



## FROM THE EDITOR

Recently I have been flooded with requests for information on specific LCTs. While this info is hard to come by, we are slowly accumulating a data base of our own. Be patient for a response.

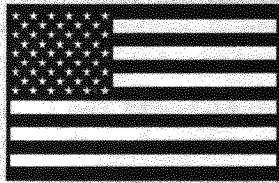
Your best bet is still the National Archives, your own Service Records, the tips in our first issue of the newsletter, and our website. We will try and reprint more copies of that issue and also put it on the web.

Who has any *interior* photos of LCTs??? If you do, please get in touch with me as we would like to print some inside views of the LCTs in this newsletter.

Our congrats to **Marty Kuzmowski** (PPK) also known as the "Poor Polish Kid". Marty is the only member of our group to have attended *all* the LCT reunions. Hope to see him at many more!

And finally, a reminder to renew for another year of the newsletter. Send your 5 bucks to Bud Farmer. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Omaha. . .

*Ron Swanson*



*"You have served in the greatest Navy in the world. No other Navy at any time has done so much. For your part in these achievements you deserve to be proud as long as you live. The Nation which you served at a time of crisis will remember you with gratitude..."*

James Forrestal-1946  
Secretary of the Navy

***The LCT Flotillas of WW2 present a final salute to our departed comrades and their loved ones:***

Ltn. Cmdr. William Leide (C.O. LCT Flot 12)  
Veral Whittle (Radioman 2/c (LCT-81 Flot 3)

# AIR MAIL



January 19, 2001

Dear Mr. Farmer,

*On behalf of Stephen Ambrose and the Eisenhower Center for American Studies, I would like to thank you for the donation of the wonderful information on LCTs during the war. All of this incredible information will make an excellent addition to our library.*

*It is donations such as this that make the Eisenhower Center an invaluable resource, dedicated to preserving the voices and stories of the men and women who participated in World War II. Thank you again for the thoughtful donation.*

*We have made you a member of the Eisenhower Center and you will receive our newsletter, The Crusade, and notification of our upcoming events. We very much hope that you stay in touch and visit the National D-Day Museum again. If you have any questions about the Center or the Museum, please don't hesitate to contact us at (504) 539-9560.*

Sincerely,  
Michael J. Edwards  
Eisenhower Center Staff

## LCTS BUILT IN OMAHA

The Omaha Steel Works of Omaha, Nebraska, were among the many contractors across the country who fabricated LCTs during the War, notably, those numbered 308-331 which included the LCT-325 pictured on page 9.

Today, the site of their assembly on the banks of the Missouri River is mostly wooded ground according to Terry Howlett, V.P. of Omaha Steel Castings Company. The location is marked on our map on the next page.

Drake-Williams Steel, another local firm, was also in business during the War and was responsible for the production of the "Omaha Bucket" which was widely used during the Normandy invasion.