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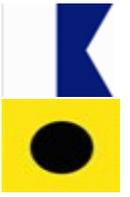
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TO ASSIST IN THE PRESERVATION OF ALL EXISTING LIGHTSHIPS
TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF LIGHTSHIPS AND THE SAILORS THAT SAILED
ON THEM, TO HONOR THOSE LIGHTSHIP SAILORS THAT HAVE PERISHED IN
THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES





I WILL NOT
ABANDON YOU

THE FOG HORN



LIGHTSHIP NOT IN
CORRECT POSITION

Newsletter of The U.S. Coast Guard Lightship Sailors Association VOL 6 Issue 54 REUNION EDITION 2016

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

Welcome to our "Reunion Edition" of the Fog Horn, and as always it is the last one for our 'membership year' ending and beginning on October 1st. We have a lot of important information in this edition, I hope it finds you well and interested.

You will find inside an update on our pending National Coast Guard Museum scheduled for opening in 2020 on the water front, New London, CT. Dave Orszak, Alternate Delegate attended the summer MEAP conference just concluded the last weekend in July.

Please see the update on page 7. We all want to thank Dave for attending the weekend conference and representing our organization. As was the first MEAP meeting last winter, this is a dignified and dedicated team participating in a once in a lifetime team project.

The museum is coming together with a dedicated and capable team leaders associated with the Coast Guard foundation. We will have periodic updates here as well as more extensive discussion at our General Membership Business meeting in Norfolk in October. We are proposing a Q & A session and are requesting membership involvement.

Since our founding in 1999, (18 years) our organization continues to thrive with several descendants of Lightship Sailors becoming active members. At this rate the organization will continue for many more years, probably far longer than originally projected. With that being said, now would be an excellent opportunity to share a couple of my thoughts: First, your elected Board of Directors are a never ending help in keeping the association active and strong, specifically those that provide a service that I can't (or don't want to do) Dennis with Arts and Graphics (the longest serving board member), Dave Orszak, Treasurer, Lori as our Web Master, Bill with his publicity and one of the most time consuming, Ron with maintaining our membership. Adrian serving as Chaplain, auctioneer and chairman of our hospitality along with providing our banquet center pieces backed up and assisted by our Ladies are absolutely priceless. It takes everyone, and the very worst task I have to do is receive and record one of our own that has just Crossed the Bar. Some I know well and others may be unknown but the pain is the same.

Then we have a host of members, I can't possibly list the names for fear of leaving someone out, Assume you are one of these: For those that send information and or reminders, let me assure you your information is important and appreciated. In the past 12 years as president, I have traveled extensively in the lower 48 and have enjoyed your hospitality, Thank You. Another 12 years? I doubt it!

I hope to see a good turn out in Norfolk in October, if you have not been attending you will find us warm and welcoming no matter if you are a Lightship Sailor or not. For your information, few of our attendees actually have shipmates in attendance (I don't and never have).

Keep the Light Shining,
Larry



Secretary's Report

May 1, 2016 Final plans for 2016 reunion submitted with request for budget approval

May 5, 2016 Board of Directors approved 2016 reunion budget

Per request in the Spring edition of the newsletter, page 7, Roland Holloway responded with his contribution with Lightship information to be included in the new National CG Museum.

July 19, 2016 Adrian Van Houten submitted information on his banquet Center Piece project. Planning on 10 tables.

August 2, 2016 Dave Orszak, Alternate to MEAP Conference, submitted his report to the members to be included in the newsletter.

August 2, 2016 Received an update on the 613 project, New Bedford, MA from Bill Golden., owner.

August 4, 2016 LSA received an other nomination for our 2017 annual reunion, New Orleans, LA. To be voted on at our general Membership Business Meeting, October 10, 2016.

Larry Ryan, Acting Secretary

Bill Quigley, 1st Vice President/Director of Publicity

Are you ready? Ready for another great Lightship Sailors' Reunion? We are hoping that we have another good turn out; meeting new members and seeing friends we were stationed with many, many years ago or that we've met at previous reunions. President Larry always does a great job of planning and organizing an unforgettable reunion, and I'm sure 2016 will be a repeat performance. Norfolk VA is an active city, so why not add on a couple of days and have a mini-vacation.

We have had a pretty good response to our reunion listings this past year. The American Legion Magazine and the Retiree's News Letter are where we get the most responses from. A lot of old Coasties call to talk of old sea stories, but are unable to take part in the LSA because of age related physical problems or illnesses. It is always enjoyable talking to them.

Again, continue to spread the word about the LSA. Each year our numbers decrease. It's surprising how many have never heard of us. Just imagine if each LSA member contacted only one old Coastie! They will thank you.

See ya'll in Norfolk.

Bill



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

John Maynard Keynes

USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

2016 ANNUAL REUNION

October 9,10, 11& 12.

Sunday October 9, 2016

3:00 PM LSA Hospitality Room opens

Monday October 10, 2016

07:00 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. Election of Officers and Directors at Large for the 2017-2018 term.

5:00 pm... LSA Social Gathering

Tuesday October 11, 2016

09:00 am... Bus trip to USCG ATON training center, Yorktown, VA.

12:00 noon Lunch provided Training Center

01:00 Maritime Museum Yorktown

Wednesday October 12, 2016

Free Time for local sites

1:00 pm... Annual Lightship Sailors Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony.

In Hotel ***River Walk*** Room overlooking water

5:00 pm... Annual Banquet Dinner with cash bar, Keynote speaker

Dr. William H. Thiesen, Coast Guard Atlantic Area Historian followed by annual auction.

Note: As a courtesy to our guest speaker, the bar will be closed during his presentation.

9:45 PM Installation of Officers and Directors for the 2017-2018 Term.

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.

HOTEL INFORMATION

SHERATON NORFOLK WATERSIDE

777 Waterside Drive

Norfolk, VA 23510(757) 622-6664

Special Lightship Sailors Group Rate \$109.00

NOTE: CUT OFF DATE SEPT 10, 2016

Includes two Breakfast per room per day.

REGISTRATION FORM

USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION INC (501(c)(3) Corp)
2016 REUNION to be held 9-12 October 2016
at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside, Norfolk, VA

Please check your category:

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____
E-MAIL _____
OTHER INFO:

- USCG LIGHTSHIP VETERAN**
- LSA MEMBER**
- LIFE MEMBER**
- NEW MEMBER**
- GROUP MEMBERSHIP**

REUNION FEES

At \$115.00/person

Dues for 2017 (Optional)

(1 Oct— 30 Sep Annually)

Membership Levels

Full-\$25 Group-\$50 Life-\$300

NAME:

FEE:

Dues:

TOTAL:

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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REUNION FEES TOTAL

\$_____

DUES TOTAL \$_____

Please fill in the registration form and enclose this form with your check or money order made out to the:

USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION Inc. (All dues and donations are tax deductible)

Mail to our Treasurer :

Dave Orszak
7 Ridge Road
Palmer, MA 01069-2258



NOTE: Make all hotel reservations directly with Sheraton Norfolk Waterside 757-622-6664

Reunion Committee Record:

Total Received \$ _____ Check # _____ Date _____ Received

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NATIONAL USCG MUSEUM (pending)

UPDATE

The summer meeting of the MEAP (Museum Exhibit Advisory Panel) convened in New London, CT on the grounds of the CG Academy July 29 and 30, 2016.

This was the second meeting of this group, this meeting was considered as the ‘Programing Phase’, and was attended by a broad representation of various non-profit organizations with Coast Guard affiliations.

Gallagher & Associates have been retained to do the interior design and exhibits, as Payette/Gauchet Santos Architectural Firm will do the design of the world class National Coast Guard Museum.

Patrick Gallagher presented an extensive overview highlighting

VISION

The National Coast Guard Museum is a salute to the courage and skill of the men and women of The United States Coast Guard

MISSION

The museum celebrates the people and accomplishments of the service’s devotion to duty yesterday, today, and tomorrow through artifacts, exhibitory, and interactive educational programs

GOALS

(condensed)

Tell compelling stories from the Coast Guard’s past and present

Convey the many missions performed by the Coast Guard

Inspire others to follow in the footsteps of others

Provide interactive experiences that immerse visitors in the thrill, excitement and challenges

Engage the public, veterans, and current Coast Guardsmen in the future vision and goals for the force and the nation

KEY TAKEAWAY MESSAGES

The men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard are America’s Maritime Guardians

As the oldest continuous sea service, the U.S. Coast Guard has played a critical role in the nation’s defense and the growth as a maritime nation.

With its many missions, the U.S. Coast Guard has been and continues to be interconnected with our daily lives.

The next MEAP gathering will be in New Orleans, LA primarily to visit the World War II memorial designed by Gallagher and Associates. A full report will appear in the Spring ’17 Fog Horn.

NOTICE: For those of you attending our annual gathering in October, please see the printed material on the progress of the museum ON DISPLAY. Also, we will have a discussion on the museum and the interest of “Plank Owner” possibilities

Dave Orszak, Alternate Delegate



“ The heroes of the U.S. Coast Guard deserve to have their stories told and this museum will be a worthy tribute”

Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr. USCG (Ret)
24th Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

“I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure: which is, **Try to Please Everybody**”
Herbert B. Swope, American Journalist

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Roland Holloway, Director of Veterans Affairs



Dennis Cosmo and Joe Ratcliffe placing a new wreath on the Lightship Sailors Memorial in New Bedford . Dennis has taken the responsibility in honoring our lost brothers every year on the US Coast Guard’s Birthday, August 4th, as he has for the past several years. Our Thanks to Dennis and Joe for remembering those that gave their all and representing our fraternity .

It is my understanding it is possible to find a ships roster by going to MR_CustomerService@uscg.mil I have not attempted to use this and would be interested in your success.



Summer 2016 MEAP Conference, New London, CT.
Working on The New National USCG Museum.
LSA Represented by Dave Orszak, Treasurer and Alternate Delegate.



GENERAL QUARTERS



ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2017 AND 2018 TERM

In keeping with the terms of our By-Laws we will be conducting elections during our annual Business Meeting, October 10, 2016 at 2:00 PM.

All board positions will be open for nominations, and participation is encouraged.

Term of office begins with the conclusion of our annual banquet. Requirement to serve is minimal, candidate needs to be a "Member in Good Standing", be computer literate only to the extent of e-mail competent and willing to check for and respond to e-mails every 24 hours (as all of the LSA board business is conducted electronically except for annual meeting).

As we will have vacancies to be filled due to retirements, please consider standing for election, this organization is in desperate need of participants willing to serve the members. Should you have any question, please do not hesitate to ask.

Larry Ryan, President and Board Chairman

The first American Lightship was placed temporarily off Willoughby Spit in the lower Chesapeake Bay and soon moved to a more sheltered location in the Elizabeth River near Craney Island which then was recognized as the first Lightship Station. This station marked the approaches to the ports of Norfolk and Portsmouth, VA in 1820.

The patch for our 2016 Reunion commemorates the location of our first Lightship.

Dennis Cosmo, Past President and Director of Arts and Graphics



PROPOSED NEW NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM

The 2016 General Membership Business Meeting agenda will include an open discussion period covering questions and updates on the new museum. All members are encouraged to participate in the open discussion. As this museum will include our histories, it is important that all ideas and suggestions be openly discussed as early as possible in order they receive consideration in the exhibits.

This museum will stand for all of us when we have crossed the bar

We are without a doubt living in uncertain and even dangerous times. With worldwide violence with potential to disrupt our very society as we know it.

It has been said by many the elections in November are arguably some of the most important in our lifetimes, and I believe most of us would agree, regardless of how disagreeable our choices may seem.

Everyone needs to be sure your vote is counted, check your registration and vote your conscience.

The Lightship Sailors Association does not support any candidate nor take an official position in our political system other than encourage all to vote.

"Any man who thinks he can be happy and prosperous by letting the government take care of him better take a closer look at the American Indians." Henry Ford



Updated August 6, 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
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
John Feenstra LV 111/WAL 533 Portland 1953	June, 2015	October 19, 2015

**DUTY WELL DONE,
REST IN PEACE**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Rev. Adrian Van Houten

Hello to the members and fiends of the LSA,

It has been a busy year for Sharon and I trying to keep up with ministry and family life. I know how busy Larry has been trying to keep up with the goings of the our LSA. I am excited about the new USCG museum that will be New London, Con. Ihold you up in pray, that the Lord will give each of us the strength and energy to attend this years memorial.

Here is a poem I found I hope you enjoy as much as I did:

AS IF AT SEA:

O God, my sea is so great, and my boat is so small. Fill my sails with the winds of the Spirit. May I trust your steady hand on the helm of my life. Keep my eyes each alternating between the compass of your word and the distant horizons. And at the end of my journey may I cast my anchor in the quiet harbor of your love. In the name of Christ my Savior I pray. Amen



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

