

LST534 Newsletter

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A Day For Remembering

Because we observe Memorial Day on May 26th.....

Because we are at war in Iraq....

Because coalition forces have suffered losses.....

I am dedicating this issue of the LST 534 newsletter to honoring Memorial Day and our fallen comrades.

Memorials keep memories alive. They remind us of people or events.

Memorial Day honors the memory of the men and women who lost their lives while serving our country.

Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday in May. The holiday started after the Civil War. It used to be called "Decoration Day" because families went to graveyards and placed flags, flowers and wreaths on the graves of the soldiers who had lost their lives.

Veterans' groups, often with the help of children, still decorate gravesites in cemeteries around the world.

There are also parades, speeches and church services on

Memorial Day. Military men fire 21-gun salutes. Buglers play "Taps."

Memorial Day is special because it is a day for remembering.



NEWS:

REUNION 2003



Have you signed up yet??

We are all going in on Thursday, August 28th for the LST 534 reunion. We are opening our suite on Friday, Saturday and close on Sunday afternoon so we can all go to the USLST Association Banquet.

You have to sign up for the

USLST Association to go to our reunion. If you have any questions or need to sign up, call the USLST Association at 1-800-228-5870.

I am flying home on Sept 1st.

LST 325 TO MAKE VOYAGE BY MIKE WHICKER EVANSVILLE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Following is the currently-envisioned itinerary for the 2003 Voyage. As there are a multitude of variables involved in a project of this magnitude, it must be emphasized that this itinerary is **still subject to review and revision**. If you make personal plans based upon this schedule, you will be wise to allow yourself some flexibility and latitude. It is anticipated that a finalized itinerary will not be made available until after a final review and vote by the Board of Directors.

For up-to-date information on the voyage, follow this link:

www.lstmemorial.org/voy2003.htm

Total Days Underway		Total Days in Port		Total Cruise Days		Total Hrs Underway		Total Miles	
28.0		50.0		78.0		649.5		3233.2	
Time	Date	Day	Port of Call	Weekend in Port	Days in Port	Hours Underway	Miles Enroute		
0700	06-03-03	Tue	Dep. Mobile, AL			99.8	499.0		
1100	06-07-03	Sat	Arr. Vicksburg, MS	Yes	4				
1500	06-11-03	Wed	Dep. Vicksburg, MS			19.1	95.5		
1300	06-12-03	Thu	Arr. Greenville, MS	Yes	4				
1400	06-16-03	Mon	Dep. Greenville, MS			40.6	203.4		
0900	06-18-03	Wed	Arr. Memphis, TN	Yes	5				
0800	06-23-03	Mon	Dep. Memphis, TN			54.2	270.9		
1400	06-25-03	Wed	Arr. Cape Girardeau, MO	Yes	4				
0800	06-29-03	Sun	Dep. Cap Girardeau, MO			26.0	126.4		
1000	06-30-03	Mon	Arr. St. Louis, MO	Yes	7				
1600	07-07-03	Mon	Dep. St. Louis, MO			89.0	368.0		
0900	07-11-03	Fri	Arr. Evansville, IN	Yes	11				
0900	07-22-03	Tue	Dep. Evansville, IN			48.0	189.0		
0900	07-24-03	Thu	Arr. Jeffersonville, IN	Yes	4				
0900	07-28-03	Tue	Dep. Jeffersonville, IN			76.0	330.0		
1300	07-31-03	Thu	Arr. Paducah, KY	Yes	4				
0800	08-04-03	Mon	Dep. Paducah, KY			166.8	1001.0		
0900	08-11-03	Mon	Arr. New Orleans, LA	Yes	7				
0800	08-18-03	Mon	Dep. New Orleans, LA			30.0	150.0		
1300	08-19-03	Tue	Arr. Mobile, AL						

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A FAMOUS POEM

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the
sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset
glow,
Loved and were loved, and now
we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from filing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders fields.

The above poem was written in 1915 by a Canadian doctor, Maj. John McCrae, who was serving in France during WWI. It is the one of the most famous war poems ever written.

Inspired by this poem, the poppy has been a symbol of remembrance since WWI.

"TAPS"

A special bugle call played at burial and memorial services, "Taps" also signals the end of the day on military posts.



THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER



At the gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery, outside Washington, DC, no one knows the identities of the three soldiers buried in the tomb.

As a tribute, this grave is guarded 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. To become a guard there, is a great honor.

HOLIDAYS—DAYS TO CELEBRATE AND REMEMBER

April
18 Good Friday
20 Easter

May
11 Mother's Day
17 Armed Forces Day
26 Memorial Day

June
14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day

July
4 Independence Day
27 Parents' Day



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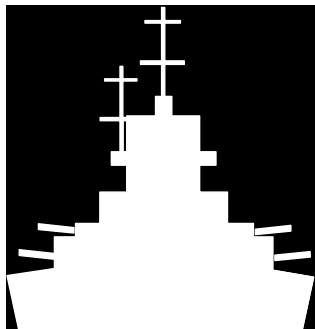
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Just for Fun
is a column
meaning just
that – FUN.

Jim Sarres has
graciously
volunteered to
keep this
column going.

We all know
how Judge
Sarres can
keep us
laughing!

Thanks Jim.

Just for Fun

In honor of baseball, America's pasttime

Son: Why did the baseball rookie have coal on his face?

Father: He just came up from the miners.

Q: What is the difference between a baseball player and a card player who cheats?

A: One steals the bases
The other steals the aces!!

Nautical Terms:

*In memory of James Richard Drew who contributed to this column until his passing.
Contributed by Willie Gunn.*

Double Time—In marching, twice the number of steps per regular time.

(Editor's comment—don't you know our Marines were doing double time to get to Baghdad)

We're certainly proud of our military during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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