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U.S.S. LOWNDES - APA 154 REUNION GROUP
JULY 1996 NEWS LETTER

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Martinique Hotel
Oceanfront at 71st Ave. N.
Box 331
Myrtle Beach, SC. 29578
1-800-542-0048
1-803-449-4441*
*Call this number upon arrival
at Airport for shuttle pick up.
Check-in Time 3:00 P.M. or Later
Check-out Time 11:00 A.M. or Earlier

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*Any changes or additions,
please notify Bud Kautz

It is 108 days & 15 hours or 2,607 hours or 156,420 minutes or 9,385,200 seconds from midnight July 1st to our reunion in Myrtle Beach on Oct. 17th.

South Carolina was the first state to secede from the Union in 1860 and was readmitted to the Union in 1868. It was also the eighth state to ratify the Federal Constitution in 1788. Charles Town was renamed Charleston in 1788. Let it be known that it is illegal to pull sea oats in South Carolina.

Fred Brinkman received the following correspondence from the Valdosta & Lowndes County, Georgia Chamber of commerce & William Lowndes III.

Enclosed you will find a brief history of Lowndes County, Georgia, which indeed was named for the congressman from your state of South Carolina, William Lowndes. I think the copies I have enclosed will be self explanatory. However, I have not been able to confirm one way or the other if the ship you mention, the U.S.S. Lowndes, is named for the county or the congressman. Mr. John B. Lastinger, our Executive Vice President of more than 20 years, and a lifelong resident of Valdosta & Lowndes County, thinks the ship was named for Mr. William Lowndes and not the county of Lowndes. I am sorry that time would not permit me to research the matter more thoroughly, but I would be most interested in learning more about it. If you are able to confirm this either way, please let me hear from you again.

Martha Ann Taylor

WILLIAM LOWNDES III - Spartanburg, SC - Fred: following our telephone conversation I called Professor Vipperman and made arrangements to obtain two additional copies of the biography of William Lowndes, having in mind that I would send one of them to you. The professor volunteered, however, that he planned to send you a copy at the same time he was sending two copies to me. My son Willy and I look forward to attending the Friday morning coffee reception and meeting you and the others at that time. I am sorry to say that our wives will not be able to join us but they asked that I be sure to tell you how much they appreciate your kind invitation.

SHIPMATES & MATES INDICATING ATTENDINGU. S. S. LOWNDES EIGHTH REUNION AT MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA

Vic Bardenhagen	John & Lebbly Dyer	Art & Marjorie Rauseo
Agnes Bensie	Joe & Loreta Freitas	Earl & Frances Robertson
Fred & Roberta Brinkman	Bob & Joyce Hail	James & Ina Ross + 2
Harold Brunner	Jack & Evelyn Hovey	Clifford & Mary Schaffer
Sally Cary	Dick Jones & Roseana Pohl	Dallas & Lorene Stratton
Howard & Lois Chappell	Bud & Jean Kautz	Bill & Amelia Taylor
Mitchell & Norma Chasteen	Don & Shirley Lorenzi	Dorothy Weaver
Jim Davenport	Clark Martin	Walter & Jackie Umbarger
Frank & Joyce DuBois	Mike & Jerry Michalski	Dan Wisdom
Stan Dunn	Leo & Margaret O'Brien	

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1996 CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE

This is an up-to-date list as to when the NEWS LETTER goes to press. If you feel your name has been omitted, please contact Bud Kautz.

Mitchell Chasteen	Clark Martin	Florence Richards
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Jack Hovey	Francis Miller	Dallas Stratton
David Long	John Morrissey	William Thomas
Don Macpherson	Leo O'Brien	Bernard Tracz
William Markus	William Ramsey	George Weick

Don Lorenzi has undertaken a worthwhile endeavor - attempting to garner all videos taken at our reunions and combining them on one video tape to be made available for shipmates at our Myrtle Beach reunion in October. He is lacking tapes from the Boston and San Diego reunions. Anyone having same - PLEASE forward them to Don. They will be returned to the owners upon completion of this formidable task. We ask for the co-operation of our crew members. Don't delay.

Note: You will be contacted by Sally Cary - Lowndes Lovelies, CEO regarding the upcoming raffle to be held at the Saturday evening banquet. Please respond promptly.

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**William "Bud" Kautz
USS LOWNDES APA 154 REUNION
34782 Hiawatha Trail
McHenry, Illinois 60050**

July 1, 1996

TO MEMBERS OF THE USS LOWNDES APA 154 REUNION:

It's time to register for the 8th Annual USS Lowndes Reunion to be held at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on October 17-20, 1996, and to make reservations at the Myrtle Beach Martinique Resort Hotel, headquarters hotel for the Reunion.

Enclosed is a Reunion Registration Form for you to complete and mail with your check to Fred Brinkman (host for the 1996 Reunion) at 1140 Green Valley Lane, Columbia, SC, 29210.

Also enclosed is a Hotel Reservation Request Card that should be sent directly to:

Myrtle Beach Martinique
Attention: Reservations Manager
7100 North Ocean Boulevard
P.O. Box 331
Myrtle Beach, SC 29578

Please make your hotel reservations and send your Reunion registration as soon as possible.

Space is provided on the back of the registration form for you to indicate your interest or request more information on some of the free time or optional activities that will be available during or before and after the Reunion.

We hope to see you at Myrtle Beach on October 17-20.

Sincerely,

William "Bud" Kautz

Enclosures

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
USS LOWNDES APA 154 8TH ANNUAL REUNION
OCTOBER 17-20, 1996
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

10:00 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Check-in and Registration at the Myrtle Beach Martinique Resort Hotel.
Hospitality Room open.

Dinner on your own.

7:00 p.m. - Buses depart for American Pride Show at Alabama Theatre, an Opryland production
of history of music with song and dance.

10:00 p.m. - Return to Hotel. Hospitality Room open.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

Breakfast on your own.

8:30 a.m. - Buses leave hotel for tour of Myrtle Beach area attractions, to include coffee
reception at South Carolina Hall of Fame with descendants of William Lowndes, visit
to historic Brookgreen Gardens, Waccamaw Pottery and Fantasy Harbour and
Broadway at the Beach, with lunch on your own.

2:30 p.m. - Return to hotel. Hospitality Room open.

4:30 p.m. - Buses leave for Dixie Stampede with full dinner and galloping entertainment and
expert horsemanship in arena-style theatre.

7:30 p.m. - Return to hotel. Hospitality Room open.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

Breakfast on your own.

Free-time day with choice of activities to include walking on beach, swimming pools at hotel,
fishing on ocean pier, miniature golf and par 3 golf, and golf driving range at nearby hotel.

11:00 a.m. - Trolley bus transportation to Broadway at the Beach, shopping, restaurant and
entertainment center. Return at 2:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - Photo session and USS Lowndes Reunion business meeting.

6:45 p.m. - Reception in Hospitality Room.

7:30 p.m. - Annual USS Lowndes Banquet with entertainment, raffle and special presentations.

Following Banquet - Hospitality Room open.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - USS Lowndes S.O.S. Buffet Breakfast

Churches within short walking distance of hotel.

Free-time activities.

REUNION REGISTRATION FORM
USS LOWNDES APA 154 8TH ANNUAL REUNION
Thursday - Sunday
October 17-20, 1996
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Please complete this registration form and send with your check made payable to Fred Brinkman.

Mail to: **Fred Brinkman**
USS Lowndes 1996 Reunion
1140 Green Valley Lane
Columbia, SC 29210

<u>MAIN FUNCTIONS FOR REUNION</u>	<u>COST PER PERSON</u>	<u>NO. OF PERSONS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Thursday Evening American Pride Music Show and Transportation	\$18.00	_____	\$ _____
Friday Bus Tour of Myrtle Beach Area Attractions and Reception	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
Friday Evening Dinner and Show at Dixie Stampede	\$22.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Evening Banquet and Reception and Sunday Breakfast	\$30.00	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL COST:	\$95.00		
AMOUNT ENCLOSED:			\$ _____

ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL AND FREE-TIME ACTIVITIES:

Please turn page and check any of the listed subjects that may be of interest to you during (or before or after) the 1996 USS Lowndes Reunion so that additional information can be sent to you



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ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL AND FREE-TIME ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

After completing the registration form on other side, please check spaces below for any activities that may be of interest to you. We will contact you prior to the Reunion to send more information or make reservations, if needed, regarding your listed interests.

A. TRAVEL TO AND FROM MYRTLE BEACH:

We plan to drive. Send map of Myrtle Beach and how to get there.

We plan to fly. Need free transportation from Myrtle Beach Airport to Myrtle Beach Martinique Hotel and return.

B. OPTIONAL AND FREE-TIME ACTIVITIES DURING REUNION

(Check spaces for items of possible interest to you)

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>COST</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Walking or Sunning on Beach.....	Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Indoor and Outdoor Hotel Swimming Pools	Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing on Ocean Pier (Saturday).....	Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Fitness Center at Hotel	Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Trolley Bus Tour to Broadway-at-the-Beach Shopping, Dining and Entertainment Area.....	Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Miniature Golf Course Game (Near Hotel)	\$1.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf Driving Range (Near Hotel).....	\$2.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Par Three Golf - 18-Holes, Each Hole Less Than 100 Yards (Near Hotel)	\$4.50

C. ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES INVOLVING FEES OR ADMISSION AND ADVANCE RESERVATIONS (FOR THOSE WHO MAY ARRIVE EARLY OR STAY A DAY OR MORE AFTER THE REUNION).

(Send more information on any of the items checked below)

- Regulation Golf (18-Hole Courses average 6,300 yards)
- A Waterway Cruise in the Myrtle Beach Area
- Eddie Arnold Concert at Alabama Theatre
- Kenny Rogers Concert at Palace Theatre - Broadway at the Beach
- Calvin Gilmore's Carolina Opry (Myrtle Beach's Original Music Theatre)
- Snoopy's Magic-on-Ice (World Class Skaters, Music and Magic)
- Gatlin Brothers Theatre (Country, Gospel and Contemporary Music)
- Medieval Times (Dinner and Horsemanship Duels and Entertainment)
- Ronnie Milsap Theatre (Country, Rock, Pop, Rhythm and Blues)
- Visit to USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial at Wilmington
- Visit to Patriots Point Navy Museum at Charleston
- Other (Please List)



WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE UNITED STATES NAVY
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION TAKES
PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING THAT

"DONALD WILLIAM BOWMAN"

HAS BEEN ENROLLED IN
THE NAVY MEMORIAL LOG

BY

U. S. S. LOWNDES - APA 154

SHIPMATES



WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE UNITED STATES NAVY
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION TAKES
PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING THAT

"NORMAN ROBERT RICHARDS"

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THE NAVY MEMORIAL LOG

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United States Navy Memorial

The United States Navy Memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue in our nation's capital was conceived by Capital Architect Pierre L'Enfant two hundred years ago. Designed as a "living" tribute to all who have served in the U.S. Navy, are serving or will serve, the Memorial is midway between the Capitol and the White House. It features a public amphitheater where concerts are performed throughout the summer by the U.S. Navy Band and other armed services musical groups.

The deck of the amphitheater displays a world map, 100 feet in diameter, in shades of granite outlining the vastness of the ocean areas where the symbolic Lone Sailor serves. The memorial is surrounded by pools of cascading water, fountains, bronze reliefs. It portrays a history of service by men and women who gallantly and courageously have worn the Navy blue since 1775.

The Navy Memorial Visitors center is adjacent to the Navy Memorial in the Market Square East building. This Visitors Center houses the Navy Memorial Log Room, Arleigh and Roberta Burke Theater, Ship's Store, ship and aircraft photo kiosks and conference site. The Memorial Log is a special feature of the Visitors Center and is a computerized "ship's company" of men and women who have served or are serving in and with the U.S. Navy and other sea services, and have contributed to the Navy Memorial. The log continues to grow as Navy veterans enter their own names, or are sponsored into the log by relatives or friends.

United States Navy Memorial Log
Washington DC

LYMAN NEDEAU - Baldwin, MI & Naples, FL - A little more of my hitch in the Navy. I was transferred from one duty, which I don't remember, to a refueling station on the island of Tulagi. We had several large tanks (5 or 6) and the tankers came in and filled us up, whenever we ran low. It was good, because they came straight from the States and had fresh food, eggs, etc. We would trade them stuff we had, souvenirs, monkeys, parrots. Also took some of the crew hunting for those big lizards, boy, were they fast and not an easy target to hit. I was in charge, had several men under me. We did all the maintenance, lived in a large screened in tent that was up on 55 gallon drums, it was nice. The supply barges anchored in the harbor and we could get almost anything that was available. I remember Joe Botti CMM. He always let me know that I was a reservist in the Navy. I often wondered how long the regular Navy could have lasted if we had not been there to help.

WALTER KARSON - Elk River, MN - Saw on the news a while back that a crew searching in the jungles of Espiritu Santo found the wreckage of a Catalina with remains of the crew still in their seats. Remember the USS Lowndes pulling in there and we loaded on some heavy road machinery and many drums of aviation fuel. If my memory serves me right we headed for Northern Honshu, Japan.

FRANK MILLER - Kearns, UT - I went to our local library and picked up a book "Atlas of Battles by Richard Natkiel" and lo and behold the first page I opened it to had a picture of an LCVP all shot up on the beach at Iwo Jima. The number was clear - PA 154-21. Maybe some one knows who was on No. 21 at Iwo.

J. SHELTON SCALES - Martinsville, VA - "Iwo Jima - "A Legacy of Valor" By Bill D. Ross will give the full picture of this campaign and will, I'm sure answer many questions concerning the Marine Corps involvement, such as Divisions, Battalions, etc. Specifically, my 3rd Battalion (23rd Marines, 4th Marine division) with attached units, making a total of approximately 1500 men that were on the USS Lowndes - APA 154 for the Iwo operation. I was the CO. Our 3rd Bn. landed in reserve about 1300 on D-Day, 19, Feb. 1945 passed through the 1st Bn. 23rd and continued the attack. Of 24 infantry Bn. CO's on Iwo, 5 were, 14 WIA and only 5 of us (me included) escaped with out a purple heart.

AGNES BENSIE - Parma, OH - First of all, thanks for the phone call (Jean & Bud) it was a great surprise. I really did miss going to the reunion in San Antonio and seeing all of you. I spent all of February and March in Florida this winter. The thought of being alone was too much, 48 years is a long time. If all goes well, I plan to drive to Myrtle Beach this year. I'm sure Fred and Roberta will arrange a terrific reunion.

Note: A reminder to shipmates to be sure to return the form listing preferences for the activities to Fred Brinkman. It will help to make his job easier for the USS Lowndes Eighth Annual Reunion in Myrtle Beach. He has been hard at work to make this reunion a success. Let's not give him an ulcer.

GEORGE TUPPAN - LaHabra Heights, CA - Just finished reading the Lowndes News Letter. Your mail service and my mail service are finally working together, not one tear (to pull apart), tear (weeping/sorrow) the News Letter came through in A 1 condition. A thought comes to mind, with my coffee I like sugar and cream. Our cream was a can of evaporated milk. Since being discharged I have never used it again. Also when we were in port and the fresh milk came aboard word spread throughout the ship "Fresh Milk". The cook, with a cleaver slashed a few holes in the can and started to pour it into some pitchers. Oh how good it tasted.

MIKE MICHALSKI - Austin, TX - In the engine room of the Lowndes is where I stood my watch on the throttle. Just before the end of the watch I would always clean up the area around the coffee pot and brew a fresh batch. The gang coming on watch, especially at midnight or 4:00 AM would always smile as they came down the ladder when they saw me on the throttle - they knew a fresh batch of "Eye opener" was waiting. However, when Mr. Lyons was the officer of the watch - he made the coffee and to put it plainly - it was stout. There was a young, husky built blond fellow from the Bronx who always said whatever was fitting, regardless who ever was present! When he came down the ladder the night Mr. Lyons had brewed his special stout blend he got his cup of coffee and came over and joined in on the conversation as he stirred his coffee with a spoon. About the time our conversation slowed a bit he pulled the spoon out of the cup and there was no ladle on the stem. He looked at it in amazement as he dropped it and said "Who expects us to drink this stuff that's so strong it ate the ladle off the spoon?" Of course he said this right in front of Mr. Lyons, knowing exactly who made it. Coffee - Good and Bad.

BERNARD M. TRACZ - Campbell, OH - Going over the list of shipmates, I see a few names that I wrote to a long time ago. I'll see if I can contact some of them again. Some guys just aren't letter writers so we lost touch. Two names on the list: Wendell W. Coffey passed away a couple of years after the war. Joseph A. Kubina died aboard the Lowndes near one of the islands at the beginning of our Naval cruise. Had liver problems. He was from Youngstown, OH. Sorry to hear about Clement M. Hoffman passing away. We talked on the phone as he didn't want to write letters. He was a good friend aboard ship and helped get me the job in the coding room. Whenever a message would be received for our ship or fleet I would work with the Communication Officer and decode the message and route them to whomever the Captain wanted them to be read and signed for. I will be seeing Bill Davis again next August for more fishing.

LORENE STRATTON - Belleview, FL - Our son Jimmy passed away on March 7th, he was 48 years old on March 3rd. He died of spinal meningitis. We didn't know he was so sick until February 27th. This has been a sad spring for us. Dallas is still playing softball and his team again qualified for they world series to be held in Detroit. On March 30th we went to Texas for our niece's wedding. On April 1st, on our way home a deer ran out in front of us - did over \$1600.00 damage to my car. Everyone says Dallas will kill a deer one way or the other. Hope to see our shipmates in Myrtle Beach.

USS LOWNDES - APA 154 DECEASED PERSONNEL

Donald William BOWMAN (Iwo Jima Campaign)
 Norman Robert RICHARDS (Iwo Jima Campaign)

Benn. L.	BAILEY	Thurman Elmer	McFARLAND
Edward	BENSIE	Harvey A.	McGOWAN
Joseph	BOTTI	Claude W.	MEADOWS, Jr.
Oscar Tyson	BRACEY	Carl Conrad	MILLER
James E.	BRISCOE	George Bernard	MILLER
Elmer Carrell	BROWN	Leon	MONDAY
Domer Slater	BURK	Richard LeBarron	MOORE
Sam	CAROTHERS	Charles Francis	MURRAY
John F.	CARY	N. W.	NAGEL
Wendell H.	CHILDREY	Curtis Garland	NERISON
Slater Frank	CHRISTIAN	Howard L.	NIELSEN
Wendell W.	COFFEY	Erle	NIEMI
Owen Cavanaugh	COLLINS	Alex R.	O'NEAL
Roy D.	COLLINS	Charles H.	PERDUE (Capt.)
Arthur Benjamin	CORBETT	C. H.	PASCHAL
George Maynard	DAHMS	C. L.	PERKS
Glenn	DENNIS	Billy H.	PIERCY
Lee Peter	DERUGA	Stuyvesant A.	PINNELL
Floyd Joseph	DETIVEAU	William H.	POLLOCK
Arthur	DEVERAUX	Leo A.	POTHAST
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Raymond Henry	GOLEMBOWSKI	Ernest O.	SCOTT
Fred Irwin	GUNNELL	Haywood S.	SMITH
Fred E.	GROH	George A.	SKELLY
Raymond Louis	GUIMONT	Joseph McKinzie	SONNIER
Marvin Robert	GUNDERSON	Harvey Glenn	STEVENSON
James W.	HALL	Robert H.	STONER
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Albert Franklin	HERRINGTON	Wesley	VLCEK
Edgar L.	HINTON	Steve Thomas	VALASK
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George L. D.	KINDLE	Lawrence Clinton	WELCOME
Robert Elvin	KIEME	Harold C.	WIDDOWS
Lee Cruse	KING	Leo. J.	WINTER
Samuel J.	KRAUSE	Joseph G.	YOUNG
Roland Edward	KRUEL	Joseph Fred	ZINKGRAF
Joseph A.	KUBINA	Lawrence	ZWIEG
Russell	LaPONUKE		
William B.	LAWRENCE		
B.	LHIELE		
Edward John	LIPCZYNSKI		
Arnold M.	MATZEN		
Stanley Ambrose	MATZ		