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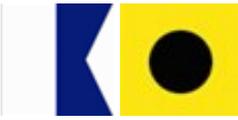
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***MISSION STATEMENT***

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







# THE FOG HORN



I WILL NOT ABANDON YOU

LIGHTSHIP NOT IN  
CORRECT POSITION

## Volume 4 Issue 44 Newsletter of The U.S. Coast Guard Lightship Sailors Association WINTER EDITION 2014

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To My Brother Lightship Sailors, Life Members, Founding Members and Friends:

It's been said that "Time-It marches on....without ever turning around to see if anyone is even keeping in step". Since I was never really very good about keeping cadence, I'm both looking back as well as forward. And at the moment, I'm more than a little interested in putting together another annual gathering of our historical organization, and it is a lot more fun than marching.

Charleston is a beautiful City with a lot of attractions anytime of the year, especially mid October. The hotel has extended our group rate through Thursday night allowing at least one additional day for those that want to take in more sites than we will have time for.

This year is also our even year for election of Officers and Directors of The LSA. All positions are up for nominations, with minimal qualifications: be present, be computer literate (in order to communicate on Board Business) and be a member in "Good Standing". We don't need to sit on the computer, just check for messages at least every 24 hours.

We are now into our 31st year since our last brother lightship sailor joined our ranks. Again, "Time Marches on", we can't stop it, but we still have the power and will to preserve it as part of a national history. As we well know, our contribution has largely been ignored. We should not let this happen. As has been said by many of our organization, by banding together annually, saving our stories and sharing them with friends and especially family, perhaps we can extend Lightship Sailor History into future generations. I take great pride in the service we are currently providing to past generations as explained in our Webmaster's report in this edition. Come join us in Charleston, we need every one and their stories.

I would like to acknowledge one, actually about three of our participants in our Buffalo program. I originally ask Claudette Cot'e to read poem or story sometime during the meeting, which she agreed to do. Just prior to the meeting, Claudette had some health issues and had to cancel. She had Bob fax an essay written by their 16 year old grandson (in 2008) Ron Cot'e, which I passed off to Sylvia Addicotte to read. The essay is entitled "Voice of Democracy", in short, a terrific salute to all veterans and their contributions to our current way of life. A huge **BZ** to Ron, Claudette and Sylvia.

As I read Adrian's Chaplain's message, it occurred to me we need to keep the old adage in mind: "All things are Temporary" followed by "All Good (and bad) Things must come to an End". So in my view still longing for the '50's, we all have seen the changes in our society that most of us would like to reject. Government mandates, desire for more and more control of our daily lives and all from a brain dead congress.

Help Keep the Light Shining Bright,  
Warmest Regards to All,

*Larry*



# Secretary's Report

## 2013 ANNUAL FUND RAISER

### AUCTION REPORT

NAME OF DONOR	ITEM
BARBARA CAMERON	HOOKE RUG *
DENNIS COSMO	LADIES COAST GUARD RING
BOB GUBITOSI	C130 MODEL KIT
BOB GUBITOSI	USCG COLOGNE
BOB GUBITOSI	USCG COLOGNE
ROLAND HOLLOWAY	3 LIGHTHOUSES @\$20.00 EACH
ROLAND HOLLOWAY	USCG TRAILER HITCH COVER
ROLAND HOLLOWAY	2 SETS USCG COASTERS @\$12.00 EACH
DEB & RICK DASCH	2 BOTTLES OF WINE @\$12.00 EACH
ANN MARIE TAMALONIS	COAST GUARD MOVIE
DAVE & PAT ORSZAK	COAST GUARD BLANKET
DAVE & PAT ORSZAK	COAST GUARD WALLET
JAY MCCARTHY	9 COPIES OF HIS BOOK, 1@\$10, 8 @ \$5.00
ADRIAN & SHARON VAN HOUTEN	8 WOODEN TEA LIGHT HOLDERS @\$15.00 EACH
ADRIAN & SHARON VAN HOUTEN	8 CENTERPIECES @ \$40.00 EACH - SOLD 6
ADRIAN & SHARON VAN HOUTEN	AMERICAN FLAGS @\$1.00 EACH - SOLD ABOUT 10
BILL QUIGLEY	COAST GUARD CAP
RON JANARD	CAPE COD BAG
DENNIS COSMO	RELIEF PAINTINGS @ \$1.00 EACH **
ADRIAN & SHARON VAN HOUTEN	LIGHTHOUSE CENTERPIECE
RICHARD JENNINGS	1 DAY DEEP SEA FISHING TRIP FOR 4



Greetings to all LSA members and friends,

Our First Vice-President, Bill Quigley, by unanimous vote of the BOD, was made Director of Publicity. We're sure Bill will do a fine job in this capacity. We are also grateful to Rick Gryder, our webmaster for his work on the website, which gets better all the time. If you haven't seen it lately take a look – lots of great stuff on there!

With any luck, by the time you read this Spring will be well on its way! As I write it, we in Northeast PA are getting hammered yet again with snow – about 12 inches till it's all over this time. It's been a long, cold, snowy, icy winter for many of us, all over the country, and many in the West had drought and fires to deal with. We hope you were safe through it all.

Lousy weather, as you all know, was, and is, often the norm for Coast Guard personnel – hurricanes, floods, coastal blizzards, scorching heat – they deal with it all and more. Working in close quarters through those natural disasters, or just the day to day SOP on a Lightship, can create bonds between crewmembers. Sometimes the thought of a fellow crewmember will bring to mind a particular sea story – good, bad, funny or scary. Think about those fellows you served with on the Lightship, many of whom were as green or greener (figuratively or literally) than you were at the time. Jot down their names and bring the list to the reunion, maybe we can locate some of them, or maybe some of our members served with them elsewhere in their Coast Guard careers. If we can locate some of them we might get some new members, and new sea stories!

Fair winds and smooth sailing to all of us!

**Deb**

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# ***USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc.***

*2014 ANNUAL REUNION Charleston, SC*

*October 13, 14, 15.*

Quick Overview of Basic Reunion Information to Help in your Planning!

Sunday October 12, 2014

03:00 pm... Hospitality Room Opens... Sumpter Room

Monday October 13, 2014

08:00 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

Tuesday October 14, 2014

9:00 am- Board Bus for site seeing

Wednesday October 15, 2014

9:00 am..Board bus for Tour of Legend Class Cutter Hamilton (if in port)

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,-Harbor View Restaurant

**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 except above

## HOTEL INFORMATION

Holiday Inn-Riverview  
301 Savannah Highway  
Charleston, SC 29407

Reservations: (Must ask for Lightship Sailors Group Rate) **843-556-7100**

Rooms \$95.00 per night, for Water View Rooms add \$10.

Includes 2- Hot Breakfasts per room



# VETERANS AFFAIRS

Roland Holloway, Director of Veterans Affairs

Coast Guard Veterans,

A past member of our association recently passed away of lung cancer. I don't know if this was related to asbestos exposure or not. It is important to go to the internet and check out the symptoms of asbestos related illnesses. Some symptoms do not appear for 40 or 50 years. Any ship that was built prior to 1980 had asbestos somewhere on the ship. Anyone could have been exposed but most of the snipes were more readily exposed through insulation on pipes and machinery and it was also used in wiring. Members who were in buildings built prior to 1980 could also have been exposed. As we know, some of our ships were built before asbestos was used; however, it was used during overhauls, boiler repairs and engine replacements.

If you want to check out the details you can go to the Veterans Affairs web site at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) and enter asbestos mesothelioma for numerous articles relating to this matter. You can also go to

<http://www.asbestos.com/veterans/coast-guard/>

More information is also available if you google asbestos on navy ships.



## Roland Holloway



"I will not fail thee nor forsake thee"  
President Ronald Reagan, to Veterans

### 1st VP/Director of Publicity report

As I sit here in South Texas sunshine I can't help but think of a comment Ron Janard made to me a few weeks ago: "You're missing a good old fashion New England winter". To tell the truth I really don't miss the cold and snow, but I will never forget "those winters".

Filling the new position of Director of Publicity is going well, and I am learning day by day. I feel that working with President Larry Ryan the position will be an asset to The LSA, with Ron's help we have added some new members as a result.

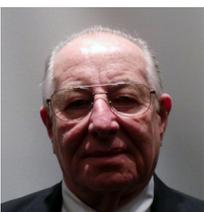
I have listed our Charleston reunion in a few Military Publications to date, and have had some positive response which I have forwarded to our membership chairman and in turn he gets a membership application sent to them right away. Responses have been from Seattle, WA to Manchester, NH, so we know that we are covering the entire country.

I know that we all must remember some of the folks we joined with, served with, or met along the way that might be interested in becoming members. Get in touch with them, tell them about us and get them to our website. The most anyone can say is "no", but it is well worth the effort. Can you imagine, if each of us enlists a new member how the LSA would grow?

We are a dying breed so each year it will be more difficult to recruit people. Think about it!

If anyone has any ideas that you would like me to explore, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Bill*



"A gun is like a parachute. If you need one, and don't have one, you'll probably never need one again"



# GENERAL QUARTERS

## Chiefs Corner



### USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS WEBMASTER REPORT

Rick Gryder, Director and Webmaster

Well Buffalo is gone and we are in to winter and here in Wisconsin it has been a nasty one, along with most other areas of our country.

I have not yet finished up putting Buffalo on the website due to several reasons I won't boor you with here. My point is that if any of you have any FANTASTIC images of anything you did in Buffalo there is probably still time to get them to me. Even if I get that section done... more or less, I can still add any GREAT images you may have. Please make sure they are sprcial as I have more than enough of the meeting except for the guest speaker. I was too far away when I took one and I can't use it.

Further to some of our website successes, as a result of the website being accessible to the public, we have been contacted by two additional families descended from Lightship Sailors from the USLHSE era.

In addition to the family of Hugh Williams that joined us in Buffalo, we recently were contacted by families of Charles Tobin, Master of the LV 110 Pollock Rip in 1927, and great grandson of Robert Tillete, Mate on Chesapeake 116 under the USLHSE. These are hugely rewarding to our association, and all should be proud to have been a part.

Please contact me if you have anything else for us to consider putting on the website.

Rick



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Just a quick addition to our secretaries report referencing the annual fund raising auction . The money generated goes into our general operating fund and usually to pay unforeseen expenses incurred at the meeting., such as the free room we raffle off , bus transportation, etc in the event we don't reach our minimums.

All items are donated and are appreciated. The auction in Buffalo generated \$1479.

Thanks to All,

Fred Pelger, Treasurer



### EDITIORS NOTE OF APOLOGY

(This is not an endorsement, for reference only)

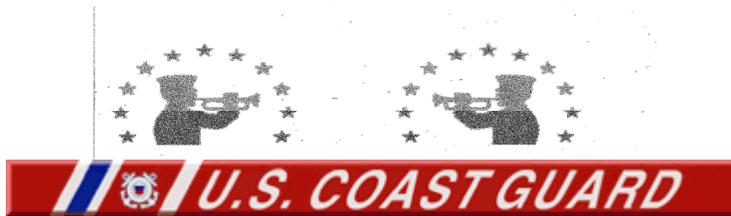
Further to Roland Holloway's Veteran Affairs report: As a result of the Crossing of one of our members from lung disease, The LSA was contacted and requested we provide information relative to possible legal action on behalf of the family of the member, which we were happy to do. The lawyer is extremely knowledgeable in the maritime field and has exhibited dedication in this case as well as Lightships and Lightship Sailors specifically. He has discovered, as in this case, some individuals may have symptoms and are reluctant to investigate, and has offered to make a presentation to our group during our General membership Meeting in Charleston.

In the meanwhile, should anyone feel they need representation, please feel free to contact the following:

Lanier Law Firm  
J.D. McMullen (713) 659-5200

"PATRIOTISM is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it".

Mark Twain



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## CROSSED OVER THE BAR

### Lightship Sailor Veteran

David G. Mason

91/515 Relief 5<sup>th</sup> Dist 1960-'61

John Henry Rogers

91/515 Relief 5<sup>th</sup> Dist 1960

Richard Kilroy

95/519 Relief ( 4<sup>th</sup> Dist) 1962-1964

Arnold G. Holt

83/508 Relief 1957

Neil Charles Branson

100/523 Blunts Reef 1953-'55

Chuck Jennings

79/506 Barnegat 1954-1955

John Henry Rogers

LV91/515 Relief 1960

David Mason [Life Memeber ]

Lv91/515 Releif 1960-1961

Paul Terwiliger

510 Boston 1962-1963

### Crossed Over

Sept 13, 2013

April 12, 2013

March 21, 2013

April 13, 2013

July 12, 2013

July 23, 2013

April 12, 2013

Nov 29, 2013

Aug 22, 2013

### LSA Notified

Nov 30, 2013

Nov 30, 2013

March 22, 2013

April 16, 2013

July 19, 2013

July 23, 2013

Nov 29, 2013

Sept 13, 2013

Nov 29, 2013

**DUTY WELL DONE,  
REST IN PEACE**

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN**



Dear Friends:

Another year has come and gone. Many events took place, some good, and some bad. The assault on Christians is mounting with each passing day. This assault will continue until the Lord returns to escort us to Glory. During our devotion time, Sharon and I were in Ephesians 5:11, where Paul tells the people (us) "to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them", or expose them. I think how strong words are. We urge each one of you to read and re-read this portion of the scriptures to gain the insight Paul is attempting to relate to the Ephesians and us.

Now is the time to start thinking about our wonderful annual meeting, this year in Charleston, SC. It is truly a beautiful place to visit, shop and eat, so bring your appetite and your camera.

Don't forget the annual auction, both as a donor and a buyer, a fun part of our annual meeting that generates funds for the treasury to help offset some of the expenses not covered by the registration fee.

Remember we are the only ones (LSA and friends) to keep the organization alive. So please plan on attending, we know it is not as easy as it once was, we are all getting older and need the strength of the Lord to help us. It takes effort, as does anything worthwhile. During my prayer time, I uphold you before God and pray for our organization and individual members, may God continue to bless us. Your Chaplain,

*Adrian*

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