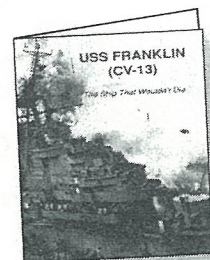
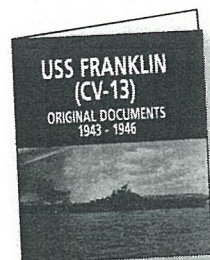


INFERNO: *The Epic Life and Death Struggle of the USS Franklin in World War II* by Joe Springer has been released in trade paperback. Springer reports that the errors have been corrected and the paperback is what the hard cover should have been.

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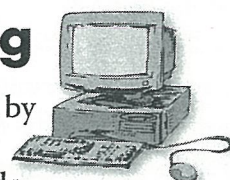


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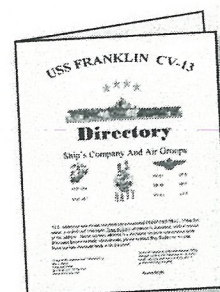


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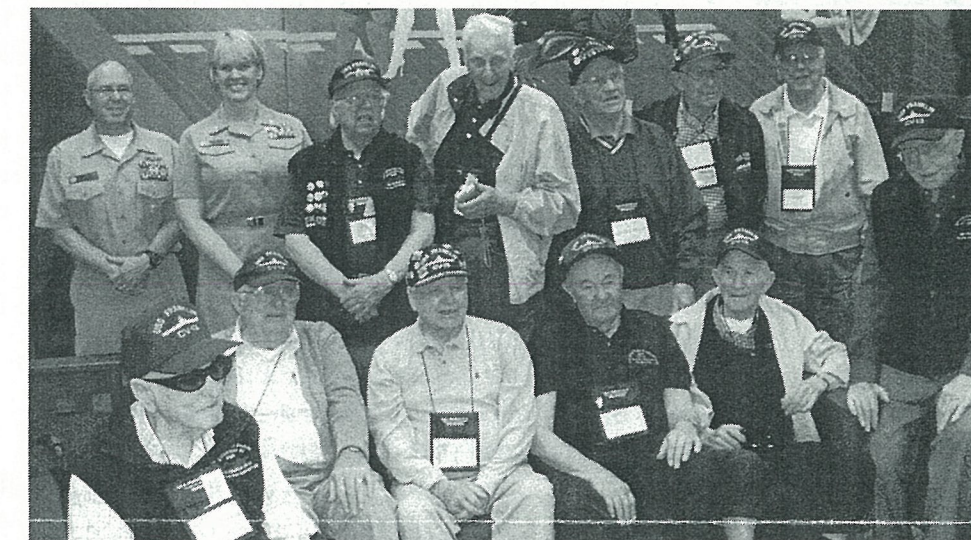
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LISLE REUNION A HUGE SUCCESS

NEARLY 200 CREW AND FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE RIP ROARING TIME

Ken and April Homko want to thank everyone who attended the reunion and appreciate the overwhelming words of congratulations so many of you extended in person or with a note. That being said we in turn want to express our gratitude for the many hours spent in the planning the daily activities. Yes, the bar was raised for our reunions this year.



Pictured are some of the crew members in attendance; yes, fewer are still with us. This becomes apparent as the number listed on the "8 O'Clock Report" is increasing. Families are seen more frequently now pushing a wheel chair . . . seems a Franklin crew member simply does not give up. And how gracious that family members do step up to the challenge.

There were words of thanks for the experience of visiting the Great Lakes Naval Training Station where a memorial wreath was placed in the waters of Lake Michigan by a couple of the crew assisted by the base Chaplain, a color guard and a bugler. We were greeted by an assembly of students when we arrived at the barracks/dormitory which is named for the Franklin. A second original oil painting, this one painted by crew member Tom Leo, was presented to the students.

Yes, there was music and lots of camaraderie, the mayor of Naperville stopped by to greet us one evening. Our guest speaker was Rick Fox whose father was the Dr. William Fox we knew aboard the Franklin.

The memorial moment when the "8 O'Clock Report" is read and the bell chimed for each recently deceased crew member choked up many folks when the authentic drum and bagpipes troupe closed this special ceremony. You had to be there to fully appreciate it.

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Greetings:

No, not next year but the following year, 2013 will mark our 25th Anniversary! Back in 1988 five USS Franklin members of the crew decided to form a chartered association dedicated to keeping the ship and the crew members who made

the supreme sacrifice on March 19, 1945 known to the world. And indeed members of the Association have been responsible for memorial plaques to be installed and dedicated from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Of those five crew members just one remains with us . . . Sam Rhodes. Even as you read this, Sam is dedicating our memorial plaques at a new Veteran's Memorial Park in Stuart, Florida. I'll not say more because this event will be reported in our next news letter.

We have some non-crew members who have become involved in the Association operations and I would like to express our appreciation for their accepting responsibility. Louise Mast is now maintaining our master file and the DIRECTORY. Ms. JoAnne Baines graciously manages the website. Ken Homko has been appointed treasurer so send your dues payments to him now.

Our new DVD will impress everyone who view the scenes and listens to the interviews of Franklin crew members . . . we are indebted to those who created this extraordinary film!

Dr. H. Prentice Baptiste, Jr.
President

USS FRANKLIN: HONOR RESTORED

70 Minute DVD is the definitive account of the carrier in WWII

The Ardennes Group, LLC (Mr. Joseph R. Small) and Janson Media are pleased to announce the long awaited worldwide release of the film USS FRANKLIN HONOR RESTORED. This film is the definitive visual account of USS Franklin in World War II. According to Internet Movie Data Base online (<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1819733/>) Mr. Small budgeted nearly one million dollars for production of the film. As of this writing, negotiations are ongoing for airing the film on television but Janson Media suspects that eventually the film will air nationwide on PBS. Will keep you posted.

The DVD will be available on Amazon.com and with other online retailers, including electronic downloads on iTunes, Amazon.com, EZTakes.com and possibly Netflix. DVD orders may also be placed directly to Janson Media.

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Length: 70 minutes including two additional features; the film trailer and an interview with narrator Captain Dale Dye.

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In Memoriam

8 O'CLOCK REPORT

Seamen who received orders from the Supreme Commander, were transferred to The Big Ship In The Sky.

— Word was received that these crew members have been absent from muster since our last newsletter—

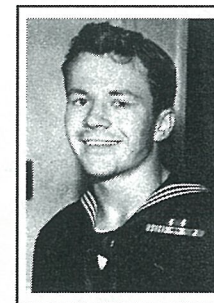
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*The Great Commander called them home to sail the crystal sea,
Where they will steer with steady hand throughout eternity,
No longer will the high sea roll,
The skies will be clear and every day will be a day of happiness and cheer,
No storm shall 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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Bob St. Peters, President Emeritus and one of the original Museum Association founders, died earlier this year after suffering during recent years with debilitating health issues. In spite of his physical condition he had planned to attend the reunion in Lisle as usual along with his three daughters. Bob will be remembered fondly as being a devoted, conscientious leader . . . but also as a loyal friend.

Ray Bailey Gives Up Videotaping

For years we have seen Ray and his wife Dottie lugging his camera and related gear to the reunion, setting up the tripod and camera, capturing the different activities on film. For a nominal sum he offered the filmed history so many folks have a visual record of our reunions.

Ray says it has been a challenge which he enjoyed, but now he is no longer physically able to film the reunion. This past reunion is the first to not have a filmed record.

This is a golden opportunity for a dedicated, able bodied and talented photography person to assume the responsibility of creating a film record of our reunions Need more information? Call or write Ray Bailey: 3511 Byrd Street, San Diego, CA 92154-1611 Phone: 619-423-1302 E-mail: raycbailey3.2.1@juno.com

Ken Homko is Our New Treasurer

Long-time treasurer Bob Ladewig asked to be relieved of the financial responsibility (but remain a Director) and president Baptiste has named Honko to the office of treasurer to serve until the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Board has recognized that aging crew members have to give way to younger men and women for the Association to succeed in the coming years. Ray Bailey, our vice president, is the only office holder who is a crew member with this change.

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