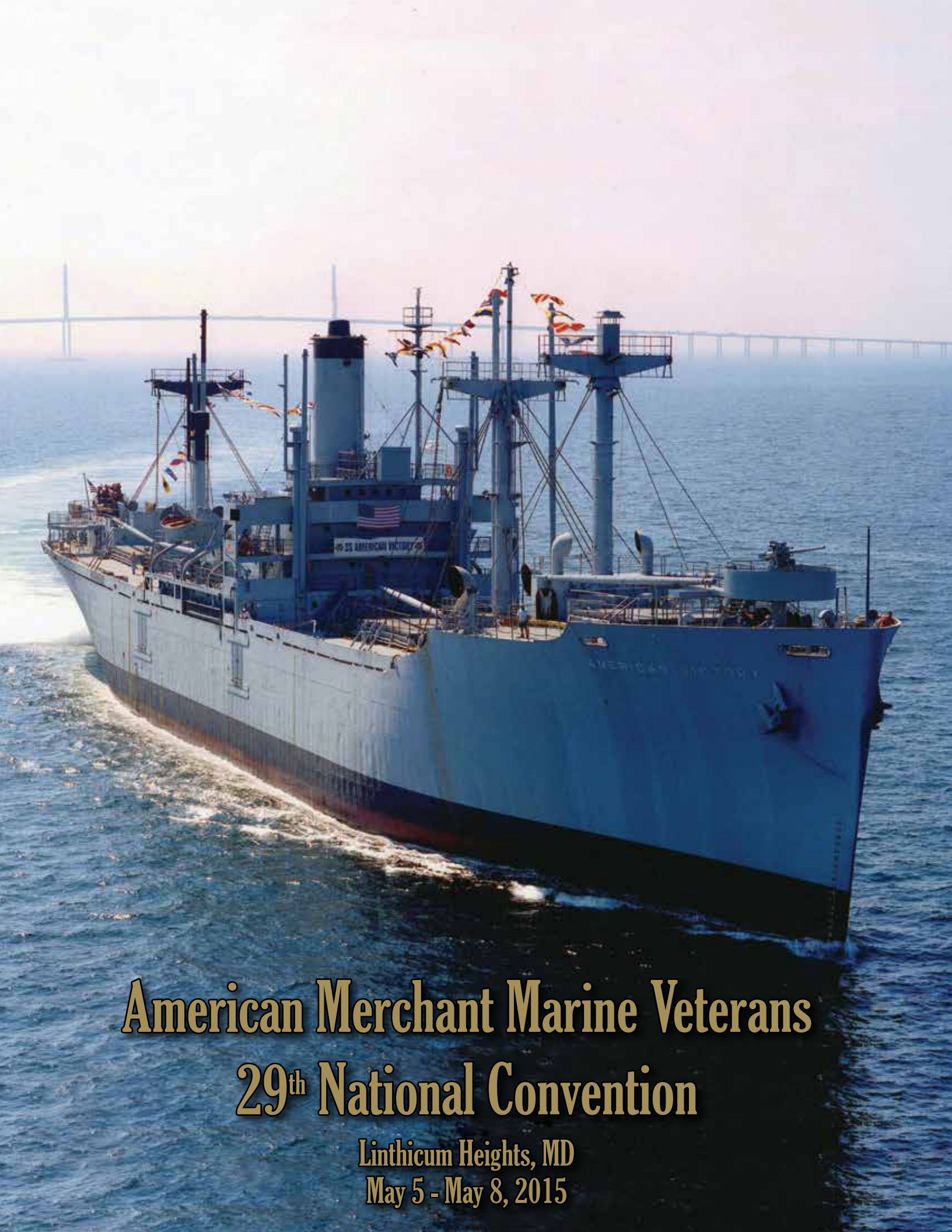

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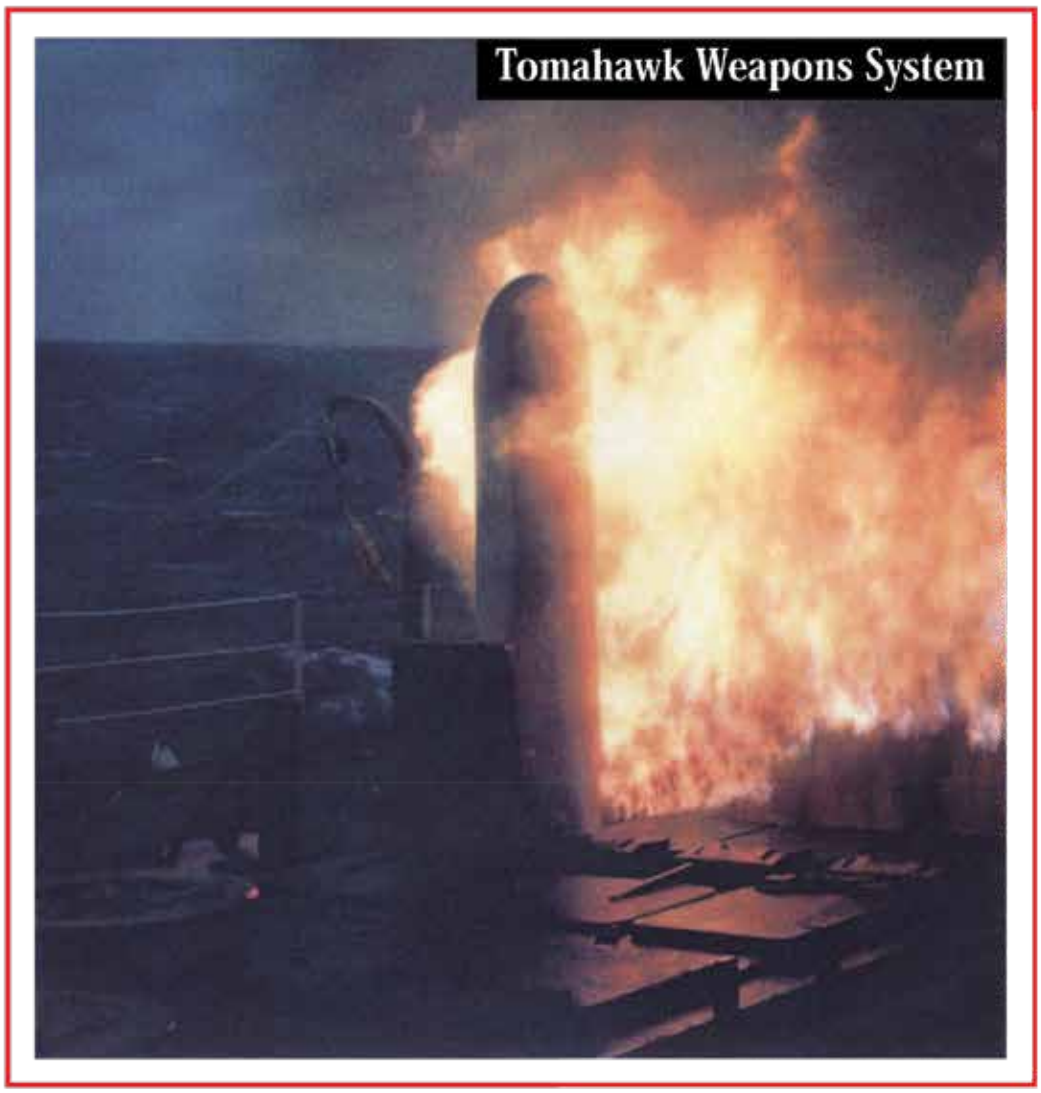

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It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 29th annual American Merchant Marine Veterans meeting and convention at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS), Linthicum Maryland. A warm greeting is extended to all attendees. I hope that options have been included to allow for everyone to enjoy their stay, with tours, food, and entertainment. We welcome U.S. Navy Armed Guard, all Merchant Mariners (Active and retired) - their wives and widows who have joined us at this convention.

The May 5th Pre-convention registration day will include our usual Board of Directors meeting (all members are invited to attend) - we look forward to this historic gathering – the old WWII generation has made it another year. The official convention opening is May 6th, with an opening ceremony. Other events include business sessions, a Luncheon with Sally and Roy, two evening gatherings with entertainment, and, two scheduled excursions. On May 8th we have a trip to the WWII memorial, which includes a special ceremony celebrating the 70th anniversary of V/E Day. On May 8th, we board the SS John W. Brown for a historic cruise down Chesapeake Bay.

Business topics include recognition and Veterans status for Mariners who participated in armed conflicts post WWII; Just Recognition for WWII Mariners who were denied GI Bill benefits, HR-563; election of National Officers; membership retention and recruitment of active Mariners thru use of the internet and social media.

We hope everyone will enjoy their stay, meeting old friends and making some new friends to engage with into the future. We will take care of our AMMV business and return home knowing that together we have made a difference.

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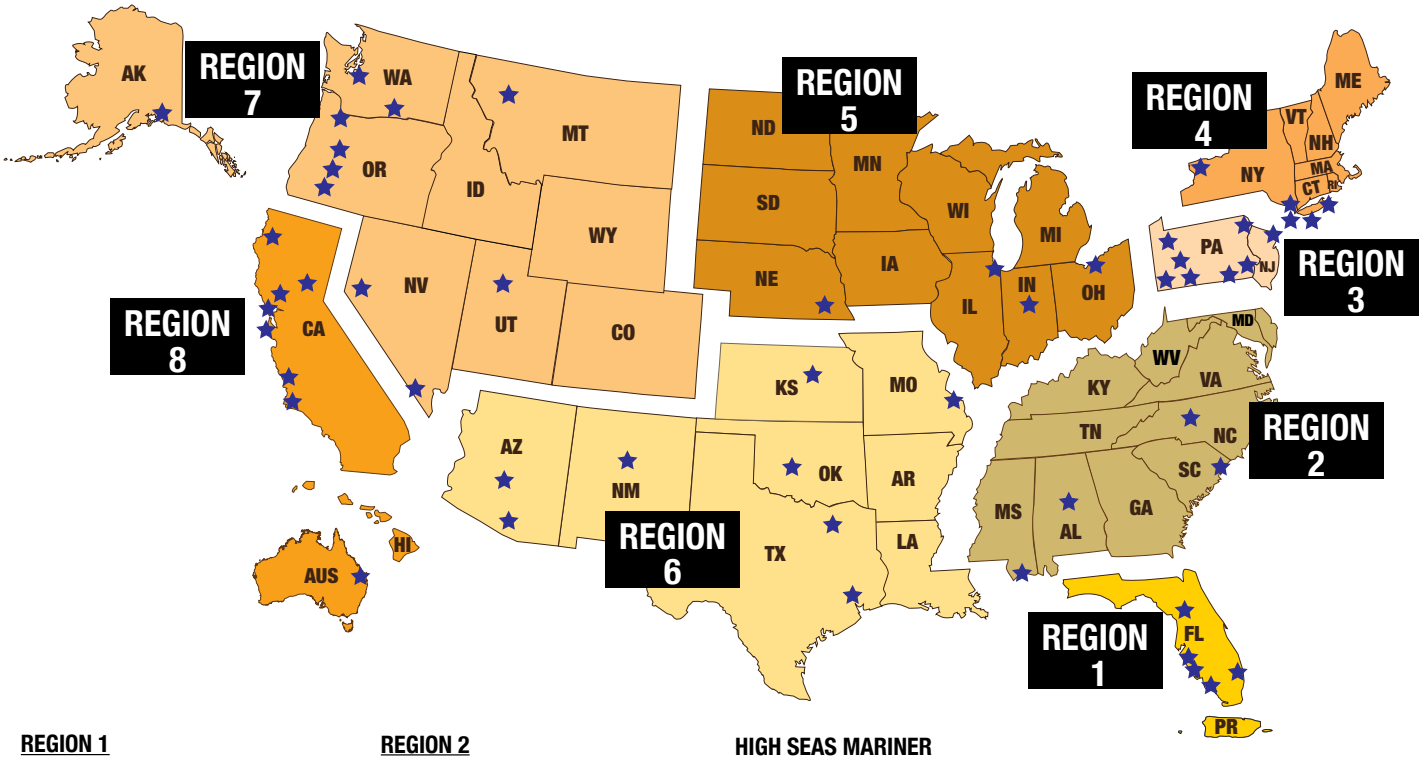

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Monday May 4, 2015

1400 – 1700	**Early Arrival-Staff**
1700 – 1900	**MITAGS Dinner**

Tuesday, May-5, 2015

0700 – 0900	**MITAGS Breakfast**
0900 – 1200	**Early Arrival-Staff (**Convention Prep)
1130 – 1400	**MITAGS Lunch**
1300 – 1400	**Registration**
	Meet our entertainer, Sally
1300 – 1500	Hospitality Room
1530 – 1800	Hospitality Room
1500 – 1630	**Board of Directors Meeting**
1530 – 1800	**Registration Continues**
	Meet our entertainer, Sally
1700 – 1900	**MITAGS Dinner**
1800 – 1930	**RVP/Chapter -Workshop** Open Discussion

Wednesday May-6, 2015

0700 – 0900	**MITAGS Breakfast**
0800 – 0900	**Registration**
	meet Sally as Marilyn
0915 – 1000	**Opening Ceremonies**
	dj by Roy
	Color Guard
	Songs by Sally
1000 – 1100	**Opening Session**
	Planned Program
1130 – 1400	**MITAGS Lunch**
1200 – 1330	Lunch with Sally & Roy
	Speaker: Captain Richard Phillips, Merchant Mariner,
	International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots, retired
	Author, "A Captain's Duty: Somali Pirates, Navy SEALs, and Dangerous Days at Sea"
1345 – 1630	**General Session Continues**
1345 – 1500	Budget + state of AMMV
1500 – 1630	Elections of National Officers
1700 – 1900	**MITAGS Dinner**
1730 – Till	Speaker: Don Marcus, President, International Organization of Masters Mates & Pilots
	Entertainment- with Sally and Roy

Thursday, May 7, 2015

0700 – 0900	**MITAGS Breakfast**
0900 – 1130	**Business Session**
	Resolutions and Open Microphone
1130 – 1400	**MITAGS Lunch**
1400 – 1630	**Business Session continues**
	Barbara Voulgaris, Program Historian, MarAd
1700 – Till??	**President's Dinner and entertainment**
1700 – 1800	Open Bar
1700 – 1900	**MITAGS Dinner**
	Speaker: Phillip H. Green, Jr., Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy, retired & President, Tote's Services, Inc.
	Entertainment with Sally and Roy
	Raffles

Friday, May 8, 2015

0700 – 0900	**MITAGS Breakfast**
0830 – 1600	**WWII Memorial Tour & Rally**
	Carry Out Bag Lunch
1700 – 1900	**MITAGS Dinner**

Saturday, May 9, 2015

0700 – 0900	**MITAGS Breakfast**
0700 – 1730	**Historic Cruise on the *SS John W. Brown***
1700 – 1900	**MITAGS Dinner**

Sunday May 10, 2015

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Following his retirement from the navy, Greene was appointed to the senior executive service in the Department of Transportation. He subsequently served as the 11th superintendent of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y., and held the U.S. Department of Transportation Chair at the National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

A native of Southern California, Greene is a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and earned advanced degrees from the National War College in Washington, DC and the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. In addition, he holds a merchant marine license as master (oceans, any gross tonnage). Greene and his wife, Debby, reside in Atlantic Beach, FL. They have three grown children, who live and work in the Washington, DC area. ☸

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Don is a staunch advocate for the American Merchant Marine and America's working families. He has been a union member throughout his working life, having joined the Masters, Mates & Pilots upon graduating from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY, in 1979.

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For five days in April 2009, Captain Richard Phillips became the center of an international drama when he was captured by Somali pirates who ***attacked and boarded his ship, though never hijacked or controlled the ship.***

On Wednesday, April 8, a small band of pirates swung ***a ladder*** from their skiff onto the ***Maersk Alabama***, a container ship ferrying food aid to East Africa. With the pirates firing at the vessels bridge as they climbed aboard, many of the crew scrambled into a designated safe room aboard the ship.

On the bridge, pirates held two sailors and Phillips at gunpoint, but the crew of 18 out maneuvered the four attackers. They managed to take the pirate leader hostage, wounding him in the hand with a knife, and regain control of the ***Alabama***. The crew demanded the pirates leave the ship but they had scuttled their own small boat and demanded an escape boat, fuel and food.

Amid the standoff and already a hostage, Captain Phillips offered himself to get them off the ***Maersk Alabama*** putting him directly in harm's way, knowing full well that he might pay the ultimate price.

Once the pirates settled into one of the ship's covered lifeboats, the crew attempted to trade the pirate they had captured for Captain Phillips. They released their captive but the pirates refused to honor the agreement and fled with the captain. Held as a human shield in a small lifeboat with the four pirates, Phillips had little to hope for or cling to, except the knowledge that he had done everything he could to save the lives of the crew aboard his ship.

The U.S. Navy responded to the scene and negotiations were ongoing between the pirates and the captain of the USS Bainbridge. On Friday, April 10, Captain Phillips jumped out of the lifeboat swimming toward the destroyer but the pirates went after him and managed to haul him back in. The standoff dragged on until April 12, when Navy SEAL snipers saw one of the pirates aim his AK-47 at Captain Phillips's back and concluded he was in "imminent danger." On that Sunday morning, Navy SEAL snipers took remarkable shots and hit the three captors holding Captain Phillips. Within minutes, rescuers were on scene and Phillips was rescued off the lifeboat, and the three pirates were dead. They freed Captain Phillips, ending the sea catastrophe that had gathered much of the world's attention for many days.

President Barack Obama spoke with Captain Phillips by phone after he was released and said, "I share the country's admiration for the bravery of Captain Phillips and his selfless concern for his crew. His courage is a model for all Americans."

Captain Phillips is the author of *"A Captain's Duty: Somali Pirates , Navy SEALs, and Dangerous Days at Sea,"* the story of his experience and his remarkable rescue. This dramatic story was also made into a motion picture by Columbia Pictures, starring Tom Hanks.

Captain Phillips is a 1979 graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, a member of the International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots Union, and a licensed American Merchant Mariner. He became Captain of the MV Maersk Alabama in 2008. Captain Phillips married Andrea Coggio in 1987. They have two children, Mariah and Danny, and reside in Underhill, VT. ☸

Barbara Voulgaris

Federal Preservation Officer/Program Historian

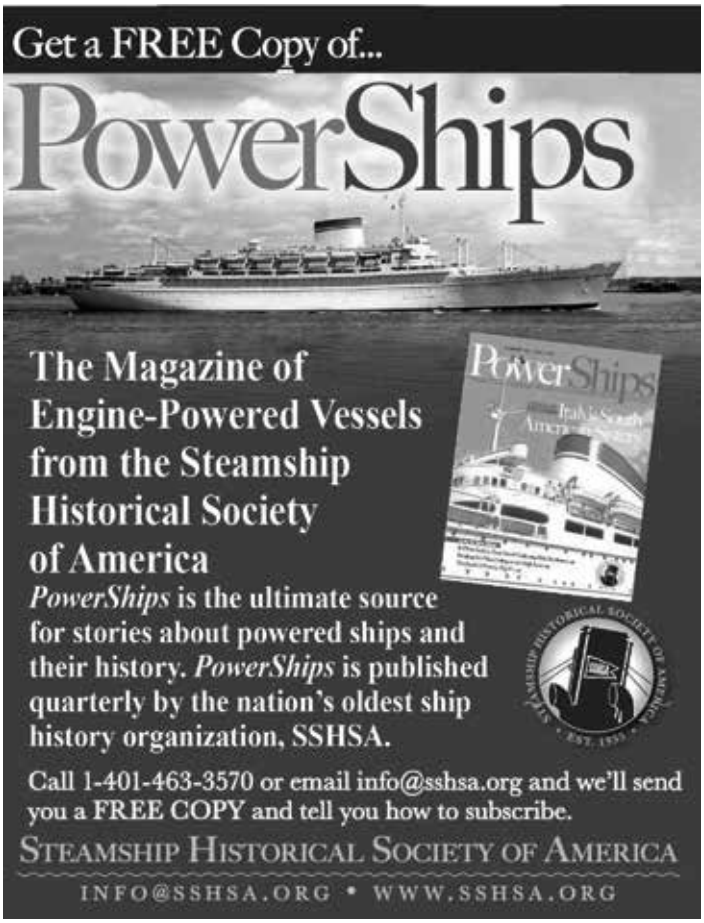
Maritime Administration

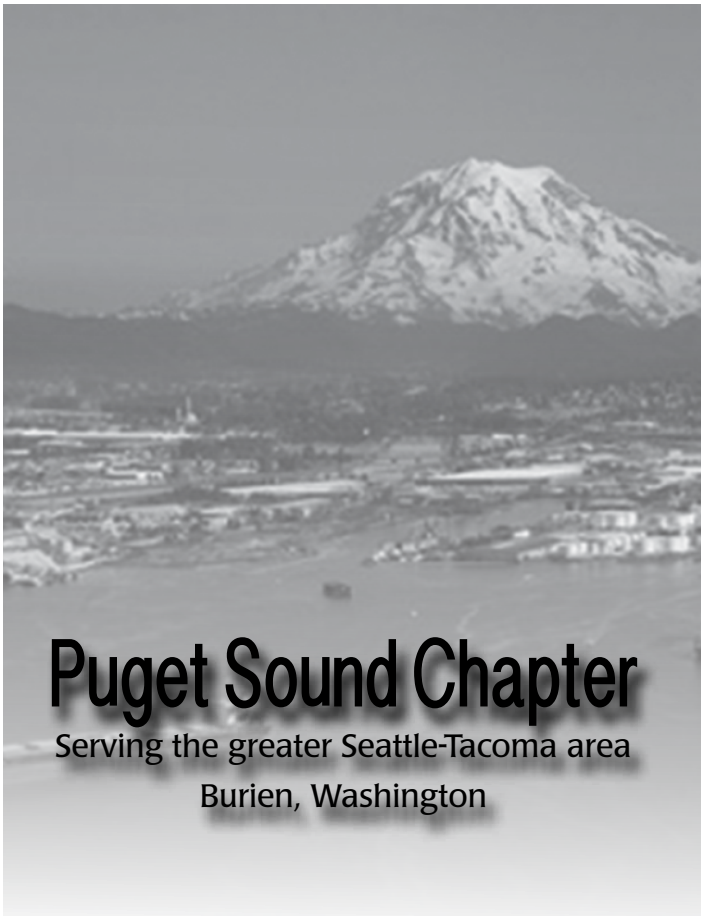
Barbara Voulgaris is an avid historian and author on different aspects of the maritime industry, from extensive histories of the U.S. Coast Guard to preservation of the stories of World War II Merchant Mariners and their ships, artifacts and photographs.

Before MarAD, Voulgaris worked the Naval Historical Center in Washington, D.C. in a number of positions including cultural and for its Underwater Archaeology branch. She wrote a book on the *CSS Huntley* sinking and recovery. The *Huntley* was the Confederacy's infamous submarine.

Maritime Administration (MarAD), an agency of the U.S. federal government, administers the inactive ships in various reserve fleets and maritime artifacts. They are also the owners of NS Savannah, the only nuclear powered merchant vessel built by the USA.

The MarAD History Program is responsible for historical documentation and for the preservation and interpretation of its heritage assets to promote an understanding and appreciation of America's merchant marine and maritime past. Additionally, the History Program is responsible for MARAD's compliance with Federal laws and regulations applying to historic preservation. ☸





Joe Coelho

Chairman

Project liberty Ship

Joe Coelho is a Vietnam veteran who retired after 30 years of active and reserve service in the U.S. Navy. He served on many types of warships, from frigates to nuclear-powered cruisers. While attached to the Military Sealift Command he worked directly with merchant mariners and steamship companies, and sailed on Ro/Ros, dry cargo ships and tankers.

He has taught ethics at Fairfield University, strategy at the Naval War College and history at the Naval Academy. Additionally, he has taught sailing and navigation to recreational boaters on the Bay. For ten years Joe was chairman of a non-profit community correctional program and directly involved in fund raising, accreditation and staff training.

On the *Brown,* Joe is a member of the deck department and a life member of Project Liberty Ship. Museums are undergoing rapid changes due to maintenance / preservation costs, changing demographics and increased use of technology. Joe is pursuing a degree in museum studies at Johns Hopkins to strengthen and enhance the mission of Project Liberty Ship.

He is a member of the *Brown*'s Deck Department in addition to being the ship's training and security officer. Joe has been the Chairman of Project Liberty Ship since 2013. ☸

Michael Schneider

Chairman Emeritus

Project Liberty Ship

Upon graduation from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1961, Mike Schneider went directly into the Navy and served for 24 years in diesel submarines and surface combatants, including command of a frigate.

He retired from the Navy in 1986 as a Captain and had a second career in the aerospace industry working as a program manager and manufacturing director for a company building small communications satellites.

He has been an active volunteer on the Liberty ship *John W. Brown* since 1988 working primarily in the engine room. He presently holds Coast Guard documentation as a fireman/watertender and sails in that capacity when the ship is underway.

Schneider served as chairman of Project Liberty Ship, the nonprofit that owns and operates the *Brown*, from 2002 to 2009. ☸

About Project Liberty Ship S.S. John W. Brown

One of two surviving fully operational Liberty ships preserved in the United States, S.S. JOHN W. BROWN is the product of an emergency shipbuilding program in World War II that resulted in the construction of more than 2,700 Liberty ships.

Following her service in World War II, S.S. JOHN W. BROWN was loaned by the government to the Board of Education of the city of New York. From 1946 to 1983 she served as a floating maritime high school, training thousands of young men to be merchant mariners. Some of those former students have found their way back to the ship and now serve as volunteer crew members.

Project Liberty Ship is a dynamic, all-volunteer organization with the sole purpose of preserving the Liberty ship S.S. JOHN W. BROWN as an operating museum ship, with the primary focus of educating people of all ages about the nation's maritime history during World War II and the vital role played by our merchant marine and military veterans. ☸

In loving memory of

(Since our last convention as reported to our National office)

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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.

those who have crossed the final bar

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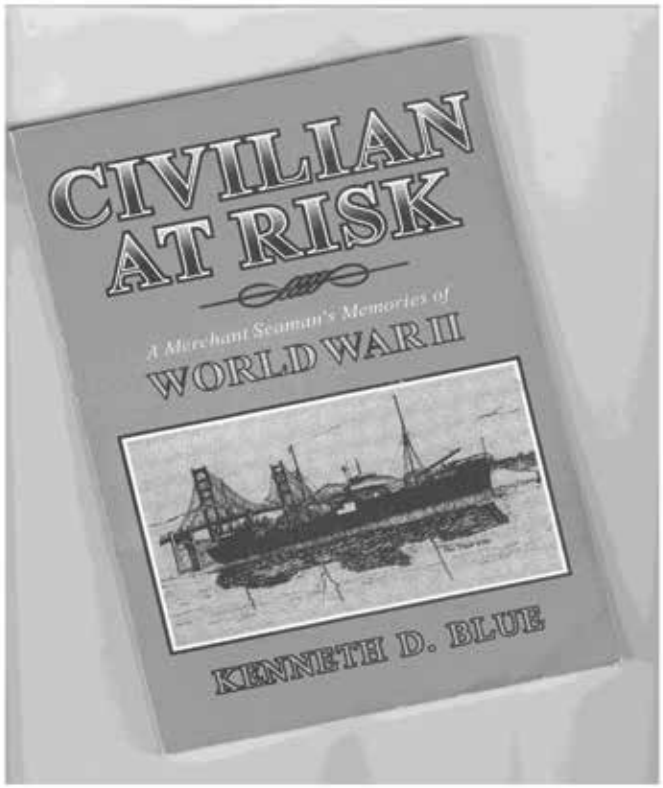

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THIS IS MY STORY OF GOING TO SEA; CATCHING MY FIRST SHIP FROM THE PIER WHEN I WAS 16; AND MY TRIPS THROUGHOUT AND AFTER WORLD WAR TWO.

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AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS

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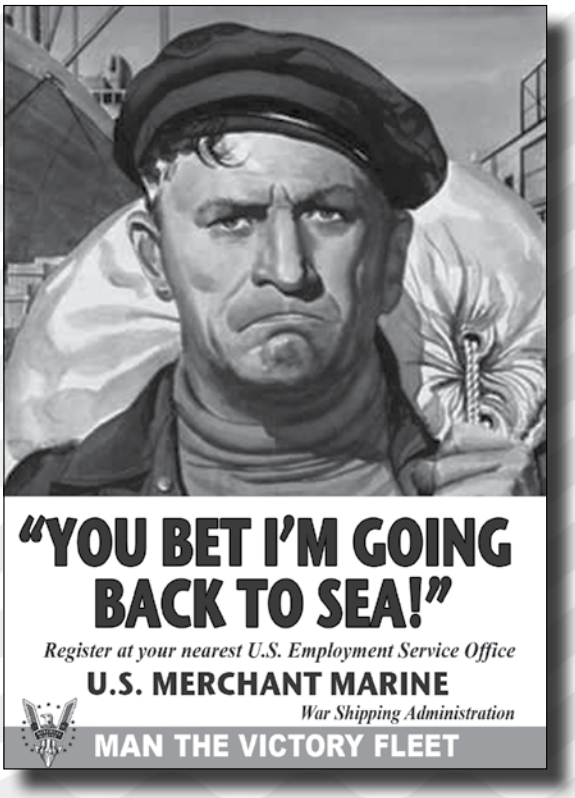

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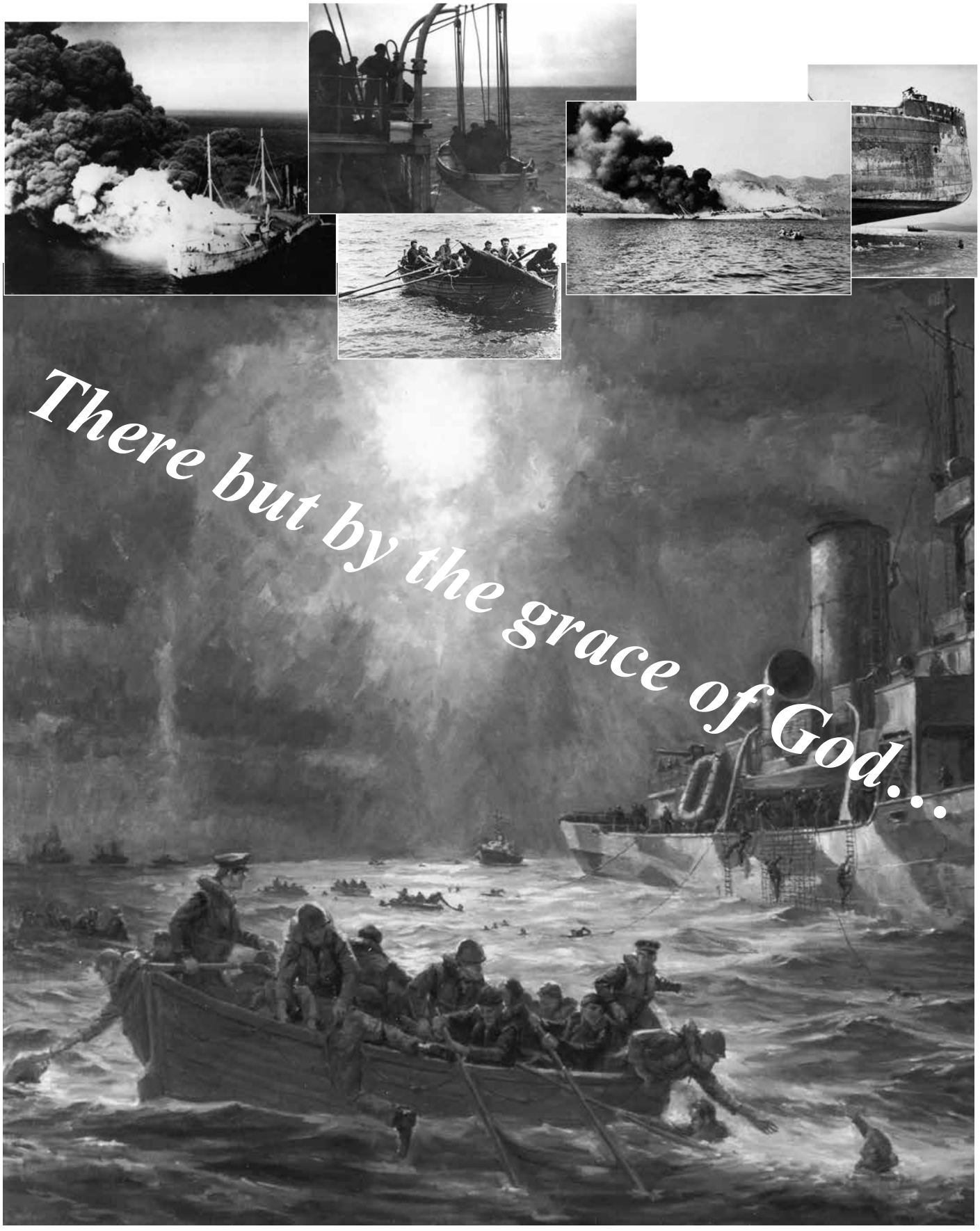
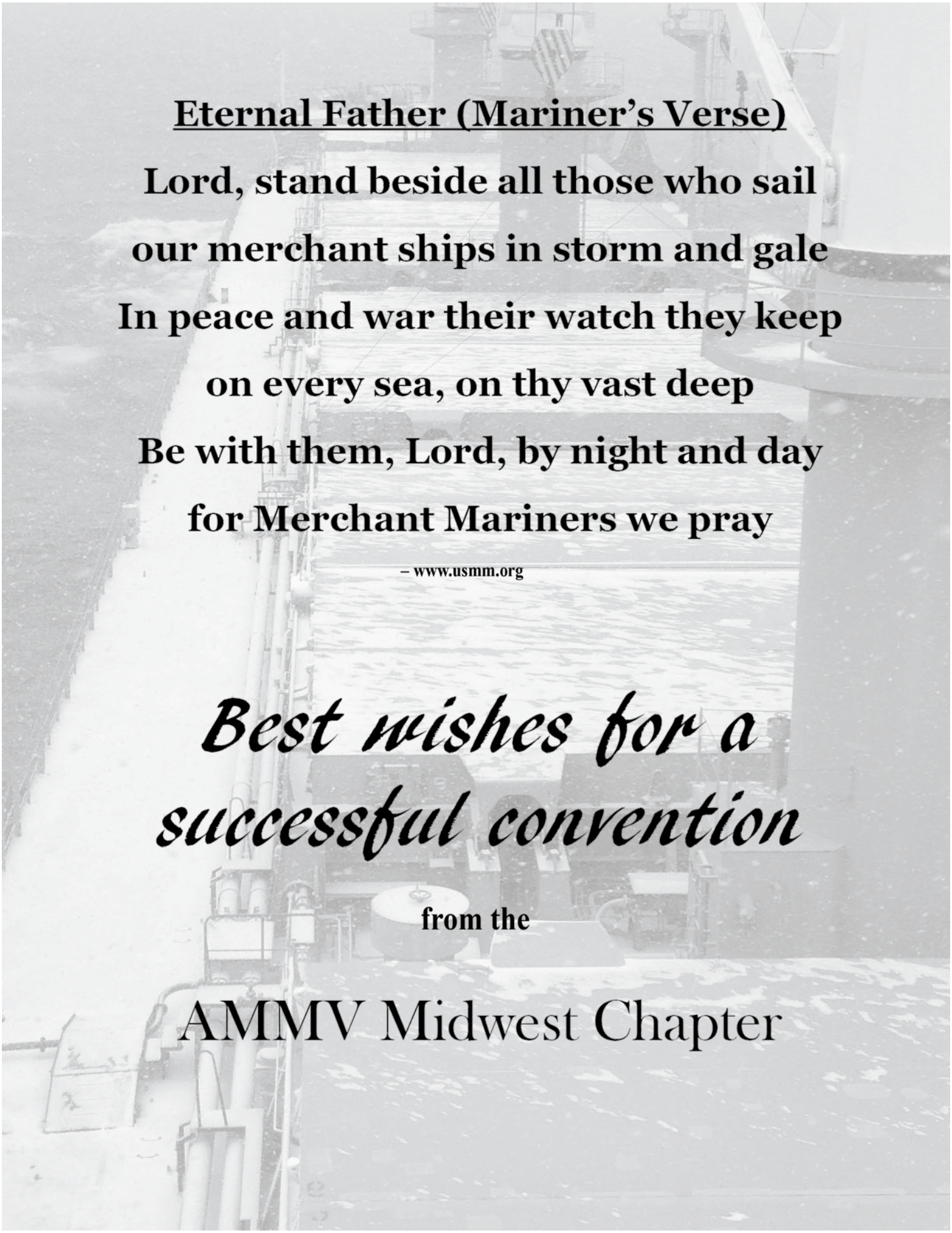


A.J. Wichita, AMMV president emeritus



Eternal Father (Mariner's Verse)

Lord, stand beside all those who sail
our merchant ships in storm and gale
In peace and war their watch they keep
on every sea, on thy vast deep
Be with them, Lord, by night and day
for Merchant Mariners we pray

– www.usmm.org

Best wishes for a successful convention

from the

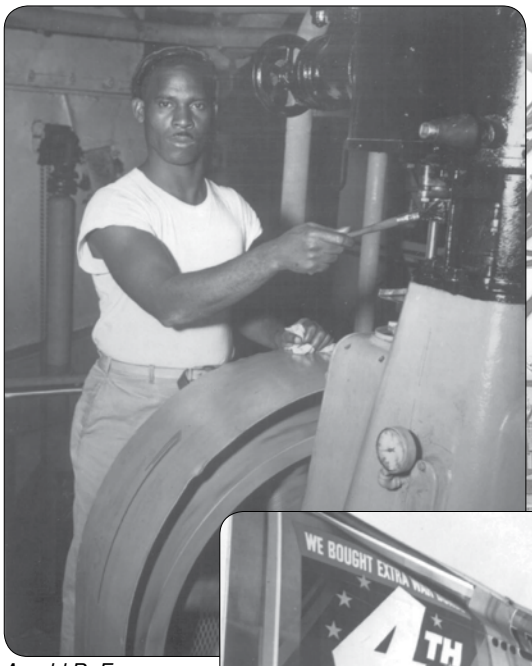
AMMV Midwest Chapter

Black American Merchant Mariners play critical role in WWII

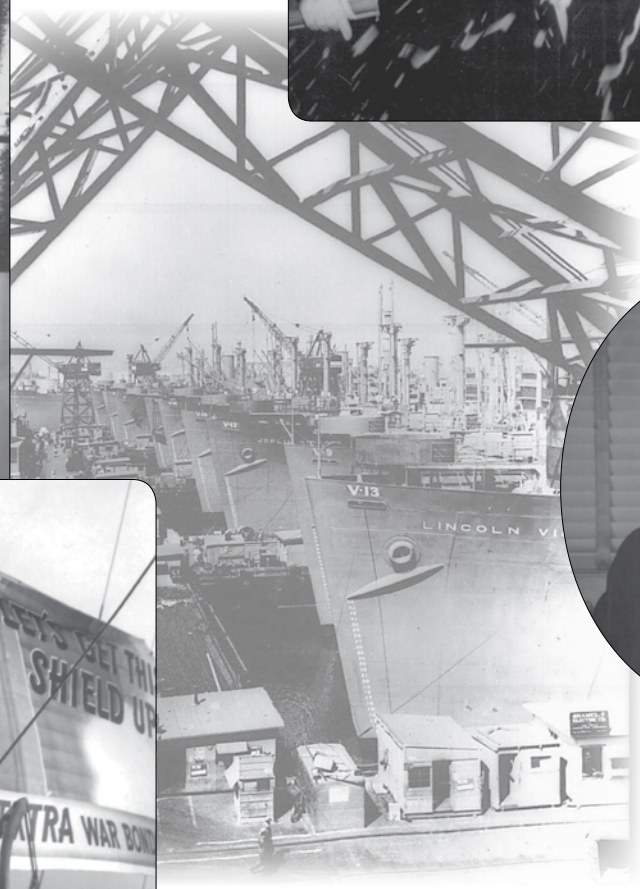
When the United States entered World War II in December 1941, it faced a shortage of merchant mariners. With supplies in desperate needs overseas a massive sealift would require not only a huge fleet of cargo ships, but the seafarers to sail them. This opened the door a bit to black mariners for a range of shipboard jobs.

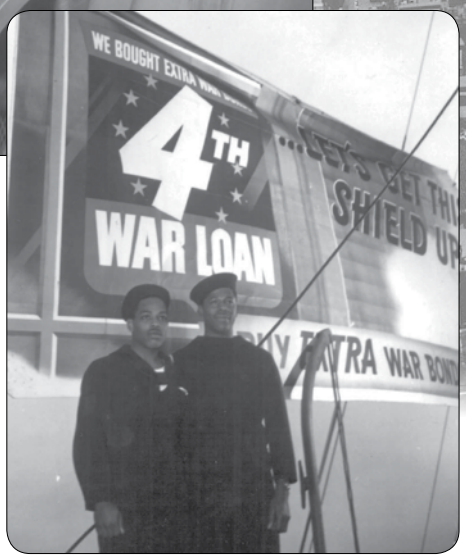
The First African-American Shipmaster, Captain Hugh Mulzac, and the crew of the Liberty Ship SS Booker T. Washington just after it completed its maiden voyage to England in 1942. (L-R) C. Lastic, Second Mate; T. J. Young, Midshipman; E. B. Hlubik, Midshipman; C. Blackman, Radio Operator; T. A. Smith, Chief Engineer; Hugh Mulzac, Captain of the ship, Hugh Mulzac; Adolphus Fokes, Chief Mate; Lt. H. Kruley; E. P. Rutland, Second Engineer; and H. E. Larson, Third Engineer.

Launching party for the SS Harriet Tubman in 1944.



Arnold R. Fesser, oiler, 17 years at sea: "We got a big job to do until this war is won. We will keep them sailing until the end. Then we have got time for holidays."





Two U.S. Maritime Service seamen in front of a 4th War Loan poster.

Reginald Brandon was the first Black American to complete the eight-month course in Radio Operations and Maintenance at Gallup's Island [MA] Radio Training School of the Maritime Commission. He earned the rank of ensign.

Abe Goldfarb, Owner, Merchant Marine Veteran, WWII & Korea
Provider of the 100 Large Flags for Massing of the Colors and 5000 small flags.

AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS

Ocala, Fl Chapter

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Merchant Mariners
Have a great convention

Best Wishes

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Sacramento Valley of California

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Type in the address line

ammvsacvalley.com

Check regularly for our latest Newsletter
Link to interesting sites and films

You sailed the ships and delivered needed cargo,
despite the many dangers encountered during your voyages.
For that we are forever in your debt and offer a sincere

— Thank You —

from our members who served in the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II
and on behalf of the entire Council of American Master Mariners.

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Best wishes for a successful 29th AMMV National Convention

Fraternally

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Best Wishes
and
Good Luck
for a Successful
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To the Congress of the United States:

Please wake up and

"Honor our Merchant Mariners Act of 2015"

House Bill H.R. 563

Thank you

Delaware Valley Chapter AMMV

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MERCHANT MARINE WORLD WAR II

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JACK STICKNEY *	JAN. 15, 1924	GERALD POTTS *	SEP. 13, 1927
GEORGE HARRINGTON *	MAR. 09, 1924	***HAROLD VIERS***	***APR. 20, 1929***
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THE 29TH NATIONAL AMMV CONVENTION AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS
MITAGS, *Linthicum Heights, Maryland*

To all AMMV members, family, friends and supporters of the U.S. Merchant Marine. This message of kinship is sent across the miles-although we're far away in miles-yet close in feeling and brotherhood.

The sea lanes are quiet now – the U.S. Merchant Marine was almost forgotten – and yet – the AMMV is on course – for the love of our merchant marine and for our shipmates who never made it home. They went down into the deep in the most trying manner – gasping fur breath and life and in their final prayer for mother and God.

National leaders of our nation have exclaimed the value and valor of the U.S. Merchant Marine. No service to this day has seen the far corners of the world – where Americans were never seen – as we have – and our boys served as goodwill ambassadors in a manner – that our American flag waving on our vessels were seen everywhere. Is it all forgotten? No – merchant mariner. Don't give up! You showed the world valor – you didn't hide. You froze in the North Atlantic and Arctic seas – you sweat tears in the Persian Gulf and the South Pacific. You climbed the masts – secured for sea – manned the engine rooms – with your heart and soul – all for the final victory.

> Yes … I see that young lad moving along the deck at night … feeling the stirring wind … oh, so far from home … under the starry sky, looking up at the beauty of his celestial sphere …looking up … so close to heaven … looking for Him.
>
> The sea is mounting … the ship moving is into the waves … I see that young lad, full with the vigor of life, holding on to that stay … the ship is pitching … I see that Merchant Mariner feeling free … I look back at an era gone by… the way it was … a dream within a dream … **GOOD GOD ALMIGHTY A DREAM WITHIN A DREAM**.

Your shipmate and friend

Gabriel Frank, President

U.S. Merchant Marine Cadet Edwin J. O'Hara gave his life for his country on September 7, 1942

BEST WISHES

FOR A GREAT CONVENTION!!

FROM ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE

EDWIN J. O'HARA CHAPTER

Gabe Frank, President
J. Fred Rodriguez, Executive Vice President

Golden Gate Bridge San Francisco, CA

"CONGRATULATIONS"

to

All American Merchant Marine Veterans

and

Best Wishes to the Convention Committee for a very Successful and Productive

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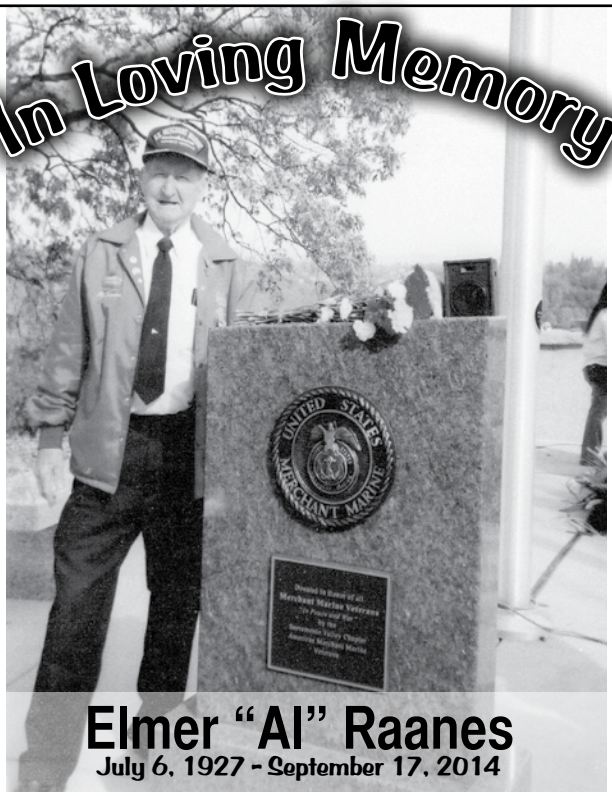

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July 6, 1927 - September 17, 2014

Beloved Husband of Sally
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A salute to all veterans of World War II, the Korean conflict and Vietnam

Lloyd Prescott: 1944 cadet on the ***SS Matsonia*** carrying troops to the South Pacific from West Coast US ports to New Hollandia and other New Guinea ports with stop overs in Hawaii to discharge needed personnel.

★★★★★★★★★★★★ JUST RECOGNITION - H.R. 563 ★★★★★★★★★★★★

★ Contact Congresswoman Janice Hahn (CA 44) and Congressman John Duncan, Jr. (TN 2) to ★
★ thank them for sponsoring HR 563. Contact other Merchant Marine Veterans (there are less ★
★ than 5,000 of us left) and ask them to call their representatives and ask for support of this bill ★
★ - H.R. 563 - which, upon passing, will recognize Merchant Mariners for our service during ★
★ WWII with a $25,000 bonus to help make up for our exclusion from the GI Bill and other ★
★★★★★★★★ benefits afforded members of the Armed Services. ★★★★★★★★

See You There!

Lloyd W. Prescott

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Good Luck with Your 29th Convention

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A. J. Wichita's Great Grandchildren are blessed
because he is a loving Grandpa
AND he fought for their freedom!

Elise

Cooper

Lindley

Paisley

Roadrunner Chapter of AMMV honors Merchant Marines with 2 Memorials.

MERCHANT MARINE MEMORIAL located at the New Mexico Veteran's Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Roadrunners also contributed a five ton anchor from the **S.S. Drake Vistory** which is prominently displayed with a plaque at the *Fort Stanton Merchant Marine Cemetary* in Fort Stanton, New Mexico. 1,500 Merchant Marines and other Veterans are buried there.

Pacific Merchant Marine Council
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"Citizens in Support of the Sea Services"

We're with you – have been since the council was chartered in 2006. We appreciate our American Merchant Marine Veterans council plank owners and all who came aboard since. You're an integral part of the crew. Thank you! BRAVO ZULU!

Our council's membership spreads across the States and overseas. No age limit – come aboard!

Heave Ho,

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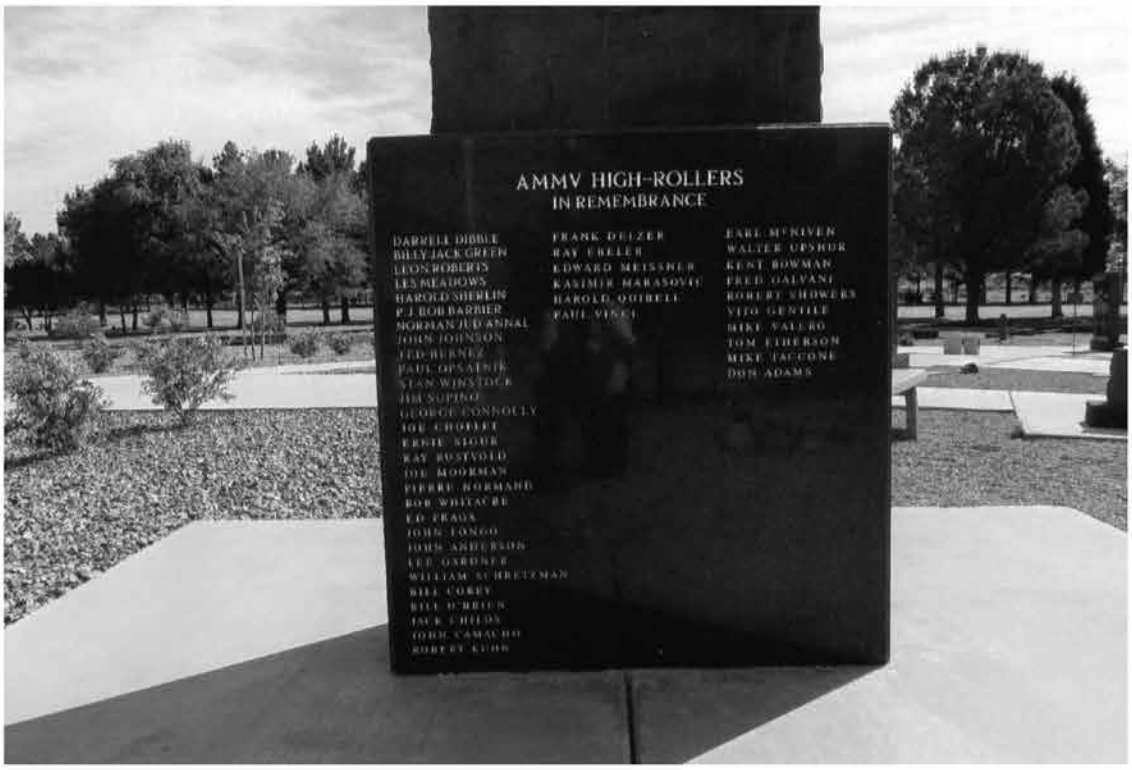

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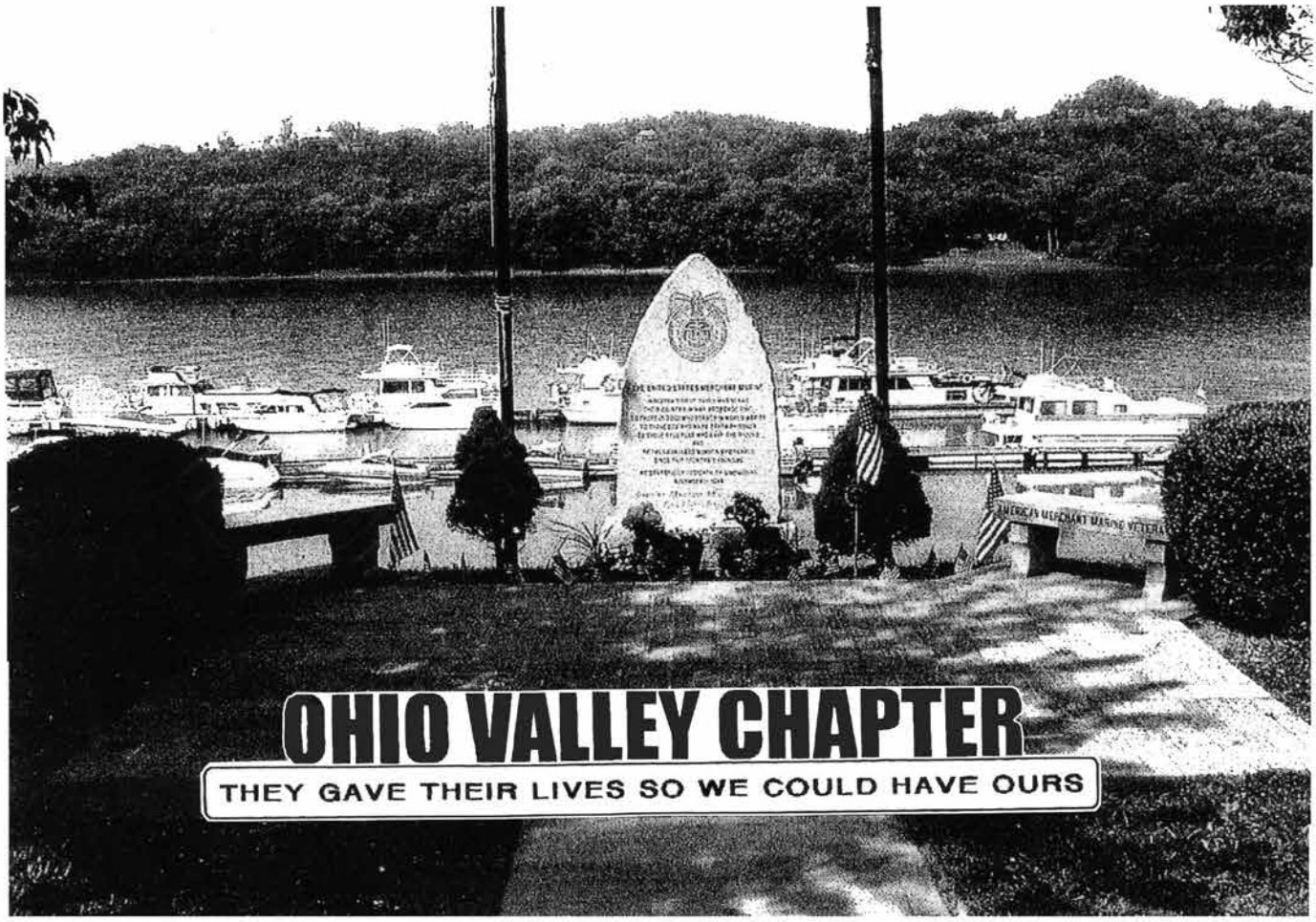

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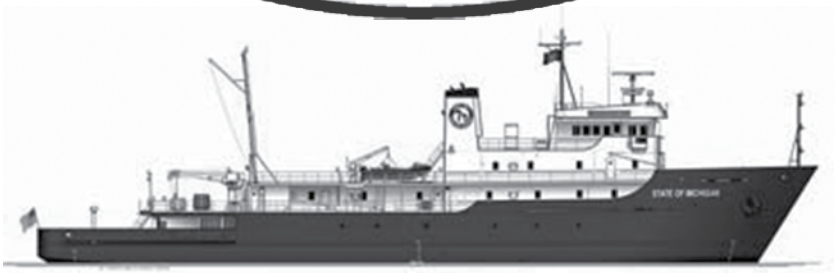

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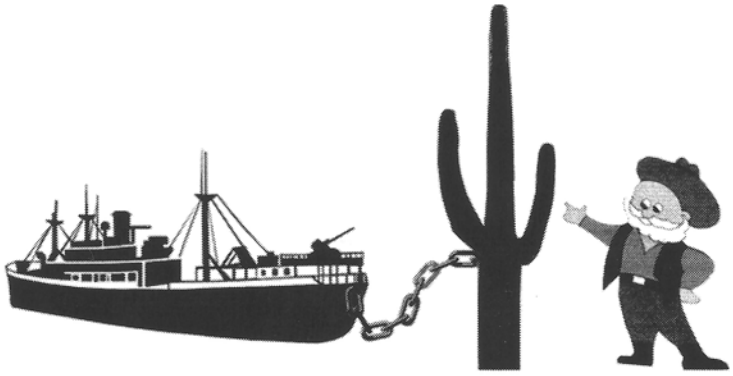

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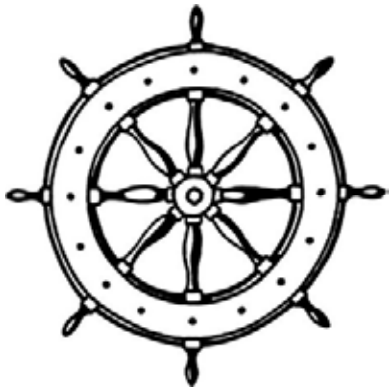

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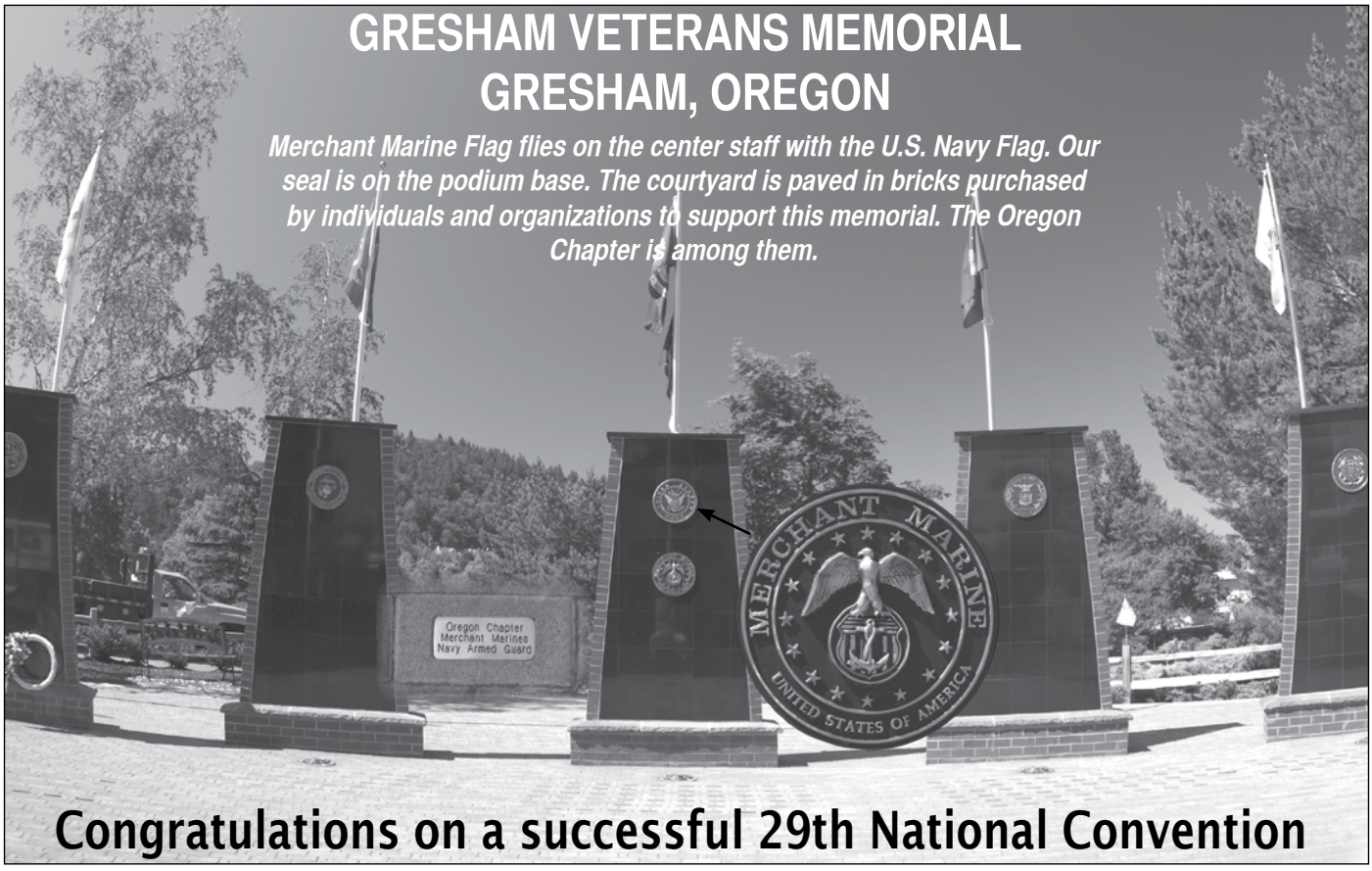

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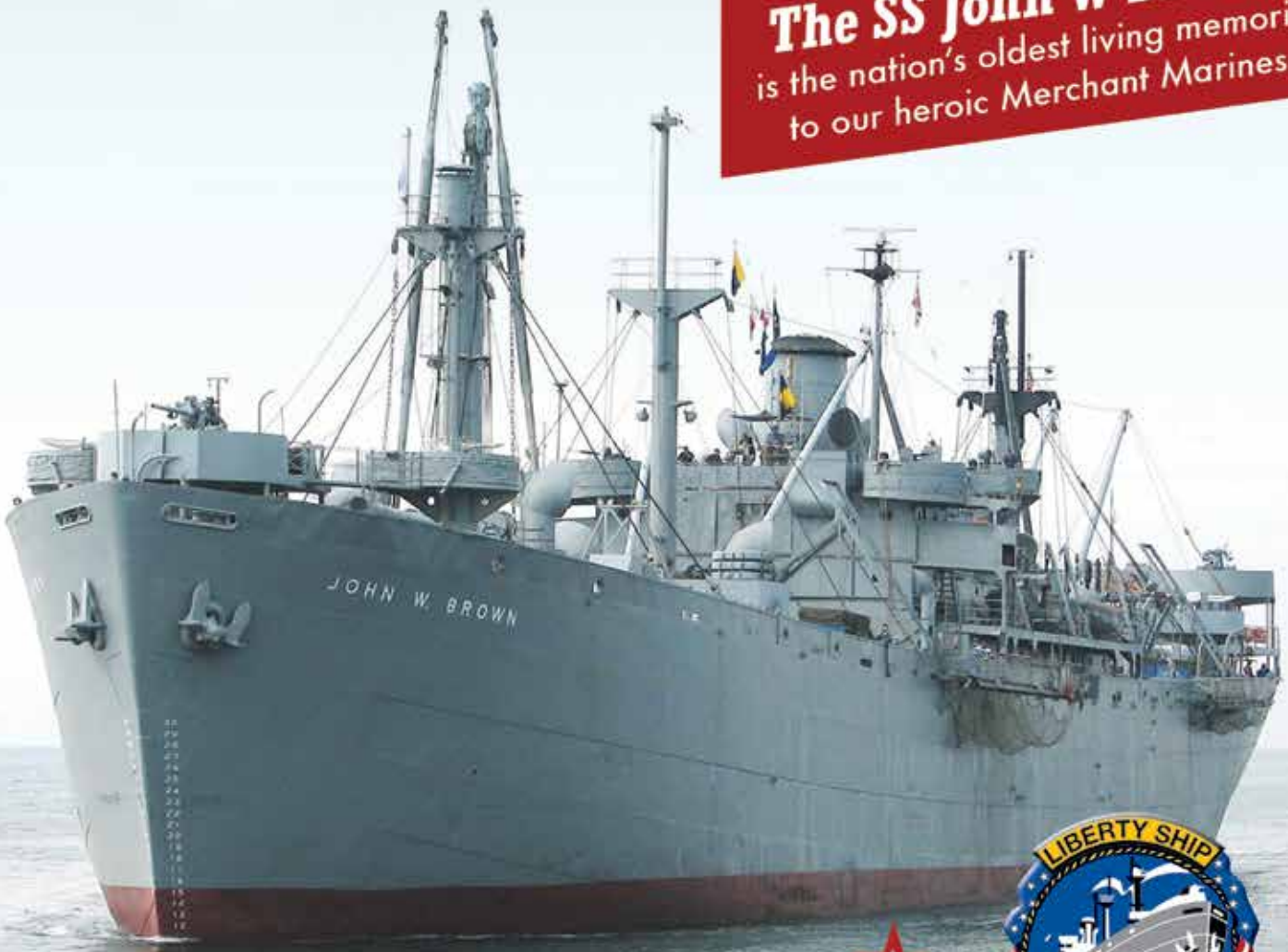

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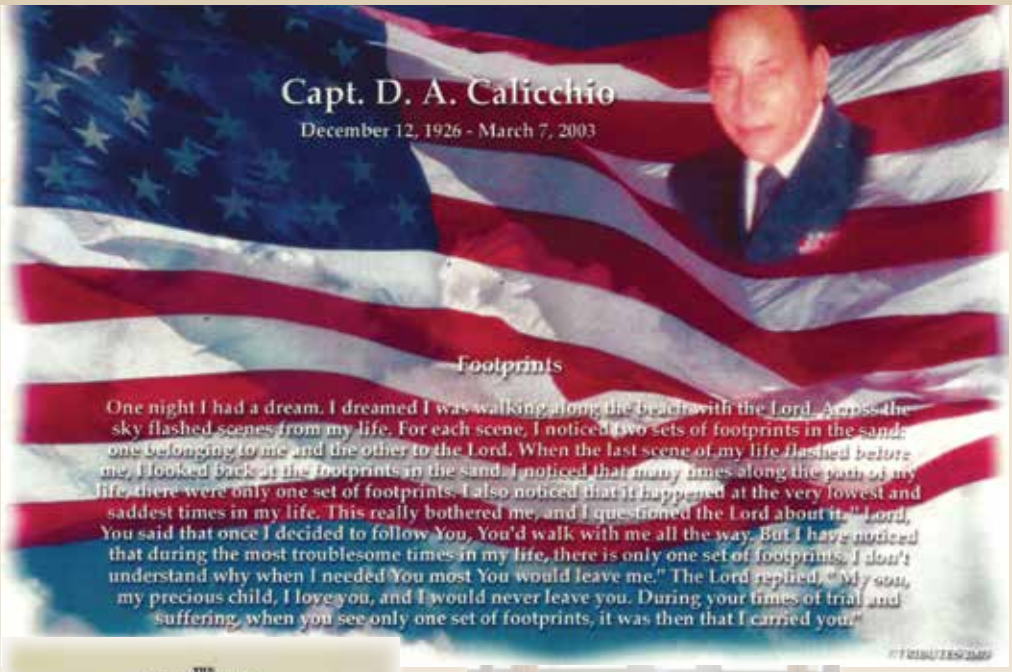

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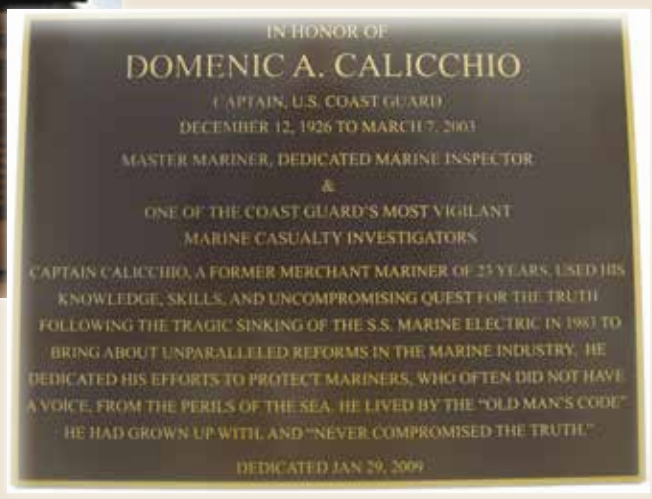

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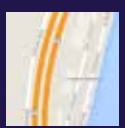
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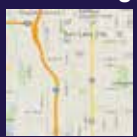
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