

# LST534 Newsletter

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## A Day With Ed Holt

**A**t long last, the day came. It was Saturday, October the 19th. I had to go to Florida on a business trip, so I went down the weekend before to spend some time with Oscar and Helen Cress. What gracious hosts. Helen and I had a wonderful morning going to yard sales.

Saturday afternoon we arranged to have lunch with Ed Holt. Me and Oscar were both excited to meet Ed. As it turned out, I bumped into Ed on my way to the ladies room. He immediately knew it was me.

Joining Ed was his wife, Gussie, and Gussie's son, Paul. It didn't take long for Oscar and Ed to pull out their pictures and begin laughing and telling us stories.

I was excited to hear Ed's stories about my Dad. He said the two of them had many laughs together.

And of course, the entire restaurant quickly figured out there were two World War II buddies who had not seen each other in over 50 years.

There was a lot of love and laughter and picture snapping going on. In the picture below, Ed is signaling goodbye to me as Oscar and Paul look on.

All in all, it was a wonderful day—one I will never forget.

Let's all hope Ed and Gussie Holt and Paul can make it to the reunion in Dallas.

### **News:**



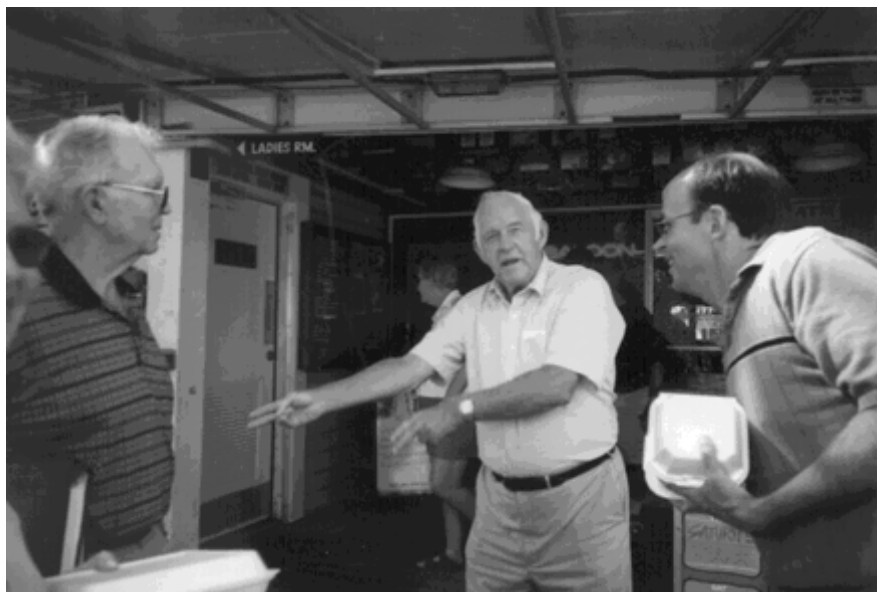
### **REUNION 2003**

The 2003 reunion of the US LST Association will be held in

Dallas, Texas. The Association reunion is from August 27th to September 1st.

Our LST 534 reunion will take place during the Association meeting. Our suite will be open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We will go in to Dallas on Thursday, August 28th. During the late afternoon we will meet to decorate our room. Our official opening will be Friday and we will shut down on Sunday.

This year we are going to enjoy the food the Association provides with your registration.





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## Did You Know??

Abe Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.

John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Lincoln was elected President in 1860.

Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

The names Lincoln and Kennedy each contain seven letters.

Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.

Both wives lost children while living in the White House.

Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.

Both were shot in the head.

Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.

Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln.

Both were assassinated by Southerners.

Both were succeeded by Southerners.

Both successors were named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.

Linden Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.

Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Both assassins were known by their three names.

Both names comprise fifteen letters.

Lincoln was shot in a theater named Ford.

Kennedy was shot in a Lincoln made by Ford.

Booth ran from the theater and was caught in a warehouse.

Oswald ran from a warehouse and was caught in a theater.

Booth and Oswald were both assassinated before their trials.

And the Kicker:

A week before Lincoln was shot he was in Monroe, Maryland.

A week before Kennedy was shot he was with Marilyn Monroe.



## BIRTHDAYS:

### January 4

Ed Overstake  
2440 World Parkway Blvd. E  
#38  
Clearwater, FL 33763

### January 14

Frank Frame  
PO Box 1017  
Jal, NM 88252

### January 30

Stephen G. St. Laurent  
10054 Hayward Road  
Spring Hill, FL 34608-6426

### February 3

William Dox  
443 South Main Street  
PO Box 756  
Massena, NY 13662

### February 13

Captain's son, George Olson, Jr.  
786 Seely Avenue  
Aromas, CA 95004

### March 14

Salvatore Logano  
101 High Street  
PO Box 144  
Portland, CT 06480-1656

### March 26

Willie Gunn  
105 Bull Street  
Swainsboro, GA 30401

### April 1

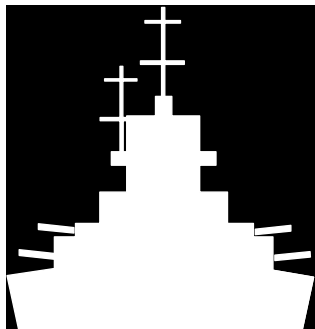
Angelo Cumella  
11 Freeport Court  
Toms River, NJ 08757

### April 14

Alex Fielder  
5950 Ambassador Drive  
Fairfield, OH 45014

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☆ "If you don't risk anything, ☆  
☆ you risk even more." ☆  
☆ Erica Long, author ☆  
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# Just for Fun

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.

A flight attendant was stationed at the departure gate to check tickets. As a man approached, she extended her hand for the ticket, and he opened his trench coat and flashed her.

Without missing a beat she said, “Sir, I need to see you ticket, not your stub.”

Man #1: “My wife drives like lightning.”

Man #2: “She drives fast?”

Man #1: “No, she hits trees!”

### Nautical Terms:

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

**Piping the Side**—Bos’n blows whistle to accompany appropriate side honors, such as officer coming on board.

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