

LST534 Newsletter

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Cover Story - Visiting Norris Long

Memorial Day weekend, Matthew Wachsman and I decided to pay a visit to Norris Long in Southport, NC.

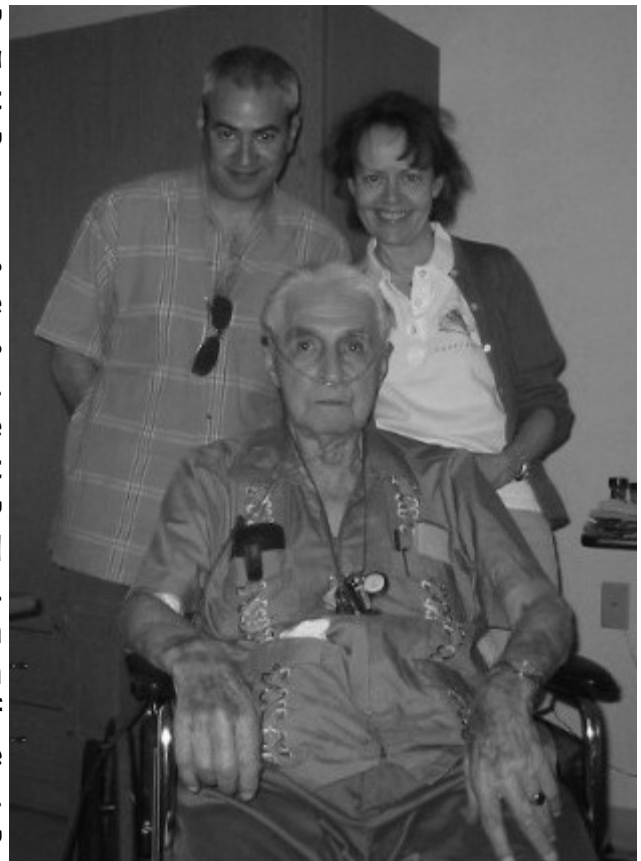
In December, 2006, Norris went into the hospital with congestive heart failure. Once he was stabilized, his caretakers decided it would be best for him to not live alone any longer, so he moved into Ocean Trail Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Slowly but surely, he pays a visit to his home to retrieve something of value. Therefore, his room at Ocean Trail has many of the things Norris used every day to entertain himself.

Matthew and I rented a house on Oak Island Beach. That was a real treat. We could walk out the back door, down the steps, out to the deck and hit the beach. What a pretty beach too. White sand and the beautiful

Atlantic Ocean. Yes, I though about those of you who sailed across the Atlantic. It must have been exciting and scary at the same time. I was able to take early morning walks on the beach with the sun coming up over the horizon. That, too, was a treat. I hardly ever have a chance to get sand in my toes.

We spent as much time with Norris as possible. Friday, we took him out of the facility and around Oak Island. We had lunch at the Golden Corral, one of his favorite restaurants. We drove by his house. We took him to see

some of his friends. All in all, it was a fun day. I was a little worried that we might have worn Norris out, but when we arrived on Saturday, he was in good spirits and feeling fine. (I silently said "Thank you God.")



Visiting Norris in his new digs

Saturday night, Matthew and I hosted a barbeque at our beach house. I was so happy that Francis and John Reinsburrow came and Greta and Basil Watts came. Francis and Greta are the daughters of shipmate Niels Jorgensen, MoMM2c (See photo). The picture below shows Francis on the left, me center, and Greta on the right.

Also attending were Bill and Peggy Troetti and their children. Bill and Peggy help Norris every day of his life. Norris is lucky to have either Bill or Peggy, or one of the kids drop by daily and check on him.

The barbeque was a lot of fun, even if it did pour down rain just when Matthew lit the grill.

The beach house was two stories. I was a little sad that Norris couldn't join us for the barbeque but after the rain came down so



Niels Jorgensen, MoMM2c

hard, I knew we had made the right decision not bringing him to the beach house.

We locked up our little beach house on Sunday morning and drove to the airport. It was a perfect way to spend Memorial Day—me with my shipmates. I honored my Dad too.

NEWS:



Another Shipmate Found!

Yes, we have located Francis Hiram Jones, RM2c. Mr. Jones was in the Atlantic Theater. His wife, Virginia, contacted us.

Francis died in 1976. I've been told that Francis Jones helped out the Pharmacist's Mate at times and was known for giving the best shots.

The Jones' have two kids and two grandkids. If you

wan to drop Virginia a line, her contact information is:

189 Loop Drive
Sayville, NY 11782
631.589.1314.

Welcome aboard Virginia and family!

LST Week 2007

The dates for LST Week 2007 in Evansville, Indiana are Sept 26-30, 2007. Registration is \$25.

Some of the events offered to registered visitors are:

- ◆ Tour WWII LST Warship
- ◆ Breakfast onboard LST prepared by ship's cook—free (Wednesday)
- ◆ LCVP "Higgins boat" rides on the Ohio River—donation (W, Th, F, Sat)
- ◆ Casino Aztar Night—free reception at Casino Aztar, dinner and gaming available (Wednesday)
- ◆ Memorial Members Reception on LST 325 (free) - special speaker (Th)
- ◆ Free shuttle buses from Executive Inn to museums and other tourist destinations
- ◆ Free full buffet breakfast at Executive Inn for those staying at that hotel
- ◆ Airplane flyovers of Evansville and LST (\$20—pay at airport)
- ◆ Shopping trips for ladies to Eastland Mall in Evansville—free shuttle (Weds, Sat)
- ◆ LST/Amphib Banquet Friday night (the 2006 banquet was unbelievable) (\$25)
- ◆ A fantastic USO-style show with 1940s band music and dancing on Sat night (\$10)



- ♦ LST will SAIL!!! Take a once-in-a-lifetime ride on a ship that landed on Omaha Beach during the D-Day invasion—free (will sail on Thursday only)

Recognizing a Stroke

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- S** Ask the individual to **Smile**
- T** Ask the person to **Talk in simple sentences**
- R** Ask him or her to **Raise Both Arms**

Another sign of a stroke: Ask the person to stick out their tongue. If the tongue is crooked (goes to one side or the other), this is an indication of a stroke.

If he or she has trouble with **ANY ONE** of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within three hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within three hours.

In Memoriam
Robert Goldsmith



Bob died May 4, 2007 after a bout of pneumonia. At his bedside were his three children and his wife, Ruth.

Bob was MoMM2c on board LST534. He was an avid biker, and rode his bike almost every day until he was hospitalized on April 24th.

Bob enjoyed reading the newsletters and learning about his old buddies.

Ruth and family—we send our sympathy. May he rest in peace.

Holidays

JULY

- 1 Canada Day
- 4 Independence Day

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day
- 11 Patriot Day
- 12 Rosh Hashanah
- 13 Ramadan
- 21 Yom Kippur
- 23 Autumn Begins

Did You Know??

Q: Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?

A: Long ago, dishes and cookware were made of a dense orange clay called “pygg.” When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as “pygg banks.” When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a bank that resembled a pig and it caught on.



BIRTHDAYS:

August 11

Larry Gray
101 Forrest Hill Drive
Taylors, SC 29687

August 16

Luther Lyles
2407 Reynolds Road
Wauchula, FL 33873

August 23

Sammie Porter
5813 Seminole Ct.
Oklahoma City, OK 73132

September 1

John Stanley Primmer
19410 East Cameron Road
Rockford, WA 99030

September 11

Myron W. Pully, Jr.
63 Yorktown Road
Newport News, VA 23603

October 4

Leo Wilson
5 Malvern Road
Norwood, MA 02062

October 27

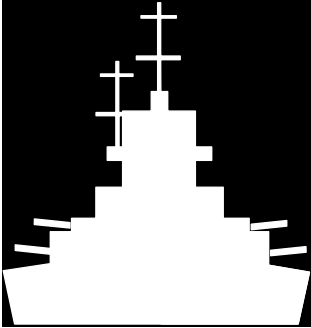
Johnny Medeiros
c/o Sheila Sexton
1505 NE 55th Street
Ocala, FL 34479

October 31

Oscar Cress
9841 41st Street, North
Pinellas Park, FL 33782



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Just for Fun

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

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled “Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden” and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

Nautical Terms:

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

Roustabout—deckhand or longshoreman

Quarters—the cabin, staterooms, galley and salon

Quarter Birth—the bunk under the side of the cockpit.

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