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My Brother Lightship Sailors, Founders, Life Members and Friends:

What a time we had in Charleston! We had so many new and great experiences, it is difficult to know where to start. We met so many new friends and faces (new sea stories), saw a bunch of new sites, and thankfully the weather was fantastic (we have a very well connected Chaplain). This was the first time for meeting in a round hotel, this presented a couple of interesting challenges, but all worked out. And it was great and fun seeing old friends.

We have an excellent inventory of shirts, jackets and caps, I just failed to anticipate the demand this time, we will have an ample supply on hand next time.

You will notice that I allocated more space to personal pictures of our group than of the planned outings at Fort Sumter and Patriots Point Marine Museum activities held on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. I would note here my appreciation first for the fine photography provided by Mary Lou Coleman, Ron Janard and Jim Akimchuk. And as always, we are indebted to Ron for the bell off of WAL 189. This lends so much to our Memorial Service (we receive a lot of comments on our service for those that have never attended). We like to say our Memorial Service is "Home Grown". It's simple but very moving as we pay our respects not only to our Lightship Brothers that have perished in the performance of their duties, but also our members and ancestors of our members as well as any active duty Coast Guard that has Crossed the Bar in the past 12 months.

Adrian and Sharon Van Houten along with our Mermaids (Ladies Auxiliary) did a great job providing for us in the hospitality suite as well as our Lightship Sailors Social following our General Membership Meeting.

Please Note: On page 11 we are announcing the location, hotel and date for our 2015 reunion. We have at the moment a verbal contract, but nothing signed. We have been in discussions for several weeks. About the time I think we have a deal, one or more changes pop up. I would hope this will be firmed up by the next edition. This will be our 17th annual gathering. Some of the group activities we hope to include would be certainly The Coast Guard, Mystic Seaport, US Navy Submarine Base and for individual activities there are two great casinos nearby. As we had some last minute changes in our plans for 2015, not knowing what those changes may do to our schedule, we did not request any formal suggestions for our 2016 meeting location. Unofficially, we have received two, one is Gettysburg, PA the other is Galveston, TX. My e-mail address and phone number appear on the cover of this newsletter, should you have comments and/or suggestions for the 2016 location, I would certainly entertain your comments and suggestions. The most important criteria is we need at least a minimum attendance to occupy 130 room nights during our stay (Anchorage, AK is probably out of the question). Please let us know your thoughts.

If I can answer any question or supply additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me, until next time--

Keep the Light Shining Bright,

Larry



Secretary's Report

Another reunion is behind us and I am always sad to see them end. Charleston was a great location and I think everyone had a great time. It's always nice to see everyone, to reconnect with folks we haven't seen since last year and see some new faces and make some new friends.

Thanks to all who donated the wonderful items we had for the auction, which was a great success, and thanks to all the bidders as well!

Our local paper ran a story about Lt. John Pritchard, a Coast Guard pilot in WW II, who died in a crash in 1942, trying to rescue a third person, one of the crew from the crash of a B-17, from the tundra in Greenland. Lt. Pritchard, the first person to successfully land on the ice cap, had rescued 2 others the previous day and he and his radioman, Petty Officer 1st Class Benjamin Bottoms, had picked up a third man but crashed after takeoff. Lt. Pritchard was inducted into the Hall of Heroes at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, where he graduated in 1938. This honor was in recognition of another dangerous rescue mission, led by Lt. Pritchard 6 days before his fatal crash, when he traveled by land to save 3 members of the Royal Canadian Air Force who had been stranded on the ice for nearly 2 weeks. It is always good to see our heroes recognized for their bravery and devotion to duty, even many years after the fact. As I write this on Veterans' Day I'm thinking of my family members, including my husband, and all those who served their country well and proudly. Thank you for your service!!!

As the holidays approach I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and the happiest of Holidays!!!

Deb Dasch

Secretary



Editors Note:

Our annual fund raising auction was again a great success. A list of items donated will be published in the next edition of The Fog Horn. Our thanks to all that donated items, to all that entered into the "vigorous" bidding, and especially to all that assisted in the "production", (Colonel) Adrian Van Houten, auctioneer, Deb Dasch, Clerk and Cashier and the "runners" Dave Addicott and Roland Holloway. And one of the last official responsibilities of our retiring treasurer, Fred Pelger. Four of the many items donated for our annual fund raiser, below.



THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

The United States Coast Guard is a multi missioned maritime service and one of the Nation's five Armed Forces. Its mission is to protect the public, the environment, and U.S. economic interests – in the Nation's ports and waterways, along the coast, on international waters, or in any maritime region as required to support national security.

LEAST FUTURE GENERATIONS SHOULD FORGET

Were it not for the commitment to duty of the Lightship Sailor, Mariners transiting the seas, would have done so in peril.



1st VP/DIRECTOR OF PUBLICITY

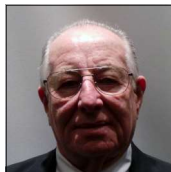
Bill Quigley

As most of you will agree, we had a great reunion in Charleston. The new members that attended fell right in with the ranks. Again, welcome folks, glad that you were able to be with us. Congratulations to all those members who Received special recognition from the LSA at the reunion. Once again Larry did a great job in putting this reunion together.

I received a request a short time ago from a former Coastie, Gerald Wilkins. is handicapped and unable to attend any of our functions. He served on WAL 535, Company B-26 in Alameda 1959. Gerry wonders if there are any of our LSA members that remember him. If so he would like to hear from you. He can be contacted at: Gerald Wilkins, 16024 46 Avenue South, Tukwila, WA 98188 Telephone 206-248-9648. Email: kandy157@Q.com.

Hopefully we are on our way for another good year for membership. Last year 10 new members were added to our roster. I just got a call today requesting an application for membership, which I forwarded to Ron our Director of Membership. As I have previously mentioned, if you see a bumper sticker, window decal, or the wearing of any clothing with USCG on it approach them. I know of two new members that came on board last year because of this approach.

Bill





Fred Pelger and Dave Orszak at registration table



2012-2014 Board of Directors at General Membership Meeting, less Ron Janard-photographer.



Some Members at General Membership Meeting



Social Time in Hospitality Suite



Hospitality Suite



Having just received the vouchers for the free three hotel nights to be sold as a raffle to a lucky winner at the banquet.

Our apologies to our Ladies Auxilliary, The Mermaids, for not having a picture of the spread during both our hospitality time as well as our Lightship Sailors Social.



ANNUAL BANQUET WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2014



Jim Akimchuk offering annual toast



One of the 10 tables



A toast to all that served



Fred Pelger and Company



J. D. McMullen, Guest Speaker



Claire Hollowy, winner of 3 night stay



Bill Qugley presenting recognition To Dennis Cosmo for Arts & Grafics



Lawrence Culley accept ing recognition of Last CO of a Lightship



Paula Cosmo presenting a poem



Fred Pelger accepting an award for 10 years service as LSA Treasurer



Ron Janard, with certificate awarding Recognition as an Honorary Light Ship Sailor.



Lauren and J.D. McMullen, attorney Representing Lightship Sailors affected by exposure to asbestos

Membership Director / Historian Report

Fall 2014

Greetings Everyone,

Can you imagine, Reunion #16 which was held in South Carolina, is now history. Charleston was only #6 for me. Anyone who hasn't attended a Reunion, should really participate. The rekindled friendships, of Shipmates is priceless. So please consider planning to attend next October in Connecticut!

Bill Quigley, has been on board this past year, not only as 1st. V.P., but also as Director of Publicity. Bill has advertised in various Media's, which has been an asset to Membership growth. Remember, "word of mouth" is still the largest contributor. The LSA Active membership for 2013 numbered 171 versus 167 for 2014. Life Memberships for 2013 totaled 57, versus 61 for 2014.

Veterans for 2013 totaled 91, versus 89 for 2014. Non-Vet Membership for 2013 totaled 23, versus 20 for 2013. We Welcome 4 New Life Members: Gordon Thompson #58 Served aboard Ambrose 613, Everett Goodwin #59 Served aboard Nantucket 112, William Busby #60 Served aboard San Francisco 613 and Julian Craven #61 Served aboard Relief 84/50 We also Welcome the following LS Veterans: David Nellis / Relief #95/WAL 519 Serviced Overfalls, Five Fathoms and Barnegat Edmund Carter / #83 Relief, Joe Ewalt / Relief 605, Ed Houston / Nantucket #112, Robert (Ron) Jackson / San Francisco #612, James McQuiston / Relief #76, Paul Palumbo / Nantucket II #613, Dennis Perron / Relief #613 and lastly, Lawrence I Culley / Nantucket II #613 (Last Lightship C/O of the last active duty Lightship) We Welcome the Following Non-Veterans with Lightship interests: Brenda Altmeier / LS Interest, Maurice Dionne / Served Brenton Reef from Castle Hill LB Station, R.I., Sharon Gallant / LS Interest, Larry Noles / LS Interest, and Joanne Ruel, Her Grandfather served aboard the LV-52 off Delaware.

Lastly, This is a reminder, to PLEASE, renew your 2015 Dues, if you haven't yet. The LSA does not normally mail out Reminder Notices. So Please, while the subject is on your Mind, get out your Checkbook! My Address is below.

Sincerely, RonJanard Membership Director, 1 Melvin Ave. Beverly Ma. 01915

Ron



ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE



WREATH LAYING



WAL 189 BELL



"THE LONE SAILOR"



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THIS TOO IS PART OF OUR HISTORY

THE LAST LIGHTSHIP SAILOR ON ACTIVE DUTY



Captain Mark McCadden
Commanding Officer,
U.S. Coast Guard Activities
Far East
1979-Present
Nantucket II Lightship, 1980
Keeper Plymouth Lighthouse.

THE LAST COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE LAST ACTIVE DUTY LIGHTSHIP



Lawrence I. Cully, CWO-4 USCG (Ret)
WLV 613 Nantucket II

Captain McCadden writes that he will be retiring next summer with 35 years service as 06 Captain. We appreciate his kind words towards our organization. We also wish him well in his retirement.

Mr. Cully attended his first reunion with us in Charleston as a new member. I personally enjoyed some new sea stories and look forward to more.

Editors Note: I found the connection between two notable individuals, both with back grounds on the same Lightship, WLV 613, Nantucket II too irresistible to pass up. Both connections made with in a period of 90 days.

Sincere Best Wishes to both gentlemen,

I have become a lot more social with the passing of years: some might even call me frivolous old gal. I'm seeing five gentlemen every day.

*As soon as I wake, **Will Power** helps me get out of bed. Then I go see **John**. Then **Charley Horse** comes along, and when he is here he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, **Arthur Ritus** shows up and stays the rest of the day. (He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint.) After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with **Ben Gay**. (unknown author)*



VETERANS AFFAIRS

Roland Holloway, Director of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Corner –

For members who weren't at our wonderful reunion in Charleston, SC, you missed a good time. Our guest speaker at the annual banquet, J.D. McMullen, attorney, gave us a very informative talk. Without selling himself or lawyers in general, he informed us of the dangers of being exposed to asbestos either first or second hand (your wife may have been exposed by the washing of your clothes) and how it may take up to 50 years to appear. His advice was for all of us to document where and when we may have been exposed with as much detail as possible, i.e. ship, dates of assignment, duties. It is also important to note that many of us might have been exposed to asbestos either in our jobs, i.e. auto mechanic, firemen, electrician, plumbers, etc. This list should be made known to all family members and kept with your important papers. He also encouraged everyone to be screened for asbestosis which does not always end up in the lungs but other parts of the body. The office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs recently released that through its nearly 8,200 locations nationwide, Walgreens will offer flu and other recommended vaccinations to Veterans. Pharmacists can administer vaccinations to Veterans and will leverage eHealth exchange, through its Walgreens Cloud electronic Health Records platform, to securely share immunizations records with VA to help ensure complete patient medical records.

Roland Veterans Affairs



A BRIEF REMINDER OF ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF LIGHTSHIPS

LV 109 Built 1923

Length 132' 4" Beam 30'0" 775 ton Displacement

8 Cyl GM diesel 500 HP

Retired in 1966, sold to Uruguay served as Banco Ingles Lightship

On September 7, 1965 the New Orleans Lightship LV 109 / WAL 531 under command of CWO Robert Sullivan was removed from station to the safety of New Orleans due to the approaching hurricane Betsy. On the way it was blown aground and laid at a 25 degree angle on it's port side. A tug boat passing by pulled it free it continued to the Coast Guard Base.

After the hurricane passed the ship acted as a receiving station for 4 days, feeding 429 civilian refugees and 122 military personnel.

Some of the ships crew also assisted in rescue operations in the ninth ward removing people from roof tops.

The ship and crew went far beyond the call of duty during hurricane Betsy and the aftermath.

I was assigned to 109/531 during this event and served as Acting Engineering Officer. Several Letters of Commendation and Medals were awarded for the actions of the crew.

Roland Holloway

GENERAL QUARTERS

Chiefs Corner



2014-2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(L TO R)

Dave Orszak, Treasurer, Bill Quigley, 1st VP, Larry Ryan, President, Ron Janard, Director at Large, Dave Addicott, Director at Large, Dennis Cosmo, Past President and Director of Arts and Graphics, Deb Dasch, Secretary, Roland Holloway, Director at Large, Adrian Van Houten, Director at Large. Rick Gryder, Director at Large, (not shown).

In addition to the officers of the organization which are elected to their respective positions, the Directors at Large are appointed as Chairmen of various committees, Ron Janard has resumed his duties as Director of Membership and Historian, Roland Holloway as resumed his past responsibility as Director of Veteran Affairs, And Adrian remains as Chaplain, Director of Special Projects (which includes Auctioneer for our annual fund raiser).

USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS REUNION 2015
Holiday Inn, New London, CT
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday October 19, 20, 21 2015
Details and an overview will be finalized for
Publishing in the Spring edition of The Fog Horn.



Old folks are worth a fortune, with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.



Updated 11/21/2014

CROSSED OVER THE BAR

2013-14

Lightship Sailor Veteran

Daniel Lane

112/534 1960

Norman Satterwaite

US Navy, WWII South Pacific Landing Craft LSA Member

Robert J. Gubitosi, Sr.

112/534 Nantucket 1957-1961 [Past LSA 1st VP]

Walter Allen Smith

613 Ambrose 1967

Herbert P. Lange

116/538 Chesapeake 1958-59

R.C. Soaper

111/533 Portland 1953

Crossed Over

August 31, 2014

Jan. 4, 2014

July 10, 2014

June 4, 2011

Dec 19, 2013

Dec 6, 2013

LSA Notified

Sept 12,, 2014

Sept. 8, 2014

July 10, 2014

May 23, 2014

June 12, 2014

February, 2014



DUTY WELL DONE,

REST IN PEACE

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Rev. Adrian Van Houten

Dear Members and friends with the LSA,

It is with a great deal of joy I write this note. Sharon and I thank all who helped with the hospitality room. The mermaids helping to set up and decorating the hospitality room. The tables for the banquet, another job well done. The guys getting and supplying the ice when needed to keep things cold and drinkable. Thank you.

The memorial service was once again great. For all who helped with the chairs and the sound equipment, the lunch, and when it was over the place looked like it wasn't even used. Thank you Larry for a job well done.

As we enter the Holiday season, first celebrating Thanksgiving. Giving thanks to God for our freedom and what we have in this great nation. Then Christmas. Celebrating the birth of our Savior. The one who was born lived as an example for us to live by and giving it all on a Cross. Such love can never be explained by natural man. I am here to pray and help you at any time.

God bless, Your Chaplin Adrian Van Houten



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