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Every time I walk into Luther's I half expect to find Norm Peterson and Cliff Clavin at the bar arguing over "Final Jeopardy." Every time. It's no accident that Luther's has a serious Cheers vibe to it. But instead of a dingy subterranean grotto, here patrons get a panoramic view of the waterfront park and the river.

The Marine Corps flag flies over the shady pet-friendly deck and families pack the place during graduation weekends at Parris Island. As we've often pointed out over the years, the Corps motto "semper fidelis" or "always faithful" certainly applies to Luther's crack team of regulars. You'll find the usual suspects polishing the same bar stools on the high side of the curiously split level bar on any given day, swapping tales and telling lies.

The building dates to 1906 and served as a pharmacy well into the 1980s. Portraits of the

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