



Amphibious Forces Memorial Museum

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Dear LCI 713 Shipmates and Friends,

It was a very good year for the AFMM and your continuing support helped make it possible. Here are a few of the year's key successes:

- The ship has a fresh coat of paint and is looking very sharp. There were many discussions as to whether to go with a camouflage scheme, but in the end we stuck with good old haze gray. That is not to preclude the former in the future.
- Our major expenditure and much of our time and effort this year went to the bottom stabilization project. This entailed cleaning out the better condition bilge compartments and treating them with a rust inhibitor. The not so good bilge compartments were cleaned, patched, and then completely filled with a Coast Guard approved foam product. This will meet our floatation and safety needs for a long time and give us time to raise the major funds needed for that dry-docking and steel replacement. An \$11,500 grant, obtained from the State Oregon Historical Office together with your matching funds, enabled this project.
- We have restored and installed an original World War II era ship's electrical panel and switch board in the engine room. It looks great! We also have a new Miller Generator/Welder running and installed in the engine room ready to wire in.
- We have acquired most of our LCI specific radio systems and much of the equipment is in working order. We have also received a number of historical artifacts that will help tell the LCI story.
- On the political front, we have been beating the streets to drum up support for a permanent home for the 713 in the Portland Metropolitan Area. The good news is we have several possibilities. They are all strong candidates, have the backing of local municipalities and would all love to have the 713 as a part of a permanent Maritime Display. The big task is in the details and we are still working them. We anticipate being able to announce a selection within the next 6 months or so. In the meantime we have moved again and are settled into a new temporary location. We have fairly good dock access and are open to visitation.
- Finally, we are doing our best to improve communications. For those of you with internet access we now have a Facebook page devoted to news, photos and videos pertaining to current events. To access this page simply go to www.facebook.com/lci713. Our goal is still to send out 1-2 paper mailings per year as well.

The future holds big plans. We are getting closer to a permanent home for the ship and our goal remains to eventually have the 713 fully operational. We need YOUR help to make it all happen.

This is a ship worth saving!

We have often heard some of you say, "Gee, I wish I could be there to work on the #713!" And we'd certainly love to have you out there. But even if you can't actually come on down and work you can still be there in spirit. Every \$10.00 donated is representative of one volunteer hour on the ship. How many hours do you wish to donate?

As a big incentive, for 10 hours' worth or \$100.00 we'll insert a 1" x 4" plate inscribed with your name, rank or rate and ship or military outfit. This will be permanently installed in the crew area on the LCI(L) 713.

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As in the past, if you contribute \$250.00 or more will qualify for our Memorial where a Mae West Life Jacket will be permanently hoisted on the overhead. This will include a plaque with your custom inscription.

We have a very dedicated and all volunteer work force that puts forth many hours of their precious free time towards restoration. Your donation dollars keep the work going. Every donated dollar goes directly to the welfare of the ship and every dollar will have a double impact when used as matching funds to obtain grants. Your donations are crucial to this process and to keep us moving forward, so please help us.

Keep in mind that the AFMM is a non-profit charitable organization, so donations are tax deductible.

To contribute, simply use the enclosed envelope and form at the page bottom to mail back your donation. Or you can donate via credit card on our website: www.amphibiousforces.org. Please call us or check the website for more information or any other questions that you may have.

We humbly thank all of you for your support, past and present, and we look forward to showing you our continuing progress. Let us know if you plan to come our way and we will arrange a tour of the 713 for you! If you are in the area on a Saturday, please come join us for breakfast at the Overlook!

We wish you all fair winds and following seas,



Rick Holmes, AFMM President



Gordon Smith, AFMM
Honorary Chairman

AFMM Donation Form

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LCI# or ship affiliation _____

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