

# U. S. S LOWNDES - APA 154

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## JULY 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*       | Don & Shirley Lorenzi   | Leo & Margaret O'Brien     |
| Lavada Boyer            | Bud & Jean Kautz        | Russ & Andree Pappenhausen |
| Jim & Carol Bussard     | Bill & Sheri Kautz*     | Warren & Albena Proctor    |
| Sally Cary              | Herb Kears & ?          | Bill & Rosemary Ramsey *   |
| Howard & Lois CHappell  | Ed. King                | Art & Marjorie Rauseo      |
| Jim Chilcote            | Joan Macpherson         | Keith & Lorraine Richards  |
| E. Max Cole             | Margaret McGrody        | Earl & Frances Robertson   |
| Frank & Joyce DuBois    | Clark Martin            | Joel & Mary Rodriquez      |
| John & Lebby Dyer       | Mona Dunn               | Dallas & Lorene Stratton   |
| Leon Fougnes*           | Henry & Dolores McNamee | Cliff & Mary Schaffer      |
| Mike & Pam Hennessey*   | Mike & Jerry Michalski  | Bill & Amelia Taylor       |
| Alonzo & Oneice Hodgson | Roland & Becky Moore    | Glenda Tuppan              |
| Dick & Roseanna Jones   | Chuck Munson            | Randy Vavrek               |
| David & Joanne Long     | Eileen Murray           | Walt & Jackie Umbarger     |

\*1st. time attendees.

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**Some items in this news letter are repeats from the May 1999 letter. See 6/99-1 & 6/99-9. This is for the benefit of those who have either misplaced it or failed to read it.**

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 route we have to go when using an outside source. It is also imperative that we have the following information so that proper arrangements can be made with the hotel. **DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.**

**PLEASE** Respond promptly. Don't give me an ulcer.

Arrival date: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional nights  
before and after  
reunion \$75.00each.

Departure date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUGGESTED ITINERY - WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
*( There may be changes or additions to the itinerey)*

**Thursday - Sept. 16**

Arrive from respective home bases.  
 Check into hotel.  
 Hospitality room available to visit & reminisce.

**Friday - Sept. 17**

8:00 AM: Continental breakfast  
 Morning tour: U.S. Capital \*, tour of Navy Yard.  
 Lunch on own.  
 Afternoon tour: FDR, Jefferson, Lincoln, Iwo Jima,  
 & Korean Memorials.

Dinner & evening: Free to enjoy & explore Washington or  
 Night tour of DC.

**Saturday - Sept. 18.**

8:00 AM: Continental Breakfast.  
 Morning tour: Wreath laying & Memorial for deceased at  
 Lone Sailor at Navy Memorial \*  
 Lunch on own.  
 Afternoon tour: Changing of the guard at Arlington Cemetery.  
 National Cathedral (View its Navy Memorial).  
 Banquet dinner: Hogate's Restaurant (Located in marina off  
 Potomac River).  
 5:30 - 6:30 PM - Cash bar, Lowndes Lovelies raffle.  
 Return to hotel late.

**Sunday - Sept.19.**

8:00 AM Continental breakfast.  
 Morning tours to be determined.  
 To those leaving today - safe journey. Until next year.

Hospitality room will be available during our stay.

\* Possible sites for group photographs.

*Note: If you can't see the photographers - they cannot see you.*

***ENJOY!***

# *How the War was Won*

## *Warren Proctor*

On my first trip into the beach at Iwo Jima my boat was an LCMs #1. It was a large craft powered by 2 grey marine motors, each with 250 horsepower on separate clutches. The well was 12 feet wide and 22 feet long. The ramp weighed 2000 lbs. There were 2 mounts for 50 caliber machine guns. The wheel house had 1/4" steel on 2 sides and the back was 4' high for protection. On the first trip to the beach an ensign was in the wheel house with me. My crew consisted of 2 bowmen and a motor mac. My cargo was a truck and a 105 gun, plus the crew for them. We hit the beach 6 minutes after the first wave. The beach was deep and the waves high. It was hard to keep from broaching when I lowered the ramp onto the beach. It was near a marine who had stepped on a land mine. The bowmen pulled him into the boat and I backed out of there. His foot and leg almost up to his knee was shredded. We gave him a shot of morphine and ran him to a hospital ship.

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## *Ed. McKellar*

"Aloha!" Sitting here across the street from the spot on Pokai Bay where we held the luncheon last year and enjoying reading the Lowndes news letter. Sorry, Margaret and I won't be able to make Washington, DC this year. Margaret has rented an RV for two weeks. We are flying to Vancouver, BC on 10 July and will be traveling with her daughter and a couple of friends to Detroit. The RV will be turned in on the East coast. We will spend time with Margaret's children and grandchildren. Margaret and I will be returning via Denver after visiting my relatives there. I called Max Cole after reading the news letter to see if he was going on the QE2 again. Sending in a check for dues. Thanks for the good news letter.

*"What you learn after you know it all counts."*

## *Leo P. O'Brien*

Margaret and I visited the Iwo Jima Memorial in Connecticut recently and we found it very moving. They did an excellent job. If anyone is going through this area, it would be well worth visiting. We plan on arriving in Washington on Wednesday and staying through Monday night. Also would like to arrange for three additional people for the banquet.

*Note: That stress diet you sent me Leo, under the circumstances, is appropriate for making arrangements for our 11th reunion and I'll certainly take it into consideration. Thanks.*

# "WHAT IS A SAILOR"

(Ray A. Linke)

Between the innocence of babyhood and the dignity of manhood, we find the delightful creature called a "sailor." Sailors come in an assortment of sizes, shapes, weights and colors. A very important requirement is that they have at least one arm and two fingers to pick up a coffee cup, beer bottle or liberty card. All sailors have the same creed: To spend as much time every hour of every day trying to discover new ways of getting out of working parties; standing watches; harassing the chief; looking for out of the way places in which to nap, where the chance of being caught is slight; and dreaming up good reasons why he should have special liberty on Friday or Monday. They protest to loud after Taps when they have not been a member of the liberty party. But when they are they can't understand why everything is so quiet at midnight and they try to do something about it.

Sailors are found everywhere; on and in water; in dark streets and alleyways, in fast moving cars, bars, nightclubs, popping in and out of portholes and swinging from ropes and ladders. Many times they aren't aware they've been in these places until informed by someone of higher authority.

Girls love them, soldiers and marines hate them, cooks ignore them, the Legal Officer and St. Christopher protects them.

All sailors are truth with their fingers crossed, wisdom with cigarettes in their socks, beauty and pride in uniform (which quite often is owned jointly between him and a buddy, from his skivies on out). He's the hero of the past and promise of the future, with a girl on each arm.

A sailor is a composite. He has the energy of a small-sized atomic bomb, the speed of a jet when necessary, the curiosity of a cat, the superstition of a gypsy, the lungs of an auctioneer, the imagination of Walt Disney, the appetite of a lumberjack, the digestion of a whale, the slyness of a fox, and the shyness of a \_\_\_? Well I guess he's not too shy after all.

A sailor likes girls, strong drinks, girls, nightclubs, girls, pictures of girls, movies, girls, mailcall, girls, payday, girls, poker and dice games, and water in its natural sources. He's not much on standing watches, beans for breakfast, shining shoes, haircuts, shaving, shots or Boatswain's Mates who has an unending supply of paint, brushes, swabs, brooms and chipping irons. His favorite songs are "Dixie", "Yankee Doodle", "The Eyes of Texas", "Anchors Aweigh" and "Roll Me Over in the Clover".

A sailor is a sentimental creature. He is enchanted by sunrise and the playing of Taps. He will always salute the flag but will shift whatever he is carrying to his right hand or duck down a passageway to avoid saluting an officer. He will give his last dollar toward a party for an orphanage or try to sneak a stray animal aboard a ship and defy anyone to report it.

If you are the part-time possessor of one of these astounding, magical creatures, no matter if it's your husband, son, brother or sweetheart, you will live for the moment you look out of the window and see a figure clad in the familiar attire of the men of the sea bounding down the sidewalk with his boyish grin spanning his face from ear to ear. You may get him off the ship once in a while, but you know he can't stay long. Then comes the interminable wait for the mailman and the piece of paper which turns your mind to butter when you open it and read "hi Darling". You can lock him out of your house but not out of your heart.

You may as well give up. He's your thoughts, hopes, plans and dreams. He's your captor and your jailer. Yes, he's your SAILOR.

*Thanks to Leo O'Brien for sending the above.*

# Taps

*You are invited to a memorial service for*

*Donald Ross Macpherson*

*at Gates, Kingsley & Gates*

*1925 Arizona Avenue*

*Santa Monica, California*

*on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.*

*Immediately following the service*

*please join us for a reception at the*

*California Yacht Club*

*4469 Admiralty Way*

*Marina Del Rey, California*

*Joan Macpherson*

*Jamie, Don & Scott Macpherson*

*Eugene, Gregory & Cheri Matia*

*Debbie Conover*

*Patricia Macpherson*

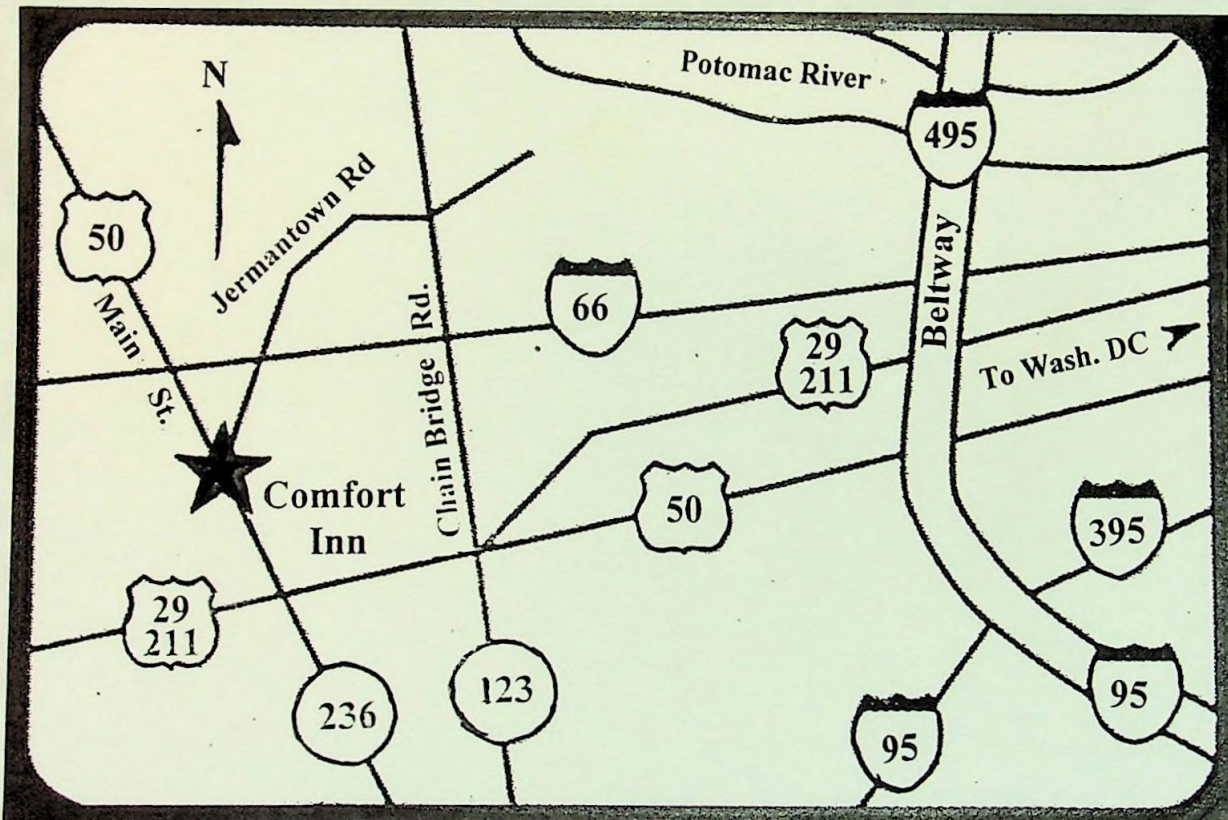
Joan informed us that Don passed away on June 12, 1999 just 12 days before his eightieth birthday. No other information available. As a football player at UCLA he had the privilege of appearing in the movie "Knut Rockne - All American" along with future United States president Ronald Reagan and movie star Pat O'Brien. In early 1943 he survived the sinking of the cruiser U.S.S. Chicago during the battle of Guadalcanal. He and George Tuppan acted as hosts for the sixth U.S.S. Lowndes reunion in San Diego, California.

**The following directions have been forwarded  
from the reunion co-ordinator.**

Those flying into **Reagon International** they would need to take the Subway (Metro) to the Vienna Station. There will be a complimentary shuttle (Comfort Inn's) that runs from this stop to the hotel.

For those coming in via **Washington Dulles**, they would need to catch the **Washington Flyer** (\$8.00) which will take them to the **Vienna Station** where they will pick up the complimentary shuttle (Comfort Inn's) to the hotel.

General directions for those who are driving, pick up **495** when they have entered the Washington area, take **495** to **66 West**. Follow **66** west to **Exit 57A - (Route 50-Fairfax)**. At second light, take a left onto **Jermantown Road**. The Comfort Inn is immediately on your right (behind the Nation's Bank off Route 50 and Jermantown Road).



# This & That

The Washington Monument is 555' 5-1/8" high, The tallest masonry structure in the world, made from Maryland marble. At the present time it is encased in a scaffold consisting of aluminum and is in the process of restoration at a cost of \$9.4 million and is scheduled to be completed July 4, 2000. Doubt if it will be open for tours during our stay in the Washington, DC area.

*A little known fact is that North Americans spend about 62,000 years a week in their cars. It has also been noted that 20% of Americans are conceived in automobiles.*

Dress code as it was in Honolulu will be informal. However, no shorts, t-shirts, cut-offs will be allowed at Hogates restaurant for our banquet. Clark Martin also suggests that shoes be worn. I know, this may be a little tough for some of our shipmates, but we'll try to have a few grains of sand provided, just in case.

It has been suggested that the Washington Dulles airport is the most feasible one to book into the Washington, D.C. area.

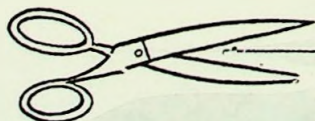
A reminder for those who have misplaced or failed to read the previous news letter: A commitment has been made to the independent reunion co-ordinator to come up with a deposit, so please bear in mind that I (Bud) need to have payment by August 1st.

Several singles have indicated sharing rooms to hold the cost down. Information for Chuck Munson, E. Max Cole and Leon Fougnyes - three to a room is okay.

## Sally Cary

This is a reminder to all who have received their raffle tickets, please return stubs and payments to me by September 10th. This will give me ample time to make the necessary documentation before the reunion. Let's try to make Sally's job as CEO of the Lowndes Lovelies a little easier. She has devoted much time and effort to this cause,

*Note: I'm sure I can speak for the Reunion Group members in saying that her efforts are appreciated. Thank you Sally, you're a good kid.*



**REPEAT**

Arrival date: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure date: \_\_\_\_\_

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before and after  
reunion \$75.00 each.