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HONORING THE MEN WHO SERVED ON THE LANDING CRAFT OF THE U.S. AMPHIBIOUS FORCES

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17TH ANNUAL REUNION

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA & APRIL 27-29

Welcome to Norfolk for the 17th Annual Reunion of the LCT Flotillas of World War 2. Once again Bud Farmer has put together a great program for this years get-together.

Friday morning we will be touring the Amphibious Training Base at Little Creek, just north of Norfolk. On Saturday morning we will again board the buses for a guided tour of Old Williamsburg. The banquet will be Saturday evening at 7:00 pm at the Hotel.

For your free time there's plenty of things to see and do within walking distance of the Hotel including the MacArthur Memorial, Naval Museum, Armed Forces Museum, American Rover Tall Ship, and trolley and harbor tours. Refer to the map on page 11.

After several trips to the National Archives in the past year, I decided to put together a "prototype" newsletter with tips on how to research the LCTs. This

publication sort of grew into what could become a regular newsletter once or twice a year. Your opinions and input will determine whether or not we proceed.

As you all know, the group is trying to assemble a fairly comprehensive report on the LCT Flotillas of the ETO, PTO and Med. Larry Noel, who passed away last October, was our historian and presented his report on the LCTs of Normandy at last years reunion. It was his dream and that of the research committee to complete this work in progress as soon as possible.

To accomplish this we need *your* help. There are already several people working on various aspects of this history and we will need more help in examining the LCT records of the National Archives (see page 2).

Perhaps the best way to contribute is to share with us your photos, stories, recollections and memories of your days on the LCTs. And be sure to check out our website on the internet--even if you hate computers, its worth a trip to your local library where they will help you access the site for all sorts of stuff on the LCTs. Rich Fox has done a great job in organizing this growing archive of LCT information and puts out regular electronic newsletters (see page 10).

Stop by the Hospitality Room during the reunion and you will find out where we stand and how you can help out on this tribute to the LCTs. And let us know what you think of this newsletter. While we do not have the resources to put out a publication the size of the LST *Scuttlebutt*, this could be a start.

Enjoy the reunion... Ron Swanson, editor.



Bud Farmer and Larry Noel at the Denver Reunion.