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PERISHED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES







# THE FOG HORN



I WILL NOT ABANDON YOU

LIGHTSHIP NOT IN  
CORRECT POSITION

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Reunion 2010

## Writings of The President

Larry Ryan

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My Brother Lightship Sailors, Members and Friends:

We have all had a busy spring and summer, with lots of activity in our organization.

Our website continues to generate new inquiries resulting in new members and connecting us with others interested in Lightships and Lightship Sailors. At this writing we are in negotiations with a collector for a set of builders plans for the LV47, 48, and 49 built in the 1890's. This as a direct result of having an excellent, user friendly website. If you have not checked out the website, be sure to do that often as new information and pictures are being added almost weekly.

Editors Note: We ran out of space for publishing our lists of Life Members in this edition. It was my decision not to add another page as it would have kicked us up into a more expensive mailing weight class. I would like to note one of our newest Life Member as a WWII Veteran, Richard Petrie. Richard served on LV115 Frying Pan, and 78/505 Relief. Richard has been one of our long term members.

Our 2010 reunion is shaping up to be a huge success with an excellent turnout. Please take a look at the letter submitted by the hotel concierge, I published it in its entirety as it provides condensed information on the area, and also demonstrates the hospitality we will find in Savannah. The hotel staff has been excellent to work with in putting this meeting together. Several members participated in the relocation of the 112/534 Nantucket Lightship from Oyster Bay, NY to Boston, MA, and also in their Independence Day celebration. Bob Manino, president of The US Lightship Museum ( and LSA Member ) will be joining us in Savannah and will share some of his experiences in acquiring the 112, making the move and with the future plans for this historic vessel.

Bob Gubitosi has submitted his article on the elections to be conducted in Savannah this year, I would like to emphasize we have several officers and directors that have decided to retire from the board, and not stand for nomination for another term, including yours truly. There will be several positions that need to be filled for this fine organization to continue, and I hope on the same path that I have been instrumental in starting. This is not a one or two man operation, we have conducted our business as a committee, and I have been pleased to have been supported by not only a group one of the finest elected boards, but also by you the members. I hope you will consider stepping up and standing for nomination to the board of directors.

As you know, our By-Laws require that as past president I continue to serve one term as Advisor to the President, which I plan to do, and will assist as directed by your new president.

I thank you for allowing me this forum and allowing me to have a small say regarding our fraternity and preserving our history, a most enjoyable six years.

Hope to see you all in Savannah.

Keep a Good Light

*Larry*

“Rightfully liberty is unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add ‘within limits of the law’ because law is often but the tyrants will, and always so when it violates the rights of the individual”. Thomas Jefferson



# REGISTRATION FORM

USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS Association, Inc. [501(c) (3)Corp]  
2010 REUNION to be held in Savannah, GA. October 14, 15 & 16.

**BADGE NUMBER-** \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd. at registration desk Please check your Category:

**MEMBERS**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHIP NAME / HULL #** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Other Info. you may wish to add: \_\_\_\_\_

**USCG LIGHTSHIP VETERAN:**

**LSA MEMBER:**

**GROUP MEMBER:**

**LIFE MEMBER:**

**NEW MEMBER:**

**REUNION FEES:**  
**NAMES:@ \$100.00 ea.**

**DUES for 2011**  
**(optional at this time)**

**Three Membership Levels:**

**Full @ \$25.00 ea.**

**Group @ \$50.00**

**Life Time @ \$300.00 ea.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REUNION FEES TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Note; Dues Period: Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31*

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."**

Please mail to our LSA Treasurer:

**Fred A Pelger**  
**1107 East Saguaro Drive**  
**Globe, AZ 85501-2047**

The USCG Lightship Sailors Association, Inc. is a "not for profit" 501- ( c ) (3) Corporation. ALL Dues & Donations are Tax Deductable.

**NOTE: Please make ALL Hotel Reservations Directly with the Hotel-1-800-285-0398**

To be completed by Reunion Committee:

**TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK #** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **RECEIVED BY** \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc.**

2010 ANNUAL REUNION ... To be Held in  
SAVANNAH, GA,... October 14, 15 & 16.

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

Hotel: Marriott Savannah Riverfront  
100 General McIntosh Blvd.  
Savannah, GA 31401

Reservations call:

Our LSA Special Rates are: \$109.00 per night plus tax.  
Rooms must be reserved under "USCG Lightship Sailors Association" block for special rate.  
Make certain to say you are with the USCG Lightship Sailors Assn. to get the \$109.00 special rate.

**NOTE: Early cut off date September 14, 2010**

LSA Reunion Schedule:

Thursday October 14, 2010

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 and semi annual election of officers.  
5:00 pm... Lightship Sailors Social Gathering. In hospitality room

Friday October 15, 2010

4:00 PM River Boat Cruise

Saturday October 16, 2010

2:00 PM... Lightship Sailors Memorial and Wreath laying ceremony, riverfront dockside  
5:00 pm... Annual Banquet Dinner with cash bar, in the Ball Room.

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

*The Hospitality room will remain open both days, coffee & soda will be available.*

FEE: All of the above are included in the low \$ 100.00 per head fee.

PAYMENTS: Hotel:

Make reservations and payments directly with the hotel.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Reservations must be made prior to September 14th for \$109.00 rate  
After September 14, rates increase to \$279.00

Reunion Functions:

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

Sunday October 17, 2010

09:00 am ... After the official program closes, Southern Gospel Country Style Music by our Chaplain, Rev. Adrian and Sharon Van Houten. Please join us for this wonderful Mini Chapel Service. (location TBA)

# Secretary's Report

Dave Orszak

## Secretary and Membership Director Report



### Secretary

No significant events to report this quarter. Please consider applying for a position on the Board of Directors.

### Membership

2010 Memberships have surpassed 2009 with 193 paid to date including eight new Life memberships. Total life members is now 38. Other than life members, there are 128 Veterans and 27 Members. We are seven months into our annual membership and still have 20 2009 past members who have yet to renew. Please continue to support us.

Check on-line at our website for confirmation of your membership status. Thank you to the members who continue to include additional contributions with their renewal dues.

You can send your 2010 and/or 2011 dues with your 2010 Reunion Registration sent to our Treasurer.

Dave Orszak

Secretary and Membership Director

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## VIET NAM VETERANS- IMPORTANT NEWS

The Department of Veterans Affairs has released the new list of vessels that operated in the rivers and deltas of Vietnam to include all Coast Guard vessels with the hull designation WPB ( patrol boat) and WHEC ( high endurance cutter).

If a veteran's service aboard one of these cutters can be confirmed through his service jacket during an unspecified time frame, exposure to Agent Orange can be presumed without further proof resulting in expediting claims for VA benefits.

For those of you that served in that theatre, check this out!

Bernie brines, Director at Large, Director of Veterans Affairs\*



For those that have served, freedom has a taste that the protected will never know.

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### FOG HORN BLUES (continued from page 7 )

This is especially true when we have little power to change the situation. It may not necessarily be the most comfortable situation but the discomfort may be for our good and the good of others. It may protect you and others. So if you are in a situation you can't change and are prone to grumble...then just remember the fog horn blues.

**Mark Suko spent seven years in the United States Coast Guard during the 60's and 70's serving on two stations as well as other military units. He now resides in Gig Harbor, Washington where he is the pastor of Discovery Baptist Church.**

"If ever a time should come when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in government, our country will stand in need of it's experienced patriots to prevent it's ruin."

*Samuel Adams, 1776*

# A Short Sea Story

## THE FOG HORN BLUES

Few things are as fascinating to me as the unique sound of a diaphone fog signal. I first heard one as a kid while vacationing on the coast with my parents at Clallam Bay, Washington. I think the sound of the deep throated horn actually influenced me to join the Coast Guard years later.

My first assignment in the Coast Guard was in the winter of 1968/9 on the engine room gang of a lightship, the Umatilla Reef Light Vessel (WLV 196). A lightship was a 130 foot long floating version of a lighthouse. They were painted red and had a ten man crew. Few people knew about them because they were off coastal entrances and harbors and out of the public's eye. Of the 77 that were commissioned in 1918 none remain. They were anchored in one position year around to warn ships of dangerous rocks and reefs and mark major entrances. Besides the large mast with powerful rotating beacon on top, there was also a radio beacon and diaphone fog signal.

The Umatilla was anchored five miles off the northern coast of Washington state. The area is known for its rain forest which often was shrouded in heavy fog. When visibility decreased to less than a mile due to fog the horn had to be lit off regardless of whether it was day or night.

When the fog rolled in the seaman on watch on the bridge called the engine room to activate the high volume air compressors for the fog horn. This was not something that he necessarily liked doing.

It took so much power to operate the electric air compressors that an extra generator had to be put on line. That was my job as the engineer on watch. When we started the extra diesel generator the constant drone that we had become accustomed to living with suddenly doubled.

Once both generators were on line I would light off the big reciprocating air compressor. They made an inordinate amount of noise and doubled the drone and especially the heavy vibration coming from the bowels of the ship. Even if you were deaf you could easily feel the vibration by touching the bulkheads (walls) or decks (floors). The crew instinctively knew what was going to happen...even when they were sleeping.

If you happened through the berthing area at this time you would witness crewmen groaning and rolling over in their racks. Some would pull the covers over their heads while still others would put ear plugs in. An occasional curse would usher from their lips knowing what was coming.

Lightships had two large vertical fog horns each weighing several hundred pounds. They stood nearly as tall as a man and were located just above the crew's berthing area amidships. The only thing that separated the sleepy crew from the sound of the horn was the steel in the bulkhead it was fastened to. That steel also acted like a telegraph in transmitting the sound of the heavy vibrations.

Once the pressure in the fog signal tanks was up the seaman on watch would activate the fog horn. It would make a two tone sound starting with a long slow uhhhhh...hmpf. The higher groan would be followed by a deep lower grunt that sounded much like a very sick sea cow and could be heard by ships in the fog for miles. It was a distinct sound different from other ships higher pitched horns. Seasoned sailors knew this as the sound of a lightship.

No one dared even go out on deck without extra ear protection at this time. The vibration was so intense and of a low pitch that the muff-like ear protectors, standard issue, would just about vibrate off your head. This groaning fog horn would repeat its low blast every few minutes as long as there was heavy fog, day or night. Sometimes this was for only a few minutes but it could go on for days.

If I was on watch late at night when the horn was activated it was always interesting, and some times humorous, to watch the adverse reaction of the sleeping crewmen as they grumbled and complained. There was an interesting irony here.

While the horn blasts caused insomnia it also protected our ship from the possibility of being rammed by a freighter in the fog. It clearly protected us as well as other ships.

There is a lesson here in contentment. The Apostle Paul said,

*For I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*

(Philippians 4:11-13)

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# LIGHTSHIP OF THE QUARTER



## LV 109/531

Built in 1923, retired after 43 years service in 1966, transferred to Uruguay to serve as their Banco Ingles Lightship.

Originally powered by steam, converted to diesel direct in the 1950's.  
The 109/531 served on two stations as well as 6<sup>th</sup> District Relief 1924-1954,  
Savannah, GA 1954-1964

New Orleans, LA from 1965-1966.

We have active members on our roster representing crewmen from all three duty stations:

### 6<sup>th</sup> District Relief:

George Stuart FN 1952 (retiring as EMCM)

Louie Brooks SNBM 1952

### Savannah

John Hughes 1962-'64 (retiring as BMC)

Michael Morrison, CS2 1961-'63

### New Orleans

Roland Holloway, (Life Member) 1964-'66

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Picture of LV84/509 St. Johns Lightship taken from the deck of 109 Relief 1952 during the relief, by George Stuart.

Back of what is thought to be the Skipper of the Relief.

Photo Courtesy of George Stuart

There is no greater tragedy than a great theory destroyed by facts  
UNKNOWN UTHOR

Hi ...and welcome to Savannah – Georgia’s first city! We are looking forward to having you with us! and hope you’ll enjoy our beautiful city and hotel! Savannah is an *unbelievable* city organized around 24 original squares by James Oglethorpe in 1733. We all look forward to doling out a heap of good ol’ southern hospitality during your visit! Please peruse this information and let me know ASAP how I can assist you!

Please feel free to contact me at the Concierge Desk 912-233-7722 (ext. 7107) with any questions or requests prior to, or after, your arrival! My cell phone is: 912-660-8063. Better yet – e-mail me! I look forward to greeting you! I am located on the first floor – right by the Front Desk. The hours are Monday-Sunday 9am-7pm

Now – hands down! the best way to see and experience Savannah is to take the **Old Town Trolley tour**. You’ve never laughed as hard or learned as much! Hear the human stories behind the historic facts that bring Savannah’s history to life! This runs each and every day from 8:45am – approximately 5”ish”. It stops right in front of the Marriott for your touring convenience! You can get on and off at over 15 stops in the historic district. Grab a bite to eat; tour a historic home (there are several interesting/beautiful ones!) or museum; shop ‘til you drop; walk a bit; or take some memorable pictures. Good news! Another trolley appears every 15 minutes at each stop, so you’re never waiting long! An expeditious way to see the city, for sure!

Several **packages** are available, including a ghost tour, a narrated riverboat cruise on a sternwheeler; private & public carriage rides; tours of incredible historic homes and/or art museums; a special live Broadway-like show, a special Paula Deen tour,...even dolphin tours from Bull River Marina!! These packages will save you \$\$ over purchasing items separately.

The live show **A Country Star Revue!** a musical variety array of favorite country tunes (singing, dancing, and comedy ) at the historic Savannah Theater is a favorite evening destination. Shows are available W-Sat at 8pm and Saturday and Sunday at 3pm. The ensemble cast is as talented as any NY City Broadway group I have ever encountered. Seats book up fast – so call or see me for good **discounted** seats/tickets.

Being the haunted city that it is, a trip to Savannah is not complete without a **Ghosts and Gravestones** tour in the evening! Tours leave from River Street (very close to the Marriott) from 7pm –9:30pm. An hour and a quarter long, you’ll visit the Perkins Chandlery on River Street, one of the **most haunted buildings** in the city. Hear more ghostly tales as you navigate Savannah’s streets by trolley (including “tales from the crypt”) alongside Colonial Park Cemetery.

Want to shop ‘til you drop!/? **Broughton Street** is the historic shopping street, but a word of warning ...the shops close at 6pm M-Sat; 5pm Sundays. Bull Street & Whitaker Street; City Market; and River Street also have great shops and galleries. An antique lover’s brochure is available if you who want to return home with a treasure. **Oglethorpe Mall** on Abercorn Street is another great destination: Macy’s; Sears; JC Penney; Steinmart are the anchor stores.

Don’t forget the **Atlantic Ocean beach – Tybee Island!** Easy beach access; great seafood restaurants; even a lighthouse! See me for directions! Only a 20 minute drive away! Also, on the way are a couple of historic forts to explore.

**Great restaurants** abound here in historic Savannah! Various venues also have live music for your enjoyment! Stop by the desk for suggestions and information! Or call me (in house just dial 7107). \* **indicates “walkable from the hotel”**.

### **DINING IN SAVANNAH**

Here are some suggested destinations for y’all: *SOME OF MY FAVORITES...*

#### **On River Street (just out our back door and to the left –**

\*The Cotton Exchange - 912-232-7088 (best shrimp/grits in town!!)

\*The Chart House 912-234-6686 outside deck overlooking the River

\*The Oyster Bar 912-232-1565

\*Boarshead 912-651-9660

\*Huey’s 912-234-7385

\*Spanky’s Pizza Galley & Saloon 912-236-3009

\*Tubby’s Tankhouse 912-233-0770

\*Vic’s on the River 912-721-1000

\*Kevin Barry’s Irish Pub 912-233-9626 live Irish music

\*Rocks on the Roof/Rocks on the River 912-721-3901/912-721-3900

#### **City Market Restaurants:**

Belford’s 912-233-2626 (outdoor dining available)

Il Pasticcio 912-231-8888 (1 of the top 10 Italian restaurants in the USA!)

(also has delicious handcut prime steaks and chops)

Jazz’d 912-236-7777 (tapas restaurant with live music)

Garibaldi’s 912-232-7118 (quintessential Savannah with an Italian flair)

\*Churchill’s Pub 912-232-8501 (rooftop dining)

\*Moon River Microbrewery 912-447-0943

\*Ruth’s Chris Steak House 912-721-4800

#### **Ethnic Food:**

The Seasons of Japan 912-238-8228 Asian

\*The Olympan Café 912-233-3131 Greek



**PRESERVING OUR HISTORIES**

Again this year, our second in a row, we will be recording individual Lightship Sailor histories. We want to encourage everyone to participate in this effort.

We started this three year project in California last year. While there is no formal or recommended format, most of the participants gave their name, place of birth, the date of their enlistment and the various duty stations they served on in addition to their detailed Lightship duties. Since this recalls events of 30, 40, 50 and even 60 years ago, it is suggested a review of your DD214 will assist in refreshing dates and times which is the heart of this project.

Ron Janard, LSA Historian



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**ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

All positions on the board expire at the close of our annual meeting October, 16, 2010.

Nominations for all positions are open at this time through our annual business meeting to be convened on Thursday, October 14, 2010. The duties of each office, as detailed in our By-Laws, will be read aloud during the meeting. At that time candidates for all offices will be recognized, elections then will open and a vote of the members present will proceed. Those elected will take the oath of office at the conclusion of our annual banquet and will assume their new duties at the close of the annual meeting.

As all appointed positions will also expire, the incumbent president will have the option of either continuing appointments or appointing new chairmen to the various positions.

We will have several present board members retiring, and we need to fill these positions, please give some consideration in serving your organization for at least one term: President, 1st Vice President, 2- Directors at Large.

The only requirement to serve is to be a member in good standing and have adequate computer skills for communication and be willing to check for messages once every 72 hours minimum.

Bob Gubitosi, 2nd Vice President, Chairman Special Projects

Fraternally Yours, *Bob*

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We the people are the rightful masters of both the congress and the courts, not to overthrow the constitution but overthrow the men who pervert the constitution.  
A Lincoln  
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# GENERAL QUARTERS

## Chiefs Corner



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### FUND RAISING AUCTION

As most of you know, we hold a fund raising auction during our annual banquet. All items auctioned off are items donated by the members or by local vendors.

Items may be of any category, historical, Coast Guard related or just plain quirky.

All proceeds go into our general fund for support of The LSA and our museum.

Should you have items you would like to donate, please let us know.

It's a fun time, and constitutes our entertainment portion of the meeting, conducted by our very own Rev. (and Col. ) Adrian Van Houten.

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### RAFFLE FOR FREE ROOM AT THE SAVANNAH HILTON

As we have the past several years, we will conduct a raffle for a free 3 night stay in the Savannah Hilton. Raffle tickets will be sold both at the registration table and during the annual banquet. To be eligible winners must have stayed the three nights in the hotel.

Present members of the board are not eligible, new members elected during the meeting are eligible.

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### FUTURE REUNION LOCATIONS

#### REMINDER

Nominations of future reunion locations were made in Concord by the members present. The four locations were:

Baltimore, MD

Cherry Hill, NJ

New England ( includes Cape Cod )

New Orleans, LA

In addition to the nominations we have been solicited by Mobile, AL.

A final selection will be made during our annual business meeting in Savannah, GA

Please plan on being present to cast your vote.



### WEBSITE NEWS

Rick Gryder, Webmaster, Director at Large

The website continues to grow and to draw attention to not only Lightship Sailors, but Coast Guard service as well.

We recently received inquiries from descendents of Lightship Sailors and Lighthouse Keepers that served in the old USLH Service, an individual having Lightship artifacts for sale. The most important success story has to do with finding Lightship Sailors that served.

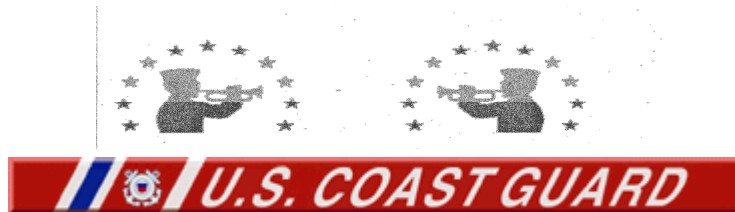
We are adding pictures from the past nearly every week. Check in often for changes and additions. If you don't have internet access, have one of your grandkids help ( it's a truly humbling experience ).

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The Taxpayer

That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service exam.

Ronald Reagan, President



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## CROSSED OVER THE BAR 2010

| <u>Lightship Sailor Veteran</u>                        | <u>Crossed Over</u> | <u>LSA Notified</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Harvard W. Urquhart<br><b>Relief 106/528</b> 1966-1967 | April 1, 2010       | April 05, 2010      |

**YOU ARE RELIEVED OF THE WATCH,  
REST IN PEACE**

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## ***A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN***

*Rev. Adrian Van Houten*

From the Chaplin

Brothers: On Memorial Day weekend I have been putting up flags (500 to 700) on the graves of vets for about 15 years. 15 years ago my grand children (9) helped, I would tell them what we were doing and why we did it. So for all those years rain or shine we were there. This year no more grandchildren so I enlisted the boy, girl & cub scouts to do the task, and again in instructed them the reason for doing it. One person said it looked like a field of ants walking around. We had to walk up and down the rows of head stones and identify and place a flag. After I got everyone placed I went off by myself in a section and read each name from WWI, WWII, Korea, Nam, Iraq and peace time vets. As I walked along I realized these weren't just headstones they were real people who served and some gave their lives. There were children born in 1946 and 1937, two little girls buried right next to a WWI grave. So as we gather in Ga latter this year for the USCG LAS memorial service, let us remember those whose names who are called off were real people, taken into God's care. Remember treat each other as you want to be treated, love each other as you would want to be loved, and you will be blessed.

Your Chaplin, Adrian Van Houten



“We hold from God the gift which includes all others. This gift is life-physical, intellectual, and moral life. But life cannot maintain itself alone. The Creator of life has entrusted us with the responsibility of preserving, developing, and perfecting it.”

Frederic Bastiat

