

# LST534 Newsletter

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**Every day, take a moment, bow your head and pray for our troops fighting on foreign soil.**

## LST534 to get its own COOKBOOK

*By Marie Kingsbury LaFlower*

The LST's of World War II may be concluded as the most unromantic ships that sailed the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters, but a daughter's love has made the LST534 the most romantic story ever told by a daughter.

My Dad was a baker on the LST534, which he considered even less romantic than the vessel itself. I have maintained the belief that many a soul skips a beat when nourished from within. "A man must get friends as he would get food and drink for nourishment and sustenance," said Randolph Silliman Bourne.

I decided to write this recipe book to dedicate to my father, Lyle Warren Kingsbury, and the entire crew of the LST534. My father, like Linda's Dad, has Alzheimer's Disease, but with medication and wonderful support of my stepmother, is maintaining his illness well.

Willie Gunn, I must thank for giving me a compliment. When you told me you remembered my Dad the moment you saw him again after fifty years at the Washington, DC, reunion, by that wonderful warm smile, you indeed complimented my father, but he's known by that smile even today. Nice to know as a young man he portrayed that wonderful smile then. That statement complimented the whole family. Thanks, Willie.

When I accompanied my father to the September, 2000 Reunion in Buffalo, NY, I didn't realize I would know more about him in three days than I knew about him in a lifetime in that particular segment of his life (his World War II experiences). Especially through the eyes of his remaining shipmates. Shipmates, now that's a romantic word. Comrades, pals, buddies, are words that define these men even today, when they see each other yearly or every two years. As we sat at the banquet mingling with old and new friends, I was tickled when Ed, a shipmate, said to Dad, "Hey Lyle, this chicken is almost as good as the beans and hot dogs on Saturday night." That may not be important to most people, but it gave me pleasure that Ed Overstake remembered Dad's Saturday night suppers.

When Linda Alvers said she was pleased with the idea of a cookbook for the LST534, I was ecstatic and very pleased. I told Linda I just wanted to run it by her because everything she has accomplished has been done to perfection, and I wanted a cookbook that would make you all proud. Some of the proceeds will be going to the Reunions. Linda, as always, had many wonderful suggestions and said she'd help any way she could. Linda's documentaries, acknowledgements, video information and purchases should take a spot in this book to continue education about the LST534, and it's crew. So I've asked her to do these particular pages.

I told Linda that the cookbook would get an extra kick if I could get a recipe

from you fellows, wives, and daughters and sons. I don't know about your house, but all the fellows in my family cook. Dad must have passed the trade on. My first restaurant was a very successful Snack Bar on Lake Sunapee, NH, and my second venture, a fine dining restaurant called Martin Croix. So the baker thing is in my blood. I'm hoping to see you folks in St. Louis this August, and hope you'll be as excited about the LST534 Cookbook as I am.

Please look for a recipe sheet Linda said she'd make up for me for the recipe entries for the book.

P.S. If any of you have a Galley picture of the LST534, I'd be beside myself with happiness.

Respectfully,

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Please sit down in the next week and submit at least one recipe to support this idea. Lyle Kingsbury fed many of you during the war – lets honor Lyle in a BIG way. WE NEED YOUR RECIPE BY May 1, 2002.*  
*Thanks, Linda.*

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## NEW ADDRESSES

Several crew members have new addresses. Please update your muster roll.

Norris Long  
145 Northeast 31st Street  
Oak Island, NC 28465-4810

Theresa Cain (wife of John Cain)  
2828 Egypt Road, Apt G203  
Norristown PA 19403

Darlene Olson Mead  
3743 Stoneway Road  
Las Cruces, NM 88012

## WEBSITE

We owe Captain Olson's daughter, Darlene, so much. Have you been on the LST534 website lately? Darlene continues to maintain our presence on the web. She wouldn't mind information from you. If you think of a great story, or even a not so great story, send it to Darlene. Or send her a thank you.

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Visit the site at: [www.LST534.com](http://www.LST534.com)



## IN MEMORIAM

### **Howard K. Smith (1914-2002)**

It is with sadness we lost our good friend and supporter, Howard K. Smith. Many of you know the contribution Mr. Smith played in our documentary. He supported my dreams and visions and I will be forever grateful.

He died at his home, with his wife at his side. He died with dignity. His legacy will live on in the hearts and souls of the many people he touched over a long and illustrious career. We will miss him. I will miss him. May he rest in eternal peace.

### **FLYING OL' GLORY HIGH AND CORRECT**

*By Tom Morrow, Staff Writer,  
North County Times, California*

I learned about the flag more than 50 years ago as a Boy Scout on how to properly handle the flag.

I've received a number of calls from readers complaining about the way our flag is being displayed and handled. I know I'm treading on sacred ground here, but let me attempt to give some basics on U.S. flag etiquette and its proper display.

- ◆ Never let the flag touch the ground, water, buildings or merchandise.

- ◆ If the flag is shown after sundown, make sure it's illuminated. If not, take it down.
- ◆ Display the flag, either horizontally or vertically, so the canton (field of blue) is on the left to the observer.
- ◆ Never drape the flag on a vehicle or podium.
- ◆ When the flag shows wear, or becomes frayed, replace it. Always dispose of a damaged or worn flag by burning.
- ◆ There's only one proper way to fold the flag. Never bundle it up and shove it in a drawer or box. Any service veteran, Boy or Girl Scout can show you.
- ◆ Fly the flag at half-staff solo. No other flags.
- ◆ Displaying the flag upside down signifies a distress signal. It's a good point to remember, but never do this unless the occasion calls for it.
- ◆ When flown from a pole, the flag should wave freely. Do not secure it to a frame.
- ◆ Never use the flag as wearing apparel. It should never be printed on disposable items such as napkins or handkerchiefs..

If you have any questions on the proper handling and displaying the flag, consult U.S. Code Title 36, Chap. 10.



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## COMMENTS

We received 2 comments from recent newsletter articles that I want to share with you.

### **Regarding our report on the LST325.**

“This message brought back memories”. My Dad served on an LST (I believe it was 175) during World War II. He would have been 92 if he were alive today – drafted into the Navy at age 35. This ship sailed in the English Channel between Belgium and England and functioned as a supply ship for 2 ½ years. I was only 5 years old when he left, but he did come home to my mother and me and lived until 1989.

Lily Weisberg  
1427 Alexander Way  
Bensalem, PA 19020

### **Regarding the article on the LST534 as a lesson plan.**

“Linda, I was so thrilled to read that the LST534 documentary is being used as a lesson plan!

My father would have been very proud. He loved to write lesson plans. His last assignment in the Navy was teaching navigation at the Monterey Naval Postgraduate School, and when he retired he continued teaching navigation to local yachtsmen at the community college in Santa Cruz, California. It is a wondrous thing that you’ve done...

Darleen Olson Mead  
(Captain Olson’s daughter)



## NEWS

### **Reunion in St. Louis**

Have you all signed up for the LST reunion in St Louis, Missouri?

Send in your reservation as soon as possible to the US LST Association (1-800-228-5870).

The LST534 room will be open Friday August 29 through Sunday September 1.

I will arrive Thursday, August 28 and depart Monday, September 2.

Please try to attend. We never know what the future will bring. We should get together as many times as possible now. That goes for the children of the LST534 crew – we are the ones who will carry the memory of the ship into the future.

See you there!

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☆ Memorial Day is May 27th. ☆  
☆ May we find peace in honoring ☆  
☆ our deceased. ☆  
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## BIRTHDAYS

### **April 1**

Andy Cumella  
11 Freeport Court  
Toms River, NJ 08757

### **April 14**

Alex Fielder  
5950 Ambassador Drive  
Fairfield, OH 45014

### **May 17**

Duncan Robey  
8301 Tieton Drive # 87  
Yakima, WA 98908

Jim Miller

1452 S. Ellsworth Road  
Mesa, AZ 85208

### **May 19**

Alpheus Deville  
50 Deville Cutoff Road  
Denville, LA 71328-9784

### **June 26**

Leroy Spencer Graham  
6943 Berwyn Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60656

### **July 8**

Lyle Kingsbury  
3878 Claremont Rd  
Charlestown, NH 03603

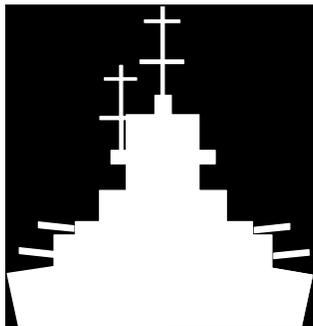
### **July 11**

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Wichita, KS 67278-1546

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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

*Contributed this issue by my cousin, Rita Sullivan*

A certain little girl, when asked her name, would reply "I'm Mr. Sugerbrown's daughter." Her mother told her this was wrong, she must say "I'm Jane Sugerbrown."

The pastor spoke to her in Sunday School, and said "Aren't you Mr. Sugerbrown's daughter?" She replied, "I thought I was, but mother says I'm not."

A little girl asked her mother, "Can I go outside and play with the boys?"

Her mother replied, "No you can't play with the boys they're too rough."

The little girl thought about it for a few moments and asked, "If I can find a smooth one, can I play with him?"

### NAUTICAL TERMS

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

*Contributed by Willie Gunn.*

**Hoist Away** - Piped by Bosiñ to indicate small boat to be raised

**Boon Dockers**- Heavy work shoes issued in WW II and earlier

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