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31st National Convention*

Reno, NV
March 26 - March 30, 2017



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Captain Harry Bolton, California Maritime Academy

Jeremy Hope, West Coast Agent, International Organization of Masters, Mates, & Pilots

David Alberg, Sanctuary Superintendent, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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

Sunday, March 26

13:00 – 17:30 Convention Registration – Regency Room E & F;
Hospitality Room open
18:30 – 20:30 Board of Directors Meeting, room TBD

Monday, March 27

09:00 – 11:30 Opening ceremonies; President's Report; Status of Korean War
Merchant Mariners Veterans application
12:00 – 13:30 Ladies Luncheon; Hospitality Suite opens
13:30 – 16:00 National Elections/Resolutions/By-Laws
16:00 – 16:30 Guest Speaker: Fr. Sinclair Oubre
17:30 – 18:30 Hospitality Suite Open
18:30 - BANQUET; Guest speaker: Jeremy Hope, Pacific Ports Agent,
International Organization of Masters, Mates, & Pilots

Tuesday, March 28

09:00 – 10:30 General Session
11:00 – 16:00 Bus Tour: Lunch buffet at Grand Sierra Hotel; Harrah's Auto Showroom
(tour of antique cars); visit Planetarium at University of NV-Reno
11:00 – 16:00 Hospitality Room open with Sally & Roy; late Registration
(Free night to explore or gamble)

Wednesday, March 29

08:00 – 09:15 Dave Yoho, WWII MM Vet & motivation speaker
09:30 – 10:45 Guest Speaker: William Geroux, author of "*The Mathews Men: Seven
Brothers and the War against Hitler's U-boats*"
10:45 – 11:00 'Remembrance Ceremony' for *M/S City of New York*, torpedoed 75 years
to the day (March 29th, 1942). Baby Jesse Mohorovic born in lifeboat
while awaiting rescue; survivors/descendants of incident to be in
attendance. Dr. Leonard Conly will be posthumously honored as WWII
MM Veteran.
11:00 – 12:30 Lunch break (Hospitality Room open)
12:30 – 15:00 Guest speakers/presenters: Mr. David Alberg, NOAA Sanctuary
Superintendent; Mr. Douglas Alvord, sculpture artist
15:00 – 16:00 "Open Mic"
16:00 – 17:00 Hospitality Room open
17:30 - FAREWELL BANQUET; Guest Speaker: Captain Harry Bolton,
California Maritime Academy, Master of *Training Ship Golden Bear*.
50/50 drawing; awards ceremony; entertainment: Sally & Roy

Thursday, March 30

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Captain Christopher Edyvean
AMMV National President

I am pleased to welcome you to the 31st National Convention of the American Merchant Marine Veterans at the Sands Regency Casino & Hotel. Reno has been the location of three previous AMMV conventions and numerous regional conferences. The familiarity of Reno in conjunction with the fair pricing offered at this venue is sure to contribute to a positive experience.

We have an exciting line-up of activities, speakers, and entertainment. Headlining this list is **Dave Yoho**, who is kindly returning and is sure to deliver a dazzling speech. If there is any theme to this convention, it is the 75th anniversary of the height of the **“Battle of the Atlantic.”** We have a variety of presentations relating to this period, including an appearance by William Geroux, author of ***The Mathews Men: Seven Brothers and the War Against Hitler’s U-boats.***

I look forward to your participation in the business meetings as we work together to face the many organizational challenges that lie ahead. All AMMV members are invited to sit in on the Board of Directors meeting on March 26th.

If you are a World War II Merchant Marine or Armed Guard Veteran, I hope you have a wonderful experience in reuniting with your “shipmates”. Our other attendees — family members, friends, supporters, and younger mariners — are honored to be here with you. Together, we will celebrate the legacy of the United States Merchant Marine.

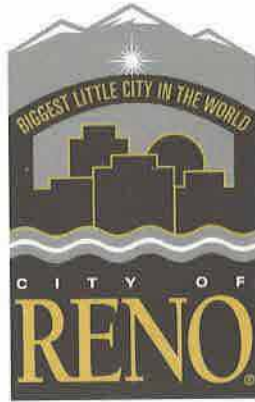
Thank you all for being a part of this 31st AMMV celebration!

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Dear American Merchant Marine Veterans:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to "The Biggest Little" City for the American Merchant Marine Veteran Convention. We are pleased that you chose Reno to host such an important gathering and greatly appreciate your role in educating others on importance of supporting a strong American flagged Merchant Marine and recognizing the veterans that have served. We welcome you and hope you are able to enjoy Reno's beautiful surroundings, vibrant arts and culture presence, and our restaurants and local attractions.

Reno and the surrounding Tahoe region is known for the beauty of the Truckee River and Sierra Nevada Mountains which offers an array of adventure options. The incredible blue water of Lake Tahoe is a mere 40-minute drive from downtown Reno, and the Tahoe area is home to the highest concentration of ski resorts in North America. Our Truckee River flows from Lake Tahoe through the heart of Reno creating summer activities that include kayaking, whitewater rafting, fishing or walking along the Riverwalk. Be sure to come back during the summer to enjoy the special event season or play golf at one of over 50 courses within 90 minutes of Reno. We love it here and know you will too!

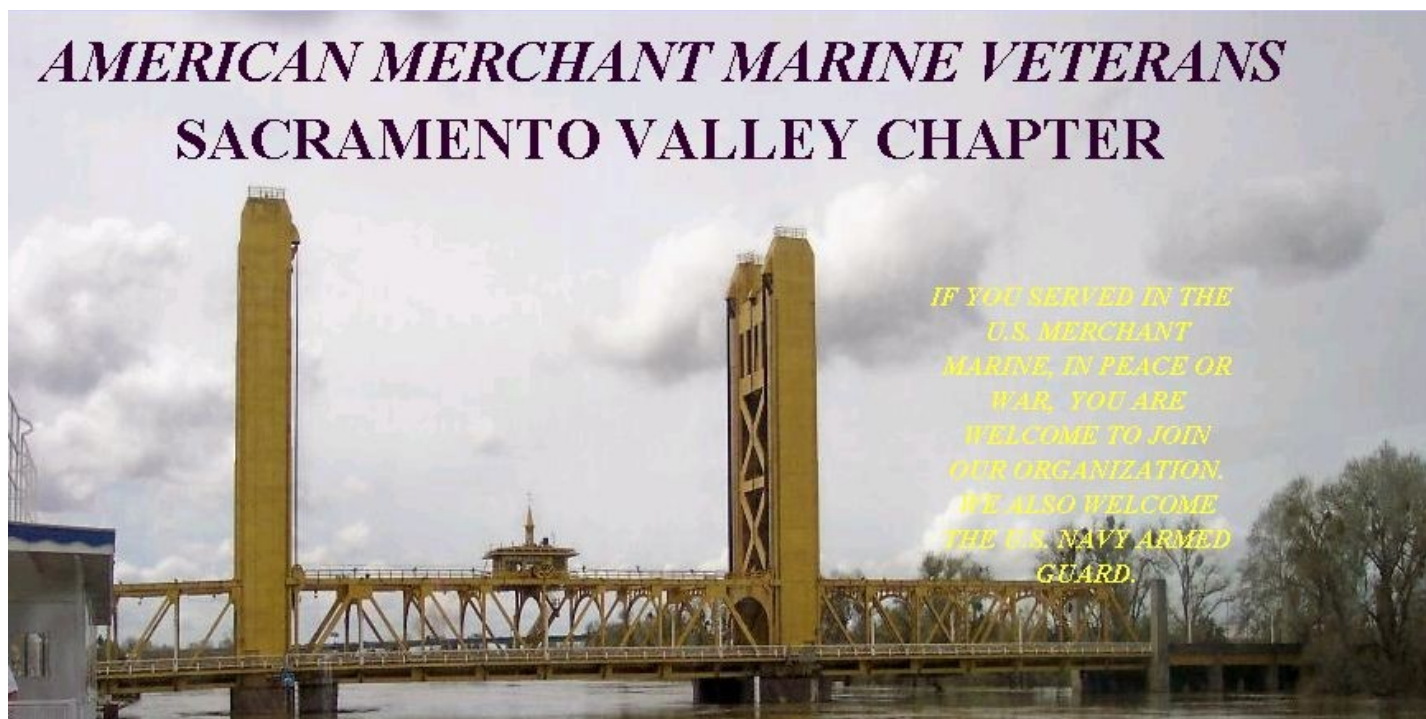
A heartfelt welcome and thank you for choosing Reno - I look forward to seeing you return in years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hillary Schieve", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Hillary Schieve
Mayor

Welcome to the 31st National AMMV Conference. As one of the host chapters, we are especially hopeful that this will be a conference you fondly remember.



Tower Bridge over the Sacramento River in Sacramento, California

photo by Bob Ulrich

Many years ago Bob Ulrich took the above picture of the famous Sacramento Draw Bridge. He was aboard the training vessel “Brute” during a high water year when he snapped the shutter. It hasn't been that wet since, until this year.

AMMV member Bill Fairfield, now in his 90's, remembers when he and a high school friend, both 14 and full of youthful exuberance, stowed away on the bridge and rode to the top as it opened. Needless to say, they both survived but got the chewing out of their young lives afterwards and Bill got another story for his collection. Heave Ho.

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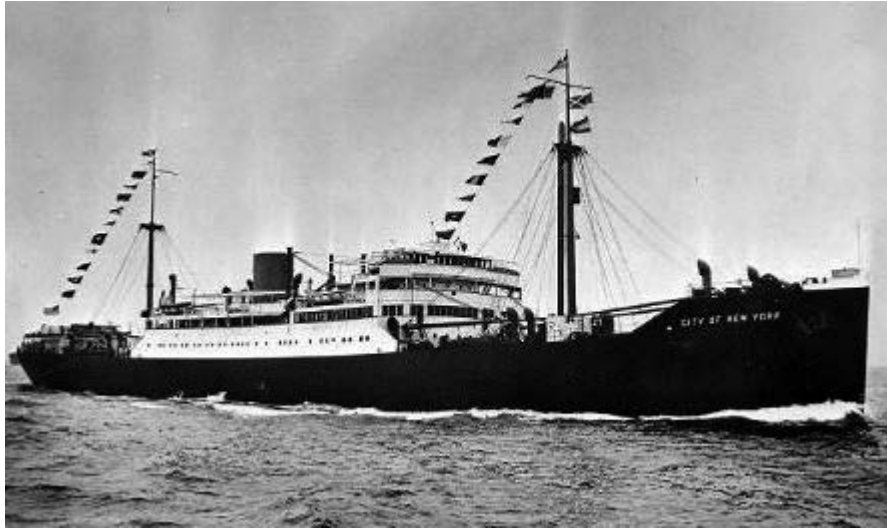
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Remembering the M/S City of New York



On the 75th anniversary of the sinking: March 29th, 1942

The dual passenger/cargo vessel *M/S City of New York* was torpedoed and sunk off Cape Hatteras on March 29th, 1942. In one of the lifeboats were pregnant passenger Desanka Mohorovicic and her 4-year old daughter, Vesna. Desanka went into labor while awaiting rescue in a storm. U.S. Merchant Mariner Dr. Leonard Conly delivered the baby in that lifeboat while the boat crew struggled against the elements and the odds. The baby was later named Jesse Roper Mohorovicic after the *USS Roper* which rescued his family. The following is recent correspondence from Vesna Mohorovicic which both praises the WWII MM & Armed Guard and recognizes the value of our U.S. Merchant Marine of all eras.

"The courageous seamen and the Naval Armed Guard aboard the torpedoed City of New York were heroes in my mother's eyes. All of them. Especially close to my heart and hers is the young sailor who in seeing that my mother had arrived on deck with me late to the lifeboat without her life jacket due to the torpedoing, took off his own life jacket and put it on her. Later in gratitude and admiration she repeatedly tried to learn his name; she hoped he had not need of it himself; that he had survived; she spoke of him and prayed for him and his family throughout her life. Our gratitude also for 2nd Officer Van Gordon of our sunken ship who heroically used his skills to keep our lifeboat within the waters of the Gulf Stream, preventing us from drifting out into the vast Atlantic Ocean, and from capsizing in the treacherous storm which came upon us. My mother Desanka Mohorovicic, my late brother Jesse Roper, and I owe our lives to those brave men and to Dr. Conly who, although so badly injured himself, was able to deliver Jesse.

The men who go to sea are the subjects of romantic novels and poems and the films of Errol Flynn – depicting swashbuckling adventures on tall ships. These take us through the days of Columbus and Horatio Hornblower, Moby Dick, The Ancient Mariner, the Naval Battle subject of the Star Spangled Banner and famous naval battles and to the days of dangerous whaling to modern fishing in turbulent icy northern sea waters today. How fine it is that your convention will bring to the fore their real and vital heroic role in World War II. It raises the need to recognize their historic contributions to a grateful Nation.

Today seamen seem to encounter new risks and challenges on merchant ships, container vessels, barges, cruise ships, commercial fishing boats, small and large crafts and private yachts. The sea is a dangerous place and Mother Nature is so often unpredictable and yet the seamen of the merchant marine must cast off despite the uncertainties. These fearless men are so vital; today's world economy depends upon them. I'm sure your convention will heighten their incredible bravery and strength of spirit. And will remind Americans of the sacrifice and role seamen play in our American history - truly laudable. I wish the American Merchant Marine Veterans every success at the convention."

Vesna Mohorovicic Jurick



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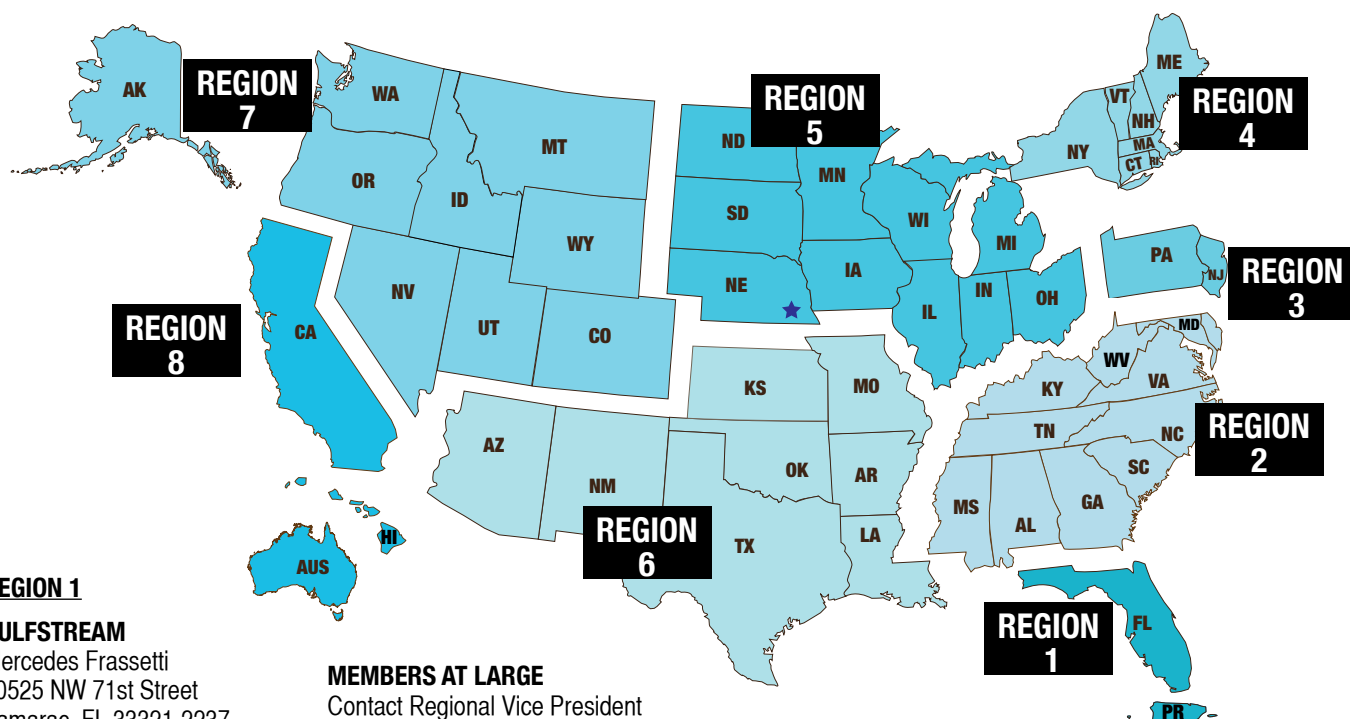
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Richard Vaughn

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Harry Winter
Arthur Witt

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Clarence F. Young
J. B. "Burt" Young

The support system ...

Wilhelmina Mills and Irene Harvey have both recently Crossed the Bar. Neither were members of AMMV but both were a vital part of this organization.

Wilhelmina Mills was married for 70 years to Charles Mills. Irene Harvey was married for 62 years to Morris Harvey. Without their support, we would not have had the dedication and leadership that Charles and Morris have provided. We are grateful. ♥ ♥ ♥

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DAVE YOHO

**for using
your talents
& enthusiasm
for**

**American
Merchant Marine
Veterans**



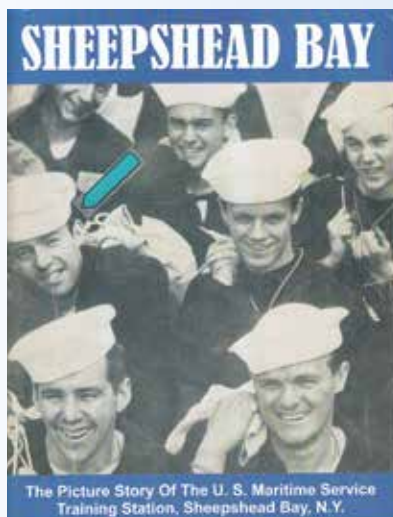


DON'T MISS

The American Merchant Marines 31st Annual Convention

March 26th – 30th, 2017
The Sands Regency Hotel (Reno, NV)

Hear **Dave Yoho's** Tribute to the Merchant Marines:
old, young and those who have crossed the bar.



“You Don't Know Me” Facts & Fables About the Merchant Marines

About Dave:

- He is proud to have served in the Merchant Marines
- Featured at last year's Annual Convention
- Joined the U.S. Maritime Service (Sheepshead Bay) 1944
- Pictured on cover of 1944 Recruiting Magazine
- Served on a T/2 Tanker [South Pacific] support for combat ships
- Rose from F.W.T. to Junior Engineer
- When war ends ship diverted to North Atlantic
- He has made 5 commercials – Supporting A.M.M Veterans
- He has been interviewed by -- The W.W.II memorials in both Washington, D.C. and New Orleans, LA

- Made over 5,000 paid speeches – in every state in the U.S. & 22 foreign countries
- Written 2 Best-selling books
- 1st American to appear in Sydney Australia's famous Opera House.
- Invited to the White House 3 times
- Appeared in over 100 training movies for major U.S. corporations
- Appeared on most TV talk shows including the Tonight and Today Shows
- In 1981, he received the Oscar of Public Speaking (The Cavett)
- Dunn's Business Report calls him the “SUPERSTAR OF MOTIVATION & TRAINING”
- Frequently quoted in Dunn's Business Report, Entrepreneur Magazine, Forbes, Wall Street Journal and numerous trade/industry publications

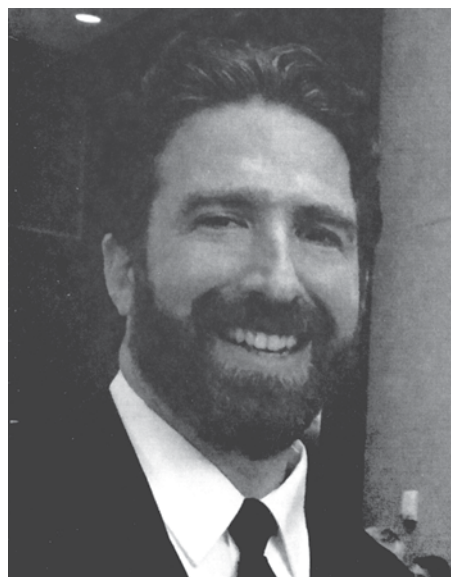


DAVE YOHO

“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.”

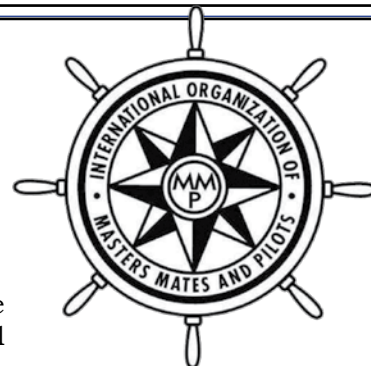
Dave Yoho (from speech at 2016 National Convention)

Guest Speaker



Jeremy Hope

Jeremy Hope *Pacific Ports Agent* **International Organization of Masters Mates and Pilots**



Jeremy Hope is part of the Off Shore Membership division of International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots. He is based out of San Francisco & Oakland, California

Hope was born and raised outside of Baltimore, MD graduating from the US Merchant Marine Academy in 1999 and he immediately joined MM&P. He sailed "off the board" out of MM&P Union Halls around the country.

He and his wife Dawn with their two children moved to the West Coast in 2008. He came ashore to work for MM&P as West Coast Agent in 2013.

MM&P has 7,500 members and represents licensed deck officers on U.S.-flag commercial vessels sailing offshore, on inland waterways and civilian-crewed ships in the government fleet; mariners who work on tug, ferry and harbor tour vessels in New York Harbor and throughout the Northeast; licensed and unlicensed mariners who work on dredges; state pilots; marine engineers; unlicensed seafarers; and maritime industry shore side clerical and service workers.

The union is a voice in Washington, D.C., for the domestic maritime industry and America's Merchant Marine. MM&P is the marine affiliate of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), AFL-CIO. ❁



Captain Harry Bolton

David William Alberg *Sanctuary Superintendent, Monitor National Marine Sanctuary* **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration United States Department of Commerce**

David Alberg serves as Sanctuary Superintendent for the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, the first national marine sanctuary established in the United States. It is administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) under the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. The Sanctuary is located off the coast of North Carolina and protects the Civil War ironclad U.S.S. Monitor.

Alberg provides oversight for the Sanctuary, the long-term preservation of the wreck site and the artifacts that have been recovered from the ship. He is heavily involved in policy development, education and public outreach to heighten public awareness of our submerged cultural legacy.

He has an extensive background in cultural resource management, museum work and exhibit development. Alberg began his career in 1992 as the first curator for the Virginia Air and Space Center in Hampton, VA, and went on to serve as the Director of Exhibits and Collections for the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. Between 2001-2005, he served as the Deputy Director for Nauticus, The National Maritime

Center in Norfolk, VA.

Preserving our nation's history has always been a passion of his. Mr. Alberg holds a bachelor's degree in Natural History museum studies from George Mason University and a master's degree in museum education from the College of William and Mary. Alberg served 21 years in the United States Navy Reserve. ❁

Captain Harry Bolton

*Commanding Officer , Training Ship Golden Bear
Director of Marine Programs and Leadership Development*

California Maritime Academy

Captain Harry Bolton is an Unlimited Master Mariner, with more than 40 years of maritime experience – 29 years in command, maintaining a solid record of success in providing endless technical, operational, and logistic support in every corner of the world. He is a First Class Pilot, served as an expert witness, and has consulted for several Maritime companies, the Marine Corps, and the U.S. Navy on many issues including new equipment design and implementation. He designed and developed the English speaking curriculum at the Maritime Academy of Asia and Pacific located in the Philippines. He has spent a lifetime demonstrating the essence of command, leadership, team building and innovative solutions, receiving many awards for his achievements.

In 2008, Captain Bolton returned to his Alma Mater, the California Maritime Academy, as Commanding Officer of the Training **Ship Golden Bear**, Director of Marine Programs and Leadership Development. Prior to joining Cal Maritime, he spent 20 years with General Dynamics/American Overseas Marine, sailing as Master of the MV **1st Lt. Baldomero Lopez**, which is one of the original Maritime Preposition Ships home ported in the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean. His duties included supporting the U.S. Military during numerous exercises, humanitarian assistance, the Persian Gulf War and Iraqi Freedom. ✿



Captain Harry Bolton

Fr. Sinclair K. Oubre, J.C.L.

Sinclair is a priest of the Diocese of Beaumont and a native of Port Arthur, Texas. He attended the University of St. Thomas in Houston and Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where he received his bachelor degree. He did his graduate theological studies in Leuven, Belgium; was ordained 1986 and completed his JCL in Canon Law at Catholic University in Washington in 1997.

He is the Diocesan Director of the Apostleship of the Sea, Permanent Diaconate Formation Program Director and Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Orange, Texas. In addition, he is the Executive Director and Port Chaplain of the Port Arthur International Seafarers' Center; Chaplain to the Sabine Area Central Labor Council and was founder and director of the Savannah Housing Corporation. As a Canon Lawyer, he is judge in the Interdiocesan Appellate Tribunal of Texas and is a canonical consultant for a number of labor organizations.

On the national level, Fr. Sinclair served as the President of the Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America from 2001-2013. He also served as the unlicensed member on the US Coast Guard Merchant Marine Advisory Council from 1998-2013.

Fr. Sinclair is a member of the United States Merchant Marine, and holds a merchant marine credential as AB-Limited, and hold a 100 ton license. He sails through the Houston Seafarers International Union hall. In recent years, he sailed on the MV St. Clair in the Great Lakes in the summer of 2010. In 2014, he sailed on the Crowley tug, Ocean Sky, and in May - June 2015, he sailed on the Crowley tugs, Patriarch & Ranger, taking the barge San Juan on the Jacksonville-San Juan run. ✿



Fr. Sinclair K. Oubre, J.C.L.

Guest Speakers



William Geroux

William Geroux

*Author, **The Mathews Men***

William Geroux spent 30 years as a newspaper reporter, much of it covering Hampton Roads for the Richmond Times-Dispatch, writing about everything from the military to politics to business to hurricanes to crime and punishment. He has won numerous awards for breaking news coverage, feature writing and investigative journalism.

After leaving journalism, he worked as a writer for Maersk Line Limited, a Norfolk-based subsidiary of one of the world's largest commercial shipping lines. He lives in Virginia Beach, VA.

The Mathews Men is his first book, and he is working on a second **About The Mathews Men, the book:** Seven Brothers and the War Against Hitler's U-boats, is the largely forgotten story of the U.S. Merchant Marine's heroics in World War II, told through the adventures of merchant mariners from Mathews County, VA. Mathews, a rural outpost on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay, has been a cradle of merchant mariners since before the American Revolution. When America entered the war in 1941, Mathews mariners were scattered on freighters and tankers throughout

the war zones. Their ships became prime targets for German U-boats trying to choke off Allied supply lines. The U.S. Navy initially lacked the forces to protect the unarmed merchant ships, even in U.S. waters close to America's coast. The U-boats exacted a terrible toll. The mariners faced torpedo explosions, flaming oil slicks, storms, frigid water, shark attacks and harrowing lifeboat odysseys, only to ship out again as soon as they'd returned to safety. The U.S. Merchant Marine ended up suffering a higher casualty rate than any branch of America's armed forces. While most families in Mathews had a personal stake in the fight, none had a greater one than the Hodges' family and their seven sons, who would experience the U-boat war to its fullest. ❁.

HAVE A GREAT CONVENTION

FROM SARASOTA MANATEE CHAPTER





Douglas Alvord

Douglas Alvord

Sculptor and Maritime Illustrator

Douglas Alvord grew up on the coast of New Brunswick, in Canada, and has lived by the sea all his life. He built his first skiff when he was 12, and it began a lifelong appreciation for craftsmen in all trades. As an artist, that early endeavour has built an understanding of the traditions and values of craft trade related to maritime occupations.

His love of books and art brought him to the publishing industry. He worked there several years before deciding to go out on his own as a freelancer. He lived aboard his sloop, *Eclipse*, and explored the Northeast coast. Alvord established a boat-building shop on Nantucket where he designed and built small sailing sharpies.

He wrote and illustrated several books including *On the Water – The Romance and History of America’s Small Boats*, *Sarah’s Boat* and *Beachcruising*.

Seeking warmer waters, Alvord moved to North Carolina and began sculpturing. He was commissioned by the Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh to create a full-size sculpture in bronze of environmentalist Rachel Carson. The bronze figures were installed in a man-made marsh in front of the Museum. Also, he created a sculpture for the North Carolina Fisherman’s Association to honor commercial fishermen of Pamlico Sound. It is displayed at the Morehead City waterfront.

His latest project memorializes the WWII U-boat attacks on the Atlantic coast. When NOAA completes their project mapping ships sunk off the North Carolina coast during WWII, they, along with the National Park Service and Alvord will find the best place on the North Carolina coast to install “*The Brave Never Die*.” ☼

Randy H. Murray

Hometown Heroes USA

“Memorialist Cemeterian Lifestorian changing the way we remember one lifestory at a time”

Hometown Heroes USA, Salute, Educate, Inspire.....

I would give anything to push play so my sons Chase and Clay could watch their grandfather tell his WWII story. Because no one made it their job to collect his story while he was alive no amount of effort or money can make that happen. However, the best that we could do is now available under Ralph Murray at <http://www.hometown-heroes.org>.

For decades I have pursued a goal to honor America’s military veterans by collecting and featuring their stories. We started with traditional granite monuments, bronze statues, old photos, video tributes and have evolved with technology to include an online searchable archive, that memorializes them for future generations.

America’s Veteran Stories on line are collected from interviews, conversations, with veterans or from the memorabilia, pictures and notes left from veterans to their families and people who care for them. They are then featured in the Hometown Heroes archive. This archive of stories is available through the internet, at <http://www.hometown-heroes.org>.

In a race against time we believe that no story should be left behind! We invite you to join Hometown Heroes USA and make it your job to tell the story of one of the nearly 23 million veterans across the United States.” ☼



Randy Murray

Bob with Senator Patty Murray seeking her help on a Merchant Marine Bill



Nelson ,Bob, Shirley & Janell

The Cauble's in Reno at the 2016 Merchant Marine Regional Conven-



Bob & Janell Cauble on their 70th Anniversary Party May 25,



Though ill, Bob never neglects a chance to honor WWII Merchant Marine and Navy Armed Guard



Bob laying a wreath in honor of the WWII Merchant Marine and Navy Armed Guard in The 2016 Wreath across America ceremo-

The Washington Caubles wishes the Sacramento Valley & Golden Gate Chapters the best of luck and a Successful 31 National Convention in 2017 in Reno, Nevada

God bless you all and God Bless America. We stand behind all our National, Regional, and Local officers

MEMORY BOOK TIME!

Ok, let's think back and, oh my, there are so many memories. Ok, let's talk 70 years just for a starter why 70 years? Well, that's when Nelson and Shirley began this journey together. Yes, you read it right! 70 years ago, we were married in Reno at a justice of the peace office with Bob and Janell Cauble with us.

We have been asked sometimes how we managed to stay together so long, and my answer used to be that it was easy back then because we were too poor to get a divorce and you went to jail for murder so we had to learn very early to get along. It's working!

The years went by and we moved to Oregon. we had never heard of the American Merchant Marine Veterans. But when we finally did learn of this organization somewhere around 20 years ago, we joined and have worked as hard as we possibly could, to make this organization prosper and receive the recognition it deserves. We are proud of our accomplishments, and applaud those who now have taken our place in the battle that is still being fought for our AMMV

We fought hard to have monuments erected, and have stood up to the committees that were opposing the recognition. We shook hands with those who opposed us when they finally told us, "we're sorry, we didn't know."

We are proud of the elected Officers of our AMMV that we have had over the years and salute their dedication and time and effort to our cause.

So, we wish for our AMMV members, and the many friends we have made over the years, healthy, and happy years ahead.

Nelson Cauble
Shirley Cauble



**Gene DeLong Hudson Valley Chapter
American Merchant Marine Veterans, Inc.**
c/o J. Wally Hassett, President
40 Evergreen Ave.,
Clifton Park, NY 12065

**GOOD LUCK NATIONAL CONVENTION 2017
AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS
FULL SPEED AHEAD**

**FROM GENE DELONG HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER
REPRESENTING THE HUDSON VALLEY AND BEYOND
IN THE GREAT MARITIME STATE OF NEW YORK**

Wally Hassett, President - Ed Cameron, Vice President
Eve Cameron, Recording Secretary – Tom Schiesel, Corresponding Secretary
Ed Cameron, Treasurer and Membership
Claudine Edwards, Public Relations – Nancy Saf Scofield, Welfare
Directors: Ted Donaher, Frank Majewski, Tom Schiesel, John York



The Merchant Marine Monument at Lasdon Park in Somers, New York was financed, designed and constructed by members of the Gene DeLong Hudson Valley Chapter, AMMV, under the leadership of then President Albert M. Antaki, and, was dedicated on Sunday, May 28, 2000

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR KOREAN CONFLICT
MERCHANT MARINERS

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION 2928
12 May 1951

WHEREAS the American Merchant Marine has again displayed, during the past year, its ability to support the military forces of our Nation by furnishing supplies to the fighting men engaged in the Korean hostilities; and

WHEREAS the American Merchant Marine has continued to promote international trade and travel while serving the defense and security requirements of the Nation; and

WHEREAS present world conditions require a constant state of readiness on the part of the American Merchant Marine in order that it may assist, along with all other branches of our Nation's industry and economy, in meeting the threat of aggression to our democracy; [etc.]

NOW THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, hereby call upon the people of the United States to observe Tuesday, May 22, 1951, as National Maritime Day ... in honor of our Merchant Marine.

DONE at the City of Washington this 12th day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-fifth.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

By the President:

DEAN ACHESON,
Secretary of State.

From the *Federal Register*, Volume 16, Number 96, Washington, Thursday, May 17, 1951, page 4607

31th Annual National Convention



Central California Chapter
Fresno, California

Best Wishes and Congratulations



• John T. Schmidt •
Palmetto Mariners
• South Carolina •



**"YOU BET I'M GOING
BACK TO SEA!"**

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AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS



DENNIS A. ROLAND CHAPTER (N.J.)
P.O. BOX 306
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY 07432



The Dennis A. Roland Chapter

Wishes to acknowledge and thank the National and Regional Officers

For their hard work and dedicated service in the past year

Smooth sailing and fair winds on this 31st Convention

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A Voice for the American Merchant Mariner

OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER

AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS



THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE

From our shores to every theater of war my ships
Have carried the troops, guns, planes and supplies
Needed for victory

In face of devastating losses, my Marines never
Gave up and always stayed true to our mission
We will deliver

No distance was too far and no danger too great to
Keep us from our duty and triumph over the
Tyrants of the world.

I am the flag of the UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE.

By Jim Willis

Remembering
Larry Brooks
1927 - 2016



Past AMMV National President



**Pacific Merchant Marine Council
Navy League of the United States**
"Citizens in Support of the Sea Services"

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

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

Heave Ho,

*Phelps Hobart, President
Pacific Merchant Marine Council
Navy League of the United States
<https://groups.yahoo.com/groups/PMMC-NLUS>
<https://www.facebook.com/PMMC.NLUS>
<http://www.navyleague.org/membership>*

BEST WISHES from Ken Blue and "CIVILIAN AT RISK"
My book is still on line at **CIVILIANATRISK.COM**



photo: 1945 Crew members from the TANKER s.s. UMATILLA ashore in PANAMA, We were there for nearly a month. Ken is third from the left.

The Kings Point Club Of Washington DC



**Salutes the Merchant Marine Veterans of World War II
and honors those who have and continue to serve
"in peace and war" in our U.S. Merchant Marine**



CAL MARITIME

Salutes

**Merchant Marine and Navy Armed Guard
——— Veterans of World War II ———**



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The Mathews Men

SEVEN BROTHERS
AND THE
WAR AGAINST
HITLER'S U-BOATS

WILLIAM GEROUX

Dedicated to preserving and protecting the rich maritime and cultural heritage of Mathews County through research, conservation, documentation and education.

No Matter how you say it ...

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Thank you

Captain Chris Edyvean

National President

for your dedication and leadership

Midwest Chapter

American Merchant Marine Veterans kept supplies flowing in Peace and War



Left to Right: Bob Ross, Eugene Barner, Charles Montanaro and A.J. Wichita, past National President.



"YOU BET I'M GOING BACK TO SEA!"



Let's Finish the Job!



MERCHANT SEAMEN

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M.E.B.A. is the nation's oldest maritime labor union, established in 1875. We represent licensed engine and deck officers aboard seagoing vessels, ferries and government-contracted ships. Our members also serve on tugs and barges, research vessels and in various capacities in the shoreside industries. In wartime, our members have sailed in virtually unarmed merchant ships delivering critical defense cargo despite attacks from enemy aircraft, submarines and warships.

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Best Wishes on Your National Convention

Thank You for Your Service to Our Country



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In Loving Memory



Mary Hodges Southwest Florida Chapter

This is the bouquet her Chapter sent to Mary's service in December. She was the backbone of the Chapter, arranging meetings, paying the bills and anything else that was need to keep the Chapter going. Mary will be sorely missed by her Chapter members and fellow AMMV members around the country. Mary remained a steadfast Activist for our "Just Recognition" cause. The Southwest AMMV Chapter continues to meet at the Military Museum and Library.

Southwest Chapter— www.swfmm.org

*The
American Merchant Marine Memorial
Committee, Inc.
San Pedro, CA*



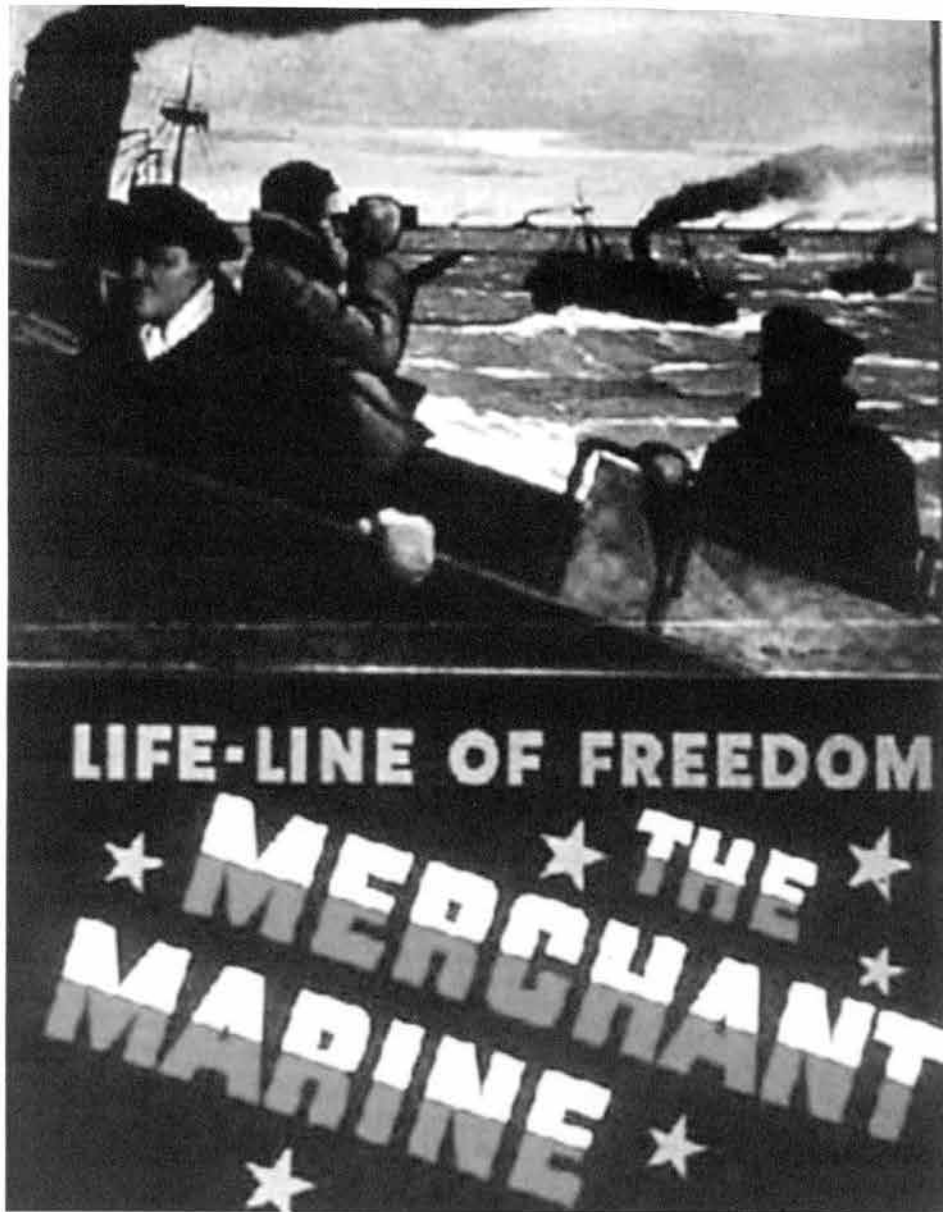
*Wishes the
American Merchant Marine Veterans
Success
At the National Convention*

AMMV - NORTH BAY MARINERS

CHAPTER

Salutes

**Attendees at the 31st National
AMMV convention, March, 2017**



You did it then

Let's do it now for HONOR....

House bill HR.154

Harry "Hap" Bledsoe

Merchant Marine 1942-1946



Forgotten Heroes by Milton E. Kniebes

To those who fought and bled and died,
That God's gift of freedom might always abide!
With weapons, flags and spirit bold,
Did wars on foreign shores unfold.

The tanks and guns with soldiers brave
Were carried over the restless wave.
The seas above and the subs below,
With the Merchant Marine they had to go.

It's strange some folks will ask today,
What part in the war did the Merchant Marine play?
Can it be as history counts the cost,
The page with the answer seems to be lost.

With the battles over and victory won,
The troops came home where they started from.
They marched in parades with much adulation,
Along with the thanks from a grateful nation.

I see a man watching the parade passing by.
It seems that I see a tear in his eye.
Did he not serve for the land that he loved,
In the Merchant Marine below decks or above?

He remembers the heat and the sweat down below,
The fear of torpedoes; what a way to go.
The men on the bridge in the wild North Atlantic,
In danger of ice or a submarine's antics.

So he stands there atone as the band plays a tune,
Reflecting how his part was forgotten too soon.
Take heart my brave shipmate if no glory you share,
In the logbook of Heaven you'll find it all there.

Your watch here on earth is not really over,
As long as you tread the topside of clover,
So lift your head high as old Glory you see,
Thank God that you served for the land of the free.



I couldn't be more proud of your
service to the Merchant Marines,
Your loving wife, Cynthia

Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America (AOS-USA)



AOS-USA Salutes the America Merchant Marine Veterans for their service to
the maritime industry and to our country.
Thank you for your service in Peace and War!

Ask us about our efforts to Promote
Capt. Leonard LaRue of the *SS Meredith Victory* to Sainthood!



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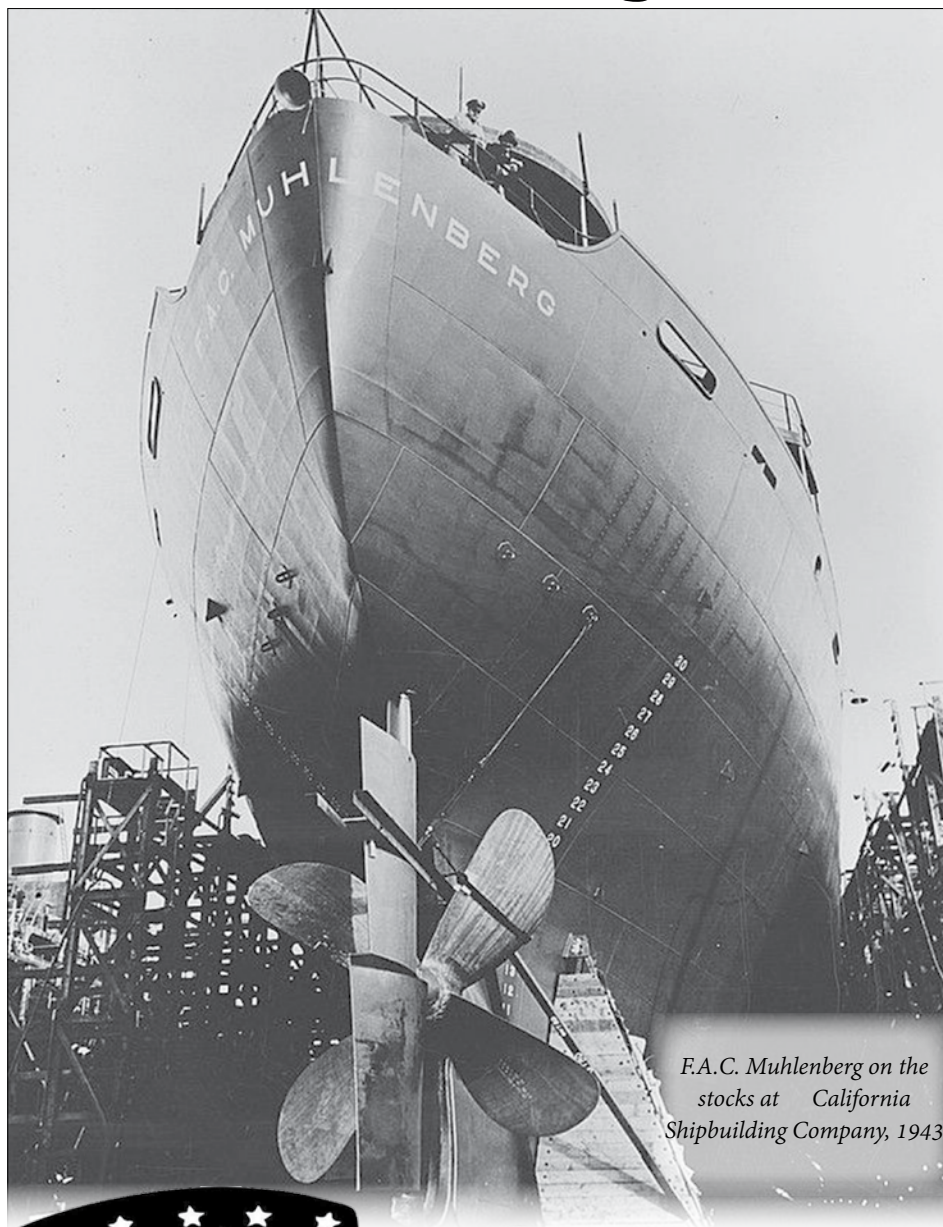
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SS F.A.C. Muhlenberg

10 January, 1944 during operation Shingle, the F.A.C. Muhlenberg departed Oran, Algeria, en route to Naples, Italy with 200 troops aboard along with a cargo of gasoline and ammunition. At 0230 on January 25, without warning she was bombed by a German plane which appeared from seaward. After a near miss just off the port bow, a second bomb pierced the bridge deck and exploded in the officer's quarters. Fire broke out immediately, damaging much of the midship's house, particularly the officer's quarters, crew and armed guards' mess rooms. The crew fought the fire and along with the port fire department had the fire under control within an hour. The total complement aboard that the time was 82, including 47 merchant crew, 31 Armed Guard and 4 U.S. Army personnel. Six merchant crew and one armed crew perished; seventy-five survived. Fortunately the troops had been offloaded 5 days prior.

The ship was made fit for sea and the surviving crew, led by Captain Kristopher Kristiansen bravely sailed the badly damaged ship to New York for repairs. Three months later, the vessel went on to perform many more operations until December 1945.



F.A.C. Muhlenberg on the stocks at California Shipbuilding Company, 1943

In Memory of those who lost their lives aboard the SS F.A.C. Muhlenberg

"As long as we embrace them in our memory, their spirit will always be with us."

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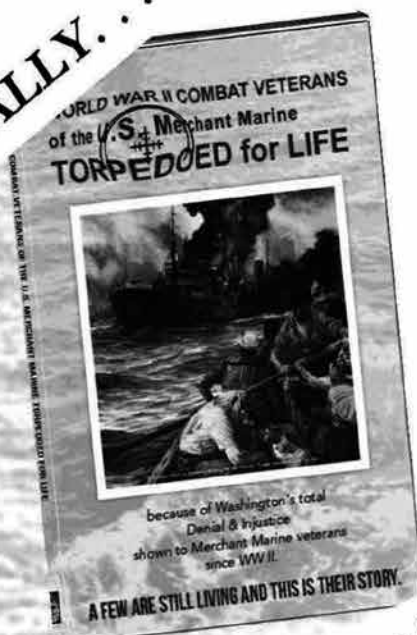
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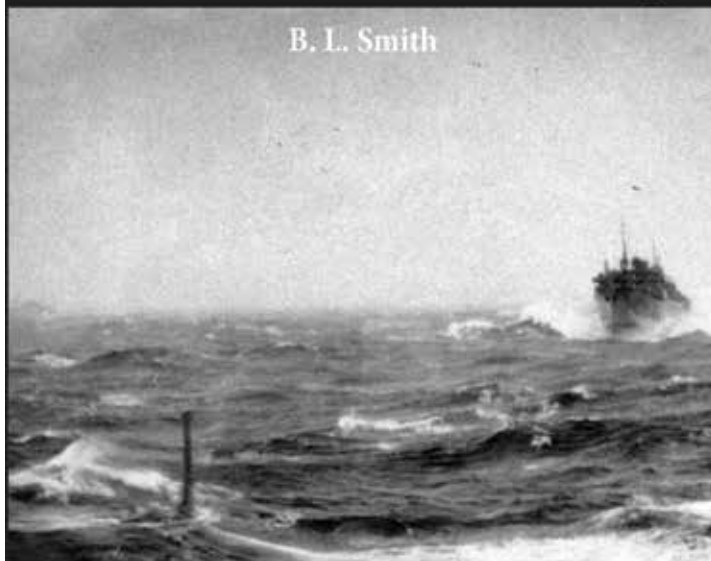
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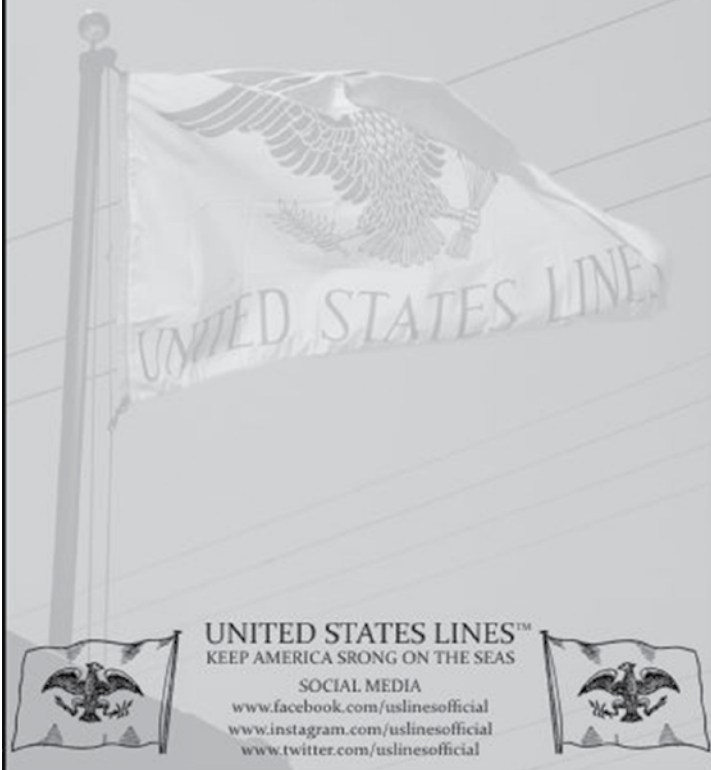
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In 1940, Walter joined the Sailor's Union of the Pacific. During World War II, Walter served aboard several ships which were torpedoed in 1942-1943; including SS President Pierce, SS John Sevier, and SS Monterey. The SS President Pierce was torpedoed off the coast of Morocco in 1942 and sunk by a German submarine U-130. The SS John Sevier was torpedoed in the Caribbean in 1943 by a

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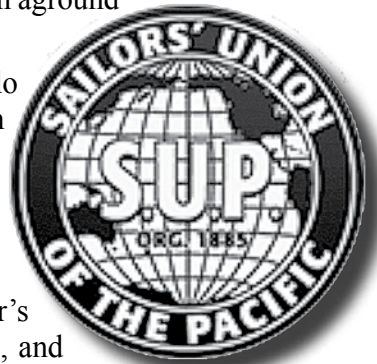
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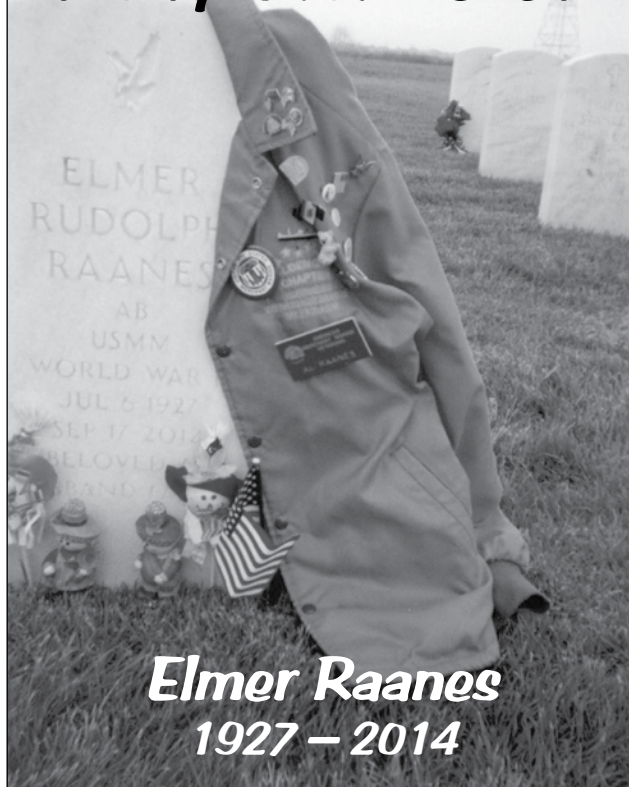
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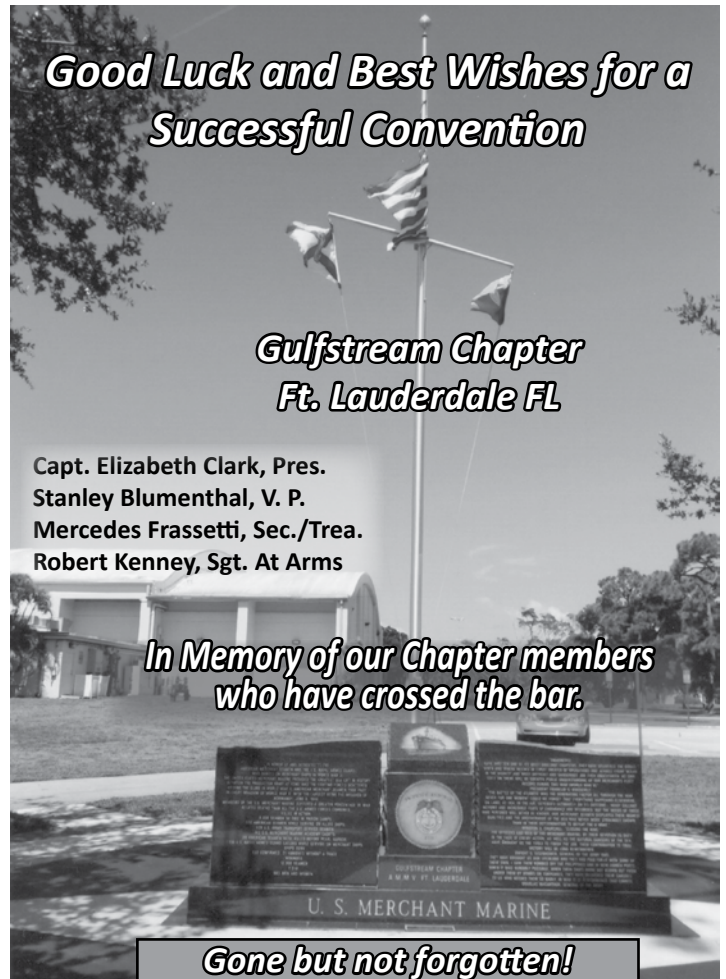
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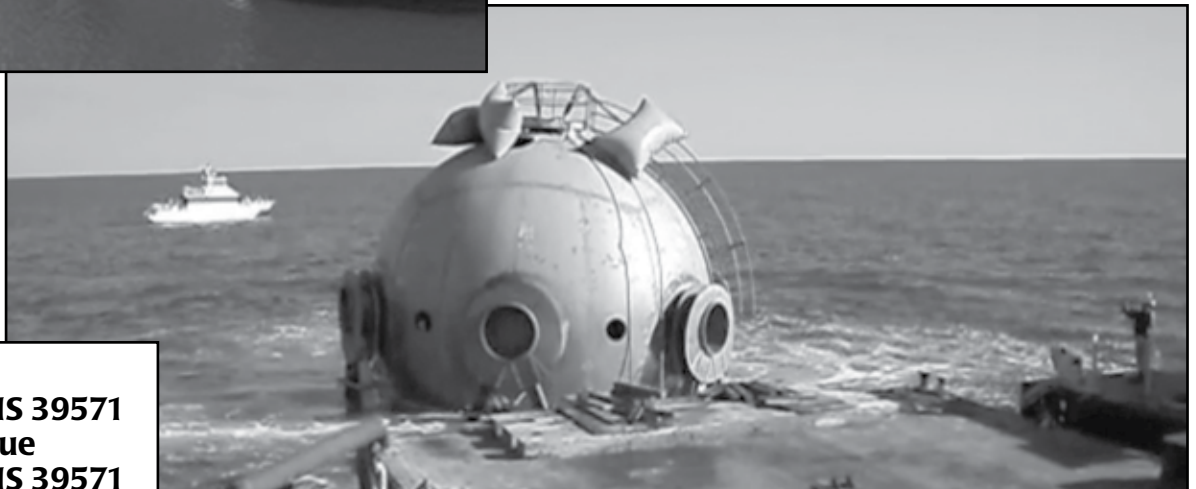
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About the Author: Robert Gary Haller lives in New Jersey, where he is an associate member of several F.O.P. lodges, the Knights of Columbus, and Am Vets. His interests include writing fiction, poetry, and commentary; sketching on canvas; fishing and crabbing; and swimming and surfing. *Life of a Bluenose* is his first published book.



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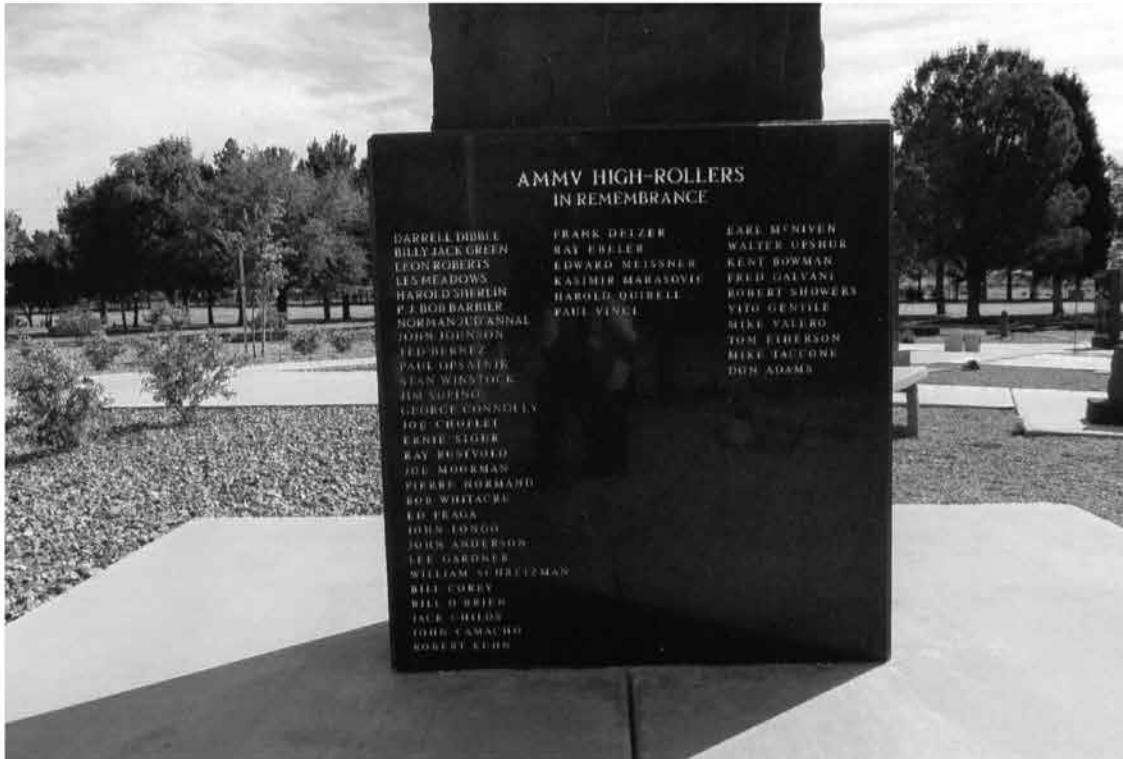
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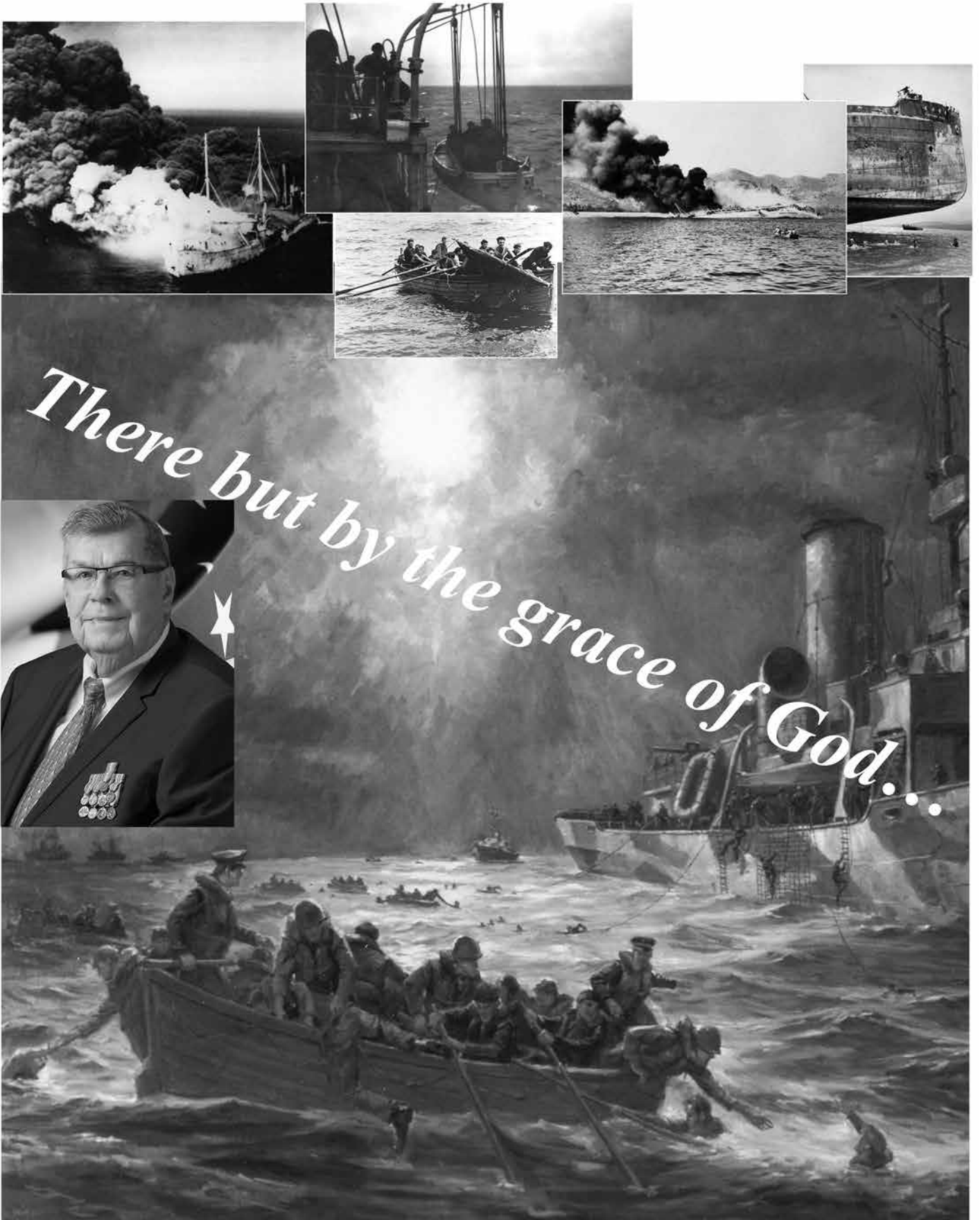
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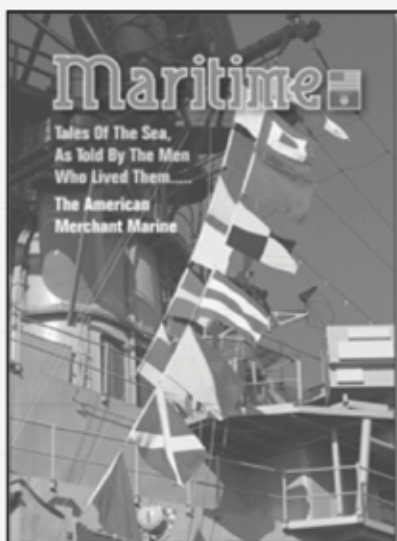
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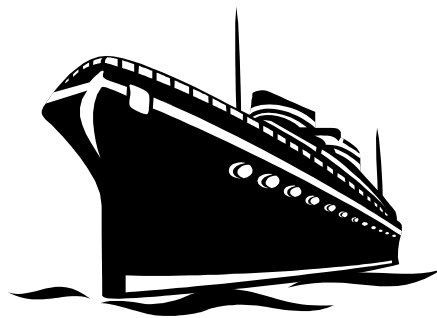
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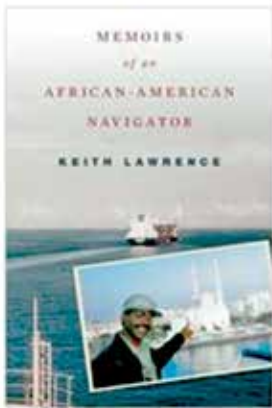


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Keith Lawrence was the first African-American graduate of the California Maritime Academy in the deck department. He earned his BS in nautical science in 1976 and went on to serve in the merchant marine until he retired in 2011. Honored for participating in the rescue of two sailors at sea, he was also a member of the International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots maritime union for twenty years and in 2010 was the keynote speaker at the US Coast Guard National Maritime Center Black History Month celebration in Martinsville, West Virginia.

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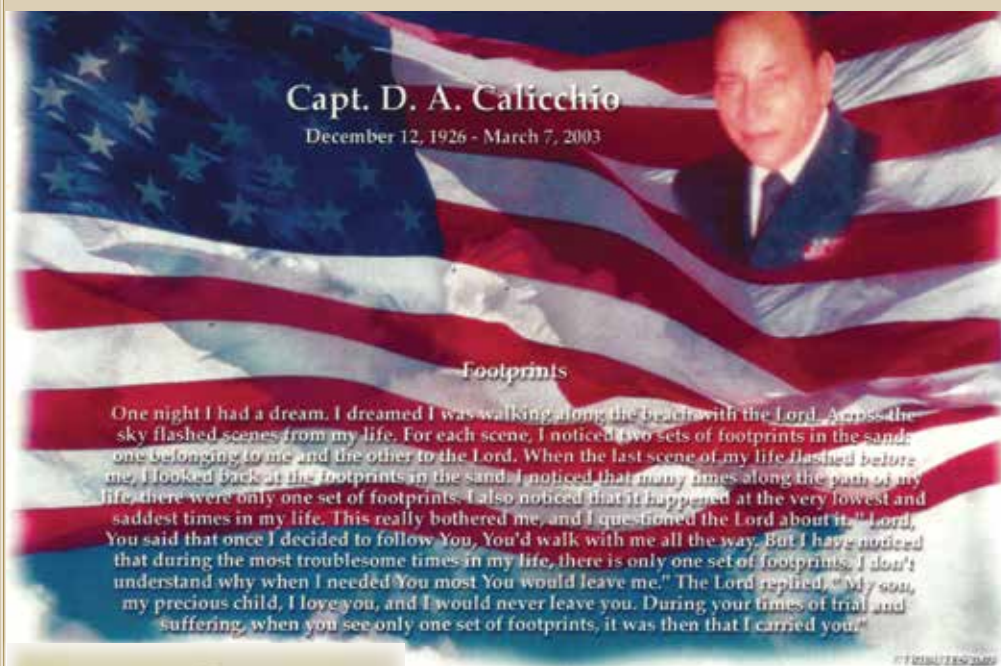
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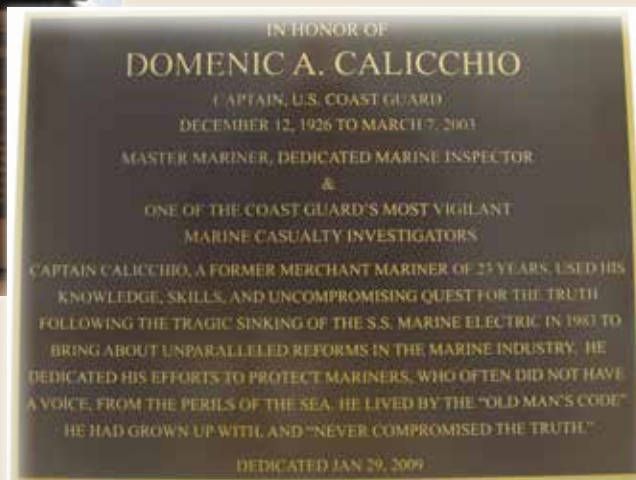
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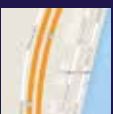
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