

## THE FOLLOWING WERE IN ATTENDANCE IN SAN DIEGO:

Ed & Agnes Bensie	Jack & Evelyn Hovey, Jr.	Charles & Joyce Perdue
Fred & Roberta Brinkman	David & Joanne Long	Patricia Perdue
Howard & Lois Chappell	Don & Joan Macpherson	Elliott Pilchard
Sally Cary	Clark Martin	Arthur & Marjorie Rauseo
James Chilcote	Edwin McKellar	Bill & Virginia Robinson
Frank & Joyce DuBois	Virginia McGrody	Cliff & Mary Schaffer
Stanley Dunn	Connie & Jerry Michalski	Bill & Amelia Taylor
John & Lebby Dyer	Francis & Frances Miller	Elmer & Edna Trevillyan
Joe & Loreta Freitas	Leo & Margaret O'Brien	George & Glenda Tuppan

## STATES REPRESENTED &amp; NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

California - 13	Massachusetts - 4	South Carolina - 2
Florida - 2	New York - 2	Texas - 2
Hiwaii - 2	Ohio - 4	Utah - 2
Indiana - 2	Pennsylvania - 7	Virginia - 1
Idaho - 2		

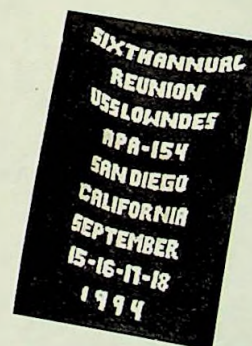
Elmer & Edna Trevillyan travelled the least distance. After checking with American Airlines and consulting the Atlas it has been determined that Stan Dunn & Art Rauseo each traveled 2614 miles to San Diego but, Ed McKellar living on the west coast of Oahu beat them out by a few miles and earns the distinction of having travelled the farthest.

## WINNERS OF THE LOWNDES LOVELIES RAFFLE:

1st. Prize: Stan Dunn \$300.00 in cash which he promptly donated to The Bowman/Richards Memorial Fund. Thanks.	4th. Prize: Stan Dunn 3 day week-end in Myrtle Beach, SC donated by Fred Brinkman.
2nd. Prize: Loreta Freitas \$50.00 in cash.	5th. Prize: David Long Bottle of JB scotch. (Enjoy)
3rd. Prize: Stuart Brokenshire Beautiful afghan crocheted and donated by Sally Cary.	6th. Prize: Fred Brinkman 1 bottle of table wine.  Sally's afghan gold lettering on blue. →

Mr. Charles Perdue picked the above winners out of the hat.

Our general fund was enriched to the tune of \$315.00 through the efforts of the Lowndes Lovelies group. Thank you Sally, for the time you devoted to this endeavor. You did a splendid job that is appreciated by the Reunion Group.



Fred Brinkman has circulated a petition to nominate William Lowndes to the South Carolina Hall of Fame. The United States Navy made a decision to place the name of this distinguished statesman on one of its World War II ships - The U.S.S. Lowndes APA 154.

At the business meeting in San Diego a vote was taken and it was decided to hold the U.S.S. Lowndes Seventh Annual Reunion in September or October, 1995. San Antonio, Texas will be the location. Dates will be determined by Connie & Jerry Michalski, host and hostess of this event, pending arrangements to be made to our advantage regarding the hotel and tours. Bear in mind that this Reunion will also feature the dedication of the Bowman/Richards Memorial plaque along with the donation of the commissioning pennant to the Admiral Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, Texas. Connie & Jerry have their work cut out for them. I'm sure they will welcome any comments or suggestions to make their task easier. Good luck! Details will be made in future News Letters as they become available.

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Fred & Roberta Brinkman Have collected a lot of information on facilities and potential activities for possibly inviting the U.S.S. Lowndes Reunion Group to consider South Carolina in the fall of 1996 for the Eighth Annual Reunion. Of course if there is an alternative location they would enjoy the Reunion without the work involved. However if the group would want to come to South Carolina in the future Fred & Roberta would be willing to host the event before they get too old (those are Fred's words).

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Again we thank Stan Dunn for the flowers he always sends to our Reunions. Too bad he forgot to bring his usual smoked fish.

A special thanks to Charles Perdue for his efforts in bringing in the Color Guard from the local high school and having Mr. John Moore give a very informative talk on "The Evolution of the American Flag". Sure that all at our banquet learned a lot from this presentation.

Thanks, also, to George & Glenda Tuppan for their donations of snacks, napkins and tumblers for the hospitality room. They also donated the sailor hat and neckerchief that was won by Leo O'Brien. Leo also made a comment that after hearing all the war stories from our shipmates he wonders if we all were aboard the same ship. Tales do get intensified with the passing of years, that is not to take away from the enjoyment of hearing the many incidents that took place.

Don & Joan Macpherson were not to be outdone, they donated American Flags and landing craft pins to all attending our Reunion. Don also brought along Fanny Packs with the ship's name on them. Anyone interested in purchasing one please contact Don.

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This was a very special Reunion that Jean & I will remember for a long time to come. Through the thoughtfulness of George & Glenda Tuppan along with our shipmates and spouses they managed to have a three tiered wedding cake wheeled to our table commemorating our 50th Anniversary. How the two of them managed to get everyone to sign the greeting card is beyond us, we were always in the vicinity. No wonder George kept calling us up to learn if we would make the Reunion after my hip operation. Glenda informed us that George is a softie and was a basket case before the Reunion attempting to find our photograph with our marriage license on the back, we had passed them out at the first celebration. Needless to say, it certainly was a great SURPRISE. Thank you, one and all.

JACK W. LAIRD - Valparaiso, IN - I remember after landing occupation forces at Aomori, Japan we got liberty. We were told to stay with the group, no wandering off the path, road, whatever. Being 2 - 3 weeks past being a teenager I knew that all rules could and would be broken! When I saw what looked like a good item to bring home laying in a ditch I had to run over and pick it up. It turned to be a little "jar" with lids after being cleaned up. They are 1½" in dia. and 2½" high.

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JOSEPH BOTTI - Corona, CA - Greetings from the Circle City and our Mobile Home City. I came aboard the U.S.S. Lowndes, as I can best recall, on or about 18 October, 1944, and after having the honor of helping land the First Marines on Iwo Jima, and having the heck scared out of me when the Japs frightened us from the famous attack on Okinawa, then landing an attack group on 1 April, 1945 in another spot on the island. My time on the Lowndes was ended by being transferred to the U.S. for reassignment as Warrant Officer, which I maintained until retiring from the Service. I cannot add anything other than having been on the ship for that short length of time, and unfortunately, made very few friends aboard, and having retired from the service very soon after that time, I cannot recall anyone with whom I had been truly a SHIPMATE. I'm 84 years old and the doctors dictate my chances of attending Reunions, but will attempt to in the future.

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ELLIOTT PILCHARD - Port Hueneme, CA - I vaguely remember the Commissioning Ceremony...I know we had some "chow" afterwards. Then we had to go to Fire school, gas mask drills, using tear gas...swimming school - no liberty 'till you passed this one. Remember jumping in the pool with water logged capox (sp) life jacket on, and I sank right to the bottom...had to fight to surface...then into pool with "whites" on...had to take pants off - tie legs - throw over head to scoop air and use that for floatation. The time there at Astoria was for the most part, boring...at least for me. I very seldom went to Portland...tho it was nice...the people were "very good" to the Navy - we felt good about that. Nothing like Norfolk, Va and a few other ports that really didn't like the Navy. As we "caught up" with our chart corrections, we found time on our hands and were usually through for the day by noon. Several got part time jobs driving cabs...several (including me) got jobs loading freight cars for Pillsbury Flour Mills. Believe me...it was easy...they told us to "Take it easy" so we did.

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MITCHELL CHASTEEN - Florissant, MO - After boot camp, late in 1942, I was sent to the Naval Station in Astoria, Oregon. During the 2 years there I became RM3c. I was still there when the U.S.S. Lowndes was commissioned. I had seen about 50 small carrier escorts (CVE's) commissioned prior to the arriving of the APA's. There was a ship commissioned every Saturday. First the CVE's then the APA's. All were built in Portland and came down to the mouth of the Columbia River (Astoria) to be commissioned. I was assigned to the Lowndes on September 14, 1944 when she was commissioned. My last sailing was the trip to Aomori, Honshu to Seattle. We arrived there October 18, 1945 where my discharge proceedings began. Shortly after returning home (St. Louis, MO) I met a girl that became my wife just 6 months after. She was 17 and I was 23.

Our compliments to **Charlotte** for the very efficient manner of setting up the tours and keeping track of all the old folks at the Wild Animal Park, Harbor Cruise and Coronado. Also in making arrangements for the enjoyable time we experienced at the Saturday evening banquet. She acted as financial secretary for our **San Diego** Reunion and certainly was a tremendous help to the **Macphersons & Tuppans**. We were very lucky indeed.

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At the last couple of Reunions **George Tuppan** has expressed a desire to have SOS at one of our brunches. Lo and behold being on the Reunion committee he finally was able to fulfill his wish. It was one of the dishes served at our Sunday Brunch. Thanks to **Otto Walker** for supplying the recipe. Hey! It wasn't bad at all. Brought back memories.

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**MAX COLE - New York, NY** - Sorry to miss the **San Diego** Reunion but I've had three (count 'em) operations since the last Reunion. None of them all that serious, but they kept me off the playing fields a lot this year. I am returning to good health since the latest operation last June, but physical therapy took up a good portion of my time. So...do stay in touch, and I expect to make the 1995 gathering

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**JIM FRIEDEN** - Couldn't make the Reunion because his company is building on their silo in September and there is grain to be transferred.

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**Fred Brinkman** reports that **John & Sally Vernale** were unable to make the trip because they were afraid **Sally's** special diet may not be available. **Fred** also had lunch with **Dallas Stratton**, because of a deer hunting trip with his grandson **Dallas** was unable to attend.

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**ART & MARGE RAUSEO** - We really had a nice time in **San Diego**. It was so beautiful. Our trip home was wonderful.

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**CONNIE & JERRY MICHALSKI** - Dear **Glenda & George**: We had a great time at the Reunion. All of your efforts "Showed" -- everything was so organized and went so smoothly. I hope we can do the same in **Texas**. Thanks **George** for the "Grits".

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**LEO & MARGARET O'BRIEN** - **George & Glenda**: Thanks! Thanks! Thanks! For all your hard work and a very successful Reunion. We enjoyed sunny **Southern California** and all of your plans. I hope this missile doesn't go through **Chicago**.

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**JOHN & LEBBY DYER** - Dear **George & Glenda** Just want to say thanks for a great time in **San Diego**. We appreciate all you did for us A WHOLE BUNCH! Hope to see you next year. Thanks again.

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A little known fact concerning a shipmate of ours:

**Ed. McKellar** is the champion cribbage player in **Waianae, HI**.

FRED & ROBERTA BRINKMAN - Dear George & Glenda: we were pleased to be with you for our U.S.S. Lowndes APA 154 50th Anniversary Reunion. You along with Co-hosts Don & Joan Macpherson and their assistant Charlotte provided a very enjoyable Reunion, doing an outstanding job and we appreciate it. The U.S.S. Lowndes Reunion attendees in San Diego signed a resolution recommending the nomination and induction of William Lowndes into the South Carolina Hall of Fame to honor this distinguished statesman for whom our ship was named. I will present this resolution at the meeting of the South Carolina Hall of Fame Board of Trustees on September 30, 1994. It usually takes years before a candidate can be nominated, elected and inducted into the Hall of Fame, so it would be a bonus if William Lowndes could get this honor by the time of our Reunion at Myrtle Beach, if that is the site for 1996. The interest and support of the Lowndes crew as signers of the resolution should be very helpful.

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ED & AGNES BENSIE - Great Reunion! We visited the Freitas' at their ranch. It was very interesting. Jean, I've become addicted to those watermelon suckers. (Note: Both Agnes and Jean had me - Bud - hobbling all around Tiajuana looking for that candy shop and guess what? We found it by accident).

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SALLY CARY - Dalton, PA - I had a great time in San Diego. Really enjoyed meeting everyone again. I got to the base and had the opportunity to visit my son's ship (U.S.S. Juneau LPD-10) when it came in, it was down at Pier 12. I left San Diego on September 21st at 7:45 AM and arrived home that afternoon at about 5:30 PM. It was a very good flight. I can't get over what a good time I had, The tours were great. I can still see the expression on the room service guys face when he saw a male in my room with me, he didn't know it was my son.

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Juricas unable to make Reunion this year, Julia had hip surgery. Plan to make it next year.

Bill Davis had quadruple by pass surgery so he and Lillian. A good reason not to make the trip.

Stuart & Jewel Brokenshire have health problems preventing them from attending the Reunion.

Rowena Brunner is in poor health so she and Harold opted to take a pass this year.

Bob & Jane Hazelett were involved in moving at the same time the Reunion was taking place.

W. D. Flagg has had 2 strokes recently but is coming along fine now.

Good luck to all during their time of need. Hope to see them next year in San Antonio, Texas.

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By the way there was another couple that was present at the U.S.S. Lowndes Reunion in San Diego - Bud & Jean from Illinois.

**RESOLUTION**  
**TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HALL OF FAME**  
**Adopted by**  
**U.S.S. LOWNDES A.P.A. 154 50th YEAR REUNION**  
**September 17, 1994**

WHEREAS, William Lowndes of the State of South Carolina had an outstanding record of achievements as a member of the State Legislature and a leader in the Congress of the United States during his relatively short life from 1782 - 1822; and

WHEREAS, in Congress he was a strong advocate of increasing the nation's military and naval strength and served as Chairman of the House Committee on Navy Affairs as well as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and in other key leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, he was nominated for President of the United States by the South Carolina Legislature (but declined to accept) and prominent statesman Henry Clay described Lowndes as "the wisest man I ever knew"; and

WHEREAS, the States of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi all recognized the outstanding achievements of this distinguished South Carolinian and named counties for him in each of their respective states; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy made a decision to place the name of this distinguished South Carolinian on one of its World War II ships - the U.S.S. Lowndes A.P.A. 154; and

WHEREAS, after being launched in July, 1944, the U.S.S. Lowndes engaged in World War II operations involving the transport of troops in the Pacific area and participation in the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, including landing operations by the ship's beach battalion during the assault on Iwo Jima; and

WHEREAS, the U.S.S. Lowndes Reunion Group takes great pride in the important role of our ship in World War II and we are honored that this A.P.A. 154 ship was named in memory of William Lowndes of South Carolina and the three counties of the United States that bear his name;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED this 17th day of September, 1994, the 50th Anniversary Year of the U.S.S. Lowndes, that the U.S.S. Lowndes Reunion Group gives special recognition to the outstanding South Carolinian for whom our ship was named - William Lowndes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William Lowndes be given consideration for nomination and election to the South Carolina Hall of Fame to ensure that this distinguished statesman can be permanently memorialized in the Hall of Fame Museum for the information, education and enjoyment of visitors from the United States and throughout the World.

SIGNED by the following attendees at the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the U.S.S. Lowndes Reunion Group:

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William "Beet" Kauf	McHenry, Illinois
Edward Benson	Larman, Ohio
William Robinson	West, Ohio
George R. Suppan	Raltabra Gts, Calif.
Donald R. Spropherson	Marina del Rey, Calif.
H. David Long	Geneseo, N.Y.
Frank B. Dutton	Tampa, Florida
Stanley H. Dunn	Hono/olo HI
Frank P. Brinkman	Columbia, S.C.
Howard Chappell	Wampum, PA.
Joe Green	Malden, Mass.
Carl B. Weatherlie (Govey)	Pasadena, Calif.
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Frank R. Burdick	Port Hueneme, CA
William T. Taylor	Elizabethtown, PA
Clifford Schaffer	Hampton, PA
Charles Menden	San Diego, CA
Case O. Mastin	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
Harley J. Hughes IV	Bedford, California
Francis Miller	Kearns, Utah

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Please check roster list and forward any corrections to Bud.

On a sad note - Erle Niemi battled cancer for several years and lapsed into a coma on June 2, 1994 and passed away on June 30, 1994. He was 69 and served aboard the U.S.S. Lowndes during W.W.II, after the service he attended college in Chicago and graduated as an electrical engineer. He moved to New Jersey where he was employed in an arsenal for 26 yrs. Erle is survived by his wife Ellen and 4 sons. Rites were conducted by the American Legion, of which he was a member, in Bruce Crossing, Michigan. Regrets have been extended to the family.

S M A L L   S T O R E S

Art Rauseo has a few hats left from the San Diego Reunion (Gold on Black). Anyone desiring one please contact Art. Cost? \$11.00 postage included.

A 25 page U.S.S. Lowndes History booklet will only cost you \$3.00\* postage included. Contact Bud.

For the benefit of the newly located shipmates there are still some U.S.S. Lowndes cookbooks available. All recipes submitted by crew members and spouses. Cost? \$7.00\* postage included. Contact Bud.



\* Money collected from sale of these items will go into the general fund.

CONTRIBUTION - 1995 LOWNDES REUNION GROUP

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(Mail to Bud Kautz)