

LST534 Newsletter

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It's Time To Think REUNION

Yes, believe it or not, it's time to think about the LST534 reunion! We will have our magical gathering during the annual reunion of the US LST Association. This year we are meeting July 18-22 in the birthplace of freedom – Philadelphia. What an exciting place to meet! The City of Brotherly Love has it all: the Liberty Bell, great shopping, museums and art exhibits. And maybe even the LST325 will be in port!

The reservation forms are enclosed. You must sign up for the US LST Association reunion, which is \$60.00, as well as for the banquet, which is \$35.00.

On the back of the form is the hotel reservation form. Both forms should be mailed to:

Linda Gunjak
US LST Association Convention
PO Box 167438
Oregon, Ohio 43616-7438

Please mail in your hotel form as soon as possible so we can all be at the same hotel – the Adams Mark.

Following is a tentative schedule of the LST534 hospitality suite:

Arrive Sunday, July 18

Evening: pizza & decorate

Monday, July 19

Morning: Breakfast in suite
Opening prayer and candle ceremony
Conduct business
Watch reunion tapes

Lunch on your own

Afternoon: Magical gathering
Picture with shirts

Evening: Game night
Dinner in room
Ice cream sundaes

Tuesday, July 20

Morning: Breakfast on your own

Day tour of Philadelphia:

Leisure tour of the Liberty Bell, Independence National Park, Independence Seaport Museum, Philadelphia Museum of Art, and all that Philadelphia has to offer. Cost to be determined.

Evening: Dinner on your own



Wednesday, July 21

Morning: 8-10 am Chef Matthew, will serve crepes in the suite.
11 am Guest speaker , to be determined

Afternoon:

12:30 Lunch on your own
2-4 pm Pack up room
Help Andy with the tomatoes
4-6 pm Get dolled up for the banquet!

Evening: 6-10 pm
US LST Association Memorial Service and Banquet
Official Picture

Thursday, July 22

Say goodbye and go home!

Please note: the US LST Association is again offering a variety of tours. If you want to go on any of these tours, try to go on Saturday and Sunday. When you sign up for the US LST Association Convention, you will then get the convention rate. There are tours to New York, Washington, DC, Atlantic City and more. Call Linda Gunjak for more information on any of these tours. Her number is 1-800-228-5870.

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REUNION DATES:

JULY 2004

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Holidays—Days to Celebrate and Remember:

Jan 19 Martin Luther King Day
22 Chinese New Year



Feb 14 Valentines Day
16 Presidents Day
25 Ash Wednesday



Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
20 First day of Spring



QUOTES FOR THE DAY:

I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship.
~ Louisa May Alcott

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is.
~Albert Einstein

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

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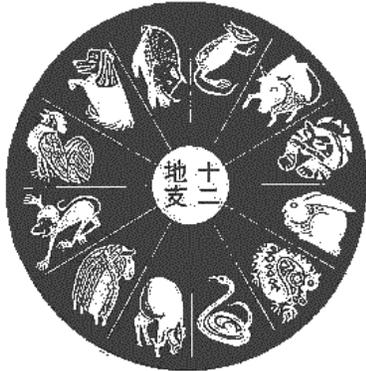
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CHINESE NEW YEAR



Chinese New Year starts with the New Moon on the first day of the new year and ends on the full moon 15 days later.

The Chinese calendar is based on a combination of lunar and solar movements. The lunar cycle is about 29.5 days. In order to “catch up” with the solar calendar the Chinese insert an extra month once every few years (seven years out of a 19-year cycle). This is the same as adding an extra day on leap year. This is why, according to the solar calendar, the Chinese New Year falls on a different date each year. The beginning of the year can fall anywhere between late January and the middle of February. A complete cycle takes 60 years and is made up of five cycles of 12 years each.

The Chinese Lunar New Year is the longest chronological record in history, dating from 2600BC, when the Emperor Huang Ti introduced the first cycle of the zodiac.

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The Chinese Zodiac is based on a twelve year cycle --- each year being represented by an animal.

If you were born in:

- ◆ 1910 or 1922, you are a DOG. Dogs are honest, conservative, sympathetic, and loyal .
- ◆ 1911 or 1923, you are a BOAR. Boars are caring, industrious, and home-loving.
- ◆ 1912 or 1924, you are a RAT. Rats are charming, bright, creative, and thrifty.
- ◆ 1913 or 1925, you are an OX. Oxen are steadfast, dependable, and methodical.
- ◆ 1914 or 1926, you are a TIGER. Tigers are dynamic, warm, sincere, and born leaders.
- ◆ 1915 or 1927, you are a RABBIT. Rabbits are humble, artistic, and clear-sighted.
- ◆ 1916 or 1928, you are a DRAGON. Dragons are flamboyant, lucky, and imaginative.
- ◆ 1917 or 1929, you are a SNAKE. Snakes are discreet, refined, and intelligent.
- ◆ 1918 or 1930, you are a HORSE. Horses are social, competitive, and stubborn.
- ◆ 1919 or 1931, you are a RAM. Rams are artistic, fastidious, and indecisive.
- ◆ 1920 or 1932, you are a MONKEY. Monkeys are witty, popular, good-humored, and versatile.
- ◆ 1921 or 1933, you are a ROOSTER. Roosters are aggressive, alert, and usually perfectionists.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY



St. Valentine is known as the patron saint of lovers. St. Valentine was a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 A.D, the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries. Legend says that he left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it “From Your Valentine”. Gradually, February 14 became the date for exchanging love messages.

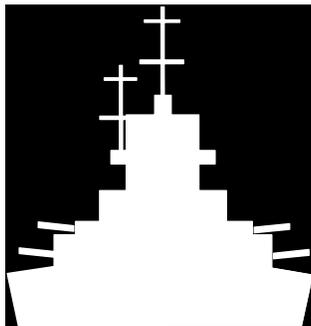
ST. PATRICK'S DAY



St. Patrick is known as the patron saint of Ireland. As a youth he was kidnapped from England and sold to the Irish as a slave. He escaped six years later, but returned as a missionary to the Irish. It is said that he used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the concept of the Trinity; which refers to the combination of Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Legend also has that Saint Patrick had put the curse of God on venomous snakes in Ireland. And he drove all the snakes into the sea where they drowned. There are no snakes in Ireland to this day.

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

Jim Sarres has
graciously
volunteered
to keep it
going.

We all know
how Judge
Sarres can
keep us
laughing.

Thanks Jim!

Just for Fun

One day, three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large, raging, violent river. They needed to get to the other side but had no idea how to do so.

The first man prayed to God, saying "Please God, give me the strength to cross this river." Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours.

Seeing this, the second man prayed to God, saying "Please God, give me the strength... and the tools to cross this river." Poof! God gave him strong arms and a rowboat, and he was able to row across the river in about an hour (although almost capsizing a couple of times).

The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God, saying "Please God, give me the strength and the tools... and the intelligence to cross this river." And poof! Good turned him into a woman. She looked at a map, hiked up stream a couple hundred yards, and walked across the bridge.

Nautical Terms:

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

Hay Up- to come to a specified spot

SECNAV- Secretary of the Navy

OOD- Officer of the Deck on ship or
Officer of the Day on shore

JOOD- Junior OOD

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