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Our Star Spangled Banner

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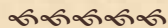
A poem by Francis Scott Key, 1814

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O n the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream,
'Tis the star-spangled banner—O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

A nd where is that band who so vauntingly swore,
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a Country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation!
Blest with vic'try and peace may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto – "In God is our trust,"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.



Many songs served as our national anthem before 1931, including "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "Hail Columbia." The original music of the Star Spangled Banner was a popular British men's club song. Five musicians, including John Phillip Sousa, standardized the Star Spangled Banner which was premiered December 5, 1917 at Carnegie Hall.

*That version was adopted as the our National Anthem by
Congressional Resolution March 3, 1931*

*and signed into law by
President Herbert Hoover.*



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National President / Convention Report

Capt. Chris Edyvean

30th NATIONAL AMMV CONVENTION



It's hard to believe that the 30th annual National Convention is already behind us. Many individuals, organizations, and talents came together to truly make this event a stunning success.

REGISTRATION DAY:

The fun started on March 29th during our primary Registration session. Attendees were welcomed by Mae West and treated to "goodie bags" stuffed with a variety of items and publications from a number of contributors. Promotion of House bill HR.563 provided additional scenery. A generous Hospitality Room was set up with a large variety of food and drink. In addition, marine artist and AMMV member Don Scafidi had over a dozen of his original paintings on display for the duration of the Convention.

MARCH 30, 2016

The meeting room was packed as we kicked off the Convention on the 30th. Larry Starn, our Region #8 Vice President, served as the Master of Ceremonies. Following opening formalities, Mr. Dave Yoho inspired us with a phenomenal speech. The theme was: **"Hell no, we won't go away!"** Before becoming



WILEY JONES, MAE WEST

a successful businessman and sought-after speaker, Dave was a WWII Merchant Mariner who trained at Sheepshead Bay. He has a remarkable story about how he came in touch with our organization.

Dave's message was very clear in stating that the WWII MM has a story to tell and that each one of us matters and can make a difference



HAILEY EDYVEAN, KIM DEGRAVE



DAVE YOHO, MEMBER AT LARGE

in getting the word out. To simply say that Dave motivated us would be an understatement. I don't think anyone in that room was expecting such a powerful and emotional speech. To cap off his speech, he called Morris and I up to the podium and presented AMMV with over \$10,000 in donation checks. We are thankful for all Dave has done for us.

Following the opening morning, most AMMV registered attendees embarked on the SS Natchez river cruise and enjoyed live jazz music and local

style cuisine while viewing the scenic Mississippi River and seaport of New Orleans. Our WWII Merchant Mariners were honored over the P.A. system while on the cruise. Our favorite entertainer, Sally Langwah, was on hand and was patriotically dressed in red, white, and blue. She proceeded to join the house band for a beautiful rendition of "Heave Ho!" which was heard by hundreds of passengers.



LARRY STARN

Meanwhile, not far from the Natchez, the NOLA Kings



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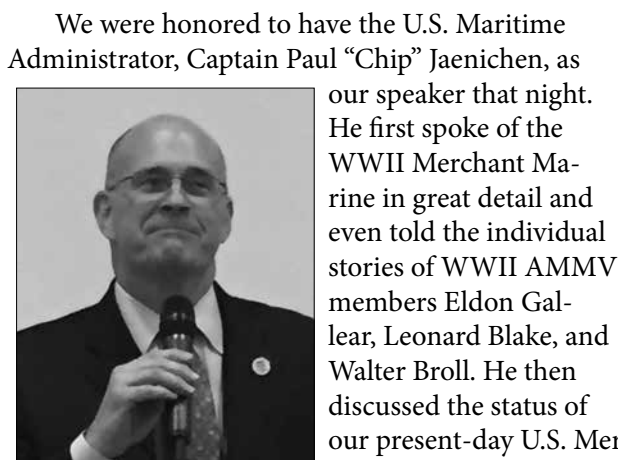
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Point Chapter held a touching ceremony on the river in tribute to the officers and crew of the *SS El Faro*, the American-flagged cargo vessel which was lost at sea this past October. These Kings Pointers then joined us for the President's Reception Banquet. Prior to the banquet, the Hospitality Room was near capacity as the KP group and the AMMV attendees mingled and made new friends.



FRANK MENDEZ, CAROLE MENDEZ AT THE NATCHEZ



PAUL "CHIP" JAENICHEN, MARAD

We were honored to have the U.S. Maritime Administrator, Captain Paul "Chip" Jaenichen, as our speaker that night. He first spoke of the WWII Merchant Marine in great detail and even told the individual stories of WWII AMMV members Eldon Galleary, Leonard Blake, and Walter Broll. He then discussed the status of our present-day U.S. Merchant Marine and the challenges that we face.

In fact, the banquet room was so full for this segment with the Maritime Administrator that we had to roll in extra tables from the Hospitality Room. I would personally like to thank the NOLA KP

Chapter for their support and for making this night extra special.

MARCH 31, 2016

Most of our organizational business was conducted on the 31st. This included my President's Report, an overview of our social media sites, and a briefing of the statuses of various legislative efforts. The Regional Vice President election was also completed; congratulations to Bob Ross and Howard Pfeifer who are now officially elected RVPs. Several resolutions were approved with little resistance and a proposed



SALLY LANGWAH, MORRIS HARVEY

change to the By-Laws to allow for payments using online banking methods was also approved. A big thanks to Richard "Ben" Benjamin, our Nomination & Credentialing Officer, who took extreme care to make sure that all official election and balloting procedures were performed in strict compliance with our By-Laws.

Our afternoon speaker was Mr. Rusty Albaral, the NOAA Port Meteorological Officer of the New Orleans/Gulf area. Rusty spoke of the Voluntary Observation Program and explained the importance of how shipboard weather observations contribute significantly to modern forecasting. He also spoke about the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the New Orleans area and then answered questions from the audience.



RUSTY ALBARAL, PORT MET. OFFICER

tell interesting stories.

We were joined by several members of the NOLA Council of American Master Mariners (Camm) Chapter as we gathered for the Farewell Dinner. I sincerely thank them for joining us.

Mr. David Heindel, Secretary/Treasurer of the Seafarers International Union, is a native of New Orleans and was our Keynote Speaker. Dave spoke of his career with the SIU and then gave a detailed introduction of the International Transportation Workers' Federation (ITF), in which he



BEN BENJAMIN, CREDENTIALS CHR.



DAVE HEINDEL, SEC/TREA, SIU



DAN ROBICHAUX, AMO; DAVE HEINDEL, SIU; CHRIS EDYVEAN; JOHN PITTS, PRES. AMMVMC; LARRY STARN, RVP.



MORRIS HARVEY, PATTY SCAFIDI, SHEILA SOVA, DAVE YOHO, SINDY RAYMOND

currently serves as the elected chair of the ITF Seafarers Section. Dave wrapped up by discussing the importance of pro-U.S. maritime laws and programs such as the Jones Act and the Maritime Security Program.

The 50/50 drawing followed, with a jackpot of \$202, which was won by Leonard Nichols. Leonard graciously gave \$50 back to allow for a second drawing, which was won by Jolyn Bullock.

To close out the Convention, I presented six awards for "AMMV Outstanding Volunteer". The award winners were Carole Gutierrez (not in attendance), Sindy Raymond, Sheila Sova, Dave Yoho, Patti Scafidi, and Morris Harvey. A standing ovation was given to Morris for his years of dedication and devotion to the AMMV organization.

Sally and Roy then took the stage for the grand finale of entertainment. Many attendees found themselves on the dance floor as our entertaining duo put on a New Orleans themed presentation.



WILLIE NELSON WITH DANCERS

APRIL 1, 2016

The following morning saw our tour of the National WWII Museum. The Gary Sinise Foundation paid for five of our members to attend the Convention specifically to visit the museum. Upon arriving, our WWII Merchant Mariners posed for a picture up on the stage. This was announced by the museum staff and a loud round of applause was received. The Merchant Marine exhibit is a wonderful tribute to our WWII MM and I recommend that everyone should at some point make an effort to see it.

2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Our Golden Gate and Sacramento Valley Chapters have agreed to host the 2017 National Convention next March 26-28, to be held at the Sands Regency Hotel/Casino in Reno.

OTHER PRESIDENTIAL MATTERS LEGISLATION

H.R. 563: The Honoring Our WWII Merchant Mariners Act of 2015

Our primary piece of legislation – HR.563 - has only 70 co-sponsors at the time of this writing. We still do not have a companion bill in the Senate and we are starting to run out of time. I urge everyone to contact your Congressperson in support of this legislation.

On March 30th, AMMV Alaska Greatlands Chapter President Eldon Gallear was part of a pro-U.S. maritime roundtable conference with Alaskan Senator Dan Sullivan. Eldon was able to tell the Senator his personal story of being the sole survivor of the torpedoed SS *Tillie Lykes* in WWII. He then explained our need for a companion Senate bill to H.R. 563. It may be beneficial if other members and supporters contact this particular Senator with the same request. Remember, you need not be a Senator or Congressperson constituent to contact them. Much of our success in adding supporters comes from the work of out-of-district citizens.



*SEN. SULLIVAN (AK),
ELDON GALLEAR*

Korean/Vietnam efforts

Government Affairs Committee Co-chair Michael Helbig has been hard at work collecting documents and conducting research in our attempts to gain Veteran status for mariners who sailed in support of the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. If you have stories, documents, or access to any historical information, I urge you to get in contact with Michael. A document or piece of information that may seem insignificant to you could turn out to be a substantial piece of this puzzle.

Coastwise Mariners Act

Congratulations are in order to AMMV member Don Horton. On February 9th, the legislation contained in H.R. 1288 was passed by the House as an add-on to H.R. 677: The American Heroes COLA Act of 2015. This legislation would allow coastwise WWII Merchant Mariners to provide alternative proof of documentation when applying for Veteran status as a WWII Merchant Mariner. Support is needed for the companion Senate bill, S. 1775.

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H.R. 2992: The Merchant Marine of WWII Congressional Gold Medal Act

As of this writing, H.R. 2992 has 159 co-sponsors. While this appears to be a fair number, please remember that as per committee rules this type of legislation

must be co-sponsored by two-thirds of the membership of both the House and the Senate before their respective committees will consider it. Note that we do not have a companion Senate bill to H.R. 2992.

DENIAL AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY OF INTERMENT RIGHTS FOR WWII MM?

AMMV has become aware of a disturbing development which snuck up on us. On March 23, 2015, then Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh issued a Memorandum which declared "Active Duty Designees" as ineligible for interment in Arlington National Cemetery. His letter specifically mentioned "the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs) and the American Merchant Marine in Oceangoing Service who served during World War II". McHugh cited his reasoning as such that these groups had been mistakenly allowed into Arlington in the first place.

Some notable developments: H.R. 4336: Women Air Force Service Pilot Arlington Restoration Act was introduced on January 6th, 2016. It passed the House on March 22nd, with an amendment that includes all other "Active Duty Designees" as part of the bill. (A companion Senate bill, S. 2437, was introduced on January 11, 2016 and has 31 co-sponsors.)

Wait! Active Duty Designees? Were the Merchant Marine of World War II not granted COMBAT Veteran Status in 1988, which included the benefit of "interment in national cemeteries, and markers in memorial areas of national cemeteries"? (In comparison, our research indicates that WASPs have been included in Arlington Cemetery with military honors only since 2002.) Did the former Secretary of the Army not know the difference between a Combat Veteran and an Active Duty Designee? Our investigation continues; many thanks to Sheila Sova who is performing this research, which entailed using the Freedom of Information Act to obtain certain documents.



WWII MM VETS AT NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM

As a final thought (and with no disrespect to the WASPs), there are an estimated 100 WASPs remaining who

flew non-combat missions during WWII. There are possibly 5,000 WWII Merchant Marine Combat Veterans remaining. If the supporters of 100 WASPs can make this much noise this quickly, *why* are we not doing the same?

RESOLUTIONS

There were a handful of Resolutions passed during the business sessions at our National Convention; such information is included later in the magazine. In my opinion, the most important items of focus (other than WWII MM legislation) are support of the "big three". I am speaking of our renewed vows to support the Jones Act, the Maritime Security Program, and cargo preference laws. Without these laws/programs, the United States Merchant Marine would quickly dissolve. As an organization with approximately 2,000 members nationwide, we have a voice. We must use this voice in support of what matters the most to us as a patriotic maritime and veterans organization.

HELP WANTED

I have received many inquiries in recent weeks regarding such topics as burial/interment rights of WWII MM Veterans, the process of applying for Veteran status, verifying/documenting sea service, and the displaying of the U.S. Merchant Marine flag at various types of ceremonies. Unfortunately, I do not have all the answers. (Many of these answers may be dependent on local or regional laws/customs, and may be influenced by relationships with local VFW and/or American Legion groups.)

AMMV needs someone with expert experience in these areas to come forth and declare a willingness to head a committee which addresses these and other related issues. If you might be this special person, please speak up.

AMMV LOSES A GOOD FRIEND

On behalf of the AMMV organization, I would like to extend our deepest condolences to those affiliated with the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots in the loss of former MMP President Tim Brown, who crossed the bar on April 10th. Captain Brown was a long-time member and supporter of AMMV and a frequent attendee of our Conventions.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Christopher J. Edyvean". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Captain Chris Edyvean
AMMV National President



SHEILA SOVA

Resolutions passed at 30th National Convention in New Orleans, LA.

March 28 – 31, 2016

Submitted by Capt. Christopher Edyvean, Midwest Chapter, unanimously approved

- 1) “Package Resolution”: Support of Pro-U.S. Maritime Programs
 - a. Continued support of legislation for WWII MM (HR 563; HR 2992; Coastwise Mariners)
 - b. Continued support of Jones Act
 - c. Continued support of the Maritime Security Program (MSP)
 - d. Continued support of Cargo Preference laws
 - e. Support of the Export/Import Bank of the United States
 - f. Continued support of the Ready Reserve Fleet (RRF)
 - g. Continued support of the Military Sealift Command (MSC)
 - h. Continued support of USMMA, six state academies, and respective training vessels
 - i. Continued support of Anti-piracy efforts

Submitted by Stanley Blumenthal, Gulfstream Chapter, approved with minimum opposition

- 2) “Fair Trade not Free Trade”: Stop rust-beltng America (Approved for 1 year only)

Submitted by Stanley Blumenthal, Gulfstream Chapter, unanimously approved

- 3) Support of restoration efforts of the SS United States
- 4) Support of American built, registered, and crewed cruise ships

Submitted by Robert Ulrich, Sacramento Valley Chapter, unanimously approved

- 5) Acknowledgment of the MM song “Heave Ho!” at public events in which other military service branches songs are played

Submitted by Morris Harvey, Ocala Chapter, unanimously approved

- 6) Harder push to pass H.R. 563 (in response to Hahn’s letter to our Convention)

If you would like a copy of any of these Resolutions, please contact the National Office. As a member of AMMV, you have the right to use these Resolutions in the name of AMMV to further our beliefs by contacting various media outlets and other sources.



National Vice President Co-Chair, Government Affairs Committee **Morris Harvey**



This year's convention left me with a vision - one that takes the AMMV into the future. We now have a post WWII President who has demonstrated an ability to effectively manage and organize the AMMV. Our speakers, Maritime Administrator, Paul "Chip" Jaenichen, and SIU Treasurer, David Heindel are both actively and directly involved in the current Maritime

industry. Their messages included concerns, indicating that the U.S. Merchant Marine is in decline and needs support to educate and inform Congress of the serious security and economic issues. Their messages left a strong impression that there is considerable work to do in order to keep the U.S. Merchant Marine strong. Less than 12,000 certified deep sea mariners are available today - this statistic reported by the Maritime Administrator, should generate great concern.

The AMMV is one obvious maritime organization that can add a voice that is "Grass Roots". Our membership and

purposes can be readily adapted to meet this requirement. The AMMV membership is made up of both licensed and unlicensed Mariners, their families, and associate members who support our purposes.

Another speaker - one of our own WWII Vets, Dave Yoho, was terrific with his motivational message. He suggested that we adopt a slogan, a rallying cry, for our efforts to gain more recognition for Merchant Mariners - "*Hell No, We won't Go Away.*" To support his dynamic, motivating, and futuristic speech, Dave also presented a donation of \$10,000.00 to AMMV. So, now we have a futuristic concept of an organization that has purposes; we have a slogan; we have a capable and dynamic President - now the current members must get the vision to use this base organization to attract more active Mariners to join the uprising - "*Hell No, We Won't Go Away.*"

Adding to my vision, is the agreement by a group from Region #8 to sponsor the 31st Annual National Convention in Reno, NV, scheduled for March 26-28, 2017.

Morris Harvey

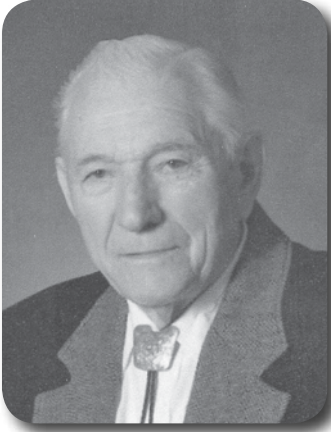
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"Hell No, We Won't Go Away"

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National Secretary Nelson Cauble



Greetings to all!

The convention is over and from the pictures we have seen, thanks to President Chris, those attending had a good time! However, I was surprised to see how many of those faces that I don't recognize. Shirley and I were so sorry to have missed the occasion but are grateful that we have a very capable

leadership to keep us on a steady course. My thanks to all who had a part in the convention that just ended.

Here in the West, we have been saddened by the passing of member Ed Lingenfield. He and his wife Beryl have kept their Emerald Seas Chapter together for years longer than most others would have done. And I also salute our www.usmm.org webmaster Toni Horodysky for her generosity and the work she has done to help them keep their group together. Shirley and I recall the good times we spent with them at meetings. We also remember the years when our Southern Oregon chapter met. Now we find it hard to accept the passing of our friend, Ed and then Southern Oregon's President John Mikolajewski, and two other members who lived over on the coast.

We at AMMV are so truly blessed to have our National President Chris! What a breath of new fresh ideas, plans, and enthusiasm he has brought to this organization. But it was also great to see the pictures of Morris and A.J. What good times we can recall through those years when they were our Presidents.

So, today I wish for each of you, the very best there is to have. I thank you for the pleasure of the years that you have given Shirley and I; the times we worked together and made it happen! For each of you reading this, know that you are someone very special, and it is an honor for me to call you my friend!

Thanks again to those who planned and made the 2016 convention the success it was. And thanks to all who work hard every day to keep our AMMV alive. I salute you!

Sincerely,

Nelson Cauble

Nelson Cauble
AMMV National Secretary

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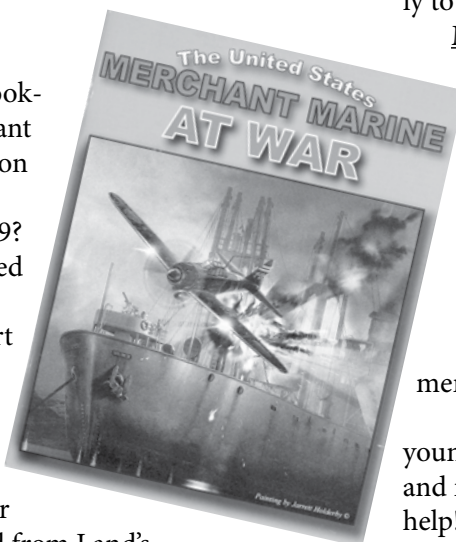
As you will see elsewhere in this issue, the 30th National Convention in New Orleans was a spectacular success. The numerous organizational chores that are necessary for a convention were shared by Past President Morris Harvey and current National President Chris Edyvean. Morris was honored at the Farewell dinner for his efforts but a standing ovation was needed, too, for Chris. Without his precise attention to detail, the affair would not have been such an outstanding occasion. Let's hear a big round of applause for Capt. Chris Edyvean!

What is Social Media?

We've heard a great deal about Social Media lately. Our "Dream Team" of girls – Debbie Rogow, Patti Scafidi and Sheila Sova - have been very busy on Facebook and Twitter getting the word out about U. S. Merchant Mariners and certainly attracting Co-sponsors for our legislation HR.563. What, you say, are Facebook and Twitter? Well, later in this issue, there will be explanations of each and how to join them. If you are not computer literate, as many have said, perhaps you could ask your children or grandchildren to help. Who knows, they might even enjoy it and learn something about what you went through in WWII and post-WWII conflicts – and you may learn something, too. You can help! And our Legislators are waiting to hear from YOU!

A New (?) publication:

Do you remember the booklet "The United States Merchant Marine at War" that Ian Allison and the Just Compensation Committee re-printed in 2009? This booklet, originally printed in 1946 by the War Shipping Administration about a report from their Administrator Emory S. Land to President Roosevelt, is as historically important today as it was in 1946. MARAD Administrator Paul "Chip" Jaenichen quoted from Land's report at his AMMV Convention speech. The booklet was re-printed in 2009, "for posterity, to be a record of the United States Merchant Marine Combat Veterans of World War II. Over 250,000 men left their schools, farms, and of-



fices to become trained merchant seamen. They made valiant sacrifices to secure freedom for mankind during one of the darkest times in United States history. Their brave efforts helped turn the lights back on around the world. These courageous men must never be forgotten."

Now, in 2016, another reprint is being discussed. It is thought pertinent to our continuing legislative efforts, that this publication could be used as an educational tool for Congresspersons, and others, who are unaware of the U. S. Merchant Marine and what they did in WWII. It is hoped that plans for a reprint will be moving forward in the near future.

It's that time of year again:

I'm afraid that it's time for members to think about sending in their dues for the AMMV fiscal year **July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.**

Chapter members: Please send you chapter dues directly to your Chapter's Treasurer.

Members at Large: This year, there are two (2) options for paying your dues:

Later in this issue you can read about something new to our system: how to pay your dues through PayPal on the Internet. OR you can still send a check for \$32.00 to:

AMMV National Office
2722 Maynes Ct.
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Either way, Members-at-Large will be sent a paid membership card from National Office.

As AMMV moves into the 21st century, with new (and younger) thoughts and ideas forming a changing base, old and new should expect progress into the future. Let's all help!

FULL SPEED AHEAD,

Sindy Raymond
Sindy





Editorial Committee & Graphic Design Contributor **Carole Gutierrez**

Happy Spring and all the newness that comes with the season!

The 2016 Convention was a huge success. New Orleans was a wonderful site selection and we were welcomed with open arms. It is a maritime city and recognizes the sacrifices made by Merchant Mariners during World War II and all other conflicts this country has been involved in. With that said, convention chairs, National President Capt. Chris Edyvean and National Vice President Morris Harvey, did a tremendous job getting speakers, arranging activities and making the confab interesting and fun.

For my part – the Memory Book – was a remarkable success thanks in huge part to the sales efforts of Member at Large and part of the Membership Committee Patti

Scafidi. Remarkable, for the first time the space in the Book sold out! That allowed us to add more color to the Book and to help finance the convention itself. I want to take a moment to thank both President Capt. Chris Edyvean and News Editor and National Office Administrator Sindy Raymond for their part in the project, as if they don't have enough to do. Chris handled mailing the book to advertisers which, for me, was very detail orientated and time consuming. Sindy handled the finances, making collections and riding herd on the dollars. This year was difficult for me because of the death of my husband, Max. His efforts in managing all the household stuff allowed me to dedicate my time to the Book, but this year, I had a lot to juggle. Chris and Sindy allowed me to do that for which I am so very grateful.

Haven't seen the Memory Book? You can order a copy of your own. It is well worth it and perhaps your chapter might like to have one if they did not buy space. Only Chapters buying space received a copy. Ordering information can be found later in this issue.

I also want to thank all those who voted for my re-election as Region 7 Vice President. It is a honor to serve this great group of people.

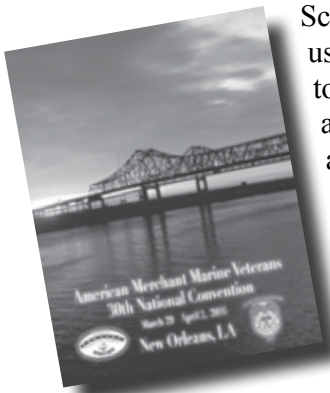
Looking ahead, AMMV's biggest mission is to grow its membership. The hard truth is that our numbers are shrinking. If this organization is to continue, we need to revitalize our membership by attracting younger members. To do that, we must identify issues that are important to Korean, Vietnam and Gulf War Veterans and take them up as our own.

Our situation is not unique. In a recent conversation with an Honor Flight representative (the group that takes World War II Vets to Washington, DC to see the WWII Memorial), he reported that some of the groups "hubs" are expanding their reach to include Korean and Vietnam vets.

The next goal is the effort to get more Congressmen and women to cosponsor H.R. 563. There has been some confusion with Representatives about our bill and the "coastwise" bill. One of Oregon's representatives was surprised to learn he was not cosponsoring our bill, but the "coastwise" bill instead. How many more have confused the two issues? But now is the time to make sure your Representative understands the difference and is on board with H.R. 563. You can learn more about what you can do to help in related

stories in this issue. It is vitally important you do your part. Get your family to do their part, too. Contact your representative and tell them you expect them to keep President Roosevelt's promise by giving the WWII Merchant Mariners their Just Recognition.

Carole Gutierrez
CAROLE GUTIERREZ



AMMV

Profit & Loss

July 2015 through March 2016

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

402 · CONTRIBUTIONS	12,508.00
404 · LIFE MEMBER INCOME	2,200.00
405 · MISSION SUPPORT FUND	1,500.00
406 · DVD SALES	144.00
408 · WAR MEMORIAL FUNDS	805.00
409 · MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	840.00
410 · CHAPTER DUES	
BSM · BIG SKY MARINERS	125.00
AKG · ALASKA GREATLANDS	288.00
BEE · BEEHIVE MARINERS	150.00
CAC · CACTUS MARINERS	175.00
CEC · CENTRAL CALIFORNIA	475.00
CHC · CHINA COASTERS	350.00
CIC · CENTRAL INDIANA	50.00
CWM · CARL W. MINOR - CENT. CA. COAST	400.00
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EMS · EMERALD SEAS	80.00
EOH · EDWIN O'HARA	805.00
GLD · GOLDEN GATE	1,525.00
GUL · GULFSTREAM	1,275.00
HIR · HIGH ROLLERS	450.00
HSE · HIGH SEA ERA	150.00
HSM · HIGH SEAS MARINERS	200.00
HUD · HUDSON VALLEY	725.00
HUM · HUMBOLDT BAY	350.00
JTS · JOHN T. SCHMIDT/PALMETTO	475.00
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MAC · ROBERT J. MAC ALVANA	475.00
MAL · MEMBERS AT LARGE	23,915.00
MALW · MEMBER-AT-LARGE - WEBPAGE	1,993.80
MAM · MID AMER. ANCIENT MARINERS	625.00
MCO · MID-COLUMBIA	700.00
MGC · MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST	32.00
MOV · MISSOURI VALLEY	775.00
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MWE · MID WEST	575.00
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NOA · NORTH ATLANTIC	625.00
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OJE · OTTO J. ERNST	150.00
ORE · OREGON	925.00
ORV · OSWEGO RIVER VALLEY	75.00
PEC · PECONIC BAY	400.00
PUG · PUGET SOUND	300.00
ROG · ROGUE VALLEY	225.00
ROR · ROAD RUNNER	350.00
SAC · SACRAMENTO VALLEY	925.00
SAR · SARASOTA-MANATEE	800.00
SSP · SS SAMUEL PARKER	650.00
STH · SS STEPHEN HOPKINS	775.00
SUQ · SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY	375.00
SWF · SOUTHWEST FLORIDA	325.00
THR · THREE RIVERS	775.00
VUL · VULCAN CHAPTER	375.00

Total 410 · CHAPTER DUES 51,070.80

Total Income 69,067.80

Expense

500 · FIXED EXPENSE

501 · BANK CHARGE	134.09
503 · EQUIP RENTAL	450.00
507 · TELEPHONE	1,774.99
508 · RENT/OCCUPANCY	2,700.00
509 · UTILITIES	900.00
510 · MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION	425.24
511 · SERVICE CHARGES - PAYPAL	78.30

Total 500 · FIXED EXPENSE 6,462.62

512 · MEMORIAL EXPENSE

805.00

520 · MISSION ADVANCE

521 · AWARDS	500.00
525 · MISSION SUPPORT EXPENSE	1,000.00

Total 520 · MISSION ADVANCE 1,500.00

522 · RECRUITMENT & SPECIAL MAILING

734.25

528 · JCC CLOSING EXPENSE

662.00

530 · NEWS LETTER

533 · POSTAGE	3,611.96
536 · PRINTING	11,214.70
538 · LAYOUT	3,300.00
539 · EDITORIAL FEE	900.00

Total 530 · NEWS LETTER 19,026.66

540 · DVD EXPENSE

543 · DVD POSTAGE	38.04
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Total 540 · DVD EXPENSE 38.04

550 · PERSONNEL

551 · ADMINISTRATOR	13,950.00
552 · NATIONAL PRESIDENT	511.95

Total 550 · PERSONNEL 14,461.95

560 · OPERATING EXPENSES

564 · OFFICE SUPPLIES	737.58
565 · POSTAGE - OFFICE	1,237.89
566 · PRINTING - OFFICE	178.66
567 · LICENSES & FEES	70.00

Total 560 · OPERATING EXPENSES 2,224.13

Total Expense

45,914.65

Net Ordinary Income

23,153.15

Net Income

23,153.15

Fellow Mariners:

Would the Treasurer of each Chapter please carefully check the amounts that we show as having been received from you in the third quarter of this fiscal year and verify if they are correct. This is the only check we have to make sure monies are properly credited. If there is a difference, please contact Cindy at (707) 546-6349 or saaren@sonic.net.

George Salovich, National Treasurer

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HOW TO JOIN, BE A SOCIAL MEDIA USER AND CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSPERSON

Submitted by Patti Scafidi, Member-at-Large

WHAT IS FACEBOOK?

Facebook is used by individuals who wish to stay connected with, or reconnect with, people that they know offline. As well as maintaining a personal profile and posting messages on their “wall,” users can upload photo albums and videos, share links, write long notes, send private messages to friends, text, video chat, and play games. And, for our purposes, it allows you to stay in contact with your Legislator.

HOW TO JOIN

Google website: www.facebook.com. When you see the signup form, fill out your name, email address or phone number, password, birthday and gender. If you don't see the form, click Sign Up, then fill out the form.

Once you sign up, you'll need to confirm your email address or phone number. Facebook will send you either an email or phone message, depending on which sign-in method you chose. There will be a link to CONFIRM. CONFIRM!

HOW TO USE

You are now a member of Facebook! Sign on to use and at the top of your page you can look up your Congressperson. Ninety-nine percent of LEGISLATORS have FACEBOOK accounts, whereas only 94 percent have both TWITTER and FACEBOOK accounts. Admittedly, Facebook is the easiest to use, starting out. The good thing about Facebook is that you are not limited to 140 characters or @ signs. With Facebook, you can submit requests/recommendations using as many words as you like.

I WILL HELP YOU! My Facebook address is <https://www.facebook.com/patti.scafidi> or just look for PattiAmmvScafidi. Go to my Facebook address and send me a friend request. I will help you any way I can. See below for all my contact info.

OUR NEW MOTTO: HELL NO; WE WON'T GO AWAY.

It is very important that we urge our legislators to co-sponsor HR.563; so -

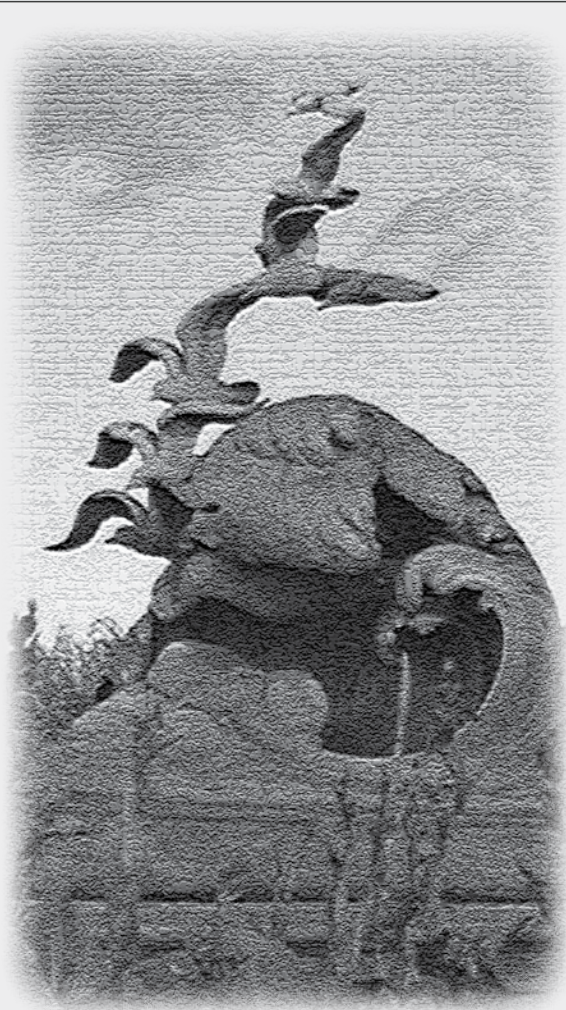
TO CONTACT A CONGRESSPERSON ON FACEBOOK ABOUT HR.563

After you sign on to Facebook, all you have to do is type the name of the Congressperson or Senator in the top search bar and you will find their Facebook page. You will either be able to post right there or send them a Private Message. BE SURE TO follow up with phone calls & letters.

Example: I (or person you are writing about) am a WWII Veteran Merchant Mariner and your constituent. Please Co-sponsor our bill #HR563 I am (88-?) AND TIME IS RUNNING OUT for us!

Patti's note: If you have any questions about these instructions, please email patti.scafidi@gmail.com or send me a private message on my Facebook page. OR call me at 228-671-6384. THEN also be sure to mark “like”, if you do, and comment on our AMMV Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AMMV1775>. Or just search for AMMV in the search box. Need Help? Please don't hesitate to call! I am here for YOU!

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.*

EDWARD ALMQUIST

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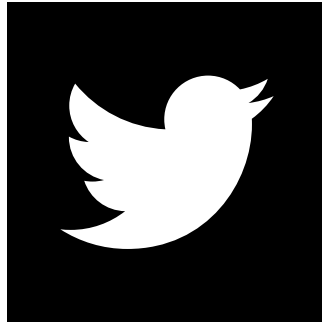
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To honor a loved one, memorial donations may be made to the American Merchant Marine Veterans organization on the loved one's behalf. This is a tribute to their memory and the dedicated service they gave to their country and to mankind. Thank you for your thoughtful gesture. Donations may be sent to: AMMV, 2722 Maynes Ct., Santa Rosa, CA 95405-8408.



HOW TO TWITTER

Submitted by Sheila Sova, Member-at-Large – email for help at shesova@aol.com

ABOUT TWITTER

Twitter allows users to post 140 character messages, or tweets, and follow the messages of other users on their Twitter feed. It is mainly used to communicate with other individuals with similar interests, regardless of whether users know one another off Twitter.

4 EASY STEPS TO SIGN UP

1. Go to www.twitter.com
2. Click on SIGN UP
3. Put in your email address and a password.
4. Give yourself a Twitter address (it can be your full name if you wish to give it out or just a nickname).

You will receive an email to confirm that you are signed up. After this, when you Google www.twitter.com your account should come up automatically.

USING TWITTER

Twitter Address @: Just like an email address, each person has their own individual Twitter address. An address on Twitter for a musician might be @rock-and-roll or @pianokeys, which describes something about them. You can also use your name as your Twitter address such as @johnsmith. Warning, someone may already have your same name so you

can always add a number after your name such as @Johnsmith123

To search for a subject: use Hashtags (#): Have a special topic you want to tweet about? Use a hashtag (#) so if you are looking for a special topic or word you can type it into the search bar and it will come up. A hashtag is almost like a “clue to finding a subject” such as searching for the Jones Act or a Liberty Ship. When you type either of those words in the search bar, any picture or comment about those two things will bring up any comments, pictures or videos about Liberty ships or the Jones Act. Examples of hashtags you might want to use or search for are: #jonesact, #libertyship, #merchantmarine, #WWII, and most importantly, #HR563 and #MMWWII.

TO CONTACT A CONGRESSPERSON ON TWITTER ABOUT HR.563

How to tweet Congresspersons your concerns for HR563?

All you have to do is type the name of the congressman or senator in the top search bar and you find their Twitter address.

OR on the Google search line, type in:
<https://twitter.com/verified/lists/us-congress> - to verify their Twitter address.

STATEMENT OF PAUL N. JAENICHEN
MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE
ON SEAPOWER AND PROJECTION FORCES
Logistics and Sealift Force Requirements

March 22, 2016

Good afternoon Chairman Forbes, Ranking Member Courtney, and Members of the Subcommittee. I want to thank you for the opportunity to discuss the U.S. Merchant Marine's support of our Nation's logistics and sealift force requirements.

To defend American interests and carry out national policy overseas, the United States must be capable of deploying military forces and providing humanitarian assistance anywhere in the world on short notice to meet emergent contingency requirements. Sealift is critical to meeting those requirements. The U.S.-flag fleet of privately owned, commercially operated vessels, along with government-owned vessels, provide sealift surge and sustainment capacity to move equipment and materiel for the Armed Forces and Federal agencies when needed, and where needed, during times of conflict, humanitarian crises and natural disasters. Supporting these capabilities are the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) National Defense Reserve Fleet (NDRF), Ready Reserve Force (RRF) and Maritime Security Program (MSP).

Ready Reserve Force

The RRF fleet of Government-owned merchant-type vessels was established in 1976 as a subset of MARAD's NDRF. The mission of the RRF is to ensure the capability to rapidly deploy military forces and equipment or emergency humanitarian assistance/disaster response supplies to events that require intervention by the U.S. Government. The program began with six modernized NDRF ships left over from World War II and peaked in 1994 at 102 ships. Since then, requirements have changed and the RRF currently consists of 46 ships selected on the basis of their capabilities, readiness condition, and location to meet Department of Defense (DOD) expected surge sealift needs. This includes 45 RRF vessels that are maintained ready for operation within five days to transport defense related cargo to the area of operations and one RRF off-shore petroleum discharge vessel maintained ready for operation within 10 days. The size and readiness of the RRF is directed by DOD to meet their sealift requirements. While the RRF has not been fully activated, during the 1991 Operations DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM—which predate the Maritime Security Program—78 vessels were activated. Currently there are 46 ships in the RRF. Over the history of the RRF program, there have been more than 600 vessel activations, over half of which were for missions other than to test readiness. The average number of annual activations, including readiness testing, has been nearly 27 since 1990.

The RRF has contributed to the success of numerous U.S. military and humanitarian operations. These include 118 ship activations in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM and support for hu-

manitarian and emergency response following Hurricanes Sandy, Katrina and Rita, the earthquake in Haiti, the Ebola crisis in West Africa, and the international effort to destroy the Syrian Government's declared chemical weapons. While the RRF has provided reliable and safe sealift to support military and humanitarian missions, the fleet is aging. The average age of the fleet is 39 years—well above the normal service life of commercial vessels. MARAD is working closely with DOD to monitor the material condition of the RRF, as well as determining future recapitalization requirements of the fleet.

Maritime Security Program

The Maritime Security Act of 1996 established the MSP which provides direct annual stipends for up to 60 active, commercially viable, militarily useful, privately-owned U.S.-flag vessels and crews operating in international trades. The MSP fleet ensures DOD access to U.S.-flag ships in ocean-borne international commerce with the necessary intermodal logistics capability to move military equipment and supplies during armed conflict or national emergency. The fleet also provides critical employment for up to 2,400 highly qualified U.S. merchant mariners. Under this program, participating operators are required to commit their ships and global commercial transportation resources upon request by the Secretary of Defense during times of war or national emergency. Of the 78 U.S.-flag vessels that trade internationally today, 57 currently participate in the MSP program. MARAD recently approved one vessel to enter the program as a replacement and is in the process of filling the remaining two vacancies in the program.

U.S.-Flag Merchant Fleet

The total number of vessels in the internationally trading U.S.-flag fleet has varied considerably over the years, rising from 92 in 2001 to 106 in 2011 and declining to 78 vessels today. The decline in this segment of the fleet is coincident with the decline of Government-impelled preference cargoes. Government-impelled cargoes are those which move as a result of direct Federal Government involvement, financial sponsorship of a Federal program, or in connection with a guarantee provided by the Federal Government. In addition to the movement of DOD-owned equipment, Government-impelled cargoes include items supported by, or associated with civilian agencies such as Export-Import Bank, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) programs. The overall volume of preference cargo transported on U.S.-flag vessels has substantially decreased since 2005, when preference cargoes peaked due to military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The number of U.S.-flag vessels has been trending lower for decades for a number of reasons, and a substantial por-

tion of trend over the past 25 years cannot be statistically explained, although carriers who have reflagged or retired ships out of the U.S.-flag fleet from 2011 through 2013 have stated that the predominate driver in their decision to remove vessels has been the loss of preference cargoes. Vessel owners take into account a variety of factors before making a decision to leave the fleet including government-impelled cargo as well as foreign-flag trading options for their vessels. In individual circumstances, particularly for operators that do not have the benefits of participating in the MSP, loss of government-impelled cargo could influence a vessel owner's decision to retire vessels from the fleet or reflag. Unfortunately, detailed data that would allow the exact calculation of when a vessel owner would make that decision are not available and are difficult to obtain.

What we do know is that the reason that privately owned and operated ships remain in international trade under the U.S. flag is to move cargo. We also know that a reduction to our fleet of U.S.-flag vessels trading internationally means a reduction in mariner jobs in international trade. While this does not preclude these mariners from seeking jobs in the growing Jones Act trade, the number of ocean-going, self-propelled vessels trading in the domestic coastwise trade has stayed roughly the same.

The causes of the falling volumes of preference cargo do not appear to be transient. Continued reductions in the number of garrisoned or permanently stationed U.S. Armed Forces personnel overseas as well as the number of U.S. military bases in foreign countries, coupled with decline in the number of troops deployed for global operations, suggest that DOD preference cargoes are unlikely to increase in the future.

Mariner Availability

MARAD is responsible for determining whether adequate manpower is available to support the operation of sealift ships during a crisis, as set forth in the National Security Sealift Policy – National Security Directive (NSD) No. 28 dated October 5, 1989. MARAD's assessment of the civilian U.S. Merchant Mariner pool shows that the number of civilian mariners available to crew government sealift ships when activated has declined over the past decade, and the current number of qualified and experienced mariners available may not be adequate in the near future. U.S. mariners serve on all types and sizes of vessels, and their qualifications are not interchangeable. For example, mariners employed aboard vessels in international trades, must meet international standards for training, certification and fitness. Their credentials must carry the appropriate internationally recognized endorsements. These same qualifications are required for employment aboard commercial or government reserve sealift ships. However, only ocean going mariners must meet all of these additional requirements.

The primary source of mariners available to crew government reserve sealift ships is the pool of U.S. mariners actively sailing on board U.S.-flag ships in both the domestic coastwise and international trades. While the domestic trade has grown, the number of mariners with appropriate credentials serving on large self-propelled ships has not increased proportionately. In addition, the number of U.S.-flag

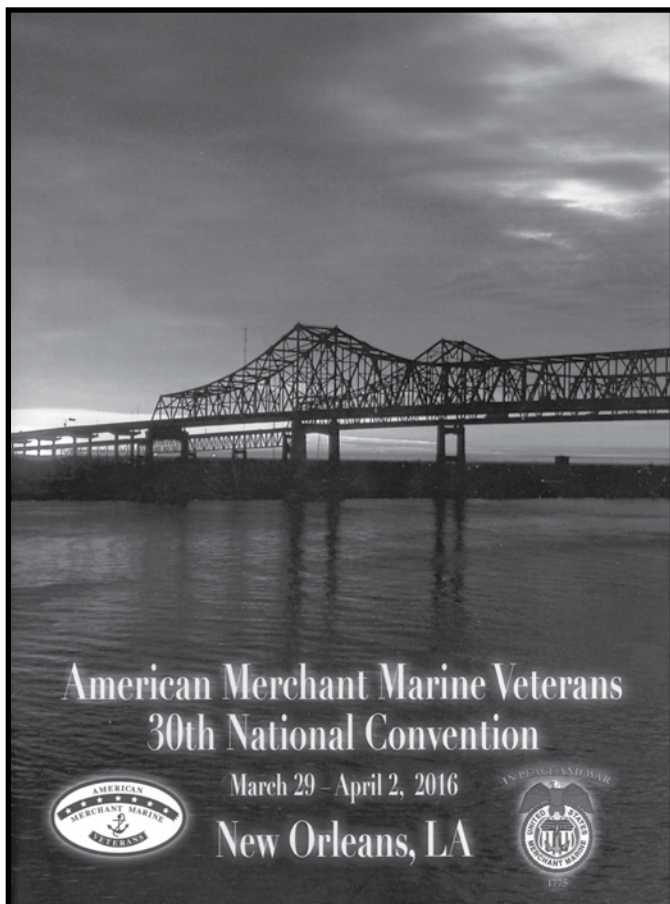
ships trading internationally has declined, further depleting the number of appropriately credentialed active U.S. mariners. The decline in the number of afloat jobs supported by the U.S.-flag international fleet comes at the same time that training requirements for mariners are increasing due to updated Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) requirements adopted at the International Maritime Organization that take effect in January 2017. An offsetting factor is that the USMMA and the six State Maritime Academies (SMAs) are graduating nearly 900 cadets per year with the necessary credentials.

Current estimates show that only about 11,280 mariners have the necessary U.S. Coast Guard credentials and recent sea service (i.e., within the last 18 months) to operate large oceangoing ships. This number is sufficient to activate the Federal government-owned surge sealift fleet of 63 ships for a period of four to six months, but it is not enough for sustained operations. Further losses in the number of commercial U.S.-flag ships, and the corresponding loss of mariner jobs in international trade, will significantly impact our ability to crew this sealift fleet. While mariner jobs in coastwise domestic trade are growing in some sectors, they usually do not require mariners to maintain ocean-going credentials. We also anticipate shortfalls in specific skills that require higher levels of experience such as steam engineers and electricians. Given this assessment, I am working closely with the U.S. Transportation Command, the U.S. Navy (Military Sealift Command) and the commercial maritime industry to address the mariner availability issue.

The Department of Transportation's National Maritime Strategy

MARAD is taking action to aid the Department of Transportation's efforts in safe and efficient freight transportation, and to address the issues that challenge the U.S. maritime industry through the development of a draft National Maritime Strategy. We expect to publish the draft strategy in the coming months, which will be available for public comment before MARAD finalizes it. As required in Section 603 of the Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014, the strategy will identify Federal regulations and policies that reduce the competitiveness of U.S.-flag vessels operating in foreign trade; and the impact of reduced cargo load due to reductions in military deployment overseas. It will also include recommendations to make U.S.-flag vessels more competitive and increase the use of U.S.-flag vessels in international trade, ensure compliance by Federal agencies with cargo preference laws, increase the use of third-party inspection and certification authorities to inspect and certify vessels; increase the use of short sea transportation routes; and enhance United States shipbuilding capability. Following publication of the draft strategy for public comment, I look forward to providing the strategy to the Committee.

Thank you for your interest our Nation's maritime transportation capacity and capability, the opportunity to provide a status update for our program and to discuss what may be a critical juncture point for the long-term health of the international trading U.S. Merchant Marine. I look forward to any questions you may have.



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from the 30th National Convention

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Role of the Merchant Marine in World War II and the Injustice Shown Them By the Congress of the United States

When World War II started the Merchant Mariners were called on by President Roosevelt to help supply our troops that were fighting around the world. They were in every invasion from North Africa, Europe, and to the far reaches of the Pacific with the much needed supplies. The casualty rate was the highest of any service with 1 in 26 paying the ultimate price, with hundreds of ships sunk, sending these seaman to a watery grave. American shipyards were building the much needed ships in record numbers, and men were needed to man them. They came from all walks of life - from 16 to 66 - all volunteers. Maritime training stations sprang up around the country. The largest one was at Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn N.Y. Trainees were taught the skills of seamanship in rapid order, and found themselves on a ship at sea 2 weeks later. Every ship that left port with a cargo of bombs, trucks, fuel, and other supplies was in a combat zone as soon as they cleared the harbor to join a convoy.

German U-boats were waiting in wolf packs sending these ships to a water grave. 1942 was a dreadful year for the Merchant Marine. Records show that some 400 ships were sunk or damaged with heavy loss of life.

The war ended when America dropped the atomic bombs on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Japan un-conditionally surrendered on August 6th 1945.

After the war the Merchant Marine was called on to bring our troops and supplies home from around the world. On a lighter note, many of our troops fell in love while stationed overseas. The Merchant Marine brought war brides - some with babies - back home. The victorious troops returned home to a grateful nation and made the adjustment to civilian life. To help them, President Roosevelt and Congress enacted the Service Reinvestment Act of 1944 commonly known as The G.I. Bill. This bill was without a doubt one of the largest economic boons in American history. The bill gave job preference, low cost home loans, health benefits, and a college education to the troops after the war. At one time, college G.I. enrollment exceeded 50%. This produced engineers, doctors, lawyers, and other skilled professionals back into society.

President Roosevelt wanted to include the Merchant Mariners as veterans under the G.I. Bill, but he died before

the war ended. His recommendation died with him. Over the years the Merchant Marine became the forgotten service. It was not until 1988, after a court battle, that they received Veterans' status and watered down G.I. bill benefits.

In January of 2005 Congressman Filner of California rose on the floor of the House and said "Mr. Speaker, I rise today to correct a grave injustice that has been inflicted against the World War II veterans of the Merchant Marine."

He drafted a bill called "The Belated Thank You To The Merchant Marine Of World War II" and introduced it as Bill HR 23. This bill would provide a small monthly pension to the some 8,000 remaining merchant seaman to help them in their retirement years. Their average age, in 2005, was 82. This bill would make up, in a small way, all the lifetime benefits never given to these veterans under the original G.I. Bill according to Congressman Filner. This bill passed the house and went to the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs to be released to the Senate floor for a vote to become law. This did not happen. Senator Akaka of Hawaii who was chairman of this committee never released the bill for a floor vote.

At that time there were some 68 Senators who were signed on as Co-sponsors of this bill. If the bill came to a floor vote it would have surely passed. Why did the senator prevent this bill from being marked up for a

floor vote? No one knows but him. That was in 2005. Today the average age of the 4,400 seaman still living is 93. The bill still remains dormant in Congress after thousands and thousands of letters, phone calls, and contacts from families and friends of these veterans. Most of these W.W.II veterans have perished during the war, or they have died over the years waiting for the government to correct this injustice.

The current Bill in the House is HR 563 called "Honoring Our WWII Merchant Marines Act of 2015". This bill was introduced by Congresswoman Janice Hahn of California. We urge all our members to have their Congressional representative co-sponsor this bill.

Submitted by **Ed Trester** WWII Merchant Marine veteran, co-author of best-selling book **"TORPEDOED FOR LIFE,"** available at www.Amazon.com or call **Ed** at (904) 471-8897.



Ed Trester on weekend leave from Maritime school, Brooklyn NY, 1944.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SOMETHING ABOUT THOSE HIGH WAGES

Submitted by Ray Carreau, Member-at-Large

The following are some facts that might be of interest to those who are still under the impression that merchant seamen were paid far more than their counterpart in the U.S. Navy.

One of the main problems that I have noted in conversation with Navy veterans is that for the most part they are not bothering to compare apples with apples. A seaman 1st class in the Navy or the Coast Guard is not the equivalent of an Able Bodied seaman in the Merchant Marine. A comparable rating aboard a Navy or Coast Guard vessel would be a Boatswain's Mate First class or a Quartermaster First class. As I recall from my Coast Guard days that is a Crow with three stripes under. From government records of wartime pay rates, we have the following:

An able seaman in the Merchant Marine

Wages: Average annual earnings from wages, war zone bonuses and all other sources: \$2,596.00
Less income tax: \$411.00

Annual earnings: \$2,185.00

Boatswain Mate 1st Class U.S. Navy

Monthly base pay: \$114.00
Monthly sea pay: \$23.00
Monthly avg. allotment: \$51.00
Total monthly earnings: \$188.00

Annual earnings: \$2,256.00

At the time, because of the Navy man's allotment was tax free, only about \$10.00 in income taxes were due on the annual earnings of the Navy man.

If you take the time to get the proper figures from government sources and add up the tally, you will find there is a difference in favor of the merchant seaman when compared fairly with his equal rate in the Navy, but that difference is very little.

Next, consider these additional benefits:

SPECIAL PRIVILEGES

Navy

Free postage, reduced rates for travel, reduction in theater tickets, furlough rates for travel, meals while traveling, etc.

Merchant seaman

None.

MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR DEPENDENTS

Navy

Free.

Merchant seaman

None.

INCOME TAX EXEMPTION

Navy

\$1,500

Merchant seaman

None.

SHIP SINKS OR PRISONER OF WAR

Navy

Pay accrues; time counts toward retirement and rank increases; special recognition today for POWs through issue of special license plates; if discharged disabled, receives disability for life.

Merchant seaman

Pay stops.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STRONG MERCHANT MARINE VITAL

From the Gulfstream chapter newsletter

Written by Harry T. Scholer, Member-at-Large, Orlando, FL

Many people don't realize that 90 percent of goods still travel by sea. As a retired member of the U.S. Merchant Marine, nothing would please me more than to see strong support of the American-flag fleet. I view it as a military and commercial necessity to show our flag.

We have conceded so much to Russia and Putin, Xi and China, that it would be heartbreaking, as well as suicidal, to turn over all shipping to those interests and others who would employ substandard ships and crews. Our fleet delivers the goods always, in war and in peace, as they fulfill commitments worldwide. It is easy for a politician to say, "Ship it under a Liberian flag vessel; it's cheaper," but that approach would be foolhardy and the overall cost to our country would be immense.

Right now, the U.S. has excellent maritime schools, some run by the states, the USMMA at King's Point and the unions, Seafarers International Union and American Maritime Officers to mention two. I would pit those graduates against any sailors in the world when it comes to training and all-around fitness to do the job and do it correctly. Just recently a LNG containership built and flagged American was delivered to Tote (a U.S.-flag company) to run between Jacksonville and Puerto Rico. The men and women manning that ship have received LNG training at schools that have been doing so since I went through in the 1980s.

In closing I would ask our elected Representatives on Capitol Hill to step forward and support a strong and vibrant U. S. Merchant Marine, one that has the full backing of the American people as well as the political class in Washington, DC.



Members at Large (MALs) Can Now Renew Membership Online

www.ammv.us

The AMMV website incorporated the capability for MALs to join online early last year. Now we offer the capability to renew your membership online. (Please note that our online capability is **NOT designed to accept joining or renewing your National membership for Chapter members.** Chapter members continue to join or renew by paying the required dues to your Chapter Treasurer.)

For MALs: Go to www.ammv.us. Click on the "Join Us Now" menu option. Next, click on the dropdown

menu item "On Line Member Application" – this will take you to the online application page.

Complete this form. After completing the form, you will select "New Membership" or "Renewal options," then click "SUBMIT" to go to PayPal and follow PayPal instructions to complete the transaction. You do not need to establish a PayPal account to pay.

You will be sent a membership renewal card from National Office when payment is received.

**Morris Harvey and Chris Edyvean
explain the AMMV website**



30th NATIONAL AMMV CONVENTION

**March 30 - April 1, 2016
New Orleans**



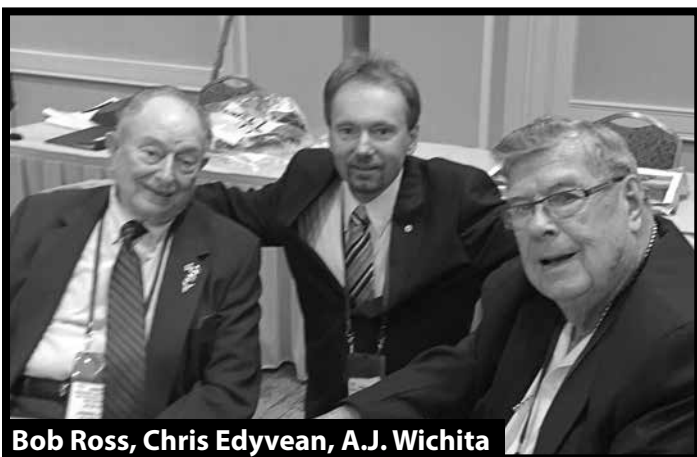
Waiting to board the Natchez



**Wilhelmina and Charles Mills,
John Pitts**



Carole and Dave Yoho



Bob Ross, Chris Edyvean, A.J. Wichita



Dave Yoho speaking



Hospitality room - 3/30/16



General session - 3/31/16



Pledge of Allegiance



**Sindy and Sally
on the Natchez**



Frank Mendez



**Storm the Hill reunion – Eugene Barner, Morris
Harvey, Charles Mills**



**"Ben" Benjamin
playing Taps**



**Patti Scafidi,
"Chip" Jaenichen**



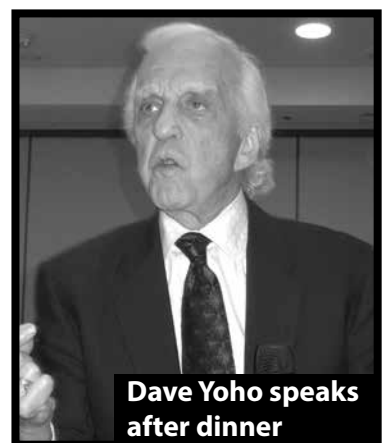
Morris Harvey gets a standing ovation



**Stan Blumenthal,
"Chip" Jaenichen**



**Sindy, Chris Edyvean and
Dan Robichaux, Jr. after dinner**

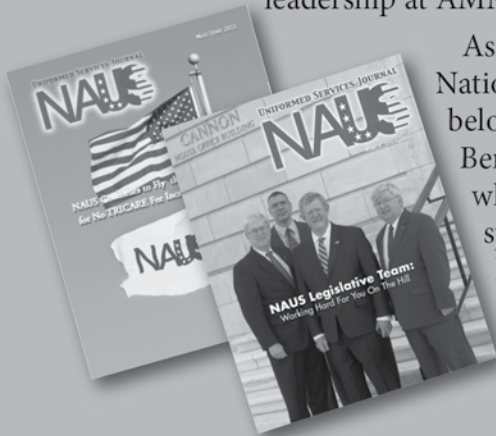


**Dave Yoho speaks
after dinner**

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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Special NAUS Dues for AMMV Members

One Year	\$19 *Special Rate!
Three Years	\$49 *Special Rate!
Life Membership (age 70+)	\$90 *Special Rate!

Note: Special dues rate only for members of American Merchant Marine Veterans

*Regular Dues are \$25 for one year, \$65 for three years and \$230 for Life (age 70+)

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Dues: \$ _____

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State

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Date of Birth

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or Join online at www.NAUS.org (enter code AMMV12)



CHAPTER NEWS

China Coasters Chapter

MM&P FLEET RINGS EIGHT BELLS FOR CAPTAIN TIM BROWN

Family, friends, union officials and MM&P headquarters and Plan Office staff said good-bye to Captain Timothy A. Brown at a funeral mass in Linthicum Heights, MD. Ships in the MM&P fleet rang eight bells in honor of Captain Brown, who led the Masters, Mates & Pilots as International President for 21 years before retiring at the end of 2012.

"We remember Tim for his quick and fertile mind and for his grace under pressure," said MM&P President Don Marcus, who delivered the eulogy. "He defended the health and pension benefits of MM&P members and he was an advocate for decent health care and pension benefits for all Americans."

"Brother Tim was a personal friend/advisor and a person that I had a great deal of respect for," said Captain Bob Ramsey, master of the MV MATSON KODIAK, one of the ships that commemorated the end of Captain Brown's watch by ringing eight bells. "He will be missed."

"Tim always had a kind thought or remembrance for the families of others," Marcus said. "He was forgiving and understanding of human frailty, and never without compassion for a mariner who was down on his or her luck. He also had a unique ability to turn yesterday's opponent into today's friend."

Tim was also a strong advocate of the AMMV efforts in obtaining Just Recognition legislation and was a stalwart supporter of the American Merchant Marine Veterans and a welcome face at all our conventions. He will be sorely missed.

Emerald Seas Chapter

CEO CROSSES THE BAR

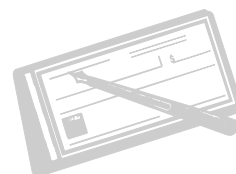
Emerald Sea Chapter CEO Edgar "Ed" Lingenfield, Jr. crossed the bar on Good Friday, March 25, 2016. He was chapter president for quite a few years and was an active voice for his Chapter. Friends say he always had a joke and a smile.

He was a proud WWII Combat Merchant Marine Veterans. He loved his English wife, his country and the sea. Heaven will be hearing stories and having a highball tonight.

Gulfstream Chapter

VISITORS FROM AFAR

From Capt. Liz, CEO, - "I was very happy to see the fine turnout we had for our February meeting, especially since, in addition to our guest speaker Capt. Ed Gras (from New Jersey), we had a visit from our newly elected National President of the AMMV Chris Edyvean, who spoke at length about the plans and arrangements for the upcoming national convention at New Orleans and his hopes and plans for guiding the organization into the future. Although young, he seemed to have the energy and the interest in achieving those goals. He also spoke about his interest in trying to increase our membership due to the loss of so many of our older members who have "Crossed the Bar." It was also very nice to see the interest in his presentation by all the questions that he got from our members present. I also enjoyed meeting and talking to him and really do hope he can achieve the goals he has set out for himself and AMMV."



Membership dues
will be due by June 30th for the next
fiscal year. Please send your chapter
dues to your treasurer soon.



CHAPTER NEWS

North Atlantic / Peconic Bay Chapters

DELAYED RECOGNITION OF A "NEW" MONUMENT



In May, 2013 a Merchant Marine Memorial Monument dedication was held at the Calverton National Cemetery, in Calverton, NY. This monument was made possible through the efforts of Ben Balsamo, past CEO of Peconic Bay Chapter. Contributions from Peconic Bay Chapter members and North Atlantic Chapter members made this monument dedication come to pass. The monument is stationed along side all the monuments of all other branches of the Armed Forces at Calverton National Cemetery.





CHAPTER NEWS

North Bay Mariners Chapter

HELP REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF HR.563



At their meeting on April 20th, members paused – or is that posed – while writing letters to non-signed members of the House of Representatives regarding HR-563. Member Sindy Raymond is always “urging” action in this area and some old-timers were glad to oblige, while others discussed the campaign.





CHAPTER NEWS

Sacramento Valley Chapter

AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS TO BE RECOGNIZED MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30TH

In front of the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Sacramento, CA is a wonderful statue of a returning military medic with his child on his soldier. Behind him in this Veterans memorial are plaques and service flags – including the Merchant Marine. The Sacramento Valley Chapter of the American Merchant Marine Veterans and others assured we were included in the memorial.

This coming Memorial Day, May 30th, the American Merchant Marine Veterans are going to be honored! The primary speaker will be RADM Thomas Cropper, USMS, President of the California Maritime Academy. Working with the City of Rancho Cordova mayor and others has been Phelps Hobart, President of the Navy League's Pacific Merchant Marine Council.

The foreground of the memorial is paved with memorial bricks. A number of Merchant Marine Veterans are named on the surface of the hundreds of bricks. If you would like to remember a shipmate or vessel with a inscribed brick inquire. The cost is \$85 – the sale of these bricks provides income for the maintenance and upkeep of the memorial plaza. The Memorial Day service incorporates a solemn time where each donor places a red carnation, sometimes a rose, on the brick.

The medical center is located on the former Air Force base Mather Field in the city of Rancho Cordova. Your presence is encouraged; there is a limited amount of reserved seating. Do your best to arrive prior to the 0930 pre-program entertainment; the address is 10535 Hospital Way, Mather. At 1000 the commemoration begins. In addition, an American Merchant Marine Veterans information and display table will be at the entrance to the medical center. Individuals are needed to supply display materials and staff the table. For more information, contact Phelps at 916-739-6949 or pmmc@cwo.com.

Susquehanna Valley Chapter

WE WILL NOT GIVE UP PROMOTING THE U. S. MERCHANT MARINE

Saturday April 16, 2016 Bill Kelley and I spent the day at Park City participating in a sales promotion whereby we manned an informational booth promoting the U.S. Merchant Marine. There were 50-60 booths for non-profit organizations. Our booth was sponsored by Oak Leaf Manor Retirement Village.

In Lancaster, PA, Mariners Bill Balabanow and Bill Kelley are very active in promoting the WW2 AMMVeterans with speaking engagements, parades, anything we can do.. The Susquehanna Valley Mariners Chapter has not folded. I just don't have the time to devote to publishing our newsletter.

Bill Balabanow, Editor



THE GOOD TIMES JUST KEPT ON ROLLING IN NEW ORLEANS!



Elvis, Marilyn Monroe



Dave Yoho, Mae West



Dancing girls



Chris Edyvean, Sally, Kim DeGrave



Willie Nelson with Cher



Daisy Joseph, Marilyn Monroe



Sally, Stan Blumenthal, Ruth Ran, Roy



Sharon Shoemaker, Sally, John Pitts, Sandy Raymond



Mae West, Patti Scajidi

CONTACT INFORMATION – HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL H.R. 563



The deadline is approaching quickly for this Congressional Session. And the feeling is: **HELL NO! WE WON'T GO AWAY!**

So, please, we need your help!

PLEASE contact Congresspersons by **mail, phone, Washington, DC phone or fax** – information is on the list below and ask them to co-sponsor House bill H.R. 563.

We have heard a great deal about Social Media lately and elsewhere in this issue is information how to contact them through **Twitter** and **Facebook**. If you would rather **email** their office, please contact Cindy at the National office – email: saaren@sonic.net – or Sheila Sova – shesova@aol.com – and they will be glad to email you a listing of House member's email addresses. If you are not computer savvy, please ask your children or grand-children to help you with this request. They might even enjoy it when they realize how important this bill is to you.

The Congresspersons who have supported us in the past are noted in the far-left column. They are likely to be supportive again. However, they need to be asked. **So, PLEASE, do what you can for the U. S. Merchant Marine Veterans of WWII, before it's too late.**

NON-SIGNED CONGRESSMEN ON HOUSE BILL H.R. 563 AS OF 4-18-16											
TITLED: HONORING OUR WWII MERCHANT MARINERS ACT OF 2015											
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	Gary	Palmer	R	6	3535 Grandview Pkwy. #525	Birmingham	AL	35243	205 968-1290	225 4921	225-2082
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	Eric A. "Rick"	Crawford	R	1	2400 Highland Dr. #300	Jonesboro	AR	72401	870 203 0540	225 4076	225 5602
	French	Hill	R	2	1501 N. University Ave #150	Little Rock	AR	72207	501 324 5941	225 2506	225 5903
	Bruce	Westerman	R	4	101 N. Washington St., \$406	El Dorado	AR	71730	870 864 8946	225 3772	225 1314
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	Karen	Bass	D	37	4929 Wilshire Blvd. #650	Los Angeles	CA	90010	323 965 1422	225 7084	225 2422
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X	Nancy	Pelosi	D	12	90 7th St. #2-800	San Francisco	CA	94103	415 556-4862	225 4965	225 8259
	Scott H.	Peters	R	52	4350 Executive Dr. #105	San Diego	CA	92121	858 455 5550	225 0508	225 2558
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X	Jackie	Speier	D	14	155 Bovet Rd. #780	San Mateo	CA	94402	415 566 5257	225 3531	226 4183
	Eric	Swalwell	D	15	5075 Hopyard Rd. #220	Pleasanton	CA	94588	925 460 5100	225 5065	226 3805
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X	Ed	Perlmutter	D	7	12600 W Colfax Ave #B400	Lakewood	CO	80215	303 274 7944	225 2645	225 5278
	Jared	Polis	D	2	4770 Baseline Dr. #220	Boulder	CO	80303	303 484 9596	225 2161	226 7840
	Scott R.	Tipton	R	3	225 N. 5th St. #702	Grand Junction	CO	81501	970 241 2499	225 4761	226 9669
X	Rosa	DeLauro	D	3	59 Elm St #205	New Haven	CT	6510	203 562-3718	225 3661	225 4890
	Elizabeth H.	Esty	D	5	114 W. Main St.	New Britain	CT	6051	860 223 8412	225 5541	225 5933
X	Jim	Himes	D	4	888 Washington Bl. 10th Flr.	Stamford	CT	6901	203 353 9400	225 2265	225 9629
X	Eleanor	Norton	D	AL	529 14th St NW #900	Washington	DC	20045	202 783-5065	225 8050	225 3002
	John	Carney, Jr.	D	AL	233 N. King St. #200	Wilmington	DE	19801	302 691 7333	225 4165	225 2291
	Gus	Bilirakis	R	12	7132 Little Rd.	New Port Richey	FL	34654	727 232 2921	225 5755	225 4085
X	Corrine	Brown	D	5	1010 E. Union St. #202	Jacksonville	FL	32202	904 354-1652	225 0123	225 2256
	Vern	Buchanan	R	16	1051 Manatee Ave W. #305	Bradenton	FL	34205	941 747 9081	225 5015	226 0828
	Kathy	Castor	D	14	4144 N Armenia Ave #300	Tampa	FL	33607	813 871 2817	225 3376	225 5652
	Carlos	Curbelo	R	26	12851 SW 42nd Ave. #131	Miami	FL	33175	305 222 0160	225 2778	not listed
	Ron	DeSantis	R	6	3940 Lewis Speedway #2104	St. Augustine	FL	32084	904 827 1101	225 2706	225 3973
	Ted	Deutch	D	21	877 Glades Rd. #211	Boca Raton	FL	33434	561 470 5440	225 3001	225 5974
	Mario	Diaz-Balart	R	25	8669 NW 36th St. #100	Doral	FL	33166	305 470 8555	225 2778	226 0346
	Lois	Frankel	D	22	2500 N. Military Trl #490	Boca Raton	FL	33431	561 998 9045	225 9890	225 8398
	Gwen	Graham	D	2	300 S. Adams St., #A-3	Tallahassee	FL	32301	850 891 8610	225 5235	225 5615
	Alan	Grayson	D	9	5842 S. Semoran Bl.	Orlando	FL	32822	407 615 8889	225 9889	225 4085
	David	Jolly	R	13	425 22nd Ave., N, #C	St. Petersburg	FL	33704	727 823 8900	225 5961	225 9764
X	John	Mica	R	7	100 E. Sybelle Ave #340	Maitland	FL	32751	407 657 8080	225 4035	226 0821
X	Jeff	Miller	R	1	4300 Bayou Blvd. #13	Pensacola	FL	32503	850 479 1183	225 4136	225 3414
X	Patrick	Murphy	D	18	2000 PGA Bl. #A3220	Palm Bch Garens	fl	33408	561 253 8433	225 3026	not listed
	Bill	Posey	R	8	2725 Jud. Fran.Jamison #C	Melbourne	FL	32940	321 632 1776	225 3671	225 3516
X	Tom	Rooney	R	17	226 Taylor St. #230	Punta Gorda	FL	33950	941 575 9101	225 5792	225 3132
	Ileana	Ros-Lehtinen	R	27	4960 SW 72nd Ave. #208	Miami	FL	33155	305 668 2285	225 3931	225 5620
	Dennis A.	Ross	R	15	170 Fitzgerald Rd. #1	Lakeland	FL	33813	863 644 8215	225 1252	226 0585
X	Debbie	Wasserman-Sch	D	23	10100 Pines Blvd	Pembroke Pines	FL	33026	954 437-3936	225 7931	226 2052
	Daniel	Webster	R	10	300 W. Plant St.	Winter Garden	FL	34787	407 654 5705	225 2176	225 0999
	Frederica	Wilson	D	24	18425 NW 2nd Ave. #355	Miami Gardens	FL	33169	305 690 5905	225 4506	226 0777
	Ted	Yoho	R	3	5000 NW 27th Ct. #E	Gainesville	FL	32606	352 505 0838	225 5744	225 2256
	Rick	Allen	R	12	2743 Perimeter Pkwy #200-225	Augusta	GA	30909	706 228 1980	225 2823	225 3377
X	Sanford	Bishop, Jr.	D	2	235 W. Roosevelt Ave #114	Albany	GA	31701	229 439-8067	225 3631	225 2203
	Buddy	Carter	R	1	1 Diamond Causeway #7	Savannah	GA	31406	912 352 0101	225 5831	226 2269
	Doug	Collins	R	9	111 Green St. SE	Gainesville	GA	30501	770 297 3388	225 9893	226 1224
	Tom	Graves	R	14	702 S. Thornton Ave.	Dalton	GA	30720	706 226 5320	225 5211	225 8272
	Jody	Hice	R	10	210 Railroad St. #2401	Thomson	GA	30824	770 207 1776	225 4101	226 0776
	Hank	Johnson	D	4	5700 Hillandale Dr. #120	Lithonia	GA	30058	770 987 2291	225 1605	226 0691
X	John	Lewis	D	5	100 Peachtree St NW #1920	Atlanta	GA	30303	404 659-0116	225 3801	225 0351
	Barry	Loudermilk	R	11	9898 highway 92, #100	Woodstock	GA	30188	770 429 1776	225 2931	225 2844
	Tom	Price	R	6	85-C Mill St. #300	Boswell	GA	30075	770 998 0049	225 4501	225 4656
	Austin	Scott	R	8	230 Margie Dr. #500	Warner Robins	GA	31088	478 971 1776	225 6531	225 3013
X	David	Scott	D	13	173 N Main St	Jonesboro	GA	30236	770 210 5073	225 2939	225 4628
	Robert	Woodall	R	7	not listed	lawrenceville	GA	30046	770 232 3005	225 4272	225 4696
	Rod	Blum	R	1	310 3rd St. SE	Cedar Rapids	IA	52401	319 364 2288	225 2911	not listed
X	Steve	King	R	4	1421 S. Bell Ave #102	Ames	IA	50010	515 232 2885	225 4426	225 3193
X	David	Loebsack	D	2	125 S. Dubuque St.	Iowa City	IA	52240	319 351 0789	225 6576	226 0757
	David	Young	R	3	2700 Grand Ave., #109	Des Moines	IA	50312	515 282 1909	225 5476	not listed
	Raul R.	Labrador	R	1	33 E. Broadway Ave. #251	Meridian	ID	83642	208 888 3188	225 6611	225 3029
	Michael	Simpson	R	2	802 W. Bannock #600	Boise	ID	83702	208 334 1953	225 5531	225 8216
	Mike	Bost	R	12	300 E. Main St., #4	Carbondale	IL	62901	618 457 5787	225 5661	225 0285
	Rodney	Davis	R	13	2004 Fox Dr.	Champaign	IL	61820	217 403 4690	225 2371	226 0791
	Bob	Dold	R	10	300 Village Green #235	Lincolnshire	IL	60069	847 793 8400	225 4835	not listed
	Bill	Foster	D	11	195 Springfield Ave #102	Joliet	IL	60435	815 280 5876	225 3515	225 9420
	Randy	Hultgren	R	14	1797 W. State St. #A	Geneva	IL	60134	630 232 7104	225 2976	225 0697
	Robin L.	Kelly	D	2	600 Holiday Plaza Dr. #505	Matteson	IL	60443	708 679 0078	225 0773	225 4583
	Adam	Kinzing	R	16	628 Columbus St. #507	Ottawa	IL	61350	815 431 9271	225 3635	225 3521
X	Daniel	Lipinski	D	3	5832 S Archer Ave	Chicago	IL	60638	312 886-0481	225 5701	225 1012

	Mike	Quigley	D	5	3742 W Irving Park Rd	Chicago	IL	60618	773 267-5926	225 4061	225 5603
X	Peter	Roskam	R	6	2700 International Dr. #304	West Chicago	IL	60185	630 232 0006	225 4561	225 1166
X	Bobby	Rush	D	1	700 E. 79th St.	Chicago	IL	60619	773 224 6500	225 4372	226 0333
X	Janice	Schakowsky	D	9	5533 N. Broadway St.	Chicago	IL	60640	773 506-7100	225 2111	226 6890
	Aaron	Schock	R	18	100 N. E. Monroe #100	Peoria	IL	61612	309 671 7027	225 6201	225 9249
X	John	Shimkus	R	15	201 N. Vermillion St. #218	Danville	IL	61832	217 446 0664	225 5271	225 5880
	Larry	Bucshon	R	8	101 NW Martin Luther King#124	Evansville	IN	47708	812 465 6484	225 4636	225 3284
x	Andre	Carson	D	7	300 E. Fall Creek Pk.N Dr #300	Indianapolis	IN	46205	317 283 6516	225 4011	225 5633
	Luke	Messer	R	6	107 W. Charles St.	Muncie	IN	47305	765 747 5566	225 3021	225 3382
	Todd	Rokita	R	4	337 Columbia St.	Lafayette	IN	47901	765 838 3930	225 5037	226 0544
	Marlin A.	Stutzman	R	3	700 Park Ave. #D	Winona Lake	IN	46590	574 269 1940	225 4436	226 9870
X	Peter	Visclosky	D	1	7895 Broadway #A	Merrillville	IN	46410	219 795-1844	225 2461	225 2493
	Jackie	Walorski	R	2	202 Lincolnway E. #101	Misiwaka	IN	46544	574 204 2645	225 3915	225 6798
	Todd C.	Young	R	9	279 Quartermaster Ct.	Jeffersonville	IN	47404	812 288 3999	225 5315	226 6866
	Tim	Huelskamp	R	1	One N. Main, #525	Hutchinson	KS	67501	620 665 6138	225 2715	225 5124
	Mike	Pompeo	R	4	7701 E. Kellogg #510	Wichita	KS	67207	316 262 8992	225 6216	225 3489
	Kevin	Yoder	R	3	7325 W. 79th St.	Overland Park	KS	66204	913 621 0832	225 2865	225 2807
	Garland	Barr	R	6	2709 Old Rosebud Rd.	Lexington	KY	40509	859 219 1366	225 4706	225 2122
	Brett	Guthrie	R	2	1001 Center St. #300	Bowling Green	KY	42101	270 842 9896	225 3501	226 2019
	Thomas	Massie	R	4	1405 Greenway Ave #236	Ashland	KY	41101	606 324 9898	225 3465	225 0003
	Harold	Rogers	R	5	551 Clifty St	Somerset	KY	42503	606 679-8346	225 4601	225 0940
X	Ed	Whitfield	R	1	1403 S Main St	Hopkinsville	KY	42240	270 885-8079	225 3115	225 3547
X	John	Yarmuth	D	3	600 Martin Luther KingPL#216	Louisville	KY	40202	502 582 5129	225 5401	225 5776
	Ralph	Abraham	R	5	426 DeSinaud St.	Monroe	LA	71201	318 322 3500	225 8490	225 5639
X	Charles	Boustany Jr	R	3	800 Lafayette St #1400	Lafayette	LA	70501	337 235-6322	225 2031	225 5724
	John	Fleming	R	4	6425 Youree Dr. #350	Shreveport	LA	71105	318 798 2254	225 2777	225 8039
	Garret	Graves	R	6	2351 Energy Dr., #1200	Baton Rouge	LA	70808	not listed	225 3901	225 7313
	Cedric	Richmond	D	2	2021 Lakeshore Dr. #309	New Orleans	LA	70122	504 288 0377	225 6636	225 1988
	Steve	Scalise	R	1	110 Veterans Blvd #500	Metairie	LA	70005	504 837 1259	225 3015	226 0386
X	William	Keating	D	9	2 Court St.	Plymouth	MA	2360	508 746 9000	225 3111	225 5658
	Joseph P.	Kennedy, III	D	4	29 Crafts St. #375	Newton	MA	2458	617 332 3333	225 5931	225 0182
X	Stephen	Lynch	D	8	88 Black Falcon Ave #340	Boston	MA	2210	617 428 2000	225 8273	225 3984
	Seth	Moulton	D	6	17 Peabody Square	Peabody	MA	1960	978 531 1669	225 8020	225 5915
X	Richard	Neal	D	1	300 State St. #200	Springfield	MA	1105	413 785-0325	225 5601	225 8112
	Niki	Tsongas	D	3	11 Kearney Sq. 4th Flr.	Lowell	MA	1852	978 459 0101	225 3411	226 0771
X	Elijah	Cummings	D	7	1010 Park Ave #105	Baltimore	MD	21201	410 685-9199	225 4741	225 3178
	John K.	Delaney	D	6	9801 Washingtonian Bl. #330	Gaithersburg	MD	20878	301 926 0300	225 2721	225 2193
	Donna	Edwards	D	4	5001 Silver Hill Rd. #106	Suitland	MD	20746	301 516 7601	225 8699	225 8714
	Andy	Harris	R	1	100 Olde Point Village #101	Chester	MD	21619	410 643 5429	225 5311	225 0254
	Steny	Hoyer	D	5	6500 Chrywood Ln. #310	Greenbelt	MD	20770	301 474 0119	225 4141	225 4300
X	C. A. Dutch	Ruppersberger	D	2	375 W. Padonia Rd. #200	Timonium	MD	21093	410 628 2701	225 3061	225 3094
	John	Sarbanes	D	3	600 Balitmore Ave., #303	Towson	MD	21204	410 832 8890	225 4016	225 9219
	Chris	Van Hollen	D	8	51 Monroe St. #507	Rockville	MD	20850	301 424 3501	225 5341	225 0375
	Bruce	Poliquin	R	2	6 State St., #101	Bangor	ME	4401	207 942 0583	225 6306	225 2943
	Justin	Amash	R	3	110 Michigan St. NW #460	Grand Rapids	MI	49503	616 451 8383	225 3831	225 5144
	Dan	Benishkek	R	1	307 S. Front St. #120	Marquette	MI	49855	906 273 1661	225 4735	225 4710
	Mike	Bishop	R	8	1000 W. St. Joseph, #300	Lansing	MI	48915	517 702 8000	225 4872	225 5820
	John	Dingell	D	12	19855 W Outer Dr #103E	Dearborn	MI	48124	313 278-2936	225 4071	226 0371
	Bill	Huizenga	R	2	1 South Harbor Ave. #6B	Grand Haven	MI	49417	616 414 5516	225 4401	226 0779
X	Dale	Kildee	D	5	432 N Saginaw St #410	Flint	MI	48502	810 239-1437	225 3611	225 6393
X	Sander	Levin	D	9	27085 Gratiot Ave	Roseville	MI	48066	586 498-7122	225 4961	226 1033
	Candice	Miller	R	1-	48701 Van Dyke Ave.	Shelby Township	MI	48317	586 997-5010	225 2106	226 1169
	John	Moolenaar	R	4	135 Ashman St.	Midland	MI	48640	989 631 2552	225 3561	225 9679
	Dave	Trott	R	11	625 E. Big Beaver Rd.#204	Troy	MI	48083	248 528 0711	225 8171	not listed
X	Fred	Upton	R	6	157 S Kalamazoo Mall #180	Kalamazoo	MI	49007	269 385-0039	225 3761	225 4986
	Tim	Walberg	R	7	800 W. Garrison St.	Jacksonville	MI	49202	517 780 9075	225 6276	225 6281
	Keith	Ellison	D	5	2100 Plymouth Ave. N	Minneapolis	MN	55411	612 522 1212	225 4755	225 4886
	Tom	Emmer	R	6	9201 Quaday Ave. NE #206	Otsego	MN	55330	763 241 6848	225 2331	225 6475
	John	Kline	R	2	350 W. Burnsville Pkwy #135	Burnsville	MN	55337	952 808-1213	225 2271	225 2595
	Richard M.	Nolan	D	8	11 E. Superior St. #125	Duluth	MN	55802	218 464 5095	225 6211	225 0699
	Timothy J.	Walz	D	1	227 E. Main St. #220	Mankato	MN	56001	507 380 2149	225 2472	225 3433
X	Wm. Lacy	Clay, Jr.	D	1	111 S. 10th St. #24-344	St Louis	MO	63102	314 367-1970	225 2406	226-3717
X	Emanuel	Cleaver	D	5	101 W. 31st St.	Kansas City	MO	64108	816 842-4545	225 4535	225 4403
	Vicky	Hartzler	R	4	2415 Carter Ln. #4	Columbia	MO	65201	573 442 9311	225 2876	225 0148
	Billy	Long	R	7	3232 E. Ridgeview St.	Springfield	MO	65804	417 889 1800	225 6536	225 5604
	Blaine	Luetkemeyer	R	3	2117 Missouri Blvd.	Jefferson City	MO	65109	573 635 7232	225 6536	225 5604
	Jason	Smith	R	8	2502 Tanner Dr. #205	Cape Girardeau	MO	63703	573 335 0101	225 4404	226 0326
	Ann	Wagner	R	2	301 Sovereign Ct. #201	Ballwin	MO	63011	636 779 5449	225 1621	225 2563
	Gregorio	Sablan	D	AL	P. O. Box 504879	Saipan	MP	96950	670 323 2647	225 2646	226 4249
	Gregg	Harper	R	3	1901 Front St. #A	Meridian	MS	39301	601 693 6681	225 5031	225 5797
	Trent	Kelly		1	431 E. Main St.	Tupelo	MS	38804	662 841 8808	225 4306	
	Steven M.	Palazzo	R	4	1325 25th Ave.	Gulfport	MS	39501	228 864 7670	225 5722	225 7074
X	Bennie	Thompson	D	2	107 W. Madison St.	Bolton	MS	39041	601 866-9003	225-5876	225-5898
	Ryan	Zinke	R	AL	222 N. 32nd St., #900	Billings	MT	59101	406 969 1736	225 3211	225 5687

	Alma	Adams	D	12	321 W/ 11th St., #100	Charlotte	NC	28202	704 344 9950	225 1510	225-1512
	G K	Butterfield	D	1	411 W. Chapel Hill St. #905	Durham	NC	27701	919 908 0164	225 3101	225 3354
	Renee L.	Ellmers	R	2	406 W. Broad St.	Dunn	NC	28334	910 230 1910	225 4531	225 5662
	Virginia	Fox	R	5	3540 Clemmons Rd. #125	Clemmons	NC	27012	336 778-0211	225 2071	225 2995
	George	Holding	R	13	3725 National Dr. #101	Raleigh	NC	27612	919 782 4400	225 3032	225 0181
	Richard L.	Hudson	R	8	325 McGill Ave. NW #500	Concord	NC	28027	704 786 1612	225 3715	225 4036
X	Walter	Jones	R	3	1105-C Corporate Dr	Greenville	NC	27858	252 931 1003	225 3415	225 3286
	Patrick	McHenry	R	10	87 4th St. NW/PO Box 1830	Hickory	NC	28603	828 327 6100	225 2576	225 0316
	Mark	Meadows	R	11	200 N. Grove St. #90	Hendersonville	NC	28792	828 693 5660	225 6401	226 6422
	Robert	Pittenger	R	9	2701 Coltsgate Rd. #205	Charlotte	NC	28211	704 362 1060	225 1976	225 3389
	David	Price	D	4	436 N. Harrington St. #100	Raleigh	NC	27603	919 859-5999	225 1784	225 2014
	David	Rouzer	R	7	230 Government Center Dr.#113	Wilmington	NC	28403	910 395 0202	225 2731	225-5773
	Mark	Walker	R	6	201 W. Market St. #312	Greensboro	NC	27404	336 333 5005	225 3065	
	Kevin	Cramer	R	AL	220 E. Rosser Ave #328	Bismarck	ND	58501	701 224 0355	225 2611	226 0893
	Brad R.	Ashford	D	2	7126 Pacific St.	Omaha	NE	68106	402 916 5678	225 4155	226 5452
	Jeff	Fortenberry	R	1	301 S 13th Street #100	Lincoln	NE	68508	402 438-1598	225 4806	225 5686
	Adrian	Smith	R	3	1811 W. Second St. #275	Grand Island	NE	68803	308 384 3900	225 6435	225 0207
	Frank	Guinta	R	1	33 Lowell St.	Manchester	NH	3101	603 641 9536	225 5456	225 5822
	Rodney	Frelinghuysen	R	11	30 Schuyler Pl, 2nd Fl	Morristown	NJ	7960	973 984-0711	225 5034	225 3186
X	Scott	Garrett	R	5	266 Harristown Rd. #104	Glen Rock	NJ	7452	201 444 5454	225 4465	225 9048
	Leonard	Lance	R	7	425 North Ave. East	Westfield	NJ	7090	908 518 7733	225 5361	225 9460
	Tom	MacArthur	R	3	33 Washington St.	Toms River	NJ	8753	not listed	225 4765	225-0778
	Donald	Norcross	D	1	515 Grove St. #3C	Haddon Heights	NJ	8035	856 546 5100	225 6501	225 6583
X	Frank	Pallone Jr	D	6	504 Broadway	Long Branch	NJ	7740	732 571-1140	225 4671	225 9665
X	Bill	Pascrell Jr	D	9	200 Federal Plaza #500	Paterson	NJ	7505	973 523-5152	225 5751	225 5782
X	Donald	Payne	D	10	60 Nelson Pl. 14th Flr.	Newark	NJ	7102	973 645-3213	225 3436	225 4160
X	Albio	Sires	D	8	630 Avenue C, #9	Bayonne	NJ	7002	201 823 2900	225 7919	226 0792
	Christopher	Smith	R	4	108 Lacey Rd. #38A	Whiting	NJ	8759	732 350-2300	225 3765	225 7768
	Bonnie	Watson Colemar	D	12	850 Bear Tavern Rd. #201	Ewing	NJ	8628	not listed	225 5801	225 6025
	Ben Ray	Lujan	D	3	1611 Calle Lorca #a	Santa Fe	NM	87505	505 984 8950	225 6190	226 1528
	Michelle	Lujan-Grisham	D	1	505 Marquette Ave. NW #1605	Albuquerque	NM	87102	505 346 6781	225 6316	225 4975
	Stevan	Pearce	R	2	570 N. Telshor Rd.	Las Cruces	NM	88011	855 473 2723	225 2365	225 9579
	Mark E.	Amodei	R	2	5310 Kietzke Ln. #103	Reno	NV	89511	775 686 5760	225 6155	225 5679
	Cresent	Hardy	R	4	2250 Las Vegas Blvd. N. #500	N. Las Vegas	NV	89030	702 912 1634	225 9894	225 9783
	Joseph J.	Heck	R	3	2480 E. Pebble Rd. #220	Henderson	NV	89074	702 387 4941	225 3252	225 2185
	Yvette	Clarke	D	9	123 Linden Blvd., 4th Flr.	Brooklyn	NY	11226	718 287 1142	225 6231	226 0112
	Chris	Collins	R	27	2813 Wehrle Dr. #13	Williamsville	NY	14221	716 634 2324	225 5265	225 5910
X	Joseph	Crowley	D	14	2800 Bruckner Blvd. #201	Bronx	NY	10465	718 931-1400	225 3965	225 1909
X	Eliot	Engel	D	16	3655 Johnson Ave	Bronx	NY	10463	718 796-9700	225 2464	225 5513
	Christopher	Gibson	R	19	25 Chestnut St.	Cooperstown	NY	13326	607 282 4002	225 5614	225 1168
	Richard L.	Hanna	R	22	258 Genesee	Utica	NY	13502	315 724 9740	225 3665	225 1891
X	Brian	Higgins	D	26	726 Exchange St. #601	Buffalo	NY	14210	716 852 3501	225 3306	226 0347
X	Steve	Israel	D	3	534 Broad Hollow Rd #302	Melville	NY	11747	631 777 7610	225 3335	225 4669
	Hakeem S.	Jeffries	D	8	55 Hanson Pl. #603	Brooklyn	NY	11217	718 237 2211	225 5936	225 1018
	John	Katko	R	24	440 S. Warren St. #711	Syracuse	NY	13202	315 423 5657	225 3701	225 4042
X	Peter	King	R	2	1003 Park Blvd #7	Massapequa Park	NY	11762	516 541-4225	225 7896	226 2279
X	Nita	Lowe	D	17	222 Mamaroneck Ave #312	White Plains	NY	10605	914 428-1707	225 6506	225 0546
X	Carolyn	Maloney	D	12	1651 3rd Ave #311	New York	NY	10128	212 860-0606	225 7944	225 4709
X	Gregory	Meeks	D	5	67-12 Rockaway Beach Bl.	Arverne	NY	11692	347 230 4032	225 3461	226 4169
	Grace	Meng	D	6	218-14 Northern Bl.	Bayside	NY	11361	718 423 2154	225 2601	225 1598
X	Jerrold	Nadler	D	10	201 Varick St #669	New York	NY	10014	212 367-7350	225 5635	225 6923
	Tom	Reed	R	23	401 E. State St. #304-1	Ithaca	NY	14850	607 222 2027	225 3161	226 6599
	Kathleen	Rice	D	4	300 Garden Ctiy Plza #200	Garden City	NY	11530	516 739 3008	225 5516	225 5758
X	Jose	Serrano	D	15	1231 Layette Ave., 4th Flr.	Bronx	NY	10474	718 620-0084	225 4361	225 6001
	Louise	Slaughter	D	25	100 State St #3120	Rochester	NY	14614	585 232-4850	225 3615	225 7822
	Nydia M.	Velazquez	D	7	266 Broadway #201	Brooklyn	NY	11211	718 599 3658	225 2361	226 0327
	Lee	Zeldin	R	1	31 Oak St. #20	Patchogue	NY	11772	631 289 1097	225 3826	225 3143
	John	Boehner	R	8	7979 Cincinnati-Dayton Rd#B	West Chester	OH	45069	513 779-5400	225 6205	225 0704
	Steve	Chabot	R	1	441 Vine St #3003	Cincinnati	OH	45202	513 684-2723	225 2216	225 3012
	Marcia	Fudge	D	11	1225 Lawton St.	Akron	OH	44320	330 835 4758	225 7032	225 1339
	Bob	Gibbs	R	7	110 Cottage St.	Ashland	OH	44805	419 207 0650	225 6265	225 3394
	Bill	Johnson	R	6	246 Front St.	Marietta	OH	45750	740 375 0868	225 5705	225 5907
	Jim	Jordan	R	4	3121 W. Elm Plaza	Lima	OH	45805	419 999 6455	225 2676	226 0577
	David P.	Joyce	R	14	1 Victoria Pl. #320	Painesville	OH	44077	440 352 3939	225 5731	225 3307
X	Robert E.	Latta	R	5	1045 N. Main St. #6	Bowling Green	OH	43402	419 354 8700	225 6405	225 1985
	James	Renacci	R	16	1 Park Center Dr. #302	Wadsworth	OH	44281	330 334 0040	225 3876	225 3059
X	Tim	Ryan	D	13	197 W. Market St	Warren	OH	44481	330 373-0074	225 5261	225 3719
	Steve	Stivers	R	15	3790 Municipal Way	Hilliard	OH	43026	614 771 4968	225 2015	225 3529
X	Patrick	Tiberi	R	12	3000 Corporate Exchange Dr #3	Columbus	OH	43231	614 523-2555	225 5355	226 4523
	Michael	Turner	R	10	120 W 3rd St #305	Dayton	OH	45402	937 225-2843	225 6465	225 6754
	Brad R.	Wenstrup	R	2	7954 Beechmont Ave. #200	Cincinnati	OH	45255	513 474 7777	225 3164	225 1992
X	Frank	Lucas	R	3	10952 NW Expressway #B	Yukon	OK	73099	405 373-1958	225 5565	225 8698
	Markwayne	Mullin	R	2	104 S. Muskogee	Claremore	OK	74017	918 341 9336	225 2701	225 3038
	Steve	Russell	R	5	4600 SE 29th #400	Del City	OK	73115	405 602 3074	225 2132	226 1463

	Earl	Blumenauer	D	3	729 NE Oregon St #115	Portland	OR	97232	503 231-2300	225 4811	225 8941
X	Peter	DeFazio	D	4	405 E. 8th Ave. #2030	Eugene	OR	97401	541 465-6732	225 6416	226 3493
	Kurt	Schrader	D	5	544 Ferry St. SE #2	Salem	OR	97301	503 588 9100	225 5711	225 5699
	Greg	Walden	R	2	14 N. Central Ave. #112	Medford	OR	97501	541 776 4646	225 6730	225 5774
	Lou	Barletta	R	11	1 S. Church St. #100	Hazelton	PA	18201	570 751 0050	225 6511	226 6250
	Brendan	Boyle	D	13	2375 Woodward St. #105	Philadelphia	PA	19115	215 335 3355	225 6111	226 6611
X	Robert	Brady	D	1	1907 S Broad St	Philadelphia	PA	19148	215 389-4627	225 4731	225 0088
	Ryan	Costello	R	6	840 North Park Rd.	Wyomissing	PA	19610	610 376 7630	225 4315	not listed
X	Charlie	Dent	R	15	3900 Hamilton Blvd. #207	Allentown	PA	18103	610 770 3490	225 6411	226 0778
	Mike	Kelly	R	3	208 E. Bayfront Pkwy #102	Erie	PA	16507	814 454 8190	225 5406	225 3103
	Tom	Marino	R	10	1020 Commerce Park Dr #1A	Williamsport	PA	17701	570 322 3961	225 3731	225 9594
	Patrick	Meehan	R	7	940 W. Sproul Rd.	Springfield	PA	19064	610 690 7323	225 2011	226 0280
X	Tim	Murphy	R	18	504 Washington Rd	Pittsburgh	PA	15228	412 344-5583	225 2301	225 1844
	Scott	Perry	R	4	22 Chambersburg Dr.	Gettysburg	PA	17325	717 338 1919	225 5836	226 1000
	Joseph	Pitts	R	16	150 N. Queen St. #716	Lancaster	PA	17603	717 393-0667	225 2411	225 2013
	Keith J.	Rothfus	R	12	6000 Babcock Bl. #104	Pittsburgh	PA	15237	412 837 1361	225 2065	225 5709
	Bill	Shuster	R	9	310 Penn St. #200	Holidaysburg	PA	16648	814 696 6318	225 2431	225 2486
	Glenn	Thompson	R	5	3555 Benner Pike #101	Bellafonte	PA	16823	814 353 0215	225 5121	225 5796
	Pedro	Pierluisi	D	AL	Avenida Juan Ponce de Leon	San Juan	PR	901	787 723 6333	225 2615	225 2154
	David N.	Cicilline	D	1	1070 Main St. #300	Pawtucket	RI	2860	401 729 5600	225 4911	225 3290
	James	Clyburn	D	6	1700 Sunset Bl. #1	West Columbia	SC	29169	803 939 0041	225 3315	225 2313
	Jeff	Duncan	R	3	303 W. Beltline Blvd.	Anderson	SC	29625	864 224 7401	225 5301	225-3216
	Trey	Gowdy	R	4	104 S. Main St.	Greenville	SC	29601	864 241 0175	225 6030	226 1177
	Mick	Mulvaney	R	5	1456 Ebenezer Rd.	Rock Hill	SC	29732	803 327 1114	225 5501	225 0464
X	Joe	Wilson	R	2	1700 Sunset Bl. #1	West Columbia	SC	29169	803 939 0041	225 2452	225 2455
	Kristi L.	Noem	R	AL	2310 W. 41st St. #101	Sioux Falls	SD	57105	605 275 2868	225 2801	225 5823
	Diane	Black	R	6	321 E. Spring St. #301	Cookeville	TN	38501	931 854 0069	225 4231	225 6887
X	Marsha	Blackburn	R	7	305 Public Square #212	Franklin	TN	37064	615 591-5161	225 2811	225 3004
c	Jim	Cooper	D	5	605 Church St	Nashville	TN	37219	615 736-5295	225 4311	226 1035
	Scott	DesJarlais	R	4	807 S. Garden St.	Columbia	TN	34801	931 381 9920	225 6831	226 5172
	Stephen Lee	Fincher	R	8	5384 Poplar Ave. #410	Memphis	TN	38119	901 682 4422	225 4714	225 1765
	Chuck	Fleischmann	R	3	900 Georgia Ave. #126	Chattanooga	TN	37402	423 756 2342	225 3271	225 3494
	Phil	Roe	R	1	1609 College Park Dr #4	Morristown	TN	37813	423 254 1400	225 6356	225 5714
	Brian	Babin	R	36	203 Ivy Ave. #600	Deer Park	TX	77536	832 780 0966	225 1555	226 0396
	Joe	Barton	R	6	6001 W. Ronald Reagan H#200	Arlington	TX	76017	817 543-1000	225 2002	225 3052
	Kevin	Brady	R	8	200 River Pointe Dr #304	Conroe	TX	77304	936 441-5700	225 4901	225 5524
	Michael	Burgess	R	26	1660 S Stemmons Fwy #230	Lewisville	TX	75067	972 434-9700	225 7772	225 2919
	John	Carter	R	31	1717 N. 1H 35 #303	Round Rock	TX	78664	512 246-1600	225 3864	225 5886
	Joaquin	Castro	D	20	4715 Fredericksburg #512	San Antonio	TX	78229	210 348 8216	225 3236	225 1915
	K. Michael	Conaway	R	11	6 Desta Dr. #2000	Midland	TX	79705	432 687 2390	225 3605	225 1783
X	Henry	Cuellar	D	28	615 E. Houston St. #563	San Antonio	TX	78205	210 271 2851	225 1640	225 1641
	John	Culbertson	R	7	10000 Memorial Dr #620	Houston	TX	77024	713 682-8828	225 2571	225 4381
X	Lloyd	Doggett	D	35	300 E 8th St #763	Austin	TX	78701	512 916-5921	225 4865	225 3073
X	Louie	Gohmert	R	1	1121 SES Loop 323 #206	Tyler	TX	75701	903 561-6349	225 3035	226 1230
	Kay	Granger	R	12	1701 River Run Rd #407	Ft Worth	TX	76107	817 338-0909	225 5071	225 5683
	Jeb	Hensarling	R	5	6510 Abrams Rd. #243	Dallas	TX	75231	214 349 9996	225 3484	225 4888
X	Ruben	Hinojosa	D	15	100 S. Austin St. #1	Seguin	TX	78155	830 401 0457	225 2531	225 5688
	Will	Hurd	R	23	1714 SW Military Dr. #110	San Antonio	TX	78221	210 921 3130	225 4511	not listed
	Eddie Bernice	Johnson	R	30	3102 Maple Ave #600	Dallas	TX	75201	214 922 8885	225 8885	226 1477
	Sam	Johnson	R	3	1255 W. 15th St. #170	Plano	TX	75075	469 303 0382	225 4201	225 1485
X	Kenny	Marchant	R	24	9901 E Valley Ranch Py #3035	Irving	TX	75063	972 556-0162	225 6605	225 0074
	Michael	McCaul	R	10	9009 Mountain Ridge Dr #230	Austin	TX	78759	512 473-2357	225 2401	225 5955
	Randy	Neugebauer	R	19	500 Chestnut St #819	Abilene	TX	79602	325 675-9779	225 4005	225 9615
	Peter	Olson	R	22	6302 W. Broadway St. #220	Pearland	TX	77581	281 485 4855	225 5951	225 5241
X	Beto	O'Rourke	D	16	303 N. Oregon St.	El Paso	TX	79901	915 541 1400	225 4831	225 2016
	John	Ratcliffe	R	4	6531 Horizon Rd. #A	Rockwall	TX	75032	972 771 0100	225 6673	225 3332
	Pete	Sessions	R	32	12750 Merit Dr #1434	Dallas	TX	75251	972 392-0505	225 2231	225 5878
	Lamar	Smith	R	21	1100 NE Loop 410 #640	San Antonio	TX	78209	210 821-5024	225 4236	225 8628
	William	Thornberry	R	13	905 S Fillmore St #520	Amarillo	TX	79101	806 371-8844	225 3706	225 3486
	Marc A.	Veasey	D	33	1881 Sylvan Ave. #108	Dallas	TX	75208	214 741 1387	225 9897	225 9702
	Filemon	Vela	D	34	333 Ebony Ave.	Brownsville	TX	78520	956 544 8352	225 9901	226 0475
	Roger	Williams	R	25	1005 Congress Ave. #925	Austin	TX	78701	512 473 8910	225 9896	225 9692
X	Rob	Bishop	R	1	324 25th St #1017	Ogden	UT	84401	801 625-0107	225 0453	225 5857
	Jason	Chaffetz	R	3	51 S. University Ave. #318	Provo	UT	84601	801 851 2500	225 7751	225 5629
	Mia	Love	R	4	9067 South 1300 West #101	West Jordan	UT	84088	801 996 8729	225 3011	225 5638
	Chris	Stewart	R	2	136 E. South Temple St.#900	Salt Lake City	UT	84111	801 364 5550	225 9730	225 5629
	Don	Beyer	D	8	5285 Shawnee Rd. #250	Alexandria	VA	22312	703 658 5403	225 4376	225 0017
	Dave	Brat	R	7	4201 Dominion Blvd #110	Glen Allen	VA	23060	804 747 4073	225 2815	225 0011
	Barbara	Comstock	R	10	21430 Cedar Dr. #218	Sterling	VA	20164	703 404 6903	225 5136	225 0437
X	Gerald E.	Connnolly	D	11	4115 Annandale Rd. #103	Annandale	VA	22003	703 256 3071	225 1492	225 3071
X	J. Randy	Forbes	R	4	505 Independence Pky #104	Chesapeake	VA	23320	757 382-0080	225 6365	226 1170
	Bob	Goodlatte	R	6	10 Franklin Rd SE #540	Roanoke	VA	24011	540 857-2672	225 5431	225 9681
	H. Morgan	Griffith	R	9	323 W. Main St.	Abingdon	VA	24210	276 525 1405	225 3861	225 0442
	Robert	Hurt	R	5	686 Berkmar Circle	Charlottesville	VA	22901	434 973 9631	225 4711	225 5681

	E. Scott	Rigell	R	2	4772 Euclid Rd. #E	Virginia Beach	VA	23462	757 687 8290	225 4215	225 4218
	Robert J.	Wittman	R	1	401 Main St./PO Box 494	Yorktown	VA	23690	757 874 6687	225 4261	225 4382
	Stacey	Plaskett	D	AL	9100 Port of Sale #22	St. Thomas	VI	802	340 774 4408	225 1790	225 5517
	Suzan K.	DelBene	D	1	22121 17th Ave. SE #E-220	Bothell	WA	98021	425 485 0085	225 6311	226 1606
	Denny	Heck	D	10	1423 E. 229th St. S. #2093	Tacoma	WA	98404	253 722 5860	225 9740	225 0129
X	Jaimie	Herrera-Beutler	R	3	750 Anderson St. #B	Vancouver	WA	98661	360 695 6292	225 3536	225 3478
	Derek	Kilmer	D	6	950 Pacific Ave. #1230	Tacoma	WA	98402	253 272 3515	225 5916	not listed
X	Rick	Larsen	D	2	2930 Wetmore Ave. #9-F	Everett	WA	98201	425 252 3188	225 2605	225 4420
	Cathy	McMorris-Rodge	R	5	10 N. Post #625	Spokane	WA	99201	509 353 2374	225 2006	225 3392
	Dan	Newhouse	R	4	402 E. Yakima Ave. #445	Yakima	WA	98901	509 452 3243	225 5816	225 3251
	Dave	Reichert	R	8	22605 SE 56th St. #130	Issaquah	WA	98029	452 677 7414	225 7761	225 4282
X	Adam	Smith	D	9	15 S. Grady Way #101	Renton	WA	98057	425 793 5180	225 8901	225 5893
	Sean P.	Duffy	R	7	208 Grand Ave.	Wausau	WI	54403	715 298 9344	225 3365	225 3240
	Glenn	Grothman	R	6	1020 S. Main St. #B	Fond du Lac	WI	54935	920 907 0624	225 2476	225 2356
X	Ron	Kind	D	3	205 5th Ave. S. #400	La Crosse	WI	54601	608 782-2558	225 5506	225 5739
X	Gwen	Moore	D	4	219 N. Milwaukee St. #3A	Milwaukee	WI	53202	414 297-1140	225 4572	225 8135
	Mark	Pocan	D	2	100 E. Doty St., #405	Madison	WI	53703	608 258 9800	225 2906	225 6942
	Reid J.	Ribble	R	8	333 W. College Ave.	Appleton	WI	54911	920 380 0061	225 5665	225 5729
X	Paul	Ryan	R	1	20 S Main St #10	Janesville	WI	53545	608 752-4050	225 3031	225 3393
	F. James	Sensenbrenner	R	5	120 Bishops Way #154	Brookfield	WI	53005	262 784-1111	225 5101	225 3190
	Evan	Jenkins	R	3	223 Prince St.	Beckley	WV	25801	304 250 6177	225 3452	225 9061
	David B.	McKinley	R	1	100 Main St. #101	Wheeling	WV	26003	304 232 3801	225 4172	225 7564
	Alex	Mooney	R	2	405 Capitol St. #514	Ccharleston	WV	25301	304 925 2711	225 2711	225 7856
	Cynthia M.	Lummis	R	AL	2120 Capitol Ave. #8005	Cheyenne	WY	82001	307 772 2595	225 2311	225 3057

"Do they, -- can they, -- will they -- ever comprehend that we gave up our youth? For many of us, there were no high school graduations, dances, proms, sporting events, meetings at the malt shop... These are things we, consciously or unconsciously, agreed to abandon when we took an oath and did what we were asked to do."

- Dave Yoho (from speech at National Convention)



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CONVENTION MOTIVATION

As I have stated in my VP essay, “This year’s convention left me with a vision - one that takes the AMMV into the future”. Our motivational speaker – one of our own WWII Mariner Veterans – Dave Yoho spoke the following to the convention:

“You honor me by asking me to speak today. “ “I trust you were not offended that I choose to call my remarks today – **Hell No! We Won’t Go Away!** – we need a clarion call to enlighten others – to plant seeds of information to replace misinformation– and yet, while harboring no malice towards those who do not know, -- or those who take actions or impede the actions of others by simply not knowing – and – not realizing what they do not know.”

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

With these words and others delivered by our outstanding speakers in our conscious being, the following series of email correspondence was initiated by motivated members of our AMMV team. These letters were directed at Senator Sullivan (AK). This information is being included in the Just Recognition section in order to keep you informed on our continuing efforts to support the initiative to gain passage of HR-563. You can also help, check **ACTION SEVEN**.

An initial meeting:

This initiative to approach Senator Sullivan was recognized as an opportunity by President Edyvean when the AMMV was invited to participate in a U.S. Flag Maritime Roundtable meeting with Alaskan Senator Dan Sullivan on March 30th, 2016. This Roundtable was arranged by Mr. Richard Berkowitz of the Transportation Institute. AMMV member, Eldon Gallear, a WWII veteran who was the only survivor when his ship was torpedoed, was our representative for the meeting with Senator Sullivan.

Follow-ups:

The email text of each follow-up correspondence is included below – the first action is inserted first.

As this Magazine goes to press, this significant effort to educate and inform Senator Sullivan to the point that he is motivated to sponsor a companion bill to HR-563 is going to go forward until an answer is received.

AMMV Team Initiative to Inform and educate Senator Sullivan (AK) and to request him to Sponsor a companion Bill to HR-563 in the Senate

ACTION ONE:

Email:

From: Chris Edyvean <cjedyvean@hotmail.com>

Date: April 4, 2016 at 10:36:18 AM AKDT

To: “mike_anderson@sullivan.senate.gov” <mike_anderson@sullivan.senate.gov>, “joe_balash@sullivan.senate.gov” <joe_balash@sullivan.senate.gov>

Subject: Companion Senate Bill Urgently needed to H.R. 563: Honoring Our WWII Merchant Marine Veterans

Dear Senator Dan Sullivan,

My name is Capt. Christopher Edyvean, the National President of the American Merchant Marine Veterans group. On March 30th, one of our members had the honor of meeting with you at a maritime roundtable conference. I hope you were touched by the story of 91 year-old Eldon Gallear, who was the sole survivor of a torpedoed ship in WWII. Eldon’s fight for survival during that horrid ordeal is only one of hundreds of similar stories. Thousands of other U.S. Merchant Mariners of WWII never had stories to tell, because they perished following enemy attacks by drowning in icy waters, being cooked alive during boiler explosions, or being starved to death as prisoners of war.

President Roosevelt promised these men benefits similar to the GI Bill, but that promise died with him. WWII



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Merchant Mariners were not considered part of the military, even though they were under control of the War Shipping Administration and were trained to handle and assist with ammunition. When their ship sank, their pay stopped. Those who were wounded (thousands) had to pay for their own treatment. The Allies would have never won the war without the sacrifices and dedication of these men. The way the government has swept them under the rug is unspeakable.

They were awarded Veteran Status in 1988 following a lawsuit against our own government. However, let's do the math. These men were at or near retirement age at this point and could not benefit by having free education, a home loan, or from any other provisions of the GI bill. It was too little and too late.

There is a House bill – HR,563 - which is trying to right some of this wrong; it is aimed at providing these remaining WWII Merchant Marine Vets with a modest token of appreciation in the form of a lump sum of \$25,000. Prior versions of this bill - which amounted to much more money with many more survivors at the time - have passed the House on two prior occasions. What we need is a companion Bill in the Senate.

As a citizen of the United States of America, I am asking you to introduce a companion Senate bill to H.R. 563. You have met Eldon. There are a few thousand remaining men like him who have suffered through life without the benefits and recognition promised by their government during the war. They will not be around much longer. Please - let's work together to make sure their heroic sacrifices are honored before it's too late.

Most respectfully, Captain Christopher J. Edyvean; AMMV National President; P.O. Box 41; Hurley, WI 54534; (715) 862-2531.

ACTION TWO:

Email:

From: Saaren Sindy Raymond

Sent: Thursday, April 7, 2016 12:55 AM

To: 'Liz Banicki'

Cc: 'Chris Edyvean'; Morris27@centurylink.net; nelson and shirley; George Salovich; AJ Wichita; shesova@aol.com; 'Deborah Rogow'; mcamco@aol.com; 'Ben B'; Hank Kaminsk; 'Larry Starn'; 'Bob Ulrich'; ken1@nccn.net; ameucman@aol.com; mende-zlaf@aol.com

Subject: OUR QUEST FOR THE MERCHANT MARINERS OF WWII

Dear Ms. Banicki:

Our National President Captain Chris Edyvean has forwarded his message to you regarding trying to possibly have Alaska's Senator Sullivan sponsor a companion bill to HR.563 – Honoring the Merchant Mariners of WWII Act of 2015. I would like also to add my request to his.

Currently I am National Office Administrator and Editor of our quarterly AMMV NEWS Magazine. Prior to that I worked for a satellite committee which was strictly geared towards our legislative efforts for the prior House (HR.23) and Senate bills. Captain Chris told the facts quite succinctly in his email to you yesterday, but I would like to add some little known history that is a closer home for you and the Senator.

Public knowledge of Merchant Marine activity in Alaska during WWII has been long neglected. I have attached an article that we published in our Spring, 2015 issue of the AMMV NEWS Magazine about the US Merchant Marine involvement there during WWII. A Letter to the Editor followed in the next issue with a personal note from one of our members:

MORE ABOUT "ALASKA, THE FORGOTTEN THEATER"

Dear Editor:

This was not forgotten by those who served in what was detailed in a book entitled "The 1,000 Mile War" which referred to the distance to the USA. I served a year on the USAT William L. Thompson, a sturdy riveted ship, converted to a trooper from former lumber carrier on west coast runs. One of our missions was to take White Russians and Aleuts back to the islands of St. Paul and St. George. Bad weather and unloading into native boats from our anchorage took 30 days. We were reported missing and presumed lost. When we finally arrived at Dutch



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Harbor we were greeted with friendly fire by a PBY, which quickly cleared the decks of troops lining the rails. Later investigation turned out that the plane's radioman screwed up and the Armed Guard signalman sent the correct recognition signal. Most of our duty was to rotate troops along the islands---our nickname was "the Attu Local." My next ship was back to the South Pacific---more people, but nice and warm!!!!

Walter H. Paas

On a personal note, I have had family in the Fairbanks area for many years and have visited them quite often. I even lived in Anchorage for a short while; so I know how remote the ambiance feels in your part of our Country. At the moment, we only have about 11 of the Senator's constituents as members, including Mr. Gallear, but their wives, families, friends and others add to the numbers. These brave men, who served their Country so valiantly but were not recognized for their service for over 4 decades after WWII, deserve to be recognized for being ignored for those 43 years. By 1988, it was too little, too late for most of them.

They are an amazing group of individuals and deserve to be honored by our Government. Please do your utmost to convince Senator Sullivan to Sponsor a companion Senate bill for us and we will do what we can to support his choice.

Thank you for your time and the Senator's consideration. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely, Sindy Raymond

(707) 235-6598

ACTION THREE:

-----Original Message-----

From: Morris Harvey <morris27@centurylink.net>

To: liz_banicki <liz_banicki@sullivan.senate.gov>

Cc: mike_anderson <mike_anderson@sullivan.senate.gov>; Chris Edyvean <cjedyvean@hotmail.com>; Sindy Raymond <saaren@sonic.net>; hoosierben <hoosierben@gmail.com>; csknight <csknight@suddenlink.net>; lstarn139 <lstarn139@comcast.net>; Mcamco <Mcamco@aol.com>; sblumen123 <sblumen123@aol.com>; hskaminski <hskaminski@embarqmail.com>; shesova <shesova@aol.com>; ken1 <ken1@nccn.net>; riverbank2 <riverbank2@charter.net>; deborah.rogow <deborah.rogow@gmail.com>; mendezlaf <mendezlaf@aol.com>; ajwichita <ajwichita@sbcglobal.net>; patti.scafidi <patti.scafidi@gmail.com>

Sent: Thu, Apr 7, 2016 1:09 pm

Subject: SPONSOR COMPANION BILL TO HOUSE BILL HR.563

Dear Ms. Banicki:

You have heard from our National President Captain Chris Edyvean and our National Office Administrator and Editor of our quarterly AMMV NEWS Magazine regarding sponsorship of a companion Senate bill for HR-563, currently assigned to the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

As you know, Senator Sullivan recently received a personal story from one of our Alaska WWII Merchant Marine Veterans, 91 year-old Eldon Gallear, who was the sole survivor of a torpedoed ship in WWII. I will not include in this correspondence all of the reasons and justifications for additional Just Recognition of the WWII Merchant Mariners – the story has been told many times by Representative Filner, who introduced HR-23 from 2005 (109th Congress) until 2012, when he retired. [**H.R.23_109th-2005; Latest Title: Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2005; Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 1/4/2005) Cosponsors (269)**]. As Captain Edyvean indicated, HR-23 passed the House twice, then the companion bill S-663 was stonewalled (reason unknown) by then Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Senator Akaka of Hawaii. Their volunteer service and sacrifices were recognized by Senator Ben Nelson when he introduced S-663 [111 congress; **S.663; Latest Title: Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2009; Sponsor: Sen Nelson, Ben [NE] (introduced 3/19/2009; Cosponsors (51); Related Bills: H.R.23]**. Again their patriotic sacrifices were recognized by Congresswoman Janice Hahn when she sponsored HR-1936 in the 113th Congress and now HR-563 in the 114th Congress.

As you study the history and details of this story, I believe you and the Senator will conclude that now is the time to



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take action and end this initiative for Just Recognition. It is time to give relief to the few remaining WWII Merchant Marine Veterans. It is also worthy to remember that many of the most deserving have already “crossed the final bar” (a Mariner saying). Even though the families of these deceased Mariners are not addressed in this bill, I believe they are listening and will gain some relief by the Just Recognition of the WWII Merchant Marine sacrifices addressed by passing H-563.

If I can be of any help in helping to further inform you and Senator Sullivan on this issue, please let me know. As our members attending our 30th Annual Convention in New Orleans on May 30-31 resolved - **Hell no! We will not go away!**

Sincerely, Morris Harvey, National VP
Co-Chair Government Affairs Committee
American Merchant Marine Veterans, Inc.
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ACTION FOUR:

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Clinton, NJ 08809-1073; 908 638 8384
hskaminski@embarqmail.com; April 13, 2016

The Honorable Dan Sullivan
Attn: Liz Banicki
Preston Tower, Suite 750
510 L Street; Anchorage, AK 99501
Dear Ms. Banicki;

In past weeks you have heard from our organization attempting to enlist Senator Sullivan as Senate companion sponsor to House Bill HR563 “Honoring our WWII Merchant Mariners Act of 2015”. The letters and emails have described the wartime service of our mariners and the sacrifices they made. There is a much bigger story that is impossible to be told and appreciated in the few words of a letter or phone call.

I am presenting this book, “A Careless Word ... A Needless Sinking” by Captain Arthur Moore, to better illustrate our WWII commitment. The pages are a factual representation of the losses incurred during the global war. Documentation comes from American, Allied and Axis records.

The pictures and text leave little doubt as to the ferocity of the war and what mariners had to face in direct support of our armed forces.

Please ask the Senator to review this book and our correspondence so that he may judge the worthiness of our cause and elect to sponsor an appropriate Senate bill.

Alaska is very much a maritime state, one that benefits from a strong American Merchant marine.

Respectfully, Hank Kaminski, President – AMMV Dennis A. Roland Chapter

ACTION FIVE:

Shelia Sovo has sent a very moving personal letter which includes stories about her recently deceased father.

ACTION SIX:

Responding to this series of Grass Roots action, contact has been made with the staff in Congresswoman Hahn’s office to reach out to Senator Sullivan - to work for his support from their position of influence.

ACTION SEVEN:

We encourage other AMMV members to write a letter of encouragement to Senator Sullivan to Sponsor a Senate companion bill in support the House Bill HR-563 initiative.

*Morris Harvey, National VP
Co-Chair Government Affairs Committee*

AMENDMENTS TO THE JONES ACT IN PUERTO RICO WOULD OUTSOURCE U.S. JOBS, PARTICULARLY VETERAN JOBS, AND UNDERMINE NATIONAL/HOMELAND SECURITY

Some in Congress have proposed changes to the Jones Act in Puerto Rico as part of legislation to address the island's economic crisis. The Jones Act requires that waterborne cargo moving between any two points in the United States be transported on American ships. With virtually no substantive data or information to support claims that changes to the Jones Act would help Puerto Rico, the question remains. Why would Congress approve an amendment that would outsource American jobs and undermine national and homeland security?

Changes to the Jones Act would undermine American national and homeland security.

The Jones Act enjoys the strong support of the Department of Defense ("DOD") and Navy because they depend on a strong commercial maritime industry — seafarers, vessel operators, and shipyards — to move military cargo and ensure a domestic shipbuilding, maintenance, and repair industrial base. Military leaders have consistently endorsed the Jones Act for its contribution to defense sealift. In its recent report on the Jones Act in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Government Accountability Office ("GAO") highlighted the potential national security consequences if the Act was changed in Puerto Rico. The GAO said changes in the Jones Act in Puerto Rico could result in a loss of "skilled mariners needed to crew the U.S. military reserve and other deep-sea vessels in time of emergency" plus a loss of militarily-significant American shipbuilding capacity.

"Why would Congress approve an amendment that would outsource American jobs and undermine national and homeland security?"

Similarly, the Jones Act contributes to American homeland security and border protection. U.S. vessels — owned, operated, and crewed by Americans — have a much higher security profile than vessels owned by foreign entities and operated by foreign seamen. Writing recently, a member of President Bush's 911 Commission on Terror, former U.S. Senator Slade Gorton, said, "Helping plug a porous border is a benefit of the Jones Act that is far too often overlooked." The Lexington Institute, recognizing the difficulty of securing the U.S. sea border, noted "[w]ere the Jones Act not in existence, DHS would be confronted by the difficult and very costly task of monitoring, regulating, and overseeing all foreign-controlled, foreign-crewed vessels in internal U.S. waters."

Changing the Jones Act means outsourcing American jobs—particularly veteran jobs.

A change to the Jones Act means sending American jobs to foreign shippers and shipbuilding interests. Allowing vessels to be constructed in foreign shipyards will eliminate thousands of American jobs. Allowing vessels to be crewed by foreign seafarers will eliminate thousands of American jobs. And allowing vessels to be owned by foreign interests will eliminate millions of dollars in investment by American citizen owners. That means less American wages, less American taxes paid, and less American economic activity (including in Puerto Rico). There are approximately 500,000 jobs and \$92 billion in economic activity associated with the Jones Act each year nationally, according to PricewaterhouseCoopers. The *last thing* Congress should be doing now is outsourcing current American jobs, including those in Puerto Rico, to foreign interests. The outsourcing would be particularly harmful to American veterans as the domestic maritime industry is home to an unusually large number of veterans. Many individuals who served in the military—particularly those

from the “sea services” like the Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard—gravitate to the maritime industry. The domestic maritime industry aggressively and actively seeks to hire veterans through a program called Military2Maritime.

Changes to Jones Act in Puerto Rico would harm the Jones Act industry throughout the United States.

Changes to the Jones Act in Puerto Rico would undermine hundreds of millions of dollars of recent investments in modern, state-of-the-art American vessels operating between the U.S. mainland and Puerto Rico. More broadly, altering the fundamental regulatory structure in Puerto Rico — literally changing the rules in the middle of the game after massive investments were made in new vessels there — would undermine future investment in every segment of the Jones Act industry (e.g., crewing, shipbuilding, financing). The impacts would be felt from the Great Lakes to the U.S. inland waters to the Gulf of Mexico to coastal waterways. Even the GAO discussed the potential ripple effects of a Jones Act change in Puerto Rico on other American regions. Proponents of the amendment describe it as narrow, affecting only Puerto Rico, but the implications would quickly extend throughout the domestic maritime industry.

There is a cost to eliminating the Jones Act in Puerto Rico.

Putting aside the aforementioned reduction in American national and homeland security interests, there is an indisputable cost in lost American wages, tax base, and economic activity. The financing for American ships guaranteed by federal loan guarantees, totaling hundreds of millions of dollars, would be in jeopardy. Replacing the ships, seafarers, and shipyards would represent a massive cost to DOD. As the GAO said in its recent Puerto Rico report, “According to DOD officials, to the extent that Jones Act markets are unable to sustain a viable reserve fleet, DOD would have to incur substantial additional costs to maintain and recapitalize a reserve fleet of its own.” DOD costs to replace the U.S. flag fleet are estimated to be in the tens of billions of dollars annually. Eliminating the Jones Act would be costly for America.

According to DOD, without a U.S. fleet, DOD would have to incur substantial additional cost to maintain and recapitalize a sealift fleet of its own. The costs are estimated in the tens of billions annually.

There is no clear evidence that changing the Jones Act would help Puerto Rico. In fact, exactly the opposite may be true.

The GAO’s report was the most extensive study of the Jones Act in Puerto Rico ever. Unlike many of the statistics shared and statements made recently, the GAO’s analysis was unbiased and fact-based. The GAO’s main finding was that changes to the Jones Act in Puerto Rico were a risky proposition, calling the impact “highly uncertain.” The agency identified a series of possible negative impacts to Puerto Rico if the Jones Act were changed there — on local jobs, on stability of overall service, on the availability of the all-important northbound export shipping leg to the mainland, and on national security. The GAO made clear that there was no way to predict the impact of changes to the Jones Act on the Island.

Proposed Schedule of Events

Western Regions' Conference

Reno, Nevada — September 25 - September 27, 2016
(Arrive Sun. Sept. 25 Leave Wed. Sept. 28)

Sands Regency Hotel

Notes: All activities listed below will be in rooms on the Mezzanine of the Regency Tower.

Sunday, September 25, 2016

1:00 pm to 6:00 pm Membership Registration
This will take place in the Hospitality Room

Monday, September 26

9:00 am Membership Registration continues
in the Hospitality Room
9:00 am - 11:30 am General Session starts
Opening Ceremonies and Introductions
10:30 am Mayor Welcomes
12:00 noon Hospitality Room Open
12:00 noon - 1:30 pm Ladies Luncheon
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm General Session
4:00 pm Hospitality Room Open
6:00 pm Reception and Dinner

Tuesday, September 27

9:00 am General Session
Raffle (first half)
12:00 noon Hospitality Room Open
1:00 pm General Session (final business)
4:00 pm Hospitality Room Open
6:00 pm Banquet
Raffle (2nd half) Door Prize

Wednesday, September 28

CHECK OUT
HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME.

**American Merchant Marine Veterans
Western Regions' Conference**

Reno, Nevada – September 25 - September 27, 2016
(arrive Sunday, Sept. 25 / checkout Wednesday, Sept. 28)

Registration Form *Note: Please Register Early*

➡ IMPORTANT: SELECT ENTRÉE & NUMBER OF MEALS

TOTALS

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION \$65.00 x _____ = \$ _____
(members only – wives or special others do not need to register)

Monday Noon Ladies Luncheon \$18.00 x _____ = \$ _____
➡ Ravioli/Cheese ☐ -OR- Cobb Salad ☐ Dessert: Tiramisu

Monday Evening Reception/Dinner for registrants (and their special others) only
(Member and one guest allowed. You must
be registered & check below to attend) \$00.00 x _____ = \$ _____

➡ Roast Chicken ☐ -OR- Roast Pork ☐ Strawberry Short Cake

Tuesday Evening Banquet \$45.00 x _____ = \$ _____

➡ Filet Mignon ☐ -OR- Salmon ☐ Dessert: Chocolate Mousse

TOTAL: \$ _____

STOP: Have you marked your choice and number of meals above? Please do so!!

Members name: _____ Chapter: _____

Spouse or other's name, if they are attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail if available: _____

**Send Check or Money Order To: AMMV SACRAMENTO CHAPTER
P.O. BOX 1793
CEDAR RIDGE, CA. 95924**

Hotel Registration Direct: Sands Regency (1-800-233-4939). The room rate this year \$25.00 plus tax. (Resort fee and tax about \$17) Be sure you tell them you are a Merchant Marine Veteran and attending the Conference Sept 25-Sept 27. The group code for our event is MERCHANT 2016. Special room rate is good only for the conference days Sept 25-Sept 27.

The Sands Regency is located at 345 N. Arlington, Reno, Nev. 89501.

Note: Free airport shuttle. Call the hotel when you arrive at the airport and they will send the shuttle. When departing the hotel, schedule with the bell desk.



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DD214: Do you have one in your possession? Yes _____ No _____ Issued by what service? _____

Please check the appropriate box(es):

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☐ ARE YOU AN ACTIVE U.S. MERCHANT SEAMAN ☐ ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBER OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES

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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.

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Or 2) MEMBER AT LARGE (Member not associated with a Chapter) – \$32.00 Check enclosed _____
Or 3) ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Children, grandchildren and descendants of members and any and all persons who have the desire and interest to support the purpose of the American Merchant Marine industry. These persons may join as an Associate Chapter Member or as an Associate Member at Large per above schedule.

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SEND COMPLETED MEMBER-AT-LARGE APPLICATION AND DUES TO:

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Sea-Fever

John Masefield

I must go down to the sea again,
to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship
and a star to steer her by,

And the wheel's kick and the wind's song
and the white sail shaking,
And a grey mist on the sea's face
and a grey dawn breaking.

I must go down to the seas again,
for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call
that may not be denied;

And all I ask is a windy day
with the white clouds flying,
And the flug spray and the blown spume,
and the sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again
to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way
where the wind's like a whetted knife;

And all I ask is a merry yarn
from a laughing fellow rover,
And a quiet sleep and a sweet dream
when the long trek's over.



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