

LST534 Newsletter

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What's Happening With the LST325?

That's a good question and the answer is "lots". The report from Mobile is exciting and promising. If you recall, Mobile is where the LST325 sailed into on January 10, 2001 to a roaring fanfare. Shortly afterwards, it was towed up to Chickasaw where repairs will be made.

Meanwhile, many volunteers are working behind the scenes to get things done. Here's only a few of the amazing events:

Did you know there is a book deal in the works? The crew has been approached by several large publishing companies and many individuals interested in writing their story.

Why not a movie? There is also the possibility of a made-for-television movie in the works.

And of course, the documentary, telling the factual side of the journey. We are still in negotiations for the airing.

In addition to producing the documentary, I am now the Chairperson of the Public Relations and Fundraising Committee of the USS LST Ship Memorial, Inc. I have five other committee members whose

committee responsibilities are:

Jim Anderson, Website
Dave Bronson, Historian
Ajay Castro, Fundraising
Jennifer Galvin, Private
Industry Liaison
Kathleen Kaan, Public Relations

To keep up with all the latest on the USS LST Ship Memorial organization activities, log on to www.lstmemorial.org. There you can sign up to receive the email newsletter, follow the chats, or find out anything you want to know about the LST Memorial. Jim Anderson's dad was on the LST1110.

Dave Bronson's dad was on the LST325 during World War II. He has a slew of facts and pictures from the 325 when it was performing duty during wartime. Dave is working on a book just about the history of the LST325. He is also working on the book proposals for the committee.

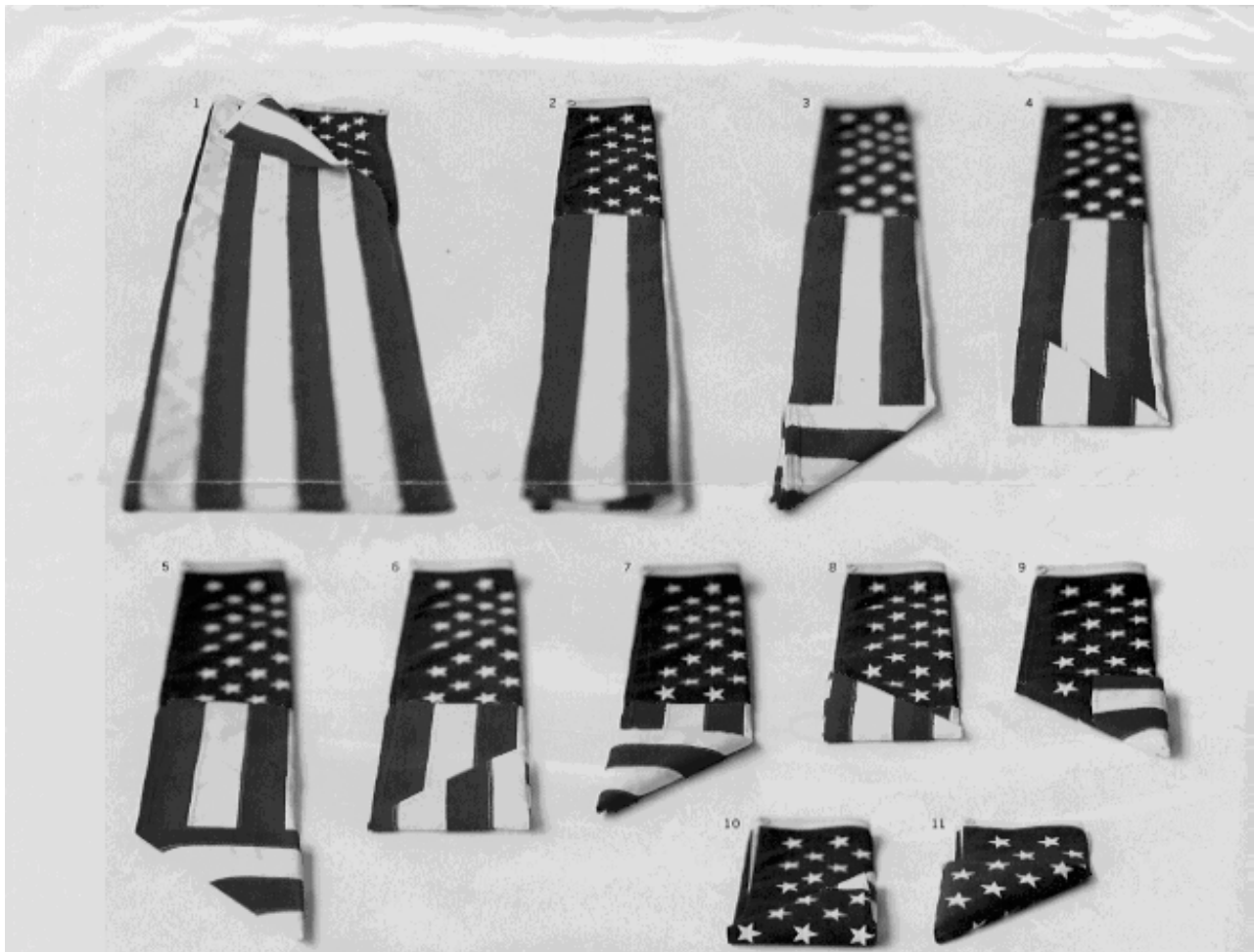
Ajay Castro is a lifelong friend of one of the crew members of the most recent journey, Mr. Jim Bartlett. Thanks to Jim, we now have Ajay spearheading the fundraising activities of the group.

I met Jennifer Galvin in Mobile when the ship was coming in. Her father was one of the original group who went to Greece to prepare the ship for sailing, but he passed away before the ship left Greece. In his memory, Jennifer went to her company and requested they help with the voyage. Phillips Petroleum donated \$20,000 to the ship fund. When I was putting the committee together, I just knew we had to have Jennifer on board.

Kathleen Kaan successfully managed to get incredible coverage for the airing of "Onto Rugged Shores: Voyage of LST534". With Kathleen's energy, excitement and knowledge of Public Relations, I knew she would be an asset to the Ship Memorial organization. She hesitated none when I approached her. She fell in love with the LST534 crew. She just had to meet these folks and give them her all.

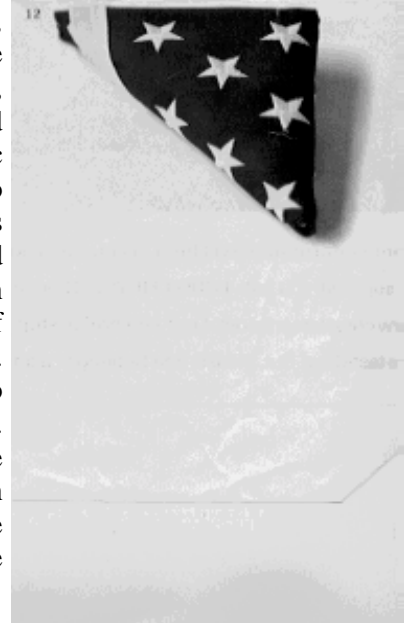
So that's the committee and we are all hard at work on behalf of Captain Jorlin and the Board of Directors. It is our commitment to keep this monument alive.

Flag Day is June 14th



Folding the flag

Though most commonly flown on flag holidays, such as Flag Day, Independence Day, and Veteran's Day, the United States flag can be displayed from sunrise to sunset on any day of the year-and at nighttime, too, as long as it's properly illuminated. When not on display, it should be respectfully folded into the shape of a three-cornered hat, emblematic of those worn by Colonial soldiers in the Revolutionary War. It takes two people to do it properly. Both should hold the flag waist-high, with its surface parallel to the ground. (Maintain a secure hold throughout, and never allow any part of the flag to touch the ground). 1. Fold the flag in half lengthwise, bringing the striped section over the canton (blue field of stars) 2. Fold it again lengthwise, bringing the canton to the outside. 3. Make a triangular fold at the striped end, bringing the folded edge over to meet the open edge. 4. Fold the outer point up, forming a second triangle. 5. to 11. Continue folding the flag in this manner seven more times. The last triangular fold brings the red and white stripes into the star-strewn blue field, symbolizing the day's light vanishing into the darkness of the night. 12. Tuck the remaining flap into the pocket formed between the stars and stripes.



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REUNION UPDATE

Shipmates all received the details of the reunion from either Oscar and Helen Cress or George and Lyn Olson. We are arriving in Mobile on September 19th.

The 20th we tour the LST325 and the USS Alabama, if you are interested.

On the 21st we take a bus tour to the D-Day Museum in New Orleans. That will be an all day trip.

On the 22nd and 23rd, the LST534 hospitality suite will be open. I have lots of activities planned including asking Jack Niedermair to address our group (his father designed the LST), tapes from our Normandy trip and a presentation by Norris Long and Andy Cumella, and Mobile footage of the ship's arrival. Not to mention our games and ice cream sundaes. We go home on Monday, the 24th.

So sign up now. You don't want to miss this reunion.

The History of Piggy Banks

Ever wonder why pigs are the animal of choice when it comes to children's coin banks? The answer goes back to the Middle ages when metal was expensive to mine and manufacture. As a result, many everyday household items, such as pots and jars, were made out of a dense orange clay called pygg. A pygg jar (although not shaped like a pig) was a common receptacle for holding cash. By the 18th century, these were referred to as pig banks. It was then that potter began to cast the banks in the shape of a pig.

NEWS



Remember I put out a notice for everyone to send my mom a birthday card for her 80th birthday on December 2nd. Thanks to all who participated.

Here's the stats:

271 cards received

Oldest sender - 90 years old

Youngest sender - 3 months

Most well known -

President Clinton

Farthest - Denmark

Nearest - Apartment next door

Biggest - from Canada

Strangest - from a dog

47 from LST crew members

Thanks to everyone who helped make my mom's birthday so memorable.

AND A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL.

GET WELL

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Louis Stockdale

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BIRTHDAYS

April 14

Alex Fielder
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Fairfield, OH 45014

May 12

Howard K. Smith
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Bethesda, MD 20816

May 17

Duncan Robey
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Yakima, WA 98908

Jim Miller

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Mesa, AZ 85208

May 19

Alpheus Deville
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June 26

Leroy Spencer Graham
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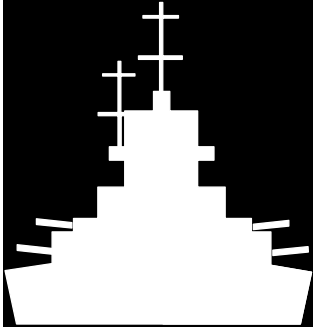
July 11

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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 **Nautical Terms**

The Best Part of a Family Tree is
Underground

My son is planning on being an
astronaut. He sits at home and
takes up space.

What do you get from a pampered
cow? Spoiled milk.

*In honor of our dear departed shipmate,
James Richard Drew, Nautical terms remains
a column in our newsletter. Willie Gunn has
now stepped in to help nurture this column.
Thanks Willie.*

Sick Call—Men requiring medical
attention report to the sick bay.

Sick Bay—Room where doctors or
pharmacists treat sick on ship.