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



USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

[] 2017 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> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Other Groups, etc.:</u>

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.

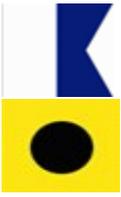
LSA Donation (Optional):

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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THE FOG HORN



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I WILL NOT
ABANDON YOU

LIGHTSHIP NOT IN
CORRECT POSITION

PRESIDENT

- Larry Ryan

1st VICE PRESIDENT

- Bill Quigley

SECRETARY

- Vacant

TREASURER

- David Orszak

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP/HISTORIAN

- Ron Janard

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- Dave Addicott

- Roland Holloway

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- Lori Templeton

CHAPLAIN

- Rev. Adrian Van Houten

- Liaison Ladies Auxiliary

Founder Emeritus

- Marty Krzywicki

My Brother Lightship Sailors, Founders, Life Members and Friends,
Greetings, sad to say it will be two years for many of us to get together again due to Hurricane Matthew.

It was a difficult decision to make, and amounted to a tossup, or SWAG. As it turned out, it was the correct call by any measure.

By joint agreement of your Board of Directors, this edition will be dedicated to keeping everyone informed on the business of The LSA, normally conducted at the annual General Membership Meeting.

I would like to invite your attention to the Crossed Over The Bar report, I accidentally omitted two of our brothers that should have been listed in the 'Reunion Edition' Roy Dash and John Francis Kennedy, my apologies, I simply over looked my notes.

Your Board of Directors convened an official meeting by conference call (our first) on October 23rd.

Please see the Secretaries Report for a report. High on the list was a discussion of the 2017 meeting, and election of Officers and Directors. The Board reached an agreement the present Board (term expired October 2016) would continue as an interim board until the next General Membership Meeting where the members would nominate and elect officers and Directors. Please see advisory notice on Page 8, as this is critical. Not only critical, this is really serious.

I am pleased to report we will be meeting in Norfolk, October 2017 at the Sheraton Waterside which was the destination for our just canceled gathering. . At the moment we do not have confirmed dates.

The balance of the agenda will remain in place if at all possible. It may be a bit early, but I don't anticipate the registration fee to change, should remain at \$115.00, which includes the sack lunch on Tuesday at the Mariners Museum, Newport News.

The new National Coast Guard Museum continues on track telling our story of the past, and certainly those that came after us as well as well into the future. This project, as I have reported in the past, is long over due. It is an exciting time for our fraternity to be engaged in bringing this museum to the general public. It's not too late to have your contributions included, all are encouraged to participate.

Writing for the LSA, I submitted a response to the question "WHAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW MUSEUM"? I am pleased to report some of our ideas and requests made the cut, and are listed in the architect's vision (I'm sure others probably made similar suggestions). But still, not bad for little red Lightship Sailors to be included.

I will have an updated report in the Winter Edition which will include information from the Winter MEAP Conference.

Keep the Light Shining,

Larry

"Problems are only opportunities in work clothes"
Henry Kaiser, During World War 2

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Secretary's Report

Fy 15-16 continued from Reunion Edition

October 4, 2016 Board of Directors were made aware of the pending Hurricane Matthew, after evaluation and determining the difficulty we would encounter re-scheduling the 2016 meeting the Board voted to cancel the annual meeting in it's entirety. Those on the Fog Horn electronic distribution were notified.

October 5, 2016 All events successfully canceled without any penalty. Dave Orszak, LSA Treasurer contacted all that had paid reunion dues, with option to either receive a refund or apply to next years reunion.

October 23, 2016- Board of Directors conducted annual meeting by conference call. 8 members present, 1 absent. Motion made and passed to revise the By-Laws where BOD Conference call can substitute for annual meeting if required. To be amended at next General Membership Meeting.

Motion made, seconded and passed for current board of directors to stay in place until 2017 as an interim board of directors, then hold elections and return to a 2 year schedule on terms.

Motion made, seconded and passed to return to Norfolk Area for the continuation of our 2016 annual meeting. Tabled motion selection of future meeting locations until next General Meeting.

Board approved our continued participation on the MEAP delegate for the new National Coast Guard Museum Next meeting January 23-24, 2017 New Orleans, LA.

Ron Janard introduced a new idea on a project to list the names of all Lightship Sailors on a permanent memorial in the Coast Guard Park, New Bedford, MA.

October 25, 2016 The LSA entered into a contract with the Sheraton Waterside Hotel, Norfolk, VA as our host hotel for our 2017 annual meeting.

Respectfully Submitted as an accurate Secretaries Report, FY 2016.

L. R. Ryan, Acting Secretary

HURRICANE MATTHEW WAS A WIMP

Both Hurricane Donna and Hurricane Edna, ridden out by Lightship Sailors reached lower barometer readings.

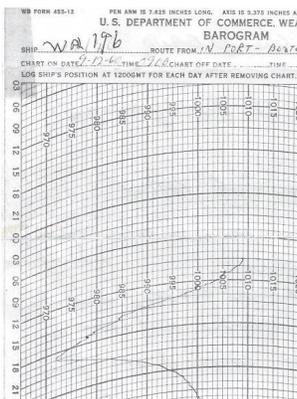


Chart courtesy Herman Schmidt. 1960 Nantucket Edna 1950 The hurricane of Sept. 1944 The CG lost 3 ships and 59 Coasties.



THE NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP'S WHEEL—The cavy brass wheel in the bridge smashed to pieces by 3-foot high wave. Left to right, BMS Richard Arnold; Gloucester, MMC Eugene Darcy of Gloucester and BMS John C. Corea of Provincetown, skipper. Arnold was alone on bridge when it was hit.

Membership Director Report

Well this year had an unusual occurrence, 2016 Reunion cancelled due to a Hurricane! How ironic is that!

Last year, during the 2015 Reunion, We had displayed 400 names of Lightship Sailor Veterans, on a Master List. Thanks to many of you, We were able to add 100's more names of your Shipmates to that list. This list is consistently growing. If you recall any Shipmate Names, Year served, and Lightship Name, send it along. May be a dupe, if not, the information will be added.

During the month of December, 2015, I started a Facebook Page. Facebook is a social media, on the Internet, allowing one to post photographs, along with descriptions, stories etc., also allowing sharing the posting with different "Pages". Viewers can reply and leave comments. The name of my page, is "Lightship Alley". Coast Guard and LIGHTSHIPS are the subject matter. I share information and photo's with other "pages". Coast Guard Northeast, Coast Guard Veterans, Lighthouses, and of course, U.S. Coast Guard Lightship Sailors. I have been able to attract Lightship Veterans, with replies, which allows me to gather their Names, Year of Service and Lightship, then add their information to the LSA Master List. "Lightship Alley" enable me to spark interest and bring back memories to Coast Guard Veterans, and the subject to the Public Eye.

Bill Quigley , 1st V.P. and Director of Publicity is also always on the search, using various media sources. I receive membership leads from Bill, throughout the year, requesting Membership Applications and information. We have added membership due to the leads.

Membership renewal 2017

We have 20 plus Renewals for 2017 already. As of this writing, 2017 Membership Cards are not designed. However, those who have renewed for 2017, will be receiving your Cards within the next couple months, or sooner.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS 2016 / 2017

We Welcome the following New Members:

LIFE MEMBER #63	Robert Burton	/ Served 1953-1955	111/533 PORTLAND ME.
LS Veteran	William Deutsch	/ Served 1958-1959	523 BLUNTS REEF
LS Veteran	Stuart English	/ Served 1972-1973	112/234 NANTUCKET
LS Veteran	David Rinck	/ Served 1952-1955	536 RELIEF MA.
Member	Barbara Nelson	Widow of LS Veteran, Richard	
Member	Mary M. Vorpahl	Widow of LS Veteran, Stuart	
Member	Charles Allard	Interest in Lightships	
Member	Richard Mahler	Retired C.G. Richards Father served as the last	

Light Keeper of Fire Island Light

As for MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, Please send in your Check while the subject is on your mind. If you send in duplicates for 2016, I apply the funds toward 2017. And as stated elsewhere, be patient for the 2017 Membership Card.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Janard, Membership Director





VETERANS AFFAIRS

Roland Holloway, Director of Veterans Affairs

Fellow Veterans,

Requests for hearing loss packets have been few since the last report.

I recently attended a Coast Guard Reunion for anyone stationed at Cape May. The reunion was well planned and I made several new "coastie" friends. I sent a hearing packet to a vet who has hearing problems from the fog horn on a light house. Another vet reminded me of the dangers we faced when a seaman on the Five Fathom was jumping from a 95 footer and lost his legs when the ships came together.

Boot camp has changed drastically but it seems that they are turning out 3500 recruits a year who are going to be the future veterans. Hopefully they will not suffer some of the problems we have had now that the new safety regulations are in place.

Hope to see you all in Virginia in October.

Roland Holloway
Veterans Affairs



Lightship Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and families:

THIS MUSEUM WILL STAND FOR US WHEN WE ARE GONE, as I have stated in past editions.

All hands will be required to bring this to life, and I can't emphasize enough how Important this is for everyone.

As members of this association, we all should be honored to have been invited to Participate even on a minor scale.

I have received comments that this is only for the USCG Academy and or the USCG Barque Eagle,

These thoughts could not be further off base. This museum will serve exactly as the name implies,

THE NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM

Honoring all that have served, those serving and for those that will come after us.

Let us give it our best!



LET'S MAKE COAST GUARD HISTORY TOGETHER!

U.S. Coast Guard: a brief history

The Coast Guard is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government. Established in 1790, the Revenue Cutter Service, predecessor of Coast Guard, served as the nation's only armed force on the sea until Congress launched the Navy Department eight years later. Since then, the Coast Guard has protected the United States throughout its long history and served proudly in every one of the nation's conflicts.



The Coast Guard is both a federal law enforcement agency and a military force, and therefore is a faithful protector of the United States in peacetime and war. In times of peace, the Coast Guard operates as part of the Department of Homeland Security, enforcing the nation's laws at sea, protecting the marine environment, guarding the nation's vast coastline and ports, and performing vital life saving missions. In times of war, or at the direction of the President, the Coast Guard serves as part of the Navy Department, defending the nation against terrorism and foreign threats.

The Coast Guard's official history began on 4 August 1790 when the first Congress authorized the construction of ten vessels to enforce federal tariff and trade laws and to prevent smuggling. Known variously through the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as the Revenue Marine and the Revenue Cutter Service, the Coast Guard expanded in size and responsibilities as the nation grew.



The service received its present name in 1915 under an act of Congress that merged the Revenue Cutter Service with the Life-Saving Service, thereby providing the nation with a single maritime service dedicated to saving life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws.

The Coast Guard began to maintain the country's aids to maritime navigation, including operating the nation's lighthouses, when President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the transfer of the Lighthouse Service to the Coast Guard in 1939.

In 1946 Congress permanently transferred the Commerce Department's Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation to the Coast Guard, thereby placing merchant marine licensing and merchant vessel safety under their purview.

Our Museum

Vision

The National Coast Guard Museum will inspire, inform, and engage visitors by honoring the courage and skill of the men and women of the United States Coast Guard.

Mission

The National Coast Guard Museum will engage the public with a variety of artifacts, exhibits, interactive experiences, and educational programs designed to celebrate the Coast Guard men and women and their accomplishments in the past, present, and future.

How will we tell the story?

The U. S. Coast Guard's 11 statutory missions will be grouped into three themes: Safety, Security and Stewardship. Within these themed areas we will explore five story lines:

- "Lifesavers around the Globe"
- "Enforcers on the Seas"
- "Defenders of our Nation"
- "Protectors of the Environment"
- "Champions of Commerce"

We will tell our most compelling stories spanning the more than 225 year history of seagoing service through the Coast Guard's:

- Chronology,
- Events,
- People, and
- Technology.

Gallery Story Lines

- "Lifesavers around the Globe"
- "Enforcers on the Seas"
- "Defenders of our Nation"
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- "Champions of Commerce"



GENERAL QUARTERS

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

Elections will be conducted October 9, 2017. This notice appears as advance information, and can be deemed also as a fair warning on where we are going as an organization.

Hurricane Matthew pushed our critical deadline ahead one year by extending the current term of office.

As you know we have been without a secretary for a year, two years at the next meeting, both Bill Quigley and Larry Ryan fully intended to refuse to serve another term if nominated and elected this year in Norfolk. Dave Orszak has served as Secretary, Director of Membership and currently as Treasurer, he has given notice that he plans on retiring from the board at the next election. Unless we have volunteers stand for nomination as officers, this organization will cease and will fade into history as have the ships we served on.

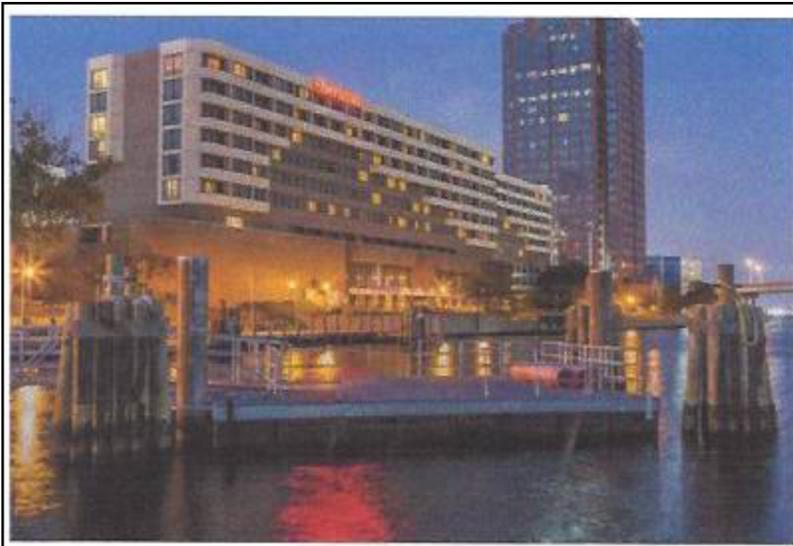
The only other option is to completely re-align and restructure the entire organization which might allow both the Web Site and the Newsletter to continue. Restructuring most likely would reduce the man-hours required to manage the business end, but would also change the entire appearance of The LSA.

Options are few, time is short, head aches are plentiful.

Our by-Laws specify the minimum requirements TO SERVE AS BOARD MEMBER: Be a Member in Good Standing, be computer competent in conducting LSA business and be able to check for e-mail messages at least every 24 hours. The president needs additional skills in producing the newsletter 4 times annually (or appoint an editor) and be able to conduct our business (and extra patience some time, I'm working on mine). The Treasurer needs basic book keeping skills and able to produce a P&L statement acceptable to the IRS. Handle deposits, pay expenses as well as collect membership dues and produce name tags for the reunion.

This message will be repeated three more times prior to the next reunion meeting. Please let one of us know your thoughts and concerns.

“Whenever you are asked to do a job, tell ‘em, “Certainly I can!” Then get busy and find out how to do it.” Theodore Roosevelt



SHERATON WATERSIDE NORFOLK, VA

Our host hotel for 2017.

Details will be firmed up in the next newsletter and on the web site in the next few days.

We plan on maintaining the same plans and agenda as we had planned for the canceled gathering..

We don't expect any hurricanes or even rain, Just a great time remembering our past.

“Words ought to be a little wild, for they are the assaults on the thoughts of the unthinking”

John Maynard Keynes



Updated October 25, 2016

CROSSED OVER THE BAR 2015-2016

<u>Lightship Sailor Veteran</u>	<u>Crossed Over</u>	<u>LSA Notified</u>
Chris Molloy Life Member #48 LV95/519 Relief 1962, LV110/532 Delaware 1963	April 13, 2016	April 13, 2016
Stuart Vorpahl LV86/511 Buzzards Bay 1958-59 118/539 Cross Rip 1959-60	January 14, 2016	January 14, 2016
Roy E. Dash WAL 189 Diamond Shoals 1949-1950	February 18, 2016	May, 2016
John Francis Kennedy LV98/521 Handkerchief Shoal	May 16, 2016 1950-1951	May 20, 2016

**DUTY WELL DONE,
REST IN PEACE**



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Rev. Adrian Van Houten

Chaplin letter Oct. 2016

Dear members and Friends with the LSA.

We are sorry to have missed all of you due to the cancelling of our annual memorial gathering in Va. I am thankful for the leadership we still are blessed with. Let us keep looking up and plan for next year. I pray the Lord will grant this group of people his peace and grace for another year. We need everyone to pitch in and participate. The future is up to us. Have a blessed Thanksgiving and celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus Christ at Christmas. God bless. Chaplin Adrian Van Houten



“It is by the fortune of God that, in this Country, we have three benefits: Freedom of speech, freedom of thought, and the wisdom never to use either” Mark Twain

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

