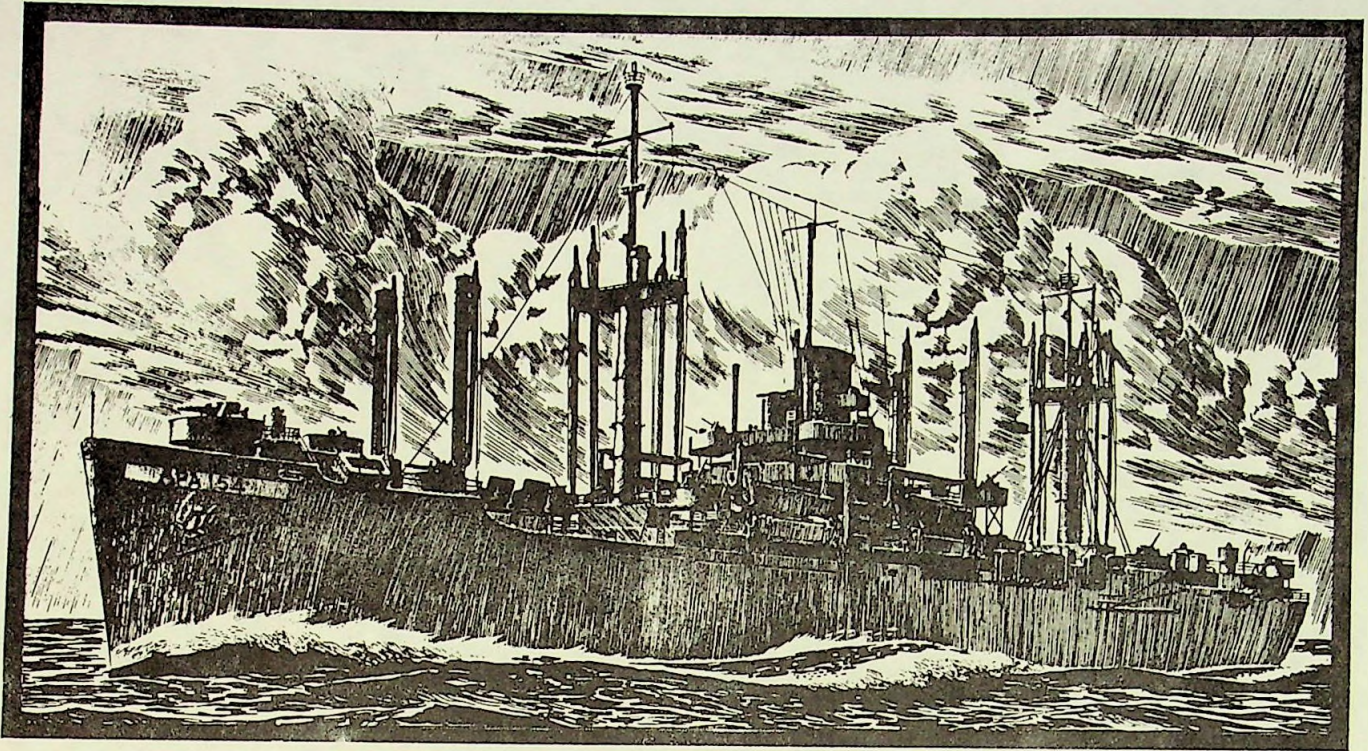


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FIRST CLASS



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The 3rd "ANNUAL USS LOWNDES - APA 154 REUNION" is scheduled for June 20th through June 23rd, 1991 at Don Hall's Guesthouse in Fort Wayne, IN. (See enclosed map). Rates are as follows:

Thursday June 20th - \$51.00
Friday & Saturday - \$99.00 (Including champagne and \$20.00 chit for to be used toward beverage or dinner at hotel) Total cost for three nights is \$150.00. Registration fee of \$30.00 per person which includes Friday evening banquet and Sunday brunch. Please send fee to Jim Frieden - P.O. Box 307 - Silver Lake, IN 46982 - 219-353-2425. Jim and Maggie will be hosting our reunion this year.

Check in is 12:00PM Check out is 1:00PM

A tour to the Auburn/Cord/Duesenberg Museum is being set up, a schedule of events will be available at the registration desk.

The Smith Field airport is approximately 15 miles from Don Hall's and a shuttle bus may be available (call 219-489-7067). When making reservations for hotel rooms please use enclosed card or call 1-800-348-1999.

Northwest Airlines is again offering a 40% discount on full coach fares and 5% on Super Savers. Call 1-800-328-1111 giving Code No. 08196.

Hey! We have a stalwart crew member (C.C. Michalski) standing in the wings ready to host the 1994 event. Atta boy Connie. Now, how about volunteers for '92 and '93?

LOOKING FOR A LARGER TURNOUT IN FORT WAYNE THIS YEAR.

You know you're getting old when you sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.

CHANGES ON THE ROSTER

Bob Hail 5214 84th St. Lubbock, TX 79424 806-794-4365	Howard Chappell RD 2 - Box 2507 John Vernale 203-677-0049	Frank Miller - SSM(L)2c Robert Warnburg - RM 3c Jim Frieden - RM 2c Jim Davenport - S 1c
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JOINING THE RANKS OF RETIREES

Ed. King - January 1991 Frank Miller - October 1990

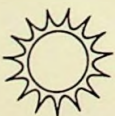
ANNIVERSARIES

Ed. & Mary McKellar - 55th in 1990
Howard & Lois Chappell - 44th in 1991 (2nd honeymoon on Mackinac Island)
Jim & Maggie Frieden - 41st in 1990
The Frank Millers - 40th in 1990

Wonder how it feels to whisper sweet nothings into a hearing aid.

NICE PEOPLE DEPT.

Howard and Lois Chappell adopted three needy families for Thanksgiving and two more for Christmas.



Agnes Bensie. LOWNDES LOVLIES CEO, suggests "Light a fire" under the LL's for the auction next June. Also mentions that the male members should not be excluded from making or donating items to the fund raiser. C'mon people.

Yes Robbie, that 1973 photo was taken in St. Louis. We've matured haven't we?

Note: Please send registration fee to Jim by June 1st.

Farewell to the LPAs

It may be of interest to your readers that the last APA (amphibious personnel transport), or LPA, as they were later reclassified, has made her final voyage. The USS Mountrail (APA-213) has just been towed to India, where she will be scrapped.

My father-in-law, an old APA man and coxswain, served on the USS Lowndes (APA-154) as she sailed the Pacific on shakedown cruises and training exercises and made beach landings at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. I have witnessed the pride of his fellow crewmembers at many reunions in having served on the Lowndes, and can't help but feel a little sadness that the end of an era has come.

We must give a farewell salute to the Mountrail, a vessel that played an important role in preserving our liberty throughout World War II and the Korean Conflict. Well done!

Dan Wisdom
Terrell, Texas

Dan Wisdom just doesn't know when to quit. He is now helping the USS Mountrail (an APA) with their reunion this year. By the way, Bill Thomas served on both the Lowndes and the Mountrail.

Yours truly received an unexpected and pleasant surprise during the Christmas holidays. An anchor inscribed "USS LOWNDES" with a bell attached to it.

The return address on the package?

S. Claus
Polar Bear Ave.
North Pole, Texas

Another unsolved mystery?

Clark Martin sent me a copy of the magazine Sea Power. Article on the right appeared in the Mail Call section.

SICK BAY REPORT

Dean Fearing, after leaving Duluth last September on the way to Texas suffered heart problems and had a coronary angioplasty upon returning to Staples, MN. Maybe a bit of Andre champagne can fix him up.

Bill Taylor had a heart attack on November 30th and is undergoing therapy (cardiac rehab program).

Lebby Dyer broke her right arm and hand last November 12th while wintering in Florida. John swears he didn't do it.

Mary McKellar (Aloha Pumehana) had quite a rough time with chest surgery this past year but is back to her committee work, allowing Ed. to spend some time on the golf course. Hope he does better than me.

Harry Ruether had hernia operation November 19th.

Dave Frederick, in November had cardoverson (electric shock to the heart to restore rythm).

Joe Young had a bout with the big C but is feeling much better after undergoing treatment.

Sally Vernale is doing fine as are all the above mentioned. We certainly wish them continued good health.

AT MY AGE I OFTEN
WONDER WHY PEOPLE
DON'T USE THIS
SIZE TYPE



"As you know, medical costs have skyrocketed — that'll be fifty cents."



"We've checked your body parts and none of them are worth transplanting."

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Anyone desiring a terrific walnut cooky recipe contact Loreti Freitas.

Which brings to mind - it has been suggested that we attempt to have a USS Lowndes cookbook, bring your favorite recipes to Fort Wayne. If unable to attend the reunion, please send them to Jean Kautz. This applies to both ladies and men.

A HUNTIN' WE WILL GO

Dallas Stratton bagged an 8 point deer in Georgia

John Jurica bagged a 7 pointer

Howard Chappell has not reported in yet.



"I don't know, are you sure this is how to deep sea fish?"

By the way. on Dave Frederick's bicycle journey (California to Virginia, 3300 miles) he ruined only one tire and still has the others. He camped out 30 of the 47 nights on the road.

Do we have some well versed soul out there in our ranks who can help set up a tax exempt account for us? Both federal and state.

The question of who was the youngest crew member serving aboard the Lowndes has finally been resolved.

And the winner - Joel

Joel Rodriguez - Born October 1927

Ed. King - Born August 1927

Now-a-days when I go into a tavern they check my pulse, not myID.

JUST IN CASE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN

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| MoMM - Motor Machinists Mate | SSM(L) - Ship Serviceman (Laundry) |
| WT - Water Tender | SSMB - Ship Serviceman (Barber) |
| FC - Fire Control | QM - Quartermaster |
| MM - Machinists Mate | SM - Signalman |
| RM - Radio Man | Y - Yeoman |
| PhM - Pharmacist Mate | F - Fireman (Striker) |
| EM - Electrician Mate | SF - Ship Fitter |
| CM - Carpenters Mate | PCO - ? |
| APC - Pay Clerk | BM - Bosun Mate |
| | (Not what you think) |

Received a call from Sue O'Neal informing us that Alex Richard O'Neal passed away in 1984 after open heart surgery.

Condolences to Jim Chilcote on the loss of his wife (Annis) August 1990.

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As 1990 ends and 1991 begins, we take a moment to sit back and reflect on the value of old associations and friendships: we are thankful.

With each passing year, the realization becomes clearer and clearer that if we didn't have those relationships, our doors would probably be closed.

It's folks like you that make it all worthwhile: you make us what we are today.

May this New Year be prosperous for you.

** PHOTO SESSION FRIDAY (Tentative)