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# U. S. S. LOWNDES - APA 154

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## MAY 1999 NEWS LETTER

**Eleventh Annual Reunion - Washington, DC - September 16 thru 19, 1999**

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**If all goes well, the following shipmates, spouses & friends will attend our reunion.**

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| Jim & Helen Born *      | David & Joanne Long     | Chuck Munson                |
| Jim & Carol Bussard     | Don & Shirley Lorenzi   | Eileen Murray               |
| Sally Cary              | Bud & Jean Kautz        | Leo & Margaret O'Brien      |
| Howard & Lois Chappell  | Bill & Sheri Kautz *    | Russ & Andree Papenhausen   |
| Jim Chilcote            | Herb Kears              | Warren & Albena Proctor     |
| E. Max Cole             | Ed. King & Lavada Boyer | Art. & Marjorie Rauseo      |
| Jim Davenport           | Don & Joan Macpherson   | Keith & Lorraine Richards * |
| Frank & Joyce DuBois    | Margaret McGrody        | Earl & Frances Robertson    |
| John & Lebbly Dyer      | Clark Martin            | Dallas & Lorene Stratton    |
| Leon Fougnes *          | Henry & Dolores McNamee | Cliff & Mary Schaffer       |
| Mike & Pam Hennessey    | Mike & Jerry Michalski  | Bill & Amelia Taylor        |
| Alonzo & Oneice Hodgson | Roland & Betsy Moore *  | Walt & Jackie Umbarger      |
| Dick & Roseanna Jones   |                         |                             |

\* 1st time attendees

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### *Sally Cary*

As is the custom at our reunions the Lowndes Lovelies will once again have their annual raffle. It will be greatly appreciated if the members of the reunion group will co-operate in this worthwhile endeavor, i. e. by purchasing tickets and also contributing prizes. Please contact me by writing at RD-4 Box 14 Humphrey St., Dalton, PA or by telephone - 1-570-563-1284. Area code has been changed. Unfortunately, due to eye surgery there will be no afghan this year. Sorry!

*Note: Many area codes of members of the Lowndes Reunion Group have been changed., please notify me (Bud) so that the roster list can be brought up to date.*

## ***Howard Chappell***

I'm doing pretty good according to the doctor, but it takes a long time to learn to walk again. Just now starting to walk with a cane. Have a great summer and we'll see you all in Washington, DC.

*(Knowing Howard's great disposition, we're sure he will recuperate quickly, especially having a super nurse (Lois) to help him along the way.)*

## ***Dan Wisdom***

Sorry to be so slow in thanking you for the Lowndes Hawaii Reunion album, but it seems like everything has hit me all of a sudden, end of school year, family things. I loved the photos and seeing the sights, Lera and I hope some day to visit, maybe next year to celebrate my fiftieth birthday, still have time to save up a few bucks, have just completed my 27th tour of duty. Now, an update - son Matt has got himself engaged and I'm not sure how to handle that. Steve will be a senior next year and has joined the Civil Air Patrol for youths, so old Dad gets in on the fun to remember those days, GEE! Remember to recycle old golf balls.

*(Remember Dan's two youngsters at the first reunion in St. Louis? Boy! How time does fly.)*

## ***Mike Michalski***

Have been wanting to send my dues in ever since receiving the last issue of the USS Lowndes news letter, but have just been going in circles, I'm further behind in my yard work then ever been in. Received the photos you sent of the 1995 reunion at the Admiral Nimitz Museum, also the ones of Sally Cary, myself and Jack Hovey. Sorry to hear that Jack and Evelyn are not up to snuff. Have some key chains still available and will send them to Sally, Jack and others that were unable to make the reunion in Hawaii.

*(The photos that Mike has mentioned were sent to me by other members of our Reunion Group and I just forwarded them to Mike and Jerry.)*

*Note: The articles "How the War Started" Were excerpted from the last news letter I received from the first ship I served on, the U. S. S. Reid - DD369. Courtesy of Chip Chiappori Signalman on watch on the USS Anteras that fateful morning.*

## ***Chuck Munson***

I feel quite good now, but Marilyn's health is not so good. Hoping to get to Washington, DC in September. Want to see my shipmates again and as long as we can.

**HEY FELLAS - Can't have a News Letter without input from shipmates. Right now, I'm lookin' at the bottom of the barrel. Wot Say?**

Zipper Zinger: As you age, you forget names. Then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull your zipper up, then you forget to pull your zipper down.

As Shakespeare must have said. "Sailors cannot stay off the briney." Who would have believed that there was another great reunion relating to the Lowndes only 4 months after our great get together in sunny Hawaii. Well it went this way: Lt. Don Macpherson, formerly the Lowndes navigator and irreplaceable right arm to the gallant Captain Perdue. Ed. McKellar, APC, with a Naval record going back to John Paul Jones, and Lt. E. Max Cole, layabout on the Lowndes, often seen snoring in the communications office. Were all on the famous QE-2 on a portion of its Round the World Cruise. Both Cole, McKellar and significant lady were taking a segment of the cruise. (All of it? Are you kidding?) Hark to what happened one day on the rollicking sea: Ed. McKellar and lovely and efficient Margaret had a very handsome cabin with a porthole that they could look out of and when in port often pedestrians could look onto. A knock on the door. It was Lt. Cole who likes to have people do his work calls on the McKellars with a laundry bag and a pained look on his face. He moves into the cabin.

Cole: "Things sure get soiled, even on a ship, don't they?"

Margaret: "Oh yes. What's in the bag?"

Cole: "A few items I thought I'd run through the washing machines."

Margaret: "Now why don't you and Mac sit down here, and I'll just run next door at the Laundromat just around the passageway, and I'll get these clothes clean."

Cole: "Why, I hadn't even thought of that."

Mac: "I'll bet."

Cole: "You're an angel to suggest this, but I just couldn't..."

Mac: "You could and you will."

Margaret: "Shut up, you guys."

And she took the bag, and, whoof, right out the door. No wonder the Lowndes' women are called "Lowndes Lovelies." Margaret was through eons before Mac and Max had finished: "Oh, do you remembers." We were looking forward to receiving Don and Joan aboard for a visit when we put in at San Pedro. Well the McKellars had relatives to check out on when the Queen pulled dockside. They became invisible before the Macpherson's came aboard to visit at 11 AM. "So sorry I may not be able to see Don and Joan, y'understand, Max." "Sure but if you get back in a few hours, we'll be somewhere between the crow's nest and the keel," said Cole. Too bad the rendezvous didn't happen. Lt. Macpherson was tempted to go forthwith to the bridge and look at all the high-tech guidance and gadgets that make the big ship skip along at 30 knots. But that's off limits, sorry. Security, don't you know? And of course the 3 of us look just like the terrorist types.. well maybe not Joan, known far and wide as California's gift to friendship and charity, and a camera enthusiast so active that she sent up Kodak film on the stock market reeling. And she was using it as we strolled over to the Queen's Room, the Lido, the swimming pools and jacuzziis. We had lunch aboard, and, mates, it wasn't like the "horse c..." we used to get on the Lowndes when at sea winning the war. No, we got a special table and 4 waiters hovering. Well, maybe two. Now what did we eat? Maybe butterfly wings under glass? I don't think so To tell the truth, I've forgotten (doing a lot of that these days) but it was good and Don and Joan thought so, too. Of course, I got portions of the food on the table cloth and in my mustache, but everyone knows I can't tell a bean from a button, and often the food on the fork goes as often up my nose as in my mouth. Enough of my current table manners. I had forgotten toothpaste and other items, so I climbed into the car with the Macphersons, and after driving up and down hills in the remote hilly regions of San Pedro, we found a supermarket. Joan is a whiz at shopping, and in no time we had chocolate bars, toothpaste and a cap, I had neglected to pack to keep the wind from whipping my hair on windy sailing. Joan not only found one, but negotiated a fifty percent mark-down. Does Don know what a real treasure he has in this remarkable woman? I suspect he does. So this story of how sailors, good and true, summa cum whatever graduates of the lucky Lowndes can meet more than once in the course of a year. Ship ahoy! Lt. Cole, retired, relaxed, and ripe for another visit. See ya in Washington!

Sure glad to get the News Letters. Always a pleasure to hear about the other guys, what they have done and are doing. I am retired and doing nothing much. Keep the yard and a little garden. I am in good health for my age - 81, have some heart trouble and arthritis, but get around good and Albena too. Sure hope we can make this one, We missed the last two reunions. Have been to Washington, DC. Hope to make it again, there is so much to see and would take weeks to see it all. Please keep letters coming.

### *Mike Michalski*

Bud, you wanted to know about that 1917 Maxwell I had years ago. It was about the same size and looked like the steel Model T Ford truck. It was a four cylinder job painted a light cream color and had natural colored light oak spokes and wheels. We belonged to the Antique Automobile Club or Horseless Carriage Club and had annual tours in different cities. It's funny how things work out - we hosted the 7th tour of that organization too. Like the Lowndes - the members were from all walks of life - lawyers, business owners, you name it. But we had one thing in common - we all liked the old cars. Entire families participated and dressed accordingly. From the turn of the century dress to the flapper era or the late Twenties. (Mike also enclosed a photo of the car). I'm sure everyone enjoyed the reunion in Honolulu. Bet the beaches and everything else is different than it was when the Lowndes was there the last part of 1943 and the beginning of 1944.

### *Jack Laird*

We will not be attending the reunion this year due to family health problems, too numerous to mention. (Note: No Jack, the Kautz' boys in your Reminisce magazine are no relation of mine. Thanks anyway.)

### *Lorene Stratton*

Sorry I didn't write sooner. As your letter came today it was a reminder that I hadn't responded. Dallas keeps busy playing softball since deer hunting season has ended. Next World Series games will be played in Tallahassee, Florida August 27th - Sept. 5th. We'll be able to make the next reunion, the Lord willing. We're looking forward to seeing old friends.

*Hill climbing: Regular exercise becomes more and more important as you age. You have to be in good shape to get over the hill.*

### *Vivian Fox*

Altho Bill and I were unable to attend any of the reunions, I have enjoyed reading about them in the news letters. Thanks for sending them.

### *Frank Miller*

Every Easter I have to think back to 1, April 1945 and the battle for Okinawa. Was sure glad that was the last battle. Hope you enjoy the sun of spring and get into 100% high gear.

## *Virgie Engle*

I'm not home much anymore. Spend all the time I can in Texas with Don and Bonnie Moore and their family. Renew old friendships and made new ones in Brockport, N. Y. So this keeps me busy, however, there is still no place like home. I still work when called, taking care of elderly people, I seem to be catching up with them. I am fine and thank God for the health I still have. The children want me to write my life history. No wonder it takes so long to write a book. You spend half your time back tracking. I am really being blessed with great grand children, I also have four step great grand children.

## *Leon Fournies*

Since my discharge from the Navy. Had a brief stint at J. C. Penney then back to the university for graduate work and then a long tenure at Hampton Greeting Card Co. in Libertyville, IL as assistant to the president and office manager. This lasted for 10 years until I heard that my former teaching position was open. Finished the years teaching at New Trier High School in Winnetka, I as head of the speech and drama dept. Retired and returned to my boyhood home in Princeton, IN. Remodeled the old home and gardened a lot, served as director of drama at Wabash Valley College in Mt. Carmel, IL for 13 years. Now, off to Pittsburg instead of Texas. Through the teaching years Catherine and I escorted high school teen-agers throughtout Europe. Finally settled in Pittsburg doing volunteer work at a Church Arts Council's theater group. love it!

## *Alan Dahms*

My best wishes for a wonderful Eleventh Annual Reunion of the U. S. S. Lowndes ship's company September 16 - 19 in Washington, DC. Effective immediately, please delete my mother, Gladys Dahms, from your mailing list. I will share the materials you send to me with her. She moved into an assisted living facility in Brush, Colorado last fall. She will be 88 in August and enjoys excellent physical health. She no longer can keep up with her correspondence and I handle her affairs for her.

*(However, She will remain on the Reunion Group (Ladies) list.*

## *Ed. King*

Lavada and I had a lot of fun in Hawaii. Thanks for sending the pictures, they're greaat, mine always cut the heads off the people in the pictures. We are looking forward to seeing all in Washington, DC.

## *David Long*

We have decided that we can make the reunion this year, but misplaced last news letter and need information of location. I will not be able to reply for about three weeks, by the time you receive this letter we will have left for Holland on May 6th. We are going to be on a barge on the canals and rivers for about a week. At 9:00 AM, we bike for 30 to 40 miles and meet the barge in the afternoon, for dinner and sleeping. After that Jo and I will get a car and tool around for about 10 days. You'll hear from me when we get back.

*(Have fun kids.) I'm sure the Longs will be back in the States by the time this news letter gets into shipmates hands.*

## This & That

### USS Missouri Joins the USS Arizona on "Battleship Row"

The 16' guns of the USS Missouri point toward the resting place of the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor. It is symbolical that these two U.S. warships should end up next to each other. The Arizona was sunk at the beginning of the U.S.-Japanese conflict, and it was aboard the Missouri that The Japanese signed the formal surrender ending World War II four years later. The Mighty Mo was the last battleship built in Brooklyn and was launched in 1944. After going through the Panama Canal to the Pacific, it was involved in the invasion of Iwo Jima and Okinawa and attacks on the Japanese homeland. On September 2, 1945, a month after the U.S. atomic attacks at Nagasaki and Hiroshima, the Japanese formally surrendered aboard the Missouri. The site of that ceremony - now called the "Surrender Deck" - is marked by permanent plaques and is a major stop on public tours of the ship. The end of World War II also saw the end of the "Battleship Age" and the beginning of the "Carrier Age," meaning the demise of the Navy's battleships by 1950, the Missouri was the only U.S. battleship on active duty, and in September of that year was involved in the invasion of Inchon at the beginning of the Korean War. In 1955, the Missouri was decommissioned and put into the mothball fleet at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Wash. While there it was visited by 180,000 tourists a year. There it sat until 1986, when the Navy (and President Ronald Reagan) decided to create a 600-ship navy and recommissioned the Missouri and several other battleships. The recommissioning ceremonies took place in San Francisco on May 10, 1986. In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, the Missouri - along with the Wisconsin - was sent to the Persian Gulf. Near the beginning of hostilities - Jan. 17, 1991 - the Missouri fired Tomahawk cruise missiles at Iraqi targets, and in February, fired its 16-inch guns for the first time since Korea. The Mighty Mo fired its weapons in anger for the last time at targets in Saudi Arabia, occupied by the Iraqis. The ship fired 209 rounds from its 16-inch guns, which are capable of sending a 2,000 pound shell 23 miles. The Missouri was decommissioned again in 1992. The Navy donated the ship to the USS Missouri Memorial Association in Honolulu in 1998. The Missouri sits about 300 yards from the USS Arizona. It will remain there for three years, when it will be moved to another spot farther away, but still next to Ford Island. The Navy feels that the Missouri, in conjunction with the USS Bowfin and the USS Arizona, is part of a rich historical experience. There are tours available.

*( Note: Have been informed that Cliff and Mary Schaffer returned to Hawaii after our reunion and did take tour of the ship).*

In 1802, Washington (Latitude - 38° Longitude - 77°) was incorporated as a city. Created as a municipal corporation: Feb. 21, 1871. The District of Columbia - identical with the city of Washington - is the capital of the United States. The American beauty rose is the official flower.

### *Bud Kautz*

*When visiting the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, DC, be sure to make note of the model of a destroyer - U. S. S. Reid - DD369. Point of interest, this was the first ship I served on before being transferred into the Beach Party amphibious training program and assigned, eventually to the U. S. S. Lowndes in Astoria, Oregon. The Reid was attacked by 10 enemy planes during the battle of Surigao Strait in the Philippine Islands. The ship sank in approximately 2 minutes after she received the first bomb damage. The 150 survivors were picked up from the water by LSM's and LCI's of the resupply echelon. There was a loss of 105 men. I was fortunate to have been transferred prior to this battle.*

Every cow on this planet certifiably flatulates 100 gallons of methane a day, in 1/2 hour a volcano emits as much greenhouse gas as the entire automobile industry in 1 year.

## *How the War started* (Dec. 7-8, 1941)

*From the signal log - USS ANTARES* Laying off the entrance to Pearl.)

### December 7, 1941

- 0600 Exchanged calls with USS WARD (DD139.) WARD on patrol duty outside entrance to Pearl Harbor. Laying off Pearl Harbor entrance waiting to transfer barge to USS KEOSANQUA.
- 0630 Sighted unidentified submarine on starboard quarter. Reported to Captain who told A. E. Chiappari, signalman 2/c to send the following message to the USS WARD: "There is a suspicious looking object on our starboard quarter. Would you please investigate." A patrol plane investigating. USS WARD approached submarine.
- 0645 USS WARD opened fire on unidentified sub. (First shot of the war )
- 0647 USS WARD ceased firing guns and dropped three depth charges. Submarine sank (submarine later identified as a Japanese midget sub )
- 0750 C.G. #400 stood out of Pearl Harbor.
- 0758 Three loud explosions in Navy Yard - sighted a great number of Jap planes dropping bombs in Navy Yard - Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor.
- 0800 USS ANTARES fired on (strafed) by Jap aircraft. Several bombs dropped nearby.
- 0811 USS WARD dropping depth charges and firing anti-aircraft and main batteries. Ships in Navy Yard opened up with anti-aircraft batteries. Shells falling around ship.
- 0824 USS ANTARES received visual signal from shore signal station, "BT - Under no circumstances enter harbor. " ANTERAS was scheduled to dock at Pearl Harbor Navy Yard, but on receipt of this signal headed for Honolulu harbor (Counted four separate groups of enemy bombers, nine in each group.)
- 0848 All ships and shore batteries ceased firing.
- 0855 Enemy planes approaching, anti-aircraft batteries opened up. Sighted eight groups of Jap planes, three in each group, passing overhead, headed for Pearl Harbor.
- 0905 Destroyers USS DALE, USS FARRAGUT and five others stood out of Pearl Harbor with all anti-aircraft batteries in action and dropping depth charges.
- 0925 Three Destroyers coastal minesweepers and two destroyers stood out of Pearl Harbor.
- 0930 All firing ceased at Pearl Harbor.
- 0937 One Destroyer stood out of Pearl Harbor.
- 0950 Two Destroyers stood out of Pearl Harbor.
- 1010 One cruiser - Minneapolis type - stood out of Pearl Harbor.
- 1057 Anti-aircraft batteries opened up at Pearl Harbor.
- 1059 Anti-aircraft batteries ceased firing.
- 1135 Anti-aircraft opened up. One Dutch merchantman opened up on Jap planes with anti-aircraft batteries. (This Dutch vessel was tied up to dock in Honolulu Harbor.)
- 1140 USS ANTARES entered Honolulu Harbor.
- 1200 Two light cruisers stood out of Pearl Harbor.
- 1235 Two Destroyers stood out of Pearl Harbor.
- 1245 (via radio) More Jap transports off Barbers Point.
- 1306 (via radio) Dog fight, southeast direction.
- 1316 (via radio) Enemy landing party between OP9 and Nanakuli.
- 1324 Motor torpedo boats out of Pearl Harbor.
- 1328 One Destroyer out of Pearl Harbor.
- 1350 (via radio) 21 Jap vessels 35 miles off shore flying American flags are firing on American ships.
- 1540 PBYS and AirCobras returning to Ford Island airfield.
- 1912 Radio reports state Pearl Harbor is being bombed again.
- 2100 (news broadcast) San Francisco reported blacked out tonight. Enemy planes intercepted or shot down 20 miles from coast.
- 2105 Anti-aircraft batteries at Pearl Harbor opened up.
- 2109 Anti-aircraft batteries ceased heavy barrage. Light anti-aircraft continuing.
- 2112 All anti-aircraft firing ceased.
- 2114 Glare from fires in Pearl Harbor getting brighter. Fires apparently gainin in intensity.

*From the signal log - USS ANTARES Laying off the entrance to Pearl*

### **December 8, 1941**

- 0435 (via radio) 30 enemy planes reported headed this way from Kauai.
- 0440 Tracer bullets sighted in Hickam Field area. Anti-aircraft firing at Pearl Harbor.
- 0455 (via Radio) Enemy planes south of Wheeler Field Area. Anti-aircraft firing at Pearl.
- 0500 (via radio) Enemy reported heading for Pearl Harbor.
- 0505 Signal from Commandant 14th Naval District.  
"All ships stand by - enemy planes over head."
- 0507 Planes over Honolulu - headed for Pearl Harbor, 18,000 feet altitude.
- 0510 (via radio) Many high, northeast; enemy planes heading towards Pearl Harbor.
- 0515 (via police radio) Enemy parachute troops reported at Kaliki Valley.
- 0517 (via radio) Submarine sighted off Diamond Head, unidentified.
- 0518 (via radio) OP12, many high, heading towards Pearl Harbor. Planes overhead believed to be ours.
- 0523 (via radio) OP10, many high, unidentified, northeast.
- 0524 (via radio) OP10, many high, circling.
- 0532 Saboteurs reported at Hickam Field.
- 0535 Planes overhead believed to be ours.
- 0540 U. S. planes have been taking off from Pearl Harbor, Wheeler Field, Hickam Field and Ford Island.
- 0547 Anti-aircraft firing at Pearl Harbor. Appears as if Pearl Harbor is being bombed.
- 0550 All ships ceased firing.
- 0600 Signal from Commander, Battleships to all ships: "Exercise more control over anti-aircraft fire."
- 0630 (via radio) Army assumes there are no enemy planes within 200 miles.
- 0645 (police radio) Things back to normal in Honolulu, workmen are returning to work.  
Citizens urged to stay at home. Schools closed.

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## *How the War was Won*

*James Born*

Joined the Navy in 1940 and retired in 1960. My first submarine was the USS Sailfish - SS192. I boarded her in San Diego in January 1941 and left for Pearl Harbor to train men from the USS Holland - AS3 on the submarine for two weeks, then off for two weeks and back on. This went on for 4-1/2 months. We were training crews for submarine duty. Received orders the end of May 1940 to return to the States to put the USS Fulton-AS11 into commission at Mare Island on 11 Sept. 1941. We were at sea on 7, Dec. 1941 on her shakedown cruise, we got orders to go to Panama then to the Gulf of Fonseca and into Galapagos Island and then to Pearl Harbor to start attending the Pacific Fleet Submarines. By then I was 3/c petty officer. On 3, June, 1942 we were ordered to sea for the battle of Midway. One of the Fulton's most war notable war time achievements was our rendezvous with the cruiser USS Portland and the destroyer USS Russell to receive 101 officers and 1790 enlisted men who survived the sinking of a cruiser which was lost at Midway. Returned to Pearl Harbor 6, June 1942 to a great welcome from Admiral Nimitz. While underway at approximately 10 knots we did lose a man over the side. Left Pearl Harbor on 8, July 1942 for Midway and stayed there until 17, Oct. '42. Then left for Brisbane where I got orders to report to Sub. base 79. After 35 days on patrol I reported back to the Fulton and after a rest I was to help in experiments and testing of sonar and radar detection devices, which enabled us to penetrate the mine fields. After a year in Brisbane on 7, Nov. 1943 we got orders to go to Milne Bay, New Guinea, while in Milne Bay on 22, Feb '44 we were under attack by air. I was out in the water towing a barge for the sub. A bomb was dropped close to an Australian cruiser, the wake from the bomb sent the barge to the starboard side almost taking my leg off and broke my engineer's arm. Returned to the Fulton and the two of us were sent back to the Brisbane Naval Hospital. In the meantime the Fulton got underway 17, Mar. '44 and sailed to the west coast. Both of us stayed at the submarine repair base until they found a ship going back to the States. We got back to the States the end of May 1944 and on 7, June 1944 the Fulton went back overseas, but I had been transferred the day before and received 125 days leave with still 35 days remaining. Had served overseas for continuously for 32 months. My leave while on the sub was counted as R&R. Went back to Chicago and got married 1, July, 1944. Ordered to the USS Lowndes - PA 154. Left the Lowndes in the Bikini Islands. Sent back stateside for shore duty. In 1952 I was back at sea again and in 1954 sent to Japan with my family for two years. Returned in 1958 and stationed at Long Beach, then mustered out in 1960.

*On July 1, 1999 Jim and Helen will celebrate 55 years of wedded bliss.)*



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Package cost will be \$295.00\* per person including:

- 3 Nights lodging - free parking, cars & RV's
- 4 Meals
- 5 or 6 tours in & around Washington, DC
- Bus transportation
- Banquet

Payment must be made by **August 1, 1999**. Make checks payable to the U.S.S. Lowndes Reunion Group and mailed to Bud Kautz.

All arrangements will be made through the reunion co-ordinator and all request for hotel reservations must be sent to me (Bud). I will then forward them to the co-ordinator. Unfortunately, this is the way we have to go when using an outside source. It is also imperative that we know the following information so that proper arrangements can be made with the hotel. **PLEASE** respond promptly. At this point I am desperate and need an ulcer like a hole in the head.

How many days prior to the reunion: \_\_\_\_\_

How many days after the reunion: \_\_\_\_\_

Points of interest to be visited via bus transportation:

- United States Capital - Group photos.
- United States Navy Yard & Museum.
- Tour of Navy ship at dock (optional).
- FDR Memorial
- Jefferson Memorial.
- Lincoln Memorial.
- Iwo Jima Memorial.
- Korean Memorial.
- Night tour of Washington, DC.
- Wreath laying at the Navy Memorial. (Opportunity to use the Navy log).
- Arlington & Cathedral.
- Banquet - Hogate's restaurant on the Potomac River.
- Lowndes Lovelies' raffle.
- Breakfast.
- Bus available for additional tours.

The above points of interest and times will be determined in the not too distant future and a definite schedule with details will be forthcoming in the next news letter in the latter part of July.