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USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

[ ] 2014 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
[ ] LS Veteran's Family Member
[ ] LIGHTSHIP Interest, Friend, Association
[ ] Other Associations
[ ] Former CG (non-Lightship)
[ ] CG Retired
[ ] CG Active Duty
[ ] CG Reserve
[ ] 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)**

$_____

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:**

[ ] Family / Friend:
[ ] Lightship Interest:
[ ] Other USCG:
[ ] 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 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:

Ron Janard
Membership Director
1 Melvin Ave
Beverly, MA 01915-3923

Thanks,
Ron Janard

THE FOG HORN

I WILL NOT ABANDON YOU

LIGHTSHIP NOT IN CORRECT POSITION

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My Brother Lightship Sailors, Founding Members, Life Members and Friends:
What a summer for most of us, I can only hope you were not too stressed.
And here we are again, winding up another Lightship Sailor Assoc year, staring down at our annual reunion in Buffalo, NY. I hope we have a good turn out as the plans are all but finalized, with what I believe to be an exceptional program. We have interesting speakers already confirmed along with our special guests, the grandchildren of Captain Hugh Williams, lost on the Buffalo Lightship LV 82 in 1913, Bruce O'Conner and Patricia Sharp. A picture of the Williams Family appears in this edition which includes in addition to Hugh Williams, his wife Mary and a daughter Hazel, mother of Bruce and Patricia. Please join me in making them feel a part of Lightship Sailor History.
As our tradition, we observe a memorial service to all lost Lightship Sailors, those lost in the performance of their duties, and those that have Crossed the Bar in the past 12 months. We will pay a special remembrance this year to both the crew of the LV 82, and our Brothers that have Crossed Over.
For those of you interested in traveling over the bridge to Canada, keep in mind you won't need a passport to enter Canada, but you will need it to return to The US. Either a passport or passport card, the passport card requires less time and money to obtain, either through your local post office or on line at http://travel.state.gov/passport/ppt_card_3926.html . There is a lot to see in Buffalo as well as on the Canadian side, including the memorial to the LV82 in Crystal Beach, ON details as reported in a previous issue.
For those attending the meeting, may I remind you of one of our more enjoyable items: During the banquet we have a fund raising auction to generate extra funding to help pay expenses incurred at the meeting such as the hospitality room which is open the entire meeting period. Bring your donations to the banquet being sure one of us knows the item and the donor.
Our hospitality room will be secured anytime it is un-occupied, for those that want to display memorabilia.
A very brief summary of what the hotel has to offer: 24 hour shuttle service to the airport, on site restaurant, over 200 specialty shops, stores next door in the Walden Galleria Mall, and plenty of free parking. For those that have not enjoyed ***REAL BUFFALO WINGS***, Twigs Lounge in the Lobby can't be beat.
The hotel is located just off the NYS Thruway (I-90) three miles from the airport.
Come to Buffalo, Help us remember and celebrate our Lightship Sailor History,

Larry

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Hello to All LSA Membership, Family, Friends! Been a long hot Summer in New England, no doubt much of the USA. Our Buffalo Reunion is coming upon Us quickly. Just a reminder, If you haven't mailed your Reunion Dues to LSA Treasurer, Fred Pelger, Please take a moment to do so.
Membership Renewals have been a bit slow, but steady. We need to keep Our Membership healthy, and at a steady level. I Thank each of you that have renewed for 2013. Please remember, 2014 is fast approaching, almost time to do it all over again! Some of you have already mailed your 2014 dues, The LSA Thanks You for staying on top of your precious Membership, in such an elite Organization. There is always a Membership Renewal Form with every Fog Horn.
In the last Fog Horn, as Historian, I requested each of Our Membership, to "Dig out those Photo Albums"! as mentioned previously, Photos are precious memories of our earlier younger days. They need to be shared! Yes, Your Photo's will be passed onto Family, but face it, some family members have no interest at times. You cannot imagine the number of photo's, and Albums related to past Coasties, I have been able to purchase on EBay,(an auction on the Computer for those who haven't access) with NO information on who the Coasties are? This drives me crazy! I cannot imagine Family Members parting with their Family History… So, PLEASE, if you have such photo's, PLEASE share them with other LSA Members. The way to do this, is Mail them to myself, Ron Janard,or Rick Gryder LSA Webmaster. We fully realize there importance and sentimental value. We will do the scanning, with NO harm to your Photo's, and return them to you. Scanning can be time consuming so be patient. It may take a few weeks before they are returned…Promise! Very Important: Any participation, Please state locations, Names if possible, dates anything you can remember! Since the last Fog Horn, I have received Photographs and News articles from a few of You! The LSA Thanks You for your participation! I just cannot stress the importance of keeping Your History alive.
Ron Janard LSA Historian / Membership Director 1 Melvin Ave. Beverly Ma.01915

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

Roland Holloway, Director of Veterans Affairs

In the past year I have sent out 6 hearing loss packets. I am hoping that these individuals are having some success. The VA is now so far behind that the waiting period to review and act upon claims is over 9 months. Although the VA has added more staff they are falling further behind. The American Legion and the VFW are making a big push with congress to speed things up. Please note the information noted below which was sent to me by Bernie Byrnes which may be helpful to all of us.

Bernie Byrnes' info – On the 10% service connection add annual eye exams and in many states such as Massachusetts a state tax abatement. One other important thing I would mention is you should register with the V.A. hospital system and if any of your disabilities worsen, apply for an increase (see VA form 2148 which one can type in a request for an increase or for that matter, an additional service connected disability and mail it to the V.A. Regional Office in your state. Also, if a veteran is in financial straights, they can apply for a non-service connected disability based on income.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next convention in Buffalo, NY.

Roland Holloway, Veterans Affairs

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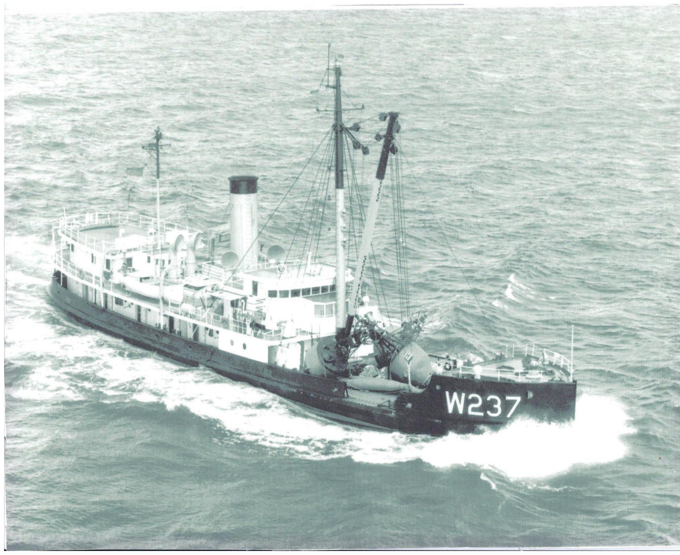
"Patriotism means to standby the country. It does not mean to standby the president or any other public official"
Teddy Roosevelt

SEA STORY-2013



This is a story and should have been information filed under "lessons learned" in the Coast guard.
I went direct from boot camp to the 5th district and immediately to the W237 stationed at the Portsmouth Buoy yards as a new FA. The 237 was propelled by twin triple expansion steam engines fired by bunker oil in two Babcock Wilcox boilers which required a lot of maintenance, the basis for this story.
The engine room crew was for the most part, true marine engineers that had the feel of the ship in their guts, and probably would have been lost on anything or any ship **not obsolete** from the day it was built. In addition to the EO, we had a MMC, 1st BT and a1st MM that ran the engine room, 2 seconds and 2 thirds, and eventually 3 FA's.
As was common in the day, the ship was staffed by locals, mostly related through blood or marriage, with a few exceptions (mine being one). The family names were Taylor, Midgett and Scarboro plus a couple of cousins. When I reported aboard the only guy that was happy to see me was a MM 3rd from Minnesota that had been standing boiler room watch. He was elevated to oiler, I got the boiler room. Even after another Taylor appeared aboard a SA direct from boot camp.
I was assigned the watch for getting underway, which meant as soon as we cleared the harbor we had to "blow tubes". For the unfortunates that never had the pleasure; soot would accumulate while docked (the fire was maintained 24/7 as the electrical system was DC generated by steam turbine generators)
which reduced the efficiency. High pressure steam was used internally to remove the accumulated soot, with most of the soot coming back down on the fireman. Since I was not related, I got the job at least twice on each sailing.
EO Melvin Midgett CWO (Mach) had a distinct dislike for anyone not related to the clan, particularly anyone standing in the way of a possible promotion of family. I was assigned any number of unpleasant projects. One of these occurred while in the yards for maintenance. The boiler tubes had to be scrapped and wire brushed by hand, yep, mine to do. I went about the job with determination for two days. When the job was completed, I crawled out of the boiler meeting Mr. Midgett face to face. He wanted to know why I was out of the boiler and I replied I had the job finished, he replied sarcastically, " You are not the one to decide when you're done, let's go back inside". Much to his surprise the job was done, and try as he might, he could not find any tube not cleaned to bare metal. So he found me another job cleaning a bilge.
Take a look at the above picture, and picture Mr. Midgett on the boat deck, a friend (QM2) on the lower deck unknowingly standing directly under Mr. Midgett, me on the dock being hosed down with a fire hose, when the QM2 shouted " Are you done?" I replied directly to the QM2, that "I was unable to decide", never looking at Mr. Midgett.
Not long after this incident I was invited by the Skipper to go TDY on the Overfalls Lightship.
Anonymous (and still laughing)

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"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm"
Winston Churchill

USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

2013 ANNUAL REUNION

October 17,18, 19.

Millennium Hotel Buffalo, NY

Call hotel direct for reservations: 1-800-323-3331
You must make sure they understand you are with
The USCG Lightship Sailors Assn.

Thursday October 17, 2013

06:00 am… Hospitality Room opens
08:00 am – 2:00 pm: LSA Registration in main lobby, receive ID Badge.
2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Annual Membership Meeting.
5:00 pm… Lightship Sailor Social

Friday October 18, 2013

9:00 am- Board Bus for Niagara Falls site seeing
Maid of the Mist boat ride is optional

Saturday October 19, 2013

9:00 am..Board bus for lunch and tour of Pierce Arrow Museum
Tour the Naval & Military Park
12:00 noon Lunch Brown Bag
1:00 pm… Annual Lightship Sailors Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony in memory of all lost Lightship Sailors
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/her presentation.
The Hospitality room will remain open for those unable to attend our day trips, coffee & soda will be available.

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

Sunday October 20, 2013

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.

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"Not for fame or reward, not for place or for rank, but in simple obedience to duty, as they understood it."
Confederate Memorial, Washington, DC

GENERAL QUARTERS

Chiefs Corner

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Please note: The agenda for the General Membership Business Meeting will include a special off year election to fill open seats on the board of directors.

Those seats are for the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents and will be for a one year term.

The seat for 1st VP is open after the resignation of Everret St Louis.

Bob Gubitosi, 2nd VP continued for the past year on a temporary basis, Bob has served as 2nd VP since 2002 and wishes to step down.

The seat for President will need to be confirmed as Larry Ryan was elected to serve for a one year term after Mobile; Larry has requested to remain as President for the balance of this term.

It is important that we have a Vice President, please be prepared to assist the organization.

The only requirements for holding office is to be computer literate and willing to check your e-mails every 24 hours. All of our business is conducted on line except for the annual Board of Directors Meeting proceeding the annual reunion.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR OUR 2013 REUNION

As part of our memorial to

The Buffalo Lightship LV82, we will be honored with the company of grand children of the skipper lost on the LV82, Hugh Williams. Please plan on joining us on a truly special and unique memorial to both the crew and the Lightship #82.

The Hugh Williams family
Taken just prior to the
loss of Life in the sinking
of LV # 82.

Above historical marker dedicated to the ship and crew lost in the 'white hurricane of 1913 in a city park, Crystal Beach, ON, CA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Deb Dasch, Secretary

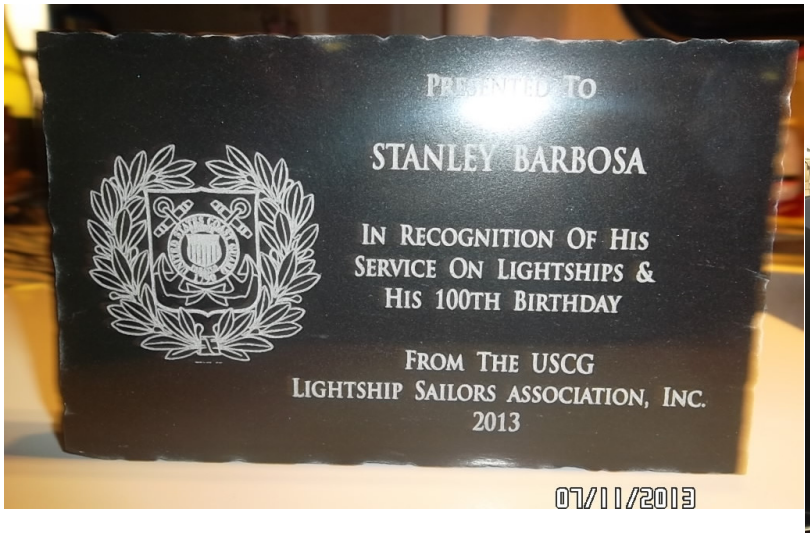
A delegation led by Dennis Cosmo, Past President and current Director of Arts and Graphics, attended the birthday party for Stanley Barbosa. Mr. Barbosa turned 100 years old, and without argument may be the oldest living Lightship Sailor having served in the USLHS aboard the Pollock Rip.

The birthday party was arranged by Stanley's son-in-law, Henry De Pina of Fairhaven, MA that imitated the contact with The LSA through our Web Site.

Dennis was accompanied by his wife Paula, Ron Janard, Bernie and Fridel Byrnes and Robertson Dinsmore.

The delegation representing The LSA presented Mr. Barbosa with a cap & jacket and a stone designed by Dennis acknowledging his service on Lightships and his birthday.

Thanks to Paula for the pictures.



While we're enjoying (???) the Dog Days of Summer it's a perfect time to make your reservations for this year's LSA Reunion in Buffalo! It helps us finalize plans and review the budget, before the last minute, if we get your response early, so don't delay! Niagara Falls is beautiful, and quite a site to see, so bring the kids or grand kids and make it a family event. It should be comfortably cool in October and if you're driving to the reunion you should have some spectacular vistas.

Now is also a perfect time to check your passport, if it's expired get it renewed. If you don't have one fill out your application asap. It can take some time to get a Passport, so don't delay!

Don't forget our auction – if you have something to donate, and it doesn't need to be nautical in nature, bring it along. The proceeds from the this event help to offset our costs for the reunion and other expenses, so every little bit helps.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Rick and l look forward to seeing you in Buffalo!!! Have a safe trip!

Deb Dasch

Secretary

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Vision without action is a day dream.
Action without vision is a nightmare.
Japanese proverb

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Updated 7/23/2013

CROSSED OVER THE BAR

2013

Lightship Sailor Veteran	Crossed Over	LSA Notified
S. William Haney **101/525 Brenton Reef 1949-1951**	**Sept 9, 2011**	**March 20, 2013**
William B. Coe **189 Diamond 1947, 107 Winter Quarter 1950, 84 Relief (Charleston, SC) 1954**	**Nov 6 2012**	**May 19, 2013**
Richard Kilroy **95/519 Relief (4th Dist) 1962-1964**	**March 21, 2013**	**March 22, 2013**
Arnold G. Holt **83/508 Relief 1957**	**April 13, 2013**	**April 16, 2013**
Neil Charles Branson **100/523 Blunts Reef 1953-'55**	**July 12, 2013**	**July 19, 2013**
Chuck Jennings **79/506 Barnegat 1954-1955**	**July 23, 2013**	**July 23, 2013**

DUTY WELL DONE,

REST IN PEACE

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Rev. Adrian Van Houten

Dear Bothers, Sisters and Friends in the LSA:
I pray everything is going well with you. Sharon and myself are looking forward to this years reunion in Buffalo, it is a beautiful place to visit. I would specially like to request you pray for our Board of Directors for guidance in preserving the history of Lightship Sailors. This is done with love and care for our benefit and future of The LSA.
We have lost several members this year, please remember their family names before the Lord.
There will be a special election this year, will you please think about joining the board in managing the affairs of the LSA. This is serious business we are facing. I am pleading with you as your Chaplin to think about you as an office holder. The LSA needs you.
God Bless you all, hope to see you in Buffalo.
Your Chaplin, Adrian Van Houten

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REGISTRATION FORM

USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS Association, Inc. [501(c) (3) Corp]

2013 REUNION to be held in Buffalo, NY October 17, 18, 19 2013.

Please check your category:

NAME_____ [ ] **USCG LIGHTSHIP VETERAN**

ADDRESS:_____ [ ] **LSA MEMBER**

_____ [ ] **LIFE MEMBER**

PHONE_____ [ ] **NEW MEMBER**

E-MAIL_____ [ ] **GROUP MEMBER**

Other Information you may wish to add:

REUNION FEES
At $110.00/person

Dues for 2014

Three Membership Levels

Full: $25.00
Group: $50.00
Lifetime: $300.00

NAME:	FEE:	DUES: (Dues Period 1 Oct to 30 Sep Annually)	TOTAL:
_____	$_____	_____	$_____
_____	$_____	_____	$_____
_____	$_____	_____	$_____

"Maid of the Mist" **Optional add $21.00**

REUNION FEES TOTAL **$_____** **DUES TOTAL** **$_____**

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 deductable.

NOTE: Please make ALL hotel reservations directly with the hotel Millenium Hotel 1-800-323-3331

To be completed by the Reunion Committee

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED **$_____**

Check #_____ **Date**_____ **Received By**_____