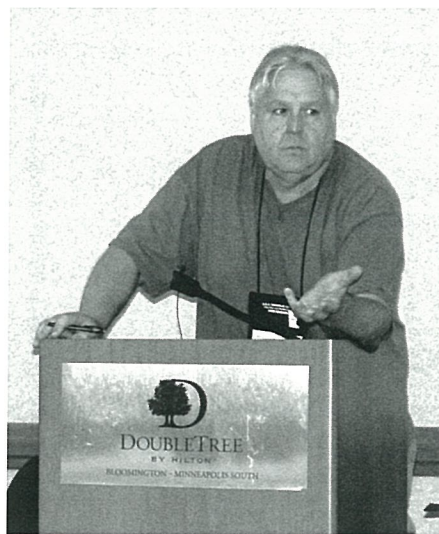


EVERYONE SAYS IT WAS GREAT Double Tree Inn was Outstanding — The Best!

Our reunion in Bloomington, Minnesota was chaired by Stephen Rausch (pictured on the left) and he received lots of accolades on Sunday when the festivities ended. The cruise and luncheon was the highlight of course, it would be fair to say everyone was pleased cruising the Mississippi observing the changing shoreline. We even went thru one of the locks, probably the first experience for most of us.

The nearby "Mall of America" certainly was a take-in for most of the ladies. If you enjoy shopping it is a "must."



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It is no secret, the 8 o'clock reports tell you each year there are fewer active crew members. Yet the Museum Association is functioning as it has been over the years because family members have stepped up to continue what crew members started in 1988. Look here, there are four generations of the McAvoy family.

When a crew member does pass away family members are encouraged to remain active in the Association . . . you are part of the Franklin Family.

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Greetings:

What a wonderful reunion we had in Minneapolis! Thanks to Chairperson Stephen Rausch for his hard work. I was very thrilled, as were others, in the attendance of twenty-five of our heroic crew. The reunion was well attended with more than one hundred family members and friends.

Your President, with the Board of Directors concurrence, made several decisions, which should have a positive effect on the continuing vitality of the USS Franklin (CV-13) Museum Association. I would like to share the status of three of these decisions.

Mr. Bob Ladewig and Mr. Bill Albrecht are updating the Association bylaws: This is very necessary to assure our Association has a legal referent. They will be submitting the revised bylaws for approval at the Association's meeting in Charleston, SC.

The second decision was regarding the status of the Association accounts, especially the Association's certificates of deposit. Several board members raised questions regarding government policies and laws that govern the manner in which a nonprofit organization must handle its funds. As your President, I have requested Ms. Jeannette Rhodes Haugk to investigate these policies and laws and to present to the board a set of recommendations for consideration.

The third decision was regarding the USS Franklin web site. The Board voted to continue the web site that was established by Mr. Philip Gentry: Mr. Darren Hamm is now in charge of the web site.

Thanks to Ms. Beth Conard Rowland for bringing Mr. Darren Hamm to our attention. Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter, the web site will be up and running.

I do hope everyone is having a healthy, wonderful and prosperous year. I am looking forward to being with each of you at our next reunion in Charleston, SC in May, 2013.

H. Prentice Baptiste

Dr. H. Prentice Baptiste, Jr.

Some members sort of forget or overlook paying their dues . . . are you one of them?

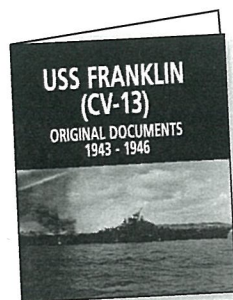
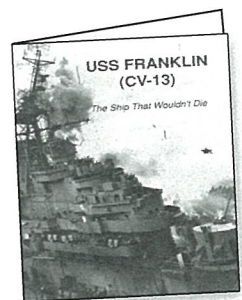
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In Memoriam

8 O'CLOCK REPORT

Word was received that these crew members have been absent from muster since our last newsletter and who received orders from the Supreme Commander to be transferred to The Big Ship In The Sky.

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John L. Vandergrift 2nd Lt. VMF-214 Capt. Ret. USMC

*The Supreme 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.*

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JOIN THESE CREW MEMBERS IN CHARLESTON

Not all of the crew managed to congregate for a photo shoot but here are most of them. They all deserve a round of applause, it takes a bit of doing for most of the crew to navigate these days.

Some come to the reunions in a wheel chair, using a walker or a cane and accompanied by a family member or two. But they bring an indomitable spirit . . . more than once you will hear, "Yeah, I may have to go but it won't be without a fight." The Franklin crew is a bunch of tough old sailors. Believe it.

Celebration!

The Museum Association will celebrate our 25th anniversary in Charleston aboard the Yorktown surrounded by our memorabilia on the hanger deck. Plan to be at this special reunion.



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