



# Deck Log of the USS LCI(L) 713

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## The AFMM Hosts the 2017 LCI National Reunion

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*Thanks to our volunteers: J Wandres, Rich Lovell, Gordon Smith and Mark Stevens. for their contributions.*

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### AFMM and LCI National Alliance

The AFMM is now officially in an alliance with the LCI National Association. We will be cooperating on our areas of common interest, such as preservation of historical documentation and artifacts such as our favorite, the LCI-713. The AFMM will help in hosting LCI reunions. Interested in the LCI National Association? Website: [www.usslci.com](http://www.usslci.com)

## Help us Launch the LCI-713!

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**Amphibious Forces Memorial Museum  
Rick Holmes, President  
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Portland, OR 97217**

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Dear Rick: Here is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help get the LCI-713 underway.

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(You may also contribute online via our website)

# Message from the President

Dear Shipmates and Supporters,

Things are going pretty well down at the LCI-713! In this issue you'll find a restoration article that describes the large number of projects completed, just in the first half of 2017. We also hosted several large events, including The USS LCI National Reunion and the Oregon Military Vehicle Collectors Club annual get together. So things are humming along and public interest is at its highest level ever.

Our goal is to have the LCI-713 "*haze gray and underway*". The restoration is at the point where it appears that the ship could actually get underway. But below the waterline, not so much. The ship has never been out of the water since its launch in September 1944. Scores of wartime beachings, age and corrosion have worn the hull plates dangerously thin and we don't know how much longer the 74-year old ship will last. We have had to spend some of your precious donation dollars on hull stabilization, rather than saving it for our dry-docking.

Several years ago an Oregon State historic grant allowed us to buy enough steel to completely re-plate the bottom. We also have the engines to repower the ship. One item we don't have: the funds to get the job done. We would prefer to put LCI-713 into dry dock to re-plate the hull, but a much less costly alternative would be for AFMM to lift the ship onto a large barge -- either donated or on a long-term lease. The hull bottom could then be repaired at far less cost.

The bottom line is that we need your continued support to help the ship stay afloat. AFMM is now embarked on a course to mount a professional fund-raising campaign, but even that will be costly.

This is why the volunteers of AFMM and I ask you to double down on your continued support so that LCI-713 can soon get underway.

Can we count on your support to help launch the LCI?

Thank you,

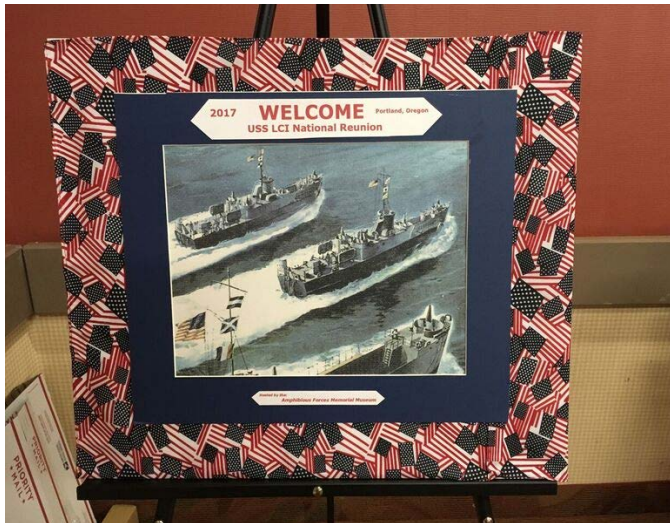


Rick Holmes, AFMM President

## 2017 LCI NATIONAL REUNION

By Rich Lovell

This year saw 20 WWII LCI and LSM veterans meet and greet on the LCI 713. May 14-16 was a busy and positive time and the reunion was a big success. AFMM President, Rick Holmes, along with wife Sue Cosper, knuckled down and made it happen with the rapidly expanded group. Van became bus, hotel grew to larger accommodations-all in stride.



Two anniversaries were celebrated. Chairman Emeritus Gordon Smith and wife Sharon along with Chaplain Abe Laurenzo and wife Esther.



Reunion Collage.



The bell was tolled 62 times for remembrance.



The Memorial Ceremony.



On the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler



At Famous Dave's BBQ



Gordon Smith and Michael Pikos



The 713 at Swan Island – Looking good!



Phil and Joy Reed



Portland Living History Group assists coming aboard



Some of the gang touring the PT-658, our neighbor



L to R, Gordon Smith, Pete Selan, Del Hollinger and Earl Carlin, in the 713's Troop 2 Display Area.

## A Light Amid the Mud

By J Wandres

It was a cold, raw winter weekend in December. On board LCI-713 Rick Holmes, AFMM's CEO and president, was scooping up dried mud from LCI-713's engine room. Although not exactly "historic," the mud had hardened in the bilges at least since the amphibious landing craft had been abandoned and lay partially sunk in the Columbia River.

What Holmes held in his hand was a commonplace implement from the ship's service during World War II: a USN flashlight. Rick reasoned that the crusty, rusty implement might have been dropped into the bilges during LCI-713's service as an integral component of the U.S. Navy's mighty Pacific Fleet during World War II. Holmes handed the light over to AFMM's Forensic foodie, FTM-1 Rich Lovell. On weekends aboard LCI-713 Rich prepares remarkably delicious hot lunches for the restorers.

Lovell immediately discounted the "lost-during-World-War II" tale. He speculated that the case of the light was not an authentic instrument of warfare because gray plastic was not used on flashlights during the war. Instead, he insisted, World War II flashlight cases were molded from a material called Bakelite. Bakelite™, invented in 1909 by Leo Hendrik Baekland, is a "hard, infusible, thermo-set, chemically resistant substance based on a combination resin of phenol and formaldehyde, both derived from methanol and coal tar." Lovell lovingly lavished his own "secret sauce" -- wet coffee grounds -- to remove the muck, which revealed the true nature of the case, and enabled him to ascertain that the flashlight was mere plastic.

For lunch we had mac-and-cheese and Spam.



## AFMM's LCI(L) 713 a "Rust Bucket" No More!

By J Wandres

AFMM newsletters from 2010 and 2012 reminds us how much work has been done to preserve and restore our amphibious landing craft. A professional electrician, and Larry "Woody" Woodruff, our diesel engine "guru," installed a new Kubota 7KW diesel-electric generator. The generator sits where our replacement Detroit Diesel 12-71 engines will go – when we re-plate the hull.

John Gillon and Jerry Gilmartin fabricated folding tables based on the original design. They were installed in the crew's messing space and the clipping space, where ammo is loaded.

The fall 2012 "Amphibious Fleet News" reported on the work of Mark Stevens – long before there was an AFMM Mark started and now serves as our Treasurer. Mark took the lead on lagging bulkheads: he supervised gluing foam insulation blocks to the steel, covering them with muslin soaked in white paste, then painting them "Sea Foam Green." The Sea Cadet scout troop helped.

With a grant from SHPO ("Shippo") - the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office – and donations from supporters, we bought and installed an *original* World War II-era stern winch.

Rich Lovell, a Navy fire control technician, got the ship's fire mains working. He and Woody also installed an electrically driven fire pump for the engine room.

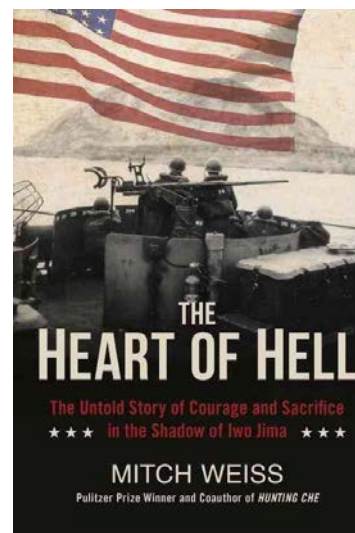
We have transformed Troop 2 into the AFMM museum. It showcases models of LCIs, World War II battle flags including the "Black Cat" flag of the LCI 13<sup>th</sup> Flotilla, as well as a 48-star American flag along with a Japanese military (rising Sun) battle flag.

## The Heartfelt Story of *The Heart of Hell*

It took a World War II sailor's peacetime suicide to tell the story of the remarkable crew of LCI (G) 449 and their bravery under fire, 71 years earlier, on one day at Iwo Jima.

In *The Heart of Hell* Pulitzer Prize author Mitch Weiss resurrects the story of the crew and captain of this amphibious gunboat, Lieutenant (junior grade) Rufus Herring. Weiss's narrative is based largely on 15 years of research by Dennis Blocker, grandson of LCI (G) 449 crew member Clifford Lemke.

*The Heart of Hell: The Untold Story of Courage and Sacrifice in the Shadow of Iwo Jima* By Mitch Weiss, New York, Berkeley Caliber, (RandomHouse), 2016 \$28.00.









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2017 USS LCI National Reunion Veterans



MVCCO Visits the LCI-713 by DUKW, courtesy of Steve Greenberg



AFMM also sponsored projects by Eagle Scout candidates and Naval Sea Cadets.



Flags at the reunion



Moving our Steel to the Vigor Shipyard!

# Media Matters: It Really Does

By J Wandres

While the LCI crew continued work on several projects on board the landing craft, our public affairs team spread the word ashore, far and wide. John “J.” Wandres is our public affairs specialist. A retired navy journalist, J. is also a published author and freelance writer. The year 2016 saw several feature articles published in area newspapers and AFMM’s presence at several public events.

Wandres arranged for a reporter to spend a day on board the LCI to interview crew and take photographs. The result: a long feature about the LCI that appeared in a newspaper that reaches 11,000 residents in several suburban communities. Another feature, published in *The Oregonian* just after Veterans Day, detailed the crew’s work to preserve the ship as a museum.

Other features about AFMM and the LCI appeared in *Elsie Item*, the quarterly magazine of the National LCI organization, and in *The Chief*, quarterly newsletter of the National Chief Petty Officers Association. AFMM needs to acquire a large barge on which the LCI can be hoisted so repairing the hull can be done. *Boats and Harbors*, A maritime trade newspaper, and *Northwest Maritime News* have run stories and photos about our search for a “large barge.”

In order to showcase the LCI to the public at large, AFMM staffed a booth at an annual authors and booksellers event in Portland’s Pioneer Square. We also set up an information table at the regatta of a model powerboat club, which launched several model warships. Other public events included two classic car/military vehicle “cruise-in” events, and the swap meet of a regional military vehicle collectors’ club.

AFMM board member and historian, Dave McKay, Jr., provided liaison with the Portland Waterfront Alliance. PWA is working with other Portland-area waterfront groups to promote a maritime museum along the Willamette River. Dave also spoke before the December “World War II” luncheon of the Portland-SW Washington chapter of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni organization.

## Seeing the “sights” at Seadler Harbor

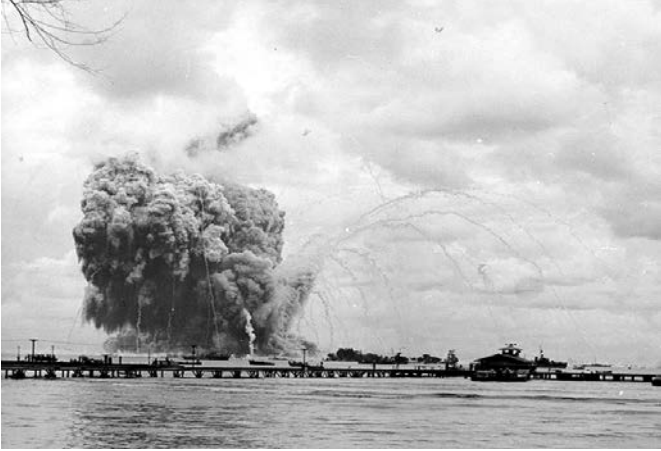
By J Wandres

In the last *Deck Log*, Hubert Miller told about the time in February 1945 when LCI-713 was at fleet anchorage at Seadler Harbor, Manus Island in the Admiralties. A crewmember got the LCI’s skipper, LTJG Walter Parris, to take the LCI on a “tour” of the ships at anchor. For his escapade the C.O. was ordered to report to SOPA (Senior Officer Present Afloat) for a “debriefing.” The LCI didn’t have a gig, so, the admiral sent over his “Admiral’s Barge” to deliver the officer to his destiny.

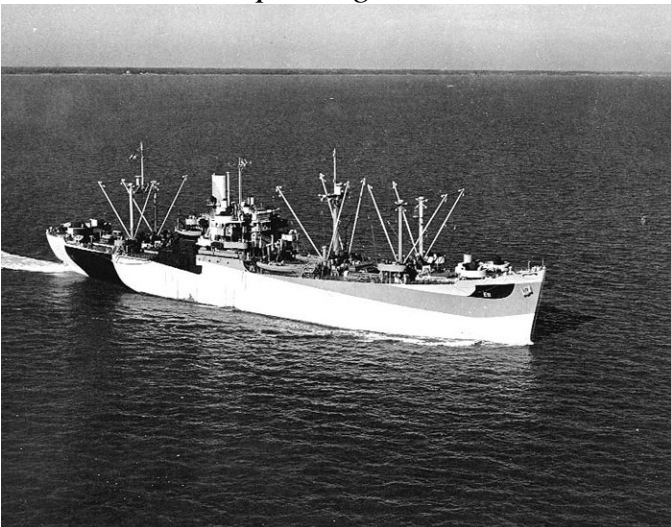
Seadler Harbor was first colonized by Germany around 1912. In the March 1944 *Operation Brewer*, Allied forces wrested control from Japanese occupiers. The U.S. navy developed the facility with wharves, an airbase, and two floating dry docks.

Four months later a deadly destiny rocked Seadler. On the morning of 10 November 1944 the USS *Mount Hood* (AE-11) was anchored in the middle of the Seventh Fleet Service Force. *Mount Hood*, carrying 4,000 tons of ammunition, was off-loading ammo onto small boats tied alongside for delivery to other war ships. At 0830, a massive explosion tore the ship into pieces and sent shrapnel throughout fleet anchorage. The ship and nearly all 250 of

*Mount Hood's* crew were obliterated. Its only survivors were 18 sailors who had gone ashore on a mail call. Throughout the anchorage more than 1,000 other personnel were injured. Divers later found a crater 80 feet deep, 35 feet wide and 1,000 feet long.



*USS Mt Hood Exploding*



*USS Mt Hood 1944*

A four-month “official” investigation concluded only that the explosion was caused by “rough handling” of the ship’s cargo. In later years sailors assigned to other ammo ships expressed opinions that *Mount Hood's* cargo probably wasn’t stowed correctly. And, one sailor on board a nearby ship told navy investigators he was “sure” he saw a Japanese midget submarine launch a torpedo which hit *Mount Hood* amidships. Today, rusted remnants of two floating dry docks sit partially submerged on the harbor floor.

## “Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition”\*

By J Wandres

A song wildly popular in the United States after the attack on Pearl Harbor; there is a distant echo today on board LCI (L) 713. Although we don’t pass ammunition, we can praise the work of several volunteers who restored the ship’s ammunition locker. For years the space had been a rusted and silted compartment used as a paint locker.

We have to thank Mark Stevens who fabricated and welded supports and battens according to original blueprints. “Woody” Woodruff re-installed the sprinkler system. John Ragno and J. Wandres painted the bulkheads and overhead. Jerry Gilmartin and the scouts from Hillsboro Troops 217 and 214 also pitched in to paint. In addition, Jerry arranged with the Battleship USS *Texas* memorial museum to trade authentic 20mm ammo cans for parts the battle wagon needed. So praise our volunteer crew!

*\*Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition* was written in 1942 by Frank Loesser shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. The phrase is credited to Lt. Howell Forgy, chaplain in the cruiser USS *New Orleans*, (CA-32) who walked among the crew to urge them to stay the course. Loesser’s song was orchestrated by the Kay Kyser orchestra and sung by the Robert DeCormier singers. The record sold 250,000 copies in 60 days.

## A View From the Bridge: “Smitty” Sees Subs Surrender

By Gordon Smith, QM1c, USN, (Ret.)

It was close to December 31, 1943 that my ship, LCI (L) 43, happened to be in Taranto, Italy. Why we were in Taranto before the end of World War II was because Italy had surrendered September 8, after the Italian people hung their dictator, Benito Mussolini.

Taranto is a beautiful town. On a map of Italy you can see the “boot.” On the underside of the boot is Taranto. It has a canal on the western end, which enters into a very large body of water. During World War II its port was like what I would call the “San Diego” of the Italian fleet. Although that September the Italian government had surrendered to the Allies, Italy’s submarine fleet at sea continued their devastation of American and British shipping as long as they had fuel, torpedoes and supplies.

LCI-43 was tied up at the Taranto naval base. We did have some leave during daylight hours. Since my Christian background kept me away from bars, and I also retained a high respect for women, it was my habit to roam an area to see what was to be seen. On this particular day I happened to cross one of the arched bridges. Looking down into the canal, to my utter amazement, here was the Italian fleet of submarines sailing in to surrender! My emotions were similar to viewing a nest of wasps, spiders or snakes! The hairs on my arms rose with the spectacle of my enemy, that I had been fighting for almost a year, was slithering below! They crept in a solemn single file with all of the bunting they could display. The crews were lined up in formation in their dress uniforms.

It also so happens that in my roaming, I did purchase Post Cards whenever they were available. So, this event with the Odds of a

Lottery can be viewed as if a camera were on hand!

**Editor’s Notes:** At the beginning of World War II Italy’s 107-ship *Regia Marina* (Royal Submarine) fleet was the largest, second only to that of the Soviet Union. There were several classes. Some had a single hull for better-submerged characteristics, but with side blisters for surface stability. Early designs had a large conning tower, which made the boat more visible on the surface, and slowed dive time. According to one source, “The Italian submariners lacked not only the skills and training, but the aptitude and ruthlessness necessary for commerce raiding.”

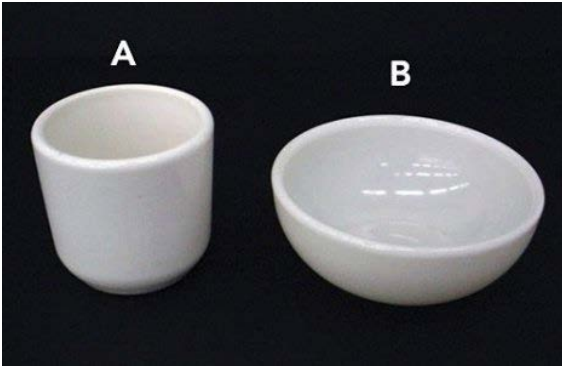
One boat, *Commandante Cappellini*, rescued survivors of the transport *Laconia* in September 1942. However, the boat is credited with sinking or damaging 31,000 tons of enemy shipping in the Atlantic. At Italy’s capitulation in 1943 *Regia Marina* had lost nearly 100 boats with only 34 still operational. *Cappellini* was captured by the Japanese navy but handed over to Germany, where it was commissioned as *UIT-24*, with a mixed German and Italian crew. After the war the U.S. Navy seized and scuttled the submarine.

Gordon Smith is a co-founder and Honorary Board Chairman of AFMM.

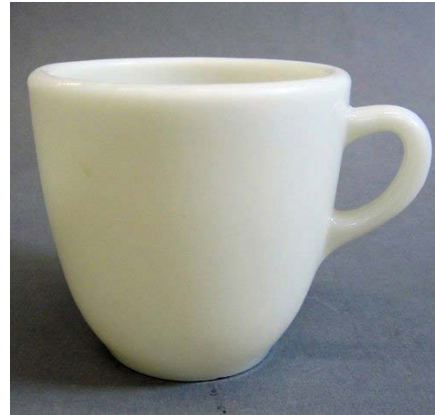


*Italian Subs at Taranto*

## CORNING GLASS AND THE WAR



In 1949, a thinner & whiter version with handle was developed and is marked 1951, 1953, or 1955.



Corning, like most factories was involved in the effort to fight and win the war. Glass tipped bullets, with borosilicate glass tips and metal casings were designed to assist with the metal shortage. 12 gage shotgun shells with molded borosilicate glass shot were made from 1942-1943.

Corning merged with Mac-Beth Evans Glass Company in Charleroi, PA in 1936. These cups were a precursor to Pyrex and Pyrex Opal Ware. The code 6720 glass was a soda, zinc, lime, and aluminosilicate composition.

During WWII, Corning was awarded three contracts to manufacture 'messware cup or mug', and 'messware bowl' for the Navy and Army. These were made without handles. The bottom of the creamy colored mug was stamped with 'Little Joe' glassblower symbol. Nicknamed by sailors as Watch stander cup, it kept the hands warm after a long watch topside. Rumor has it that they were known as Victory mugs and the handle would be added after Victory. Bowls were also made and later-soup bowls in 1945.



Corning provided scientific thermometers and glass tubing to the military as well.

*Photos and Info from Corning Museum of Glass: [www.cmog.org](http://www.cmog.org)*

## LCI-713 LifeJacket Memorial Inscriptions

<p>LT. HAROLD BLEYHL, USNR LCI (L) 812 WWII LST 1080 KOREA</p> <hr/> <p>In Honor of the Crew and Officers of LCI (G) 568 as a gift by <b>JOSEPH A. DUMENIGO SK/2C</b> In Honor of <b>RENE J. FOURNIER</b> SM 2/C LSM 54 and LCI (L)/LC (FF) 503</p> <hr/> <p>In Honor of the Crew and Officers of LCI (L) 226 by a gift from <b>Lt. Commander O. LANDON MILES</b> In Honor of <b>KENNETH E. PRATT Tech 4/C</b> 218th Field Artillery 41st Division</p> <hr/> <p>In Honor of the Crew and Officers of LCI (G) 346 as a gift by <b>JOHN SILER PH 1/C</b> In Honor of <b>LAVAR STARK</b> Executive officer LCI (G) 546 – LCI (L) 1017</p> <hr/> <p>In Honor Of <b>GEORGE B. BENTON</b> MoMM 2/C LCI (G) 752</p> <hr/> <p>In Memory of Commanding Officer <b>LT. Jg ARTHUR N. CHERNIN LCI</b> (L) 364</p> <hr/> <p>In Memory of <b>WILLIAM MCVICKER</b> CS-3 LCI (M) 638 In honor of Albert Pipes LCI (L) 481 by his proud Children and Grandchildren</p> <hr/> <p>In Honor of <b>Phil M. Cospier</b> Skipper LCI (L) 481 WWII By his loving daughters</p> <hr/> <p>In Honor of <b>Joseph</b> <b>N.Coccia</b> LCI (L) 39</p> <hr/> <p>In Honor of the Officers and Crew of LCI (L) #713 By a gift from "Skipper" <b>LT. Gordon Houser</b></p> <hr/> <p>In Honor of <b>Leroy E. Foley ETM 1/C</b> LCI [M] #804</p> <hr/> <p>In Honor of <b>William D. Stotesbury</b> MoMM1c, USNR DD-499 USS RENSHAW WWII</p> <hr/> <p><b>John J. Disponzio WWII</b> Gunners Mate LCI 1012, "Our Hero" America "is" because of you With love your family</p> <hr/> <p><b>RM3 Robert D. Deviney, UNSR</b> LCI(L) 566, LCI (G) 457, LST 612 WWII Pacific Theater From sons Bob Jr., Mark, Steve &amp; Lance</p> <hr/> <p>In Honor of <b>LT. Melvin Greene</b> LCI 661, Asian Theater</p>	<p>RMC Jacob L Ritzen USN Monrovia APA-31 Cold War Spiegel Grove LSD-32 Cold War General George M Randall T-AP- 115</p> <hr/> <p><b>Joseph George Lt. Cmdr.</b> LCI [L] 612 LCI [L] 1022 LSU 531 Korea</p> <hr/> <p><b>Robert Carew Miller</b> Chief Engineer U.S.M.M.A. U.S.M.M. Combat Veteran</p> <hr/> <p><b>Herb and Roz Glickston</b> In honor of our Children <b>Rick Holmes and Sue Cosper</b> GM1(T) William Clyde Clayton, USNR</p> <hr/> <p><b>USS Sumter (APA 52)</b> September 1943 – January 1945 ACM APCM WWIIVM PLR</p> <hr/> <p><b>Gilberto Escobedo</b> GM3/c 8417354 LCI(G) 437 LCI(G) 345 <b>Marshall, Guam, Iwo Jima, Okinawa</b> <b>George Henry Esler Jr,</b> LCI(L) 432 USNR EM3C(T) South Pacific 31 March, 1944 – 8 August, 1945</p> <hr/> <p><b>Alfred Waggoner RM3/c</b> LCI 675, LCI 355</p> <hr/> <p><b>Robert H. Anderson S 1/C</b> D.O.B. August 30, 1926 LST 725, LCI(G) 752 G.C. Talker 21-22 20mms</p> <hr/> <p><b>CDR. Donald C. DuBrul USN</b> USS LCI(L) 553 Omaha Beach USS Sandoval APA 194 Korea USS Argonne AG31 Pearl Harbor <b>Howard B. Clarkson MM01/c</b> LCI 537 DE 764</p> <hr/> <p>In remembrance of The crew of LCI(L) 635</p> <hr/> <p><b>Lloyd M. Spahr BM2/c</b> LCI(L) 615 Southwest Pacific <b>Wayne D. Smith</b> Electrician2nd Class LCI 337 WWII</p> <hr/> <p><b>Roy C.(Shorty) Galewski</b> LCI(R) 224</p> <hr/> <p><b>Wesley F. Davis</b> Gunners Mate 3rd Class, USN LCI 515 (Omaha Beach)</p> <hr/> <p>IN MEMORY OF THE CREW OF LCI(G) 82 (OKINAWA INVASION) DONATED BY FORMER SHIPMATE <b>S1C DALE ROWLETTE</b> <b>SMC EARL E. STEIN JR USN(RET)</b> LCI (M) 802 WWII, KOREA, VIET NAM 1962 ATOMIC TEST, CUBAN BLOCKADE</p> <hr/> <p><b>Joseph L. Gage, PhM1c</b> LCI (L) 1074 South Pacific</p> <hr/> <p><b>LT JOHN H. BEAHM JR. USN</b> USS LCI (L) 689 WWII LST 735 KOREAN WAR LST 1178 COLD WAR</p> <hr/> <p>IN MEMORY OF CREW OF LCI 396 (G) MOST ARE GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN</p>	<p><b>Jimmie A. Prime RDM 2/c</b> LCI 373 (G)WWII</p> <hr/> <p>In Honor of the Crew of the LCI [R] 643 <b>Vince Boylan MoMM 3/C</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>ENSIGN FRANKLIN P. WUERFEL</b> U.S.N.R. LCI (FF) 399 OKINAWA WWII 1945</p> <hr/> <p>In Honor of PT Boat 658 And its Crew <b>Bob Alton</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Jim and Joan Harp</b> USS Tom Green County LST-1159</p> <hr/> <p><b>QM1/c Robert J. Ziegler, USN</b> LCI(I) 595, Europe WWII LCI(M) 595, Pacific WWII <b>USS Elder AN-20 and AN-30, P.I.</b> Lt. Jg James J.Strand, USNR LCI(L) 1016 WWII Long Beach, California</p> <hr/> <p><b>Ensign Sigurd J. Bjertness, USNR</b> KIA 24 Oct 1944, Leyte, Phil. Is. LCI(L) 1065, sunk by kamikaze</p> <hr/> <p><b>James Paul Burnett MoMM1c</b> LCI(L) &amp; (G) 347 WWII</p> <hr/> <p><b>James R. Hale USNR</b> Radioman 2/c LCI 455 WWII Pacific</p> <hr/> <p><b>Military Vehicle Collectors Club</b> of Oregon</p> <hr/> <p>In Memory of S1c Edward B. Sorrentino LCI(L) 966 From his children; <b>Karen, Dianne, Joseph, and Edward</b> Our Dad and Grandfather was LT Joseph Rowe, LCI #1. Thank you to Gordon Smith, LCI #43and crew for rescuing some #1 crew and Dad, who was wearing 2 lifejackets August 17, 1943 Lake Bizerte Tunisia.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Lieut. Albert W. Green</b> LCI 94. Oklahoma City, OK</p> <hr/> <p><b>EMCM Donald Johnson USN (Ret.)</b> <b>Lt. Marian K. Johnson NSCC (Ret.)</b> United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps.</p> <hr/> <p><b>MOMM-2C WAYNE P. CALDWELL</b> LCI-89 NORMANDY LCI-320 OKINAWA, JAPAN PAINESVILLE, OHIO</p> <hr/> <p><b>Leslie H. (Larry) Curry</b> AP 168 Warhawk and LCI 470 1942- 1945 born 12/9/1923 - died 12/27/2010 In loving memory from Netty, your wife of 64 years, your children and family.</p> <hr/> <p>In Honor of <b>Robert Carew Miller</b> Chief Engineer U.S.M.M.A. Kings Point U.S.M.M. Combat Veteran Son, <b>Mark Carew Miller</b></p> <hr/> <p>In Honor of <b>Gordon Smith QM 1/C</b> LCI-43 North Africa WWII AFMM Chairman of the Board With admiration from the AFMM Crew</p> <hr/> <p>In Honor of <b>Ed Bartlien</b> 41<sup>st</sup> Signal Company "Jungaleer" 1<sup>st</sup> Boat 1<sup>st</sup> Wave Zamboanga</p>	<p>In honor of the crew of the LCI [G] 366 by <b>Herbert M. Mueller BM 1/C</b></p> <hr/> <p>In honor of <b>SSgt. Clayton L. Johnson AUS</b> WWII</p> <hr/> <p><b>T5 James H. Hoadley AUS WWII</b> <b>George Y. Harry III</b> Lieutenant, USNR, Captain LCI 1015</p> <hr/> <p>New Guinea and the Philippines: Three Stars</p> <hr/> <p>In Honor of <b>Americus Baggiossi</b> LCI-370 LCI-523 Coxwain Normandy Invasion and Southern France</p> <hr/> <p><b>Asia Pacific Theater WWII</b> ARNOLD MOTZ American Field Service Volunteer British Ambulance Driver AFRICA BELGIUM EGYPT ENGLAND FRANCE GERMAN HOLLAND</p> <hr/> <p>In Memory of <b>James H. Lovell '42-45</b> US Merchant Marine Engineering Pacific Med Atlantic Mid-East</p> <hr/> <p><b>Stanley Willner</b> WW II POW: 1942-1945 Death's Railway</p> <hr/> <p><b>Chris Shelvik SM 2/C</b> LCI [R] 337 LST 1015 - LST 1060</p> <hr/> <p><b>Lt Col Reuben C Newcomb, Retired</b> 1962 US Army 1st Armored Div - Engineer Btn WW2 Landings: N Africa, Sicily, Italy, &amp; S. France</p> <hr/> <p><b>Lewis A. Mason, S 1/C(GM)</b> USS LCI(G) 407 6 Invasions in Pacific WWII Yukon, OK 73099</p> <hr/> <p>In Loving Memory of <b>CDR Clarke H. Brooke Jr.</b> LCI(L) 361 WWII</p> <hr/> <p><b>Philip Reed</b> LCI 35</p> <hr/> <p><b>Sicily-Salarino-Anzio-Normandy</b> In Memory of <b>John A. Farkas (Jack) Qm3c 1945</b> LCI 444</p> <hr/> <p><b>Robert E. Wright EM1c</b> LCI (L) #20 #997 #996 From his sons, <b>William, Robert &amp; Richard</b> <b>Glenn Jones Jr LTJG CWO</b> LCI(FF) 994 Flagship LST Flot 21 Sept 5, 1944 –Dec 15,1945 Iwo Jima - Okinawa - Japan</p> <hr/> <p>In Memory of <b>Elmer J Windle</b> <b>Stanley Barlow, QM 3/C</b> LCI(L) #725</p> <hr/> <p><b>Thomas Radel Barnett SC/2c</b> LCI(G) 727 WWII LCI 713 Restoration Crew</p> <hr/> <p>For Dad <b>William Gordon Montgomery</b> I Love you, <b>Billie</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>J. E. Warne, Jr. MOMM 2/C</b> LCI (L) #602</p> <hr/> <p><b>Kenneth Gerald Morris EM 3/C</b> Hometown: Flint Michigan LCI (L) 881 Okinawa &amp; Nagasaki</p>
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## LCI-713 LifeJacket Memorial Inscriptions

DONALD EXTER  
SEAMAN 1/c  
FOR THE CREW OF LCI (R) #767  
Felix Albert Polasek, USN  
GM, 2C LCI(L) 430, WWII  
For all my brothers who served  
in the Pacific Theatre  
On behalf of:  
Electronic Chrome and Grinding  
Company  
Phillip Reed

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Richard H. Gunn  
Great Bend, Kansas  
RDM3c LCI (L) 1092 USN

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LT Harold E Yahnke, USNR  
LCI(L) 737 2/28/44 – 5/14/46  
Peleliu Angaur Tianjin Shanghai  
In Honor of  
DONALD J. RAGNO Lt (Jg)  
LCI (L) 43 LCI (L) 530 LCI (L) 1021  
In Honor of  
"Jack Rottiers"

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WILLIAM "BILL" KINKEAD  
MoMM1C  
LCI(L) 8, 1942-1944, N. AFRICA,  
SICILY, SALERNO, ANZIO, D-DAY  
In Loving Memory of my Amazing  
Father  
Gordon E. Carlson LCI #455  
03/28/1922 - 05/13/2012  
John Cumber Capt. USNR (Ret)  
GM3C USS LCI(L) 502  
George Elmer Menhorn Jr. QM3  
LCI (G) 438  
1943-1945 (Pacific)  
Dr. Michael A. Pikos  
Proud son of WWII Vet  
Anthony M. Pikos, LCI(L) 14  
Anthony M. Pikos, Chief Petty  
Officer  
First Class Signalman, LCI(L) 14  
WWII US Navy (1942 – 1945)  
NORMANDY, SICILY, ANZIO,  
SALERNO

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ARTHUR JASEAU RM2c  
USS LCI(L) 1094 1944-46  
GUAM, SAIPAN, IWO JIMA  
AL, APA-17 '44 & BH, CV-17 '46  
In Honor of Brent R. Finch  
LT. JG WWII Iwo Jima, Okinawa  
LCI(G) 80  
1943-1945

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To Honor My Father, John Stille  
Who served on LCI-726 during  
WWII  
With love and Admiration  
Nancy Lambert  
Henry Levine, MoMM3  
USS LCI (L) 606  
USNR 1943-1955  
In Memory of  
Lloyd Glen Neikirk  
LCI 489 - Normandy Invasion  
1919 - 2010  
In Memory of  
Harvey W. Wright Jr. Rdm 2/c  
The Naval Amphibious Corps  
USN LCI (G) 752 & 566  
Albert T. Paasch RM2c ----  
American Theater; European  
Theater; Purple Heart; Unit Citation;  
Campaign Ribbons  
WWII ---- Apr 7, 1942 – Nov 14,  
1945 ---- LCI (L) 20  
Sicily-July 10, 1943; Salerno- Sept  
3, 1943; Anzio- Jan 22, 1944

Robert A Brekken QM 1c  
Victory Medal; American Theater;  
Asiatic-Pacific  
WWII – July 7, 1945 – July 13, 1946  
USS Alamosa AK 156 (Ammunition  
Ship)

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Louis L. VanNatter, Pontiac MI  
209<sup>th</sup> AAA Automatic Weapons  
Battalion, New Guinea 1941-45  
In memory of:  
Don Hamilton & Harold Kalsnhok  
KIA on LCI(L) 20 at Anzio, Italy  
January 22, 1944

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Carlos Danville LT USN  
LCI (R) 71, LCI(R) 74  
Asiatic-Pacific Theater WWII  
In honor of my father:  
Charles Webster Kellogg Sr, WWII  
Superintendent  
Albina Engine, Portland Oregon LCI  
Builder  
By Charles Webster Kellogg II  
In honor of my mother:  
Doris Margaret Kellogg, WWII  
Launcher of LCI 1018  
Albina Engine, Portland Oregon  
By Charles Webster Kellogg II  
Lloyd Spahr BM 2/C  
LCI (L) #615  
Quartermaster 3<sup>rd</sup> Class  
Bernard A. Delserrone  
USNR  
LCI(L) 237

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Carl A. Lantzy Electricians Mate 3rd  
Class  
LCI(L) 947 WWII Pacific Theater  
B-29 rescue off Guam 13 July 1945  
From: Wife Marjorie, Sharon, Mike  
and Pat

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Ben Stables MoMM 2/c  
USS LCI(L) 496  
Normandy – Omaha Beach  
D-Day June 6, 1944  
Rear Admiral Albert Sackett  
LCI (R) 34 and LCI (R) 74  
And their Crews  
In Honor of the  
Crew of LCI(G) 442  
Asiatic Pacific Theater WWII  
From: Max Rutman Ships Cook 3/c  
Jack Lawson  
LCI 365 – July 1944  
MoMM 1/c  
LEE FOLEY, ETM 1/C  
LCI [M] #804  
Walter T. Autry MoMM 1/c  
USS LCI(L) 688,  
WWII 1941-1945  
Korea 1951-1953 AFDM5  
Kenneth F. Benson  
WWII, US Navy Amphibious Forces  
Flotilla 3, Pacific Fleet, LCI (G) 442  
Gunner's Mate First Class  
In Honor of Robert Fairfield, Henri  
Deltieure, Harold Koslow  
Joseph Ott, John Grillo, Charles  
Loguidice LCI 596 (M)  
Invasion of Southern France August  
15, 1944  
In Memory of  
Jack Moses LCI(FF) 1083  
First in Hiroshima

In Memory of  
ENS Ralph T. Phillips, Jr. USNR  
Executive Officer & Plank Owner  
LCI 71  
29 Dec 1942 – 1 March 1944  
In Honor and Memory of  
Elmer Kinsinger  
LCI(G) 65 Asia Pacific WWII  
In Honor of Robert Shingler  
LCI(L) 662  
Asia Pacific WWII  
Carrol Thomas (Buss) McCarley  
Radarman LCI(G) 407-422-467  
Flotilla 13 - The Blackcats  
Leyte-Luzon-Manila Bay-Okinawa  
In honor of  
Norman N. Greulich  
MoMM 1/C LCI 343  
In Memory of Erle Brady Momm 2/c  
LCI 456 WWII  
Donation by  
Jim West and Julie Mennenga  
In Honor of Frank G. Love  
LCI(G)64  
Commanding Officer  
Vaughn O. Brown, Seaman 1/c  
LCI(R) 1077  
Iwo Jima – Okinawa  
Mike Reed and Dale Reed Honoring  
our Dad Philip Reed M.O.MM 1<sup>st</sup>  
Class L.C.i-35  
In Memory of Leon C. Rodriguez  
SC 2/C & Crew, USCG LCI(L)-323  
WWII N Africa Salerno Normandy  
In honor of Robert Stanley Hudgens  
LTJG  
Commander LCI(G) 471  
Awarded the Navy Cross for  
Extraordinary Heroism  
17 February, 1944 at Iwo Jima  
In Honor of Ralph Roylance  
LCI(FF) 1080, Okinawa  
In Honor and Appreciation of Jerry  
Ubigua Captain USAF  
For being an extraordinary volunteer  
and supporter of the AFMM  
From all the Crew  
LTJG Jack Moses – Uvalda GA  
Diesel Engineer – LCI(FF) 1083  
Fair Winds and Following Seas  
We love you Daddy/Papa  
Quartermaster 3<sup>rd</sup> Class  
Bernard A. Delserrone USNR  
LCI(L) 237  
David Reed SM 1/c  
LCI 35 – LCI 188  
WWII Sicily, Anzio, Salerno,  
Southern France  
In honor of the crew and officers of  
LCI(L) 62  
LT(jg) Harry W. Weeks Jr.  
LCI(L) 62  
In honor of James A. Rogers Jr.  
Ens. USNR,  
The officers and crew of LCI(L) 527  
Love, your children and  
grandchildren  
Lt. Frank Symosek  
LCI [L] 12 and LCI [L] 23  
Dale Newcomb  
B Co. 5/60 9th Infantry Division  
June '67 Amphibious Landing to  
Island in  
Saigon River w/M113 Armored  
Personnel Carriers

Robert F. Heath  
Radio Seaman 1/c  
USS LCI(G) 404  
In Honor of  
Donald L West - LST 493  
By his son James L West  
Walter N George Jr.  
LCI 23  
In memory of Donald J. Ragno  
LCI (L) 43, 530 & 1021  
George Oakes GM X/C  
In honor of the crew  
On LCI(G) 69  
In Honor of Robert D. Johnson  
MOMM 2/C LCI(L) 777 WWII  
Pacific  
with Love from his children  
Lt. Donald Glen Wilcox, USNR  
LCI(L)-1020  
Pacific Theater WWII  
In Honor of  
LaVerne Charles Flynn  
BM 3/C LCI(G) 347  
By Joseph T. Flynn, brother  
In Honor of  
Bob and Claudine Neely  
Harlan G. Erickson, F1c (MoMM)  
USS LCI (L) 972, USS LCI (L) 1021  
Philippines - China  
Donald L. Walker LCI 986 & 690  
Commanding Officer, Pacific  
Theater  
From his Children, Grand Children &  
Great Grand Children  
In Honor of  
Walter Mylo Hyland (Iowa)  
LCI 42 Anzio  
LCI 665 Southern France  
Burnell. J. McConnell.  
Gunners Mate 2/c Bow Gun  
LCI (G) 77 Asiatic-Pacific Theater  
In Honor of  
Crew of LCI 462  
Carl Naejele – Max Vangord Momm

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LCI-713 Landing Australian 2-32 Infantry Group Troops at Brunei Bay, Borneo