



FROM THE EDITOR

Attention on Deck. . . Preparations continue for the upcoming LCT Reunion. Duluth had ten inches of snow just last week (April 7) . . . but none of that in June !

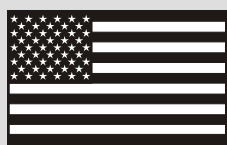
Last year I had promised to put together a short VHS tape of archival LCT footage. For reunion, I will have a sampler for the Hospitality Room, and possibly some copies for sale. George Hackett and I also hope to videotape any of you who wish to participate in our LCT Documentary. More details available when you register.

We continue to receive many requests for LCT info. Please be patient as we tend to become overwhelmed at times. Be assured, you will get an answer--and we are still looking for LCT stories for this newsletter and our LCT book and website--so mail 'em in and be sure to include a wartime mugshot of yourself!

We're going back to the National Archives this fall and by winter we should have a very substantial LCT database including some muster rolls from all the flotillas. Watch the newsletter for info on how to acquire copies of LCT action reports, photos, muster roll lists and flotilla war diaries. There will be a fee for copying and mailing.

See you in Duluth. . . that is all.

Ron Swanson



TAPS

"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 this final salute to our departed comrades and extend our sympathy to their loved ones:

- Carter, James M.** (LCT-996)
- Delk, James** (QM LCT-213)
- Kaman, Jack** (Lt jg LCT[A] 2301)
- Ness, Elmer** (LCT-613)
- Pearson, John W.** (LCT-244)



I want to congratulate you on the article about the *Outer Island*. You worked the pictures in quite nicely, and I'll bet the fact that the LCT-103 is still alive and operating has come as a surprise to a lot of your amphibians....this little ship probably heard more explosions going off in her second (civilian) life than during WW2 because she was the platform for the nightly fireworks display in Chicago a few years after the War...and has been the platform for shooting fireworks on most Fourth of Julys in Bayfield and Ashland in years hence.

Wesley R. Harkins, Duluth, MN

Thanks for your reply to my note. I wasn't aware that [Manitowoc Shipbuilding Co., WI.] made LCTs during WWII. They were famous for making submarines. I will check into this the next time I am in Manitowoc.

Andreas Rhude, Minneapolis, MN

Jim Delk gave me your name and suggested I contact you for a copy of the "War Diary of the LCT(R) Group". My father was on LCT(R) 423 at Normandy and Southern France. If you could get me a copy of the diary, that would be great.

Mark Nicholas, Gulf Breeze, FL

Editor's Note: Mr. Nicholas now has a copy of the diary.

The Library of Congress has instructed local libraries to institute a veterans program in which they will accept written info and oral interviews with vets. Anything oral, written or pictorial considered worthwhile will be copied and relayed to the Library of Congress.

This is a golden chance to get free recognition for our group and put more oomph in the LCT program. Check your local main library for more information.

Bud Farmer, Nashville, TN

My father was an English sailor on LCT-2285, a U.S.-built Mark V vessel, and landed Canadian troops and tanks onto Juno Beach on D-Day 1944....can you please suggest where I might start a search for [info on his LCT and Juno Beach]. Any advice would be very helpful.

Steve Paget, England, U.K.

Editor's Note: Steve was sent several helpful websites including one with specific mention of the LCT-2285.