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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.

[] 2016 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:	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)**

\$ _____ **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"/> <u>Family / Friend:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Lightship Interest:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Other USCG:</u>
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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 September30.

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:

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Membership Director
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ABANDON YOU

THE FOG HORN



LIGHTSHIP NOT IN
CORRECT POSITION

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

WOW! With so much to report, I hardly know where to begin. I'll start with the 2015 reunion and just ramble through the rest, from the beginning:

From the very first contacts in New London with the Holiday Inn, as you recall our first hotel accepted our deposit then promptly closed their doors, we met with nothing but success with the some of the most accommodating people that we have had the pleasure of working. Bill Quigley made the initial contacts both with the hotels and the Coast Guard Academy, resulting in a success. Occasionally I feel like we are imposing on our various hosts, NOT In NEW LONDON! We were welcomed by Judy and the Assistant Superintendent of the Academy, Capt. Vogt to use the Chapel for our memorial service. And I do believe it may have been one of our very best to date.

In the past we have always tried to have some interaction with the local active Coast Guard at all of our meetings, for 2015 we contacted the Coast Guard Foundation requesting a keynote speaker for our annual banquet. As the 'foundation' has been a major factor in promoting a national Coast Guard museum, this would be an ideal subject. We were fortunate to have two Key Note Speakers, Mr. John Johnson, Treasurer, and Capt. Wes Pulver USCG (ret) newly selected as the Executive Director offering their comments on both the proposed museum as well as life in the active duty Coast Guard. Capt. Pulver's last command was the CO of the Eagle. Please see page 9 for more on the proposed museum.

We had the pleasure in conveying the title of "Honorary Lightship Sailor" to both of our guest speakers. In the opinion of your humble servant, this is one of the most honored titles we as Lightship Sailors can convey upon those that never had the pleasure of riding the little red boats. We also conveyed the same title to of our ladies, Deb Dasch, Secretary and Lori Morris Templeton, Web Master.

As most of you know, one of my greatest disappointments in my tenure, was the failure of our Lightship Sailors Museum in Barnstable. Conversely, one of our greatest honors to date has been to be invited to join the Museum Exhibit Advisory Panel (MEAP), which will provide direct input during the museum design phase of the National Coast Guard Museum. The Winter Edition of The Fog Horn will be delayed a few weeks in order to bring an update of the first meeting in early February.

I would like to take this opportunity which is long overdue, to acknowledge the trust and confidence you have placed in myself for these past 11 years in representing each of you in The LSA. It has been a pleasure, and at times a challenge as it should be. Our organization remains strong and vibrant. You have elected a dedicated board of directors that each take their individual and group responsibilities very serious. Thank You!

And as Always, Keep the Light Shining,

Larry



PUBLICITY REPORT

It is always nice to write an article in the Fall Edition of the Fog Horn because it reminds me of the good times we had seeing old friends and meeting new folks.

Although it was a “cool” and windy day at Old Mystic Seaport it was still very interesting to imagine how life was back in the whaling days. Spending time at the beautiful campus of the United States Coast Guard Academy was a great experience. Did you get the opportunity to talk to any Cadet? They are very nice young men and women. They were willing to answer any question we had, and they were very interested in the life and times of the Lightships and the Lightship Sailors. By conversing with these Cadets we can see that the Coast Guard has a very positive and progressive future. How fortunate we were to be able to hold our Wreath Ceremony in the Academy Chapel. It is such a beautiful and appropriate location to hold such a solemn event.

Captain Wes Pulver Ret., former skipper of the USCGC Eagle, and Mr. John Johnson of the USCG Foundation were both very interesting guest speakers enlightening us about the future USCG Museum in New London CT. As of now their plan is to open the museum in 2020. It will be a very modern and state-of -the-art display of USCG artifacts and history.

During the evening Captain Pulver, John Johnson and our own Deb Dasch were all made Honorary Lightship Sailors. Deb performs a necessary and important role in the LSA as our secretary.

We all had the opportunity to meet our new Web Master, Lori Templeton. Lori comes to us having many years of experience with an in depth knowledge in the computer field. She is also the daughter of a “Coastie”. We are all looking forward to working with Lori. We are very pleased to have such a capable and personable person in the LSA. Welcome aboard Lori.

The hospitality room was very popular, as always. This is where the sea stories get better each year. Where we have great conversations with old and new friends, and where the most common phrase is “Do you remember.....?”. Welcome to our new members and spouses and first time attendees. We were glad to have you with us to help us make the reunion such a success.

Mr. John Johnson brought to our attention that in January 2016 the motion picture “The Finest Hours” will be released. This movie is a true story about the USCG’s most daring sea rescue.

This article would not be complete without saying “Larry did it again!”. He is the master of putting together reunions. He gives us something to look forward to every year. Larry, thank you again for a great reunion.

From my Texas Station,
Bill



FOLLOWING PAGES A PICTORIAL RECAP OF OUR 17TH ANNUAL REUNION



Left– Dave Orszak, LSA Treasurer at the registration desk with prepared name badges.



Right– Hospitality Room open during registration



Well attended annual Membership Meeting



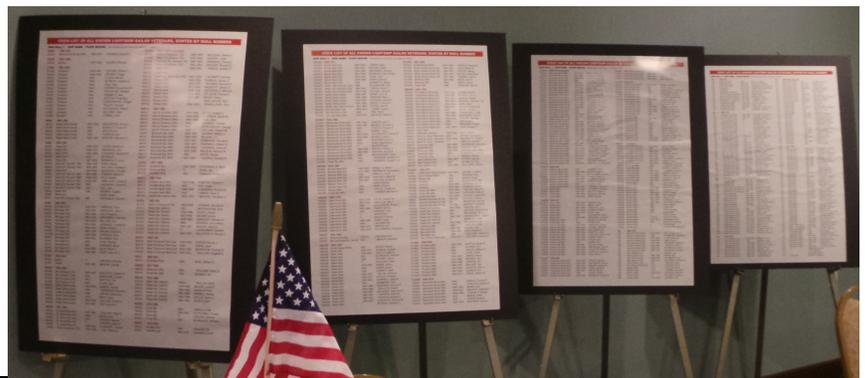
Board Of Directors Presiding at General Membership Meeting. Lori Morris Templeton, Web Master, newly elected as Director at Large.



John and Muriel Biermaas, Founding Member LV78/505 1948-1951

Please note, this is currently a work effort in Progress, by Ron Janard and daughter, Wendy.

The Lightship Sailors Association is compiling a “ROSTER OF ALL KNOWN LIGHTSHIP SAILORS”. The names are from our records, official reports and names submitted by members and friends of The LSA. The names are currently sorted by Hull Number. To be alphabetized by name followed by Hull and name of Station.



OUR DAY OUT AT MYSTIC SEAPORT



A cool and crisp day, perfect for our Red Jackets



Oil Painting donated by Barb Nelson to our annual fund raising auction, Dick Nelson received this painting in Astoria, OR in 2004. Winning bid by Ron Janard.

The whaling ship Charles W. Morgan. Recently featured on the Discovery Channel sailing from Mystic to Boston. One of the many historical vessels and structures at The Mystic Seaport.



Our special thanks to The Mermaids for the excellent spread prepared in our hospitality room, and for the Lightship Sailors Social. Thanks to all of our ladies and our liaison, Adrian Van Houten. If the attendance was an indicator, it was appreciated by all.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE USCG ACADEMY CHAPEL



IN MEMORY OF OUR LIGHTSHIP SAILOR BROTHERS THAT CROSSED OVER THE BAR
2014-2015

Photos in this edition courtesy of Ron Janard

2015 BANQUET HOLIDAY INN NEW LONDON, CT



Upper Right, Our Toast Master for the evening,
Jim Akimchuk
Left one of our two Keynote Speakers
John Johnson, Treasurer National Coast Guard Museum Assoc.
Accepting the donation of \$1790 from The LSA
Right, Capt. Wes Pulver USCG (Ret) Executive Director Of The USCG Museum Assoc. accepting a donation of \$1790 From The LSA.



Grace Kent the winner of the raffle for the free 3 night hotel stay, followed by Pete Penfield, 2nd place winner for the heavy jacket.

Pat Orszak explaining the contributions to the LSA from our Ladies Auxiliary, The Mermaids. Everything from the center pieces (made by Adrian Van Houten,) to the food and snacks in the Hospitality Room



PROPOSED NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM NEW LONDON, CT



Architects concept of proposed museum

“I believe in the great enlisted people of the Coast Guard.
I believe in our Chief Petty Officers,
I believe in our civilians, our Auxiliarist and our reservists
I believe in the families that support them, that nourish them, that love them.
And I believe **WE NEED A MUSEUM”**
ADM Robert J. Papp, Jr.
24th Commandant of the USCG (Ret)

Efforts to build a museum honoring the heroism and dedication to duty of all the men and women of The Coast Guard was launched Wednesday, April 29, 2015. The Coast Guard is the only military service that does not have its own national museum, with a lot of dedication and efforts this will change in 2018.

The museum will use interactive and modern technology to engage the public, veterans and active duty Coast Guard men and women as they served and continue to serve our nation.

The National Coast Guard Museum Association, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of United States Coast Guard history and tradition. The museum will open in 2018 based on the culmination of fundraising efforts which must equal fifty million dollars in private donations and the same amount of government grants. Please consider a personal donation dedicated to the National Coast Guard Museum either direct to through the LSA by using page two of this publication.

You will be receiving updates on one of the most important and time consuming projects as Coast Guard Veterans, and friends of The Coast Guard in our memories. Expect the first update to be in the next edition.

This undertaking will tell our story to future generations far better than any efforts we as The Lightship Sailors could hope to tell and preserve.

For more information visit www.CoastGuardMuseum.org.



VETERANS AFFAIRS

Roland Holloway, Director of Veterans Affairs

It was a wonderful reunion in New London, CT. I met several new members and we shared some sea stories. I hope I was able to help with the information I shared with everyone. One of our members shared his story. For over 6 years he has been fighting for more disability benefits. He was finally able to collect a higher percentage of benefits and they went back 6 years to the first date he applied and paid him for what he had been due. Congratulations Pete for not giving up. Since the reunion I have sent out 6 hearing loss packets. Please fill out the forms and wait patiently for them to contact you. Remember to use all available sources for assistance in obtaining benefits.

Roland Holloway



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.



Membership Director / Historian Report

Greetings

During the past few months, LSA President, Larry Ryan and myself, have been compiling a Master List of Lightship Veterans. At the Reunion, we had on display, 4 full size Posters, which my daughter Wendy, designed, printed and mounted on Poster Board, listing over 500 names of Lightship Veterans. With the help of the Veterans whom attended the Reunion, I am able to add another 40 to 50 Names to the List. If anyone wishes to add Names to the list, please email or snail mail, Larry or myself. We need the following information to add names:

1. Station Name or Hull Number 2. Date/Years Served 3. First and Last Name

We do Welcome 8 new Members during the past year

David Rinck / 536 RELIEF 1952-1955. Patrick Shuhler / Frying Pan 115/537 1963-64 Adolphus Treadway / Frying Pan 115/537 1961-63. Richard Marciniak / Delaware 538 1965-64. Robert Greenbaum / Delaware 538 1965-67. Joseph Finocchio / CG AUX / Lightship Interest. Dawn Schrieber / Father, Jacob Hughes / 116/538 .Lori Templeton / Father CO on Boston Lightship / Current LSA Director and Webmaster.

Have a Healthy New Year!

Thank You,

Ron Janard 1 Melvin Ave. Beverly Ma. 01915



GENERAL QUARTERS

Chiefs Corner



IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

An important decision was made and announced at our just concluded General Membership meeting, that will take effect with the next issue of The Fog Horn in February

Information was presented to the assembled group regarding the expenses associated in printing and mailing the newsletter four times a year, and how we must adjust to our declining paid membership.

As the annual membership dues of \$25.00 per year was intended to cover our newsletter expenses, and has now declined to the level we have been making up the deficit out of our general fund, a board decision was made to discontinue printing and mailing the newsletter to those on our mailing list that are 24 months in arrears with their annual membership dues.

The MEMBERSHIP DUES form appears as page two in this newsletter. Should you have a question regarding your membership status, please contact Ron Janard, Director of Membership either by e-mail RJ0648@comcast.net or after 6:00 PM EST 978-836-9708

Please allow us to emphasize: **This does not apply to Life Members**

2015 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

In Addition to our regular business, a report by Larry Ryan, “Event Planner”, was presented regarding the increase in the minimum requirements from the major hotel chains where they are requiring a higher occupancy than we can provide. They also

have increased their minimums on the food and beverages as a total (about doubled what we normally meet).

The industry term is “Room Nights” and of course our annual banquet where we would need to double our attendance to meet their food minimum requirements.

What we receive in return are the meeting spaces including the Board of Directors meeting space, Hospitality Suite and The General Membership Meeting space.

We are severely limited in our options:

We can explore more locations where rates are lower, we already know there are some locations beyond our budgets, consider second-rate hotels (usually in questionable parts of town) as starting positions.

Another solution would be to eliminate the “Host Hotel” concept. Then a list of various hotels would be provided to the members along with a program for the entire reunion. We would plan an outing; have our memorial service in the afternoon and then a banquet and General Membership meeting in a suitable location that evening.

Nominations were taken for the location of our 2016 meeting location as well as our 2017 location. The event planner was charged with the responsibility to do the best we can following the general guidelines of this discussion.

For 2016 the majority vote was for the Portsmouth, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, VA area if affordable with a host hotel, if not then Lewes, DE without a host hotel.

In 2017 the location selected was Savannah, GA.

At this writing we have a verbal contract in Norfolk, VA, but no signed contract with a host hotel.

Our national security is at the most risk since 1941, Register to vote, and Vote!



Updated November 19, 2015

CROSSED OVER THE BAR 2014-2015

<u>Lightship Sailor Veteran</u>	<u>Crossed Over</u>	<u>LSA Notified</u>
Richard "Dick" Nelson LV86/511 Buzzards Bay 1956-'58	June 24, 2015	June 24, 2015
John Krider WAL 529 Winter Quarter & WAL 189 Diamond Shoals 1956-1960	January 24, 2015	May, 23, 2015
Jerrold Bernella LV 115/537 Frying Pan 1958-'59	October 27, 2014	Feb 25, 2015
James Lawson 84/509 St. Johns River 1954	October 30, 2014	Feb. 17, 2015
Robert Buotte, Sr. LV 118 Boston 1972	Nov. 19, 2014	Feb. 14, 2015
Tommy E Morrison 92/516 Relief 1949-1950	Jan. 30, 2014	Feb. 13, 2015
Raymond J. Shea LV 101/524 1955	December 10, 2013	January 24, 2015
John Feenstra LV 111/WAL 533 Portland 1953	June, 2015	October 19, 2015

**DUTY WELL DONE,
REST IN PEACE**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Hello friends and members of the LSA. It was our pleasure to go to the academy for our service. It meant so much to all of us. The next thing is the enlisted mens building in Cape May. I can't wait for that to be built. Back to the reunion. Thanks to all who helped with the social. Getting things when they needed, setting up the banquet tables.. You mermaids swam right it with a smile. Some guys helped also. A joint effort made the whole event great. Once again President Larry handled every thing very professionally with honor to the LSA. As we enter the Holiday season let us give thanks THIS Thanksgiving to our Lord for the bounty He has blessed us with. Christmas is right around the corner. We should try and make Christmas a daily event if our lives. Treating each other as we would want to be treated, Loving each other as you want to be loved, and you will be blessed. May you experience the peace and grace the Lord gives daily through His son. Bless wishes to you all.

Your Chaplin Adrian Van Houten



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

