



# Newsletter

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## LAKE QUINAULT LODGE Circa 1926

The original Quinault Hotel was destroyed by fire in 1924. The existing Quinault Lodge was built on the same property in 1926. The furniture throughout the lobby and rooms was wicker. When the museum moved into its present building the lodge generously gave us one of their wicker armchairs and two writing tables which they had in their guest rooms. We also received their original room-key rack and a tall corner unit consisting of a base cabinet with doors and drawers with shelving above. These are all original pieces. We recently were able to add to our collection with four vintage wicker chairs, all in mint condition. It's amazing how sturdy the wicker furniture was in 1926 especially considering all the use it has endured in all these years.



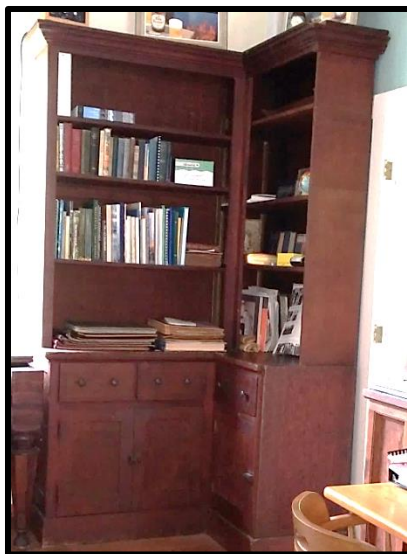
Our four newly acquired wicker chairs. Irene O'Connor had purchased them years ago at a Lodge garage sale.



One of our two writing desks. For 13 years this one has greeted our guests as they visit the museum. The other one is upstairs in our Home Arts room.



May's Chair. This gem has also been with us for 13 years. It's been the “chair of choice” by our hosts. It's comfy and gentle to brittle ol' bones.



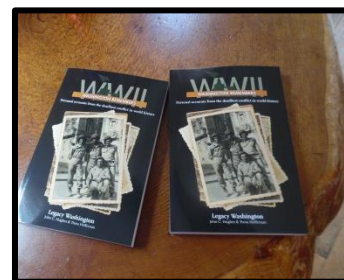
The back bar...We think this was originally used in the Coffee Shop. It now resides in the Museum library.



The original key rack was behind the front desk in the lobby just to the right as you entered the front door. Judging from the number of key slots they were ready for expansion.

## Armed Forces Day Program

On May 20, for the sixth consecutive year the Lake Quinault Museum held an open house program on Armed Forces Day to recognize those who have served, or are currently serving, in our nation's military services. Our featured speaker this year was John Hughes, who currently works in the Washington Secretary of State's office as the state's oral historian. John is well-known to many of us from his years as editor and publisher of Aberdeen's Daily World newspaper. Prior to his presentation the personable Mr. Hughes toured the museum and engaged in lively conversation with our early arrivals, displaying considerable knowledge of our own local history. John's "formal" presentation centered on two of his projects and two honored guests from the Grays Harbor area whose stories are important components of those projects.



John's book. WWII  
WASHINGTON REMEMBERS

First, John co-authored "Washington Remembers WWII", a collection of narratives about several Washington citizens and their roles in World War Two. One of the most gripping stories is that of Arnold Samuels of Ocean Shores, who was able to be with us and join in the discussion. Arnold's Jewish family was able to make a narrow escape from Nazi Germany when he was in his early teens. Assimilated into American culture, he attempted to enlist in the army when the United States entered the war but was initially rejected as an "enemy alien" because of his German heritage. Later, his fluency as a native German speaker was recognized as a valuable asset to the military and he found himself back in Germany searching for Nazi war criminals. His partner in this effort was another young German expatriate, Henry Kissinger, who later attained the office of U.S. Secretary of State and was a dominant figure in world politics for many years.

John's current project is a similar collection of stories involving participants in the Korean War. Our second honored guest was Marines veteran Jim Evans of New London, who as one of the "Chosin Few" endured ten days of freezing hell in the battle of the Chosin Reservoir in northern Korea. Aside from being outnumbered approximately 10 to one by Chinese forces, the American troops faced biting winds and temperatures of at least 35 degrees below zero, with no shelter. It's hard to imagine the challenge of simple survival in those conditions, even without being under attack by an enemy of vastly superior numbers. Most of those who were there, including Jim, have suffered from the effects of the frigid temperatures all their lives.

After his presentation, John sold and signed copies of his book (a bargain at \$20, including tax) and we eagerly await his second effort. We're deeply indebted to John Hughes for sharing his time and knowledge with us, and even more so to the humble heroes who were the subjects of two of his great stories and who served their country so admirably.



Elizabeth Carlyle in foreground.  
Arnold Samuels, sitting with John  
Hughes and Jim Evans looking on.



John Hughes signing his book,  
"WWII WASHINGTON REMEMBERS."



Jim and Rita Evans.

## HUMPTULIPS SCHOOL May 1946

Front Row: L. to R. Barbara Brim, Lois Fairchild, Edna Pickett, Muriel Tuffree and Patricia Tuffree.

Back Row: Edward Dahl, Wanita LeVering, Billie Emrich, Martha Dahl, Richard Ellison and Lawrence Lutz.

The **Humptulips School**, at the south end of the Quinault School District was comprised of grades 1 through 8. Students 9-12 rode the bus to the Quinault School.

In the 1930's Humptulips School District #44 consolidated with the Quinault District # 53 forming the present Quinault School District #97. When the school's only teacher resigned midway through the school year in 1967 the students then transferred to Quinault and the Humptulips Grange moved into the school building.

## QUEETS-CLEARWATER SCHOOL

November 1947  
Grades 5 through 8

The **Queets-Clearwater School** is located in the north-west corner of the Quinault School District.

It also included grades 1 through 8 with the high school grades attending the Quinault School.

The 22 students here were together in one classroom with their teacher, Mrs. Lillian Ruby who, remarkably, taught all five grades.

The first through fourth graders were also combined in a single room with one teacher.



Front Row: L. to R. David Dickinson, Tim Hoffman, Jerry Milbourn, Jim Northup and David Northup.

Middle Row: Susan Genteman, Joyce Summerlin, Viola Penn, MaryLou Megorden, Joanne Purdy, Lola Penn, Ramona Bennett and BettyJune Amsbury.

Back Row: Teacher-Mrs. Lillian Ruby, Frank Penn, Bill Hamilton, Chuck Williams, Deanna Schave, Joyce Sansom, Betsy Genteman, Marvin Kelley, John Kelley and John Milbourn.



*Brothers, Jerry and Carroll Lutz*

## Jerald E. Lutz

Branch of Service/Rank **Navy Air Force/Petty Officer 2nd Class**  
 Dates of Service **1946 - 1948**  
 Basic Training **San Diego, CA**

I went into the U.S. Navy Air Force right after the war was over. I went to boot camp in San Diego, California and then was sent to school in Jacksonville, Florida where I learned to be an airplane mechanic. After training in Florida I was transferred to Yellow Water Navel Air Gunnery School near Jacksonville and was first in class. This was an automatic advance in rate to Seaman 1st class. I was then sent to Naval Air Station Whidby Island and then to NAS Sandpoint in Seattle. In Seattle I received a certificate for Aviation Machinist Mate, 3rd Class. I worked on all types of aircraft and really enjoyed my work.

The largest plane I worked on was a PBV, a sea plane. In those days some planes still had fabric wings and fabric fuselages.

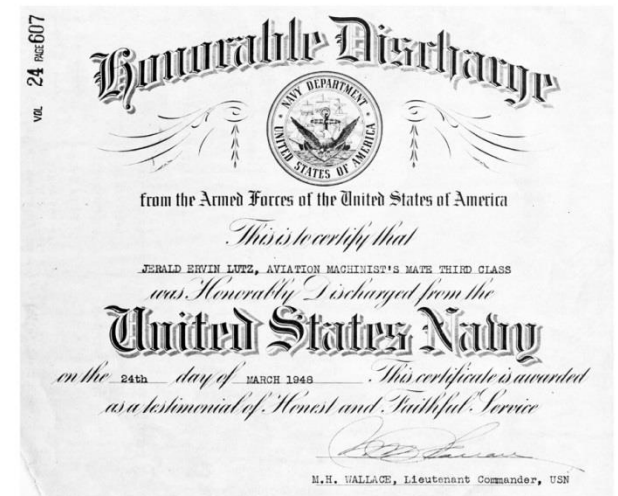
(Do you think that today you could get the planes, ships, etc. Built as quickly as we did back then? Ships could be built in a month.)



**WWII Victory Medal**

The Navy was trying to keep its compliment of servicemen up which was difficult right after the war. Just before my discharge I was asked if I would want to ship overseas and in exchange for re-enlisting I would get to travel and receive a step up in rank and raise in pay. I wanted to go to Hawaii but didn't get that place. I took the test and passed it but decided not to re-enlist.

I really enjoyed my time in the service and sometimes I wished I had shipped over.





*Brothers Carroll & Jerry Lutz*



*USS Lauderdale APA-179*

## Carroll Eugene Lutz

*In Memorium ~ 1926 - 2001 ~*

Branch of Service/Rank **Navy/MM2nd Class Petty Officer**  
 Dates of Service **WWII, 1944-1946 & Korea, 1950 - 1951**  
 Basic Training **San Diego, CA**

Carroll went into the Navy in WWII right out of high school in 1944. After basic training he was assigned to the newly commissioned ship, "**USS Lauderdale.**" (Unfortunately, the first of these ships were called "Kaiser's Coffins" due to early design flaws.) Carroll fought in the main battles in the South Pacific but never talked much about his experiences. In 1950 he saw service in Korea aboard the *USS Satyr*.

### ***Assault Transport USS Lauderdale***

The assault transport U.S.S. Lauderdale, APA-179 was built by the Oregon Shipbuilding Company in Portland, Oregon. She was 455 feet long, had a 62 foot beam and a 24 foot draft. She was launched on November 23, and commissioned on December 12, 1944. In April of 1945, she arrived at Okinawa where she assumed the duties of a receiving ship for survivors of vessels destroyed in action. The Lauderdale remained undamaged at Okinawa for three months, even though other ships in her immediate vicinity were sunk. The biggest threat had been from Kamikaze attacks, but the Lauderdale's gunners had been successful in warding them off. She embarked survivors from more than 30 ships and landing craft and served as a detention ship for captured Japanese prisoners of war. The Lauderdale served as a transport until 1946 when she was decommissioned. She had earned one battle star for her World War II service.

**Excerpt from [www.shipwreckexpo.com](http://www.shipwreckexpo.com)**



**Navy Occupation Service Medal**



**Korean Service Medal**

# Lake Quinault Historical Society & Museum

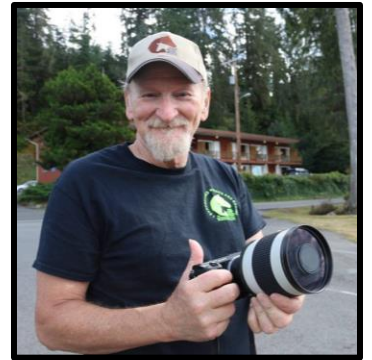
## Community Birthday Calendar<sup>®</sup>



Photo by Gary Marsh

**We still have a few 2018 Community Birthday Calendars available. The proceeds from the Birthday Calendar sales help to support the Museum's scholarship program. The cost is still only \$7.00. Need to have them mailed? We are happy to do that. Mailing cost is \$3.00 per calendar. Mail orders or to edit names/dates on future calendars call: Kathy @ [360-288-2350](tel:360-288-2350) or Phyllis [360-288-2317](tel:360-288-2317).**

**Gary Marsh** came to Quinault in 2012, settling in next to the Rain Forest Resort Village. When traveling the south shore road, you might have the pleasure of seeing Gary strolling along with his 3 dogs, Pchan 'the hot dog' and Nala and Brownie, his 2 Chihuahuas. Gary was raised in Endicott, NY and over the years has lived in MS, OK, AZ, HI, OR and FL. He began working with computers and electronics in 1971 while in the USAF. In 1977 he started 35mm film photography. His work now is almost all nature photography, using Sony mirrorless cameras. To enjoy the beauty of Lake Quinault, the rainforest, wildlife and our magnificent sunsets over the lake visit Gary's facebook page. He posts photos almost daily.



### 2017 scholarship

We are pleased to announce that our 2017 scholarship was awarded to **Claudia Saavedra**.



Claudia participated in the Running Start program while in high school. She is attending Grays Harbor College for one more year where she's pursuing a career in criminal justice and social service. She then plans to continue her education at the University of Washington. The daughter of Candice Spigler, Claudia is a member of the Quinault Indian Nation and has lived here in Quinault all of her life. In a testimonial by Fawn Sharp, President of the QIN, "Her eloquence, passion, and determination to improve the lives of our youth were very impressive and persuasive. She is already a leader in our community and among our youth."