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FEBRUARY 2002 NEWSLETTER

There were 39 attendees representing 13 states at our reunion in Nashville this year. As usual Stan Dunn furnished the beautiful flowers for our reunion. At the business meeting in Nashville on Saturday, October 13, 2001 Walter and Jackie Umbarger made the offer to host the 2002 reunion in Indianapolis, IN and were whole heartedly met with approval by the members in attendance. October was the month agreed upon. The 14th Annual U.S.S. Lowndes reunion will be held in Indianapolis, IN on October 17, 18 & 19, 2002 Details will be forwarded in a future newsletter as soon as all necessary arrangements have been made. Marty and Rowana Umbarger, son and daughter-in-law of Walter and Jackie are making the arrangements. Home base for this operation will be the Indianapolis Athletic Club - 350 North Meridian Street - (317)634-4331. The room rate will be \$80.00 with parking included. This rate will be in effect for 3 days prior and after the reunion. **Enclosed with this newsletter is a stamped and addressed postcard asking for information regarding the 14th Annual Lowndes reunion. PLEASE indicate your intentions and return it PROMPTLY. Do not lose it.** It is important that Marty and Rowana Umbarger have this information to make the necessary preparations for a successful reunion. Let's not give them an ulcer as we did John and Lebby Dyer. As noted, the cards are to be mailed to me (Bud). I will be in constant touch with the Umbargers. There has been a delay in putting this newsletter in the mail. Marty was called up for duty in the National Guard and had to report on December 30th. The task has been dropped into Rowana's capable hands, everything is progressing very well.

Indianapolis is the Capital of Indiana and is considered the "crossroad of America." The origin of the name Indiana meaning "Land of the Indians." Nickname - Hoosier State. George Rogers Clark led American forces against the British during the Revolutionary War. It was the 19th state admitted to the Union. Present constitution adopted in 1851. Oh yeah! Official language is English. The average temperature in October is 54.8 degrees. At one time the 41 mile Lake Michigan was one of the world's great industrial centers. The state is a leader in agriculture with corn the principle crop. (Will have to check this out with Jim Frieden). There are many attractions in and around the city, war memorials, Naval armory, a cathedral and of course the famous Indianapolis Speedway 500 mile track. (Your editor of the newsletter, in Sept, 1941 had the privilege of driving around that 2-1/2 mile oval in his '36 Olds for the princely sum of 25 cents, of course the guide climbed into the car so we had to hold it down to a very moderate speed.) There have been many noted celebrities born in this state, to name a few, Frank Borman, astronaut; Hoagy Carmichael, songwriter; James Dean, actor; David Letterman, TV host & comedian; Cole Porter, songwriter; Ernie Pyle, journalist; Knute Rockne, football coach and Red Skelton, comedian.

There are a total of 15 eating establishments 0.1 to 0.3 miles from the club. (Walking distance?). There is also a restaurant on the Club's premises. The Veterans Memorial Plaza also is close by for the distaff side of our reunion group. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is located at 4790 W. 16th St. between 16th St, Georgetown and 30th St.

The Indianapolis Athletic Club (See enclosed brochure) will be the home base for our operation in Indianapolis. The Club is located at the intersection of Meridian and Vermont Streets located just across the street from the War Memorial and University Park. Check in time is 3:00 PM - Check Out time is 11:00 AM.

(Note: Information for Ed. King: check in time 3:00 PM.)

Mary Fearing

Dean and I are both pretty good except for the usual aches and pains. We sold our house, had an auction moved into an apartment last fall. We sure love it, it was just too much work at the house. Have had nice weather until December and now we got snow and temperatures getting cold. 20 degrees in the morning.

Bill Taylor

It was good to see everybody in Nashville for another good Lowndes reunion. We enjoyed the activities planned by the Dyers as well as our stay at the hotel. Everything was great. We had a good trip to Nashville and a good return trip. The color changes of the foliage was beautiful. I found it hard to believe the big change in just those few days.

Mildred Binney

Buell and I are about the same as a year ago. I probably wrote a year ago that Buell had a stroke in January of 2000 and settled at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cameron, MO. He has held his own with "ups" and "downs" and still enjoys eating and having visitors. He is in the 'D' wing of the home. As for me, I spend the winter near home, with son, Jim and his wife, Deb. They take good care of me. In April the family surprised me with a big neighborhood 80th birthday party. As summer set in, I decided to try living back home on Highway Z. Have managed pretty well, with help from all the kids. I have gotten back into flowers and sew for the necessities, learning how to cook again has been fun. And of course, my six cats eat gourmet two times a day. My sister Kathryn lives close by and helps me a lot. We run around and shop together. The apple crop was good this year with over thirty pies in the freezer. The winter weather will probably slow me down a bit but hope I can be busy inside. Best wishes to all for a good 2002.

Great news: Received a Christmas card from Mrs. Florence Richards, "Am still here, 101 plus years.

David Long

It's always fun to see the Lowndes gang, but every year a few more check out. After leaving Nashville we drove to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, then through the Smokies to Asheville, NC.

Mary Schaffer

I'm doing as well as expected, it gets better every day. I hope to make some of the reunions, maybe next year. My oldest grandson is staying with me, he's going to graduate school for his masters degree, it's nice to have someone in the house to cook for, it's not as lonely.

Clark Martin

Went to Hawaii for the 60th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. A long tiring trip, still recovering.

George E. Pataki

As Governor of New York I want to thank the U.S.S. Lowndes shipmates for their recent generous contribution to the Relief Fund. Your donation will be invaluable in our efforts to help the families of the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. I appreciate your generous support of our recovery efforts making a difference in the lives of these families. Although they may never have a chance to thank you personally, you can be certain that each of them will be forever grateful for the way in which you and your fellow citizens came to their aid in the hour of greatest need.

This contribution was made for the ribbons passed out at our Nashville reunion. Our daughter Pam Hennessey was part of a group in Madison, WI that made these ribbons. Thanks Pam.

Joyce DuBois

Frank's Alzheimer's disease is progressing very slowly. We sure missed going on the last trips, but we hear from Walt and Jackie Umbarger that they had a good time.

We wish Frank well and hope to see him and Joyce soon.

Jim Vaughan

Received my copy of the August newsletter and wanted to express my very deep appreciation for you running my request for shipmates re: Joe Botti. Was extra pleased to see the names of seven Machinist's Mates listed that may have known Joe, or possibly knew of him. Time will tell, but it was great of you to go to the extra work to make a personal request of them through the newsletter. It sounds as though a great time was planned for the Nashville reunion. It has been some 21 years since I Visited that city and attended The Grand Ol' Opry with my wife and a group of friends she grew up with in Indiana. It's a great city and I feel that all the shipmates (and of course the wives) had a good time. Thanks again for the extra help.

Note: Have any of the Lowndes Machinist Mates named in a previous newsletter contacted Jim? His address and phone number are listed on the roster.

Leo & Margaret O'Brien

Thanks, John and Lebby Dyer, for all your efforts in Nashville. We both enjoyed it very much. The Grand Old Oprey was a small disappointment and we know it wasn't your fault. Who could predict the crowds and waiting to enter late in the dark with the show in progress with all their ads. Don't mean to sound like sour grapes. We enjoyed as always the people who came and the banquet was great. Robertson's daughters, Janice and Mary added a nice touch. Thanks again and may you enjoy a healthy winter in Florida.

Earl & France Robertson

Arriving in St. Louis after the reunion it was sunny here, despite all the rain drops in Nashville, we had a good time. All thanks to John and Lebby for your devoted planning. The banquet menu was delicious, all our kind of food. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Indianapolis in 2002. Thanks again to John and Lebby Dyer for doing such a good job.

John & Lebby Dyer

We would like this to be in the next newsletter. Want to thank everyone that attended our thirteenth reunion in Nashville. Glad to see all of you again. The Grand Ol' Opry was a big disappointment, sorry about that. We want to thank Janice Trober and Mary Gebhart for a good ending to our reunion. If we didn't have Bud to send out the newsletter it would be a trying task. To all of you who were not at the reunion, it is important to send back the post cards that Bud sends out before each reunion, as those in charge can't do anything until they get them back. We were glad Walt and Jackie Umbarger volunteered to host the Fourteenth reunion. Know they will do a good job.

I think the Dyers are just trying to get on my good side. Thanks anyway for the plaudits.

Jan Robertson Trober

I want to thank everyone for the donations for the prize drawings. Without their help and support, I'm not sure Mary and I could have done as well as we did. Everyone helped make it a huge success. Everyone was a winner, some big, some small, but everyone won. Mary and I had a great time doing the attendance prizes and are more than happy to help in any way, any how we can for the next one in Indianapolis or after that where ever it may be. I can't express how happy it makes me to be able to attend the USS Lowndes reunions with my parents. Something I now wish I had done more the last four years. I know I speak for my little sister as well as for myself when I say, " Thanks for letting us attend. Thanks for the smiles, laughter and memories. We love you all."

The Lowndes shipmates, spouses and friends owe them a debt of gratitude and certainly invite them to any and all future reunions. I'ts nice to see some young go getters at these get togethers. Hope there will be more youngsters to move these old bodies to enjoyment.

Francis Miller

Don & Shirley Lorenzi

We arrived home safe and sound. We had a wait in Nashville airport, wall-to-wall people. We were glad we left early. 1:30 for a 6:30 flight, we had to show our I. D. four times. Full flights both ways. John and Lebby sure did a fine job, everything seemed to go smooth. We had a good time even with Grand Ol' Opry. Thanks to them for working so hard. We'll see you in Indianapolis in 2002. I (Don) lived in N. Vernon, IN when I was young.

Dallas & Lorene Stratton

We had a good trip home. We enjoyed the reunion in Nashville. It is always nice to see old friends. Dallas went deer hunting in Michigan for 7 or 8 days. Am enclosing a letter from Jewel Jeskey nee Brokenshire. Trust all are well.

Note: Changes have been made on the roster for Jewel and Agnes Bensie.

Kasmar & Lou Feist

We are still in Albuquerque and doing very well, considering our age, Lou 70 and me 75. We couldn't make the reunion in Nashville, there was a State Fair in October, it was the biggest balloon festival in the country. Nothing else of interest. Maybe we can make the next reunion.

Mere youngsters. Kasmar is a recently located former Lowndes shipmate.

E. Max Cole

I trust all you guys and gals had a great time in Nashville. So sorry I couldn't make it this year. But, like the old Brooklyn Dodgers used to say, "Next year." I will have a new e-mail address.

I'm lost, I've gone to look for myself. If I return before I get back please ask me to wait.

Maggie Frieden

We are both well and hope in some way to make it to the next reunion.

In this time of trial for our country my thoughts go back to Pearl Harbor and our time in service. Sure enjoyed reading what our shipmates were doing on December 7, 1941 when we got the news of the attack. I was roller-skating at the arena in St. Louis, MO and had just qualified and was getting ready for a contest, which I won to become Missouri Stat Novice Champion. My friends and I were so mad that we went down to the recruiting offices on Monday morning, Dec. 8th, but the lines so long we had to take a number and it wasn't until Dec, 13th that they would even talk to us and then were told to go home and get my parent's permission as I was too young to enlist on my own. I did that and the rest is history. I can only think that I am glad I am old (76) and near the end of the line. I feel for my country and the men who will have to fight this one. Wish we could have made the Lowndes reunion this year, still hoping to make one in the near future. I am still on the VFW Honor Guard and we have an average of three or four every week. The honors still get to me. When the bugler plays Taps I get choked up thinking of all our shipmates who have gone before us. While in San Diego for our grandson's graduation from USD we stayed on the 25th floor of the Marriott overlooking the bay, what a sight seeing all the ships coming and going. Hoping to see you all soon.

Note: It wasn't until our reunion in San Diego when talking to Frank that we found out that when he was in Chicago he skated at the Arcadia Roller Rink which is the same one that Jean and I used to go to 2 or 3 times a week. Small world.

Lawrence L. Foyt

I was the coxswain on boat No. 17. Arvil Sefers was SM, Martin Wishnoff was MoMM. Don't remember who the deck hand was. Another coxswain who is not on the roster, Leonard LeMaitre. When I boarded the Lowndes I was 17 years old. I am now 74 and still going, retired 14 years ago. Celebrated 53rd wedding anniversary July 24th.

Warren Proctor

Always glad to hear from the ship's crew via newsletters. Albena and I are fair. Missed the reunion in Nashville this year. Sure missed all of the crew. Don't remember much about the boat crews. I was coxswain on one of the LCM's No. 3. My crew was Billy Piercy, and Benny Pruitt deck hands, Dean Ricks was coxswain of the other LCM3 – don't remember his crew. Hope all had a good time in Nashville and hope to see you all next year.

Note: Dean can you fill us in on the details of your crew on LCM3?

Mike & Jerry Michalski

The 2001 reunion in Nashville, TN was like old times, having a printed schedule of events and a hospitality room with all the necessities. The free bus service was great! During the first half of the 90's we spent several days staying at the Opryland Hotel and took the cruise on the General Jackson paddleboat. It's always a lot of fun, listening to the guy that's full of great jokes that directs the band. He's terrific and we'd enjoy seeing him again. The banquet that was catered was terrific! And I'm proud to wear the Iwo Jima pin and the Red, White & Blue ribbon that Pam Hennessey made. The Robertson daughters did a wonderful job with the door prizes. Our thanks to both Pam, Jan and Mary. Bud – thanks for the photos of the last reunion. I hope to start on my album as soon as I can get caught up with a few chores around the house. We really had heavy rain and wind last November 15th. Lots of flooding, hail and tornados from south of Austin. The tornado overturned one eighteen wheeler and slid it up the freeway fifty or more yards, about 12 miles behind that truck another was lifted up off the pavement for a short period and then softly set back down and continued on it's way. We were lucky and count our blessings.

Harold Brunner

Just finished a year as commander of American Legion #277, Savannah, MO. I have Masonic Mason Hi-12 and am a director in the Lion's Club. Otherwise have not done much.

More from Jim regarding ex shipmate Joe Botti. Joe came aboard from the Waipio Amphib. Base at Pearl Harbor and on 3 June 1945 when he was transferred from there to the light cruiser Amsterdam CL 101 – and therein hangs a tale!!! Joe chased all over the Pacific trying to catch up with her, even coming Stateside during one leg of the journey that ended when he DID catch up on October 20, 1945, over four months later! The Navy even had him listed as AWOL when his transportation of various modes finally made contact! Don't know if he was paid during that time or not, but he had orders in hand for all the transferring he had to do, so he never faced charges.

Note: Jim has asked for any information relating to the Lowndes. Will let him know what we have available.

Mrs. Wm. Jesky (Brokenshire)

I was married March 11, 2000 to an old friend I went to grammar school with. I moved down to his house in Otis, Oregon on the Salmon River about 8 miles from the Pacific Ocean. I still raise my Oriental lilies and received 4 blue ribbons for my 2 red and 2 yellow lilies. I only have about 300 and am running out of space. It's a rainy day today so I look out the window and watch the salmon spawning about 50 feet away. Jerry Michalski, your letter was very interesting and I do remember Stuart saying he was the ice cream man. Also where he was stationed as the wounded were brought back from Iwo Jima and he helped carry them to sickbay for treatment. I have sent for the Iwo Jima flag raising and if anyone wants to know where to get, just let me know. So glad to have Sally's address. Hope she is happy in Arizona. Please keep me on the roster and mailing list.

*Note: Jewel's new address:
1070 N. Riverbend Rd.- Otis, OR - 97368*

It takes 3000 steers to furnish the NFL footballs.

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

Bill Markus

Had open-heart surgery for a aortic valve last April. All is fine now. Hope all is OK with everyone.

Fran Karson

All is well and I keep busy. I'm like a volunteer cab driver, but I love it. Wishing all good health.

John Jurica

We are OK so far. Julia is always busy, still does furniture some times. Time goes so fast and getting old.

Albena Proctor

We haven't heard from any one who went to the Nashville reunion in October. I know it must have been enjoyable. As it turned out we were glad that we had decided not to go. Warren's sister died and we would have been gone. We needed to be here. We hope we can go in 2002.

This newsletter is a bit late in getting into the mail. Hope this will give Albena some information.

Lela Kindle

Just wish George was still here while the reunions of the USS Lowndes were being held. I know he would have attended some of them. I have appreciated all of the newsletters, but I suppose I will never be able to attend. Thanks.

Would really like to see you make one.

Earl Robertson

We were in Hawaii for 5-1/2 days. Daughter Jan and her husband joined us. We went to a luau. The food was good, but as far as the poi (yuk) they can keep it.

Thanks for the photos Robbie.

Sally Cary

Hope everything went beautifully in Nashville. Sure missed going. Been having problems with my heart. Had a stint put in one of the arteries and have to have another one after the holidays. Heard from the Lorenzis that the next reunion is in Indianapolis. I hope my health is better and I can make it. I'll try to get an afghan made for by then.

Get well Sally, we missed you.

All spring and summer Wally was involved in the "Higgins Memorial" project for our city. He and another fellow built display cases in our museum for the Higgins memorabilia. Along with all that, he keeps busy making sawdust, as he calls it. He has made picture frames, game boards, shelves, rolling pin letter holders.

More Trivia

The average age of the two Jima Flag Raisers is just slightly over 21 years.

Bill Taylor

When I saw this puzzle, my first thought was that some of the Lowndes crew might enjoy it as I have. I would have had trouble remembering the names of WWII Battleships, but the listing at the bottom helped. Amelia and I are doing well. The holidays were enjoyable. nothing real exciting, time spent with the family enjoying our grandchildren, plus hearing from old friends. What could be better? Lebbby and John Dyer did a great job arranging everything, particularly considering that they had to do everything long distance. I thought the hotel accommodations were very good. We are looking forward to the reunion in Indianapolis.

WORD SLEUTH • **U.S. WWII BATTLESHIPS**

F D K A X V S P N K I F C A N
X V I R U O S S I M S Q O E A
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Tuesday's unlisted clue: NOMADS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: Now a Pearl Harbor Memorial

Alabama	Guam	Maryland	Oklahoma
Alaska	Idaho	Missouri	Texas
Arkansas	Indiana	Nevada	Wisconsin
Colorado	Iowa	New York	

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Bit of Trivia

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

The *Star Spangled Banner* is a relative newcomer as our national anthem. It's only been that way for the last 70 years, since March 3, 1932, When President Hoover signed it into law. While Francis Scott Key wrote the words, the origin of the music goes back to 1780. John Stafford Smith, an Englishman, wrote the song, titled it *Anacraon in Heaven*, and presented it to the Anacreon Society, which was a drinking club! It took another two years to repeal the Volstead Act. There was a time when everyone would stop whatever they were doing, stand, and place the right hand over his/her heart, whenever the *Star Spangled Banner* was played. It was played so often on the radio, during the months following Pearl Harbor, that President Roosevelt issued a proclamation that it was no longer necessary to do so. He did this because people driving cars would literally stop the car, get out, and show their respect until the anthem was over. People working in war plants, would also stop and show their respects, thus interfering with war materials production.

Salute to the American Flag

I was born a long, long ago...I was small at first, and had only a circle of 13 stars...I have grown a lot since then, and now have 50 stars shining in my bright blue background...I am seen in every land where your sons and daughters guard the freedom of our country...I am a mirror—a reflection to each person on his own ideals and dreams...I am an inspiration to small children everywhere of what they want their lives to be...I am also a memory to the elderly of all that life has been...I stand for your history; I stand for your principles and your government; I stand for hope and peace. I stand for dreams and brotherhood; I stand for new achievements...my colors are bright and strong. I will ripple proudly in the breeze as long as you entrust me with courage, faith and strength. I am loyal and I am true. I cry when

people wish me harm. I am freedom and I am democracy. Please stand and place your hand over your heart and join together in a salute to the greatest flag and this country in which we live.

FOR I AM YOUR AMERICAN FLAG

Author Unknown

In 1998 Stan and Mona Dunn hosted our 10th annual reunion in Honolulu, Hawaii. It was at U.S.S. Bowfin (the Pearl Harbor Avenger) that Stan furnished the banquet meal of Rock Cornish Hen and a beef roast that he prepared. We visited the Arizona Memorial and were invited to enter the Bowfin submarine for an on site tour. In the movie "The Hunt for Red October," a visit to the World War II submarine will be quite a shock, comparing it to a modern submarine is like comparing a beat up jeep to a sport utility vehicle. Modern attack submarines are about 33 feet in diameter, 360 feet long and displace 7,000 tons. The Bowfin and other Hellcat submarines from World War II were but 16 feet in diameter, 312 feet long and displaced a mere 1,800 tons. Submarines of the Bowfin era were only for the stout of heart. As any submarine veteran will attest. No class of ship was more decisive during World War II than the sub, nor risky. A waterfront memorial at USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park pays tribute to the 52 submarines and 3,500 submariners lost during WW II. Launched a year to the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Bowfin made nine combat patrols during WW II, averaging 44 days each. It was sent to the mothball fleet in 1971 and opened to visitors in 1981

Thanks to Stan it was a very rewarding experience, both to visit the Bowfin and the Arizona Memorial. Ed McKeller hosted a lunch at Pokai Bay. The very beach that the Beach Party spent nights in foxholes while training for future landings on enemy beaches. Learned much later that it was Iwo Jima and Okinawa. The USS Missouri had been towed to Pearl Harbor previously and although it wasn't open to the public a few of our shipmates managed to get aboard.

In 1945 Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

TAPS

HENRY F. McNAMEE

Was born October 25, 1920 in Boston, MA and passed away on Jan. 24, 2001. He joined the Navy May 1, 1944 at Boston, MA and boarded the Lowndes as a MM3c at the commissioning of the ship making him a Plank Owner. His watch station was in the evaporator room and general quarters station was on the forward fo'c'sle. Discharged from the Navy on March 8, 1946 at Norfolk, Virginia. Duties were cleaning living quarters when not on watch in the evaporator room making fresh water. In civilian life worked in shipbuilding, drafting and structural piping. Ship surveyor and quality assurance. Married Dolores May 4, 1946 and were blessed with 7 children. Survivors are his wife, children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Dolores relates that Henry loved writing his cards to all of his Navy friends at Christmas and glad he was able to see all in Washington, DC.

ORBIE LYNCH DICKSON

Passed away on Sept. 29, 2001 at his home. He was born June 23, 1924 in Gordon, Palo Pinco County, Texas and lived in South Texas from 1952 to 1982 before moving to Sand Flat after retirement. He enlisted in the Navy in Tyler, Texas Nov. 1942. Boarded the USS Lowndes in Astoria, Oregon upon it's commissioning as a Fireman 1c and was a plank owner. Left the Lowndes as an MM3c Jan. 1, 1946. His watch and general quarter's station was in the after steering. Orbie was a member of the Beach Party that landed on Iwo Jima Feb. 20, 1945. After discharge from the Navy he worked for TP&L 1 year, JB Mfg. 2 years, Mont. Wards 1 year and was a safety engineer for Dow Chemical, Co in Freeport for 30 years. Retired on Dec. 31, 1981 and moved to Grand Saline July 1984. Was also a Mason. He is survived by his wife, Murrah Dee Dickson, one son, Larry Joe, four daughters, Judy Ann Martinez, Sharon Lou Dickson, Kathy Elaine Battle and Judy Watson; one sister, Betty May Plunk; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Reverend Steven Slaughter, grandson officiated at the services. Pallbearers were all grandsons. Orbie's Grandson, Daniel Dickson is serving in the Army 1st Platoon, Bravo Co, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry, 2nd Brigade.

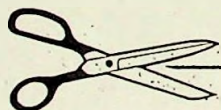
JOEL G. RODRIQUEZ

Born October 28, 1927, passed away on Dec. 4, 2001. Interment at Hidalgo City Cemetery with full military honors by VFW post 8788 and the American Legion of McAllen. Joined the Navy April 1944 and boarded the U.S.S. Lowndes September 1944 and left it December 1945. He was a member of the amphibious boat group and was involved in the Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns. His watch and general quarters' station was on the fantail 5" gun. After discharge from the Navy he attended and received his license as a barber in San Antonio, TX. During his stay in San Antonio he joined the Naval Reserves. In 1950 he married Maria and they moved to the Rio Grande Valley. Four months later he was called for active duty, sent overseas and boarded the U.S.S. Missouri, BB-63 for six months and served in the Korean conflict participating in many bombardments. In 1953 continued his education and received a high school diploma, also attended business college in business administration. After that was a social worker for Hidalgo County and served in that capacity for many years. For ten years he served as an Alderman in the city of Hidalgo. In this position he wanted to continue his service as a dedicated American. Was also a Commander of the Hidalgo VFW Post 8909 and a member of the Lions Club. Survivors are his wife Maria, three children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Note: By age, Joel was the 3rd youngest shipmate on the Lowndes. According to the biographical data

INFORMATION SHEET

Need input from members of the Reunion Group regarding any information to include in our newsletters. Use this sheet, front and back if necessary. Check roster for any changes or additions that are to be made, especially telephone area codes that seem to be forever changing. Please retain the enclosed roster lists for your records. Any changes that are made will be noted in future newsletters.



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