



FROM THE EDITOR



Now that we're putting out 3 issues each year, it is important to remember that your 10 bucks will be for a full calendar year--this makes it a lot easier for Bud Farmer to keep track of the books. And please send Bud your money, I'll just spend it on beer!

The LCT mailing labels were so successful that I have decided to keep offering them to all **Flotilla** readers. See the ad in the December 2001 issue. We will be updating our LCT History 3-part packet so look for an ad in the next issue.

Rich Fox has been busy upgrading and updating the LCT website so be sure to check it out. We also continue to gather your stories, recollections and photos so keep 'em coming. And hey--most of you have not sent in photos of yourself during the War. You need to submit a mug shot to get your story published in **Flotilla**....and our upcoming LCT book.

As promised in the August issue, I will have some V.A. forms available at the reunion for obtaining your Navy records and certain other benefits. Your *Notice of Separation* (NAVPERS-553), commonly known as your *discharge*, are easy and free to obtain and will contain lots of information on **where** you where, and **when** you were there.

The entire series of books entitled, *History of U.S. Naval Operations of WWII*, by Samuel Elliot Morison, is now available thru Edward R. Hamilton, Bookseller. There are 14 books in this excellent series and each sell for \$12.95. Best of all--there are references to the LCTs in many of the volumes. Check out the complete list on page 9 of our November 2000 issue. They only charge a flat \$3.50 for shipping--no matter how many books you order. Write to **Hamilton** for a free catalog at: Edward R. Hamilton, Falls Village, CT 06031-5000.

One last reminder before reunion: we would like to conduct some very short interviews on video to be interspersed with actual WW2 footage. The final documentary will be available at the 2003 reunion. Please consider volunteering for about 5 minutes to share a story or two with us. There will be details available at the check-in table in the Hotel.

Hope to see y'all in New Orleans for the reunion!

Ron Swanson

How about we LCT men getting off our collective butts and find, restore and give a WWII LCT to the fledgling Naval Museum in Mobile. The claim is "there are no LCTs available". The LST men got the same answer but guess what? They found one.

LCT men were renowned in WWII for scrounging, stealing, procuring and improvising. . . Those same men 60 years later could and should find an LCT.

*Dean Rockwell
Ypsilanti, Michigan*

First, I want to compliment you as editor of the Flotilla. I look forward to it. Thanks. I am ordering the mailing labels for my skipper who I have just made contact with after 56 years through the LCT website. Thanks to Rich Fox for that !

*Jos. L. McFadden
Waynesville, Ohio*

I was more than delighted to receive the address labels. I am wondering how this all came about as how do you know me? Please drop a line as I would very much like to hear from you.

*Peter Padua
Trumbull, CT*

Editor's Note: Peter's name had been submitted by Randall McQuain of Virginia Beach, VA. who asked to have the labels sent directly to Peter. Glad you like them!

Received the labels and thank you. I would like to see you and all the others in New Orleans but time has caught up to me and I won't be there.. I can only keep in touch with everyone through the keyboard.

*Harry Allston
Reedley, CA*

Thanks for the muster rolls of the LCT-253. To think back now, I never knew most of the guys first names, we always went by last names or nicknames. I did visit with two of the guys after the War in 1946 but have lost touch with everyone else. I will send some pictures after I get them restored--they are fading like my memory. . .

*Joe Batdorf
Levittown, PA*