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U.S.S. LOWNDES – APA 154

August Newsletter

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For those of you arriving by plane.

Hilton Garden Inn Oakbrook Terrace Hotel is located in the western suburb of Chicago, 11 miles from O'Hare International Airport. The hotel is adjacent to the Drury Lane Theater. One of Chicago's finest shopping center is nearby. From O'Hare Airport – Exit the airport on highway 294 south. Then take Interstate 88 East/West Tollway west. Exit after the tollbooth on to Cermak Road /22nd street. At the bottom of the ramp there is a stop light. Do not turn but continue through the intersection and you will be on Spring Road. The Oakbrook Mall will be on your left-keep driving past the Hyatt (on your right) and take a QUICK right on to Drury Lane. The hotel is about ¼ mile down the road.

Enclosed is a REUNION PACKAGE sheet citing cost of reunion. If making reservations via telephone be sure to mention **USS Lowndes Annual Reunion**. Note check is to be made payable and sent. (Military Reunion Planners). Room rate is \$79.00 single/double. Please do so before **August 24, 2005**.

Everybody loves a good mystery, "Sherlock's Last Case" appearing at the Drury Lane Theater. But what about one that tells us of the demise o our favorite sleuth?? Is this really the end of Sherlock Holmes? This play is thrilling and astonishing and guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat. You'll laugh and you'll cry and enjoy this masterful work of intrigue and suspense.

Remember Jan's great Lowndes give-away. She will welcome all items that will be generously donated for event to make it a success during our reunion.

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No newsworthy items have been received from
Lowndes Reunion Group members.

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Dick Chilcote

Thanks for including my Dad's obituary in the "Taps" section of the USS Lowndes newsletter. I have received the card inquiring if I would like to remain on the mailing list for the newsletter. The answer is YES. I have found a number of papers and other memorabilia in my Dad's things. I have mentioned that I have just retired as a history teacher so I plan to begin compiling all his memories into something that our entire family can enjoy. Your newsletters will help greatly. Enclosing a check to cover postage for the next little while.

Bob Hail

Just to let you know that I called Mrs. Piercy as you suggested. Still has the same address and said that she is well and doing fine. As for me, I have been diagnosed with Cerebellar disorder which is a deterioration of the portion of the brain that controls balance. It has been coming on for the last several years and I use a walker to get around. Other than that, I am doing pretty well. Always enjoy the newsletters and send my best to all.

We certainly wish Bob the best and tell him to just hang in there.

Sally Cary

I have been back to see my kids in PA. Enjoyed myself immensely except_____ I went by car with my daughter (that was OK) but we took along my great grand son who is 8. He's not bad while riding in the car but when we got out to eat or just stop to rest he is very loud and boisterous in a restaurant. He is only familiar with fast foods. I was gone for 2-1/2 weeks so I am catching up on my e mails.

Glad to see that Sally isn't just sitting at home, but out there getting around. Good for you, Sally.

Joyce Ringo

So nice to have received the newsletters. I am unable to attend the reunions. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Thank you, Joyce for your contribution.

Lavada Boyer

Being a part of all the reunions has given me quite a time of meeting all the good people and especially hearing all the things they have to tell. I have enjoyed all the places we have been and intend to go to them all as long as I can. A great bunch!! Really wonderful meeting with them every time. My husband, James Boyer, was a Sea Bee and made the original landing on Iwo Jima and possibly was aboard the USS Lowndes and was taken into the beach by one of the boats from our ship. As you all know, the Sea Bees had never before gone into the beach with the Marines. Usually went in later, after the Marines had landed. First time for everything!!! The air strip had to be in place as soon as possible for the Air Force to land and take off. James Boyer was a sharpshooter (Marksman) and protected the air strip while in progress.

Who knows? Ed. King may have been the coxswain of the LCVP that took James into the beach. Did he leave him there?

Here's a little slice of history that you might enjoy: Why do golf courses have 18 holes – not 20, or 10, or an even dozen? During a discussion among the club's membership board at St. Andrews in 1858, a senior member pointed out that it takes exactly 18 shots of Scotch to polish off a fifth of Scotch. By limiting himself to only one shot of Scotch per hole, the Scot figured a round of golf was finished when the Scotch ran out.

Taps

John Jurica



John was born June 26, 1918 in Schulenburg, Texas. He passed away on March 26, 2005. Enlisted in the Navy October 6, 1941 in Houston, Texas. Boarded the Lowndes September 14, 1944 as a MM2c at Astoria, Oregon and became a Plank Owner when the ship was commissioned. His watch and general quarters stations was in the machine shop. Left the Lowndes August 20, 1945 in San Francisco. Shortly after discharge - October 18, 1945 he settled in Houston, TX and was employed by A-1 Tool & Bit machine shop. Soon after that got a job with Suniland Furniture Co. Worked there for the next 18 years. Went into restoration of furniture on his own until retiring at the age of 65. Said he had a great life. John had heart surgery three

years ago, but he recovered from it very quickly and was real happy all the time, Julia said he never complained about his hurts. He was driving his pick-up with his daughter and on the way home, about one mile from it when he said he had a head ache. In no time he dropped from the wheel and there to take up the wheel as he lost control. our daughter took over the wheel, lucky Diane was Leaned back and died so quick. By the time he got to the hospital he was gone. His funeral was so large that their church was never so full. He always wanted a 21 gun salute, his wish was honored. Survivors, his wife Julia for over 61 years, 3 children and 6 grand-children.

Lyman Nedeau (Lym)

"Lym" was born August 3, 1912 at Beaver Island, Michigan. Passed away February 1, 2004. Joined the Navy December 1941. in Boston , Massachussetts. Spent time at a refueling station on Tulagi. While there he traded souvenirs, monkeys and parrots to the crews of tankers that came in to fill their fuel tanks. Even hunted big lizards, but they were just too fast and not easy targets. Unknown when he boarded and left the Lowndes. He left the Lowndes as a Chief Machinist Mate. Survived by his wife, Harriett. They were married on June 15, 1946. Also survived by one son. As a civilian he just couldn't stay away from water, he participated as a member of the crew in the Mackinaw Boat Race starting from Chicago to Mackinaw Island, Michigan.

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Dec. 14, 1981

We don't have much time left (look at it anyway you want) S. A. Carothers and his wife Ginny stopped in to see us last June. We had a very enjoyable visit, one of the things we discussed was this reunion - we decided to try and pull it off in September of 1982. We're trying to get in touch with as many of the Lowndes alumni as possible, Sac will be trying ads in some of the service papers, etc. I will try the phone books available to me. But we do need some help. How about it? In the meantime here is the latest list.

Buell Binney RR#2 Box 60 Trenton, Mo. 64683	Ray Golembowski 1178 McClellan St. Schenectady, N.Y. 12309	F. B. Scott Star Route 2 2575 Lura Lane PO Box 1370 Londes, Ca.
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By the way, how about sending your telephone numbers to me?

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The list reproduced on the left of Lowndes shipmates in 1978 was one of the first clues for Dan Wisdom to start his attempt to locate many more crew members with the idea to have a U.S.S. Lowndes - APA 154 ship's reunion in memory of his Father-in-law, Gordon Russell Holley, a member of the amphibious group. After a load of correspondence and unlimited hours of telephone conversations with various sources he did manage to find many that were definitely interested in having a reunion after over fifty years since last seeing many of the gang. Thus, in 1988 his efforts started to take shape. Our first reunion was held in St Louis, MO in 1989. With the help of Earl Robertson all arrangements were made for this momentous occasion. Needless to say it was a success. The rehashing of old memories and acquaintances was something to behold. Leo O'Brien said on one occasion, "After hearing all these many versions of stories from my fellow former shipmates regarding the Lowndes, I wonder if we were all on the same ship." Along with the above mentioned hosts we owe a debt of gratitude to the many crew members and their offspring who have undertaken the difficult task of the reunions to wit:

Fred Brinkman	Dick Jones	Arthur Rauseo
Stan Dunn	Don Macpherson	Bill Taylor
John Dyer	Connie Michalski	George Tuppen
Jim Frieden	Leo O'Brien,	Jan Trober
Mary Gebhart		Marty Umbarger

We have not mentioned the spouses of the above, but rest assured that they have made their presence known and stood by with their very able assistance.

Unfortunately some of the above have gone down to Davy Jones' locker, but their spirits are still with us wherever they may be.

Mar. 2005-8

USS LOWNDES 2005 REUNION PACKAGE

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_____ people at \$169 p.p. =

The reunion package includes all of the following events: Events A, B, C, D, & the hospitality room.
(Taxes & gratuities are also included with these meals.)

EVENT A: Friday, September 16th

Super Sightseeing Tour (9:00am-3:00pm)

EVENT B: Friday, September 16th

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre (6:00pm-11:00pm)

PLEASE SELECT: Roast Sirloin of Beef and/or Chicken Marsala

EVENT C: Saturday, September 17th

Navy Pier & Sightseeing Cruise (9:30am-3:30pm)

EVENT D: Saturday, September 17th

Gala Banquet Dinner (6:00pm at the *Hilton Hotel*)

PLEASE SELECT: Seared Salmon or Roasted Breast of Chicken

If you have additional guests that are only attending the Banquet, please select from the following:

ADDITIONAL BANQUET DINNERS:

PLEASE SELECT: Seared Salmon _____ people at \$34 p.p. =

AND/OR Roasted Breast of Chicken _____ people at \$27 p.p. =

Cancellation Insurance: (Full Refunds)

_____ people at \$6 p.p. =

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND \$ TO SECURE REUNION RESERVATIONS

>>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address: _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone(Home) _____ Phone:(Work/Other) _____

Additional Guests: _____

Emergency Contact During Reunion: _____ Ph: _____

Years Served: 19 _____ to 19 _____ E-Mail Address: _____

_____ Yes, I have made my hotel reservations at the host hotel (*Hilton Garden Inn, Oakbrook Terrace*)

Check In date: _____ Check Out date: _____ Confirmation #: _____

_____ I will be attending the reunion, but *will not* be staying at the host hotel.

>>> SEND COMPLETED FORM BY AUGUST 5 WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO:

Military Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034

Late Reservation forms will be accepted on a space available basis

You may wish to make a copy of this form for your records. For more information call weekdays: 817-251-3551 or Email: info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com. Reservation forms and full payment must be received by August 5th, 2005. Request for refunds must be made in writing and postmarked before August 5th. There is a \$3 refund processing fee. No refunds will be made after August 5th unless you have purchased tour cancellation insurance. There is a \$25 returned check fee for NSF. Your cancelled check is your receipt & proof of purchase. For a written confirmation, please enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope. NRP will not be held liable or failure of vendors to provide contracted services, or any injuries/accidents that occur during the reunion. Sorry, no refunds will be given after September 12th for any reason.

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