

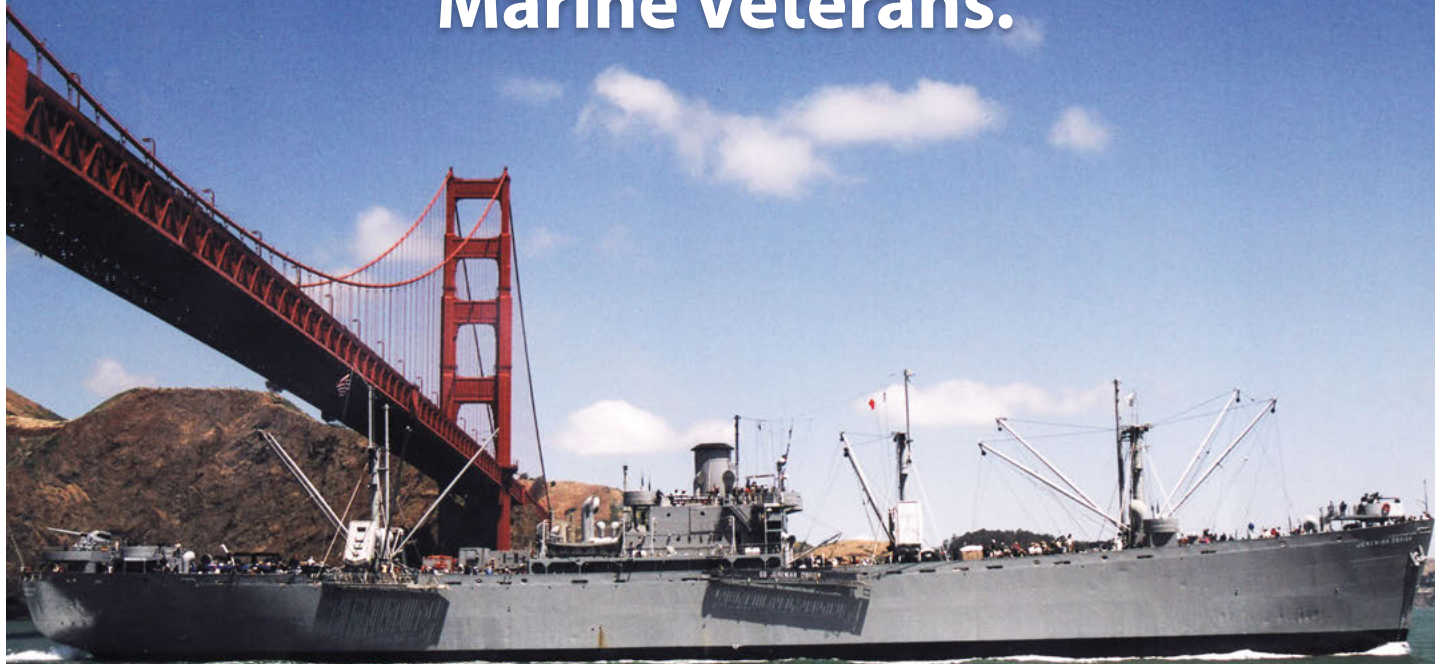
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*Captain Christopher Edyvean
AMMV National President*

WELCOME TO THE “BIG EASY”

I am pleased to welcome you to the 30th annual National Convention of the American Merchant Marine Veterans at the Hilton New Orleans Airport Hotel. The history-rich seaport of New Orleans offers an excellent location to host this milestone gathering. I hope that you enjoy our planned activities and that you choose to participate in the business meetings as we work together in effort to better our organization.

There is much planned in the next few days, including a scenic lunch/jazz cruise on the paddle-wheeler *S.S. Natchez*. Perhaps our most notable scheduled event is a trip to the National WWII Museum, which opened a Merchant Marine exhibit in December. It is a positive thought knowing that the WWII MM is now properly recognized at this museum.

This 30th annual convention is a great time to reflect on the history of AMMV. Included in this book is a bit of organizational history as a tribute to our founders and to the dedicated leaders who have worked hard throughout the years to make AMMV a success. We should also consider the future of AMMV: Where are we going and what do we wish to accomplish? I look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas.

If you are a World War II Merchant Marine Veteran, I hope you have a wonderful reunion with your “shipmates” and perhaps even meet some new ones. And, most of all, thank you for your WWII service. Our other attendees – family members, friends, supporters, and younger mariners – will join you in celebrating the legacy of the WWII U.S. Merchant Marine.

To all attendees: I wish you a memorable experience in visiting New Orleans. Thank you being a part of this 30th AMMV celebration!

Sincerely,

Capt. Christopher Edyvean
AMMV National President

Agenda

30th National Convention –March 29 - April 2, 2016

Sunday, March 27, 2016

(Early arrival, Late departure, 2016. See hotel rates)
Arrival of Volunteer Workers
Board Member arrivals

Monday, March 28, 2016

1300 – 1700

Volunteers Work Session
Segnette

Tuesday, March 29, 2015

0700 – 0845

Breakfast (on your own)

0900 – 1130

Volunteer Work Session
Segnette

1130 – 1300

Lunch (on your own)

1300 – 1700

Credential Check-In
See Ben Benjamin: Rivertown Ballroom A

1300 – 1700

Registration & Hospitality Room
Meet and Greet Mae West (By Sally)

1700 – 1800

Dinner (On your own)

1830 – Till

Board of Directors Meeting
Rivertown Ballroom - B & C

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

0730 – 0845

Continental Breakfast
Rivertown Ballroom B & C

0900 – 0945

Opening Ceremony
Calcesieu - A & B

1000 – 1100

Motivational Speaker David Yoho
Calcesieu - A & B

1130 – 1230

Morning Break
Calcesieu - A & B

1215 – 1300

Bus Loading for S.S. Natchez Luncheon Cruise
Historic Paddle Wheeler: Music, Dance & Lunch

1830 – Till

President's Reception Buffet
Speaker: Paul "Chip" Jaenichen, Administrator, Maritime Administration
Entertainment- with Sally and Roy: A Cajun Night
Rivertown Ballroom B & C

Thursday, March 31, 2016

0730 – 0900

Continental Breakfast
Rivertown Ballroom B & C

0900 – 1030

Business Program
Calcesieu - A & B

1030 – 1100

Morning Break
Calcesieu - A & B

1100 – 1145

Business Program
Calcesieu - A & B

1200 – 1330

Lunch with Sally and Roy
Rivertown Ballroom B & C
Speaker: Rusty Albaral, Port of New Orleans Meteorological Officer, NOAA

1330 – 1430

Business Session, Regional Vice President election
Calcesieu - A & B

1430 – 1500

Afternoon Break
Calcesieu - A & B

1500 – 1630

Business Meeting Program, including Just Recognition and Open Mic
Calcesieu - A & B

1730 – Till??

Farewell Banquet
Rivertown Ballroom - A – C
Speaker: David Heindel, Secretary – Treasurer, Seafarers International Union
Raffle
Sally & Roy: popular celebrities from their Cajun Mardi Gras show

Friday, April 1, 2017

0630 – 0730

Breakfast (on your own)

0730 – 1700

World War II Museum Tour (includes Merchant Marine exhibit)
After tour: Segnette (About 1700)

Saturday, April 2, 2016

Weigh Anchor: Have a save trip home



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**Maritime
Administration**

**A Message from
The U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration**

On behalf of the Maritime Administration, it's an honor to welcome you to the 30th Annual Convention of the American Merchant Marine Veterans (AMMV).

This convention gives us all an opportunity to remember the many sacrifices and contributions made by Merchant Mariners in peace and in war. Seventy-years ago, our country had just emerged from World War II, the worst global conflict in history, one that exacted a tremendous toll of destruction and human suffering, and which resulted in an enormous loss of American lives.

Merchant Mariners served at the very center of that conflict, sailing ships, delivering critical cargo, weapons, food, supplies, across the globe while serving as goodwill ambassadors, often under extreme and hostile conditions. You and your brethren provided the greatest sealift in history, connecting the production lines at home with the fighting forces abroad. And, at a rate exceeding that of any other branch of the U.S. military, many paid the ultimate price.

Merchant Mariners, dedicated seafarers like yourselves, continue to serve an irreplaceable role in the security, defense and prosperity of our Nation, operating and safeguarding a responsive and reliable international shipping network. For that and countless other acts of service, sacrifice and courage, I salute you!

I express my deepest gratitude to the AMMV, its members and many chapters worldwide, for generations of faithful commitment to America's maritime industry. Congratulations on the occasion of your 30th convention and have a wonderful week of celebration and remembrance!

Fair Winds and Following Seas,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul N. Jaenichen".
Paul N. Jaenichen

MITCHELL J. LANDRIEU, MAYOR
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Greetings!

It is my great pleasure to welcome American Merchant Marine Veterans. After 30 years of educating the world on the role of WWII Merchant Mariners in American history, I am honored that you have selected New Orleans to host this milestone year.

The AMMV's work is uniquely important as it brings light to an important group of heroes. We sincerely appreciate the service and sacrifice of all WWII Merchant Mariners during such a defining time in our nation's history.

While you are here, take some time to relax and explore the city. Dine in our incomparable restaurants; enjoy some of the great music we have to offer, tour historic neighborhoods like the French Quarter and Treme, and shop in our antique and specialty shops throughout New Orleans, including the bustling Magazine Street corridor. It is my hope that your stay will be memorable and that you leave with new knowledge, relationships and a uniquely unforgettable experience.

Again, thank you for choosing New Orleans for this year's convention and I hope you enjoy your stay.

Sincerely,



Mitchell J. Landrieu
Mayor, City of New Orleans



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The Gary Sinise Foundation made a significant contribution by joining the AMMV to support a project to have more people attend our 30th Annual Reunion/Convention and the WWII Museum in New Orleans. The Foundation has made it possible for us to bring five members who would not be able to attend without this project.

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Individuals who have given considerable time and talent to make our 30th Annual Reunion/Convention a Reality

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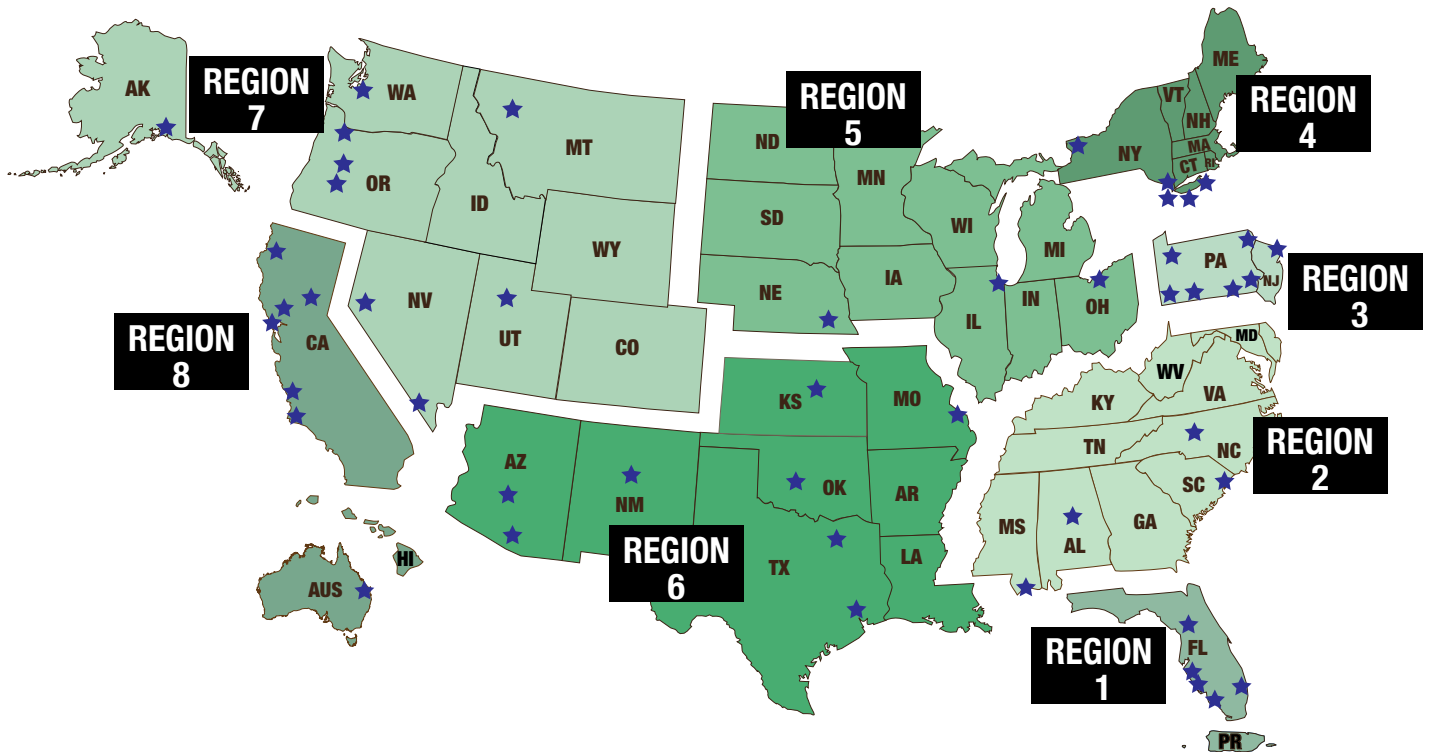
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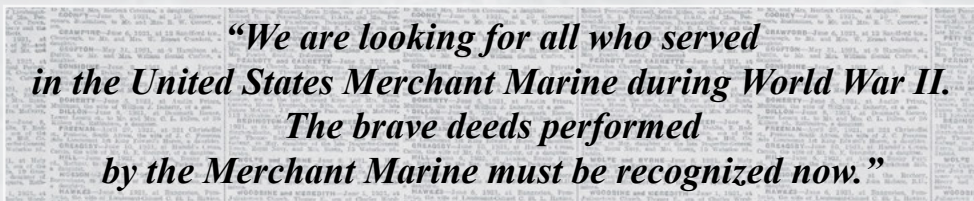
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Origin of the American Merchant Marine Veterans

In March of 1983, Bob Lanyon placed a small ad in the Fort Meyer's News Press which started off:



Soon, Bob was contacted by several men and a meeting was held in Lehigh Acres, FL. In addition to Lanyon, it was attended by **Edward Anderberg**, **Edwin Bodden**, **John Breaz**, **Ernie Fous**, and **Leon Kalwara**. There was Another meeting in Fort Meyers on July 6, 1983. This gathering, with 13 in attendance, resulted in the birth of an organization called “*Merchant Marine Veterans*,” to be a part of the “**U.S. Merchant Marine Veterans of WWII**.”

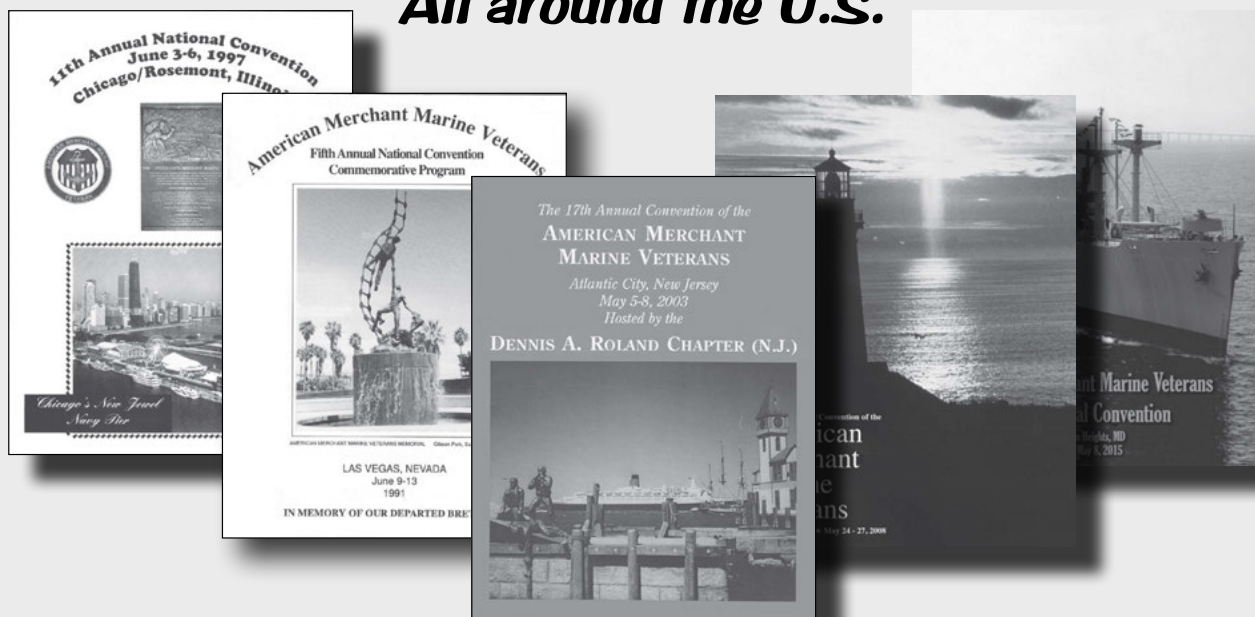
Only a few weeks later, the Merchant Marine Veterans group went off on their own because their aims differed from that of the parent organization. They then chose to call themselves the **American Merchant Marine Veterans** – AMMV. They soon added its first chapter in San Pedro, CA – China Coasters. AMMV continued to recruit members from all over the United States. They incorporated in 1984 with new Chapters forming throughout the country. The first National Convention was held in 1987. Led by National President **Santo I. Cerza**, the convention was in San Pedro and was hosted by the China Coasters Chapter.

One of the chief goals of these founding AMMV members was to obtain Veteran status for U.S. Merchant Mariners who served in WWII. The battle for veterans status had been waged for many years prior to AMMV joining the battle. In 1988 the United States Merchant Marine serving during World War II won veteran status and President Roosevelt’s promise to these fine, brave men finally was fulfilled.

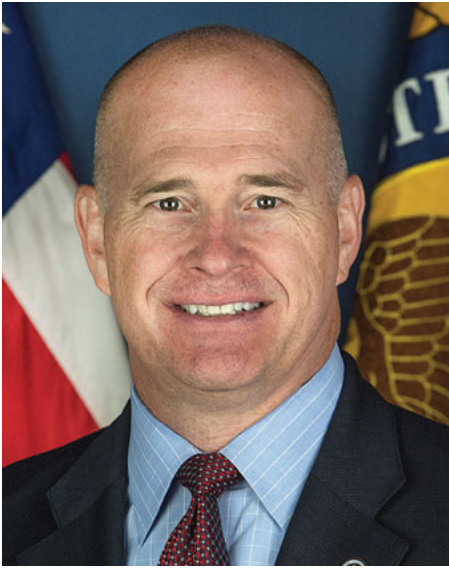
AMMV continued to grow and at one point had 74 chapters and some 5,000 members. The next battle, and one that is still being fought for today, is gaining “Just Recognition” for all that U.S. Merchant Mariners did for their country during World War II. Today, AMMV is much smaller and growing smaller each year as our members age and Cross the Final Bar.

In recent years, AMMV has explored ways of bring on new, younger members expanding its presence into “cyber space” with presence on the Internet and Social Media. These younger people could carry on AMMV’s heritage by exploring ways of engaging Korean, Viet Nam and Gulf War veteran mariners in fighting for just recognition of their heroic contributions to our country’s military campaigns.

AMMV Conventions ... All around the U.S.



Year	Date	Location	President	Host Chapters or Chairs
1987	May 22	San Pedro, CA	Santo I. Cerza	China Coasters Chapter
1988	May 22 - May 25	San Pedro, CA	Santo I. Cerza	China Coasters & Desert Mariners Chapters
1989	May 11 - May 14	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Santo I. Cerza	Gulfstream Chapter
1990	May 25 - May 28	Nashville, TN	Capt. Albert Begelman	Midsouth Chapter
1991		Las Vegas, NV	Capt. Albert Begelman	Desert Mariners & Roadrunner Chapters
1992	June 7 - June 12	Ocean City, NJ	Capt. Albert Begelman	Dennis A. Roland Chapter
1993	June 13 - 16	Portland, OR	Larry Brooks	Oregon Chapter
1994	May 15 - May 18	Las Vegas, NV	Larry Brooks	Desert Mariners & High Rollers Chapters
1995	May 31 - June 3	Baltimore, MD	Larry Brooks	John Brown Chapter
1996	May 19 - May 22	Las Vegas, NV	George Searle	Desert Mariners & High Rollers Chapters
1997	June 3 - June 7	Chicago, IL	George Searle	Midwest Chapter
1998	May 31 - June 5	Reno, NV	George Searle	Golden Gate Chapter
1999	May 29 - June 2	Tampa, FL	George Searle	Chair: John W. O'Connor
2000	May 14 - May 18	Biloxi, MS	Coleman "Coke" Schneider	Chair: John W. O'Connor
2001	May 11 - May 15	Dallas, TX	John W. O'Connor	Stephen Hopkins Chapter
2002	May 28 - May 31	Seattle, WA	Henry Cap	Puget Sound & San Juan Chapters
2003	May 5 - May 8	Atlantic City, NJ	Henry Cap	Dennis A. Roland Chapter
2004	May 9 - May 13	Sacramento, CA	Henry Cap	Sacramento Valley Chapter
2005	May 15 - May 19	Reno, NV	Frank Dooley	Golden Gate & Port of Stockton Chapters
2006	May 24 - May 28	Dallas/Fort Worth, TX	Frank Dooley	Stephen Hopkins Chapter
2007	May 16 - May 20	Linthicum Heights, MD	Frank Dooley	
2008	May 24 - May 27	Portland, Oregon	A.J. Wichita	All OR & SW WA Chapters
2009	May 14 - May 17	Tampa, FL	A.J. Wichita	Chair: Morris Harvey
2010	May 10 - May 14	Las Vegas, NV	A.J. Wichita	High Rollers Chapter
2011	May 15 - May 19	Reno, NV	A.J. Wichita	Golden Gate & Sacramento Valley Chapters
2012	June 4 - June 7	Linthicum Heights, MD	Morris Harvey	Chair: Morris Harvey
2013	April 28 - May 3	Branson, MO	Morris Harvey	Co-Chairs: A.J. Wichita & the Knights
2014	May 13 - May 16	Las Vegas, NV	Morris Harvey	Chair: Morris Harvey
2015	May 5 - May 8	Linthicum Heights, MD	Morris Harvey	Chair: Morris Harvey
2016	March 29 - April 2	New Orleans, LA	Capt. Chris Edyvean	Co-Chairs: M. Harvey, C. Edyvean



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Paul "Chip" Jaenichen was appointed by President Obama and has served as since 25 July 2014. He previously served as both Deputy and Acting Maritime Administrator from July 2012 to July 2014.

Captain Jaenichen was a career naval officer, who retired after 30 years as nuclear trained Submarine Officer in the U.S. Navy. His final assignment was as Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs for the Department of the Navy from October 2010 to April 2012. He served as Commanding Officer of USS ALBANY (SSN 753) from 1999 to 2002 and as Commander, Submarine Squadron ELEVEN in San Diego, California from 2007 to 2008. His shore tours included assignments as Director, Submarine/Nuclear Officer Distribution where he was responsible for over 5200 officers; as



Officer-in-Charge of Moored Training Ship 635, one of two nuclear powered training platforms in Charleston, South Carolina, where he was responsible for over 1200 officer and enlisted operators; and as Chief, European and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Policy Division on the Joint Staff where he was responsible for military-to-military engagement with all 26 NATO member nations.

Captain Jaenichen's hometown is Brandenburg, Kentucky. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Ocean Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Masters in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University. His wife, Paula Auclair Jaenichen, is a National Board Certified teacher and a small business owner in Vine Grove, KY.

About the MarAd

Maritime Administration mission is to promote the development and maintenance of an adequate, well-balanced United States merchant marine, sufficient to carry the Nation's domestic waterborne commerce, a major portion of its waterborne foreign commerce, and capable of service as a naval and military auxiliary in time of war or national emergency. The Maritime Administration also seeks to ensure that the United States maintains adequate shipbuilding and repair services, efficient ports, effective inter-modal water and land transportation systems, and reserve shipping capacity for use in time of national emergency.

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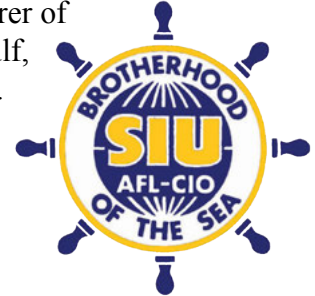


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David W. Heindel *Secretary-Treasurer* **Seafarers International Union**

David Heindel has been the Secretary-Treasurer of the Seafarers International Union; Atlantic, Gulf, Lakes and Inland Waters, since February 1997.

Heindel began his career with the SIU in 1973, when he graduated from the program for entry-level mariners conducted at the union's affiliated training facility in Piney Point, Maryland. He primarily sailed aboard deep-sea vessels as a member of the engine department, before coming ashore in 1980 to work as a patrolman in his native New Orleans.



Among the other jobs he has held with the union are patrolman at the SIU halls in Philadelphia and Baltimore, port agent at the Philadelphia hall and assistant vice president of the SIU's Gulf Coast Region.

Heindel also formerly served as a vice president of the Pennsylvania State AFL-CIO and the Philadelphia Central Labor Council. He also was secretary-treasurer of the Delaware Valley and Vicinity Maritime Port Council of the AFL-CIO's Maritime Trades Department.

In August 2002, he was elected vice chairman of the International Transport Workers' Federation's (ITF's) Seafarers' Section. Since then, he extensively has worked – both domestically and as part of U.S. delegations in international forums – with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the International Labor Organization and the International Maritime Organization on shipboard and port-security issues as well as the international project for a new Seafarers Identity Document. He also served as the US Labor representative during the ILO's Maritime Labor Convention negotiations, which provides world mariners with comprehensive rights and protection at work for the world's more than 1.2 million seafarers. He helped protect mariners' rights under the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (which took effect July 2004), and he helped secure a new agreement for tens of thousands of mariners worldwide under the ITF's International Bargaining Forum.

During the ITF Congress in August 2006, he was elected to a four-year term as first vice chair of the Seafarers' Section. At the ITF Congress in August 2010, he was elected chair of the ITF's Seafarers' Section and reelected in 2014, thereby becoming only the second American ever to hold that post.

About the SIU

The Seafarers International Union is an organization of 12 autonomous labor unions of mariners, fishermen and boatmen working aboard vessels flagged in the United States or Canada. The organization has an estimated 35,498 members and is the largest maritime labor organization in the United States.

SIU represents mariners and boatmen who sail aboard U.S.-flagged vessels in deep sea, the Great Lakes and inland waterways. Membership are workers on the deck, steward, and engine departments. SIU members are represented aboard a wide variety of vessels, including: military support, commercial trade, tugboats, passenger ships, barges and gaming vessels.



*Rusty Albaral
Port of New Orleans
Meteorological Officer
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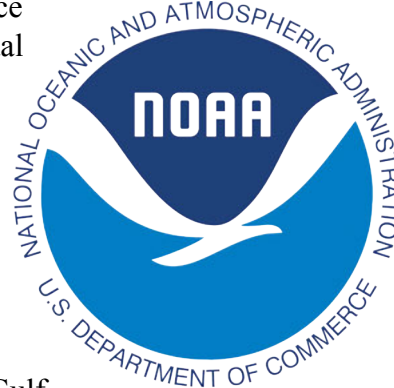
Rusty Albaral
New Orleans Port Meteorological Officer
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Administration NOAA**

Rusty Albaral grew up in the New Orleans area before shipping off to the Marines in the early nineties. Upon completion of Boot Camp and Marine Combat Training, he received orders to the Surface Weather Observation Course at Keesler AFB, Biloxi, MS.

After completion of the course and four years of operational weather observing, Rusty then attended the Meteorological and Oceanographic Analyst Forecasting Course back in Biloxi. After graduating from the course, he would go on to complete his 20 year Marine Corps career as a Lead Forecaster, Meteorological & Oceanographic Formal School Instructor, Instructor Supervisor, Commanding General's Staff Meteorologist, Regional Technical Training Supervisor, and Lead Watch Supervisor. Along the way, Rusty deployed to Hungary/Kosovo to support the Kosovo Campaign and deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. In addition, he was twice awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service and the Navy

Achievement Medal twice for superior performance.

Over the course of his 20 year military weather career, Rusty found his most rewarding tour was being a technical training instructor at the Meteorological and Oceanographic Analyst Forecaster's Course on Keesler AFB. Rusty was designated a Master Training Specialist by the Naval Technical Training Unit, for excellence in technical competence, instructional methodology and military leadership. Upon retiring in 2013, Rusty attended and graduated with an Associate of Arts from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Computing from Tulane University. In addition to his worldwide experience as an operational weather forecaster, Rusty genuinely enjoys teaching weather observing, forecasting, and weather awareness at any level. During his spare time, he spends as much time as possible on the water with family and friends.



About NOAA

In 1807, President Thomas Jefferson founded the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey (as the Survey of the Coast) to provide nautical charts to the maritime community for safe passage into American ports and along our extensive coastline. The Weather Bureau was founded 1870 and, one year later, the U.S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries was founded. Individually, these organizations were America's first physical science agency, America's first agency dedicated specifically to the atmospheric sciences, and America's first conservation agency.

The cultures of scientific accuracy and precision, service to protect life and property, and stewardship of resources of these three agencies were brought together in 1970 as NOAA under the Department of Commerce.

Today more than 22,500 people work for NOAA, including 321, NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps – one of the two non-military uniformed services of the United States (the other is the Department of Health).

BIO/DATA - - DAVE YOHO

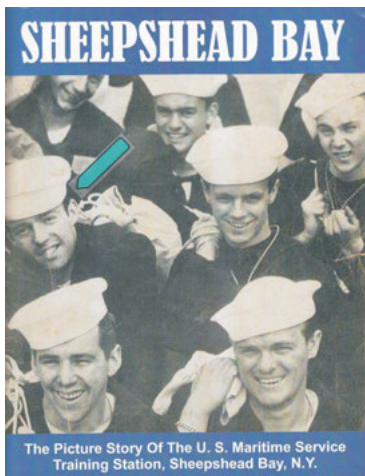
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ABOUT DAVE:

- Graduate of Temple University
- Graduate studies in Clinical Psychology - Rutgers University
- First employment (1949) by a company eventually acquired by Reynolds Metals (building material products) - - SALES DEPARTMENT
- Became top salesman in 500-man sales organization. Advanced through various managerial roles and was voted manager of the year, four years in a row
- Started his own business at age 28 that became a conglomerate
- Currently CEO of a consulting group: represents national and international clients, many Fortune 500 Companies
- Has appeared on most major TV talk shows including the Tonight Show and the Today Show
- Has made over 5,000 paid presentations and has appeared in over 100 training films (video)
- In 1981: received the Oscar of Public Speaking (The Cavett) and Dun's Business Report calls him the "SUPERSTAR OF MOTIVATION"
- Received a gold record for his RCA Victor recording of "Don't Tell 'Em, Sell 'Em"
- Author of a best-selling book, "Have A Great Year Every Year"
- Frequently quoted in Duns Business Report, Entrepreneur Magazine, Forbes, Wall Street Journal and numerous trade/industry publications

AND.....He is ONE of US



- Sheepshead Bay 1944, Proud to have served as a Merchant Mariner
- On cover of 1944 Recruiting Magazine (left - 2nd from bottom)
- 1st Ship T/2 Tanker newly built as a fleet oiler (sent to So. Pacific)
- Member engine crew (Fireman Wtr. Tender)
- Has made 5 commercials supporting A.M.M. Veterans
- Has been interviewed by the W.W.II memorials in both Washington DC and New Orleans, LA

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The sea Cadet program gives young men and woman ages 11 thru 18 the opportunity to test drive the Navy without any commitment to the Service. The Eisenhower Squadron was Chartered in April of 1972out at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Belle Chasse, Louisiana and is considered one of the oldest Sea Cadet units in the country that is still in operation today. The Cadets in this Squadron come from as far west as St. James parish and as far south as Plaquemine Parish in Military sponsored training and Community Service. The Eisenhower Squadron is Command by Lieutenant Commander Shawn Turpin, The Executive Officer, Ensign Jose' Campuzano and Cadet Command Chief Petty Officer Dominico Cornella.

All Things Marine! - Don Scafidi - Marine Artist



Meet the Man Behind the Art



His works are often precise depictions of boats on the water, with lines, sails, hulls and tillers drawn with almost photographic realism capturing the beauty and solitude of life on the water. An artist whose work is much sought after by collectors of marine-related imagery, Scafidi's artistic education happened while at sea. He captained merchant marine vessel and served as Maritime Attaché in Italy and Greece, U.S. delegate to NATO.

Scafidi is a Graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy and owned his own shipping company before retiring. In 1996 he began his three-year trek, traversing the Caribbean with his wife and family on their wooden ketch *Blew Max*. They landed on St. Croix and stayed for 10 years.



He was commissioned by 'yachties' everywhere to portrait their boats. Some of his commissioned works are for the Galveston Historical Foundation (*Elissa*); Biloxi Seafood Industry Museum (*Glenn L. Swetman*); Battleship Memorial Park, Mobile, Alabama (battleship *Alabama*); and the for the First Bank of Louisiana, Mandeville City Hall, Mandeville, Louisiana (schooner *Governor Stone*).

Scafidi is a hard man to find but he is recently known to live on the Gulf Coast in Mississippi

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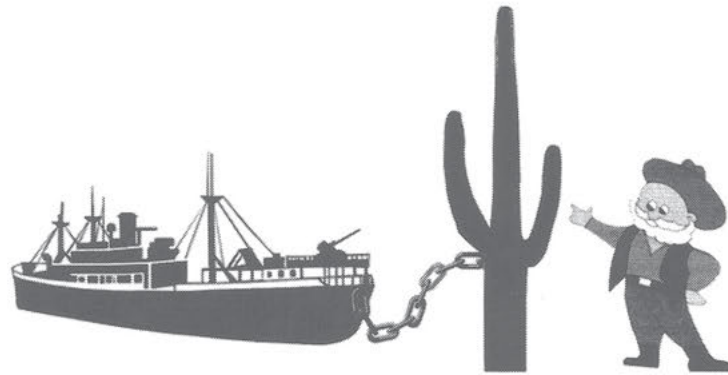
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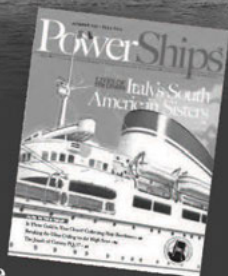
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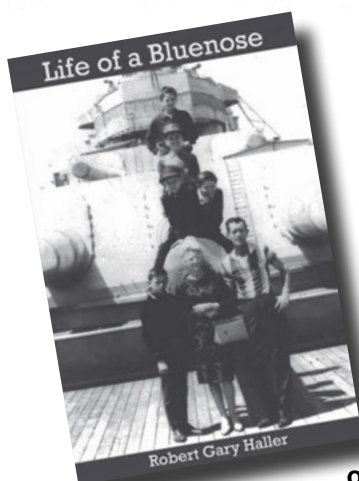


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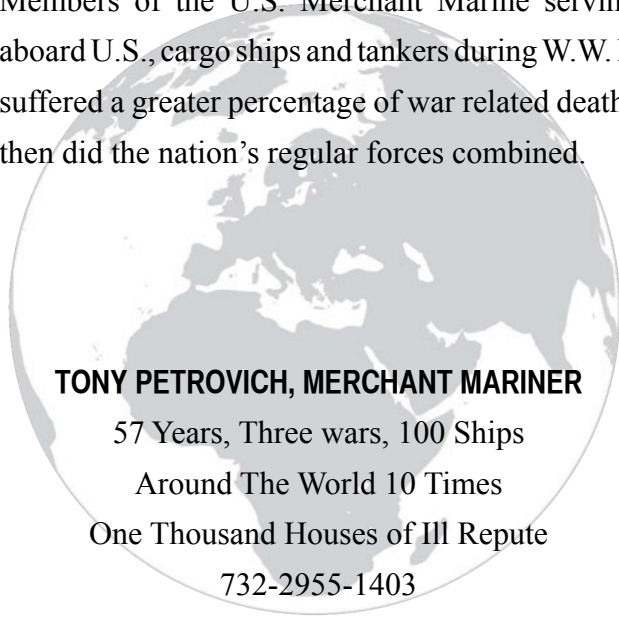
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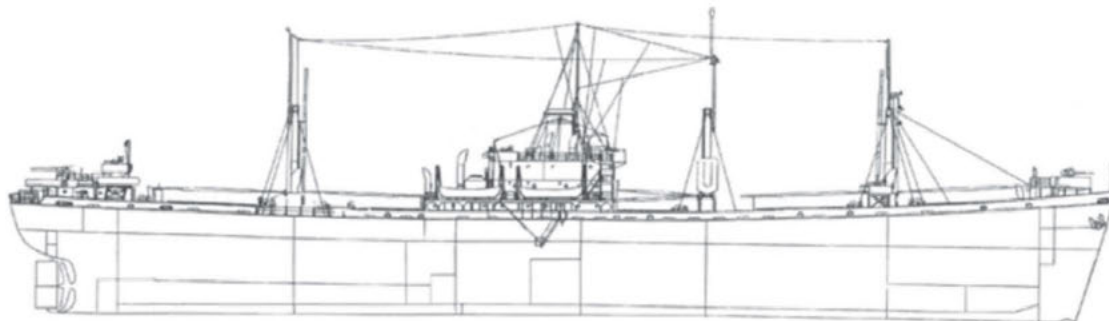


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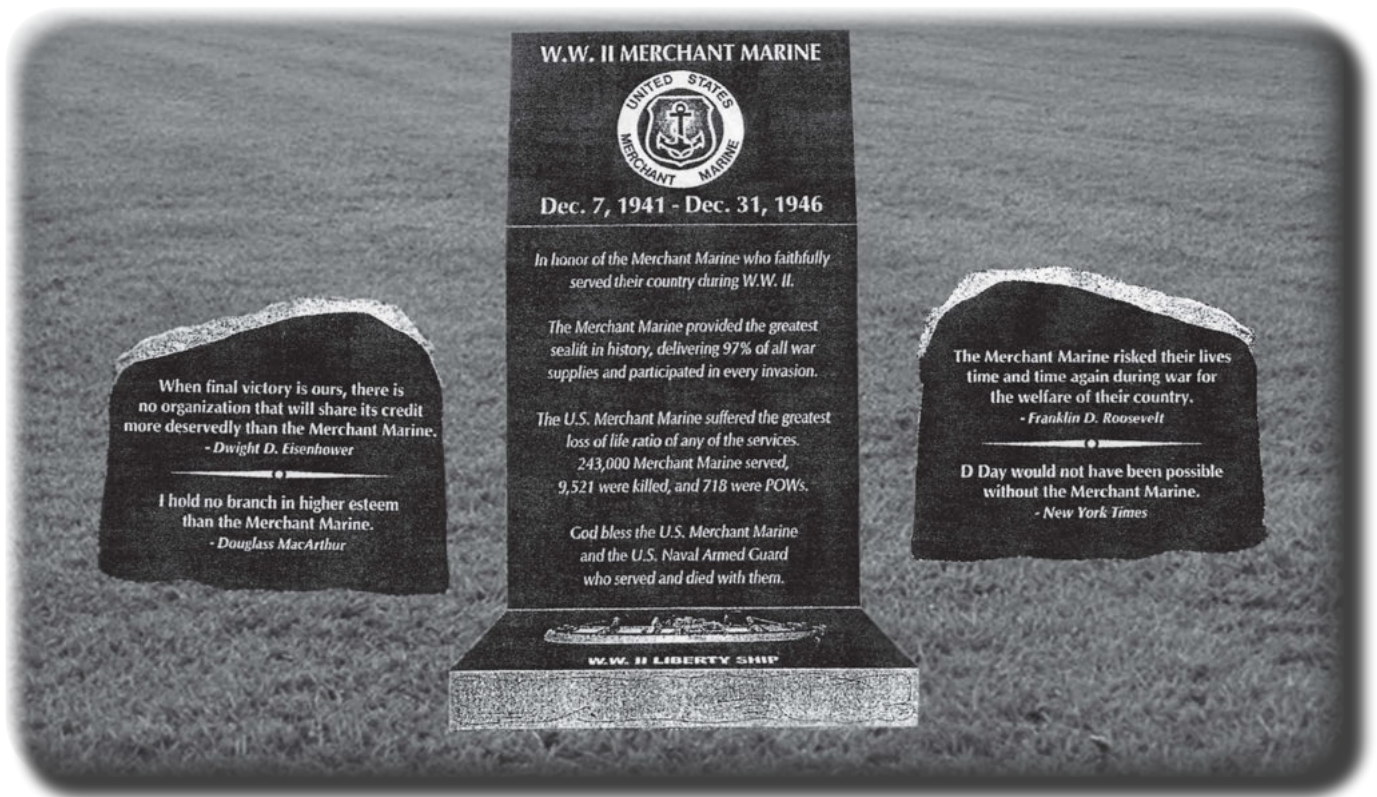
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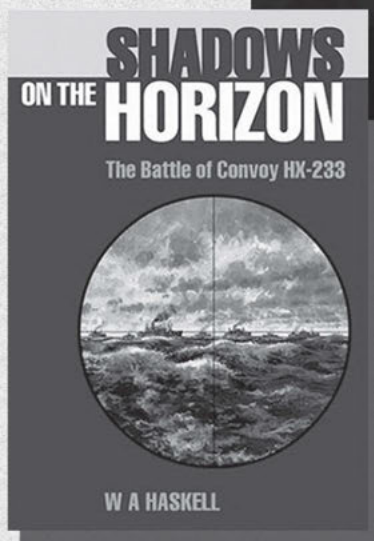
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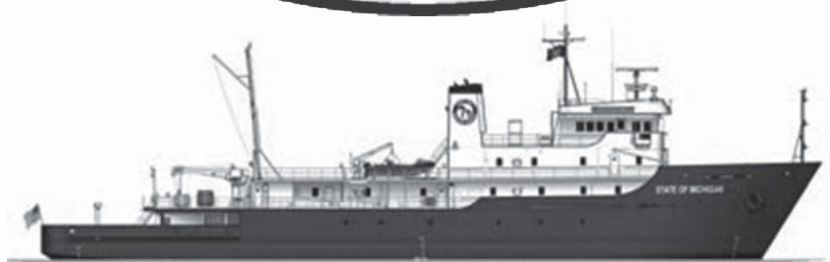
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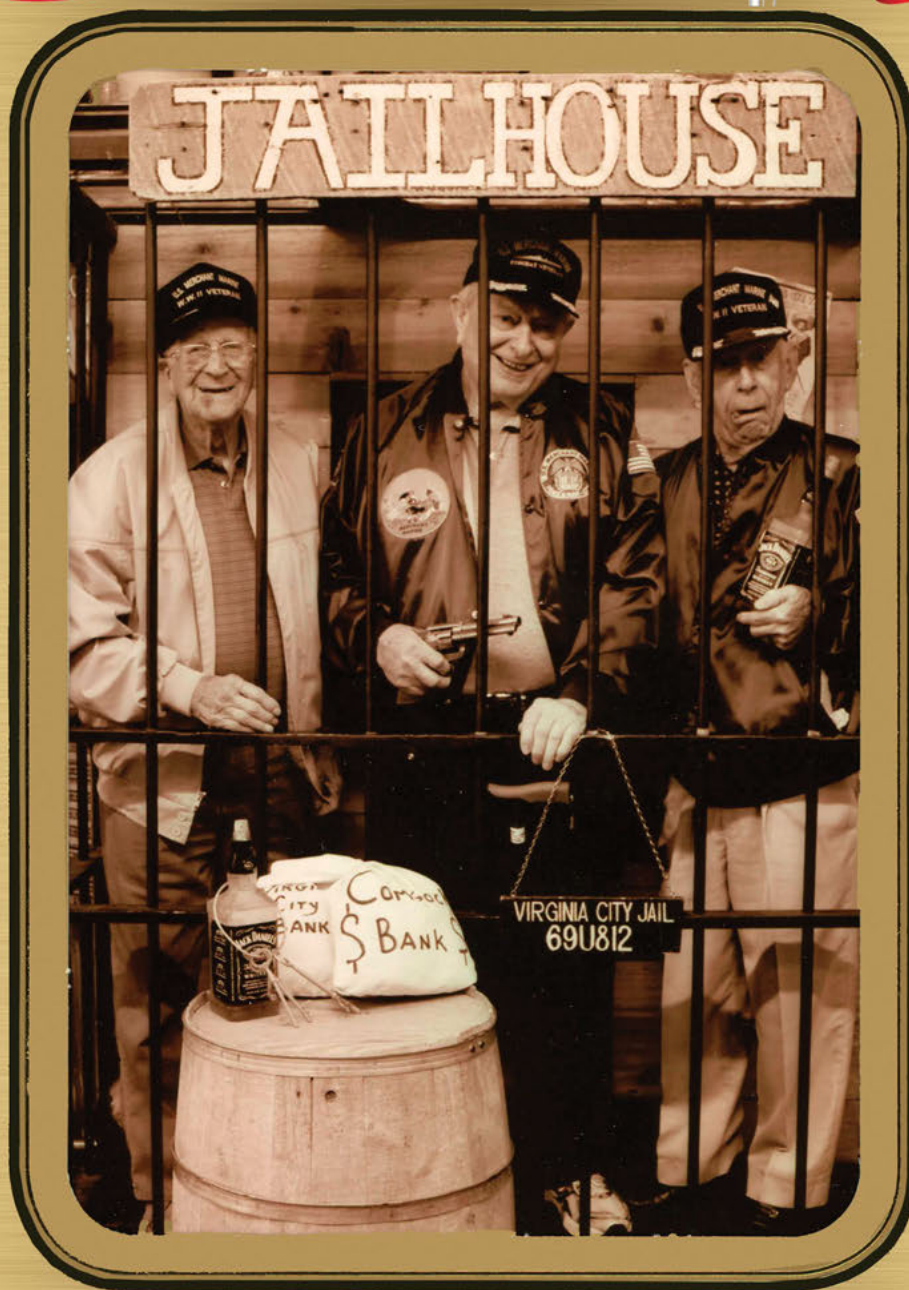
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2014 was special as it was the first time the parade had especially honored the U.S. Merchant Marine. You may see the parade and the ceremonies which follow at our web site ammvsacvalley.com.



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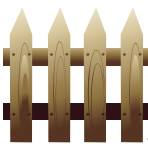
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Liberty Or Death



As mankind first evolved they began to make judicious decisions. Two people could solve more problems than one. Two people could also create more people. And since our maker made it a fun thing to do our world population has grown to 7.3 billion people. In Europe as communities became more populated people began to move to new lands and then across the sea. In the land which became known as America, the natives had not seen the white face before. Despite the difference in appearance these new visitors were whole-heartedly welcomed at the time. The visitors or immigrants brought new skills to this unblemished land and new communities sprung up with common courtesies established in which to live by.

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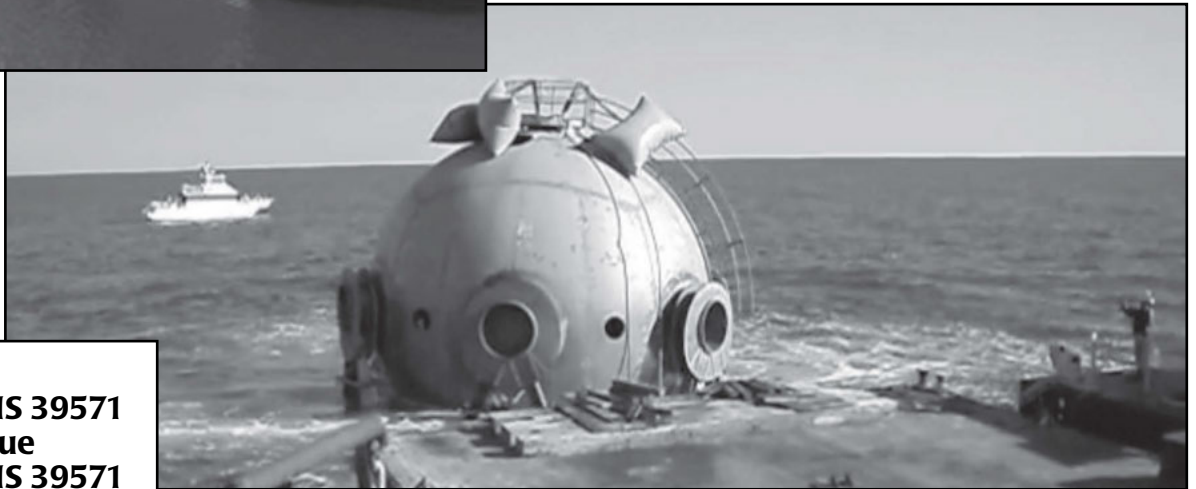
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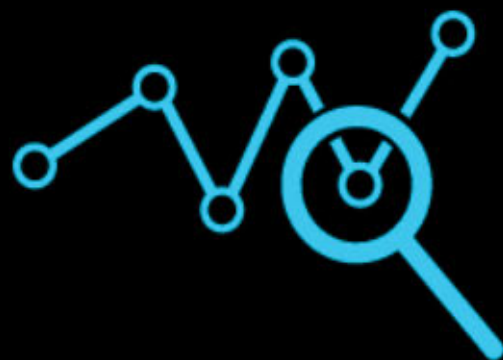
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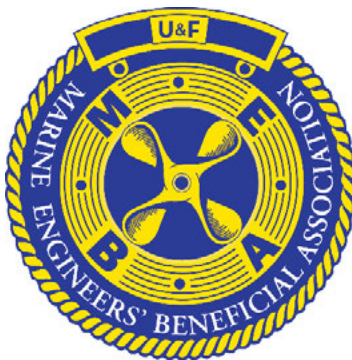
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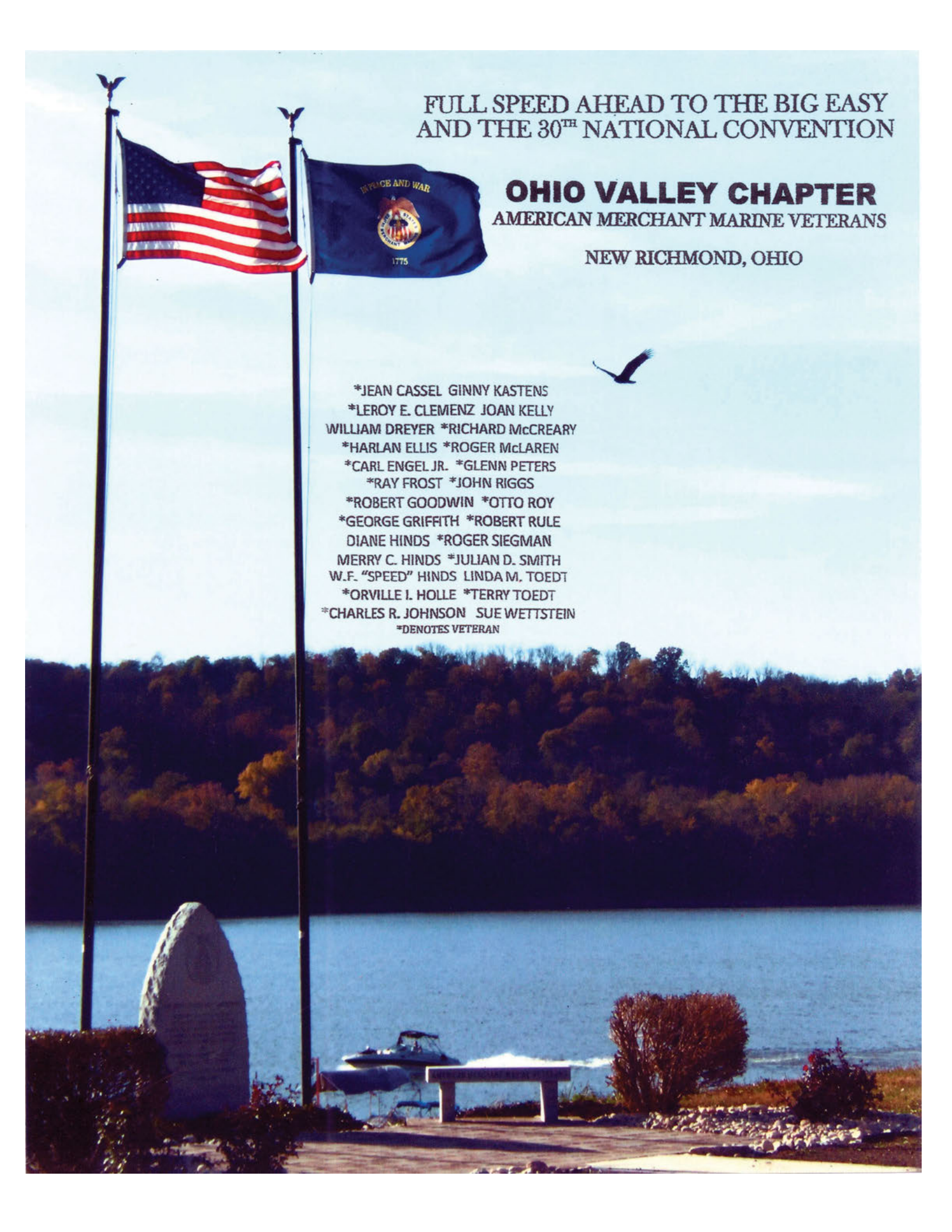


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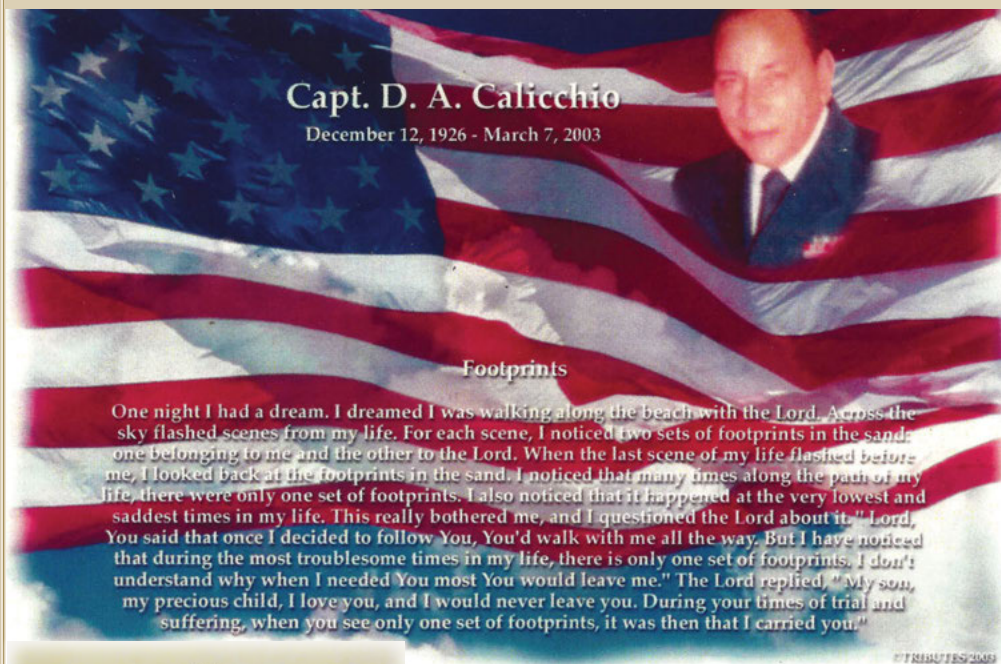
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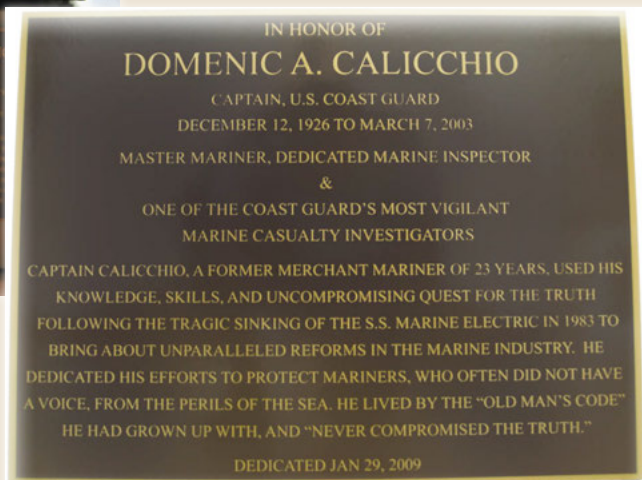
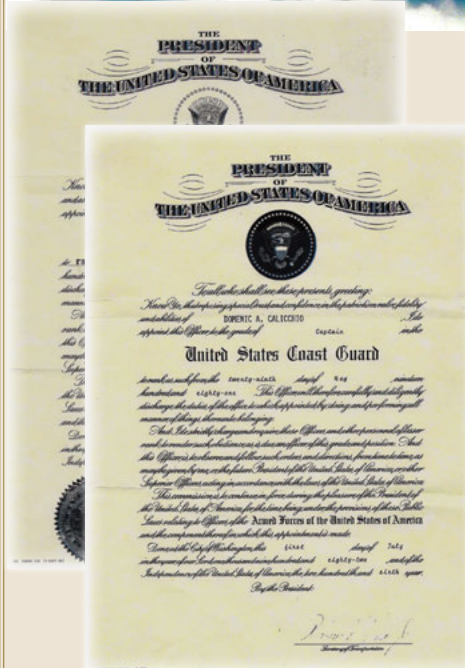


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