



FROM THE EDITOR

Attention on Deck. . . What a grand reunion it was--we have received many compliments, several of which are printed in our "Air Mail" feature. And finally after all these years, the LCTs got the media coverage they so richly deserve. The Duluth newspaper did a great feature story on our reunion and the LCTs--and one of the local TV stations came along for the ride on the *Outer Island* and put us on the 6pm and 10pm evening news!

Many of you have been trying to contact me--I must offer my apologies. This has been a very hectic summer--between family, health, vacations and overtime at work, I have fallen way behind in my correspondence. I ask for your patience. Rich Fox, George Hackett and myself do all this on a voluntary basis and we never anticipated the volume of requests. I alone receive dozens of queries each week from e-mail alone! We try and answer everyone in turn but this summer has put me in a hole.

I will try and address everyone's letters this fall but you must be patient. For those of you who ordered and paid for the VHS tape at reunion--they are in the works. Those interested in an LCT model--check out page 11.

Reminder: Send your \$10 cash for 2004 subscription to **Bud Farmer**--send **me** any material to be printed in the newsletters. I still need personal photos from some of you in order to print your story.

That is all. . .

Ron Swanson



On behalf of Ken and myself we thank you for the pictures and the kind words for Bayfield that we received from you. I think we enjoyed the "Big Day" as much as you and the veterans did. When you see any of them, give them our love. . . I have shown your kind words to our Mayor Larry McDonald. We are proud of Bayfield.

Mary Dobson, Bayfield, WI

Editor's Note: *Mary is the mother of Ken Dobson, owner of the Outer Island (formerly LCT-103).*

Had a great time at the reunion and am sending you some pictures that I took to add to your collection. I would also like to say that the owners of the Outer Island did an excellent job. . .

John K. Eskau, Hartland, WI

My wife Mary and I have nothing but positive opinions of the Duluth Reunion. Perfect lodging arrangements, food, hotel employees, location in city, clean rooms, meeting spaces and of course, old friends again! Seeing and riding on the LCT brought back both "scared" and good memories. Thanks to Bud and his "farmer's daughters"--everything was perfect.

Rogers Brazier, Wamego, KS

On behalf of the City of Duluth, let me extend our sincere thank you for holding the World War II Navy Veterans Reunion in Duluth June 5-8, 2003. . . We value the trust you have placed in us to host you and sincerely hope your event was enjoyed by all who attended. . . Thank you for your kindness to me and my parents - we had a wonderful time at the banquet. . .

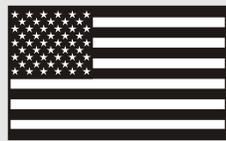
Pat Shinn, Duluth MN

I am searching for the number of the LCT that was named "Son-Of-A-Beach" that landed a portion of the 87th Armored Field Artillery at Utah Beach on D+2. Just want to say thanks for the coffee and the dry landing.

Robert G. Murray Jr. (e-mail)

I never knew any LCT organization existed until the other night when my kids were fooling around with the computer and I asked them to type in LCT. I was amazed at all the info that showed up [on your website]. I am sending a check to Bud Farmer with thanks for the copy of the *Flotilla* he sent me. I am now a subscriber!

George Banning, Greenbrae, CA



"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:

Mueller, Robert (LCT-1279)