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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.

[] 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> USCG Lightship Sailor Veteran | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Associations | <input type="checkbox"/> CG Active Duty |
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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)

\$ _____ 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.:

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 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:



Ron Janard
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1 Melvin Ave
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THE FOG HORN



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

What a world of turmoil we are witnessing, it seems like we are nearly overwhelmed with chaos and tragedy. This issue of our newsletter will be in the mail so that you will have it before Labor Day. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Charleston Reunion: This will be our first time to meet during the middle of the week, rather than on a weekend. We found some cost saving as well as less conflict with other groups. Please keep in mind if you have not made your reservations at the hotel, their window closes on the special room rates on September 15th. We also will need to confirm our menus by the same date which obviously means we need a head count.

The City of Charleston has so much to see and enjoy, there will be a "DESTINATION GUIDE" book in the hospitality room for items of interest.

We have some interesting activities and speakers lined up, as well as our annual Memorial Service.

We will continue with our annual fund raiser during the Wednesday evening banquet in the form of an auction of donated items. We also have another change (as a result of a brow beating) on our raffle for the free room for the three night stay..... In the past Officers and Directors were not eligible for either the free room or cash prizes, this year we are changing the rules to allow spouses of Board Members to participate, including allowing them to win. The only exclusion will be the president.

I would like to invite your attention to other items of interest in this edition of our newsletter: Two items of special interest are the two Memorials on pages 6 and 7. A representative from the 'Enlisted Memorial Foundation' has not been confirmed to attend our gathering. It is hopeful someone will provide us additional information at our annual meeting.

The other is our now completed Lightship Sailors Memorial in New Bedford, MA. This memorial is dedicated to all Lost Lightship Sailors that perished while serving aboard a Lightship dating from 1837 to the end of active service for Lightships. However, it was equally important to recognize the one Lightship Sailor that conceived the idea of erecting a memorial to all of our lost shipmates, Harold Flagg. Originally it was to be a memorial only to those shipmate's of Mr. Flagg lost with the sinking of LV73, then additional names were added, and now finally we have added all known names of Lightship Sailors lost on duty. We have reserved some space in the advent of new names coming to our attention. The funds to pay for the addition came from our "Lightship Preservation Fund" that represents \$5.00 from each paid membership.

Another brief reminder, this is our election year again. All positions on the Board will be open for nominations with the current term ending at the close of the banquet. The new board will be sworn in and pictures will be taken, pictures will include individual close ups as used here in the newsletter. As a lot of personal time and dedication goes into making this a great organization and is governed by your elected board, don't forget to give them a BZ, Well Done.

See you soon,—Help Keep the Light Shining,

Larry



Secretary's Report

We're counting down to the next LSA reunion and it should be another great one! If you haven't made your reservations or sent in your registration please do so as soon as you can, it will be here before we know it. It helps us plan activities and schedules when we have a good count of members who are attending. While you're thinking of the reunion, jot down your sea stories and dig out your pictures of life as a Coastie, so you can share them with us, if you haven't already done so.

Charleston in October should be wonderful!!! You can take advantage of the good hotel rates to extend your stay for some warm and relaxing time away from home. That's especially important for those of us who live in colder parts of the country and may be greeting winter weather soon after the reunion!

Although we anticipate a wonderful reunion we'll be missing one of our own who crossed the bar recently. Bob Gubitosi was a long time active member of the LSA who served as an officer and Board of Directors member for many years. His presence will be missed and we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Kathy, and their large, close-knit family.

Hoping to see you in Charleston!!!

DEB



J.D. McMullen

2014 BANQUET KEY NOTE SPEAKER

Mr. McMullen recently represented the family of one of our members that crossed the bar as a result of exposure to asbestos aboard a Lightship. In the process Mr. McMullen became knowledgeable of the duty we performed on Lightships.

He will speak and offer suggestions to those of us so exposed to asbestos.



J. D. McMullen, also known as "The Texas Rattler", is a native of Longview, Texas, and lives in Houston with his wife, Lauren. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas in 2001, and his law degree from South Texas College of Law in 2005. While in law school, he was President of the Student Bar Association and an academic merit scholar. He served on the law school's Pro Bono & Access to Justice Board, and received the Dean's Citizenship Award. He served as President and Founder of ADR Advocates, and is a Certified Impartial Third Party, who has mediated cases for the Harris County Better Business Bureau and Houston's family courts. While in law school, he also established "Triple Play," an annual charity softball tournament involving Houston area law firms and law schools that benefits local charities, including the Houston Area Women's Center, which is still in existence today.

Since 2005, Mr. McMullen has represented hundreds of civilians, veterans, and their families, all across our country, who have been victims of the asbestos epidemic, which was the result of corporate negligence, misconduct and greed. For over half a century, asbestos manufacturers hid the truth about the hazards of asbestos in order to maximize profits, which has resulted both in the death of our loved ones and the inability for them to live the normal lives that all citizens strive to achieve. He has fought vigorously and tirelessly to help mend the emotional and financial devastation suffered by these victims and their families, and continues to be an advocate for truth and corporate responsibility to help prevent other families from suffering the same fate.

During his relatively short career, Mr. McMullen has achieved over \$400,000,000 in verdicts and settlements on behalf of his clients, and was named one of Texas' Top Outstanding Young Lawyers in Personal Injury Litigation for 2013. In addition, his peers in the legal community also selected him as a Texas Rising Star for 2013 and 2014. He is also a member of the State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association, Texas Trial Lawyers Association, and Houston Young Lawyers Association.



USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS OFFICIAL LOGO AND COLLAR PINS

On the founding of the LSA, our Founder, Founding Members and Plank Owners wrote our original By-Laws and selected our Logo(s). Later we added our Mission Statement and have modified our By-laws as the organization has grown. One item requiring an explanation is the International Signal Flag collar pins worn on our jacket.

On the RIGHT Collar is the Signal Flags **A over I** officially read as **"I will not abandon you"**

On the LEFT collar is the Signal Flags **L over O** read as **"Lightship not in correct position"**

Now a brief word on the 'timely' explanation: The original supply of collar pins purchased in 2004 were equipped with only one **post**, which allowed the pin to rotate, which then could have been read completely different (I have no idea what I over A and O over L would indicate). As we exhausted our supply of pins immediately after our Buffalo Reunion, we reordered a new supply with the pins now having two **Posts**, which will keep the flags in the proper order if as run up the truck. Further, we have always supplied a set of collar pins with the purchase of a jacket, should those that have a jacket and would like to change over to the new pins a replacement set will be \$5.00 at the meeting, plus postage if mailed.

Marty Krzywicki, Founder Emeritus

Larry Ryan, President



1st VP/DIRECTOR OF PUBLICITY

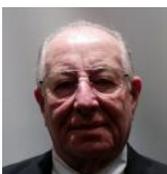
Bill Quigley

The summer has flown by, seems to go faster each year. I have seen a lot of summers, along with many of the Lightship Sailors. This is one reason why we have to actively recruit new members. As I have often said "we are a dying breed" and our membership pool is getting thin.

I have also noticed that a few of our applicants have found us in printed articles as they do not use computers. Some of us "old folks" have stayed with the "old ways", so to speak, and want nothing to do with computers. However, Ron tells me that we are seeing results from the publicity that has generated the mailing of new membership applications. We continue to get some hits via the website, some of these by telephone to Larry, only a few of these turn into new member applications. I am looking forward to our Charleston reunion to see and say 'hi' to old friends, and meeting and welcoming our new members. Let's all make them welcome and let them know they are now part of a great organization.

See ya'll in Charleston

Bill





The Coast Guard Enlisted Memorial is planned for the grounds of Training Center Cape May, NJ, the current birthplace of the U.S. Coast Guard's enlisted corps. The site will be centered on three granite walls which identify by name the over 1,500 Coast Guard men and women who perished in the performance of Coast Guard missions. The names begin in 1915, the year the Revenue Cutter Service and U.S. Life Saving Service were merged and Congress formalized the existence of the U.S. Coast Guard. Granite benches are provided for reflection and will face these walls. Also central to the site is a pyramid shaped monument with a bronze eternal flame. Each side of this monument will be engraved with the emblems of those services that were precursors to the modern Coast Guard. A brass ship's bell held in a granite structure will be located at the front of the site for use during ceremonies. Sponsor plaques listing those who provided substantial donations and support will be positioned along the perimeter of the site. The entire memorial will be illuminated by in-ground lighting.

Information courtesy of:



US COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE AT THE LIGHTSHIP SAILORS MEMORIAL NEW BEDFORD, MA

Dennis Cosmo continued his long standing tradition of laying a wreath on the memorial to all Lightship Sailors lost in the performance of their duty on the celebration of the Coast Guards 224th birthday.

Left to Right Fridel and Bernie Byrnes (91/515-85/510), Joe Ratcliffe (83/508), Dennis Cosmo (613 & 189), Paula Cosmo



LIGHTSHIP SAILORS MEMORIAL COAST GUARD PARK, NEW BEDFORD, MA UPDATE

Recognition to Harold Flagg on the completion of this memorial is long overdue.

Harold Flagg was the last surviving crew member of the lost LV73/503 sunk during a hurricane September 14, 1944 with the loss of all hands on board at the time.

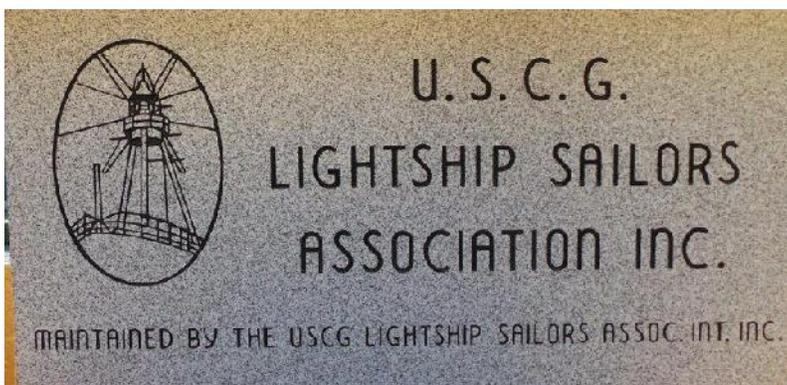
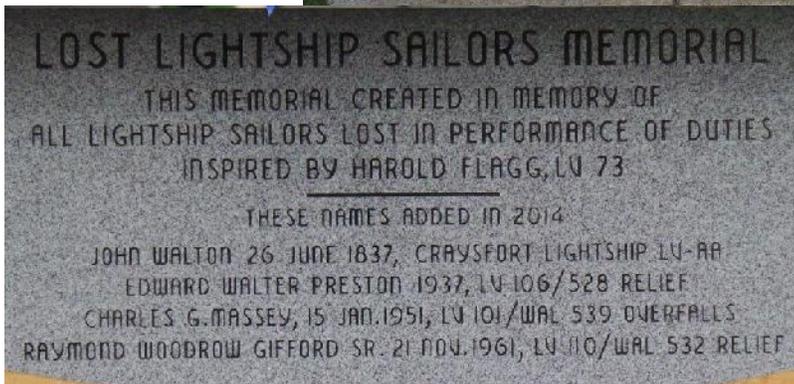
Mr. Flagg worked tirelessly in honoring his shipmates erecting this memorial which was dedicated in 1999. The City of New Bedford transferred maintenance responsibilities to The LSA October 18, 2008. As additional names have been confirmed as Lost Lightship Sailors since the original dedication, The LSA undertook the project of both adding these names as well as recognizing Harold Flagg as the originator of this memorial.

In October 2013 Ron Janard, Membership Director and Historian of the LSA assumed the responsibility of completing the memorial by having the names inscribed on a separate stone to be added with recognition of Harold Flagg, and our official logo.



Ron Janard standing next to completed memorial.

Front and back of added stone, bottom right close up of completed memorial.



Pictures courtesy of Ron Janard

LSA Membership / Historian

Greetings, to All, LSA Veterans, Family and Friends,
Another Season of Summer is approaching too fast, and another Labor Day Weekend will have passed, just prior to your reading this! Within weeks, the October, 2014 Reunion will be a Happening.... Certainly not trying to cause any urgency here, but Fall is around the corner, whether we like it or not.

Membership as you all know is what keeps the LSA a strong organization. We have more than Half a Dozen, New Memberships, and Three LIFE Members added to the LSA Roster. I believe this is attributed to Our Director of Publicity, Bill Quigley. Bill has diligently and strategically placed the LSA Reunion Information in various Publications, and this has shown great results.

As a Reminder, Our Fiscal Year is ending in the coming months. For those of You who have not Renewed your Dues for 2014, Please take a moment to do so, while this is still on your mind! Pull off the Membership Renewal Page, and return it, along with your Check. I have received Renewal Dues from a couple of Members for 2015 already! Membership Cards for the next Fiscal Year (2015) will be designed in the coming months, so please be patient. I will not forget who you are. Promise..Honest Injun!

Crossed the Bar

Our Organization has had a limited amount of notifications this Year, compared to last year. However, the LSA lost a past Board Member, quite unexpectedly this past July, Our Past 1st. Vice President, Bob "Gubbie" Gubitosi. Bob, was a well-respected Member of the LSA, a proud Member, a Friend to anyone whom he met. Bob was usually the last one to leave the Social Room at any Reunion. The LSA, his extended Family of Friends, the U.S.C.G., his Country, his dearly loved Wife, Kathleen, his large Family and Faith, meant the World to Bob. Gubbie, Rest in Peace.

I had the opportunity to interview and record Bob a couple of years ago, at the Savannah Reunion. In reviewing the recording, Gubbie made a statement I shall never forget:

"You are only remembered, as long as you are not forgotten"

As Stated in past Editions of the FOG HORN, It is so important, that the LSA, be informed of any Passing Shipmates, or Members.

See you in Charleston,

Ron, LSA Membership Director



COINS LEFT ON TOOMBSTONES

While visiting some cemeteries you may notice that headstones marking certain graves have coins on them, left by previous visitors to the grave. These coins have distinct meanings when left on headstones of those who gave their life while serving in America's military, and these meaning vary depending on the denomination of the coin. A coin left on a headstone or at the grave site is meant as a message to the deceased soldiers family that someone else has visited the grave to pay respect.

Leaving a penny at the grave means simply that you visited. A nickel indicates that you and the deceased trained at boot camp together, while a dime means you served with him in some capacity (editors note: this should include any Lightship Duty). By leaving a quarter at the grave, you are telling the family that you were with the soldier when he died.

According to tradition, the money left at graves in national cemeteries and state veterans cemeteries is eventually collected, and the funds are put toward maintaining the cemetery or paying burial cost for indigent veterans.

In the US, this practice became common during the Vietnam war, due to the political divide in the country over war. Leaving a coin was seen as a more practical way to communicate that you had visited the grave than contacting the family which could devolve into an uncomfortable argument over politics relating to the war. Some Vietnam veterans would leave coins as a "down payment" to buy fallen comrades a beer or play a hand of cards when they would finally be united.

The tradition of leaving coins on headstones of military men and women can be traced to as far back as the Roman Empire.

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Reese

REGISTRATION FORM

USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS Association, Inc. [501(c) (3) Corp]
2014 REUNION to be held in Charleston, SC, October 13, 14, 15 2014.

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

Annual Dues for 2014(Optional)

Three Membership Levels

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

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

NOTE: Please make ALL hotel reservations directly with the hotel **HOLIDAY INN RIVERVIEW
 1-800-766-4451**

Hotel cut off date for special room rate is Sept. 15.

To be completed by the Reunion Committee

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED \$ _____

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



VETERANS AFFAIRS

Roland Holloway, Director of Veterans Affairs

My Fellow Veterans:

We have all heard of the problems at the VA. Many of these are for Vets that need immediate care. I believe these are a priority. We also know that many of our cases on hearing loss and tinnitus were being denied for years and it has now been made public as to the reason why. Employees of the VA were getting incentives to lower case loads or shift them to another VA agency.

In doing research I have found that 1.5 million vets are now receiving compensation for tinnitus or hearing loss. The Marines started testing for hearing problems in 2009 and now require an annual test. It is estimated that 60% of vets who served in Iraq and Afghanistan have some hearing problem.

My advice is that if you have not yet applied for benefits or if you have been rejected, that you should reapply, and if you don't get results go to your local congressman and find out why not. It is now a political football and I hope this is a start for all vets to get the help they need. Most American Legion Posts and VFW Posts will help you with the process. Some County and States offer VA assistance also. Good luck and I look forward to seeing you in Charleston, SC.

Roland Holloway, Veterans Affairs

Roland



IMPORTANT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR THE WEBSITE

As our reunion in Charleston, North Carolina is almost upon us, I have to wonder where the summer went? But again, where did the last 30-50 years go, we were all young once.

We had a good year adding to the website and also got a few more "Then and Now" pictures of you Lightship Sailors. I know that some of you may be hesitant to send us your pictures and we understand the importance of these cherished memories that you don't want to lose. All pictures we receive of individuals will go on our website for everyone to see. This is our own memorial to those of you that did what no one has done since.

So why not bring any pictures you may have regarding your service time to Charleston. I can have them digitized right there and back to you on the same day! I will not only give your pictures back but also the digitized version as well for anyone that might want them that way if you use a computer you can send them to friends and family as you choose. Remember that we can use ALL of your service pictures not just your boot camp (or there about) pictures. We can take a "Now" picture of you at the reunion and give that to you as well.

So, Please...consider perusing your picture books and files and see what you have. We would really appreciate this and record what you have done for the country.

Rick



"No diet will remove all the fat from your body, because the brain is entirely fat. Without a brain you might look good, but all you could do is run for public office."

Covert Bailey

GENERAL QUARTERS

Chiefs Corner



The American Lightship Museum Opens

The Overfalls Foundation in Lewes, Delaware announced the opening of the American Lightship Museum at a ceremony on June 4, 2014. The Foundation is also the home of the Lightship Overfalls (LV-118), a recently designated National Historic Landmark, and the Delaware Maritime Hall of Fame.

The new museum will work in conjunction with the lightship, at the same location, to tell the story of the American lightships and the crews who served aboard them. Foundation president Tracy Mulveny said, "This is something that has been in our plans for a long time and this year we were able to put all of the pieces of the puzzle together. First, the Lightship Sailors Association donated their collection of artifacts to us to put on display. Then, we were given the pilot house from the *Stephanie Anne*, a 1955 vintage fishing boat that was being rebuilt which we were able to restore and use to house the artifacts. Our local community, which has always been supportive of our mission, made it possible to incorporate the new structure in our existing building complex. Finally, with contributions of funds and building materials from generous donors, our volunteer work force took over and made it all happen."

In addition to telling the lightship story, the museum houses some significant and unique artifacts such as the hawsehole from LV-1, the first numbered U.S. lightship, and the last American flag to fly over a U.S. lightship completing a full tour in service. The Foundation also seeks additional artifacts to supplement the collection and better tell the lightship story. Any individuals who might be able to assist in adding to the collection are asked to contact the museum curator Ray Glick on (847) 732-2988

The museum's open hours will coincide with that of the lightship which is seasonal from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. As with the lightship, special museum tours are available on request.

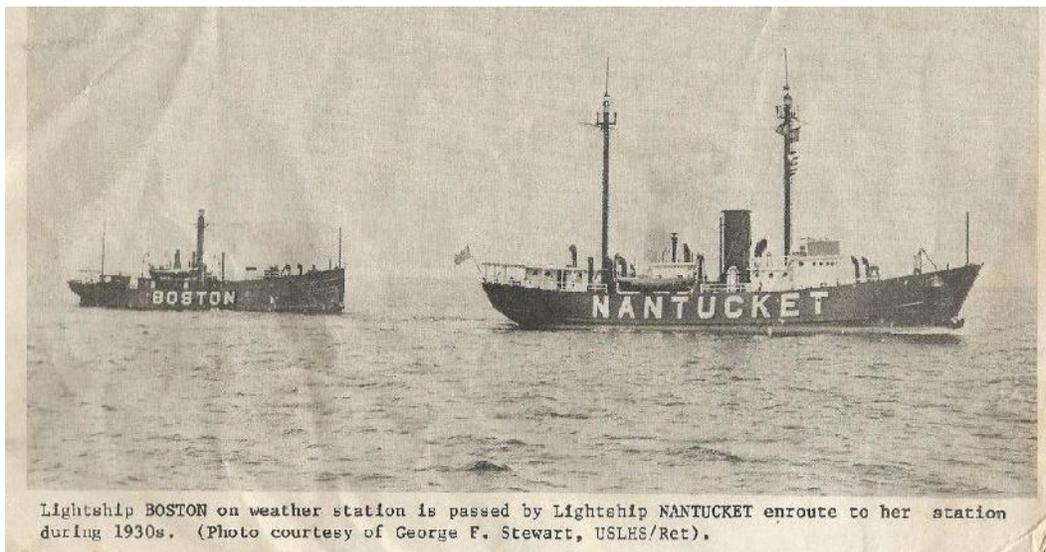
Tracy Mulveny, President Overfalls Foundation

SHORT HISTORICAL NOTE

2014 marks the 80th anniversary of the sinking of the Nantucket 117. On 15 May, 1934 the Lightship was rammed and sunk by the HMS Olympic. Seven Lightship Sailors lost with the ship.

The names of all Lost Lightship Sailors are recalled annually during our annual reunion.

Ron Janard, LSA Historian



Lightship BOSTON on weather station is passed by Lightship NANTUCKET enroute to her station during 1930s. (Photo courtesy of George F. Stewart, USLHS/Ret).



Updated 8/12/2014

CROSSED OVER THE BAR

2013-14

Lightship Sailor Veteran

Crossed Over

LSA Notified

Robert J. Gubitosi, Sr.

July 10, 2014

July 10, 2014

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

Walter Allen Smith

June 4, 2011

May 23, 2014

613 Ambrose 1967

Herbert P. Lange

Dec 19, 2013

June 12, 2014

116/538 Chesapeake 1958-59

R.C. Soaper

12/06/2013

February, 2014

111/533 Portland 1953

**DUTY WELL DONE,
REST IN PEACE**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Rev. Adrian Van Houten

Dear friends and members of the LSA,

In the name of our Lord I greet you with great assurance that this years gathering will be the best it has ever been. I grieve with you at the loss of our dear brother and friend Bob Gubbie who served for many years helping to make this origination what it is today. He will be sorely missed. Come to the annual gathering with great anticipation willing to serve as Bob and others have served. We need others to step up and fill the gaps. I continue to pray for the LSA, its future, health well being and guidance is in our hands, with the help of our Lord. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Charleston. God bless In the name of Jesus Christ.

Your Chaplin Adrian V.H.



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