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Dave Yoho is presented the United States Flag at the D-Day Memorial, June 2019

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Timothy Gallaudet, Ph.D., was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on October 5, 2017, as the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere for the Department of Commerce in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Dr. Gallaudet was previously a rear admiral in the U.S. Navy, where his most recent assignment was Oceanographer of the Navy and Commander of the Navy Meteorology and Oceanography Command.

During his 32 years of military service, Dr. Gallaudet has had experience in weather and ocean forecasting, hydrographic surveying, developing policy and plans to counter illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing, and assessing the national security impacts of climate change. He has led teams of Navy sailors and civilians performing such diverse functions as overseeing aircraft carrier combat operations, planning and conducting humanitarian assistance and disaster response efforts, assisting Navy SEAL Teams during high visibility counter-terrorism operations, and developing the Navy's annual $52 billion information technology, cyber security and intelligence budget.

Dr. Gallaudet holds a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Naval Academy and master’s and doctoral degrees from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, all in oceanography.

William Geroux - Author

William Geroux appears at the AMMV 2020 National Convention in support of his second book about the WWII Merchant Marine, The Ghost Ships of Archangel: The Arctic Voyage that Defied the Nazis, which focuses on the “Murmansk Run” and the story of the fatal PQ-17 convoy. He previously appeared at the 2017 AMMV Convention to promote his first book, The Mathews Men: Seven Brothers and the War Against Hitler’s U-boats.

Geroux spent 30 years as a newspaper reporter, much of it covering Hampton Roads for the Richmond Times-Dispatch, writing about numerous topics. He won numerous awards for breaking news coverage, feature writing, and investigative journalism. Later, he worked as a writer for Maersk Line Limited, a Norfolk-based subsidiary of one of the world’s largest shipping lines. He lives in Virginia Beach, VA.
Dave Yoho – WWII Merchant Marine Veteran & Motivational Speaker

Dave Yoho presides over one of the oldest and most successful consulting groups representing small business in the U.S. – He sits on the board of public companies and has made over 5,000 speeches in all 50 states and in 22 foreign countries. Dave is a WWII Merchant Marine Veteran, having enlisted in the U.S. Maritime Service in mid-1944 – completed basic, or what was then called Boot Camp – at Sheepshead Bay. He was assigned to his first ship, a newly designed T-2 Tanker, which was destined to be sent to the South Pacific where he spent 13 months. Four days after World War II ended – he turned 17 years old.

Dr. Salvatore Mercogliano – Maritime Historian

Salvatore R. Mercogliano has been a professor of History at Campbell University in Bules Creek, North Carolina, since 2010. He teaches courses in Western civilization, U. S. history, American military experience, the Civil War, and world maritime history. He was named Professor of the Year in 2015 and 2011 and honored by his colleagues with the D.P. Russ Jr. and Walter S. Jones Sr. Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence. He has also taught at Methodist University, East Carolina University, Central Carolina Community College, the U. S. Military Academy, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Dr. Mercogliano has published numerous articles and given presentations on a variety of maritime related topics, with a focus on the role of the merchant marine in national defense. His latest book is Fourth Line of Defense: Sealift and Maritime Logistics in the Vietnam War, an excerpt of which is featured elsewhere in this magazine. He holds degrees from the State University of New York, Maritime College (BS in Marine Transportation), East Carolina University (MA in Maritime History and National Archeology) and the University of Alabama (PhD in Military and Naval History), along with his U. S. Merchant Marine deck license. Dr. Mercogliano lives in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, with his wife Kathy and son Christopher.
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of those who have crossed the final bar

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Brief Memorial Highlights:

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Capt. LaRue also was a World War II Merchant Marine Veteran, sailing as second mate on the Mormacmar during Convoy, PQ 13, which sailed from Iceland to Murmansk. After leaving the sea in 1954, he became a Benedictine monk at St. Paul's Abbey in Newton, New Jersey, and took the name Brother Marinus.

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Two World War II survivors remembering those who didn’t.
Congratulations on your 34th National Convention and thank you for all you do!

From

American Merchant Marine Veterans Memorial Committee, Inc.

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NOAA and the State of Maryland celebrate the designation of the Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary and Commemorate the Service of the American Merchant Mariners, who commanded the fleet of 100 ships during WWI.
Good luck and congratulations to all AMMV Conventioneers, from

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The Twin Ports Lodge 12 of the International Ship Masters Association salutes our brothers in arms, the American Merchant Marine Veterans. Congratulations on the 34th national convention and the progress on the WWII merchant mariner Congressional Gold Medal Act. Yeoman’s Job!

This week is also the 78th anniversary of the torpedoing of the S.S. City Of New York. And of our own Bill Carlson’s Atlantic life boat odyssey (at 19!).

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has served as the
Treasurer, for what
seems like forever, as an
expression of love for her
father, the late Robert
McGaghie, WWII
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Harry "Hap" Bledsoe
July 21, 1923 - October 11, 2018

To my Loving Husband, May the hinges of friendship never rust
nor the wings of Love never lose a feather.

I honor You and all our Military Veterans with deep gratitude
and appreciation for keeping our land Safe and Free.

Your Spirit lives forever

Cynthia Bledsoe
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Storm the Hill in Washington D.C.!

(Left to right: Laura Riddle, Charles Mills, Eugene Barner, Dennis Ng, Sheila Sova, Cindy Komlos and Gerard Driscoll)

As an ambassador for my Father...
I set out to gain what was rightfully his.
What rightfully belongs to all of you!
Recognition of WWII US Merchant Mariners with the Congressional Gold Medal!

“Every merchant seaman you see floating around today has this ‘fire in the belly’ because we didn’t get recognition.” - Orville Lee Sova 1927-2015
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Cletis L. (Buck) Wilfong, U.S. Merchant Marine
December 12, 1942 – October 31, 1945 (Enlisted at Age 19 - Now 97)

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Mayor Ken McClure proclaimed Monday, May 13, 2019 to be Cletis “Buck” Wilfong Day in the City of Springfield (MO).

Buck was given his World War II Merchant Marine Victory Medal at an assembly of over 1200 students at Glendale High School.
The Board of Directors and friends of the Veterans History Museum of the Carolinas honor and salute our favorite Merchant Mariner,

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Today, we ask that you make a commitment to support the AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS ASSOCIATION and make a supportive and generous donation!

Thank you in advance for your support!!!

Very Truly Yours,

Lothar E.S. Budike, Sr., P.E.
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My sincere thank you for all the Merchant Marine servicemen and women who served during WWII. You are all Heroes! Edward Raymond Johnson (1921-1983)

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