

# USS LOWNDES



## TENTH ANNUAL REUNION

\*SEPTEMBER 23 - 26, 1998\*

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Hawaii is America's most exotic and unusual state, with 132 islands and atolls stretching across some 1600 miles of ocean. It is blessed with a uniform climate of predictably warm temperatures; In September the temperature in Honolulu, Oahu ranges from 73°F low to 83° high. Should be perfect for our Reunion. In 1959 Congress passed legislation admitting Hawaii as our 50th state. Oahu is the 3rd largest island in the Hawaiian chain. Waikiki Beach is 2½ miles long and is in the shadow of Diamond Head. In the same vicinity is International Market Place a must for the distaff side of our Reunion group. there will be additional information of points of interest in Honolulu and the surrounding area as Stan Dunn makes it available for a future News Letter.

I am planning a tour Thursday, 24 September, to the Pineapple Museum, Schofield Barracks through Kolekole Pass and then to Leeward Coast with a stop at the Army Rest Camp at Poki Bay. At that time we will have an hour on the beach and a buffet lunch after which we will return to the hotel. Friday the 25th will be free time until about 1500. At this time a tour bus will pick everyone up at the hotel for a trip to the Arizona Memorial for a special showing in the theater. We will then walk to Bowfin Park (across the parking lot) where the Submarine and Museum will be open for 1½ hours. At 1800 an open bar will be available and a photo session. The business meeting will be held followed by dinner and dancing. The buses will depart for the hotel about 2145. There will be a breakfast buffet at the Hale Koa Hotel on Saturday morning with the rest of the day free. There will be no charges except for transportation and for the lunch and breakfast.

Note: Schedule will be firmed up in later News Letter.

Stan Dunn

### ATTENDEES at the WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 1997 REUNION

David & Modesta Brinkman  
Roberta Brinkman  
Gordon & Thelma Buck  
Sally Cary  
Howard & Lois Chappell  
Jim Chilcote  
E. Max Cole  
Frank & Joyce DuBois  
Stan & Mona Dunn

John & Lebby Dyer  
Mike, Jo Ellen & Meridith Dyer  
Pamela Hennessey (Kautz)  
Dick & Roseanna Jones  
Bud & Jean Kautz  
Don & Shirley Lorenzi  
Don & Joan Macpherson  
Margaret McGrody  
Jackie Minaghan (Kautz)

Eileen Murray  
Leo & Margaret O'Brien  
Arthur & Marjorie Rauseo  
Cliff & Mary Schaffer  
Dallas & Lorene Stratton  
Bill & Amelia Taylor  
Walt & Jackie Umbarger  
John & Sally Vernale  
Dorothy Weaver

BUD & JEAN KAUTZ - McHenry, IL - We thoroughly enjoyed the Reunion in West Palm Beach, FL. We were very happy to have our two daughters join us. You, John & Lebby did a fantastic job arranging all the activities. The bus tour of Palm Beach gave everybody an insight on how the elite survives in all the great big mansions that they are forced to live in. The experience of concocting our own desert after a fine brunch at Cafe' Prote'ge' added to the enjoyment of this stop on our itinerary. However, we were warned not to touch the toothpick on our plate in the lab or suffer the wrath of the chefs who would instruct us in concocting our very own special desert, and it was quite the work of art. And besides, it tasted real good. After leaving the Florida Culinary Institute we traveled to the Flagler Museum for a history of Florida. There was a bit of a mix-up, and this was dropped from our schedule. Then back to the hotel for group photos of the Lowndes Lovelies and Uglies. Photos are enclosed with this News Letter. (Compliments of the Lowndes Lovelies.) Business meetings were held and a vote was conducted with the result of 90% in favor of the 1998 Reunion be held in Honolulu and hosted by Stan and Mona Dunn. The date has been tentatively set for September. Details will follow as soon as they are available. I'm sure that Stan will have a very interesting and informative activities schedule worked out for us to enjoy our stay in Hawaii. Stan did go over a few of the items he intends to have on our agenda. Jean and I are looking forward to this trip as are many other shipmates and their mates. After the buffet breakfast (Freebie) at the hotel we boarded the bus for the Viking Princess. Upon going through the security gate, as always, I set the alarm off, emptied my pockets and lo and behold - one of the items was a small pocket knife that I carry around to scratch numbers on my film cartridges to keep them in numerical order. You guessed it, it was confiscated, but they gave me a claim check to redeem it when leaving the ship. Of course, at my age I forgot about it and my daughter Pam ran back to the security counter to claim it. She's a good kid. Black Jack tables and slot machines were readily available for all to try their luck. Sally Cary was the BIG winner (\$000.00) on the slots with our daughter Jackie running a decent second. We watched Jackie pile up the loot, she left the machine and I took over - HUH! Didn't win a thing. Guess I let it cool off. Decided to try my luck at the Black Jack table and even with the help from Eileen Murray I didn't fare any better than with the slots. Oh well, they say it's only money. Had a nice buffet lunch so it wasn't a total loss. Live entertainment topside. The highlight of this facet was watching our very own Bill Taylor cutting a mean rug with some young and pretty thing until her boy friend escorted her off the dance floor. Does Bill have something that we are not aware of? Evidently. In the lounge there was a band performing some nice oldies for us. Just as Taylor, Sally & John Vernale and Dick & Roseanna Jones didn't do too badly either. No one interrupted their performance because Sally and Roseanna didn't have their boy friends along to rescue them. Returned to port and boarded the bus back to the hotel. A cash bar helped us get ready for the banquet and the Lowndes Lovelies raffle supervised by their CEO, Sally Cary and assisted by John and Lebby's grand daughter, Meridith Dyer. Must give credit to Bill Taylor tho, he held the container of tickets while Meridith drew the winning tickets. Results are on another page of this News Letter. Another superb performance by Bill Taylor and Cliff Schaffer for their rendition of a parody on "Schnitzelbank". Bill composed this parody with words and illustrations, everyone joined in singing the refrain. My compliments to this duo. A remarkable performance that certainly added to the evening's enjoyment and one not to be forgotten. Thanks Bill and Cliff. I understand you were only able to rehearse this one time to the accompanying support of your tittering spouses.

BUD & JEAN - (Cont'd) - It was gratifying to see a number of the younger generation at our Reunion. We were especially happy that our daughters were able to join us.

Mike & Jo Ellen Dyer    Pamela Hennessey    Jackie Minaghan    Eileen Murray

The hospitality room was available during the entire Reunion and certainly lended to renewing acquaintances and rehashing memories of fifty odd years ago As Leo O'Brien once observed, "After hearing all the stories related by my shipmates, I wonder if we were all on the same ship." Yes, Leo, we were, but remember as time passes we all tend to glorify in reliving of past experiences and enhance the telling of them. The hotel was nice and the rooms were fine. Restaurant was convenient and we didn't have to travel away form the hotel to indulge in our favorite pastime. I know some bodies enjoyed the pool and sunshine, even tho they had to keep moving their chaise lounges to escape the shadow that the 10 story hotel kept casting and hiding King Sol. We had intended to leave on Monday to take in the Kennedy Space Center, but the reports of bad weather further up north were not to our liking - extremely rotten so we postponed our departure until Tuesday. When we finally arrived at the Space Center the weather was nice and sunny, all we could ask for. There was a big change at the center compared to our last visit in the early '70's. Left there and headed to Fort Wayne, IN to spend a few days house and dog sitting while our son, Bill attended a seminar in California. Then headed for the home base in McHenry, IL. All in all, the trip to West Palm Beach and back home was very pleasant.

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\*\*\*\*\* Winners of the Lowndes Lovelies' raffle as follows: \*\*\*\*\*

1st Prize Afghan	- Shirley Lorenzi	(Donated by Sally Cary)
2nd Prize \$150.00	- Bill Taylor	
3rd Prize \$ 75.00	- Walt Umbarger	
Iwo Jima Plate	- Leo O'Brien	(Donated by Stan Dunn)
Reunion Pillow	- E. Max Cole	(Donated by Lebby Dyer)
Pen & Pencil Set	- Stan Dunn	
Flashlight	- Howard Chappell	
Tool Set	- Walt Umbarger	
Golf Umbrellas	- Roberta Brinkman	(Golf
	- Cliff Schaffer	Items
	- Lebby Dyer	Donated
	- Arthur Rauseo	by
	- Joan Macpherson	John & Lebby's
	- Pam Hennessey	son
Golf Hats	- Eileen Murray	Mike Dyer)
Golf Hat & Towel	- Jackie Minaghan	

Special awards category:

Stuffed animal to the Dyer's grand daughter - Meridith for her very able assistance in the drawing of the winning raffle tickets.

Crystal clock to David & Modesta Brinkman for furnishing video tapes of the Myrtle Beach, SC Reunion to many of Fred's shipmates. And a hearty thank you to them for their efforts.

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It has been the suggestion that the enclosed 8x10 color group photos are to be furnished compliments of the Lowndes Lovelies.

JOHN DYER - Jupiter, FL - I think it is real nice when children of shipmates attend Reunions. That's what it's all about, love, family and togetherness. Our grand daughter wants to go next year. I am glad the Reunion is over, but enjoyed having it. I had calls from the hotel and tour hosts, thanking us and saying what a nice group we were. Bud & Jean - We enjoyed your daughters and hope they can come with you again.)

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E. MAX COLE - New York City, NY - It was great to attend another Lowndes Reunion, and all those "Hey! Do you remember.." and "He got so drunk he was a dishrag!" or "...We should have keel-hauled him." So, it was great with the Lowndes Lovelies and the Uglies. Bud, I wish I could help more with your efforts to locate Dick Swain. I did find a defunct phone number for him written a couple of years after we resigned our commissions. He was in a town called Washington, New Jersey, but I had no address for him there. I have a feeling that's pretty close to Philadelphia. I'll keep looking for another address book, I think he moved to some town north of New York City. Shipmates may want to check with various airlines regarding "Senior Pacs" or "Senior Certificates" as a possibility for a cheaper ride to the Reunion in Hawaii. Most of the airlines have these programs, each with a different name. See your friendly travel agent. Also sending a cassette made from a record I bought about 20 years ago. It is a first hand view of what was happening at Iwo Jima from just before D-Day to the final victory. The unique thing about it is that it was recorded on the spot as it was happening, both in the fleet, and on shore during the fighting. You can hear what the Navy and Marine brass at Iwo and Pacific headquarters in Guam are saying. But best of all, from the Marines who were fighting it. Many descriptions are from the actual field of battle, including all the noise of battle, by radio and Marine correspondents describing, for the record, and for broadcast to "the folks at home." This is a chance to see how the parents, wives and friends heard what was going on at the actual time. Don't know how the record producers got all this together on one LP, but they did a marvelous job. If there is anyone who wants a copy just contact me.

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WALTER KARSON - Elk River, MN - Just read an article in the June issue of the Minnesota Legionnaire - "Uncommon Valor." My reaction was, we from the USS Lowndes, know, we were there. We were one of the many ships in that bloody assault on that piece of rock. I am glad to see that we have that account of (The Unforgettable Image of Iwo Jima) to remind us of our part in that campaign. Every time I see an article about a place that we were involved in I go back and re-read the booklet. That is a great piece of history.

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SALLY CARY - Dalton, PA - Jaan's idea regarding the group photos is a good one. Spent Thanksgiving with Em. She said "What's with the pin in the nose? She also wants to see Bud in a grass skirt in Hawaii. (Ha! That'll be the day, when Waikiki Beache freezes over.)

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JIM & CAROL BUSSARD - Columbus, OH - Hope to see everyone in Hawaii in 1998.

Dear JOHN & LEBBY DYER:

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MIKE & JERRY MICHALSKI - Austin, TX - Just wanted to say thanks for an enjoyable and interesting Reunion at West Palm Beach, Florida. We really enjoyed the lunch at Cafe' Prote'ge'. It was GREAT! The time spent at the Florida Culinary Institute was interesting and the desert lab was fun and delicious. Having studied architecture in school I was really impressed with the assortment of designs and styles of the mansions we saw on the tour of West Palm Beach, some were outstanding. Being a yard nut as I am, I also enjoyed seeing the plants and other items at the stops we made. We also enjoyed the Viking Princess, trying our luck on a slot machine or two, then a good lunch and that "HOT" live entertainment, who could ask for anything more? We were glad to see your son and wife, Mike and Jo Ellen. Your grand daughter was really "cute" helping with the drawing. It was a great tour and we had a good time. Thanks again.

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DON & JOAN MACPHERSON - Marina Del Rey, CA - We had a wonderful time with you in Florida. And with your family. Hope you enjoy the album.

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DON & SHIRLEY LORENZI - Des Plaines, IL - Thank you for showing us a good time, and for doing all the work it must take to host our group. We enjoyed it. We arrived home safe, after we got bumped off the 12:30 plane to Chicago, bus to Ft. Lauderdale to catch a 4:30 plane. That plane ran out of fuel, had to circle to get into Chi, had to fly back to Indianapolis, IN to refuel. Rain snow and fog. We got to Chicago 10:00 PM. We don't want to fly for awhile, but we'll be ready for Hawaii. They offered us \$300.00 to take a later plane. See you in Hawaii.

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LEO & MARGARET O'BRIEN - Malden, MA - Thanks for a great Reunion. We had a good time with everything you planned. Even the culinary school which at first seemed a strange place to bring a group. But it turned out to be a very interesting and it was cause for a lot of fun. Didn't make any money on the boat ride but enjoyed the food, friends and the show. Thanks again. It was nice to enjoy our old shipmates and friends. You did a real fine job and as always enjoyed Taylor and Schaffer and their Pennsylvania Dutch skit.

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ARTHUR & MARJORIE RAUSEO - Georgetown, MA - Thanks so much for a wonderful Reunion. We had a great time.

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DICK & ROSEANNA JONES - Independence, KS - We had a nice trip to Florida. That was a great hotel and good food. On the way home it rained so hard we had to pull over and get a room at Cartersville, GA. It snowed here last night and I'm looking forward to going to Texas.

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JOHN & SALLY VERNALE - Farmington, CT - We want to thank you for a wonderful planned Reunion at West Palm Beach. We had a great time. The culinary school was very interesting and the food was great. The cruise ship was a little different from the APA Lowndes. I lost money on the cruise ship but I made money on the Lowndes fifty years ago. After we left W.P.B. we went to Fort Meyers and stayed with Sally's sister for 10 more days - very relaxing. Stay healthy and strong.

Dear JOHN & LEBBY DYER - (cont'd)

CLIFF & MARY SCHAFFER - Limeport, PA - We enjoyed the Reunion very much. You guys did a great job. Wouldn't mind going back for a few more weeks. We had a good flight home from West Palm Beach. Just returned from Aruba, It's a beautiful island and the weather was perfect (nice and warm). The beach was full of topless girls, the men didn't wear much either.

(Note: Well, Mary there was something for everybody.)

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BILL & AMELIA TAYLOR - Elizabethtown, PA - We certainly enjoyed the West Palm Beach Lowndes Reunion. You two had a great program planned for us with the Culinary School being to my liking best of all. I think Amelia liked the dancing on the "Viking Princess". The Reunions have certainly been enjoyable and I know that for Amelia and me the strengthening of friendships with the rest of the Lowndes family brings so much joy. It was nice of Bud and Jean inviting their daughters Pam and Jackie. Getting to know and talk to friends family members adds to our joy in attending the Reunions. Want you to know that as we age we should hire your grand daughter to be Reunion coordinator. She did a super job. Also liked your statement after the Reunion was over you enjoyed having it We know the feeling.

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FRANCES ROBERTSON - St. Louis, MO - Sorry we missed the Reunion in Palm Springs, but we are looking forward to the '98 Reunion in Hawaii. Our 2nd daughter Janice has already informed us that she's going with us. Ruth Ann that came to South Carolina with us wanted to, but she got married again. Earl had his 2nd knee replacement last December, had a check-up recently and the x-rays showed that everything is OK. When he gets up on the ladder to cut off tree limbs or on the roof, a few more gray hairs pop out on my scalp. Have a great New Year and we hope to see you in 1998

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JOHN VERNALE - Farmington, CT - West Palm Beach was great. Sally had another Cat-Scan. and will have another kidney operation December 22nd, this thing just won't go away.

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DALLAS & LORENE STRATTON - Belleview, FL - We did enjoy the Reunion. You did a good Job. Dallas has been busy playing softball and deer hunting. In October he got one in Michigan.

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HOWARD & LOIS CHAPPELL - Wampum, PA - We just want to thank you once again for the wonderful time in West Palm Beach. It was great. We always enjoy our time with you. Don't think we'll make it to Florida this winter, maybe in March. Howard and I are both having surgery, Howard on his leg and me on my back. It all depends on how we get along. His will be another by-pass and mine a fusion and bone graft. We want to be in shape for Hawaii.

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PAMELA HENNESSEY - Madison, WI - Just wanted to say how much I enjoyed the Reunion in West Palm Beach. I'd love to go to Hawaii, but I don't think that will happen. However I'm seriously thinking about Las Vegas the following year. Your shipmates and their families are really a good group and I wouldn't mind spending more time with them. (Thanks Dad for inviting us.)

DEAN & MARY FEARING - Staples, MN - Sorry we couldn't make the Reunion in Florida, but Dean hates to fly and it's a long way to drive. We have been taking a lot of trips through our senior citizens group at the bank. We went to Bramson, MO last November. Hope everybody had a good time at the Reunion.

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CHUCK MUNSON - Bettendorf, IA - Forgive me for the lack of correspondence, but I have experienced health problems. Marilyn is also suffering from an environmental illness. When I was in Boston for that wonderful Reunion I contracted hepatitis. Just learned last July that my cancer is back. With all these health problems I was unable to attend the Florida Reunion. It must have been terrific. I missed all the wonderful shipmates. They are always so friendly and warm. Sorry I missed my friend and room mate, Max Cole. He always had sufficient vision that a minor setback won't bother him. I retired from active law practice after 48 years.

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JACK & EVELYN HOVEY, SR. - Pasadena, CA - Sorry we missed the Reunion, but if the Man upstairs allows it we may see you in Hawaii.

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HAROLD BRUNNER - St. Joseph, MO - Yes, I missed the Reunion. Didn't want to fly and didn't want to drive. I kind of gave the old T-Bird a little rest this summer. Bought a 1984 Grand Marquis Mercury from a neighbor, only 42,000 miles actual miles on it. Will let it set in the garage this winter and drive the T-Bird. I'm sure you all had a great time in Florida, that is pretty country. I heard from Mike, Bill and Dallas and you good old buddies. Thank you.

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CARMEL FESI - Houma, LA - Sorry we missed the Reunion. I'm sure everyone enjoyed it.

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CLARK O. MARTIN - Richmond, VA - Still have not overcome the stress of selling a house and 30 years of trash or treasures and down sizing to a town house. If I had been to the last Reunion you would have seen a blithering idiot. Dottie Flood lives across the court and has helped mein getting settled, but there are still pictures to be hung and things found that were stashed in too few cabinets.

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ALONZO H. HODGSON, Jr. - Redwater, TX - Oniece has just completed cataract surgery on both eyes. We hope to see everyone at the next Reunion. We are planning on a better year.

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FRANK MILLER - Kearns, UT - The next Reunion is the one are going to make come hell or high water. We are looking forward to 1998 and hope this is true with everyone.

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AGNES BENSIE - Parma, OH - I spent 3 months in Florida and plan to spend some in 1998. That's the reason I didn't go to the Reunion. If the 1998 Reunion is in Hawaii I won't be there because I'll already have been there 2 weeks in June. Miss seeing all of you, maybe in 1999.

ELLIOTT T. PILCHARD - Port Hueneme, CA - How about the "weavels"... all the bread, cakes gravies and anything made of flour were full of them...we'd make bets "I've got more in my slice of bread than you have - we almost got used to them...after all they are protein. We gave the Baker such a bad time - all the time, about those weavels...he sat down to figure out how to get rid of them...they used way too much to try to sift them out...so he thought - if I were a weavel, what would I do? These bags of flour were 100 pounds each and were in the usual cloth bag, with a real tough outer bag of kraft paper, tar and fibers. They were almost water proof and bug etc. proof. The solution: The Baker called out a work party in the evening and they took 5 of these bags and put them in the freezer. Early in the morning (like 0400) call out the work party to take the bags out of the freezer...he took a sharp knife and slit the bag - it was full - thousands of weavels - frozen. He had figured right- they would get cold and leave the flour for a warmer place... they could get through the cloth bag - but couldn't get thru the outer sack before they froze. Actually, the Baker was written up for that idea and got some kind of award or commendation.  
(Ed. note: Does anybody know who the Baker was? Otto Walker do you?)

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HARLEY HUGHES - Bakersfield, CA - Every time I go over to Morro Bay I pass our old barracks "Hut" in Camp San Luis Obispo with the oil stove. It brings back memories of our Beach Party training.

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ROBERT WARNBERG - Brooklyn Center, MN - I haven't felt much like doing much traveling of late. Had a triple by-pass and a valve repaired after Christmas. Our grand son, a Lt. in the Navy aboard the DD 68 stationed in Florida spent the Christmas week with us. He is a Naval Academy graduate. We also have another grand son who is a Master Sergeant in the Air Force stationed at Shepherd AFB in Texas. He had to rewrite the new instructions for X-rays, cardiograms and mammograms for the Air Force. We're sure proud of them.

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JEWELL BROKENSHERE - Portland, OR - So glad everyone had a good time at the Reunion. Stuart was not able to attend the Reunions even the one in San Diego. There has not been much improvement and he sleeps most of the time. I have neuralgia in my arch and it's hard for me to walk the eight blocks to be with Stuart.

(Note: We wish them well.)

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FRANK JUDNITSCH - Park Rapids, MN - Health problems prevent us from doing any traveling these days. Wanted to go to Salt Lake City to visit our son and daughter, but guess they'll have to do the travel bit now. Hope you had a good Navy get together this past year.

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FLORENCE RICHARDS - Nebraska City, NE - Hope you had a nice Reunion. Son Keith visited me twice this fall. Wallace has work shop in his garage and is busy with his wood working. Received many birthday cards. Have had lots of company stop by from Arizona, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Montana and Virginia this summer. I miss the trips we used to take. Thank you for the News Letters I receive.

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(Note: To Leo O'Brien - I just try to follow the advice that Howard and Lois Chappell try to instill in me.)



WILLIAM F. FOX - Pleasant Hill, CA - Bill passed away October 24, 1997. He was a native of Sparkhill, New York and returned to NY after his discharge from the Navy. He moved to California where he worked as a welder in the Steam Fitters Union. When he retired from that he started Fox & Sons, Inc., which did inspection work for refineries. His oldest son, Bill, was his partner. He had a stroke and heart attack five years ago but recovered very well from that. He wasn't ill until two weeks before his death when he suffered an aorta aneurysm. Bill one great love was golf. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Vivian, daughters, Jean Korn, Marie Mehlauff and Dawn Wagner; sons, William and Jim, sister Anna May Paul; 20 grand children and 11 great grand children.

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ELMER TREVILLYAN - National City, CA - Bill Fox and I were like brothers and never lost contact since leaving the Navy. We've spent vacations together every 2 or 3 years. Bill and I volunteered for diving school in Tiburon, CA the final day of September 1944. We were sent to Oakland, CA by a cargo plane and boated to Tiburon for one month. Out of 160 men in the class, 38 of us made the grade to 2nd Class Divers. Left for Seattle first part of October, and the ship's crew had moved to Tacoma, WA where Bill met Vivian, they had their 50th wedding anniversary in February 1997. We boarded the Lowndes 19, October 1944. We were the two welders and started to remodel the ship to everyone's needs, built lockers, smoke barrel racks, etc. We were never given any plans and had to improvise on our own. Sometimes we would argue for hours before agreeing and start to do the work. I don't remember anything that didn't work. Bill was a 2nd Class Ship Fitter and I was a Seaman 1st Class Metal Smith Striker. The only time we didn't work together was when we had Seabees aboard and were assigned a Seabee to work with each of us. At GQ Bill was in charge of damage control or whatever they called it. Bill was a good card player, knew what cards had been played. We played poker for 3 days after payday, after that we were partners for Pinochle for about 25¢ (?) a hand. The last trip to Japan we were together and I raised cane with him because I could tell what he had in his hand by the way he played them and bet. That changed everything, we came back with around \$1500.00 and kept our winnings in unlocked lockers. Never even had a pair of socks taken. We never drew pay while at sea, our shipmates paid our way, bought goodies from contributions to our winnings from card games. He was an avid golfer and we played many courses in San Diego County. He traveled a lot, England, Italy, the Holy Land and Hawaii, etc. He was the best friend I ever had.

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1530 - January 12, 1998 - Just received a phone call from Jewel Brokenshire informing us that Stuart passed away on Saturday Jan.10th. as a result of Alzheimer's disease. He was born at Jersey Island, England on October 15, 1910. He enlisted in the Navy at Portland, OR on December 3, 1942 and boarded the Lowndes in 1943 as an apprentice seaman. He was discharged from the Navy on November 11, 1945 in Seattle, WA with a rating of MMR3c While aboard the Lowndes his duties were to maintain all of the auxiliary machinery and equipment in "A" division. That included the ice cream maker which conveniently broke down and the goodies were transported to the evaporator room to prevent spoilage. We sure had a feast. (See News Letter page 4 of January 1992 issue.) His general quarters station was in the officer's quarters. He always had a smile on his face. His civilian occupation was as a steam fitter. He loved sailing and had a 30 foot motor sailer that he and Jewel sailed to Vancouver Island in Canada. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jewel and sons Charles and Norman and daughter Diane, 8 grand children and 3 great grand children.

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#### A SENATE RESOLUTION

TO EXPRESS THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF FRED P. BRINKMAN, FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM, UPON HIS DEATH.

Whereas, the members of the Senate are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Fred P. Brinkman on May 14, 1997; and

Whereas, Mr. Brinkman served with distinction as Executive Director of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism from 1973 until his retirement in 1991; and

Whereas, Mr. Brinkman devoted his entire professional career to the Leisure Industry, first as manager of the Chamber of Commerce in Quincy, Florida, and later as Director of the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce and Executive Director of the Ocean Highway Association; and

Whereas, under Mr. Brinkman's leadership, several tourism advertising and promotion programs of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism repeatedly received regional and national awards for excellence in creativity and performance; and

Whereas, Mr. Brinkman guided tourism expenditures in South Carolina to grow by 132%, reaching nearly \$5 billion dollars and providing over 100,000 industry jobs; and

Whereas, Mr. Brinkman was also instrumental in overseeing a State Parks System that grew from 28 to 46 properties encompassing 79,269.94 acres of land, with revenues totaling more than \$9 million dollars and park visitors exceeding 11 million people; and

Whereas, Mr. Brinkman played a major role in the creation of many regional tourism commissions in South Carolina to help attract tourism and retirees to all sections of the State and to help create an economic boost to our State; and

Whereas, Mr. Brinkman created within the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism the Division of Community Development to bring the full benefits of tourism to all sections of the State; and

Whereas, Mr. Brinkman was appointed chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Litter for his commitment to keep South Carolina clean and beautiful for all of its citizenry and visitors; and

Whereas, Mr. Brinkman served as president of the South Carolina Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and served on numerous other state boards and commissions; and

Whereas, Mr. Brinkman was a strong supporter of the hotel, restaurant and tourism management programs of the University of South Carolina, Clemson University and the technical college system and worked closely with the General Assembly to implement a scholarship and tuition grants program to help students prepare for careers in the tourism industry; and

Whereas, Mr. Brinkman was loved and respected by the staff of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism who referred to him affectionately as Mr. "B". Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, would like to express the deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Fred P. Brinkman, former executive director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, upon his death.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Fred P. Brinkman.

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NOW HEAR THIS! - INFORMATION NEWS SHEET - We need news from our shipmates and or from their mates, and from our ladies. Please give us some scuttlebutt. We need it for the NEWS LETTER! **HELP!** We are reaching the bottom of the barrel. Changes or additions to the roster. Addresses, phone numbers, especially area codes. Feel free to use both sides of this sheet.

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