

# LST534 Newsletter

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## IT'S SHOWTIME!

## June 6, 1999 7:00 pm

Mark your calendars, gather your friends, order pizza & beer and watch the unfolding of the story of the LST534. Call all your friends. Have them call their friends. We want to have a good turnout of viewers.

I will be sending each of you an instruction sheet to help get the word out. Any calls you can make will be most helpful and most appreciated.

The show is scheduled to repeat on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. The History Channel has the right to air the show again, as many times as they want, within a two year period.

Isn't this all just SO exciting!

## The History Channel

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## IN MEMORY

I am sorry to have to tell you that we lost 2 of our beloved shipmates since my last newsletter.

### **Earl Lego**

Earl Lego passed away February 8, 1999. He had been battling illness for several months and was in and out of the VA Hospital in Erie, PA. Earl was a Coxswain on board the ship and remembered my dad. Earl is survived by his wife, Blossom. They have 3 children, 1 daughter and 2 sons, 10 grandchildren and 3 great grand children. Earl, we won't forget you.

### **Ira Leonard**

Ira Leonard was also a Coxswain who knew my dad. Ira passed away on March 4<sup>th</sup>. He was buried with full military honors and was surrounded by his six sons and their families, and his lovely wife Ruth. Ira was fortunate enough to see the documentary on videotape before he died. His son Terry told me it made him really happy and proud. Ira joins our other deceased shipmates who are going to have a party in Heaven on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Ira, may you rest in peace.

## WWW.LST534.COM

The website is being constructed. It is really pretty. It's not up for the public yet as I need to supply so many stories or so much information. But the buttons are as follows:

**The LST534** - this will be a history of the ship.

**Meet the Crew** - this will be a muster roll type area where pictures and information will be.

**News and Information** - self explanatory.

**Interviews with shipmates** - the transcripts of all the interviews will be here.

**Time Capsule** - this will be all about the time capsule, what we have received for it and when it will be sealed.

**Newsletters** - back issues of the newsletter will be available.

**Links** - this area will link to other naval or military sites.

**Rental Library** - visitors will have access to the rental library.

**Email** - opportunity to email us.

**The Documentary** - this will be a special feature of the site that will remain until the documentary airs.

You can see there is a lot of information we have about the LST534. Does anybody have any more ideas?

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## FACTS

### When Actors Enlisted in the Navy

*Gene Kelly* -  
enlisted at age 32

*Eddie Albert* -  
enlisted at age 34

*Robert Taylor* -  
enlisted at age 32

*Buddy Rogers* -  
enlisted at age 34

*Henry Fonda* -  
enlisted at age 37

*Kirk Douglas* -  
enlisted at age 26  
(Air force rejected him  
as being "too old")

Source: World Features  
Syndicate

One of our shipmates, Oscar Cress, writes poetry, sings and composes. During the reunion in Washington, DC, Oscar presented me with the following poem. He said if my Dad was alive, he would have written this:

## **THIS IS YOU**

*by Oscar Cress, GMC3c*

Every pretty sunrise I see  
This is you

Every pretty song I hear  
This is you

Every pretty flower I see bloom  
This is you

And every pretty sunset I see  
This is you

For when God made you  
He put all this in you  
For this is you.

*Dad*



## Birthdays

### **April 14**

Alex Fielder, Lt (jg)  
5950 Ambassador Drive  
Fairfield, OH 45014

### **May 13**

Howard K. Smith  
(our host)  
c/o Linda Alvers  
62 West 62<sup>nd</sup> St., Apt. 26B,  
New York, NY 10023

### **May 17**

Duncan Robey, MoMM3c  
8301 Tienton Drive, #87  
Yakima, WA 98908

### **May 19**

Alpheus A. Deville, S1c  
50 Deville Cutoff Road  
Deville, LA 71328-9784

## The Reunion

**There is some discussion on whether to have the LST534 reunion in San Diego in conjunction with the US LST Association meeting, or perhaps hold it closer to the Midwest.**

**Any comments you want to make about this, please call Rose and Andy Cumella at (732) 818-1161.**

Send all newsletter correspondence to:  
Linda Alvers  
62 W 62nd Street  
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New York, NY 10023  
1-800-237-1224

## GET WELL WISHES

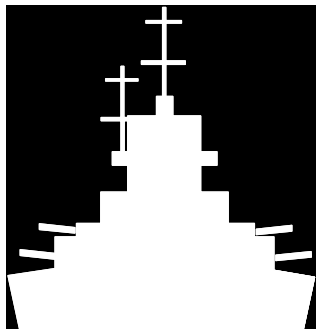
If you need to be on the get well list, please call Linda at 1-800-237-1224.

Dick Drew, S2c  
290 Semicircle Drive  
Demorest, GA 30535

Alfred Ellis, F1c  
28910 Ann Arbor Trail  
Westland, MI 48185

Dick Drew and Alfred Ellis remain on the get well list. Please send them encouraging words when you have a minute to do so. It means a lot to each.

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## LST534 Newsletter JUST FOR FUN

### JOKES FROM JIM

Contributed this issue by Jennifer Roberts,  
a friend of mine who did some research for me on Captain Olson.

Little Johnny was in church staring up at the brass plaque above the door when the Pastor walked up behind him. "What's that?" asked Johnny, pointing to the plaque. "That", is a list of names of our church members who gave their lives while in the service. Still staring at the plaque, Johnny swallowed hard a few times and said "Wow, was that the 8:30 or 10:00 service?"



I've seen it all  
I've heard it all  
I've done it all  
I just can't remember it all !!

### NAUTICAL TERMS

By James Richard Drew

**Fish's Tit** - useless or nothing  
(For example: "I don't give a fish's tit")

**I'm inboard** - "I'm alright",  
everything is fine.

**Stow it** - Shut up



*Do you have a nautical term that  
you remember...if so, phone it in!*