



2014 NW LCI Association Reunion Announcement Portland Oregon Sept 25-27, 2014

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Hello LCI Shipmates and friends,

It's reunion time again and we want to invite everyone! We hope you can make room in your schedules to come spend some time with your old shipmates. This is a special year – the 70th anniversary of D-Day. In gathering together this year, we will be celebrating Americana with a trip to the past as well as commemorating the scale and sacrifice made during the largest amphibious landing the world has ever seen.

This year's reunion will be held at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay in Vancouver, Washington and you can participate in any or all of the events.

Thursday, September 25, 2014

Arrival for many of you with reunion registration open from 6-8pm in the hotel lobby.

Friday, September 26, 2014

9:00 AM - 5:00pm

After breakfast, a scenic bus tour and train ride through Northern Clark County is planned. We'll depart for our trip at 9:00am from the hotel lobby.

First stop is the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad for a 2 ½ hour scenic train ride. The railroad folks are making a special run just for us! This trip includes a sack lunch to eat on the train.

We then continue our coach tour toward Cedar Creek Grist Mill. En route we'll be treated to an exciting narrative by our historian and cold case sleuth, Dave McKay. He'll tell us about the Grist Mill Murder, which garnered national attention because of a twist in the tale.

We'll be given a "working tour" of how the mill still works today with no electricity! We'll "mill" around there for an hour or so before heading back to arrive at the hotel around 5 p.m. The Grist Mill volunteers have also been kind enough to do a special opening just for us.

See attached for more information on the railroad and mill.

5:00pm-9:00pm

You're on your own for dinner. The restaurants at the hotel are very good, but there are also many others nearby. The hospitality suite will be open from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm.

Saturday, September 27, 2014

09:00 a.m Northwest LCI business meeting

10:00 a.m. Memorial service led by Rev. Michael Gatton.

You will be on your own for lunch.

11:00 a.m. We present our main attraction: ***Tours of the LCI-713!!!*** We will begin taking car pool trips with groups of up to 12 at a time for those interested in visiting the LCI-713. The trip will require a short boat ride out to the 713 and you need to be able to get in and out of the boat and up and down the ship's ladder or bow ramp. Of course, the 713 crew will help as much as possible. The 713 is looking great and we hope you all enjoy a stroll around the decks.

At ***5:00pm*** Happy Hour with an open bar.

At ***6:00pm*** Banquet, color guard, door prizes and guest speaker.

The reunion is officially over after dinner.

Rick Holmes and his wife, Sue (our NW Directors) and Sharon and I are organizing the event. We hope to see all of you there! If you cannot attend, send a note. Tell us what is happening in your life and we will have the notes in the Hospitality Room so we can all know how our friends who could not make the reunion trip this year are faring.

Gordon & Sharon Smith, Rick Holmes & Sue Cosper

Red Lion Hotel at the Quay

Address: 100 Columbia St, **Vancouver, WA** 98660

Phone: (360) 694-8341

The Red Lion is located on the Columbia River in Vancouver, Washington, just west of the I-5 bridge. Take the Vancouver City Center exit off I-5.

Ask for the NW LCI Association Reunion rate when making reservations.

The Red Lion offers Airport shuttle service for those of you who may be flying in and staying at the Hotel.

Red Lion Banquet Dinner choices:

(All include: Salad, Fresh Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Coffee or Tea and Desert)

- **Chicken Monterey** ~ Grilled Breast of Chicken topped with sautéed Mushroom, Onion and Thyme and Provolone served with Penne Pasta **\$28**
- **Char Grilled Salmon** ~ Tropical Fruit Relish served with Wild Black Rice and Lime Caper Butter Sauce **\$34**
- **Grilled Portobello Mushrooms** ~ Saffron Israeli Cous-Cous Salad, Roasted Red Pepper Coulis, Herb Pistou and Balsamic Reduction **\$24**

(all prices include tax and tip)



www.bycx.com

The Chelatchie Prairie Railroad train excursion travels through a 330' tunnel, over a wooden bridge, glimpses the Lewis River, and visits a waterfall. After years of neglect, a group of community volunteers came together in 1998 with the goal of returning it to a functioning historical railroad. The all volunteer, non-profit group also restored the track and resumed excursion service in 2001. Their passion and dedication sound similar to that of the AFMM volunteers! The locomotive is a 1941 Macintosh & Seymour 539. Please check their website for more historical information.



www.cedarcreekgristmill.com

The Mill was built in 1867 and restored by volunteers to its original condition. Volunteers used period tools in restoring the Cedar Shake Shed, utilizing mortise and tenon to form joints. 11 tons of water per minute are needed to run the Grist Mill! Huge pulleys and belts turn and churn to produce flour and corn meal. We'll be given a sample of flour to take home. The scenery alone is inspiring: a covered bridge, roaring creek and flume. Here is another example of dedicated volunteers preserving history. Their website offers more information on history and restoration.



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Complete this form and return with your check made out to Rick Holmes by 8/9/2014 at the latest! Of course we will try to accommodate late comers if possible. All meals and activities are by admission tickets only. Please call or email me if you have any questions.

(A) Registration Fee: \$10 per person x # _____ = \$ _____
This fee is to cover reunion costs

(B) Optional: A couple of extra bucks to benefit the LCI-713 = \$ _____

Friday September 26th Tour Includes:

- Coach tour of Northern Clark County
- Sack Lunch - Ham # _____ Turkey # _____ Roast Beef # _____
- Chelatchie Prairie Railroad excursion
- Cedar Creek Grist Mill Tour

(C) Total Cost \$60.00 per person x # _____ = \$ _____

Saturday September 27th.

- LCI 713 tour : no charge # planning on going = _____
- Dinner Banquet (*see announcement for descriptions)
 - Monterey Chicken \$28 each x # _____ = \$ _____
 - Char Grilled Salmon \$34 each x # _____ = \$ _____
 - Grilled Portobello Mushrooms \$24 each x # _____ = \$ _____

(D) (Prices include taxes and tips) Dinner Total : \$ _____

Please remit total amount of (A + B + C + D) = \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

LCI#: _____ Rank: _____ Will you be staying at the Red Lion? _____