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## DUES ARE DUE!

*If you haven't paid your dues for fiscal year 7/1/11 thru 6/30/12, please contact your chapter, or, if you are a Member-at-Large, please send your National dues to the National Office in Ferndale, California.*





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**Resolution of the President, Morris Harvey,  
American Merchant Marine Veterans (AMMV)  
July 1, 2011**

**Purpose: To designate appointments to individual positions and members to Standing Committees for the fiscal year of 2011/2012, as required by the AMMV By-Laws:**

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# National President Morris Harvey



## *President's Action Plan*

Fellow AMMV Members:

I am finalizing this report just before I take office on July 1, 2011. I am honored to serve the AMMV and you, the members, as your president. Together, we can still make a difference. I encourage and solicit sharing your ideas and

concerns with me - I will listen.

Just Compensation will continue to be a top priority. I remember back in 2000 Hank Cap and others were developing a draft bill and working to present it to congressional law-makers. HR-23, which was developed by the Just Compensation Committee, has passed the House twice and then stagnated in the Senate. We now have another chance, however, we have a significant change in the representatives of Congress, which necessitates a change in our strategy. We have done it before and we will do it again - We again need you to contact all legislators - we cannot expect the many new members to know about HR-23 and our MM history. Many of the others have been influenced by the electorate to concentrate on the serious fiscal condition of our Nation. We need to spend the extra time to redirect their attention and to educate the others.

We must increase the effort to gain veteran status for Mariners who served in war zones during wars beyond WWII, such as Korea and Vietnam and to gain deserved recognition for mariners of the Iraqi and Afghanistan wars. Our By-laws commit us to this project.

Leadership over the past years has worked to bring honor and respect to the Merchant Marine and the AMMV. I will continue to hold that heading. Past President AJ Wichita has volunteered to continue his outstanding articles to the NAUS magazine. I will accept the NAUS position of representing the Merchant Marine on their BOD.

What do you want the AMMV to be, as an organization, in 2015? Our new Membership Committee is going to ramp up our membership activities. We need to recruit under our present rules - to keep the

AMMV viable as long as possible as a WWII veterans organization and to bring in mariners who served in subsequent war zones. In parallel, they will be charged with developing a **plan** (to answer the question: How do we get there?) to carry the AMMV into the future - without the WWII generation. The resulting plan would be presented to our BOD and membership for rejection, approval or to offer modifications. As long ago as 2006 some of our members were telling us that we had less than five years to take action. Five years is here and we have made some progress. However, we still have time to develop and implement a plan if we have consensus and work together. The critical point is when our veterans membership drops below 75% of our total membership.

Communication! Communication! Communication! I have noted that there is a significant delay in getting information to members. We will be working to maximize the use and effectiveness of an email system, increase the use of our web site, and start utilizing the social networks that are available. This means that some chapters will need to improve their internet access capabilities in order to receive the latest info and action related issues. Chapter CEO's, please advise if you may need help in establishing internet access.

The 2012 and 2013 convention locations could not be decided at our Reno convention, therefore, plans are being studied by a committee, which is considering MITAGS for 2012 and Branson, MO in 2013. Bob Ross and company have agreed to manage a Branson, 2013, National Convention. We are still receiving info from MITAGS. We are also researching a future cruise based convention, possibly seven days, which will include all of our normal AMMV events. If you support a Cruise based plan, let me know. The committee will keep you advised.

There are many issues that require the attention of every AMMV member - I look forward to working with you to find solutions to these issues.

Sincerely,

*Morris Harvey*

Morris Harvey, President  
American Merchant Marine Veterans, Inc.



My retirement as the National President of the AMMV has led me to think about some things. As President, I remembered, again, that all successful tours of duty, whether in charge of a watch on board ship, operating a business or holding office, depends on the rank and file who support the leadership. My thoughts and appreciation go to the volunteers who, during my administration, stepped forward to help with everything from developing conventions to starting new chapters to getting our Just Compensation legislation passed, previously, in the House, to publicizing our maritime history and more. And, hopefully, these volunteers will step forward to help our incoming National President Morris Harvey.



Much has been done. The publicity created by our members about our wartime history in the Merchant marine has been published in over two hundred newspapers and magazines. Chapters have capitalized on this and recruited many new members. Special efforts by our National Secretary, Nelson Cauble, have brought in several hundred. And recently, our Editor, Cindy Raymond scripted hundreds of letters to Merchant Mariners and prevailed upon them to join AMMV, with much success.

And I think, in the future, you will see an ongoing program to bring in desperately needed new, younger members to carry on the tradition of the AMMV. We have had new chapters start up on the East Coast, in California and in Montana, with the accompanying new members. Members-at-large are working, too, offering to plan regional conventions, as in the next at Branson, Mo., spreading the word about our history and helping contact their legislators.

Most of our WWII Veterans today are medically challenged but their volunteer efforts with the AMMV show the universal spirit Mariners have always had - "never give up".

Many in our membership can no longer attend meetings but those who are able voluntarily hold their chapters together and perform a very important service by staying in contact. That is also why our AMMV NEWS magazine has become so important and has endeavored to be a vibrant organ for news and reports on individual mariners' efforts throughout the country and of those members overseas and in Australia.

Your current participation helps give meaning and honor to one of the most important group of volunteers this nation ever assembled to win WWII.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

God Bless America!

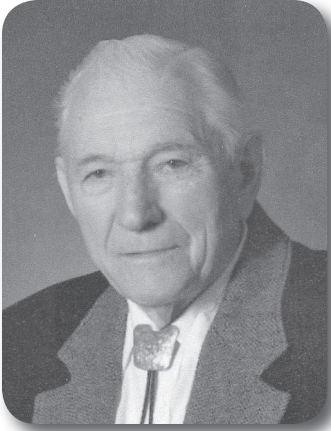
... And all of the young men who went down to the sea.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A.J. Wichita". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "A" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

A.J. Wichita, National President Emeritus  
American Merchant Marine Veterans



# National Vice President Nelson Cauble



July 1, 2011

Greetings to all Mariners and Friends:

Well, at the Reno convention, you moved me into a new office. I have a new "shiny nameplate" on my "door". A new list of "duties" to do and perhaps some different hurdles to climb over, but I guarantee you the very best I have to give to do my job, to fill the shoes just vacated by Don Trimbath, and to now work with a new "boss," Morris Harvey. Morris is going to be an outstanding President, and is busy getting everything in order for our new year. I know you will read all about it in this magazine. Charles Mills will now take over my old Secretary's "office" with maybe a few things I left undone, but he will handle it well and has my full support and assistance when asked for. Our new Treasurer, George Salovich, will handle our finances well, so we start the year again in good hands.

The National convention that just ended, was a good one in spite of the weather, and our much smaller attendance. The price of airfares and gasoline was a big factor of course and if you were not there, you were missed. I certainly commend the fine committee that put it together, and unless you have chaired a National convention, you cannot imagine the stress level that you reach before it is all completed, the last gavel has sounded and the last bills are paid.

We now turn our thoughts to our future and what we, meaning you and I, can do to make this AMMV continue on and gain some speed if possible. Newly honored, President Emeritus A.J. Wichita has set us on a straight course. His new title is one that is most certainly well deserved. We are truly grateful for his fine leadership of the past years.

And so, we will welcome your suggestions, assistance, and participation in the year ahead. Let me hear from you. The little slogan I have used for the past years as your National Secretary is going to be the same one with this new title because it is more true now as we start the new year of service, than it was before, so remember this: **TOGETHER, WE CAN, AND TOGETHER WE HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE!**

Sincerely,

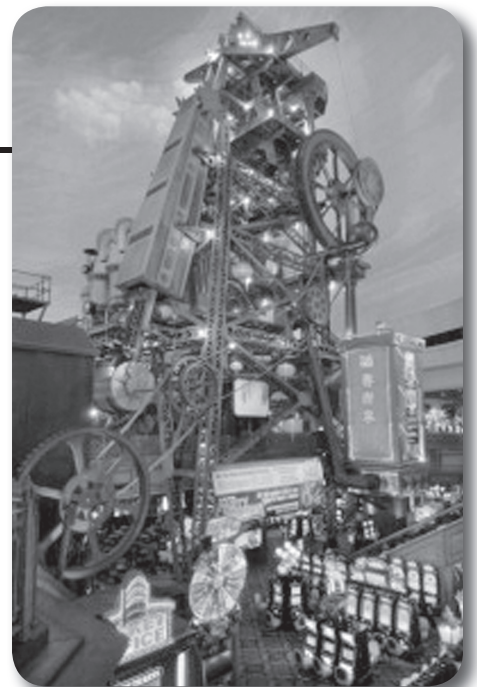
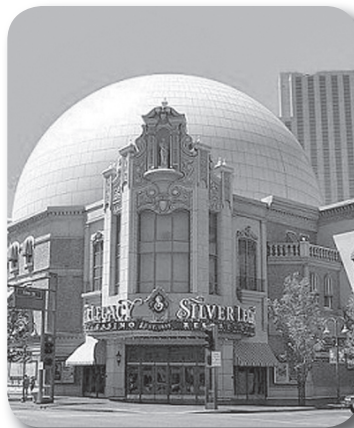
*Nelson Cauble*

Nelson Cauble

National Vice President, AMMV

## What's Under The Dome?

Did you wonder what is under the dome at the Silver Legacy Casino in Reno? Well, it's an old silver mining rig that stands three stories high in the center of the casino. And on a very adjacent wall the hotel beamed "Welcome to the American Merchant Marine Veterans" for all to notice.







# National Secretary **Charles Mills**



Thanks to all the AMMV Members for your vote given to elect me as your new National Secretary. I know I have some long steps to take to fill the space left by Nelson Cauble, but the membership can be assured that I will give 100% at all times to continue the building of this organization. We must continue the push to get our bills passed; the Congress must be reminded that the USA is the only nation that was in World War II that has failed to fully recognize their Merchant Mariners. FULL SPEED AHEAD. Talk to you in the next issue.

Charles A Mills, National Secretary  
American Merchant Marine Veterans

## PAST NATIONAL TREASURER

Dear fellow AMMV members:

Another fiscal year is behind us and we continue to remain in a sound financial position. I am leaving this office with a feeling of satisfaction that I am turning over the reins to competent people.

In the twenty years that I have served as AMMV's National Treasurer, I have always worked with some fine people and for this I say, Thank You. Over the years, I have seen a lot of changes in this organization and know that there will be more to come. And I'm sure that incoming National President Morris Harvey and his supportive team will keep the American Merchant Marine Veterans organization alive and kicking.

I do have one final request, though, before I go sailing off into the sunset on my new boat to celebrate my "retirement". I would appreciate it if the Treasurer of each Chapter would carefully check the amounts that are shown on the Profit & Loss Statement, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, as being received from you. And if the amounts differ from your records, a call or letter to Morris Harvey or Sindy will clear it up. We have to make sure monies are properly credited and this is the only way we can do that.

My years with AMMV have meant a lot to me and I thank you again for allowing me to serve as your National Treasurer.

Calvin G. Berry



*Cal Berry with Morris and Irene Harvey*



## Editor / AMMV Office Administrator **Sindy Raymond**

### *Summertime Is Upon Us*



Does it seem like we've had more "holidays" this quarter than in any other, what with Maritime Day, Flag Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, not to mention the anniversaries of D-Day, the sinking of the SS Black Point, last ship torpedoed in the Atlantic during WWII and other happenings? And let's not forget the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual AMMV Convention. But, as I sit here in my office with my coat on – thanks to the "temperate" Northern California climate – while the rest of the Country is sweltering, I am thinking how time slips away and there is so much to be accomplished.

Yes, yes, **it's time for DUES**. They were DUE for our fiscal year on July 1, 2011 for this upcoming year, so **if you haven't paid yours yet, please send them in**. If you are a Chapter member, please send your dues to your particular Chapter at the address listed later in this NEWS or Members-at-Large can send their dues for \$20.00 to: American Merchant Marine Veterans, P. O. Box 186, Ferndale, CA 95536-0186.

And, it's also time to welcome aboard our new National Officers, newly elected Regional Vice Presidents and newly assigned Appointed Officers and Committee Chairs and members. I am looking forward to working with all of you to keep the American Merchant Marine Veterans organization an active and viable Veterans' organization. The history and accomplishments of the U. S. Merchant Mariners need to be told to the general public and we must all work together to make sure that this happens.

And another thing to accomplish, before it is too late, is the successful passage of our Just Compensation legislation. Later in this issue you will find a listing of all of the non-signed Co-sponsors of our House Bill HR.23. Please take the time and make the effort to contact your Congresspersons and urge them to sign on. Just a suggestion, when you send those letters in, use one of the new Merchant Marine stamps – that will help get the message across.

Remember: you volunteered your time to help win World War II and save this Country and now's the time for your Country to recognize your valiant efforts. So, please, full speed ahead!

And while we're speaking of accomplishments, I would like to thank Susan Alexander of Pronto Printing in Universal City, TX and Carole Gutierrez of the AMMV Oregon Chapter for their continual efforts in the production of this AMMV NEWS Magazine. Without them this production would not be the same. So, please, enjoy "our" efforts.

Smooth sailing and calm seas,

*Sindy Raymond*  
Sindy Raymond



# Communications Director & Webmaster



First, I would be remiss if I did not say publicly, what an honor it has been working with our President Emeritus A.J. Wichita. Since he asked me to be your Communication Director and Webmaster two years ago, it has been an interesting, fun and educational ride.

A.J. is an old-fashioned Southern Gentleman with all the charm that picture conjures up. But that charm is what he uses to get things done. I'm not saying that it is in any way a "put-up" job, it is genuine and it is effective.

As an organization, we have accomplished much under his leadership. He has nurtured our relationship with NAUS and grown it into a strong bond that will help us pass Just Compensation legislation. We need their legislative know-how and muscle. Too many folks on "The Hill" have no idea about who or what the Merchant Marine is, let alone what you did for this country in World War II. They do know the National Association of Uniformed Services and they listen when NAUS speaks. With their continued help, we stand a very good chance of finally putting things right.

A.J. has helped growth our organization. While we loose many of our members to "attrition," we are adding to our membership through public awareness. The many newspaper articles published about the exploits of Merchant Mariners during World War II have resulted in the addition of new chapters. As public awareness grows, so grows the organization.

For me, the last two years have been one of personal and professional growth. A.J.'s mantra to "never give up" has added a new dimension to the definition of drive. He always seems to find a silver lining to just about any situation, including the disappointment of S. 663's stall in committee. He was right when he wrote of all the hard work that went into the S. 663 battle in the Fall/Winter 2010/2011 edition of NEWS: *"Was it worth it? Oh, by all means! The publicity and the recognition gained by the WWII Merchant Marine Veterans have many pluses and also fulfilled goals of the AMMV Constitution. These were always important to our members but have never before approached this magnitude of success before. Now is not the time to quit."*

And he was right when he supported Morris Harvey's successful bid for the office of AMMV National President. Morris' experience as Regional Vice President and 2009 National Convention Chair, means he isn't coming in "green." Plus, he will have A.J. to use as his "training wheels" while he settles in. His learning curve will be steep and fast. We cannot afford any down time in the continued battle for Just Compensation.

But Morris and the leadership of AMMV cannot do it alone. They need the involvement of the membership to be successful. That's why NAUS and Just Compensation folks are urging you to contact your Congressmen **NOW**. They need to hear from **YOU**, their constituents – the folks at home, their electorate. It sounds like a broken record, I know, but you answered the call to duty once, in World War II, and it is time to do it again.



Carole Gutierrez



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# AMMV 25<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION RENO, NEVADA

**May 15, 2011**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**7:00 PM**

Board meeting called to order by Bill Fairfield. National Officers present were President A.J. Wichita, Vice President Don Trimboth, Secretary Nelson Cauble,

A.J. spoke, and told of our gaining 400 new members in the last 2 months. AMMV sent out a mailing to names on the JCC mailing list. Results brought in many new Members-at-Large.

Nelson Cauble presented his proposal regarding the salary and allowances for our Office administrator Sindy Raymond. The full copy of the proposal had been mailed to the executive board members prior to the convention, and was made available at time of registration to all delegates. Nelson moved that the proposal be adopted as written and become effective immediately. Motion seconded by Burt Young, Don Trimboth and the majority of board members attending.

Bill Fairfield called for discussion. Nelson stated that he had talked at length with National Treasurer Cal Berry and had been given full assurance that our financial condition is sound and would carry this new expense with no difficulty. It was mentioned that during the last 3 quarters of our fiscal year, we had realized \$17,200. revenue from Members-at-Large.



*(l to r) Newly elected National President Morris Harvey, President Emeritus A. J. Wichita and National Vice President Nelson Cauble.*

Morris Harvey asked if Sindy is a private contractor and A.J. answered that we had a verbal contract with her. Morris had many questions regarding the financial end of the proposal, that he needed answered, as incoming president, and requested that more time be allowed for study. Frank Mendez suggested that we postpone the vote until tomorrow. Motion made by Don Trimboth, that we discuss and vote tomorrow, motion seconded and passed. But this motion was then rescinded. and it was agreed that Morris Harvey and Nelson Cauble would meet and discuss a possible solution to present and that Morris Harvey would personally call National Treasurer Cal Berry for further verification of our financial status.

A.J. spoke and said he hopes that our AMMV will move into a larger organization and expressed hope in the future.

Bill Fairfield reported that State of Oregon Director of Veterans Affairs Jim Willis was slated to be our morning speaker but is unable to be with us due to a health problem.

John Forsberg will be a speaker and tell of the history of our AMMV. Bill

also reported that we would be discussing the location of the next convention and that the bus trip was sold out early. A.J. spoke about our new chapters and suggested a committee be formed to try to regenerate our chapters that are declining. Bill Fairfield presented the initial proposed budget for the next fiscal year.. Motion made to adopt, seconded and carried.

Burt Young spoke giving praise for the work that President A.J. had done during his term of office. John McSpadden, stated that of the 800 MAL members, he had received only 4 mailed in ballots. Bill Fairfield spoke of the storm now in the area and that some of our members were having difficulty getting into Reno.

President A.J. congratulated George Salovich for his new Big Sky Montana chapter and reported that George hopes to have 50 members by years end. John Forsberg gave recognition and thanks to Burt Young for his service as Credentials chairman.

Meeting adjourned.

## **GENERAL SESSION**

**Monday, May 16, 2011**

### **Monday morning opening ceremonies.**

Called to order at 9:00 a.m. Bill Fairfield presiding.

Mayor Robert Cashell was escorted into the meeting room.

Damonte Ranch High School Navy ROTC COLOR GUARD presented the colors, Vice President Don Trimboth led



*(l to r) Bill Fairfield, Sacramento Chapter and President Emeritus A.J. Wichita*





*Morris Harvey*

the Pledge of Allegiance, National Secretary Nelson Cauble gave the invocation. Mayor Cashell welcomed all to Reno. He was given a monkey fist knot tie made by Frank Schmiedel.

Bill Fairfield introduced AMMV National Officers present, President A.J. Wichita, Vice President Don Trimbath, Secretary Nelson Cauble. He reported that our National Treasurer Cal Berry is not with us but has served our AMMV for over 20 years.

Introduced were AMMV Office Administrator Sindy Raymond, Ian Allison, Just Compensation Committee Co-chairman, Bert Young, Credentials chairman, and John McSpadden, Nominating chairman.

Roll call of the Chapters was held. 2 Armed Guard delegates were introduced. Ian Allison spoke and complimented Ken Blue on his book and what a valuable source of information it is. He stated that Ken Blue will be a consultant for the movie being planned starring Tom Hanks as Captain. Ian spoke about the progress of JCC.

Bill Fairfield introduced Dennis Koller, Executive Director of the SS Jeremiah O'Brien who reported that she will be going into drydock in October. A major project with estimated cost of one million dollars. Money was secured by selling the 11 hundred tons of lead used as ballast when the Jeremiah made its return trip to Normandy for the sum of 2 million dollars and replacing it with concrete. He spoke of the Jeremiah being used in making movies, and the day that Nicole Kidman was on board for filming, the entire crew was on hand as well.

President AJ introduced our MAL attendees and urged our members to never give up and keep encouraged about our future of AMMV.

Bill Fairfield asked Sindy to present the initial proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 and it was reported as projected \$74,000 in revenue and expenses of \$63,000. Motion made to accept, seconded and carried.

Geoffrey Millar, investigator for Brayton-Purcell spoke about asbestosis. Meeting adjourned.

Ladies lunch 12:00 noon with Mona Schmiedel serving as chairman. 35 present. Speaker was Phil Earl, who spoke about Women in the mining camps.

#### **Afternoon session, called to order by Bill Fairfield at 1:30 pm**

Session began by singing "Heave Ho"

Lois Boyle, Director of the Richmond Museum and head of the Red Oak Victory restoration project, dressed as "Rosie the Riveter" was introduced. She spoke about the women in the shipyards and

the restoration of the Red Oak Victory.

Bill Fairfield introduced Captain Tim Brown, International President of Masters, Mates and Pilots. Captain Brown spoke of current status of our shipping and expressed his pleasure at being at our convention. Meeting adjourned.

6:00 p.m. President's Reception dinner with keynote speaker Admiral Mark Buzby. Outstanding speaker. Raffle followed.

#### **GENERAL SESSION**

##### **Tuesday, May 17, 2011 - 9 a.m.**

Bill Fairfield presiding.

Chairman called on the candidates for the National offices to speak, including candidates for National President, Morris Harvey, for National VP Nelson Cauble, for National Secretary Charles Mills and for National Treasurer George Salovich. All were heard from except National Sec-



*(l to r) RAdmr. Mark H. "Buz" Buzby, Commander, Military Sealift Command, A. J. Wichita, AMMV President Emeritus, Timothy Brown, President, Master, Mates & Pilots Union.*



*(l to r) Peggy Van Gemert, Sarasota-Manatee Chapter, Lois Boyle, Director, Richmond Museum (and part-time Rosie the Riveter).*

retary Candidate Charles Mills who was unable to be present at this convention due to health issues.

John Forsberg was introduced and gave a most informative talk on the beginning early days of our AMMV. He is one of the few remaining charter members.

Session was closed for the day and the bus tour to Virginia City was the afternoon event. This event took place with bitter cold wind, rain and snow the entire time until almost back to Reno when the sun came out. Those who



*(l to r) Sindy Raymond, National Office Administrator, Ian T. Allison, Just Compensation Committee, Geoff Millar, Brayton\*Purcell representative.*

stayed behind enjoyed visiting in the hospitality room in comfort. Movie was shown by Al Raanes.

## GENERAL SESSION

**Wednesday - May 18, 2011 9:00 am.**

Bill Fairfield presiding.

Bill remarked about the bus trip in the snow, and then thanked the committee that has put this convention together. Frank and Lupe Mendez, Ken Blue, Ray Westberg, Bob and Nancy Ulrich, Frank and Mona Schmiedel, Bea Fairfield, and Sally and Al Raanes. Great appreciation was shown by our members.

A.J. called on and spoke about NAUS being very helpful in our JCC cause and that our greatest help was from Rick Jones and how he is hoping now to get Senator Patty Murray to come forward

and get us help to pass our Senate legislation. He spoke about gaining new members and added that he wished we would have our annual banquet in the morning instead of evening and have it with Starbucks coffee in front of us.

He complimented the effort made to now have our MM flag flying at Mount Rushmore. And he complimented George Salovich for forming our newest chapter, Big Sky Montana chapter.

Bill Fairfield called for invitations to host our 2012 National convention. Lois Taylor representing Robert J. Macalvanah chapter, Florida, presented the well prepared suggestion of a cruise convention. Cap't Tim Brown suggested MITAGS. Other

suggestions included Branson MO.

A committee was then formed consisting of Pres. A.J. Incoming President Morris, and incoming VP Nelson to select a site for the 2012 convention.

Voting took place for National officers with Burt Young and John McSpadden presiding. Also voting for the Resolution submitted by Bill Marker, and for proposal #1 and #2 presented by Joe Bracken. Recessed for lunch with results to be given at afternoon session

### Afternoon session 1:30 pm

Results of the voting were as follows: National Officer candidates all unopposed and were elected by acclamation.

Total votes cast: 1,489

Bill Markers resolution

1,489 yes votes, 0 opposed

Proposal #1  
change in wording  
of constitution  
850 yes votes, 639  
no votes

Proposal #2 raise  
in allowance of of-  
ficers  
1,487 yes votes, 2 no  
votes.

Ken Blue asked for  
a vote on whether to



*Lois Taylor, Robert J. MacAlvanah Chapter*

have a Regional Convention in Reno in 2012, it was approved.

Meeting adjourned

Evening banquet with approx 100 attending. Announcement made that the Executive Board has named AJ Wichita to be President Emeritus. Keynote speaker was Nick Barron, West Coast International VP of Seafarers International Union. Outstanding speaker,

New National officers were installed by Bill Fairfield as follows, National President, Morris Harvey, National Vice President, Nelson Cauble, National Treasurer, George Salovich. National Secretary Charles Mills was unable to be at the convention.

Raffle followed.

Convention closed to meet again in 2012.

The minutes of the convention were transcribed from some hand notes taken as well as those recorded. Every effort has been made to be as accurate and complete as possible. My grateful thanks goes to Bob Ulrich for his dedicated service to our AMMV in the recording of the convention.

The complete proceedings can be heard on the website  
[www.ammvsacvalley.com](http://www.ammvsacvalley.com).

*Nelson Cauble*

Nelson Cauble  
National Secretary  
American Merchant Marine Veterans



*(l to r) Burt Young, Credentials Chair., John McSpadden, Nominating Chair.*



# SECOND ANNUAL "SAIL-IN"

*Purpose: to update Congress on the benefit of a strong American maritime industry.*

On May 4, 2011 over 180 participants from all facets of the maritime industry descended upon Washington, D.C. for the second-annual "Congressional Sail-In". The event gave maritime professionals the chance to educate members of Congress and their Congressional staffs, in a total of 161 meetings, about five important maritime issues: the Jones Act, Maritime Security Program, Food Aid, the Harbor Maintenance tax, and short sea shipping initiatives.

*The Jones Act:* The Jones Act is the cornerstone of the US domestic shipping laws. The requirement that cargo being transported between domestic US ports be carried on US flag vessels, built in US shipyards, owned by US citizens, and crewed by US mariners generates approximately \$11 billion in US taxes. It further assures that there will be a complement of trained US mariners available, a fleet of US ships ready, and US shipbuilding skills in place in case of a major defense mobilization or national emergency.

*Maritime Security program:* The Maritime Security Program (MSP) allows a fleet of 60 military- useful US flag commercial ships to be readily available to the Department of Defense in time of need. It has been estimated that if the Department of Defense would ever have to replicate the same global intermodal system that these 60 US flag commercial ships and their operating companies provide, it would cost the US taxpayer about \$65 billion. The current MSP provides this service to DOD for only \$186 million a year or a mere fraction of what it would cost should the federal government have to do the job itself. Although the program itself is authorized by Congress through 2025, funding must be appropriated on a year by year basis. MSP assures that the US military will not have to depend upon a foreign flag ship and foreign crew that refuse to deliver cargo into a military theater. At the end of the day, the men and women of the US Merchant Marine have always come through and have always delivered the goods.

*Food Aid:* The US Food for Peace Program or PL 480 cargo preference assures that no less than 75 percent of donated food aid must be shipped on US flag vessels crewed by US mariners. Any budget cuts to PL 480 would have devastating consequences for US flag shipping as well as the American farmer.

*Harbor Maintenance tax:* The Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) and the Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT) were established in 1986 to fund the operation and maintenance of US ports and harbors. Imported and domestic cargo arriving at US ports with federally maintained navigation features is taxed on the value of the cargo. The funds collected are deposited into the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund for use by the Army Corps of Engineers for the dredging of channels and maintenance of harbor features. Since the 1990's, spending from the fund has lagged behind revenues and since 2005, only about 50 percent of the annual income into the fund has

been spent on harbor maintenance. Current House bill HR104 requires that the annual Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund revenue be spent only for its intended purpose and not diverted to other areas of the federal treasury.

*Short sea shipping:* The short sea shipping initiative or development of a US marine highway system calls for a national program to move freight offshore or via inland water routes in order to reduce congestion on the US interstate highway system. A current House bill HR1533 would eliminate the double taxation of waterborne cargo being transshipped between US ports.

These Congressional meeting were extremely important this year as the industry lost many important Congressional maritime champions due to the last election cycle. The Sail-In allowed new relationships to be created with Congressional figures who had only a moderate awareness of maritime issues. It also gave the industry a chance to reinforce the friendships with lawmakers who already have an astute understanding of our issues and support US flag shipping.

Attendees pounded the pavement on Capitol Hill during the event. They were able to stress the benefits and importance of a strong U.S. maritime industry by discussing the significance of American flag shipping to the security of our ports and waterways and our national economy.

John L. Mica, Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, started off the day by addressing the participants at a breakfast in the Rayburn House Office Building. In his address he emphasized the need to bring maritime into the intermodal transportation planning process. He also said a maritime section would be part of the upcoming transportation authorization bill.

Maritime Administrator David Matsuda, also speaking at the event, highlighted the need to expand waterborne domestic shipping as a means of combating congestion and pollution as the population and freight needs grown. Other speakers included RADM. Mark H. Buzby, commander MSC.

The Sail-In was widely supported by the American maritime industry. "We had folks from 22 states, 52 congressional districts, 38 companies, 11 unions and labor organizations, and 10 related associations," reported VADM Albert J. Herberger, a former Maritime Administrator. "That's a powerful message for Congress," he added.

The Sail-In was organized by the U.S. Maritime Coalition, a volunteer committee of representatives from the U.S. maritime industry representing the U.S.-flagged merchant fleet, maritime labor unions and other maritime companies serving America.

*Editor's note: Thanks to M.E.B.A and Captain Lee A. Kincaid of the American Maritime Congress, and AMMV member, for the above information.*



# LOOKING FORWARD

Our newly elected national officers, under the leadership of President Morris Harvey, are now at the helm. Each of them brings a wealth of experience and dedication to their position. Membership support and action are essential to their success.

Morris will revisit our mission to strengthen and expand the AMMV. Efforts will continue for Just Compensation and for recognition of merchant mariners in later military actions in places like Korea, Vietnam and the Middle East. Even this very day there are active mariners that deserve veteran's status. We should invite them to join us.

Our search for new members must continue. Present day leaders in the maritime industry must be approached. We need people that have influence in the industry and government. Places to search would be in the maritime unions, steamship executives, the ship building industry, maritime attorneys and insurers to name a few. In short, people that are operating in today's world and that can make a difference in bringing AMMV forward. An area that has not been fully utilized is our short sea and brown water industry. Those in that industry far outnumber the blue water sailors of today.

To attract and recruit these leaders of today we must be able to demonstrate that AMMV is sincere in its mission and that we need their talents. This will be our biggest challenge. We have to show that AMMV can be a voice and force in protecting maritime interest nationally. In addition to pursuing Just Compensation and Veterans rights we must also be activists in such causes as protecting the Jones Act and lobbying for government maintenance of our inland and coastal waterway infrastructure and a healthy shipbuilding industry. We must be able to demonstrate that we can be effective partners in a strong maritime community.

Alliances are important. We have seen that with

our relationship with NAUS. Organizations such as the Navy League, Propeller Club and the various maritime school Alumni Associations could help us with national exposure and support. Initiatives that we might not be able to undertake ourselves might be done jointly on chapter and national levels.

A task of the Membership Committee will be to visit and meet face to face with industry leaders and convincingly state our case. Opportunities to address union members in their local halls should be taken. Presence at industry conferences and trade shows is important. Getting out the word directly will incur travel expenses. Being seen and making friends is most important

Many activities that a viable AMMV may undertake will require significant financial support.

Membership dues alone will not be sufficient. We will need a close association with the industry to raise funds nationally and locally to sponsor events that add to our treasury. To be a successful fund raiser we must be able to show strength and purpose.

A surviving AMMV of 2021 must of necessity be a revised structure. The monuments of bronze, marble and

granite we have erected over time will last another century or more, long after their builders. A revitalized AMMV will ensure that not only the sacrifices of our WWII veterans will be remembered and respected but that all of our service from 1775 into the future will be also.

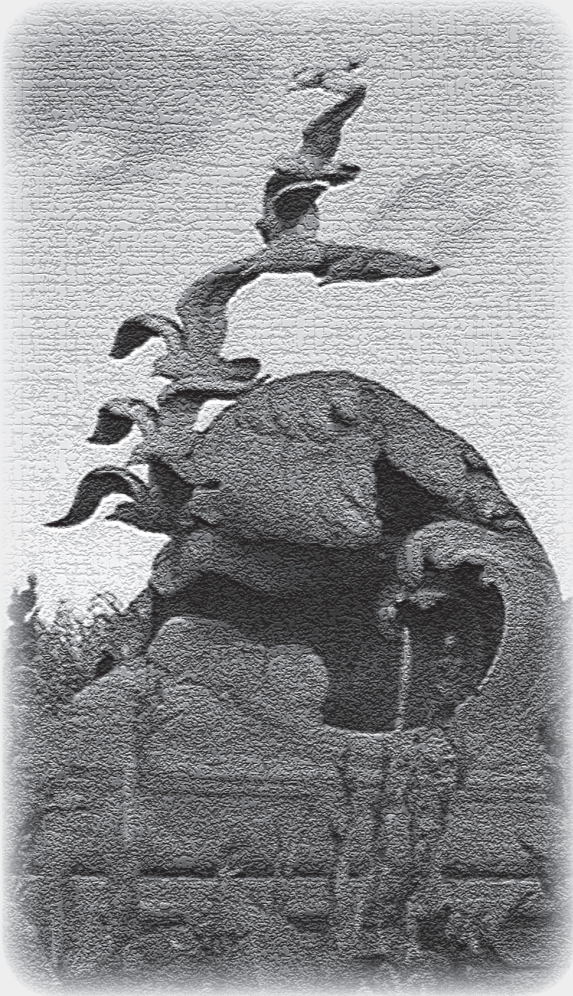
Our hard working dedicated national and chapter officers need membership support more than ever. They will preserve the hard won gains of past administrations and work to move AMMV forward to a better position.

Hank Kaminski, CEO  
Dennis A Roland Chapter (NJ)



6/26/11 — DAR Chapter VP George Murphy (l) presents CEO Hank Kaminsky with the AMMV Distinguished Service Award on behalf of Nat'l. President A.J. Wichita.

# *In memory of those who have Crossed the Final Bar*



*There are no roses on a sailor's grave,  
No lilies on an ocean wave;  
The only tribute is the seagull's sweeps  
And the teardrops that a sweetheart weeps.*

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| JOHN A. AMUNDSON     | STEPHEN MAHER         |
| ALONSO S. AVILA      | PETER MARTINEZ        |
| ROBERT BAKER         | ROBERT MC LASKEY      |
| REV. ARTHUR BARTLETT | JAMES E. MCCOMAS      |
| KENNETH A. BEACHLER  | JAMES D. MCINTYRE     |
| WILLIAM A. CHIODO    | CHARLES W. MEYER      |
| OTIS C. CLIFTON      | MICHAEL MOLINI        |
| RICHARD A. DISMAN    | JOSEPH E. MONAHAN     |
| WILLIAM E. DUNCAN    | DANIEL MONIZ          |
| FRANK ENRIGHT        | RICHARD MORRIS        |
| GEORGE W. FARR       | DEVERE R. MOYES       |
| RAYMOND F. FISCHER   | ROBERT J. O'DONNELL   |
| ARNOLD GILMAN        | RUFFINO D. PERTUDO    |
| CALVIN B. GOSLA      | CARLOS E. PETTINGILL  |
| JOHN "JACK" HESHIZER | ROBERT G. RAINES      |
| WILLIAM HILLMAN      | LARRY W. SCHAAD       |
| FREDERICK C. JENSEN  | J. RICHARD SHABER     |
| MERLYN B. JONES      | JOHN P. SLOBODA, JR.  |
| PATRICK KAVANAGH     | JACK SMITH            |
| LESTER KERTON        | LOWELL J. SWAN        |
| HARRY J. KAHIL       | WILLIAM SWEENEY       |
| NORMAND H. LARAMEE   | WILLIAM C. VANDERPOOL |
| EUGENE LEMIEUX       | CARL M. WASHER        |
| FRANK J. LINDSTROM   | EDWARD L. WOOD        |
| DON C. LYON          | JOHN WORDON           |

To honor a loved one, memorial donations may be made to the American Merchant Marine Veterans organization on the loved one's behalf. This is a tribute to their memory and the dedicated service they gave to their country and to mankind. Thank you for your thoughtful gesture. Donations may be sent to: AMMV, P.O. Box 186, Ferndale, CA 95536-0186.

This is an interim projected budget for the AMMV fiscal year 7/1/11 – 6/30/12 as approved by the General Assembly at the AMMV National Convention in May, 2011. A finalized budget, containing additional expenses approved by the Board of Directors and the General Assembly will be presented in the Fall, 2011 NEWS Magazine.

## AMMV Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2011

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### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

##### Checking/Savings

102 · WELLS FARGO 2000053950011 31,724.00

108 · SO TRUST WACHOVIA CD(96946850) 30,984.00

**Total Checking/Savings** 62,708.00

##### Other Current Assets

210 · CONVENTION EXP. 2,000.00

**Total Other Current Assets** 2,000.00

**Total Current Assets** 64,708.00

**TOTAL ASSETS** 64,708.00

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### Liabilities

##### Current Liabilities

##### Other Current Liabilities

309 · WWII WAR MEMORIAL 805.00

310 · BOARD RESTR 840.00

**Total Other Current Liabilities** 1,645.00

**Total Current Liabilities** 1,645.00

##### Long Term Liabilities

320 · LIFE TERM MEMBERSHIPS 4,400.00

**Total Long Term Liabilities** 4,400.00

**Total Liabilities** 6,045.00

#### Equity

##### 390 · EARNINGS

Net Income 52,644.00

6,019.00

**Total Equity** 58,663.00

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** 64,708.00

| AMMV PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 7/1/11 - 6/30/12 |        |          |  |
|---|--------|----------|--|
|   |        | INITIAL  |  |
|   |        | PROPOSAL |  |
| <b><u>INCOME</u></b>                              |        |          |  |
| DUES  |        |          |  |
| 3,700 @ 20.00                                     | 74,000 |          |  |
| INTEREST  | 450    |          |  |
| TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME                            |        | 74,450   |  |
| <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>                            |        |          |  |
| FIXED   |        |          |  |
| Rent  | 0      |          |  |
| Utilities   | 0      |          |  |
| Insurance   | 500    |          |  |
| Telephone   | 2,200  |          |  |
| TOTAL FIXED                                       |        | 2,700    |  |
| MISSION ADVANCE                                   |        |          |  |
| Awards & recognition                              | 200    |          |  |
| Donations   | 200    |          |  |
| Just Compensation Comm                            | 1000   |          |  |
| TOTAL MISSION ADV.                                |        | 1,400    |  |
| NEWSLETTER  |        |          |  |
| Printing  | 27,000 |          |  |
| Postage   | 7,000  |          |  |
| Newsletter Editing                                | 0      |          |  |
| TOTAL NEWSLETTER                                  |        | 34,000   |  |
| OPERATING EXPENSES                                |        |          |  |
| Equipment Rent                                    | 0      |          |  |
| Office Supplies                                   | 2,000  |          |  |
| Office - printing                                 | 700    |          |  |
| Office - postage                                  | 2,000  |          |  |
| TOTAL OPERATING                                   |        | 4,700    |  |
| PERSONNEL   |        |          |  |
| Administrator                                     | 14,400 |          |  |
| National President                                | 2,000  |          |  |
| National Vice President                           | 1,000  |          |  |
| National Secretary                                | 500    |          |  |
| National Treasurer                                | 500    |          |  |
| Regional Vice Presidents                          | 2,000  |          |  |
| TOTAL PERSONNEL                                   |        | 20,400   |  |
| TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES                          |        | 63,200   |  |
|   |        |          |  |
| PROJECTED NET PROFIT/LOSS                         |        | 11,250   |  |



# AMMV Profit & Loss July 2010 through June 2011

## Ordinary Income/Expense

### Income

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| 401 · AD NEWSLETTER                   | 825.00    |
| 402 · CONTRIBUTIONS                   | 424.00    |
| 403 · INTEREST INCOME                 | 358.00    |
| 410 · CHAPTER DUES                    |           |
| AKG · ALASKA GREATLANDS               | 40.00     |
| BEE · BEEHIVE MARINERS                | 260.00    |
| BMC · BUCKEYE MARINERS                | 300.00    |
| CAC · CACTUS MARINERS                 | 460.00    |
| CAS · CASCADE MARINERS                | 420.00    |
| CEC · CENTRAL CALIFORNIA              | 880.00    |
| CHC · CHINA COASTERS                  | 1,320.00  |
| CIC · CENTRAL INDIANA                 | 600.00    |
| CVN · CONN VLY - NORTHERN MARINERS    | 120.00    |
| CWM · CARL W. MINOR - CENT. CA. COAST | 120.00    |
| DAR · DENNIS ROLAND                   | 4,180.00  |
| DES · DESERT MARINERS                 | 960.00    |
| DVC · DELAWARE VALLEY                 | 420.00    |
| EMS · EMERALD SEAS                    | 300.00    |
| EOH · EDWIN O'HARA                    | 880.00    |
| EOM · EASTERN OKLAHOMA MARINERS       | 460.00    |
| GLD · GOLDEN GATE                     | 2,220.00  |
| GUL · GULFSTREAM                      | 1,940.00  |
| HIR · HIGH ROLLERS                    | 440.00    |
| HOA · HEART OF AMERICA                | 200.00    |
| HSE · HIGH SEA ERA                    | 320.00    |
| HSM · HIGH SEAS MARINERS              | 580.00    |
| HUD · HUDSON VALLEY                   | 1,200.00  |
| HUM · HUMBOLDT BAY                    | 320.00    |
| JOB · JEREMIAH O'BRIEN                | 600.00    |
| JTS · JOHN T. SCHMIDT/PALMETTO        | 650.00    |
| KEY · KEYSTONE MARINERS               | 280.00    |
| KPC · KINGS POINT                     | 760.00    |
| LON · LONE STAR                       | 700.00    |
| MAC · ROBERT J. MAC ALVANAH           | 800.00    |
| MAL · MEMBERS AT LARGE                | 17,820.00 |
| MAM · MID AMER. ANCIENT MARINERS      | 330.00    |
| MCO · MID-COLUMBIA                    | 1,140.00  |
| MGC · MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST          | 220.00    |
| MON · MON VALLEY                      | 840.00    |
| MOV · MISSOURI VALLEY                 | 1,120.00  |
| MPA · MARINERS OF PENNSYLVANIA        | 520.00    |
| MWE · MID WEST                        | 780.00    |
| NBM · NORTH BAY MARINERS              | 820.00    |
| NEN · NEW ENGLAND                     | 1,500.00  |
| NOA · NORTH ATLANTIC                  | 740.00    |
| OCA · OCALA CHAPTER                   | 1,060.00  |
| OHV · OHIO VALLEY                     | 440.00    |
| OJE · OTTO J. ERNST                   | 300.00    |
| OKM · OKLAHOMA MARINERS               | 420.00    |
| ORE · OREGON                          | 740.00    |
| ORS · OREGON SOUTHERN                 | 600.00    |
| ORV · OSWEGO RIVER VALLEY             | 140.00    |
| PEC · PECONIC BAY                     | 600.00    |
| PUG · PUGET SOUND                     | 674.00    |
| RKO · RUDY KOZAK                      | 550.00    |
| ROG · ROGUE VALLEY                    | 560.00    |
| ROR · ROAD RUNNER                     | 340.00    |
| SAC · SACRAMENTO VALLEY               | 1,340.00  |
| SAJ · SAN JUAN                        | 600.00    |
| SAR · SARASOTA-MANATEE                | 1,240.00  |
| SDE · SAN DIEGO SILVERGATE            | 560.00    |
| SJR · ST. JOHNS RIVER                 | 900.00    |
| SSM · SMALL SHIP MARINERS             | 500.00    |
| SSP · SS SAMUEL PARKER                | 880.00    |
| STH · SS STEPHEN HOPKINS              | 1,260.00  |

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| STI · STATEN ISLAND           | 240.00   |
| SUQ · SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY      | 1,000.00 |
| SVM · SILICON VALLEY MARINERS | 540.00   |
| SWF · SOUTHWEST FLORIDA       | 620.00   |
| SWP · SOUTHWESTERN PA         | 160.00   |
| THR · THREE RIVERS            | 1,320.00 |
| TRC · TREASURE COAST          | 220.00   |
| TRI · TRI STATE               | 460.00   |
| VIK · VIKING MARINERS         | 1,180.00 |
| VUL · VULCAN CHAPTER          | 520.00   |

Total 410 · CHAPTER DUES 68,524.00

Total Income 70,131.00

### Expense

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| 500 · FIXED EXPENSE |          |
| 501 · BANK CHARGE   | 60.00    |
| 505 · EQUIP DEPREC  | 52.00    |
| 507 · TELEPHONE     | 2,117.81 |
| 509 · UTILITIES     | -21.38   |

Total 500 · FIXED EXPENSE 2,208.43

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| 520 · MISSION ADVANCE     |          |
| 521 · AWARDS              | 383.80   |
| 522 · RECRUITMENT MAILING | 7,899.85 |

Total 520 · MISSION ADVANCE 8,283.65

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 530 · NEWS LETTER |           |
| 533 · POSTAGE     | 7,527.62  |
| 536 · PRINTING    | 22,530.00 |

Total 530 · NEWS LETTER 30,057.62

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| 550 · PERSONNEL          |           |
| 551 · ADMINISTRATOR      | 14,900.00 |
| 552 · NATIONAL PRESIDENT | 2,000.00  |
| 553 · NATIONAL SECRETARY | 500.00    |
| 554 · NATIONAL TREASURER | 500.00    |
| 555 · NATIONAL V.P.      | 1,500.00  |
| 556 · REG. V.P.          | 387.00    |

Total 550 · PERSONNEL 19,787.00

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| 560 · OPERATING EXPENSES |          |
| 563 · LEGAL              | 61.25    |
| 564 · OFFICE SUPPLIES    | 1,457.08 |
| 565 · POSTAGE            | 2,256.97 |
| 566 · PRINTING           | 0.00     |

Total 560 · OPERATING EXPENSES 3,775.30

Total Expense 64,112.00

Net Ordinary Income 6,019.00

Net Income 6,019.00

# Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Audit Report

June 24, 2011

We have reviewed the following items made available to us for the period July 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011.

1. All receipt ledgers and records identifying cash and check receipts.
2. All records of money received: (a) as dues from chapters; (b) from any other source (conventions, etc.). This is sometimes referred to as the Cash Receipts Journal.
3. All deposit slips identifying cash/check deposits in bank.
4. All monthly bank statements.
5. All canceled checks.
6. All checkbooks, stubs, or other records including vouchers identifying issuance of check, or expenditure of money.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash receipts and disbursements of the AMMV organization for the period June 30, 2010 through June 24, 2011.

*Mary Hodges*  
Mary Hodges


*Arthur Witt*  
Arthur Witt

*Harry E. Brown*  
Harry E. Brown

From a WWII U.S. Coast Guard magazine, submitted by Guy Towers, St. George Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society.

*"This day, nothing to eat  
nothing to drink"*

The log of lifeboat No. 2,  
as kept by Captain G. Sidon,  
of the MATSON freighter s. s. MANINI.



**December 18, 1941.** 5:04 a.m. (Greenwich Central Time) ... ship torpedoed by Japanese submarine, without warning ... ship began to sink rapidly. Topmast crashed down carrying away wireless antenna ... no possibility sending S.O.S. ... Abandoning ship. MANINI sank by the stern. Kept lifeboat's bow into the sea all night. Rough sea ... shipping water ... men at the oars continuously.

... This day, nothing to eat ... nothing to drink. Saw a plane on patrol duty ... sent up pistol flares ... not seen.

**December 19.** Sea rough and high ... at oars all night, all day ... bailing all the time. Another plane ... sent up flares ... unseen.

Today ... for each man, 1 hard biscuit ... ¼ cup of water.

**December 20.** Last night the worst ... men at oars 64 hours continuously.

... today ... 1 hard biscuit, ¼ cup of water, ½ cup canned peas.

**December 21.** Sea moderated ... this day ... 2 hard biscuits, shared 2 small cans of tomatoes.

**December 22.** Consumed 2 cans of apricots, 1 biscuit, ¼ cup of water. ... 1:00 p.m. American Army bomber flew directly over, everybody jubilant. ... 3 cans of tomatoes to celebrate good fortune.

**December 23.** No sign of rescue ... today ... 1 hard biscuit, 2 cans of cherries, ¼ cup of water. ... only enough water left for about 5 or 6 servings of ¼ cup to each man. Our hope lies in heavy rain squalls.

**December 24.** ... today, 1 hard biscuit, 1 can of tomatoes (last can!) ... no water. ... patrol plane ... sighted about 5:15 p.m. ... 10 minutes later ... another plane. ... thank God! This fellow saw us. ... ¼ cup of water ... to celebrate good luck and Christmas Eve.

**December 25.** No signs of rescue ... Christmas Day! ... what we thought was going to be the happiest Christmas of our lives becomes the saddest.


**December 26.** Jules Simmons, Messenger, died of thirst, hunger and exposure ... buried with religious services. ... committed his body to the deep at 5:45 p.m. ... today we are nineteen in lifeboat No. 2 of the s. s. MANINI.

**December 27.** No rain! ... torrential rain squalls all around ... but not where we are. ... each man now getting 1½ oz. of water in the morning, 1½ oz. in the late afternoon ... we'll die of thirst, unless we get rain! ... prayers for our deliverance.

**December 28.** 6:30 a.m. Sunday services ... 7:30 a.m. ... 3 Navy planes sighted us ... we are signalling ... big Consolidated plane joined watch over us ... signalled ... "Help coming!" ... crew of the big plane zooms low ... men holding their thumbs up ... we answer with thumbs up ... U.S.N. Destroyer ... over the horizon ... rescued this day.

**December 29, 1941.** Aboard the U.S.N. Destroyer ... Everybody happy!

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# “WE’LL HAVE TO TAKE OUR HARBORS WITH US.”

American and British officers planning the D-Day details in England were up against a tremendous problem. It was all very well to land troops on the beaches of Normandy, but once there they had to be kept supplied with immense quantities of ammunition, food, and weapons. How were these supplies to keep flowing without a harbor?

There was a limit to what landing craft could do. The rough Channel seas and the tide that rises and falls twenty feet meant that supplies put down on the flat Normandy beaches would be swamped by the tide before it could all be moved onto dry land. And the idea of starting off the invasion by capturing one of the heavily defended French ports was out of the question. It would take too long.

The story goes that one of the officers engaged in the planning remarked casually to one of his colleagues, not intending to be taken seriously, “Well, I suppose we’ll have to take our harbors with us.” This remark, it is reported, started the experts on a train of thought that ended at the point where the ramps of the prefabricated ports touched the Normandy shore.

Whether this is the true story of the origin of “Operation Mulberries” is not known, but the idea, fostered by Winston Churchill, was presented at the Quebec Conference of August, 1943, and the decision was made there that the Allies would build two harbors as big as Dover and take them along to France.

Thus began, in Britain, one of the most colossal and original engineering projects of this war. Detailed plans were worked out by the British Admiralty and the War Office, and 20,000 British workers were assigned to building the parts at various points in England. 865,000 tons of reinforced concrete had to be

cast in six months.

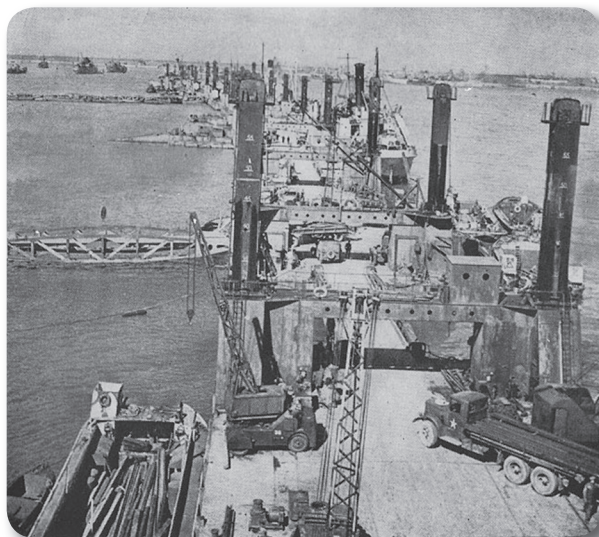
On June 4th – 6th, 1944 a huge fleet of several nationalities, besides British and American, began to tow the port parts, called Phoenixes, across the English Channel to pre-arranged sites on the French shore, escorted by the British Navy. On arrival, American Seabees, British Sailors and British Army Engineers assembled them. One harbor was wrecked in a severe gale, but nevertheless in the first 109 days of the invasion the Allies put ashore 2,500,000 troops, more than half a million vehicles, and 17,000,000 ship tons of munitions, weapons and supplies--a task that could not possibly have been achieved without the portable harbors.

Over 1,000 U. S. Merchant Mariners, including AMMV’s Perry Adams, Les Ellison and Ray Carreau, worked the tugs that participated in the massive effort of providing the parts needed in constructing the two artificial harbors – code name Mulberries - which offered protection from weather, tidal patterns and warfare to the invading troops and the supplies necessary to fight the battles of Normandy Beach.

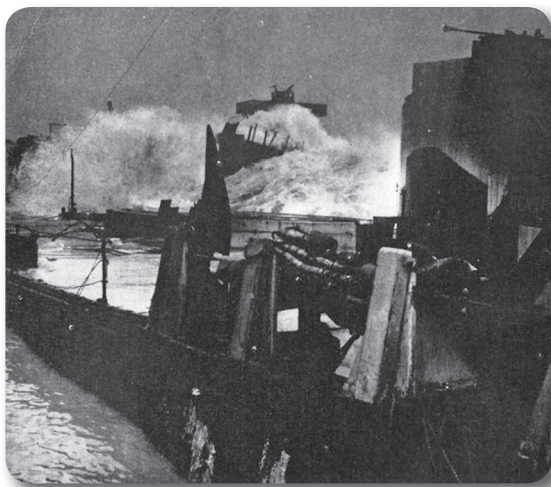
When completed, each Mulberry, composed of 73 “Phoenixes” was about one mile long and stood about 30 feet above sea level at low tide. Seven Liberty ships at a time could tie up at a Mulberry to unload their cargo onto landing craft.

Extending the artificial harbor was a breakwater of 89 derelict ships which had been damaged beyond repair. These

ships made it to Normandy under their own power, crewed by “volunteer” mariners. Each was held in position by 4 small tugs, while explosives blew their bottoms out, sinking them. Then the tugs removed the



*Here is seen a row of seven pierheads, joined together by bridges to form the wharf. Note the markings on the legs indicating the depth of the water.*



*To supplement the caissons, sixty old Allied warships and merchant ships sailed under their own steam and were scuttled to form part of the breakwater. One of them was the old British warship, H.M.S. Centurion, shown above.*



# The story of the U. S. Merchant Marine involvement in Normandy Beach D-Day

crew from the ships. This was all done under fire from the beach and German planes.

Although the actual battles of Normandy Beach continued for several months, the "New York Times" newspaper of June 10, 1944 proclaimed:

## **MERCHANT SEAMEN ARE D-DAY HEROES**

*By Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.*

LONDON, June 9 -- D-day would not have been possible without the Merchant Marine. Now that the long-awaited day is history and great Allied forces have been landed in France, it is permitted to indicate the part played by these intrepid civilians, whose deeds for the most part have gone unsung.

Probably it is not generally realized that the Merchant Marine has the largest ratio of casualties of any branch of the services, and many of the names on the list are not classified "wounded" or "missing." They were those of the men whose grave is the sea.

The whole picture of the merchant marine's heroic deeds will not be available for some time because of security. Working side by side with the British merchant navy and the Allied fleets, the American merchant marine has reached a new peak of glory, and into this latest venture it has brought all the hard-earned experience of such historic episodes as the African landings and the bitterly fought Arctic runs to Russia.

### **SHIPS WITHOUT PORTS**

For weeks before D-day hundreds of merchant ships which had been diverted from their regular runs for the invasion service roamed the waters near the British Isles without a port to come to. They were kept outside so the enemy would not see any great ship concentration at any principal port. At the prearranged time they rendezvoused, picked up their priceless cargo and sailed for France.

*Undaunted by the threat of air attacks, sea mines, surface fire, submarines or coastal batteries, they fulfilled their mission according to schedule and returned to Britain's shores to start a shuttle service that will not end before Germany's unconditional surrender.*

*At their sides are a thousand or more British merchant ships with 50,000 seamen, many of whom have old scores to settle -- scores that started at Dunkerque and were aggravated at Crete.*

*These men also were on the arctic run, they were part of the 500-ship armada at North Africa, they knew what it was to carry men and supplies to the Middle East before the Mediterranean was open and to keep the breath of life in unconquerable Malta.*

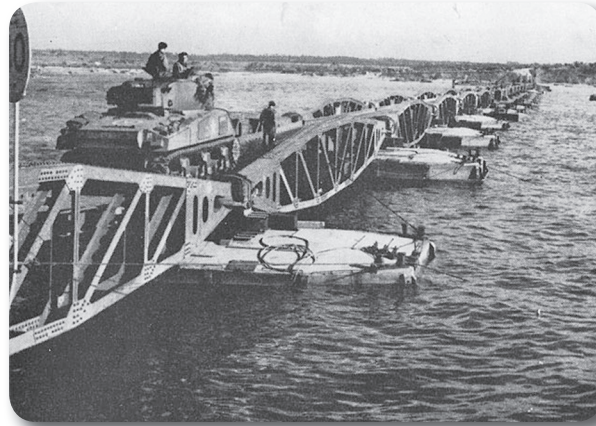
### **CRAFT OF EVERY TYPE**

*The ships that went to France were of every conceivable type of transport. Some were former luxury liners that even confirmed round-the-world travelers would no longer recognize. Others were no larger than good-sized barges or seagoing tugs. But most were new, the internationally known Liberty ships, designed to meet the needs of the war.*

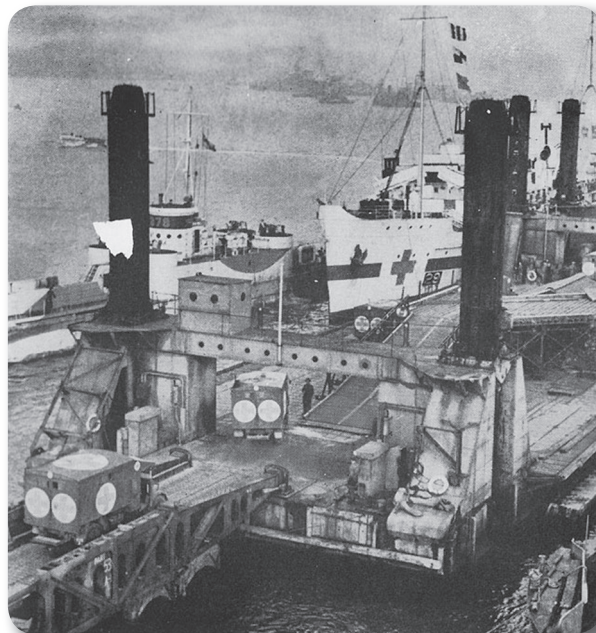
*It is a long call since 1819, when the Savannah, the first steam-propelled merchantman made a journey from the United States to England, but that was the beginning of what is now the backbone of one of the world's greatest war efforts. Old timers, the historically minded, like to go back even farther and recall that when the British repulsed the Spanish Armada there were 163 merchantmen among the 197 ships involved.*

*Now, more than 67 years later, the Normandy invasion, or D-Day, remains the largest seaborne invasion in history, involving nearly three million troops crossing the English Channel to Normandy in*

*occupied France and landing on the beach by way of the Mulberries.*



*The floating roadway is completed, and a tank starts across.*



*The pierhead in action. Wounded are being transferred from the ambulances to a hospital ship for return to England.*





# CHAPTER NEWS

## Carl W. Minor / Central California Coast Mariners

### Chapter Growth and a Visitor



*(l to r) Tom Clements, Lou Fedor, Jean Foster, George Hale, Bill Bower, Tom Shelton.*



*CEO George Hale viewing Atascadero's Wall of Honor, which includes the Merchant Mariners who served in WWII.*

Our new chapter is steadily growing and although, some of us have to travel a goodly distance, it is very heartening to have such good attendance at the meetings. The population is sparse around here but with perseverance, we are making a go of it. National Office Administrator Sindy visited with our CEO George Hale and his wife, Nobu, recently and was given a tour of the local Wall of Honor.

## Central California Chapter



*(l to r) Bill Fairfield, MC, A.J. Wichita, National President, Rufus Hernandez, Central California Chapter, Nelson Cauble, National Secretary.*

**From Rufus Hernandez' CEO report:** Our Secretary Jack and I attended the AMMV 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention in Reno. It was a very enjoyable and informative session. On Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Presidents reception dinner, I was completely surprised when I was called to the rostrum. I was given an award, "the American Merchant Marine Veterans Distinguished Service Award," and medal. Thanks to you fellow members of our chapter. This award belongs to all of us. It takes a team and dedication.

## China Coasters Chapter

Our annual Maritime Day ceremony on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, held in front of the American Merchant Marine Veterans Memorial in San Pedro, was successful in spite of the unavoidable absence of two speakers. Several "old salts" stepped in to fill their shoes. Over 175 people attended the ceremony and then joined us for lunch afterwards. All in all, a memorable event to salute Maritime Day.







# CHAPTER NEWS

## Emerald Sea Chapter

### An open letter from the CEO:

I was asked by our new President Morris Harvey about my thoughts on what will be happening to the AMMV in the year 2015. Looking over the last 10 years, you wonder how we survived. Our leaders have always been fighting for our cause but always the same BULLS\*\*\*. Take a look at the results – passed in the HOUSE OF REPS. GOT 58 SENATORS to co-sponsor. Good results but a NO from Mr. Akaka. TA, TA, TO ALL.

I know most of our shipmates have gone under more action at sea than most of these people of Congress have seen in Hollywood's idea of WAR action. I think it is time to let them know that the unsung heroes can fight them as we did the AXIS. Let the Congresspersons know that most of us were around before they were born or still in their childhood stage.

Sending letters and asking these people to co-sponsor was tried; some did sign on. If I may I'd like to make a suggestion on how to get this rolling. Have the Chapter OFFICER get in touch with Regional VP's. Have them get in touch with all the chapters in their area and provide a standard letter to send to their Congressman or Senator making it plain that we are the people who vote. Each Regional VP has a couple of states so have them go after their own people. Telling the politicians that they have friends and relatives in other states creates caution as their whole political party could really see a different trend. It did in the last election. Another thought might be to send a letter to the Governor of each state telling them to get after their U.S. REPS to do the right thing.

For all who think they have given their all, we ask for one more try on this. We have been disappointed before but now is the time to really show the determination we had in sailing the oceans to deliver the war materials on all fronts and food for all other countries.

For those living, thank you and GOD bless you for your service and for those who have passed on, we have you in our minds and were glad to call you shipmates.

I hope this letter will give some ideas about where we are going. We know that some of us will not be here; that's life. But while we are here we must fight on.

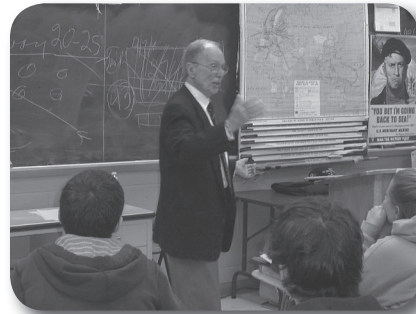
With this in mind, I think we will be better for all this action and will meet all problems head on.

May GOD be with you and keep you.

Edgar A. Lingenfield, CEO  
Emerald Sea Chapter

## Mon Valley Chapter

### An educational experience:



Mark Gleeson

Chapter member Mark Gleeson was the speaker to address Mr. Robert Raffaele's sophomore history classes at Elizabeth Forward High School in April. Over the course of the day and six classes, Mr. Gleeson spoke

to over 160 students about the history of the American Merchant Marine. Mon Valley Chapter President, Gerard Driscoll, accompanied Mr. Gleeson and retold of his experiences in the Merchant Marine during the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

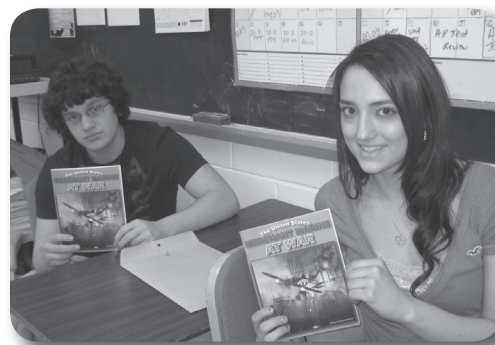


Mr. Gleeson, Mr. Raffaele, Mr. Sydeski and Mr. Driscoll

The inspiration for this educational program is credited to Chapter member Mike Kemple.

Mr. Gleeson reviewed the history of the American Merchant Marine from 1775 to present with an emphasis

on their contribution to the Allied victory in World War II. Each student was provided with a packet of information which



included a copy of the book "The United States Merchant Marine at War", a "Battlin' Pete" patch and handouts about the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy and the AMMV website.



# CHAPTER NEWS

## Ocala Chapter

*Reprinted from a NAUS UPDATE:*

### Remember D-Day:

This past June 6, many paused to remember the Allied invasion of Europe, which occurred 65 years ago. The beaches of Normandy, where thousands of men lost their lives in the largest amphibious assault in history are quiet now.

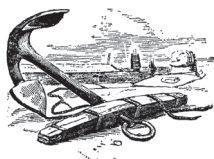


Many who were either involved in the invasion or lost a loved one there, took a few minutes to remember how their lives were changed forever.

If you are ever in southwestern Virginia near the town of Bedford, please take the time to visit the National D-Day memorial. Just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, the memorial is a beautiful monument to those who sacrificed all and to those who can still come to remember their fallen comrades.

Why is the memorial located in the small town of Bedford, VA? Bedford lost 26 residents of their community on D-Day and it was determined that per capita it had made the greatest sacrifice of any community in the country on that fateful day in June, 1944.

If you can't visit the memorial in person, visit it on the Internet.



## Otto J. Ernst Chapter

The members of the Otto J. Ernst Chapter participated in grand style in the Fourth of July parade in Troutman, NC.







# CHAPTER NEWS

## Sacramento Valley Chapter

### Music and how to salute the flag:

Good news: The Kittanning Firemen's Band of Ford City, PA will be performing "Heave, Ho," the Merchant Marine Song, at the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC. on July 9th. The sheet music was provided to them on a CD from Bob Ulrich. Who says this project of Bob's isn't successful?

And Ken Blue wants to "Clear the Air on the Pledge of Allegiance" with thanks for this information from George Juhasz.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which took effect on Jan. 28, 2008, included a provision authorizing the military hand salute for veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel during the raising, lowering, or passing of the flag. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2009, signed into law by President George W. Bush on Oct. 14, 2010, added "the playing of the National Anthem" to those occasions when veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel may render the military hand salute.

Unfortunately, these changes led to the widespread and erroneous assumption that veterans were now permitted to say the Pledge of Allegiance while rendering the hand salute, even though there was no mention of the Pledge of Allegiance in either bill. The manner of delivery of the Pledge of Allegiance is contained in "Title 4, U.S. Code Chapter 1," commonly referred to as "the Flag Code."

The first Flag Code was drafted during a conference headed by the Daughters of the American Revolution and the American Legion. They decreed "As Veterans, we are proud of this contribution to our country and we are obligated to obey it."

The latest version of the Flag Code, dated Feb. 1, 2010 says this about the manner of delivery of the pledge: "'The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag' should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform veterans should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute."

To sum it up, you may recite the Pledge with your hand over your heart, or you may render the hand salute and remain silent, but you may NOT render the hand salute and recite the Pledge. To do so is a violation of Title 4, U. S. Code Chapter 1, a Federal statute, which is near and dear to the hearts of all veterans who have served their country.

## Southern Oregon Chapter

### Scholarship fund:

The new recipient of our South Oregon Chapter's scholarship fund has now been selected and we are proud to announce that she is Nicole Herrera from Gold Beach, Oregon. Nicole graduated with a 3.88 grade point average and now plans to attend West Oregon University as a pre-med student. She tells in her application how much she loved her Grandpa but unfortunately lost him when she was only 8 years old. He was Paul Alphonsus Greiner born January 8, 1923. He served in the Steward's department as a cook starting in November of 1943 and has medals from Pacific War Zone, Atlantic War Zone, and Mediterranean Middle East War Zone. He was discharged in New York on January 17, 1946 and the ship named at the time of his discharge is Jordan Valley, a T2-SE-A1 Tanker.

We wish Nicole well in her future. We know that her Grandpa Paul would be very proud of her and to know that he had a small part in her education. Our annual award is \$500. Our fund is set up to continue to award this amount to the Merchant Marine Veterans of our So. Oregon graduates families for many more years to come. We will continue to select the best candidate possible for our future award recipients.

## St. John's River Chapter

### Armed Forces Day program:

Chapter member Ed Trester spoke at the Armed Services Day program at the Anastasia Island Branch Library in Saint Augustine, Beach, FL. His subject was the role of the Merchant Marine in World War II and the history of the "Liberty Ships". While there, Eddie had a chance to question former Florida Senator George McGovern about our legislative problems.



# WE NEED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ( CONTINUED)

## *Start an "Adopt-A-Ship" program*

No one can deny that in order to keep Merchant Marine history of WWII alive, it is vital to educate the public about it. AMMV member and newly elected Northeast Regional VP Steve Gross suggests that the program like the Propeller Club of the United States of America's "Adopt-a-Ship" might be developed into an AMMV program which could be another way to continue this education and carry out our goals.

According to the Propeller Club website, [www.propellerclubhq.com](http://www.propellerclubhq.com), under the "Adopt-a-Ship" plan, school children in grades 5 - 8 under the supervision of the teacher, correspond with the master and officers of their "adopted" American merchant ship. This involves not only the children and their families, but also those who teach the younger generation - the educators - particularly those located in the interior part of the country.

"The aim of the "Adopt-a-Ship" plan is to teach Young America - our boys and girls - the necessity of maintaining an adequate American Merchant Marine and to assist in the education of our citizens of tomorrow. In addition to its patriotic implications, the plan fosters an interest in geography, history, and composition. It affords the nautically-minded student in a land-locked city or town an outlet for his or her interest in the sea bringing home to the captain and his crew the pride that Young America takes in its seamen." More than half of Navy personnel and young men and women



of the American Merchant Marine come from inland states.

For more information on this program contact the Propeller Club at their website listed above. And for more history on the American Merchant Mariners and their heroic past contact [www.usmm.org](http://www.usmm.org).

### THE AMMV PLAN:

Perhaps a similar plan could be started, at an AMMV chapter and member level, covering our historical legacy ships – the SS Jeremiah O'Brien, the American Victory, the SS John W. Brown, the Lane Victory and the Red Oak Victory?

These ships are vital to keeping the U.S. Merchant Marine of World War II history alive. And with a

little effort, our members (both Chapters and At-Large) could benefit from the knowledge that they are doing their part in keeping the public educated about our historically significant contribution to the winning of WWII. This is a worthwhile project for every chapter in the AMMV.

Please think about starting an "AMMV plan" at your Chapter. Many members have presented historical information to students with gratifying results. Any suggestions or ideas concerning the implementation of this plan will be gladly received by National President Morris Harvey, President Emeritus A.J. Wichita or AMMV NEWS Magazine editor Sindy Raymond.

Let's get 'er done before it's too late.



# Merchant Mariners in the 21st Century

During WWII, United States Merchant Mariners and their ships were under attack from enemy bombs and torpedoes as well as typhoons and dangerous seas. Today, only 5% of the survivors are still with us. It took over 40 years for them to be recognized as veterans, too late for them to benefit from the GI bill.

## A LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

In 2005, 2007 and 2009, Congressman Bob Filner introduced H.R. 23, the “Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act.” Each time H.R. 23 was introduced it received overwhelming bi-partisan support. It was introduced into the Senate twice, in 2007 and 2009, receiving 61 and 50 Senate co-sponsors respectively (with many more Senators pledging support) but the Senate version of H.R. 23 was never released by committee for a full Senate vote. Once again, H.R. 23 is before the House in the 112th Congress in 2011. We believe it will pass this time if we all pull together.

“Although World War II Merchant Mariners suffered the highest casualty rate of any of the branches of service while they delivered troops, tanks, food, airplanes, fuel, and other needed supplies to every theater of the war, this group of brave men was denied their rights under the G.I. Bill of Rights that Congress enacted in 1945. Also, they were not classified as veterans for Social Security purposes and receive a smaller benefit than other veterans. It is impossible to make up for decades of unpaid benefits, but as these honorable men find themselves well into their 80s, the benefits provided in this bill will provide a measure of comfort and security for these heroes and their families.” — *Congressman Bob Filner, Jan. 2011*

## Chance to passing “Just Compensation” bill – 92%

Actual effort . . . 8 %

If, YOU, our members, are that determined NOT to lift another finger to call their Congressmen, we will not get HR 23 to the Senate where we have the best opportunity for success in the past four years.

*Most failures are found when 95% of the base work has been done but the people often quit within 5% of their goal.*

Oh, and we don't need the money either!

But I did all that last year... and the year before that!



YOU do not have weeks to make up your mind to do something. YOU will have to start today and develop enough enthusiasm to do it again tomorrow.

If you don't need the money, be generous enough and do it for the poor souls who are faced with medicaid “body warehousing.”

This is the time to be generous! Today!

A.J. Wichita



No time for fishing

# VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE

## ***PLEASE TAKE ACTION TODAY***

### ***TO GET HOUSE BILL HR. 23 CO-SPONSORS.***

It is *crucial* that more House of Representatives members – our Congresspersons – sign onto our legislation House Bill HR.23 “Belated Thank you to the Merchant Mariners of WWII Act of 2011.” The following is a list of the House Congresspersons who have not signed onto the bill as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. **Please call or write your local office or fax Washington, DC TODAY!** Congress will be out on Summer Recess in August and that is an excellent time to connect with them at a local level and stress the importance of our Bill. Please act NOW! Time is of the essence. Have your family and friends call, write or fax too. This bi-partisan issue is important to all Merchant Mariners of WWII.

Whether you use the short legislative history of HR.23 included here or the sample letter printed in the Spring, 2011 NEWS Magazine or your own message, please, **ACT TODAY.** And, if your Congressperson has signed on, please contact the others in your State on behalf of Merchant Mariners who are unable to participate.

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#### NON-SIGNED CONGRESSPERSONS AS OF 7/1/11

#### HOUSE OF REPR. BILL #HR.23 “BELATED THANK YOU TO THE MERCHANT MARINERS OF WWII ACT OF 2011”

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### *Agenda*

| <u><i>Date</i></u>      | <u><i>Time</i></u>                                      | <u><i>Activity</i></u>   |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Wednesday (11-2)</i> | <i>Arrival</i>  | <i>Travel, Shows</i>   |
| <i>Thursday (11-3)</i>  | <i>9:00 a.m.</i><br><i>Free Day</i>                     | <i>Registration, Camaraderie</i>   |
| <i>Friday (11-4)</i>    | <i>9:00 a.m.</i>  | <i>Registration</i><br><i>Color Guard: Introductions</i><br><i>A.J. Wichita, President Emeritus</i><br><i>National Vice President Nelson Cauble</i><br><i>Keynote Speakers</i>                     |
|                         | <i>11:30 a.m.</i>                                       | <i>Break for Lunch</i>   |
|                         | <i>12:00 noon</i>                                       | <i>Lunch (Meeting Room,</i><br><i>Rowdy Beaver Restaurant)</i>   |
|                         | <i>1:30 p.m.</i>  | <i>General Session: Burt Young, Sindy Raymond</i><br><i>Jack Grothe, plus</i><br><i>Branson Entertainers will welcome Veterans</i>   |
|                         | <i>4:00 p.m.</i>  | <i>Conclude Meeting</i>  |
| <i>Saturday (11-5)</i>  | <i>9:00 a.m.</i><br><i>Free Day</i><br><i>5:30 p.m.</i> | <i>General Session continues (if needed)</i><br><i>Pursue Entertainment</i><br><i>Banquet Dinner</i><br><i>Raffle – Please bring items for raffle</i><br><i>Entertainment</i><br><i>Conclusion</i> |
| <i>Sunday (11-6)</i>    |   | <i>Weigh Anchor</i>  |

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***ALL ROADS LEAD TO BRANSON***



# War & Peace – American style

During World War II, Uncle Sam convinced boys 17 and younger, with patriotic posters and other means, to do their part - "Join the fighting U. S. Maritime Service". These volunteers thought they were joining a service like the Navy. In fact, it was exactly like the Navy as far as the training was concerned; physical training, gunnery practice, damage control etc.

These newly trained men were then sent to warehouse-size ships as crew members to bring tanks, ammunition, planes, food and everything necessary to make sure the G. I. had something to fight with besides the toothbrush the government gave them.

The war ended successfully and bringing the troops home was a thrilling event. In the first two or three years millions of babies blessed this earth. Veterans took advantage of the WWII G.I. Bill of Rights benefits

provided by our Government. A sense of normalcy and excitement came from new homes spreading



over the hillsides, financed through low-cost mortgages provided by the G.I. Bill. And it provided a college education for millions of Veterans and job preference over civilians.

But Congress failed to include Merchant Mariners as Veterans, so they didn't qualify for the G.I. Bill or decently paying jobs. Telling a Merchant Mariner he is not eligible for a job because he is not considered a veteran is a grave insult to the thousands Mariners who died bringing supplies to our armies.

These Mariners are the same men embattled Generals and Admirals prayed for

*"I hold no branch in higher esteem than the Merchant Marine"*

– Douglas MacArthur

"please God, let those ships and supplies get through!"

They were declared heroes and rewarded with accolades and high praise by field commanders, heads of state and our Commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt. But Congress did not hear.



The Merchant marine stayed on when the war ended and brought our troops home. But when he came home, the parades were over and no one seemed to know what a Merchant Mariner was.

Even though betrayed by the Government, the Mariner's

survival instincts had him taking any job offered. Merchant seaman veteran Nelson Smith said "I was turned down for jobs so many times I felt like a bed sheet". Many Merchant Mariners became straight commission salesmen selling everything from vacuum cleaners to burial plots to swamp land in Florida. These no-salary sales opportunities were the only jobs readily available.



"Let me clear some of this junk off your desk and I'll spread out my qualifications."

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Some founded businesses on a shoestring and others did work their way through college. A few were story-book successes. With strong work ethics, some dedicated WWII Mariners became doctors, engineers, writers, educators and leaders in the entertainment field. 65 years after WWII some Merchant Mariners are still in business.

So, what did the WWII Mariner lose being denied the G.I. Bill? For the majority, lifetime income would have been appreciably increased from the G.I. education benefits. He could have

moved in his own home sooner. Government-backed loans would have helped in developing businesses faster.

We're asking all Veterans to help the few remaining Merchant Mariners get true recognition. You might ask, is it worth the bother, there are so few left? By all means, it is a matter of honor! Please call or email **Sindy Raymond at (707) 778-4554 or [saaren@frontiernet.net](mailto:saaren@frontiernet.net)** for more information. Please help us finish the job in Congress and get House bill HR23 "A Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of WWII Act of 2011" passed.

A.J. Wichita, LT USN (Vet)  
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National President  
American Merchant Marine Veterans





## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

*Join the American Merchant Marine Veterans, a growing organization of active and retired seamen. Help us gain recognition for what we, the men of the Merchant Marine, have done for our Country in war and peace.*

*We stand for a strong American Merchant Marine and will help launch and support legislation along these lines. We intend to help the cause of American seamen and American seapower.*

*The American Merchant Marine Veterans is a national organization with Chapters throughout the United States and overseas. National membership dues are \$20.00 per year, collected by Headquarters or through its Chapters. Chapter dues are determined by the membership of each Chapter.*

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If you qualify in one or more of the above categories, you are eligible to join the American Merchant Marine Veterans, Incorporated. Sign on with the American Merchant Marine Veterans and help us with our efforts to improve the quality of life for all Merchant Mariners, past, present and future. Enjoy the activities of our organization while rendering a service to our COUNTRY, your FELLOW SEAMEN, and the AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE.

We are a not for profit organization, Charter No. 4837 in the state of Florida. The Chapters operate within the purview of our National Constitution and By-Laws. Active members receive the National News Magazine quarterly. If you live in an area where no Chapter is available, you can request help from our National Office to organize one.

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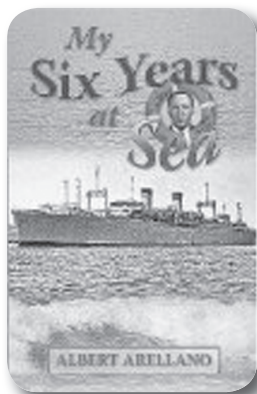


# BOOK REVIEWS

*Editor's note: All the books may be ordered through [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).*

## "MY SIX YEARS AT SEA"

*by Albert Arellano (Member-at-Large),  
publisher Inkwater Press*



### Author's description:

I am 81 years old, and have been asked to tell my WWII experiences, and the years thereafter. These happenings between 1943 and 1949 were the years of my seagoing adventures. During WWII, I was Third Mate on the steamship *U.S.S. Cape Isabel*. This ship was involved in three previous invasions, before my assignment. This vessel was allocated to the U.S. Marine Corps

in the first invasion (Palau Islands). In the second invasion (Iwo Jima) we delivered troops and cargo for the Fifth Marine Division. In the third invasion (Okinawa), we delivered troops and cargo for the Second Marine Division. The three typhoon experiences occurred after the end of World War II. The voyages on the *U.S.A.T. Admiral William S. Sims* took place between 1946 and 1947. My U.S. Navy career was from 1948 through the 1949.

## "NAKED RUN IN THE MORNING"

*by William Sneed*



### Product Description:

It's a story that remained untold for fifty-two years. But now, author William Sneed reveals a tale he and his friends, Albert and NoNo, had sworn to tell no one. "Naked Run to Morning", the title feature in this collection, narrates an action-packed adventure that occurred in the summer of 1956 in League City, Texas. What

started as a simple camping trip between three teenage boys turns to chaos as the night is interrupted by a chance encounter with an escaped convict. The boys face the most challenging and dangerous event of their lives.

"Naked Run to Morning" includes five additional short stories filled with action, adventure, and humor. In "Red, Right, Returning" a twelve-year-old boy escapes from his stepfather's island near Galveston, Texas. In a small row boat, he crosses a busy shipping lane in shark-infested waters in thick fog with his beagle, Woody.

In the humorous selection, "Merchant Navy in the Head"

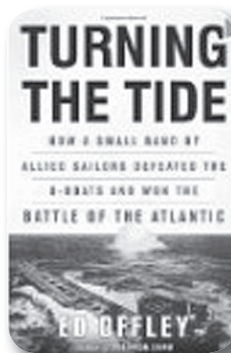
a merchant mariner and a Navy man, both drunk, get into a scuffle in the ship's head. A unique collection of both fiction and nonfiction stories, "Naked Run to Morning" provides tales of adventure while exploring the themes of courage, faith, and destiny.

*Editor's note: Bill Sneed's father was in the Maritime Service in WWII and the book features some interesting MM information.*

## "TURNING THE TIDE: How a Small Band of Allied Sailors Defeated the U-boats and Won the Battle of the Atlantic"

*Author Ed Offley*

*Publisher: Basic Books, First American Edition edition*



### Reader review:

Five COMPELLING Stars! A sweeping, very detailed, often action-packed portrait by author Ed Offley of the Battle of the Atlantic, describing activities within the five phases of the "longest and deadliest naval conflict in world history" stretching from 1939 to 1945: the "crucial naval battle of the Second World War." Along the way, he places the battle into histori-

cal context and gives a detailed picture of the treacherous Atlantic Ocean routes, made all the more dangerous because of the weather. The book describes crucial battle encounters between the Allies and the Axis forces on the high seas and in coastal waters as U-boat 'wolf packs' pursued Allies' vital supply convoys across the Atlantic ocean. The author looks at both the strategic and tactical points of view, using diagrams and photographs. The book's opening engagement between the HMS Hesperus on 12 May 1943, hunting the trailing Nazi U-boat, U-223, which was stalking the 24 merchant ships of SC (Slow Convoy) 129 is mesmerizing and just a foretaste of what is to follow, such as the carnage of The Battle of St. Patrick's Day, with its heroes and its fainthearted. The book is loaded with detail on the ships and subs, their weaponry, as well as the strengths and weaknesses of the opposing forces, with input from crew member's postwar interviews. Superbly researched and well written with great attention to detail, linking the Battle of the Atlantic to the land and air wars and the political climate of the time, "Turning the Tide" gets my Highest Recommendation. Five HISTORICAL Stars!



# NAUS and the AMMV: Joining Forces on Capitol Hill



The National Association for Uniformed Services® (NAUS) is pleased to have the American Merchant Marine Veterans as an affiliated organization. NAUS is proud to be the only other veterans organization to strongly support the Belated Thank You legislation on Capitol Hill, and will work hard with you and your leadership at AMMV to enhance the status of our nation's Merchant Marine veterans.



As part of our affiliation agreement, AMMV Members may join the National Association for Uniformed Services® at the steeply reduced dues rate below, and enjoy the benefits belonging to a larger organization can offer. Benefits including a free subscription to the NAUS bimonthly magazine, which will keep you up-to-date on important legislative issues and include special coverage of merchant marine issues in every edition; low group rate health, life, auto and homeowners insurance; travel discounts; a no-fee NAUS Visa card and more.

**Joining NAUS will ensure a stronger voice on Capitol Hill, and help carry on the proud legacy of the U.S. Merchant Marine.**



## YES!

**I'm an eligible American Merchant Marine Veteran. Please enroll me in NAUS today.**

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