

LST 534 Newsletter

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Evansville, Indiana wins bid for LST 325

The LST 325 has finally found a home. It will be docked along the Ohio River near the place of the Evansville shipyard. During World War II, the "Cornfield Shipyard" built and launched over 150 LSTs.

Evansville is in the southwest corner of the State of Indiana, sitting along the mighty Ohio River. In 2003, the LST 325 made a river journey up the Ohio and stopped in Evansville for 12 days. More than 30,000 visitors poured into the city from miles around to look at and tour this famous old warship.

The city of Evansville beat out eight other cities proposing to host the ship. Bob Jornlin, Captain of LST 325, said he was interested in Evansville because they have plans to make it part of a larger hometown war museum. In addition to the shipyard, Evansville had an ammunitions plant and a P-47 plant. The city proudly contributed great efforts to the war and supporting the troops.

LST 325 was built in Philadelphia, PA and launched in 1942. Sixty-three years after its birth, it will call Evansville, IN home.

WELCOME HOME!

Paraphrased from *Evansville Press*



BIRTHDAYs:

April 1

Andy Cumella
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April 14

Alex Fielder
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May 17

Duncan Robey
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May 17

Jim Miller
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July 8

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July 11

Bill McAndrew
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HOLIDAYS AND DATES TO REMEMBER:

APRIL

1 April Fools Day
3 Daylight Savings Time begins
24 Passover

MAY

8 Mother's Day
21 Armed Forces Day
30 Memorial Day

JUNE

14 Flag Day
19 Father's Day
21 Summer begins

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Last year, we celebrated Mother's Day. This year, let's celebrate Father's.

THE STORY OF FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday in order to help greeting card manufacturer sell more cards. In fact, when a "father's day" was first proposed, there were no Father's Day Cards!

Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "Father's Day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities across America, other people were beginning to celebrate a "Father's Day."

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally, in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Found on www.holidays.net/father/story.htm

WHEN GOD CREATED FATHERS

When the good Lord was creating Fathers, he started with a tall frame, and a female angel nearby said, "What kind of Father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot a marble without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping."

And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child-size, who would children have to look up to?"

And when God made a Father's hands, they were large and sinewy. And the angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do you know what you're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on ponytails or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats."

And God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets at the end of a day...yet small enough to cup a child's face in his hands."

And then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders.

And the angel nearly had a heart attack. "Boy this is the end of the week, all right," she clucked. "Do you realize you just made a

Father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?"

And God smiled and said, "A Mother needs a lap. A Father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle, or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crunching at least three of the guests?"

And God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to ride a horse to Banbury Cross, or scare off mice at the summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving the Father few words, but a firm authoritative voice; eyes that saw everything, but remained calm and tolerant.

Finally, almost as an afterthought, he added ~ tears. Then he turned to the angel and said, "Now are you satisfied that he can love as much as a Mother?"

The angel shuteth up.

~Erma Bombeck~

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NEWS:



REUNION

This year the US LST Association will hold its reunion in the historic city of Norfolk, VA. It promises to be a one of a kind reunion surrounded by ships of the United States Navy.

The dates for the entire convention are August 18-25, 2005.

The LST 534 reunion will be August 21-25. We will check in on the 21st and leave on the 25th.

Hotel rooms are going FAST. Hurry and call Linda Gunjak at the UST LST Association and sign up. Her number is: 1-800-228-5870.

GET WELL WISHES

We all have aches and pains, but this issue we need to say prayers and send our good wishes to Alex and Betty Fielder. Alex has progressive Alzheimer's and Betty is caring for him. They both need our support. If you want to call Betty and give her a phone hug, her number is 1-513-674-1811. Alex was Engineering officer on board LST 534.

IN MEMORY



It is with extreme sadness that I share with you the death of our dear friend, Jim Sarres. Jim passed away at home, in the arms of his loving wife,

Florence, on February 28th, 2005.

Jim was the first person I ever contacted way back in 1997. He was so generous of his time and wrote me back a long letter, giving me names and addresses of other shipmates he knew about.

And he was the first person I ever interviewed for the documentary. He was a humorous man and contributed jokes to the newsletter for many years.

We will miss Jim forever.
May he rest in peace.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY Found in Personal Wealth Report Newsletter, Sept 04

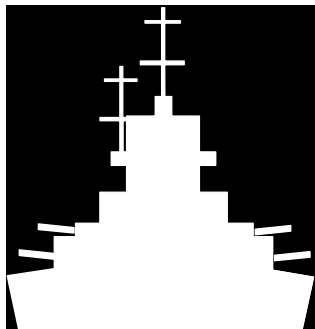
What happens if you pass away without having a legally enforceable will? Your assets will be distributed according to your state's intestacy laws no matter what your real intentions. This could work to the detriment of a spouse, child or other heirs—especially if you have been married more than once.

A will may include provisions designed to avoid unnecessary estate tax. It can be used to appoint a guardian for minor children, name an executor of the estate and establish domicile—just to name a few of the common objectives.

Here are some basic guidelines for drawing up a will:

1. Do some preliminary work regarding your assets and your designated beneficiaries. This groundwork will ensure that the resulting will is a complete and accurate document. Typically, the will may refer to some or all of the following assets:
 - ◆ Cash and bank accounts
 - ◆ Securities such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds
 - ◆ Principal residence and any other homes
 - ◆ Investment real estate
 - ◆ Automobiles and boats
 - ◆ Artwork, jewelry and other valuables
 - ◆ Safe deposit box contents
 - ◆ Business interests and assets
2. Determine who gets what. A will enables you to control which individuals will get which particular assets. After taking inventory of your assets, write down who your beneficiaries will be and what types and amounts of property you wish to pass along to each one. Consider various trusts and similar arrangements that can ensure that certain assets are passed along with tax benefits or other considerations in mind.
3. Keep your will up-to-date. You may have written a will more than ten years ago. At that time, you were satisfied that the will was complete in every way. But now circumstances may be such that your old will no longer affords you the protection and flexibility it once did.

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Just for Fun

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

In memory
of Jim
Sarres, who
contributed
to this
column until
his passing.

AGING WITH A SMILE...

Contributed by Dallas Mead, husband of the late Darlene Olson Mead.

Any woman can have the body of a 21-year old, as long as she buys him a few drinks first.

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffeemaker.

Don't let aging get you down. It's too hard to get back up.

Nautical Terms:

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

Roach Coach: Food Catering Truck or Van

BOGINT: Bogus intelligence

Boocoo: A bunch or a lot

On your six: On your rear-end

KISS: Keep It Simple Stupid!

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