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USS Litchfield County (LST-901)

Reunion 2011

Portland was chosen as the city to have the reunion in, and 2011 as the year to hold the next reunion, as that place and that time mark the 45th anniversary of where and when the process of recommissioning the ships began. It is hoped with this much advance notice, each shipmate will take whatever steps are needed to attend the reunion.

Click HERE to go to the 2011 Reunion Registration Page

Most all of the 2011 LST reunion information has been finalized. Here is the current information as we know it.

Dates: Wednesday, July 20, 2011: 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.Registration in hotel lobby.

Thursday, July 21, 2011: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.Registration in hotel lobby.

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7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.....Groups out on scheduled tours

7 a.m. - 4 p.m.Registration in hotel lobby.

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6 p.m. - 10 p.m......Captains' Night Dinner & social gathering.

Saturday, July 23, 2011: During the day......"On-your-own" tours & fun in the city.

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.....Reunion Business Meeting.

6 p.m. - MidnightReunion Banquet & social gathering.

Sunday, July 24, 2011: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.Mt. Hood Sunday Brunch Railroad Excursion

(Includes appx. 1 1/2 hour bus ride to & from train).

Location: Embassy Suites, Portland International Airport, Portland, OR

George Lyngheim who served aboard the USS Park County (LST-1077) and his wife, CJ, have put together the following package of information for us. Any additional information will be added as they may develop.

The Embassy Suites is located at the Portland International Airport with shuttle service available to and from the hotel. This hotel is located near the 800,000 sq. ft. Cascade Station Shopping Centre; and, it is within 1 block of the MAX Light Rail system which provides easy access to and from greater downtown Portland and its metro areas at minimal cost. You may use the rail system to visit such places as the Japanese Gardens, the Portland Rose Garden, the Living Viet Nam Memorial, the Portland Seawall, the Portland Zoo, the Oregon Forestry Center, the waterfront promenade and much more. Following is the home page for the TriMet Public Transportation system in Portland: TriMet Transportation

Friday, July 22, 2011:

service fee. There is no additional sales tax involved. All rooms are 2-room suites with your choice of a king bed or 2 double beds. Each suite also includes a microwave, 2 TVs, refrigerator and coffee maker as well as a solid suit steeded where the first steeded where

will be available as well as a complimentary evening reception with snacks, beer, and wine.

We have reserved a limited number of rooms at this discounted rate so please make your reservations early. When the supply of rooms at the discounted rate has been exhausted, the rate will then become \$149.00 per night plus an \$18.63 service fee.

To take advantage of these room rates it is necessary to reserve your accommodations using the code: "LST".

For those who care to participate on Thursday, July 21st, arrangements have been made with the City of Portland Travel and Tourism Office to offer day long tours to include the Columbia River & the Columbia River Gorge Waterfalls and a tour along the coastal mountain range to Cannon Beach. Specific information is included below.

For those who will be staying over on Sunday, July 24th, a brunch excursion on the century old Mt. Hood Railroad has been scheduled. This trip will include a wonderful Sunday brunch and a scenic and breath taking train ride at the base of Mt. Hood.

Menus and programs for the Friday and Saturday evening banquets are in the planning stages at this time. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please send them along using the <u>Contact Us</u> link at the top of each web site page and they will be forwarded to George and CJ. As updates are available and plans finalized, they will be posted to this web site so please check back regularly.

Following is the latest (3/1/11) information received regarding the reunion, activities planned and costs involved. Please read thru this information carefully. It looks to be a great time for all of us.

The 45th ANNIVERSARY LST Reunion for former crew members of the USS Park County (LST 1077), the USS Litchfield County (LST 901) and the USS Sutter County (LST 1150) will take place July 21 through July 23, 2011 in Portland, Oregon, with tours to the Columbia River Gorge or along the Oregon Coast. You are welcome to attend all the events, or only the day or days or events you would like.

On Thursday, July 21, 2011, we have two tours reserved to choose from:

GORGE BOUNTY ADVENTURE: \$52.00 per person – includes lunch along the bank of the Columbia River in Hood River, Oregon.

7:45 a.m. – 4:00 .m.– Tour bus will pick up at Embassy Suites/Airport and with cameras in hand, you're off to experience the grandeur of the Columbia River Gorge, to include fantastic rock pinnacles, compelling views from the Vista House and Ladies Forum, walk along the enchanting waterfalls including the 2nd largest waterfall in the U.S., the impressive 542 ft high Multnomah Falls. From here you'll visit Apple Valley with it's quaint Country Store & Bakery, then onto the Bonneville Dam & Locks and Fish Hatchery, where you see adult white sturgeon (some reaching over 6 feet) plus much more!!! You will have time to explore, take pictures and shop (tax free!) along the way. Bus will bring you back to the Embassy Suites/Airport.

THIS TOUR INCLUDES: Restroom equipped Luxury Motorcoach Transportation Professional Tour Guide, Narrated Tour, Served lunch in Hood River Inn (Entrée, green salad, rolls & butter, light dessert and coffee or tea) inclusive of gratuity; Bottled water on bus. Customary gratuities for the Tour Guide and Driver are not included, but welcomed.

OR YOU MIGHT ENJOY ...

<u>CANNON BEACH/TILLAMOOK COAST TOUR:</u> \$39.00 per person (price does not include lunch or gratuity)

explore a 7 mile stretch of beach, visit the many shops and enjoy funch on your own at one of the eateries that line the streets. You'll continue along the dramatic Oregon coastline to Tillamook, stopping for scenic turnouts for oooohs and aaahhhs! Visit the Tillamook Cheese Factory and sample their world famous cheese and ice cream and do some no sales tax shopping. Grab a cone for the tour bus ride back through the scenic Wilson River Highway. Lunch will be on your own in Cannon Beach or at the Cheese Factory.

THIS TOUR INCLUDES: Restroom equipped Luxury Motorcoach Transportation Professional Tour Guide, Narrated Tour, and bottled water. Customary gratuities for the Tour Guide and Driver are not included, but welcomed.

IMPORTANT: We must guarantee minimum of 35 persons/54 maximum per bus for tours to get the special tour pricing. We have the option of a second bus for a 2 bus maximum of 108 persons. RESERVE EARLY to guarantee your spot on one of the tours.

MT HOOD RAILROAD CHAMPAIGNE BRUNCH:

The estimated cost for this event is \$90.00 per person. The trip includes transportation to and from the hotel, brunch, and a 4 hour ride on a vintage train. The train ride captures the nostalgia of classic America with thousands of views as it travels to the base of Mt. Hood. Transportation to and from the train is about 1 1/2 hours each way. Brunch menus are seasonable and will be sent to those interested prior to the reservation deadline.

Payment for each of the above three excursions is due no later than May 18, 2011.

Make checks payable to: LST REUNION 2011. Send your check TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN MAY 18, 2011 to:

George A Lyngheim LST Reunion Host 33358 NE Royal Drive Scappoose, OR 97056

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:

We have contracted with Embassy Suites – Portland Airport as our Official Reunion Hotel. The address is 7900 NE 82nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97220. Phone (503) 460-3000. Our group rate is \$109.00 plus 12.5% city occupancy tax per night. Remember, to take advantage of this group rate you must make your reservation using the code "LST". Rooms will be extended, upon availability, at this rate 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion events. Included in this group rate at NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE to our registered guests, are the following amenities:

*Luxurious, 2 room suites, with a single King or 2 double beds, wet bar/refrigerator, microwave, coffee makers, sofa sleeper, telephones with voicemail, data ports, 2 TVs, hairdryer & irons with full sized ironing board. (Have a "buddy" you want to spend extra time with? Book room together and split the costs! Save a few bucks for one of the tours or that special souvenier.)

- *Full cooked-to-order breakfast served each morning in the garden atrium from 6:30-9:30 am.
- *Two-hour hosted Manager's Reception each evening in the atrium bar includes hors de oeuvres from 5:30 7:30 pm.
- *Free parking and 24 hour Complimentary airport shuttle.

*Free hotel shuttle service to and from 800,000 square foot Cascade Crossing Shopping Center (about 1 mile from hotel).

Please make your room reservations as soon as possible. All reservations must be booked no later than June 17, 2011. Reservations received after this cut-off date will be subject to rate and space availability. Please make sure your room reservations are secured prior to this cut off date. By booking early, we can locate additional lodging should we exceed the number of rooms currently reserved. We are currently arranging for alternate hotel in the event that reserved rooms at the Embassy Suites are completely booked. Information to follow.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE REUNION MOMENTOS?

Ship and/or Squadron Patches

We have located a retired Viet Nam Era BMC who will make beautiful, EXACT replicas of your Viet Nam Era Ship's Patch or Squadron Patch (4-5"). Cost to you is \$7.00 per patch. To allow time for production and shipment, patches must be pre-ordered & pre-paid. Make your check payable to LST Reunion 2011. Include with your payment, name of ship/squadron and number of patches.

Forward checks to arrive by May 18, 2011 to:

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Ship and/or Squadron T-Shirts and Caps

If you would care to order T-Shirts or caps with your ship's name or the LANSHIPRON3 name on them, please contact Chuck Horejs directly for ording information. T-Shirts cost \$20.00 each (\$22.00 for size XXL) and caps cost \$15.00 each.

You will need to place your order with Chuck and then mail payment directly to him at:

Chuck Horejs 35 La Cross Drive Morgan Hill, CA 95037

You may contact Chuck by phone at (408) 778-0766 or by email at scale=10:16. Webmaster Note: In the email address, please substitute the @ sign for "at". It was changed in this text to prevent automated spamming to that email address.

If You Plan to Attend:

1. Register at the ussparkcounty.com website at: http://ussparkcounty.com/form.php. If you do not have internet access, you can register by contacting George Lyngheim, 33358 NE Royal Drive, Scappoose, OR 97056

2. Make your hotel reservations by calling Embassy Suites - Portland Airport at (503) 460-3000. Identify

- 3. Make your check for \$75.00 per attendee payable to: USS Park Sutter & Litchfield County Reunion. This check covers the Captain's Night Dinner on Friday evening, the Saturday Banquet and other miscellaneous costs.
- 4. Mail your \$75 per person REUNION REGISTRATION check to arrive by May 15, 2011 to our Reunion Treasurer at:

USS Park Sutter & Litchfield County Reunion c/o Michael W. Kempf 7855 Stonehurst Drive Indianapolis, Indiana 46256