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65 Years Ago Today in History: USS FRANKLIN (CV-13) is attacked

Description



USS Franklin (CV-13) approaches New York City,...
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50 miles off the coast of Japan on 19 March, 1945, the crew of the USS FRANKLIN (CV-13) got a close up look of hell.Ã, A Japanese bomber made it through the defenses and sent two bombs into the flight deck full of armed and fueled aircraft.Ã, The resulting death and devastation, and heroism were beyond belief.

I have written on the subject before, in more detail.Ã, SteelJaw Scribe did an excellent job with his post in 2008:Ã, â€œThe Crucible.â€•

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Today, in Branson, MO, the crew members and family and friends are gathered for a reunion and holding a memorial ceremony.

I also had the privilege of posting a memorial to Omer Dee Simms, thanks to the trust of his son, Richard.Ã, Omer died saving his shipmates on this day 65 years ago.

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