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December Newsletter

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The Eighteenth Reunion will be held in Seattle, Washington
Just received word from Jan that the dates for the reunion are August 17th thru August 20th.
Room rate will be \$89.00. More details to follow.

Attendees at the Chicago Reunion:

Lavada Boyer	David & Susan LaBay	Leo & Margaret O'Brien
David, Odess & Jeremy Brinkman	Sara La'Schanzky	Jenny Porter
Mary Fuggetta	Don & Shirley Lorenzi	Arthur & Marjorie Rauseo
Alonzo & Oneice Hodgson	Matt Meehan	Earl & Frances Robertson
Reggie & Pam Hennessey	Jim & Debbie Meehan	Bill & Amelia Taylor
Bill & Sheri Kautz	Mike & Jerry Michalski	Tex Teixeira
Bud & Jean Kautz	Steve & Amanda Miller	Angela Turin *
Ed. King	Dan & Jackie Minaghan	Jan Trober *
		John Vernale

*Reunion Hosts

The state of Washington was organized as a territory March 2, 1853 and entered the union November 11, 1889. Named in honor of George Washington. Nicknames – Evergreen State and Chinook State. Motto: Al-ki (Indian meaning "by & by). Olympia is the Capital and Seattle is the largest city. Among the major points of interest: Mt. Rainier, Olympic and North Cascades. In 1980 Mount St. Helens, a peak in the Cascades Range in Southwestern part of the state erupted on May 18th. Also of interest are National Parks: Whitman Mission and Fort Vancouver National Historic Sites; and the Pacific Science Center and the Space Needle in Seattle. Famous natives include Bob Barker (TV); Carol Channing (Actress); Bing Crosby (Actor/singer); Bill Gates (Software executive); Gypsy Rose Lee (Entertainer) and many others, too numerous to mention. Of course the most important and most historical event will take place in September 2006- will be the USS Lowndes 18th Reunion.

In Washington the highest temperature recorded: 7/5/1961, 118 ° Lowest 12/30/68, - 48°

Dear Bud:

In promulgating your esoteric coitations, or articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable, philosophical observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness, a compact comprehensibility, coalescent consistency, and a concatenated cogency. Eschew all conglomerations of flatulent garrulity, lejune babblement and asinine affections.

Let your extemporaneous and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity, without rhodomontade or thrasonical bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolixity, psittaceous vacuity, jocosity, and pestiferous profanity, obscurant or apparent.

In other words, talk plainly, briefly, naturally, sensibly, truthfully, purely. Keep from slang; don't put on airs; say what you mean, mean what you say.

Sincerely

Sally Cary

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Here are a few words from your editor:
Being a captive audience you will just have to
suffer through this page.

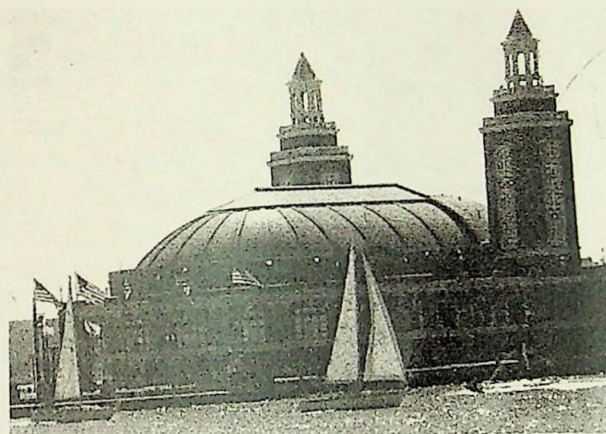
During the Chicago Reunion the group boarded a bus and visited the Navy Pier. Back in the late 30's and early 40's I was a member of the Sea Scouts and our ship, USS Buccaneer – No. 12 was stored over the winter where we could do maintenance on it for the upcoming racing season. We called it a ship, but actually it was a life boat from an ocean going liner. It took 12 men to propel it through the water when we were in races along both sides of the pier. We boarded a small cruise boat and going along the shoreline gave us a nice view of the Chicago skyline and a view of the 2 mile crib, part of Chicago's water system. Lunch was on own. Being a native of Chicago I along with family members enjoyed a snack at Billy Goat's tavern and grill. The original owner was famous for the curse he put on the Chicago Cubs because he wasn't permitted to bring his goat into Wrigley Field. Many believe this is the reason the Cubs have flopped so dismally these many years. There were many other attractions at the Pier including a magic show, a large Ferris wheel. After a few hours of taking in the sights we boarded the bus for a tour of the city. The subject of lunch came up, but there was no scheduled stop for it. Fortunately daughter Pam Hennessey was on board and with the advent of today's technology she used her wireless telephone and contacted her daughter, Jenny Porter who is part one of the many people who put the Art Institute in motion. Through her efforts the entire reunion group was escorted to the cafeteria to enjoy a leisurely lunch. Who said it doesn't pay to have clout when in our great city of Chicago? Thanks, Jenny, 9our grand daughter. She has also set a wedding date for next March in Las Vegas. (*Jenny, Grandma and I have a pretty tight schedule, but we will some how squeeze that date in.*)

Boarding the bus after lunch we continued our tour. To reach the expressway we took the Ontario Street ramp. In doing so we passed within less than 20 feet of the 220 W. Ontario building where your editor entered

the portal to the sixth floor and for over 13 years managed a photo studio until another photographer and I struck out on our own. That took me to January, 1988 when I finally retired.

Some of the sights we saw were the John Hancock building, Soldier Field (home of the Chicago Bears), Field Museum, Planetarium. Continuing our tour on the expressway we passed Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox, who I'm sure everyone is aware that they finally after years won the World Series. Toured China Town and passed Jean and my favorite Chinese restaurant, King Wah. We would have invited the group in for a great meal, but since you all had lunch already we felt it would have just been too much for you. Maybe some other time. Just want to say, "It kinda brought back a host of memories."

Then on to many more sights including driving through the University of Chicago grounds. One sight in particular was the "sculpture," an automobile completely encased in a huge block of cement. Sorry, I don't remember how or why this came about.



Marjorie Rauseo

Enclosed Arthur's Lowndes dues. We had a wonderful time in Chicago. I never knew how beautiful it was. Our flight home was perfect.

Frances Robertson

We really enjoyed our trip to Chicago. I was amazed at the hustle and bustle of the downtown area. The first ship Earl was on was the U. S. S. Oklahoma that flipped over at Pearl Harbor in December 1941. They had a reunion in last November in Oklahoma and the girls tagged along and did the driving. It was fun and enjoyable. Hope to see all in Seattle.

Angela Turin

I just wanted to let everyone know that I had a great time at the reunion in Chicago. Thanks for having me.

Anna Copenhaver

(Herb Kears daughter)

Dad was a "Grand Man". He helped so many people and taught us so many lessons during his wonderful lifetime. He is truly missed. Mom is doing well and adjusting to a life without Dad. Thanks again for helping in getting Dad's memories to us.

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John Vernale

Just a few words to let all know that Mary and I had a great time in Chicago. Jan and Angela did a great job as always. Mary sends her best wishes to everyone at the reunion, including you, Bud. She had a great time, everyone was so warm and friendly. We're looking forward to Seattle next year. Just a suggestion, how about some music next year

at our banquet. I would like to dance with some of the wives. Yeah! Yeah!

Ed. Note: Some may remember that at our Myrtle Beach reunion John, at one of the shows we attended, got up on the stage and did a bit of jitterbugging.)

Dolores McNamee

Left my home of 60 years – ever since Henry and I were married and moved to a condo near my daughter in Westport, MA. It is nice but will be a while before I am settled in. Maybe a reunion in the future? Moved because of vision problems. Hi to all our friends and fond memories.

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Ed. Note: Wish you the best and hope to see you at a future reunion if possible.

Jerry Michalski

Mike seems about the same, his memory problems are so some days. He was 91 years old in December. His health is good so that's a blessing. Too bad that we missed so much of the reunion with him in the hospital in Chicago – maybe we will have better luck next time.

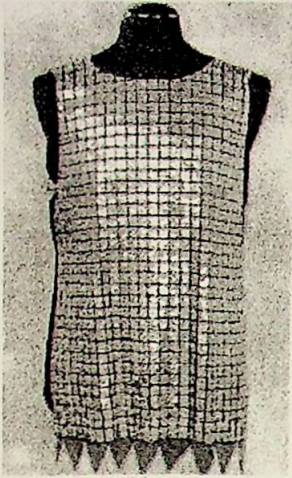
Ed. Note: It certainly was a shame that Mike had a problem at the reunion. Look to see them in Seattle. Mike was one of the stalwart of the Lowndes and had originally expressed a desire that we have a reunion on the west coast.

Joyce DuBois

Frank continues to regress with his problem, but he continues to be jovial and good humored. (Most of the time). I am well and we appreciate the newsletters and enjoy reading about the fun places the Lowndes members all go to.

Ed. Note: We miss them and wish them the best.

David Brinkman



I saw this on ebay. The starting bid is \$200.00. I didn't realize that Lt. Edgar Hinton had a part this big. I may have to get a copy of this movie. Here is the listing:

Ed. Hinton's leaded tunic from *Samson and Delilah*, (Paramount, 1949) From the period film starring Hedy Lamarr and Victor Mature, a sleeveless tunic with silver-toned lead squares arranged in a "coat of mail" pattern, with eyelets on the torso for tie closure and red felt hem (faded). Some lead squares exhibit abrasions; overall, in very good condition considering the age. This tunic was worn by party guest killer Ed Hinton as "Makon". As the rudest of the bridal feast guests and one of Prince Arthur's soldiers, he ends up murdering Samson's bride, Delilah's sister. This film received an Academy Award for Best Costume Design & Color. **\$200 - \$300.**

I've bought a few old VHS movies that Ed. Hinton was in but his parts were small and it's difficult to get a good quality image of his face (on VHS). I bought the 1949 Sampson and Delila (on DVD) and the quality of this is very good, but not sure which actor is Hinton. He's among a group of thugs but they all look too old to be him. He also was also a stunt man for the actor of Sampson but, of course there's no facial shots of him in these stunts.

Gordon Buck

(Buck cont'd)

My son-in-law sent me a DVD of a John Wayne movie, "The Sands of Iwo Jima". There were a couple of accurate scenes of the beach and of course the flag raising. The Lowndes Alumni population seems to be dwindling. I celebrated my 80th birthday in Las Vegas in February with close relatives. I am still working 6 days a week as a Consulting Structural Engineer and love it. Guess my zeal is due to having a new heart. Guess you heard about Wilma going across Palm Beach County. I am happy to report my generator and lanterns are put away probably for another year. My flat roof flew away, half on top of a pick-up truck 50 yards away and the other hung on a transformer and power pole a block away... 105 mph gusts are pretty powerful. Electric power was off for 8 days and of course the AC. Restaurants and grocery stores were all closed. Traffic and street lights were down. Gas was there but the stations had no way to pump it until the major oil companies suggested the stations spend \$600 for a generator. Cars were lined up for blocks.

Ed. Note: I remember many, many years ago when there was a shortage of electric power and when we pulled into a gas station this particular one had the pump rigged up to work off of the car generator. Just had to rev up the engine for a few minutes to fill our tank. The operator had quite a sharp mind to accomplish this and we were thankful for that.

Stuart Hyde has worked on a book that has much information regarding the war in the Pacific. It has taken him at least one year in collecting facts for this book that totals almost 200 pages. I guess being in the education field has been a big help in completing this factual endeavor and I have read it and I highly recommend it. He has gone through, not only a vast amount of time but also at considerable expense and will send it to anyone desiring it. Unfortunately with all that has happened since our last reunion I must confess to being late with this newsletter. Stuart will make this book available to anyone requesting it for \$17.00, a bargain.

Mary Schaffer

Enclosed is a check to help defray the cost, postage of the newsletters. I sure enjoy receiving it and save them. Hope to see everyone at one of the reunions in the future.

Jim Bussard

Glad to get the newsletter. I have been having a not so good summer and fall, I've been in the hospital and Rehab Center since August until recently. No fun talking about ill health, I've been pretty lucky for so many years. Best wishes for the 2006 year.

Albena Proctor

We would really like to get to the reunions. But unless it was close to our home I feel Warren won't be able to go. He sure likes to be remembered.

Lois Chappell

Just a line to let you know we are doing well here. Howard comes home twice a month but is ready to go back to the home. If I was 20 years younger I would bring him home but it exhausts him too much to transfer him to his chair. We have good neighbors who help us when needed,

Marlene Rezza Schadler

We live in a suburb of New Orleans and have been out of our house since September. We can receive e mails and the postal service is still working. Keep in touch.

Renee Michalski

I don't know if anyone was aware that Mother caught the same intestinal bug the last night they were at the reunion and had to leave the banquet early. She wasn't feeling too great the next morning but they did get packed and made their flight home. After a couple of days in her own home she is back to normal too. In fact they went out to eat one night recently

Ed Note: This is great news hearing from Marlene. Was really worried with Katrina so close to home.

Jim Born

We almost got to Chicago for the reunion last year, but as always bad luck hit us again. Helen and I went into the hospital at the same time and shared the same room the end of July. I had blood poison in my arm and Helen's blood pressure was very high. I got news I was OK on Dec. 14, '05, but Helen has to go in for surgery Jan. 5th. This has been a bad year for the two of us. We have been married for 62 years now. We had plans to surprise all at the reunion. Helen's niece lives a half mile away from the Hilton and told her we would be seeing her. We were in Las Vegas for the reunion in 2000, but had to leave early because real sick and we were advised to get back home. I left a message for you, Bud. Maybe in 2006 we will make it to the reunion. Please keep sending the newsletters, we like the stories they contain.

Ed. King

Lavada and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in Seattle next year.

Ed. Note: Ed better be there, otherwise who am I going to pick on? He can have no excuse, he only lives a little way down the coast.

Bill Markus

Tried the internet computer and found the USS Lowndes web site. Had all the history and saw pictures of all of us on Iwo Jima. Really interesting. We all looked so much younger.

You bet!

Ed. Note: Just talked to Bill and he's still swimming and playing golf.

Ed. Note: All except that this issue apparently has a great deal to say about our members pitfalls. Sorry about that. Jim, never got your message.

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David Long

Another year passing. Seems to have gone pretty fast. Must be because we're having fun. Went on a ski trip to Sunday River, Maine. One day 19 below zero. In San Francisco in March celebrating my 80th birthday with family members. During the year we made trips to Tokyo and China visiting the Great Wall, Hong Kong and many other interesting sites. One highlight was 5 days on the Yangtze River. Absolutely fascinating. Completely different culture and we did partake in a very different cuisine eating with chop sticks. Had a great year with no major problems. Health typical of aging.

Ed. Note: Too bad they had to cancel attending our Chicago reunion at the last minute because of a bug Joanne picked up in China. Missed another great one. If memory serves me, I believe our Captain Perdue was involved in an incident on the Yangtze River.

Dick Jones

I was scheduled last December 15th to have a knee replacement. Think I'll be a new man after the surgery.

Mildred Binney

This has been my first year alone, as Buell passed away in June 2004. I enjoy living in my own home, but it's old! This 116 year old house has lots of parts that are very worn, but it is my home, and I am blessed that I can enjoy each day here. I have taken on making rugs out of scraps that I can find around the house. So far, I have made 54 rugs and more to go. "Cash" the house cat and 9 or 10 outside cats keep me busy. May the next year be full of blessings each day.

Sally Cary

Just a line to let you know I'm still kicking. Got the pictures that David Brinkman sent on the net. They were fantastic. Also heard that next year the Lowndes reunion will

be in Seattle, WA. My daughter Lee and I hope to make it. I see by the photographs that everyone had a great and gorgeous time. Sure wish I had been there but circumstances as they were I was unable to. John and I were up in Washington several years ago, but we never got down to Seattle. It sure is pretty country up there.

Joel Perez

I would like more information regarding the USS Lowndes. My Grandfather, Rosenberg Risa served aboard the ship during WWII on an LCVP.

Ed. Note: Anyone with information for Joel can contact him at:

<jperez@mar.navy.mil>

Jan Trober

It has been and is a joy to be able to coordinate the reunions these past few years and I look forward to putting together the reunion for Seattle, Washington. I have said it many times, "I have never served in the military, but it is my honor to serve those who have served in the US Navy". I thank all those that attend the reunions for bringing their smiles and laughter which really touches my heart. Chicago is a beautiful city and a destination I would like to return to again. It was great to be at the Navy Pier on graduation day. Seeing the Pier teeming with young Navy personnel in their dress whites, I've got to say there is something about a man or woman in a uniform. Seeing those young sailors, I can only imagine how all the men of the Lowndes must have looked when they were that same age. For those who could not attend the 2005 reunion in Chicago, I just want to tell you, "I missed you". My hope is to see you at next year's reunion in Seattle, WA.

(Ed. Note:) I'm sure that the Lowndes Reunion group know that Jan is Earl & Frances Robertson's daughter. I have received many compliments citing the great job she has done to make our reunions a delight and am sure the next one will be another success.

THANK YOU, JAN!

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Florence V. Richards, 104, Nebraska City, died Monday (October 10, 2005). Mrs. Richards would have celebrated her 105th birthday on October 10, 2005 Born Dunbar. Previously taught school in Crete, Madison and Meadow Grove, NE. Former resident, Syacuse where her husband had an International Harvester store.

Survivors: Daughter, Virginia L. Duncan, Nebraska City: sons Wallace, Columbus, NE; Keith, Bloomington, IN; 15 Grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; other relatives. Preceded in death by husband, Stanley J.; son, Norman Robert., (killed in action on Iwo Jima.

At our reunion in San Antonio, Texas A plaque honoring Norman was placed on the wall at Admiral Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, Texas. Mrs. Richards, then 95 years old and her family attended the dedication.

We had been in touch, letters, with Mrs. Richards and she wrote very interesting letters belying her advanced age. She will not only be missed by her family, but by members of the reunion group that have been in contact with her. Mike Michalski made the trip one year to Nebraska City to help her celebrate her birthday.

May she rest in peace.

Keith Richards

We express our sympathy to Odess Brinkman on the passing away of her Father, Digno Maingpes, had a long and productive life (0+ years) raising eight children. He fought against the Japanese in WWII and was recognized by our country as a US war veteran. He will be dearly missed by his wife, seven surviving children, many other relatives, and by so many in his community where he was a respected elder. Odess traveled to the Philippines to attend the funeral and will be there for aout a month.

David & Jeremy Brinkman

Our sympathies to all families.

Just received word via e mail from David Brinkman that Ellis Robert Morton, Jr. another Lowndes shipmate died on Iwo Jima according to the new WWII memorial in Hawaii. He is interred in a National Cemetery in Kent, Washington.

Ed. Note: It appears that this issue of the newsletter contains a host of bad tidings. Guess we're all getting to that age where we read the obits every morning and if our name isn't listed we get out of bed.

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