

*...from mother's day to father's day, with memorial day and d-day  
inbetween..*



## **May-June 2016 AHS '63 Newsletter**

### **Remembrance: From a Port Aransas beach to a beach in Normandy**

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*Austin, May 30th. Memorial Day. There were about a billion people on the beach at Port A ...including a sandy bunch who paraded by with a flag and a sign "Take the ME out of Memorial Day." The run down to the coast this weekend was a last ditch effort to improve a very soggy May attitude with a little tanning session and the sound of the surf. All month we wondered what to do about the blank newsletter that just sat there not writing itself. \*Hmmm. Take the Me out of Memorial Day... the miraculous muse... "we" needn't write a thing—better stuff by a better hand had already been written a few years back\* Below are two pages from*

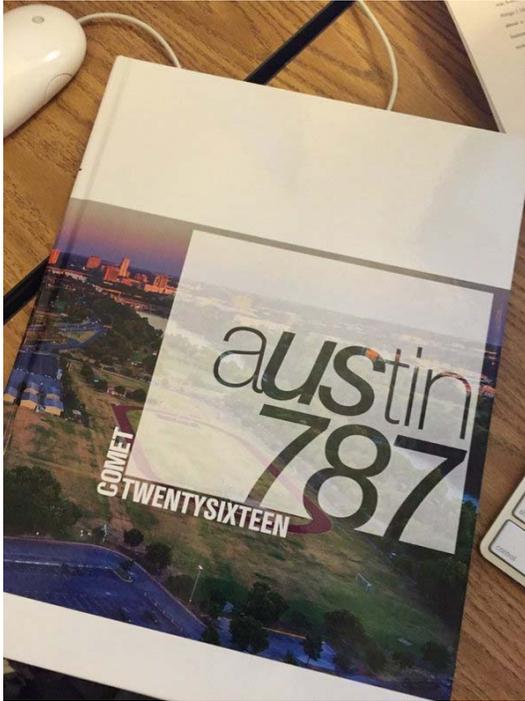
a spate of journaling by Carl Hobbs [Capt., Army, '41-'45] when he was in his 80s.  
'Turns out, it bridges beaches of May-June, Memorial Day 2016 and D-Day 1944

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The larger part of <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ battalion  
~~was~~ loaded on a LST (Landing Ship, Tank)  
on the afternoon of June 5<sup>th</sup>. We knew the schedule  
of the invasion, and knew the major portion of  
our unit would be in reserve, with a later  
landing scheduled. Vehicles and men were loaded  
in reverse order of their departure. ~~During the~~  
~~time spent aboard~~ I spent much of the time  
reading the thick manual on "Operation Warlord"  
the detailed plans of the entire invasion. The  
food was far better than we were accustomed  
to eating. The fresh-baked bread tasted almost as  
good as angel food cake. We would be ~~unloading~~  
from the LST onto LCVPs. <sup>(Landing Craft Vehicle and Personnel)</sup> Each LCVP  
held <sup>30</sup> men. The early morning before clambering  
onto the LCVPs, I was asked to lead a prayer service  
for our small group. Several of the men gave prayers  
I then asked the men to bow their heads and lift  
their hands if they had publicly & confessed Christ  
as their Savior. With their hands still raised I  
asked other men to raise their hands if they  
placed their trust in God. We heard General Eisenhower's  
address as we approached Normandy. About 2 miles  
from shore, we began loading into the small boats  
You went over the side of the LST and climbed down  
a heavy rope netting. With the high waves, the boat  
would be within 5 feet of you and the next second it  
would be 20 feet below. Good timing was required to make  
the jump. As we neared the beach, the boat on our right  
hit a mine and was literally blown to pieces. The  
Gas masks ~~were~~ fastened high on our chests ~~and~~ had  
enough captured air to help keep the soldiers afloat.  
We didn't land on the beach. The ramp on the boat  
(the front end) dropped and we jumped off in water up  
to our belt lines and about 100 feet from shore.

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The ~~early~~ <sup>early</sup> landing soldiers had moved well beyond the beach when we landed. There were ~~some~~ <sup>many</sup> artillery and ~~more~~ <sup>many</sup> mortar shells falling. Indirect ~~fire~~ <sup>fire</sup> from machine guns ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> falling ~~on the beach~~ <sup>on the beach</sup>. There were ~~dead~~ <sup>many</sup> dead ~~casualties~~ <sup>casualties</sup> on the beach. Running with rifle and band pack in soggy shoes and trousers we were exhausted by the time we reached the cover of the hills. We moved into a bivouac bivouac area. The first field order issued by the 29<sup>th</sup> Division in France was terse: "The 175<sup>th</sup> Infantry will advance from designated assembly area, seize and defend assigned with the least practicable delay." Shortly after we moved out about 8 pm Dieppe was heavily bombed by German Artillery. Tanks led the way, followed by the 1st battalion (which I was in). About 8 am the next morning our lead units were stopped. There was heavy firing. ~~No~~ <sup>No</sup> word came by radio Col. Whitford said "Hobbs take a couple of men and a radio man, and try to find out what the hell is going on. Around 9 am the troops were strafed by planes with Allied markings. I was lying in a ditch when I heard a "whack" in my back, I ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> wearing a heavy jacket. Then I tasted blood. One of the men tore off my clothing, sprinkled sulfa powder on the small ~~wound~~ <sup>wound</sup> wound, I redressed. A bullet in my back and tasting blood. I thought to myself "This is it, this is it." The truth.. the fragment in my back was probably from a 50 caliber bullet which exploded on hitting a tree limb. The blood on my face was coming from a small metal fragment stuck into my left ear lobe. I ~~walked back to~~ <sup>reported back to</sup> reported back to battalion Hdqtrs and was sent to the medical unit (There were 20 casualties)

...and that was only D-Day and a few days on the other side. There were many more wounds, more returns to the front, more stories that he lived to write down many years later...details burned in his memory like it was yesterday, but which he never talked about. This is for remembrance of all who served—from the Civil War to today in Iraq and Afghanistan—but especially of those who served and didn't come home. —TLHH.



### The Maroon News Page

Just to keep you on the cutting edge, behold, the 2016 Comet cover is 'way cool ... click [HERE](#) for the week just tweeted :) remember finals? they're still going on, but yesterday was Baccalaureate, and graduation is coming up...check it *out*.

[Partner Lloyd Lochridge Honored for Lifetime Achievements by the Austin Bar Foundation May 2016](#)



## CLAUD'S LITTLE MerryMonthOfMay & JunelsBustingOutAllOver BIRTHDAY LIST

### Born in May

Pleasing and attractive personality. Good looking. You adapt well to new situations. Joyful attitude towards life. Independent. Secretive. Intelligent mind. You get easily angry. Very stubborn at times. You love attention. More logical than emotional. You dream big. Dynamic and active. Quick to return favors. Honest.

- 01 Norman Winters (45)
- 06 Don Gregg (45)
- 06 Johnny Coats (45)
- 08 Eddie Dudley (45)
- 08 Kris Nelson Staton (45)
- 12 Helen Zander (45)
- 13 Georgia Gann Flynn (45)
- 16 Pebble Stone Moss (45)
- 17 Suzanne Allen Gordon (45)
- 17 Rhoda Torbron Spuhler (45)
- 21 Terry Parker (45)
- 23 Lucile Puett (45)
- 24 Robb Southerland (45)
- 24 Bill Barron (45)
- 25 Wade Weiler (45)
- 27 Don Bengston (45)
- 29 Russ Sparenberg (45)
- 29 Darryl Lee (45)
- 29 Bill Benham (45)

Recently, McGinnis Lochridge's Partner Lloyd Lochridge was honored by the Austin Bar Foundation at the "Lawyers for Lloyd" event to celebrate Mr.

Lochridge's outstanding career and raise funds for the Free Legal Advice for Veterans Clinic and Self-Represented Litigant Projects. Judge Eric Montgomery Shepperd presented Mr. Lochridge with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his years of service to the public and the Bar, including service as President of the Austin Bar Association in 1970-1971 and President of the State Bar in 1974-75. Other key speakers included Judge Elisabeth Ashlea Earle and Dirk Jordan, Board Member of the American Inn of Court.

The Austin Bar Association is made up of more than 4,300 attorneys within the Austin-area and is committed to provide attorneys continuing legal education, networking and social opportunities, along with service to the community.

After serving as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy, Lloyd Lochridge began his law practice in Mission, Texas. In September of 1959, he became a partner in McGinnis Lochridge's predecessor firm and has been with the firm ever since. Throughout his career, Mr. Lochridge has served on many organizations, both legal and charitable,

## JUNE BORN

Foresighted. Get easily worried. Quite talkative. Very friendly. Stylish and fashionable. Soft spoken and polite. Warm and considerate towards people. Great sense of humor. Quite sensitive. Star in the crowd. Active and visionary thinker. Kind and generous. Loyal lover. Love to debate. Love the finer things of life.

- 01 Tina Lawson Houston (45)
- 03 Georgia Gaarde Fariss (45)
- 04 John Brakebill (45)
- 05 Jon Fruchter (45)
- 09 Linda Slease Sadler (45)
- 09 Marsha Slease McLaurin (45)
- 09 Nancy Williams (45)
- 09 Polly Coffin Swain (45)
- 10 Will Houston (45)
- 11 Glen Lewis (46)
- 12 Ron Warden (44)
- 13 Bill Moses(45)
- 13 Jim Sanders (45)
- 13 Gary Don Whitlock (45)
- 16 Connie Knippa Simmonds (45)
- 20 David Nelson (45)
- 22 John Luedecke (45)
- 23 Babs Becker (45)
- 23 George Covington (45)
- 24 Sam Boyd (45)
- 26 Nancy Taylor (45)
- 29 Sherman DeBusk (45)
- 29 Alan Bergstrom (45)

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*Most preshuss apology: We are still sorry as all get out if we lost your birthday...please send it again if you don't see yourself here and you just KNOW you already sent that thing once or maybe 10 times. Hit reply and tell us all about it and we'll get it right...one of these years.*

and received numerous awards for  
his outstanding service.

Congratulations to Georgia's dad!

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