LATER THAN
OCTOBER 1, 2010**

In Memoriam

8 O'clock Report

— Word was received that these crew members absent from muster —
Seamen that have received orders from the Supreme Commander,
were transferred to *The Big Ship In The Sky*.

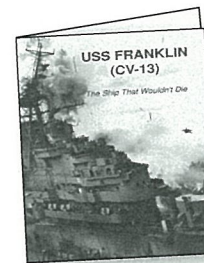
Willard Brisbin S2/c
Rosco V. Casey SSMC3/c S-Div.
Richard P. CATERISANO Pfc. 7th-Div.
Russell Dunstan ARM1/c
James S Harris S1/c
James F. Kane EM2/c E-Div.

John E. Lacouture Capt. XO VF-5
John M. Oberuch S1/c
Marcus Peris S1/c 3rd-Div.
Lt. (jg.) Richard O. Sparshott VF-13
Frank J. Turner Coxswain

*The Great Commander called them home to sail the crystal sea,
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.*

Please send information on the death of a crew member to
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USS FRANKLIN (CV13) The Ship That Wouldn't Die

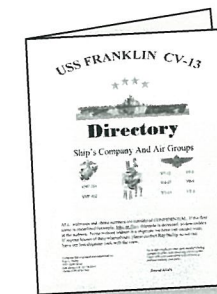
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This book was put together by many of the crew. It is a history of the ship as remembered by the crew and official records. It includes hundreds of personal accounts of the attack on March 19, 1945.

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