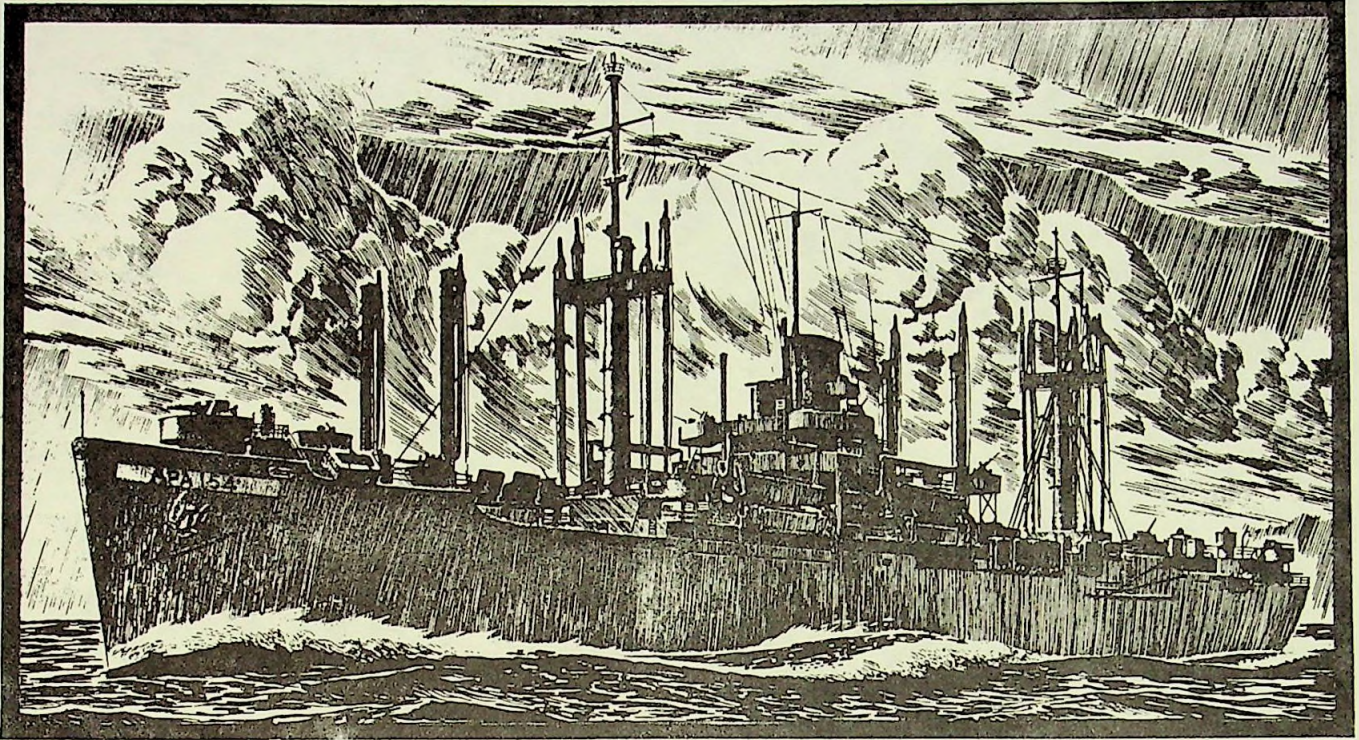


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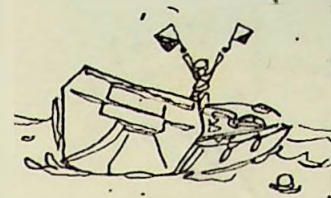


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FIRST CLASS



On September 21 - 23, 1990 in Duluth, MN Alonzo Hodgson, Beach Party Signalman opened the "2nd ANNUAL USS LOWNDES REUNION" with a semaphoric welcome. The 3rd USS Lowndes Reunion will convene in Fort Wayne Indiana on June 20th thru 23rd (4 days). Jim Frieden - P.O. Box 307 - Silver Lake, IN - 46982, 1-219-352-2425 will host the event at Don Hall's Guesthouse. Registration is \$30.00 per person. Please send checks to Jim by June 1, 1991.



86% of Americans like mashed potatoes.

34 crewmembers, spouses and friends attended our Saturday night banquet. Dinner and service were both excellent. Stan Dunn spoke and related several interesting experiences of his aboard the Lowndes. Also informed us that Mary (Ed) McKellar had been feeling under the weather. A special thanks to Stan, he had two beautiful bouquets flown in from Hawaii to spice up our banquet table. A drawing was held and the Fearing's and Karson's were the lucky winners of the vases of flowers.

Ed Bencie told of being aboard the Lowndes for 1 month before his presence became known, and that was only because he ran out of money and upon getting into the payline was it discovered that he was not on the ship's roster. When he and Agnes were at the airport ready to leave Duluth their carry on luggage was searched, guess what? Their grandson's toy gun was confiscated.

The only place where two heads are better than one is on a ship.

Plaudits to Dick and Bunnie Jones, host and hostess of the Duluth reunion for the terrific job they did in arranging details, both in facilities at the hotel and on the cruise and tour.

Thanks to Pedro Cisneros for his help at the rostrum with an opening prayer and in the reading of the deceased.

Celebrations were in order:

Leonard & Isabel Johnson	- 50th Anniversary
Robert & Lorraine Warnburg	- 50th Anniversary
Leo & Marie Winter	- 51st Anniversary
Joe Young's Birthday	- Sept. 21, 1990 (Age unknown)

John Cary retired in September and after the reunion he and Sally headed out west to Washington to visit relatives. Which brings to mind that

59% of Americans are overweight.

*The Joe Freitas' of California were unable to make it to Duluth this year because of walnut harvesting time, they harvested tons of nuts. Thank you for the package you sent Jean & I. Talked to Joe and was informed that they will most definitely be in Fort Wayne next year.

Henry and Dolores McNamee had a conflicting trip planned, hope they had a good time in Yugoslavia and a safe trip home.

Sally (John) Vernaie spent time in a hospital having a kidney removed. Bob Hail was operated on recently. Both are doing fine when last heard from. Reason enough for them not making the trip to Duluth. Wish them both well and look forward to seeing them next year. By the way, John, I still have that bottle of Beefeaters.

If you think things improve with the passing of years, attend a Navy reunion.

I have hats imprinted with USS LOWNDES - APA 154. They are solid blue with yellow lettering. Anyone desiring one or more, the cost is \$6.25 including postage. Send requests to Bud Kautz.

Happy Birthday to Cliff Schaffer - October 14, 1990.

Dan Wisdom and family were unable to make it this year but are planning on being in Fort Wayne in 1991. Would you know? The school year interfered. Oh to be young again with only that kind of problem. Gladys Dahms and her Son Dr. Alan Dahms had the same reason.

* The Freitas' will celebrate 42nd Anniversary on November 8, 1990

11/90
 Photographs were taken Saturday evening of crew members and their wives, a group photo was also taken. Must say the photographer did an excellent job. Photo session was finished at 6:30 PM and at 10:00 PM the group photos were delivered to the hotel. Anyone desiring a copy of the group shot please contact:

The cost is \$11.00 including postage.
 Anyone ordering a photo, let me know and I will send you a caption listing the names to be attached to the bottom.

Jeff Frey Photography
 405 E. Superior St.
 Duluth, MN 55802



" SOMETHING FOR THE LADIES "

Or is it LOVELIES? At the last reunion in Duluth the gals got together and had a little fun of their own. They now call themselves the "LOWNDES LOVELIES". Fits doesn't it?

In addition to a name, they've decided that each Lovely attending the 1991 reunion in Fort Wayne, IN should bring one handmade item to be auctioned off in a silent auction. The monies made can be used to do something worthwhile for someone or something connected with the Lowndes APA 154. And Lovelies, if you can't attend, you can still send your item to :

Agnes Bensie
 2780 Marda Dr
 Parma, OH 44134

And I (Agnes) will see that it gets to Fort Wayne

PS. Bud needs interesting items for his news letter. Be sure to send him any tidbits such as special anniversaries, etc.

Agnes Bensie CEO LOWNDES LOVELIES

Largest flag ever constructed was 270 feet long and 90 feet wide

ATTENDANCE BY STATES

MINNESOTA	TEXAS	ILLINOS	MISSOURI
Joseph Erlandson	Pedro Cisneros	James Briscoe	Buell Binney
Dean Fearing	Alonzo Hodgson	Wm. "Bud" Kautz	Harold Brunner
* Richard Jones	C. C. Michalski	Donald Lorenzi	John R. Johnson
Franklin Judnitsch	Joel Rodriquez	Joseph Young	Leonard A. Johnson
Walter Karson	James Ross		CALIFORNIA
Robert Warnburg	INDIANA	OHIO	George Tuppan
Leo Winter	John Dyer	Edward Bensie	
PENNSYLVANIA	James Frieden	James Bussard	VIRGINIA
John Cary	Walter Umbarger	MICHIGAN	Clark Martin
Howard Chappell	IOWA	Erle Niemi	
David Frederick	Robert Henkels	HAWAII	
William Taylor		** Stanley Dunn	
** Longest distance travelled		* Shortest distance travelled	

John and Julia Jurica were leaving Texas for Duluth and became involved in an automobile accident totalling their car. Fortunately they were not injured.

Clark Martin gave a report of his trip to the James River Reserve Fleet to collect items from an APA. The last one has left the United States bound for the Indian Ocean. The June 1990 issue of Smithsonian Magazine (page 30) has a good article explaining that it is cheaper to tow scrap ships overseas than to break them up in the US.

To those who didn't make it to the reunion,

"Ya shidda bin ther, we had lotsa joy"

11/90
What do you think of a fellow who peddles a bike from California to Virginia Beach, VA, a total of 3300 miles (47 days), but says his trek from key west to Philadelphia was ONLY 1700 miles. That individual was David Frederick. Wonder how many tires he went through.

Fellows: How about phone numbers and up to date ratings along with spouses names for future roster lists?

Jim Frieden brought his video camera and did an excellent job of taping segments of our reunion for posterity.

Little boy to his father on golf course:
"Daddy why mustn't the ball go into the little hole?"

The probability of someone watching you is directly proportional to the stupidity of your action.

Boy! They sure do things in a big way in Texas. Alonzo and Oneice Hodgson are moving Oneice's old house to make room for a rebuilding project.

Just received word that Bill Pollock has been feeling poorly, would appreciate hearing from some of his old Lowndes shipmates. Good luck, Bill.

Now that we have arrangements all set for our 3rd Reunion in Fort Wayne, IN. We are now looking for someone to host the 4th Reunion. Are open to any and all suggestions, please pass them on.

Taps

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky,
All is well,
Safely rest,
God is nigh.

Elmer Carrell Brown
Chelsea, OK

Stanley Ambrose Matz
Waseca, MN

Ernest O. Scott
Tulsa, OK

Slater Frank Christian
Columbus, MO

Hubert Wesley Ravenscraft
Leeton, MO

George S. Roth
Minnnetonka, MN

Owen Cavanaugh Collins
Portland, OR

Harley O"Red" Sarten
Kansas, OK

Details regarding Don Hall's Guesthouse to follow.

Dues for 1991 will be most heartily, warmly, cordially, sincerely accepted and welcome.

1313 West Washington Center Road
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825



The following information is needed:

Birthdates of: Ed. King
Joel Rodriquez

Both claim enlisting in the Navy at the age of 16.

Who is the youngest?

That's it for now.

Bud