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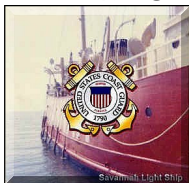
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MISSION STATEMENT

**TO ASSIST IN THE PRESERVATION OF ALL EXISTING LIGHTSHIPS
TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF LIGHTSHIPS AND THE SAILORS THAT SAILED ON THEM
TO HONOR THOSE LIGHTSHIP SAILORS THAT HAVE PERISHED IN THE PERFORMANCE
OF THEIR DUTIES**



USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

☐ New

☐ Renewal

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

Check all Applicable:

☐ USCG Lightship Sailor Veteran

☐ Other Associations

☐ CG Active Duty

☐ LS Veteran's Family Member

☐ Former CG (non-Lightship)

☐ CG Reserve

☐ LIGHTSHIP Interest, Friend, Association

☐ CG Retired

☐ CG Auxiliary

Last Name or Group / Business Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial
		Nick Name:
Street Address:	City:	Spouse/Other:
	State: Zip:	
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.:

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

\$ _____

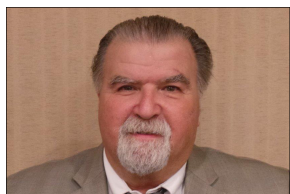
Enclose this form with your check or money order, made out to the:

"USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc."

Total Submitted

\$ _____

Please mail to:



Director

**Ron Janard
Membership**

**1 Melvin Ave
Beverly, MA 01915-3923**



THE FOG HORN



I WILL NOT ABANDON YOU

LIGHTSHIP NOT IN
CORRECT POSITION

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- Ron Janard

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- Rev. Adrian Van Houten

My Brother Lightship Sailors, Founders Life Members and Friends:

It is my pleasure to provide you with the latest information from our fraternal organization, especially the plans for our 20th anniversary that few of us would have predicted on the founding, even more so when in your weaker moments you elected yours truly to represent the organization 15 years ago. It has been said that in this country we really have a stupid system that we elect those to conduct our business without holding them accountable, (most of you have been very kind) When the jeering stops, with a smile, Thank you!

In addition to the information provided in this edition, The LSA has a lot going on in both Providence and New Bedford, some still pending. We have petitioned the National Parks to designate Coast Guard Park a Historic Land Mark. We have no idea on the time frame required. When we receive the designation we will order a bronze marker to be attached to the Coast Guard Park sign.

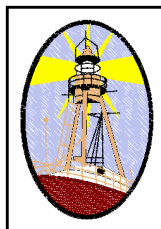
We will have a full agenda in our annual business meeting, everyone's attendance is appreciated. We will have some important issues to discuss, nothing earth shaking or threats of impeachment that I know about.

We need your attendance to justify the time and expense required to hold the annual gatherings not to even mention the various activities.

Another reminder in addition to the one on the registration page, the hotel cut off date is September 6. This is really early compared to the past years, some of you will not have a full 30 days after receipt of this edition.

While putting this edition together, particularly the various random pictures. I was reflecting on our official and individual history as this year not only is our 20th anniversary, 36 years since the end of Lightships, and 60th since my first enlistment., when most of us had hair. Then I considered some of our current active members were serving aboard Lightships when I was in 2nd grade in a one room school on the Kansas prairie, certainly deserves a pause in respect for those that served before us.

Keep the Light Shining,



Larry



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Secretary's Report

Report continued from published report in the Spring Edition of the
Fog Horn. Respectfully submitted
Larry Ryan, Acting Secretary

SECRETARIES REPORT 2019

May 1, 2019

Completed Spring Edition of The Fog Horn, printed and mailed 204 copies, e-mailed to 83 members of record.

Planning continuing for the 20th anniversary which includes the dedication of the new stone in Coast Guard Park See OVERVIEW

JULY 2019

New stone was set in Coast Guard Park dedicated to the service of all Lightship Sailors.

Notice of hotel cutoff date published in the Reunion Edition of the newsletter.

All Reunion activities confirmed published in the Fog Horn Reunion Edition.

Received invitations from Columbus, GA and Myrtle Beach, SC as hosting 2020 reunion.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Roland Holloway Director of Veterans Affairs

My Fellow Veterans:

The important message we want to send today is all about updates and progress of the VA. We receive almost daily now information about veterans benefits, running the entire gamut. New laws are being passed in congress on a regular basis that is never announced to the public, but we as veterans receive the news direct. Some of the notices are simply for education. As an example: A landmark law, "The VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act" [The actual name of the new law, believe it or not] shortened to "MISSION ACT".

Benefits: Simplified health care, expanded eligibility, easier scheduling, new urgent/walk-in care in retail clinics, and best of all, registration in the system electronically (they have not made the process clear).

The bottom line is this: If you are not registered, get registered. If you are registered be sure you are on their distribution lists, either mail or e-mail. This is a benefit after the fact, but well deserved.

**CREED OF THE US COAST GUARD
HONOR-RESPECT-DEVOTION TO DUTY**

USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

2019 ANNUAL REUNION

October 6-9 2019

*****NOTE; Location will be CROWN PLAZA PROVIDENCE RI***

****Quick Overview of Basic Reunion Information****

SUNDAY October 6, 2019

3:00 PM LSA Hospitality Room opens for early arrival

10:00 PM Hospitality Room Closes

MONDAY October 7, 2019,

Hotel Provided Breakfast

8:00 am... Hospitality Room opens

8:00 am: LSA Registration, receive ID Badge. (location TBA)

2:00 PM General Membership Business Meeting

4:45 PM Lightship Sailors Social

10:00 PM Hospitality Room Closes

TUESDAY October 8, 2019

Hotel provided Breakfast

8:30 AM Travel by bus to New Bedford site of National Lightship Sailors Memorial

Dedication of new Stone and annual Memorial Ceremony

Lunch included, walking distance to Black Whale

WEDNESDAY October 9, 2019

Hotel Provided Breakfast

Visit Local Coast Guard Units pending (not confirmed)

Day out activities

5:00 pm... Cash Bar

5:45 PM Opening Ceremonies with Wine Toast,

6:00 PM Dinner is Served Annual Banquet Dinner,

Keynote speaker

Auctioning of center pieces by Adrian Van Houten

Review of reunion activities and planning for 2020

9:55 PM Closing Ceremonies

A Short Sea Story

This is a true story from 1956 when I was aboard the Boston Lightship LV 85 WAL 510 just after a Northeaster. BMC Bennie Leonard from Bristol, RI was in charge when we got word of the pending storm possibly at hurricane strength. He asked permission to secure the station, up anchor and come into Boston harbor. At that time permission was refused and by the time it was granted it was too late as the seas were about 60 ft and growing. The Northeaster lasted what seemed about 24 hrs, the clinometer pegged out from one side to the other as we rolled back and forth bucking the seas.

I was in the engine room keeping the generators and air compressors going, when I heard the screws of an on-coming ship growing louder and louder, I went up topside we were in God's hands. The freighter at the last moment turned and almost hit us broadside, they ended up aground on the beach at Scituate. I have a newspaper clipping showing the "Atrusco", an Italian freighter, but no mention of us the Boston Lightship.

The seas washed through the bridge, we lost our rafts and life boats, everything breakable broke, even bent steel rails.

After the storm we were relieved and went into Monrow Shipyard in Chelsea for repairs. While we were in dry-dock one of our two cooks, Pete Petersen from Baltimore, tossed the garbage off the fantail landing on a few yard workers who chased him around the ship. Pete was hoping to get off of this red target, but it did not work.

Bernie Byrnes



(Continued from 2007 Fog Horn)

After recuperation from the July 20th 1944 sinking of *LV 105/WAL 527*, I was reassigned to *Winter Quarter LV #107/WAL 529*, where I was to stay till the end of the war.

The 107 served out the war as an examination vessel, without any armament.

September 14th, 1944 was a sad and tragic day for the USCG Coast Guard. A hurricane with winds estimated to have been over 150 MPH, now called a 'force five'.

We were on station off of Virginia when the storm hit. It was necessary to let out most of the anchor chain and keep the engines running so as not to drag the anchors. The ship received some damage such as spring plates with oil leaking out.

John Cherrick, MMC and another machinist mate Walter Stark and Pearly Farrow, BMC had a lot to do with the ship surviving the storm. All three stayed on watch for the entire duration of the storm.

A report went out the liberty ship *George Ade* had been torpedoed by a German submarine, two 125' cutters *The Jackson* and the *Bedloe* were dispatched to hunt the submarine and search for survivors. The *George Ade* had been torpedoed, but survived with all hands. A day later we took some men off a passing ship that had survived the sinkings of the two cutters. They were later picked up by an 83 footer.

On September 14th, 1944 The USCG lost three ships and 59 Coast Guard. *The Bedloe*, *The Jackson* and The LV 73, *Lightship Vinyard Sound* lost with all hands.

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REGISTRATION FORM

USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION INC (501(c)(3) Corp)

2019 REUNION to be held 6-9 October 2019

Crown Plaza at the Crossings
Providence/Warwick Airport, RI

NAME _____ () **USCG LIGHTSHIP VETERAN**
ADDRESS _____ () **LSA MEMBER**

() **LIFE MEMBER**
PHONE _____ () **NEW MEMBER**
E-MAIL _____ () **GROUP MEMBERSHIP**
OTHER INFO:

<u>REUNION FEES</u>	<u>Dues for 2019</u>	<u>Membership Levels</u>
At \$115.00/person	(1 Oct— 30 Sep Annually)	Full-\$25 Group-\$50 Life-\$300
NAME:	FEE:	Dues:
_____	_____	_____
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REUNION FEES TOTAL	\$ _____	DUES TOTAL \$ _____

Please fill in the registration form and enclose this form with your check or money order made out to the:
USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION Inc. (All dues and donations are tax deductible)

Mail to our Director of Membership: Ron Janard
1 Melvin Ave
Beverly, MA 01915-3923

**NOTE: Make all hotel reservations directly with Crown Plaza Hotel 401-732-6000
Or 800-227-6963**

****** NOTE: You must ask for Lightship Sailors Reunion for special rate of \$123.00**

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Cut off date for hotel reservations is earlier than in the past
September 6, 2019

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The US Navy also lost the destroyer, *Warrington* with many lives.

All of us on the *Winter Quarter* knew that we were very fortunate to have come through that storm.

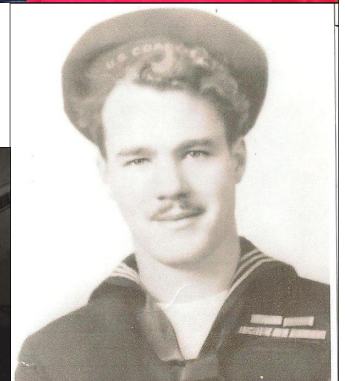
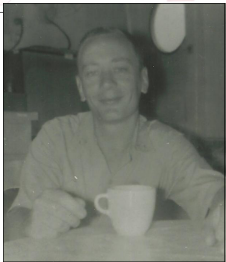
There are many more stories and incidents, however I think this covers it and gives you an idea what went on with Lightships during the war.

Ben Marley





RANDOM PICTURES FROM OUR PAST



GENERAL QUARTERS



And the important part of our association: All of our Ladies



NATIONAL LIGHTSHIP SAILORS MEMORIAL

When all else is done, re-read the two 'Short Sea Stories' by Bernie Brynes and Ben Marley.

Our roster of known Lightship Sailors exceeds 1300 names and the Stations they served on. Each of these 1300 Lightship Sailors either had or have their own true 'Sea Stories'.

That alone is reason to have this Park (Coast Guard Park) designated officially as a memorial to all that sailed the Lightships from 1820-1983.

A continued legacy of Harold Flagg's devotion to his lost shipmates, and deserves to be recalled and remembered as we believe Harold would support.

For family members and descendants of Lightship Sailors this also is your memorial for those Loved ones.

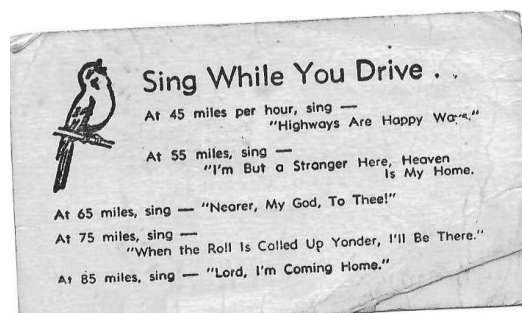


This is and will be the only National Historic Marker for this service, it is our memorial in recognition of a noble service.

Come join in the dedication on October 8, 2019



Taxi service
1959
Cape May to
Wildwood





Updated June 21, 2019

CROSSED OVER THE BAR

Summer 2019 Update

Lightship Sailor Veteran

Blaine Kuhn

LV 78/505 Relief

Jim Johnson

LV 112/534 Relief/Nantucket

Norman Jefferies

LV 79 Barnegat Station

Edward Preston Walkley

LV 112/534 Nantucket Shoals

Edward C. Houston

LV 112/534 Nantucket Shoals

Crossed Over

June 13, 2019

1959-1960

July 28, 2018

1958-1960

January 3, 2019

1953-1954

November 18, 2018

1948-1950

September 1, 2018

1945-1946

LSA Notified

June 18, 2019

March 12, 2019

January 3, 2019

November 19, 2018

December 8, 2018

DUTY WELL DONE SHIPMATE,

REST IN PEACE

I would like to acknowledge all of those that submitted photographs and ‘
Sea Storys for the Fog Horn over the past 15 years.(hoping for another 15) .

While the saddest duty I have is reporting the names of those that have Crossed The Bar,
It is a responsibility I have taken seriously, and I hope with dignity. The same with the random pictures from our
past posted in this edition, some have gone on before us, and they are sincerely missed.

By my rough count, during my tenure we have posted over 300 names of our Brother Lightship Sailors.

Rest in Peace

REMINDER

****We have discontinued the annual fund raising auction****



Except for the table center pieces donated by Adrian Van Houten.

This is a sample only, they will vary in design. (This one is mine)

These will be true KEEP SAKES celebrating our 20th anniversary.

