

JUNE '90

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USS LOWNDES - APA 154

The "2nd ANNUAL USS LOWNDES REUNION" is scheduled for September 21, 22 & 23, 1990 in Duluth, MN at the Radisson Hotel (Downtown Duluth). Registration cards are enclosed. Dates were omitted in first news letter - sorry about that. Registration fee of \$30 per person will include banquet on Saturday evening and a Sunday Brunch. Please send fee to Dick Jones - 1442 89th Ave. W. - Duluth, MN - 55808 by Sept. 1.

Our airline for the reunion is Northwest Airlines and the identification code is 03006. Give this number to your travel agency or Northwest ticket counter. The phone number is 1-800-328-1111, daily between 7:00AM and 10:30PM central time. You will be entitled to 40% discount on Full Coach and 5% on Super Saver.

For those who are travelling by R.V. or with trailers, there are two excellent campgrounds, "Spirit Mountain" at Exit 249 on I35, "Indian Point" at 75th Avenue West and Grand Avenue nestled on the shore of the St. Louis River. Both are ten minutes from downtown. The hotel offers limited R.V. parking on the upper level.

There is shopping near the hotel. A tour is available on Saturday morning which will include a harbor cruise, skyline tour and other points of interest.

You will be there about the time the leaves change and the colors are beautiful. Bring one warm outfit as the temperature can change fast. Last year on September 21, 22, & 23, it was in the 70 degree range. On the other hand it can go down to the 40 or 50 degree range. You'll love it!

We are still looking for some energetic crew members to come forward to handle our "3rd ANNUAL USS LOWNDES REUNION" in 1991. Preferably in June which seems to be the most popular time frame.

Correction: Mitchell Chasteen, not Robbie, who travelled the shortest distance to the reunion in St. Louis.



Finger nails grow faster than toe nails.

USS Lowndes official ambassadors of good will, Dick and Bunnie Jones. On their trip to the Southwest USA they visited with Billy Piercy and Glen Forgay in Texas, Harry and Lupe Contreras in Arizona. Also talked to Hubert Ravenscraft who is in:

Let him know we are pulling for him.

Western Missouri Medical Center
Burkard Road
Warrensburg, MO 64093
816-747-3181 or 2500 Ext. 1732

Bunnie spent some time in the hospital in Arizona but is on the road to being normal again. Happy to hear.

On Friday May 11th Walt Karson (Elk River, MN) visited with me (Bud) and we had quite a chat about old times, brought him up to date on the reunion in St. Louis. He informed me that I was the first crew member he had seen since he left the Lowndes. He will make the reunion in Duluth. Seems like these people from Minnesota sure do get around.

Shouldn't have any problems in Duluth, a temperature of 125 degrees below zero is required to freeze alcohol.

Dave Frederick visited his daughter in New Zealand for Christmas. Nice trip?

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Jean and I did a bit of travelling out on the west coast last July and this past February celebrating our anniversary at the Hotel Del Coronado, compliments of our son. Did visit some of the old haunts, San Diego Training Center, Camp Pendleton (Marines) San Luis Obispo (Army). All stations where the Beach Party trained and practiced beach landings. For the benefit of the BP here is a little reminder of what Morro Bay looks like, after all we did spend a night or two there in foxholes. It hasn't changed a bit.

Clark Martin has attempted to secure memorabilia from the Lowndes but has been unsuccessful in finding any. " Spent the morning climbing about the 'Old Rust Buckets' of the James River Reserve Fleet! Thanks Clark for your efforts. By the way Clark and Otto Walker are members of the "Pearl Harbor Survivors Association", which will have a 50th Reunion December 7, 1991.

Howard Chappel mentioned that maybe we can have a golf outing at one of our future reunions. But I wonder how many of us suffer from the malady: "When I put the ball where I can see it, I can't hit it - when I put the ball where I can hit it I can't see it". Any suggestions?

Lest we forget, Dan Wisdom has sent video tapes of the St. Louis reunion to many, many crew members and we do owe him a great big



He is still in there pitching, trying to garner more information about the Lowndes, and locating more crew members.

Did you know that you can be arrested for burning leaves in your back yard, but can burn the American flag and get away with it? Darwkab Society! Not for me.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF APRIL 30, 1990

RECEIPTS

1989 Annual dues	\$790.00
1990 Annual dues	150.00
Commission (Creative)	53.00
Collection (St. Louis)	14.00
Interest	23.21
	<u>\$1030.21</u>

EXPENDITURES

Postcards	\$18.75
Printing postcards	9.70
Printing-1st News letter	88.68
Postage	51.00
	<u>\$168.13</u>

Expenditures	\$168.13
Bank balance	\$862.08

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Printing-2nd News letter	\$45.00
Postage	40.00
USS Lowndes hats	229.72
	<u>\$314.72</u>

1990 Membership dues \$10.00

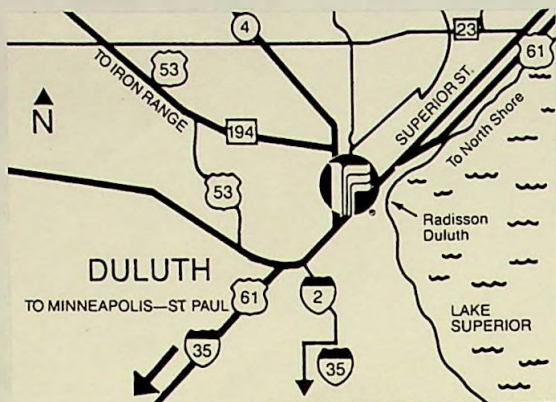
By the way!

Big day coming up for John Cary in September '90, He's retiring. Our sympathy to Sally.

Congratulations to the Leo Winters on their 51st wedding anniversary Oct. 1989.

Yes we fight, but we've never gone to bed mad, of course, one year we were up for three months.

Condolences to Bill Lawrence and Otto Walker on the loss of their wives.



The family that eats together gets fat.

May 17th - Just heard from Dan Wisdom regarding the following items of interest.

Our good will ambassadors also visited with Dan and "Big H" Hodgson in Texas. Also that Clark Martin made a second trip to the "Old Rust Buckets" which proved fruitful. He managed to scrounge up some brass name plates, such as: Captain's Cabin, CPO Quarters, Ward Room, etc.

Diets are for people who are thick & tired of it.

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

DAVID T. RICHARDSON