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SAILED ON THEM, TO HONOR THOSE LIGHTSHIP SAILORS THAT HAVE
PERISHED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES



USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

[] 2012 [] 2013 **MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM**

[] New [] Renewal

Please PRINT your information (even if you submitted it before); we will then update our database.

Check all Applicable:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> USCG Lightship Sailor Veteran | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Associations | <input type="checkbox"/> CG Active Duty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LS Veteran's Family Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Former CG (non-Lightship) | <input type="checkbox"/> CG Reserve |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTSHIP Interest, Friend, Association | <input type="checkbox"/> CG Retired | <input type="checkbox"/> CG Auxiliary |

Last Name or Group / Business Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial Nick Name:
Street Address:	City: State: Zip:	Spouse/Other:
E mail Address or Web Site:	Telephone Number:	Year Born:

Membership Level, and Dues Rate:

- Full Membership – VET or MBR. \$25.00 Annually
- Group / Business \$50.00 Annually
- Life Membership \$300.00 (1x life time fee)

\$ _____

USCG Lightship Sailor Veterans

Please fill in below:

Lightship Name	Hull #	LS Service Dates (From - To)	Your Rank/Rate: Aboard	Commanding Officer:
Other Info:				

LSA MEMBERS / GROUP or BUSINESS / LIFE MEMBERS

Fill in as it applies to you:

<input type="checkbox"/> Family / Friend: <input type="checkbox"/> Lightship Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Other USCG: <input type="checkbox"/> Other Groups, etc.:

We are desperately searching for pictures of our members for posting on our web site under "Then and Now" "THEN" means when either in Boot Camp or on board the Lightship, "NOW" means recently. Return with your Dues or send to either Rick Gryder, Web Master or Larry Ryan, President.

Submit any additional information you may wish, on the back of this form, or on a separate sheet of paper.

Annual Dues period runs on the fiscal year; October 1 thru September 30.

LSA Donation (Optional):

[] General Fund, [] Lightship Preservation or [] LSA Museum \$ _____

Enclose this form with your check or money order, made out to the:

"USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc." **Total Submitted** \$ _____

Please mail to:

**Everett St Louis
Membership Director
522 S Canterbury Road
Canterbury, Ct 06331**

Thanks,
Everett St Louis



THE FOG HORN



I WILL NOT ABANDON YOU

LIGHTSHIP NOT IN
CORRECT POSITION

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Writings of The President

Larry Ryan

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My Brother Lightship Sailors, Veterans, Members and Friends:
We are well into our new fiscal year with our member registrations lagging far behind. If you have not renewed your membership, please do. We need your dues to continue to cover the cost of this newsletter and the cost relating to our Web Site. Please take a moment and fill out the form on the inside of the cover sheet and return it along with your dues to Everett St Louis.

Plans are coming together for our annual meeting in Mobile, AL. There is a lot to see and do in the area, we have asked the hotel to extend our discounted rates 3 days in advance and 3 days after our meeting dates. No way can we take in all the sites during our limited time frame. For those of you driving, parking is no problem. The hotel has free parking. For those flying in, the hotel is only 7 miles (I think) from the airport, so a car will not be required during your stay. Breakfast is included, 2 per room per day. Take a look at the 'Overview' on page 4, fill out the registration form on page 5 and mail to Fred Pelger.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of our members and friends for sending the photographs, stories and articles of interest fo publication in our newsletter. A special thank you to Ray Tims for escorting Bob Gubitosi and myself around Mobile making plans for the 2012 meeting.

Bob Gubitosi joined me in attending a meeting with the Mobile Area USCG Chief Petty Officers Assoc. We were warmly invited to tell our story of The LSA, their organization will be hosting our lunch aboard the Battleship Alabama just prior to our annual memorial service under the big guns.

Should anyone have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or one of your directors.

Until next edition, Keep the Light Burning

Larry



“When everything is going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.” Henry Ford

USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

2012 ANNUAL REUNION ... To be Held in

Mobile, AL ... October 18, 19 & 20.

Quick Overview of Basic Reunion Information to Help in your Planning!

Hotel: Marriott Mobile
3101 Airport Blvd.
Mobile, AL

Reservations call: 1-251-476-6400

Our LSA Special Rates are: \$89.00 per night plus tax (includes full breakfast for 2 per room).
Rooms must be reserved under "USCG Lightship Sailors Association" block for special rate.
Make certain to say you are with the USCG Lightship Sailors Assn. to get the \$89.00 special rate.

NOTE: Directions to Hotel;

Located 8 miles East of the Mobile Airport. Public transportation is available to hotel from airport.

Unlimited free

Parking on hotel property south side.

LSA Reunion Tentative Schedule:

Thursday October 18, 2012

08:00 am... Hospitality Room opens

08:00 am – 2:00 pm: LSA Registration, receive ID Badge.

2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Annual Membership Meeting.

5:00 pm... LSA Social Gathering

Setting for our annual memorial
service



Friday October 19, 2012

Confirmation on activities PENDING TBA

Saturday October 20, 2012

9:00 am.. Board bus for lunch and tour of Battleship Alabama and museum.

12:00 noon Lunch in the Ward Room, hosted by USCG Chief Petty Officers Assoc.

2:00 pm... Annual Lightship Sailors Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony.

5:00 pm... Annual Banquet Dinner with cash bar, and annual auction.

Note: As a courtesy to our guest speaker, the bar will be closed during his presentation.

The Hospitality room will remain open both days for those unable to attend our day trips, coffee & soda will be available.

FEE: All of the above are included in the low \$ 110.00 per head fee.

PAYMENTS: Hotel:
Make reservations and payments directly with the hotel.

Note: Unless otherwise noted, Lunch and Dinner are on your own. Saturday of course, is the Banquet Dinner.

Sunday October 21, 2012

09:00 am ... After the official program closes, Southern Gospel Country Style Music by LSA Members, Adrian and Sharon Van Houten. Please join us for this wonderful Mini Chapel Service. (location TBA)

"If a lump of soot falls into your soup and you can not conveniently get it out, stir it well in and it will give the soup a French taste"
Jonathon Swift

REGISTRATION FORM
 USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS Association, Inc. [501(c) (3) Corp]
2012 REUNION to be held in MOBILE, AL, October 18, 19 & 20.

Please check your category:

NAME _____ [] **USCG LIGHTSHIP VETERAN**
 ADDRESS: _____ [] **LSA MEMBER**
 _____ [] **LIFE MEMBER**
 PHONE _____ [] **NEW MEMBER**
 E-MAIL _____ [] **GROUP MEMBER**

<u>REUNION FEES</u> \$110.00/person	<u>Dues for 2013(Optional)</u>	<u>Three Membership Levels</u>	
		Full: \$25.00 Group: \$50.00 Lifetime: \$300.00	
NAME:	FEE:	DUES:	TOTAL:
	(Dues Period 1 Oct to 30 Sep Annually)		
_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
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REUNION FEES TOTAL	\$ _____	DUES TOTAL	\$ _____

Make all hotel reservations direct to Mobile Marriott 251-476-6400. You must call direct to hotel for special rate, specify USCG Lightship Sailors Reunion.

Please fill in the above reunion registration form. Enclose this form with your check or money order, made out to the: **"USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc."**

Mail to our LSA Treasurer: Fred A Pelger
1107 East Saguaro Drive
Globe, AZ 85501-2047

All dues and donations are tax deductible.

NOTE: Please make ALL hotel reservations directly with the hotel 1-251-476-6400

To be completed by the Reunion Committee

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED \$ _____

Secretary's Report

Deb Dasch, Secretary

Board of Directors Actions for 1st quarter 2012

The Board of Directors acted on and approved the location of 2012 reunion in Mobile, AL. The Marriott Mobile was selected as the hotel giving us the most for our money.

President Larry Ryan presented the budget for approval suggesting a \$10 increase in the registration fee from \$100 to \$110 per person. Everett St Louis, First VP and Membership Director, seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the entire board.

The museum search committee acted on a suggestion by Ron Janard, LSA Historian, to cease looking for a stand alone museum for displaying our Lightship Sailor artifacts and support The Overfalls Foundation in their efforts to establish a maritime museum in Lewes, DE where the Overfalls Lightship will be a featured exhibit.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Dasch, LSA Secre-

tary*****

WEBMASTER'S REPORT

Rick Gryder, Director & Webmaster

Please see the 'Stat Counter' which shows the number of hits, or log on's, we have been receiving. This stat counter gives us the information on where the hits originate. The numbers are very consistent month in month out.

For those of you so inclined, you may log on at any time and explore this data at the bottom of the page.



Rick

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

Roland Holloway, Director

MYSTERY LIGHTSHIP SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

We are starting a new feature item in this edition where we post a picture of one of us from the very early days in the Coast Guard. All that answer the question will be entered into a contest where the prize will be awarded during the reunion (some rules will apply).

HINT: He still has not learned to shave, and she is the luckiest person in attendance.



Respond to either the Membership Director, Everett St. Louis or to Larry Ryan

Veterans, their families, and survivors receiving benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs saw a 3.6% increase in their compensation and benefits beginning January 1.

This 'Cost of Living' (COLAs) increase was the first since 2008, and rates range from \$127 for a disability rated at 10% to \$2769 for 100% disabled.

For more information as it applies to you either go on line <http://www.vba.va.gov/> or call 1-800-827-1000

“Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of congress. But I repeat myself”
Mark Twain

A Short Sea Story

The Grass is cut-even out to sea!

I was the Commanding Officer of the Lightship “Nantucket Shoals” out of Boston, Massachusetts.

A few days before departing for station, my engineering petty officer asked me if he could bring his “lawn mower” on board to work on it in his off time while on station. Being in a good mood, I consented but told him to drain the gas out of it (fire prevention). As we are on station a month at a time, thought this would be a good morale booster. Some weeks later he asked me for permission to bring the mower up on deck and could he have a cup of gasoline to test run the engine. Again, I agreed. The machine was painted up and looked like he had just purchased it. The engine started on the first try of the lanyard, and the engine purred like a kitten. He proceeded to run the mower up and down the steel deck until the gas supply ran out and stopped.

Story Ends???

Not quite! A few days later, a CG Buoy Tender approached the Lightship running circles around it. Getting closer on each run. I had my binoculars on his bridge as he did on me. Finally he called over, “Is everything all right?” I replied “Fine”. He then asked to speak to an enlisted man. He asked if he wanted to come off and is everything all right. He replied “Fine” and with that the tender departed.

Many weeks later, when back in port, I found out that a passing ship saw this lad pushing a lawn mower topside and radioed CG headquarters in Boston that they had better check out their Lightship crew.

True story!

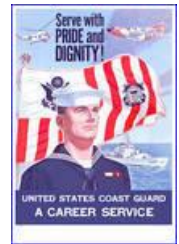
Respectfully submitted by:

Herman Schmale

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Chief Warrant Officer W-4

U.S. Coast Guard, Ret.



I joined the Coast Guard in October 1944 shortly after high school graduation at 17. My boot camp was spent at Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, New York. After boot camp I was sent to Miami Beach to attend an engineering training course, but decided that I didn't want to be a 'motor mack'. At the first opportunity, I volunteered for Deep Sea Diving training at the US Navy Yard diving school in Washington, D.C. I graduated as a Diver 2nd Class (D2), and served aboard the USS Criley diving tug at Piney Point, MD retrieving dummy heads torpedoes shot from testing barges. Then I was assigned aboard a newly commissioned ship, the AOG Klickitak, an aviation oil & gas tanker, as ships diver. It was decommissioned in the fall of 1945. Since I didn't have enough points for discharge, I was sent to Woods Hole to await a crew for the Nantucket LV112. The officers told us that this assignment would be a vacation...HA! I served on the Nantucket Lightship LV112, February and March of 1946. During my tour, I was the radioman. Our call letters were Nan Nan Baker Nan (NNBN). We were anchored 40 miles off shore, not too far from the Gulf Stream. A life magazine reporter and photographer came aboard during that time. This definitely was the highlight of our Nantucket tour. His story of the Nantucket and several pictures appeared in the June 3, 1946 edition of the Life magazine. After my Nantucket assignment, I was moved around to several Coast Guard bases on the east coast and offered for a diving job scheduled for Manila Bay in the Philippines if I would go for another 3 year tour. But 3 years seemed like an awfully long time to a 19 year old, especially when all my buddies were being discharged from their respective services. So I opted for a discharge in the late summer of 1946.

Thomas R. Fallbach

LSA HISTORIAN'S REPORT

LSA Historian Report 01/10/12

I regret I do not have much to report on. One thing of importance is the progress the USLM has made with the Nantucket LV112. The 112 has been in dry dock in Chelsea Massachusetts since late November 2011. First time out in 20 yrs. The hull has been cleaned, Surveyed, and given a decent bill of health for Her age: a Seven out of a Ten! A few weak areas, and some corrosion with protrusions were located. The Fitzgerald Shipyard is performing the repairs, along with refinishing the Hull. Launching is expected in early February. Hats off to Bob Mannino! Earlier in the year I had contact with the Newburyport Massachusetts Maritime Museum. The building houses different maritime exhibits, with two rooms dedicated to Coast Guard or local nautical lure. I had inquired in regards to loaning the Museum, some of my personal Coast Guard collection, Uniforms, CG Memorabilia, and of course Lightship Models of which I have a few. I had hopes of mentioning the LSA Artifacts, once I got my foot in the door, but the area would not be large enough, even if there were interest. It is a shame most Museums run on a shoestring budget, with dedicated Volunteers, who are lucky to even a building for displays. Most local Museums are housed in a city or municipally owned property, and are under jurisdiction of local gov't. whims. Lets hope something comes out of our LSA Presidents inquiries with the Delaware Group.

Ron Janard LSA Historian

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“THE GUARDIAN ETHOS” (SEE DEFINITION BELOW)

Original Prior to December 2011

I AM AMERICA’S MARITIME GUARDIAN.

I SERVE THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.

I WILL PROTECT THEM.

I WILL DEFEND THEM.

I WILL SAVE THEM.

I AM THEIR SHIELD.

FOR THEM I AM SEMPER PARATUS.

I LIVE THE COAST GUARD VALUES.

I AM A GUARDIAN.

WE ARE THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD.

Definition abbreviated: ETHOS= *Ones basic beliefs and guiding principals*

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ETHOS (EFFECTIVE December 2011)

I AM A COAST GUARDSMAN

ISERVE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

I WILL PROTECT THEM.

I WILL DEFEND THEM.

I WILL SAVE THEM.

I AM THEIR SHIELD.

FOR THEM I AM SEMPER PARATUS

I LIVE THE COAST GUARD VALUES

I AM PROUD TO BE A COAST GUARDSMAN

WE ARE THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Brought to you by the politically correct nanny state Homeland Security

I’d gone to sea for a living- Truly the second biggest crap game in the world. It was a place where the only chip in the game was your life and it was on the table every time you got underway.

Michael G. Walling, USCG (Ret)

GENERAL QUARTERS

Chiefs Corner



COAST GUARD ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM

-CREATING A PERSONAL HISTORY OF YOUR COAST GUARD SERVICE

The Coast Guard and Naval Historical Center have an active Oral History Program supported by the Naval Historical Foundation. It encourages retired members of the Coast Guard and Navy to record their experiences and to contribute them to its growing oral history collection. Limitations in funds and interviewers as well as the far-flung nature of our retired shipmates limit the Coast Guard and the Naval Historical Center to interviewing only a small fraction of our retirees.

There is, however, a method whereby retirees can put their collection into the historical record as well as create a history for one's family. This is a unique opportunity to bring one's work and experiences to the attention of historians. For those with internet access, refer to <http://www.uscg.mil/history/weboralhistory/memoir>

For those without internet access, please contact either Everret St Louis or Larry Ryan

Friday, January 20, 2012 St Louis

Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 04-8(ER) has appointed Flotilla Commander, Norman Jefferies II as informal liaison between this Coast Guard Auxiliary Division and the Lightship Sailors Association.

Will other LSA members who are auxiliary members, contact either Everett St Louis, LSA Membership Director at est-louis01@snet.net and/or

Norman Jefferies @ (502) 267 5331 to help determine how some mutually beneficial relationship might be established between other Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotillas and/or Divisions.

Though it would be informal at this stage, it could possibly be officially recognized in the future by the Coast Guard Auxiliary on higher levels.

Please lend your support to develop this program.

Editors note: Norman Jefferies is a long standing active member and supporter of The LSA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2012

We would like to encourage everyone planning on attending our annual reunion in Mobile to attend the annual business meeting, the afternoon of the registration October 18, at 2:00 PM. This meeting is one of our requirements in maintaining our 'Not for Profit' status. And as everyone knows, this is the only official meeting of the membership for the year. All of our business is conducted at this time. For those of you never attending, we follow the rules of parliamentary procedures as prescribed by ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.

Of particular interest to our members would be the various reports by the officers and directors of your organization, including the annual reading of our treasurer's report.

This year will be an election year, again. All positions on the board of directors will be open for nominations; this of course also applies to all appointed positions.

Nominations can be made both in advance or from the floor during the meeting. The advantage of advanced nomination it gives the candidate more of an opportunity to ask questions regarding his/her duties.

All newly elected officers and directors will take the oath of office at the close of the banquet and taking office at that time.

"History will be kind to me, as I plan to rewrite it"
Winston Churchill



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CROSSED OVER THE BAR 2011

Lightship Sailor Veteran

Crossed Over

LSA Notified

Stanley Mansell SR
Five Fathom 1953

Sept. 3 2011

November 25, 2011

**YOU ARE RELIEVED OF THE WATCH,
REST IN PEACE**

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Rev. Adrian Van Houten

Hello Friends and Fellow Lightship Sailors,

Another year is gone and left behind and with it joys and some things we would like to forget. Well lets do just that, leave them behind and move forward. In the scriptures The apostle Paul tells us "leaving those things behind and looking forward to even greater things that lay before us".

We have just come through the most beautiful season of the year. Celebrating the birth of our savior. Jesus Christ. What do we see around Christmas time? The whole world lights us proclaiming the coming to earth of Christ. I hope your Christmas was a truly joyous occasion.

I am excited about 2012 and live with anticipating great things for the LSA. We will be conducting our annual memorial service under the rear gun turret of the Battleship Alabama this October when we meet in Mobile. This event is one of our most important and moving experiences as we remember all of our Lightship Brothers who have crossed over the bar. Both in the performance of their duty and those that have passed away during the past 12 months. We hope you can join us in offering our remembrance.

I would like to add a personal comment regarding our most recent and past annual gatherings. The LSA has contributed so much to so many through the social interactions provided to a large extent by the generosity of both the donors and the buyers at our annual fund raising auction following the banquet, this is truly a great deal of fun for a wonderful purpose that the organization has allowed me to be a part of. I would hope you will continue to support this activity.

May the Lord shower His blessing on you all.

Your Chaplin Adrian Van Houten.

P.S. Sharon is healing from her broken arm and is coming along fine.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."
Mark Twain

