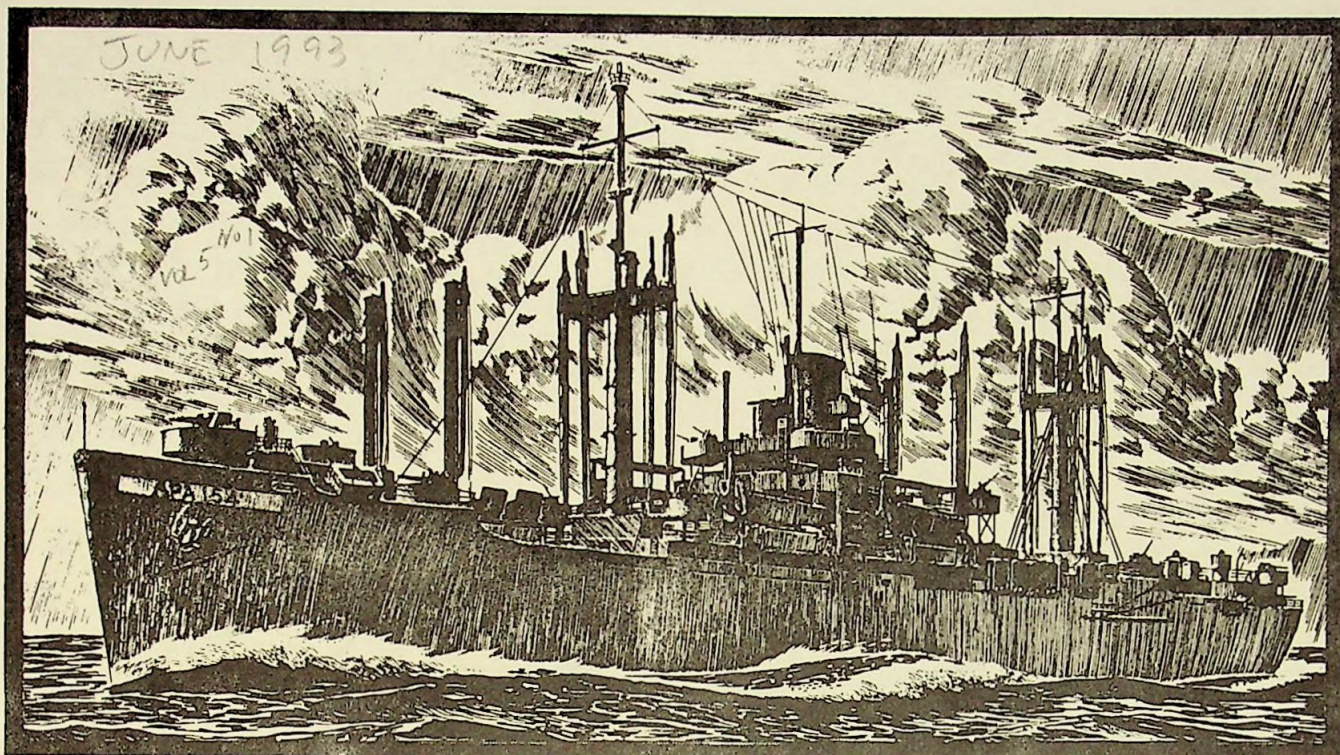


USS LOWNDES APA-154



Vol. 1 No. 1

JANUARY 1990

EDITOR BUD KAUTZ



USS LOWNDES APA 154
Wm. "Bud" Kautz
34782 Hiawatha Trail
McHenry, IL 60050

FIRST CLASS



Jan 1990

MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE REUNION IN ST. LOUIS

+ Edward Bensie
 Buell Binney
 James E. A. Briscoe
 Stuart C. Brokenshire
 Harold D. Brunner
 John Cary
 Howard D. Chappell
 Mitchell S. Chasteen
 Slater F. Christian
 Gladys Dahms
 James G. Davenport
 Frank B. Dubois
 George J. Dudash
 John Dyer
 Eugene H. Engle
 Dean F. Fearing
 Carmel J. F. Fesi
 Joseph J. Freitas
 James L. Frieden

Robert B. Hail
 Robert Hazelett
 Alonzo H. Hodgson, Jr.
 Harley J. Hughes
 John R. Johnson
 Leonard A. Johnson
 Richard G. Jones
 Franklin T. Judnitsch
 John F. Jurica
 Wm. Bud Kautz
 William B. Lawrence
 Don E. Lorenzi
 William J. Malloy
 Clark O. Martin
 Arnold M. Matzen
 Edward G. McKellar
 Henry McNamee
 C. C. Michalski
 Erle Nieme
 Leo O'Brien

Billy H. Piercy
 Arthur J. Rauseo
 Hubert W Ravenscraft
 Earl O. Robertson
 Joel Rodriguez
 Harry R. Ruether
 Clifford W. Schaffer
 Arvil Sefers
 Rhonal E. Shy
 Dallas Stratton
 William L. Taylor
 George R. Tuppen
 Carl Turner
 Walter M. Umbarger
 * John A. Vernale
 Otto Walker
 Robert Warnberg
 Dan Wisdom
 Joseph G. Young

* John just wanted to be first in the book.

Day is done, gone the sun,
 From the lake, from the hills, from the sky,
 All is well,
 Safely rest,
 God is nigh.

George L. Drennan
 Fred Irwin Grinnell
 Fred E. Groh

Marvin Gunderson
 Harold Wayne Hatten
 N. W. Nagel

Martin J. Rezza
 John Milton Rice
 Joseph L. Sonnier

COMPLAINT CARD

Please list in full any complaints you might want to register against the management, write legibly in the box below.



"I'd think again about that!"

"HOPE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON HAS BEEN GOOD TO ALL AND A PROSPEROUS YEAR IN 1990

That's all folks.



"I hope I'm not keeping you from anything, doctor."

Bud

USS LOWNDES APA 154 REUNION
MESSAGE FROM THE REUNION COMMITTEE

The "FIRST ANNUAL USS LOWNDES - APA 154 REUNION" was held in St. Louis, MO, the gateway to the west, on June 23, 24 & 25. Our very special thanks to all who participated in making this momentous event a success. Feedback indicates that a great time was had by all in renewing old acquaintances and rehashing old times. Over 50 crew members were there and a total of 114 bodies (live) at our banquet. For the record, Missouri had the highest attendance with 12, followed by Texas - 7, Illinois - 5, 35 from 17 also ran states. We are looking for a larger turn out next year at the Raddison Hotel (downtown Duluth, MN) in September. June July were booked solid so Dick Jones opted for September. We need your help in locating more crew members. *

Your Reunion Committee

Dan Wisdom
Dick Jones
Earl Robertson
Bud Kautz

* You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake, so hurry.

It was a wonderful three days in St. Louis seeing our shipmates after a time lapse of 43 years. Of course there was a lot of name tag reading and "Oh sure I remember you" or "I can't place you right now". We all have added a pound or two and the slim bodies have disappeared, the hair has thinned out and a little gray is starting to show. But one thing has not changed, the spirit of friendship we all acquired aboard the 154.

George & Glenda Tuppan

It was such a delight to meet so many nice people.

Frances Robertson (Earl)
(Traveled the least)

We had a wonderful time. It was great to see everyone.

Clifford & Mary Schaffer

I had a great time at the reunion. It was great.

Harold (lost bus) Brunner

Aloha from Hawaii, The meeting was a success, hope to make it next year.

Ed & Mary McKellar
(Traveled the farthest
to attend reunion)

We thank you for the lovely reunion and Dan did a perfect job too. We really enjoyed meeting everyone and wish it could have been sooner.

Mr. & Mrs. Buell Binney

Georgetown shoe department manager: "Yes we have quite a selection of loafers. I'll see if I can get one to wait on you".

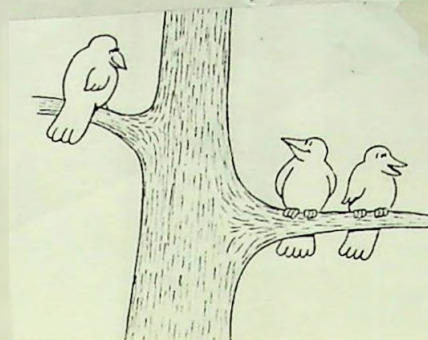
Really enjoyed the reunion and looking forward to the next one.

H. Chappell

Jan. 90

50th ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- The Stuart Brokenshires 1989
- The Harley Workmans 1989
- The Harold Brunners 1990



John Vernale retired in January 1990 - enjoy.

Glad to hear Glen Forgay is doing well after his heart attack. Bob Hail, Bill Piercy and Dan Wisdom visited with him last August.

John Dyer gave birth to kidney stones in St. Louis but is feeling much better now.

Fred Gideon has been fighting the stones all summer. Well wishes to the both of them.

Aside to Bob Hail and Rhonal Shy: The LONGEST MUSTACHE ON RECORD IS 76 INCHES.

Thanks to Clark Martin for the list of publications that will publish reunion notices, 22 in all.

A huntin' we will go. Dallas Stratton bagged deer in South Carolina and one in Florida. Lorene - who dresses them?

Tonights weather forecast - Dark.

Since our reunion the following members have been located:

- | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Lawrence Bandzak | Rank Dawson | Charles Loseman |
| Harold Castine | Robt. Hazelett | H. D. Moore |
| David Frederick | R. J. Henkels | James C. Stewart |
| Wm. F. Gackstetter | Albert Resetar | Ralph P. Trafton |
| Vincent G. Halbauer | Carl Turner | Frank Wanits |
| Paul B. Lineback | | Leo J. Winters |
| | | Buford L. Sims |

Let's Find More!

Our mailing list consists of 137 fellows. Give a great big hand to Dan Wisdom, he has done a tremendous job and is still in there pitching. Thanks Dan.

Which brings up another minor, small, wee, itty bitty detail. Dues are due. I wonder who sent me 10 Japanese Centavos. We heartily accept payment.

Did you know that from 1835 to 1837 the United States had no national debt?

Now! For 1991 - is there some kind, enterprising soul out there who would be willing to host our third annual reunion? Should start thinking and working on it in the near future so we can be assured of a possible June date (which most prefer) Whoever will be willing to undertake this project will not lack for help. Believe me, it's fun, right Dick and Bunnie?

Th rsults ar nvr th sam unls vrybody pitchs in and lnds a hand.

To Earl and Frances Robertson, Dick and Bunnie Jones for their help in registration and tour arrangements. Oh yeah! My wife Jean counted the money and it came out just right. Bud