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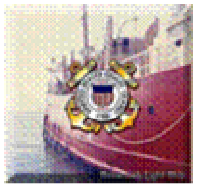
TO ASSIST IN THE PRESERVATION OF ALL EXISTING LIGHTSHIPS

TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF LIGHTSHIPS AND THE SAILORS THAT SAILED ON THEM, TO HONOR THOSE LIGHTSHIP SAILORS THAT HAVE PERISHED IN



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[ ] 2019 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)**

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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:**

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I WILL NOT ABANDON YOU

NEWSLETTER OF THE USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOC INT INC

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LIGHTSHIP NOT IN CORRECT POSITION

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

- **Larry Ryan**
- **SECOND OFFICER**
- **Dennis Cosmo, Jr Past President**

DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

- **Dave Addicott**

Roland Holloway

Adrian Vanhouten

Ron Janard Director of Membership

LSA Historian

ADVISOR to the BOARD

- **Bill Quigley**

WEB MASTER

- **Lori Templeton**

CHAPLAIN

- **Rev. Adrian Van Houten**

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

I was a bit cramped for space on pages 8 and 9 for captions of the assortment of pictures from our past. The top most picture on page 8 reminded me of a 'Lone Lightship Sailor' looking back, not unlike where we are at the moment most of looking back 60+ years. At random I picked pictures of members and our ladies collected over the past 15 years, a few have crossed over, a few have never attended but have been generous supporters in many ways, all loyal as only Lightship Sailors can be.

Gene Ringo, top left served on Umatilla 513 and 196 then 535 on Swiftsure Station. Next Herman Schmidt 85/510 Relief 1942, 196 Nantucket and 535 Relief, top far right Charles Gillingham 101/524 Stonehorse 1954, bottom left Jay McCarthy 78/505 Relief, Pete Marx 108/530 Five Fathom, Bernie Webber and Richard Perryman 112/534 Relief, Bill Quigley and John Noble 106/528Relief. Now on to Page 9: Top left our picnic lunch on Mobile Bay, Our roster of over 1100 names of all known Lightship Sailors and still growing. From our 2005 Portsmouth meeting a model of the Overfalls, a few of our helpmates in Charleston, Skip and Mary Lou in Charleston.

Your board of directors at their annual Business Meeting. Registration table with Fred Pelger and the last skipper of the last Lightship, Lawrence Culley. I have plenty of keepsake pictures, just ran out of space, but nice to recall some of our good times at our past reunions.

As we are in the very early stages of planning our 20th anniversary (my 19th), everyone involved are doing their level best to make sure this one is special. Planned activities of course includes the historic dedication of the new stone to be placed in memory of all that sailed the Lightships. And there will be no shortage of the memories and sea stories.

I'll have additional information in the next edition listing some of the local sites to enjoy around both Providence and New Bedord, so make plans to either come early or extend your stay if possible. Please note: the hotel shuttle operates no charge within a 3 mile radius of the hotel which includes pick-up and drop-off at the local airport. If you fly in you will not need to rent a car for your stay. I'm looking forward to October.

Until next time,

Keep the Light Shining,

Larry

Secretary's Report

SECRETARIES REPORT 2019 Continued from Fall 2018nedition

Change of tentative date published last report. The date changed from late October to early October, Sunday October 6 thru Wednesday October 9, 2019. (see agenda page 9).

Contract with Crown Plaza Hotel Providence Warwick Airport approved by The LSA Board of Directors, signed November 21, 2018.

December 27, 2018 LSA BOD voted to make a $250 donation towards the preservation of the Nantucket Lightship LV 112.

January 25, 2019 Received verbal permission to set the new memorial stone in Coast Guard Park and hold our memorial and dedication ceremony on October 8, 2019.

January 27, 2019 Board of Directors Telephone conference call meeting with all members present. Purpose to discuss plans and arrangements with City of New Bedford. Discussed plans to establish a maintenance program for Coast Guard Park specifically our memorials.

Any and all actions taken will require ratification by the General Membership October 7, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted, Larry Ryan, Acting Secretary

2019-OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARYN SINCE OUR FOUNDING

Few of us in 1999, 2000 would have believed we would have stood together, little alone arrived 20 years later as a strong organization. Our successful trip is due to the generous support of our members, volunteers, our Mermaids and our life mates..

At my best count we have had 26 members that have served as your board of directors in every capacity since our founding. All have contributed their time and energy as required.

As this anniversary is more than special, a special recognition to all that attended and to those that contributed.

Your Currently Serving Board of Directors

Top Row Left to Right

Dennis Cosmo, Founding Member ,Past President Board member since 2000

Roland Holoway, joined in 2002, Board since 2010

Dave Addicott, joined in 2003, BOD since 2012

Adrian Van Houten, joined in 2006, BOD since 2007

Ron Janard, joined in 2008, BOD since 2009

The ones that make it happen

USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

2019 ANNUAL REUNION

October 6-9 2019

NOTE; Location will be ***CROWN PLAZA PROVIDENCE RI*

****Quick Overview of Basic Reunion Information****

SUNDAY October 6, 2019

3:00 PM LSA Hospitality Room opens for early arrival

10:00 PM Hospitality Room Closes

MONDAY October 7, 2019,

Hotel Provided Breakfast

8:00 am… Hospitality Room opens

8:00 am: LSA Registration, receive ID Badge. (location TBA)

2:00 PM General Membership Business Meeting

4:45 PM Lightship Sailors Social

10:00 PM Hospitality Room Closes

TUESDAY October 8, 2019

Hotel provided Breakfast

Travel by bus to New Bedford site of National Lightship Sailors Memorial

Dedication of new Stone and annual Memorial Ceremony

Lunch included

WEDNESDAY October 9, 2019

Hotel Provided Breakfast

Visit Local Coast Guard Units pending (not confirmed)

Day out activities

5:00 pm… Cash Bar Preceding Banquet

5:45 PM Opening Ceremonies with Wine Toast, Annual Banquet Dinner, with Keynote speaker

REGISTRATION FORM

USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION INC (501(c)(3) Corp)

2019 REUNION to be held 6-9 October 2019

Crown Plaza at the Crossings

Providence/Warwick Airport, RI

NAME_____ ( ) **USCG LIGHTSHIP VETERAN**

ADDRESS_____ ( ) **LSA MEMBER**

_____ ( ) **LIFE MEMBER**

PHONE_____ ( ) **NEW MEMBER**

E-MAIL_____ ( ) **GROUP MEMBERSHIP**

OTHER INFO: Hotel reservations should be made direct with the hotel: 401-732-6000 or 800-227-6963

REUNION FEES	**Dues for 2019**	**Membership Levels**
At $115.00/person	(1 Oct— 30 Sep Annually)	Full-$25 Group-$50 Life-$300

NAME:	**FEE:**	**Dues:**	**TOTAL:**
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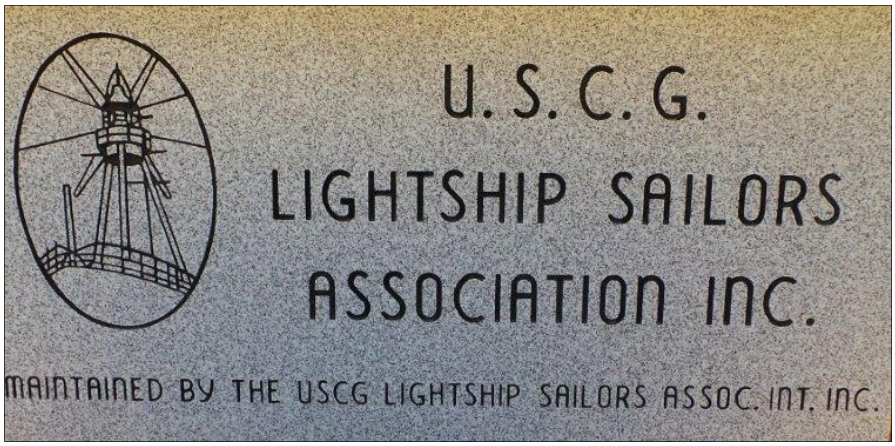
REUNION FEES TOTAL **$**_____ **DUES TOTAL $**_____

As always, we expect to have a fun and exciting 20th Anniversary meeting. Plans are underway at this time that are in addition to the Ceremony in New Bedford.

This will be a very special reunion. We need an excellent turn out to make it “one for the books”.

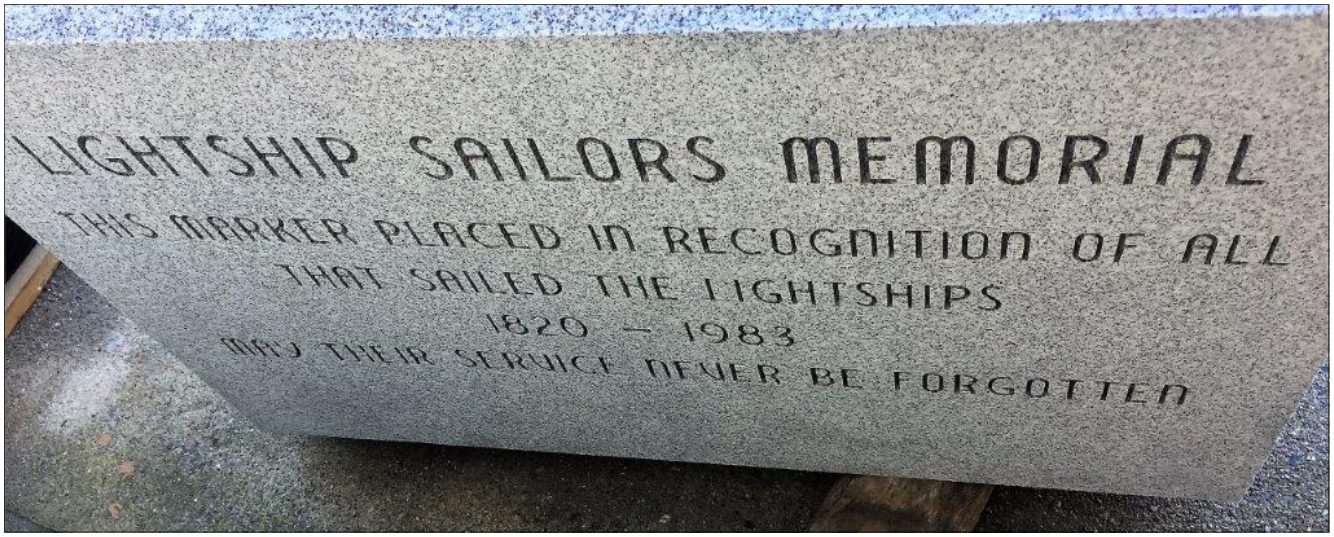
How many more reunions are left for us? We can only hope, as I don’t know.



THE NATIONAL LIGHTSHIP SAILORS MEMORIAL

Top Left is the original memorial conceived by HAROLD Flagg in memory of his shipmates lost on the LV73 in 1944. Other lost Light Ship Sailor's names were after much research in 1999.

Center stone (top right) has added names of Lightship Sailors lost in the performance of their duties added in 2015 as a result of additional research.



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VETERANS AFFAIRS

Roland Holloway, Director of Veterans Affairs

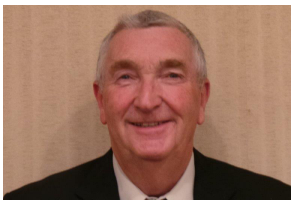
It is my understanding that tinnitus is now awarded automatically to all veterans that make application granting a 10% disability rating and most importantly it appears on your ID card as a“Service Connected” disability.

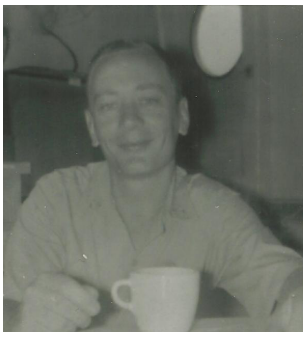
The United States Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington has been busier working for our benefit than ever before. As it seems like changes are made almost daily, everyone needs to be kept informed either on their website (www.va.gov) or through your local service officer, The VFW or American Legion.

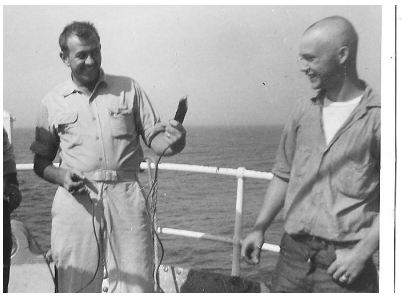
What ever benefits that might be available are not hand outs or welfare, these benefits we earned in our youth rather than a paycheck at the time.

Let me know if I can help.

Roland







GENERAL QUARTERS

Chiefs Corner

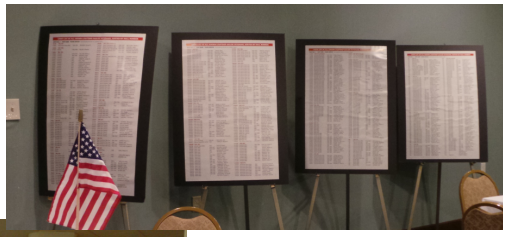
UPDATE ON THE PENDING NEW NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM

The design of both the physical structure of the museum and the exhibits that will go inside are expected to be completed in 2019. Fund raising continues now with $42 million committed. For cureent updates you may follow on ***coastguarduseum.org.***

As LSA members are Life Members in the United States Lightship Museum in Boston Harbor represented by the Nantucket Lightship LV-112, we are entitled to free admission to the 112.

Anyone wishing to be added to their quarterly e-newsletter mailing list you may do so by going to www.NantucketLightshipLV-112.org.

Interesting to note that 10 years ago to the month a group of old Lightship Sailors traveled to Oyster Bay, NY to assist in getting the 112 ready for the trip to Boston. Some of our members from Southern Florida showed up without insulated underwear or a heavy coat.



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CROSSED OVER THE BAR

Lightship Sailor Veteran	Crossed Over	LSA Notified
Norman Jefferies 1953-1954	January 3, 2019	January 3, 2019LV 79 Barnegat Station
Edward Preston Walkley 1948-1950	November 18, 2018	November 19, 2018LV 112/534 Nantucket Shoals
Edward C. Houston 1945-1946S	September 1, 2018	December 8, 2018LV 112/534 Nantucket Shoals

WELL DONE, REST IN PEACE

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Greetings fellow LSA family

As I sit here in sunny Fl. With the temp's at 70+ degrees my thoughts go Larry and trying to put together the New Bedford reunion. We need to pray for him and the people who are in the thinking mood of placing the stone. This year is special because 20 yrs. have gone by and we need to be greatful for those who served us in the past. Let us make our plans to attend and be part of this great occasion with our brothers and sisters to make this a memorial event to pass on to the future LSA. You come to my mind daily in my prayers. I can truly say May God bless the LSA and the USA.

Sincerely Chaplin Adrian Van Houten

Socialism only works in two places: Heaven where they don't need it and hell where already have it

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