

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.



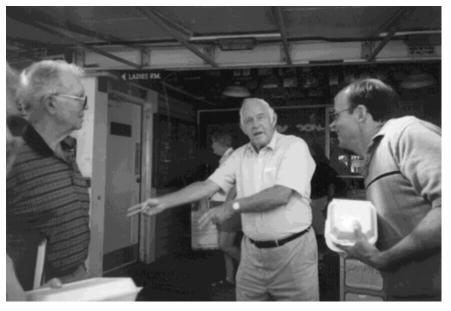
#### REUNION 2003

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.



## LST534 Newsletter

So sign up early! If you do not get the Scuttlebutt, you can call Linda Gunjak at (800) 228-5870, Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.

### ADDING TO OUR MUSTER: DONALD E. MCDANIEL

We have been found by another shipmate's family. Don McDaniel, Jr. discovered his father's ship on the web. Thanks again to Darleen Olson Mead for keeping our website updated. If you have a computer, log on to www.lst534. com, click on Photo Album, and look at Don's photos of his His dad, Donald E. father McDaniel was S1c and baker on board. He died on October 4, 1995 after battling cancer. You can reach his son at the following address:

Donald E. McDaniel, Jr. 5305 Winthrop Drive Greensboro, NC 27407

His email address is dem@northstate.net

Let's all welcome Don and his family to our family!

## NEW ADDRESS

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

"A finished person is a boring person" Anna Quindlen, writer



## IN MEMORY

Alfred Ellis, F1c, was on board the LST 534 in the European theater. Alfred and Bernelle and their son Craig, came to our taping in Chicago in 1997. After the 1997 reunion, Alfred slowed down and never seemed to recover. He and Bernelle were married 54 years and have 2 sons, Craig and Kenton.

Alfred passed away on September 22, 2002. We will miss him. And I know Bernelle, Craig, Kenton and their families all miss him terribly. We will keep Al in our thoughts and keep Bernelle in our prayers.

## GET WELL WISHES

When you don't feel good, isn't it nice to be remembered?

Here's who we all need to send a greeting to:

### Alex Fielder

Alex broke his hip in October and had surgery on his knee too. He has been in and out of the hospital.

I spoke to his granddaughter, Terri, and she wants to encourage a prayer chain for those of you who can add Alex at your churches. He's feeling a little down these days. Сооквоок

We have had a fairly good response to our cookbook. This year I gave it to my friends as a Christmas gift. Several of my friends called me and told me how great it was. They enjoyed testing all the recipes. See the order form enclosed, or call Marie Kingsbury LaFlower at (603) 528-6884 to order your Remember, a copy today. portion of the sale of each book goes towards the reunions. Marie will be on hand in Dallas with some cookbooks too



## HOLIDAYS—DAYS TO CELEBRATE AND <u>REMEMBER</u>

### January

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- New Years Day
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## February

- 1 Chinese New Year
- 5 Anniversary of the
  - Constitution
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 President's Day
- 22 Washington's Birthday

## <u>March</u>

- 5 Ash Wednesday
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 21 First Day of Spring

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<b>DID YOU KNOW??</b> Abe Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846. John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.	John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839. Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.	January 14 Frank Frame PO Box 1017 Jal, NM 88252 January 30 Stephen G. St. Laurent
Lincoln was elected President in 1860. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.	Both assassins were known by their three names. Both names comprise fifteen letters.	10054 Hayward Road Spring Hill, FL 34608-6426 <b>February 3</b> William Dox
The names Lincoln and Kennedy each contain seven letters.	Lincoln was shot in a theater named Ford. Kennedy was shot in a Lincoln made by Ford.	443 South Main Street PO Box 756 Massena, NY 13662 February 13
Both were particularly concerned with civil rights. Both wives lost children while living in the White House.	Booth ran from the theater and was caught in a warehouse. Oswald ran from a warehouse	Captain's son, George Olson, Jr. 786 Seely Avenue Aromas, CA 95004 March 14
Both Presidents were shot on a Friday. Both were shot in the head.	and was caught in a theater. Booth and Oswald were both assassinated before their trials.	Salvatore Logano 101 High Street PO Box 144 Portland, CT 06480-1656
Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy. Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln.	And the Kicker: A week before Lincoln was shot he was in Monroe, Maryland.	March 26 Willie Gunn 105 Bull Street Swainsboro, GA 30401
Both were assassinated by Southerners. Both were succeeded by Southerners.	A week before Kennedy was shot he was with Marilyn Monroe.	<u>April 1</u> Angelo Cumella 11 Freeport Court Toms River, NJ 08757
Both successors were named Johnson. Andrew Johnson, who	BIRTHDAYS:	<u>April 14</u> Alex Fielder 5950 Ambassador Drive Fairfield, OH 45014
succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808. Linden Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.	January 4 Ed Overstake 2440 World Parkway Blvd. E #38 Clearwater, FL 33763	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ ☆ "If you don't risk anything, ☆ ☆ you risk even more." ☆ Erica Long, author ☆

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A flight attendant was stationed at the de-Jim Sarres has parture gate to check tickets. As a man apgraciously proached, she extended her hand for the ticket, and he opened his trench coat and volunteered to this flashed her.

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

keep us Man #1: "My wife drives like lightening." laughing! Man #2: "She drives fast?" Man #1: "No. she hits trees!" Thanks Jim.

## **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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