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## ***2017 National Convention an amazing success***



In recalling the success and momentum of the 2016 National Convention in New Orleans, I had not thought it possible for our team to outdo that event, but that is exactly what happened in Reno, NV this year. A big thanks to the Golden Gate and Sacramento Valley Chapters for sponsoring the convention, and also thanks to the

trio of Carole Gutierrez, Patti Scafidi, and Sindy Raymond for their respective duties in making the Memory Book (convention program book) a success. We also owe a huge debt of gratitude to Sheila Sova for her outreach efforts in relation to this event. In fact, the 2017 National Convention was built on outreach efforts that were several months in the making. Please see the Convention Report and accompanying photos for full coverage.

## ***Upcoming events***

AMMV is excited to announce that Dave Yoho will be the featured speaker on Memorial Day at the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. To have a WWII Merchant Marine Veteran with Dave's skillset and experience as the speaker is sure to be a boost for our cause. We will do everything possible to publicize Dave's appearance as the time grows closer.

Also, the United States Maritime Administration (MARAD) is planning to include footage shot at our convention as part of a Maritime Day event in the D.C. area. Specifically, the *M/S City of New York* Remembrance Ceremony posthumously recognizing WWII Merchant Marine Veteran Dr. Leonard Hudson Conly, who delivered the "lifeboat baby" at night in a storm after the ship was torpedoed. Conly was recognized by MARAD and by the office of Nevada Senator Dean Heller; this remembrance took place at our convention on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking. We hope that MARAD's rebroadcasting of the ceremony will also direct attention to the service of the WWII Merchant Marine.

## ***Promoting H.R. 154***

As reported in our winter edition, Congressman Al Green (D-Texas) has introduced H.R. 154: The Honoring Our WWII Merchant Mariners Act of 2017. This bill is

identical to Hahn's H.R. 563 in the last session of Congress. To date, H.R. 154 has only one co-sponsor.

Included in this issue is an updated contact listing of U.S. House of Representatives members. We urge all AMMV members and supporters to contact their Congressperson by any means possible: mail, email, phone calls, social media, etc.

## ***Storm the Hill***

AMMV members are planning another "Storm the Hill". In 2015, five of our WWII members spent a busy week in Washington, D.C. meeting with and educating members of Congress and their staffers. This provided a burst of attention and sponsorship of the recognition bill. We now have the volunteers, the funds, and the ambition to try this again. The difficulty of the mission lies in securing the appointments and the overall coordination of activities. The International Organization of Master, Mates, & Pilots (MMP) and the Maritime Institute of Technology & Graduate Studies (MITAGS) have pledged support in the form of rooms, meals, and transportation between MITAGS and D.C. In addition, the Transportation Institute (TI) has offered assistance with lobbying functions. As we head into press, our Storm the Hill team - led by NVP and Government Affairs Co-Chair Morris Harvey - is considering the week of Maritime Day. We hope to have a positive progress report in the near future.

## ***Some important "Thank You" announcements***

On behalf of the entire AMMV membership, I would like to formally thank Dave Yoho and his family for another very large donation. At the National convention's Farewell Banquet, Dave presented AMMV with \$12,500 in donations. Thank you, Dave!

I am pleased to also acknowledge and thank three members who each donated \$1,000 during one of the business sessions at the convention: Leonard Nichols; Betty Evans; and Hap Bledsoe. Thank you all!

## ***NAUS closed down on December 31<sup>st</sup>***

The National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) has officially ceased to exist as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. AMMV was not informed of this action, and it caught many of members by surprise who were also members of NAUS. We later received verification from the (former) leadership of NAUS that any prior relationship between AMMV and NAUS has been dissolved as a result of their

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closure. The membership of NAUS has been absorbed into two existing military advocacy groups: TREA (The Retired Enlisted Association); and MOAA (Military Officers Association of America). It is our understanding that WWII Merchant Mariner members of NAUS have the option of joining one of these two groups based on their rank held while in the Merchant Marine. I find this a bit disturbing since AMMV does not draw lines based on shipboard rank or ratings. Also, we do not know what either of these groups positions are regarding the present-day U.S. Merchant Marine. AMMV will not be seeking an organizational relationship with TREA or MOAA.

***Volunteer researcher needed in  
the Washington, D.C. area***

AMMV is seeking an ambitious member-volunteer who lives in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area. As part of our quest for Veterans' status for Korean Conflict mariners, we will be filing Freedom of Information Act

requests with several federal agencies seeking time charter shipping records to support our group application. If located, we have the lists of shipping companies and vessels for use as a guideline but it is anticipated that the volume may exceed the two-hour search time limit. This job would entail visiting one or more facilities at the National Archives, DoD, MARAD, and Navy, and extracting the needed records for photocopying by the staff. Alternatively, AMMV may need to hire a professional researcher which would be expensive. If you are interested, please contact Government Affairs Co-Chair Michael Helbig at (907) 244-4238 or email: [hanshelbig.helbig08@gmail.com](mailto:hanshelbig.helbig08@gmail.com).

Until next time, I wish everyone a wonderful Spring and early Summer!

*Christopher J. Edyvean*

Captain Christopher J. Edyvean  
AMMV National President

# HELP WANTED



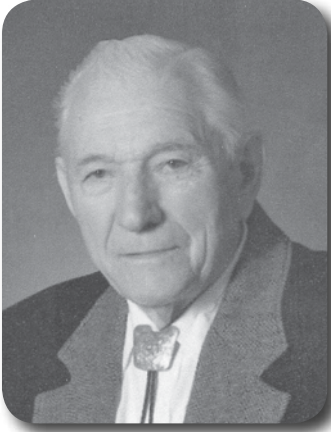
AMMV National Office Administrator Sindy Raymond is retiring between October and January. She will continue on as AMMV NEWS Magazine Editor and Communications Liaison.

We are seeking someone to learn the Admin job. Serious candidates should be skilled in accounting and use of Microsoft Office programs. Primary duties include membership tracking & dues collection. Preference may be given to a candidate who has ties with the WWII Merchant Marine. Initial training would include traveling to the National office in Santa Rosa, CA to spend a few days learning the ropes.

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# National Secretary Nelson Cauble



Yes! It's me. I am back and ready to do business for this coming year. My grateful thanks go to each of you that attended our convention, and a very special thanks to all who voted to keep me here for another two years. I now promise you again that I will do the very best I can to help make these successful years ahead.

What a great convention that was! I want to thank every one of you who had a part in the planning and the work of bringing those plans together. A special thanks to our President Christopher Edyvean and our Vice President elect Christian Yuhas for the meetings that were handled so smoothly.

Shirley and I thank you for the beautiful plaque that you presented to us at the banquet. This was totally unexpected and greatly appreciated. Our many years with the AMMV go back to when we were working hard to get the recognition we deserve. We lost some of the battles and won others, one was the acceptance of women at the meetings. Shirley had someone tell her at a meeting that she would "be more comfortable waiting out in the hall". That sure didn't work! Another someone called her at home one evening and said she had no business butting into the

business of the AMMV. She laughed at him and said "You don't know me very well do you?" At another meeting two men turned around and asked Shirley and Janell "Does your chapter allow women?" Didn't take long to answer. Her reply to all of them over the years was that she was not going to just stand by and watch! She was planning to do everything she could to help me and the AMMV and she's still doing that. I salute each and every woman who now are working so hard for our AMMV!

So, a new fiscal year is beginning. There is much to do, and so I am here in the "office" and will be "open for business". Again, it was a wonderful convention. We greatly missed those who were not with us. A very special thanks goes to President Chris and his officers. And a very special thank you, that can never be big enough, for our Cindy Raymond. Without her, we would suddenly realize just what we have with her knowledge, talent and patience. Thank you, Cindy!

And thanks to every one of you who voted for me. Remember my "door" is always open.

*Together we can ... and together we have ... made a difference.*

*Nelson Cauble*

Nelson Cauble  
National Secretary

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# Editor / AMMV Office Administrator Sindy Raymond

## **THE CONVENTION:**

Well, the 31<sup>st</sup> National AMMV Convention in Reno is behind us now; but what a great time was had by all. Lots of people did a lot of work on this convention but I think we need to give an especially **TREMENDOUS THANK YOU** to our National President Capt. Chris Edyvean for all of his managerial work, without which all the loose threads of the convention would probably not have been pulled together.

You can read a report of the convention later in this issue and view some of the many, many pictures that were so generously donated. Our thanks, also, to the anonymous donor who sponsored Sally and Roy Langwah's entertainment for us – they are incredible and so is he.

## **SOMETHING LEARNED:**

In my job as Editor, I'm always looking for additional words for my vocabulary. At the convention, someone referred to pedagogy, which I gather is the art, science or profession of teaching. I think it's a great word and we can all learn from it, if you'll excuse my pun. And one of the things that Dave Yoho, our inspirational and motivating keynote speaker, taught us was a definition of EPOD: defined as Energy, Persuasion, Optimism and Discipline. He stressed that we need to use EPOD in our efforts towards keeping our Just Recognition legislation efforts and our Veterans' status appeal for post-WWII mariners moving forward.

Of course, by the time I got home, my mind had turned the definition of EPOD into Enthusiasm, Perseverance, Optimism and Determination. But either way, LET'S GET 'ER DONE!!! EPOD helps!

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP GET 'ER DONE:**

Later in this issue, also, is a listing of the U. S. House of Representatives, their district office contact information and Washington, DC phone numbers. Please, please, please make an effort to at least write, call or email and ask your own Congressperson to co-sponsor this Congressional session's newly introduced legislation HR.154 – The Honoring of the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2017.

We are certainly aware that time is running out for our "senior" members and that most of you feel that "they're just going to wait until there are none of us left before they do anything" but, please don't let that happen. Both young and older AMMV members can do your part to help and it will be much appreciated. To our WWII-era Mariners - without your efforts in WWII, our Country would not have

won the war and since you've been fighting for equal rights since then, please don't give up now – you definitely deserve them!

## **A FEW ADDENDUMS:**

DUES: I, for one, am always saddened by the dissolution of an AMMV chapter. There is a sense of camaraderie and cohesiveness in a chapter environment that is missing with member-at-large (MAL) status. However, we can understand why chapters are dissolving and can just truly hope that AMMV members of dissolved chapters will transfer their memberships, either to another chapter or to MAL status.

Either way, you will continue to receive our quarterly AMMV NEWS Magazine and any updated information. HOWEVER, you must officially transfer in order for this to happen. So, if you are in this situation, please contact me at National office and/or send in the dues in the amount of \$32.00 for the next fiscal year – July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

DUES for current MALS and continuing chapter members are also due by July 1, 2017.

We look forward to hearing from you! There is a Dues due page later in this issue.

## **RETIREMENT:**

About 15 months ago, I submitted my retirement "idea" to National President Capt. Chris. At this point, it is planned that, after working for 57 years as a bookkeeper, I will be relieved of the financial portion of the Editor & Office Administrator's position – sometime between next October to March, 2018, but will continue on, for some time, as Editor of the AMMV NEWS Magazine, the part of the job that I really enjoy. I'm looking forward to continuing with the NEWS and as communications liaison for AMMV. Please see the "Help Wanted" ad in this issue for information. I just want to reassure you that, Heaven willing, I'll still be here for help, friendships and EPOD; I'll try!

*FAIR WINDS AND SMOOTH SAILING,*

*Sindy Raymond*  
Sindy







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



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

Where to start? There is so much going on, both with AMMV and with the nation, it's all a bit overwhelming.

**First:** Our 31st National Convention in Reno, NV, was a grand success, in no small part because of the hard work of our hosting Chapters, Golden Gate and Sacramento, under the lead of Frank Mendez, Ken Blue and Bob Ulrich. This is the same crew that does much of the work for the Western Regional held every year in September. Of course, we cannot forget the Regional VP for Region 8, Larry Starn. This crew really knows how to plan, organize and come through with very successful meetings. Thanks guys!

**Second:** Also with the Convention, is the establishment of awards for our hard-working volunteers. We now have two top tier awards given to the a World War II Veteran for their lifelong dedication to AMMV and a "post WWII" member, either man or woman, who has given much to the organization. Of the first, dear friends and truly personal inspirations, are Nelson and Shirley Cauble. These two have given time, effort and money to AMMV. Nelson has held several offices, including his current position as National Secretary. But you cannot think of one without the other. Shirley works tirelessly to make sure Nelson is successful.

The post World War II recipient is Sheila Sova, chair of the Special Projects and Veterans Outreach Committee. It seems that every time I turn around, I run across Sheila's name for something special she is doing. All the others who received awards are doing an outstanding job for AMMV. I am in awe!

With the awards, I would be remiss if I did not expend my deepest appreciation for the special award I received. I am truly humbled but, it is my honor to serve you in whatever way I can. My late husband of nearly 45 years, Max, is the reason I continue with my volunteer work at AMMV. He loved this organization and was very proud to serve as the Oregon Chapter president.

**Third:** We're back at it, working to pass "H. R. ## Honoring Our WWII Merchant Mariners Act of ####," which is to say out old bill has now been reintroduced as HR 154 as the Act of 2017. All of our cosponsors have gone away because the old bill is no more. We start from the bottom once again trying to get cosponsors for the "Just Recognition" legislation that would give WWII Merchant Marine Veterans the same stipend our government gave Filipino Scouts.

**Fourth:** We are still facing the question about whether AMMV will go on or go away. As our membership dwindles, we have fewer and fewer veterans and more and more survivors and dependents of Merchant Marine Veterans. It is important because we are a Veterans organization, with a special IRS designation. We keep that as long as we maintain a certain percentage of veteran membership. Once we pass that mark, we will not longer qualify as a veterans group and will either fold or keep the organization going as a different classification of non-profit. Many feel we worked too hard for Veteran status to let any part of it go. But sadly, we may have to if we want to move forward.

*There is much to consider as we move forward.*

*Carole Gutierrez*

CAROLE GUTIERREZ

# What was a Merchant Mariner in World War II?

*Editor's note: this article was handed out to students, recently, at History Day at Sutherlin, Oregon High School by Nelson and Shirley Cauble. It is addressed to high school age students who probably had no notion what a Merchant Mariner was or is. Hopefully this will open a few minds to our history.*

**ATTACKED!!!!** It was a quiet Sunday morning, on December 7, 1941, when our Country was suddenly attacked by Japanese aircraft. They destroyed Pearl Harbor Naval Base on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, the ships in port and the lives of many Americans. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt called together a special meeting of Congress and war was declared on Japan.

There was an immediate demand for America's war needs and we very quickly organized to provide the needed ships, the men and all the supplies and equipment necessary to defend our Country. Across America, shipyards were organized; men and women were hired; housing areas were built for the workers. Sometimes everyone in the family was hired to build ships as fast as they could. These ships would carry every item necessary to the areas of battle around the world. Manned by Merchant Mariners, these new ships carried troops, food, fuel, vehicles, equipment and arms of all sizes and shapes to all parts of the world.

## **History:**

2,751 Liberty ships were built and 1,554 were sunk and lost in World War II. Many were sunk in the Gulf of Mexico and off the East Coast where they travelled within sight of the lights of cities and made easy targets for the German submarines. There are only 2 of these grand old Liberty's still operating. The SS Jeremiah O'Brien is berthed in San Francisco and the SS John Brown in Baltimore, Maryland. Both of these receive visitors and are truly valuable historically.

## **The Merchant Mariners job:**

Men to operate these ships were vitally needed so they volunteered and answered the call as Merchant Mariners. Some were much too young or some too old or some too physically handicapped to qualify for the regular armed

services, but all the Merchant Mariners were ready to serve their Country and said, "I will go." I was one of them.

We were inducted, approved by the doctors and then sent to various areas for "boot camp" training. I was sent to Catalina Island, off the coast of southern California. We were all trained in weaponry, as well as for the job that we would have when assigned to a ship – whether it was a Lib-

erty ship, a Victory ship or a tanker. I was assigned to the 5-in gun on the fantail of a Liberty ship. My job was to pass the ammunition, from the locker, to the men manning the guns. My ship duty was fireman-water tender, in the engine room which was the most dangerous area to be in if we were torpedoed...

but we kept it operating, working shifts day and night that were 4 hours on and 8 hours off.

## **A misunderstood group:**

Many people over the years have questioned our service and never understood that we Mariners took the same training as the other branches, were issued a uniform, were sworn into our service with the same oath and were subject to the same discipline as the other branches. The difference is that we were not forced into serving our Country by being drafted but gladly volunteered. Some of us were too old and some too young to be drafted – sometimes being as young as 15 or 16. We served on the same ships, did the same duties and served our Country.

## **So, what is a Merchant Mariner?**

He is, or was, a Veteran who served his country during the worst of times, in World War II, and did so willingly. Those men, still with us from that time, can tell you stories you probably won't believe. We are proud of our part of the history of how America won World War II. We were there! When we came home, many suggested, and still do, that we were civilians. We have been recognized as Veterans after many years of fighting for that honor. And we feel strongly that without our service, along with the services of other WWII Veterans, that we would be living in a different world. God Bless our Merchant Mariners and God Bless America!



*Has your local AMMV Chapter dissolved?*  
**BECOME A MEMBER-AT-LARGE**



Dues for fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 are due.

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# MY DAD'S WAR STORIES

*Editor's note: This report from AMMV member David Holmes is written memories that his father recorded. His dad was one of the cadets (graduating USMMA June 6, 1944) and by then already a veteran mariner having seen plenty of action at sea.*

One thing that stands out in my memory of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in October of 1942 was a close friendship formed, namely Norman Vail of Tea Neck, New Jersey. Norman's father was an alleged executive with Standard Oil Company, and Norm made it very clear to me that his dad "had influence" when it came to being assigned to ships in late November. Standard Oil tankers had their danger factor, but the food was reputed to be great and the quarters nothing less than luxurious.

However, when the assignments came, instead of being assigned to a fine tanker, Norm and I found ourselves on the *SS Gargoyle*, a 1918 Socony Vacuum Oil Company tanker with a top speed of 8 knots and a capacity of breaking down on frequent occasions out at sea.

This was November 1942 on the *SS Gargoyle* (foreign voyage) before and after weighing anchor off Staten Island. Four cadets from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, Long Island were aboard among an international crew from the old merchant marine days when service in the U.S. Merchant Marine was the means that many foreigners chose to become U.S. citizens. The captain was Norwegian, Second Mate Russian from St. Petersburg, a Third Engineer from Germany, a Chinese cook, Greek pump-man and so on. American sailors were in the minority. I might mention the Chinese cook wasn't half bad at what he had to prepare.

The food was passable, but the quarters, for the four cadets, was a kind of locker with port holes directly next to the engine room exit. During the winter time, the heat was bearable, but in the tropics, it was murder. Roaches abounded and at night would crawl over us while we slept.

## Safety equipment?

One incident which I remember with great clarity was as follows: Prior to our leaving the dock to anchor off Staten Island and putting to sea, a very large Coast

Guard commander came aboard with an entourage of sailors and wanted to demonstrate a new life saving device intended to save the lives of sailors swimming in cold seas.

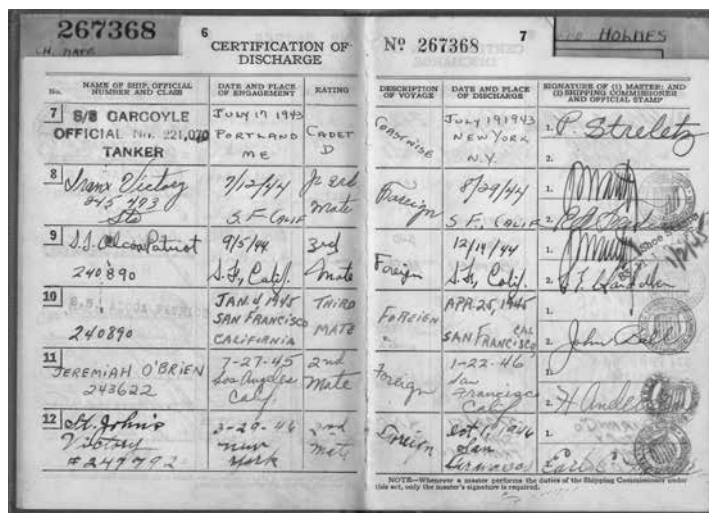
It was a heavy rubber suit which covered the whole body excepting a space for the face. The Commander was in a hurry with his demonstration and volunteered the Chinese cook much to the amusement of everyone. The object was to put the suit on and jump into the water. The Captain, who spoke with a heavy Norwegian accent, was not a bit amused and protested to the Commander that "you can't throw my cook in da water!" The Commander was very reassuring, "The inventors made this whole thing perfectly safe."

The Captain's answer was "I don't give a (expletive)

about the inventors; put a line around that (expletive)." To get the whole thing over and done with, a line was tied around the cook and he was pushed into the bay. He sank like a stone. Bubbles commenced coming up at the spot where he sank. The Captain screamed for someone to pull up on the line, and the cook was hauled up on board swearing in Chinese and threatening to kill someone if he had the chance. The Commander had, in his haste, neglected to insist that a life preserver be worn under the suit. The Commander, and his men, left in a great huff, but the crew were laughing about it for days. The following day, being Sunday, and unreasonably warm for the last of November, we anchored off Staten Island. I can remember the cows being herded into a barn at a nearby farm. At around eight in the evening, we weighed anchor. I grabbed four hours of sleep prior to going on watch at 12:00 AM. When I climbed up on the bridge to join the Second Mate, on the starboard side was the burning wreckage of a single cargo vessel. No survivors. This was how close the U-boats got to our shores. We pressed on knowing any second our fate could be the same, but it rarely came up in conversation as we all went about our duties.

## Jealousy?

On another cadet voyage months later, same ship: one beautiful evening in August when sailing in the Gulf of Mexico, a brand spanking new tanker overtook us





and sailed grandly towards the horizon. I can remember standing at the rail, watching this ship with a kind of fascination and a bit of jealousy. I was about to turn away when there was a bright flash, followed by a large volume of black smoke. I had a watch cap on at the time and pulled it purposely over my eyes to keep anyone from noticing how scared I was. The time of that torpedoing was 7:22 PM.

### ***Saving a life:***

One incident which I thought was interesting concerned the Third Engineer, who was German and spoke English with great difficulty. Apparently he had become despondent, possibly feeling that he should be home fighting against the Allies instead of helping them. The mess boy and I were at the back of the ship when the Third Engineer ran past us and leaped over the ship's fan tail in a suicide attempt. In our excitement the mess boy and I threw the engineer a broom, instead of a life ring, which wasn't far away. It is amazing what one will do when there isn't time for logic. However, it was the broom that saved his life.

Now you have heard stories of survivors being spotted in the ocean and consequently rescued. These have to be sheer fabrication. Once in the water, a swimmer blends in incredibly with his surroundings and becomes almost invisible. The captain (Norwegian), who acted with promptness as upon learning of the man over board immediately ordered a life boat launched, being manned by the closest available sailors which included myself. The boat in question was propelled by oars, not by motor. As we rowed away from the ship, I can to this day hear the captain's voice booming from the bridge, "He's over dere" which happened to be quite a distance from where we were located. After we had rowed to the point where the captain indicated, we could hear, "No, No, No, he's over dere!" By this time my arms were in pain. It was terribly hot. I didn't think I could lift another stroke, and then we heard a voice crying, "sharks!"

Looking in that direction we could see the broom. When reaching that point, we pulled the engineer into our boat with numerous cuts on his body where the sharks had tried to bite him. He had literally fought the sharks off with that broom. The Third Mate Matson wrote up this account and submitted it to "The Saturday Evening Post", and it was published in a kind of digest form.

### ***Sailing on the SS Jeremiah O'Brien – 1945:***

After I graduated, I sailed as a Second Mate and

spent some time in San Francisco. I signed aboard the *SS Jeremiah O'Brien* leaving July 27th 1945 and returned to San Francisco January 22, 1946. Our last stop was Fremantle, Australia.

The remaining part of the war was spent in the South Pacific with various duties to all battle areas from Milne Bay, Holland, Williams Haven, New Guinea, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Eniwetok, Funa Futi, Saipan, and lastly Australia, India, and China. Also we briefly touched down at Pitcairn Island, of Munity on the Bounty fame. The people there were very polite and welcoming. The war did not seem to touch them and life went on there as it always had been.

### ***War Bride story:***

At the end of the war, when stopping at Fremantle, Australia, we took on a non-military cargo of wool and 39 Australian war brides or wives of U.S. service men.

In addition to this the U.S. Counsel to New Zealand came aboard with his new bride and told me confidently that she was in the personal charge of the captain. In fact, the captain had made special arrangements to have her cabin right next to his in order to see "after her comforts."



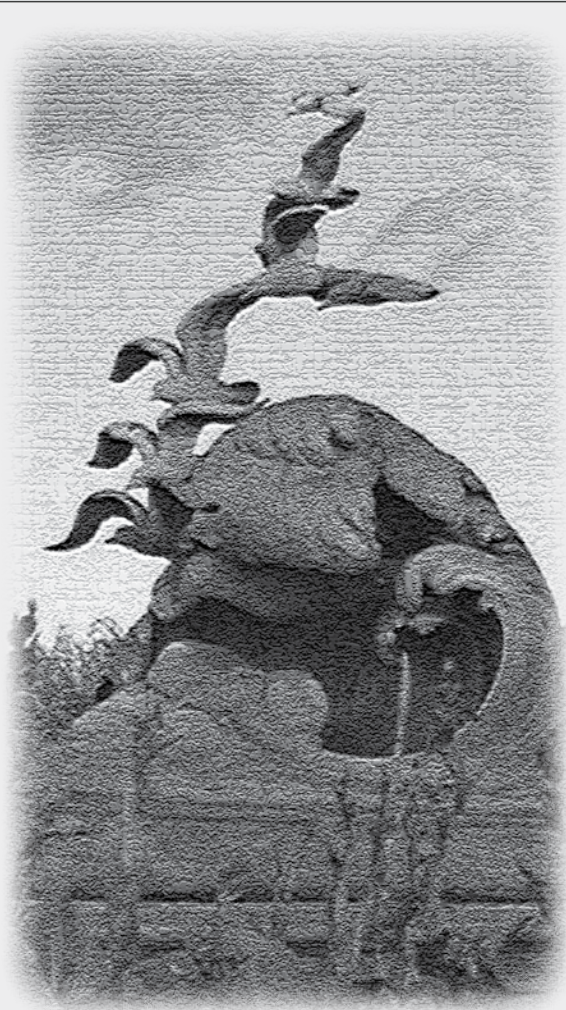
The captain, a degenerate, double dealing, lying, drunken specimen of manhood, assured the Counsel, who seemed to dote on every word of the captain, that his wife would be very safe with him. He would personally see to it. I pleaded with the Counsel to put his wife's quarters down with the other women, but he would hear nothing of it.

Well, during one of those beautiful moonlit nights when I was on watch, I saw the girl in question running down the fore deck, scantily clad, with the captain in close pursuit, saying "here kitty, kitty." This is a true story, so help me.

There was a general relief of all on board due to the war finally being over and some of the crew and the other women on board took advantage of the situation and I guess decided that any port was OK in a storm, so to speak, with all-night card playing and romantic activities going on in lifeboats and other hidden parts of the ship. We arrived thirty-two days later at San Francisco with all such activities at an end and life in a post war world about to begin.

*Submitted by David Holmes. He can be reached by phone (404) 451-6255 or email: [workingwithdave@yahoo.com](mailto:workingwithdave@yahoo.com).*

# *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.*

AROBERT J. ANDERSON  
JACK E. BRIGHT  
THOMAS J. BRISKEY, JR.  
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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.

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**Profit & Loss**  
 July 2016 through March 2017

**Ordinary Income/Expense**

**Income**

402 · CONTRIBUTIONS	15,217.42
403 · INTEREST INCOME	20.75
405 · MISSION SUPPORT FUND	3,319.98
406 · DVD SALES	108.00
407 · RECRUITMENT MAIL INCOME	700.00
409 · MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	938.00
410 · CHAPTER DUES	
BSM · BIG SKY MARINERS	140.00
AKG · ALASKA GREATLANDS	128.00
BEE · BEEHIVE MARINERS	125.00
CAC · CACTUS MARINERS	192.00
CEC · CENTRAL CALIFORNIA	300.00
CWM · CARL W. MINOR - CENT. CA. COAST	325.00
DAR · DENNIS ROLAND	2,400.00
DES · DESERT MARINERS	400.00
DVC · DELAWARE VALLEY	100.00
GLD · GOLDEN GATE	1,475.00
GUL · GULFSTREAM	1,045.00
HIR · HIGH ROLLERS	375.00
HSE · HIGH SEA ERA	50.00
HSM · HIGH SEAS MARINERS	0.00
HUD · HUDSON VALLEY	725.00
HUM · HUMBOLDT BAY	125.00
JTS · JOHN T. SCHMIDT/PALMETTO	525.00
LON · LONE STAR	325.00
MAC · ROBERT J. MAC ALVANAH	375.00
MAL · MEMBERS AT LARGE	22,758.00
MALW · MEMBER-AT-LARGE - WEBPAGE	862.78
MAM · MID AMER. ANCIENT MARINERS	600.00
MGC · MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST	64.00
MOV · MISSOURI VALLEY	725.00
MPA · MARINERS OF PENNSYLVANIA	405.00
MWE · MID WEST	650.00
NBM · NORTH BAY MARINERS	500.00
NOA · NORTH ATLANTIC	500.00
OCA · OCALA CHAPTER	675.00
OHV · OHIO VALLEY	550.00
OKM · OKLAHOMA MARINERS	300.00
ORE · OREGON	1,200.00
ORV · OSWEGO RIVER VALLEY	75.00
PEC · PECONIC BAY	350.00
PUG · PUGET SOUND	250.00
ROG · ROGUE VALLEY	325.00
ROR · ROAD RUNNER	350.00
SAC · SACRAMENTO VALLEY	850.00
SAR · SARASOTA-MANATEE	600.00
SSP · SS SAMUEL PARKER	600.00
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Total 410 · CHAPTER DUES 44,569.78

Total Income 64,873.93

**Expense**

500 · FIXED EXPENSE	
501 · BANK CHARGE	154.50
503 · EQUIP RENTAL	494.00
507 · TELEPHONE	2,730.45
508 · RENT/OCCUPANCY	2,700.00
509 · UTILITIES	950.00
510 · MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION	947.37
511 · SERVICE CHARGES - PAYPAL	31.36
Total 500 · FIXED EXPENSE	8,007.68
520 · MISSION ADVANCE	
521 · AWARDS	1,175.00
525 · MISSION SUPPORT EXPENSE	4,587.50
520 · MISSION ADVANCE - Other	150.00
Total 520 · MISSION ADVANCE	5,912.50
522 · RECRUITMENT & SPECIAL MAILING	702.95
526 · INTERNET INITIATIVE	115.00
528 · JCC CLOSING EXPENSE	709.00
530 · NEWS LETTER	
533 · POSTAGE	3,471.41
536 · PRINTING	10,965.73
537 · GRAPHIC DESIGN	300.00
538 · LAYOUT	3,300.00
539 · EDITORIAL FEE	900.00
Total 530 · NEWS LETTER	18,937.14
540 · DVD EXPENSE	
543 · DVD POSTAGE	8.49
Total 540 · DVD EXPENSE	8.49
550 · PERSONNEL	
551 · ADMINISTRATOR	13,950.00
552 · NATIONAL PRESIDENT	839.06
Total 550 · PERSONNEL	14,789.06
560 · OPERATING EXPENSES	
564 · OFFICE SUPPLIES	945.56
565 · POSTAGE - OFFICE	1,097.12
566 · PRINTING - OFFICE	78.95
568 · TRANSPORTATION	542.42
Total 560 · OPERATING EXPENSES	2,664.05

Total Expense 51,845.87

Net Ordinary Income 13,028.06

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*Dues for the fiscal year  
 July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018  
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PRES. CAPT. CHRIS AND JOE WALTERS, MAL**





**CAPT. CHRIS, MID-WEST CHAPTER, AND  
SINDY RAYMOND, NORTH BAY MARINERS  
CHAPTER**



**CAPT. CHRIS, MID-WEST CHAPTER WITH  
FIANCÉE KIM DEGRAVE**



**CAPT. BOLTON WITH THREE CMA CADETS**

**BEEN HERE!**



**"FRITZ" ALJETS, SS  
SAMUEL PARKER  
CHAPTER IN HIS  
ORIGINAL MM  
UNIFORM**



**KEN BLUE, SACRAMENTO VALLEY  
CHAPTER WITH HIS NIECE, BETTY EVANS**



**LADIES' LUNCHEON**

# HELL NO! WE WON'T GO AWAY!

*Editor's note: the personal letter to all Congresspersons and the 3-page submittal by Dave Yoho, AMMV member, were sent to all U.S. House of Representatives members at their district offices during the AMMV national convention at the end of March, 2017, urging them to support our legislation – HR.154 "The Honoring Our WWII Merchant Mariners Act of 2017." You are urged to do your part and contact your Congressperson to help us pass our current legislation.*



NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
**American Merchant Marine Veterans**  
Serving America in Peace and War

March 15, 2017

Dear Honorable Congressperson:

This is a personal appeal for your support of **H.R. 154: The Honoring Our WWII Merchant Mariners Act of 2017**, which was introduced by Congressman Al Green on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Educational information is enclosed to provide an accurate explanation of why this legislation is so important and why time is of the essence.

As the National Office Administrator of the American Merchant Marine Veterans (AMMV) organization, I would like to explain the history of this legislation. This bill has in one form or another been pending in the U. S. House of Representatives since 2005 and time is running out for your constituents, now all in their 90s, who would qualify for this recognition of honor. Many of them are too feeble or incapacitated to contact you themselves; however, their spouses, families and friends - also your constituents - are very interested in this issue. Therefore, I am forwarding my plea for your help, as well as the enclosed informational flyer to help you make an informed decision about this legislation on their behalf. Please help them before it is too late.

I realize that there have been many changes in the House since 2005 and a fair number of Congresspersons are unaware of the heroic deeds of the U. S. Merchant Mariners in World War II. These men, who waited so long – 43 years - for our great Country to recognize them as Veterans, had the highest fatality rate of any service. The enclosed information will give you an idea of what happened in those long past days of WWII. If you would care for more information, please feel free to contact me.

This bipartisan legislation has been passed in the House twice over the years. Please help us get it passed again in the current 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, before it too late for these men.

I, along with the many family members, descendants, survivors, and friends of our WWII Merchant Marine Veterans, look forward to your consideration of co-sponsoring **HR. 154: The Honoring Our WWII Merchant Mariners Act of 2017.**

Thank you,

SINDY P. RAYMOND  
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# YOU DON'T KNOW ME!

## An Appeal to Those Leaders and Legislators Who Labor on Behalf of This Great Nation From Veterans of World War II



*Hear our plea and our story for the support of legislation "Honoring WWII Merchant Mariners Act of 2017" – House bill HR.154. We know that you are besieged with many requests for support of other causes. We know you have many issues, which may be seen as a priority. We ask you to give us who remain what was promised or similar. If there are public hearings, we can provide brief testimony for our cause. We will provide information, which will shed new light on our history and contribution during World War II. Moreover, we ask that you favor this aging group of Veterans and let them know that they are not forgotten.*

### OUR STORY – By Dave Yoho

We are like grains of sand on the vast seashore of life. We are part of a rapidly eroding station of life. We are old and Veterans of World War II.

There were 16 million U.S. service men in uniform – from a population of about 130 million. Our special group represented 250 thousand of those Veterans. Now less than 2500 of us remain.

We were called to service by a great president (Franklin D. Roosevelt), and legislation was enacted for the creation of this special group.

We were issued and required to wear uniforms, trained and marched in a military manner; we had to go through guards to get in to our base and we could not leave without special documentation. We were taught wartime techniques, the use of anti-aircraft guns, and each day our regimentation was supervised in a military manner with penalties for the violation of good conduct rules or military dress.

We were all volunteers; we were present on all five continents on which that war was fought. We were wherever allied fighting forces were called upon, at every invasion, on every sea and ocean.

The coast guard administered our records and training and the U.S. Navy controlled the scheduling, departure and destination for those ships on which we served. In the 7 months, which followed our entry into war, many of us served on ships, which sailed through hostile waters off our eastern seaboard.

From Nova Scotia down to Florida and further, these ships traveled without special armament, guns or ammunition and without convoy – following the routes and going to ports mandated by the U.S. Navy.

In those first 7 months of World War II, 300 ships were sunk and 3000 seaman died right off that eastern coastline of the United States.

In a distant place called Murmansk Russia, American and allied ships were called upon to deliver the goods of war. These ships laden with tanks, trucks, planes, ammunition, fuel, clothing and food, sailed through ice and seas so cold that those who were forced to abandon ship survived for less than 10 minutes before going to their watery grave. No ships were permitted to stop or slow down to rescue survivors. On one occasion, supporting combat ships were withdrawn from Merchant ships and their crews were left to face German ships and submarines, which rapidly diminished their numbers.



Recruiting poster  
Circa 1943/1944

The beautiful World War II Memorial in Washington, DC pays tribute to Murmansk as a critical battlefield of that war. Yet, this is but of one of those bloody, life-destroying encounters in which we participated and for which we paid dearly with our lives.

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Dave Yoho – (arrow) Age 16 at basic training U.S. Maritime Service, Sheepshead Bay 1944

The majority of us were very young when we enlisted; many under the age of 18; some were 16 or 17 years of age. We were trained in a military environment and put on ships at graduation.

When the war ended, we had the highest casualty rate of any of the services. Even then, President Harry Truman implored us to remain in service to bring home the troops from five continents, to transport and bring supplies, machinery and other equipment of peace to the needy world. At war's ending, we were eager to return to our homes and families, yet most of us responded to the call to continually serve our country.

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1944, President Roosevelt signed into law "The G.I. Bill", which was presented to him by both houses. On that date, and for the record, he stated:

***"I trust Congress will soon provide similar opportunities to the members of the Merchant Marines who have risked their lives time and time again during the war for the welfare of their country."***

Unfortunately, President Roosevelt died in April of 1945 and his desires and intent were not fulfilled. It took 43 years (till 1988) of struggle through our own medical bills, getting further education or buying a home. These rights were finally given to us in 1988 when we were in our mid 60s; some over 70.

We served as we were called upon to do. We were volunteers who pledged our lives and service for this great country. We gave up our youth and our maturing years. Three and a half percent of us died in that service. Many thousands more carried their injuries both physical and psychological through their post war lives. Ever proud of our country, we stand as able when our national anthem is played and when our flag is presented.

At functions where the military services are honored we applaud as each service hears their music played. Ours (heave ho) is seldom, if ever rendered.

We support our country, yet in our pain and remembrance, we hear that our earnings far exceeded those in the other services, which was not true. A Boatswain mate in the Navy made approximately \$2250 per year and received tax exemption of \$1500. A Merchant Marine equivalent (an able seaman) was paid approximately \$2600 per year all subject to income tax. If perchance, his ship was sunk or he became a prisoner of war, his pay stopped while the Army or Navy veteran received full pay, medical attention for dependents and medical benefits post war. We received \$1.00 per day if taken prisoner and no access to the benefits afforded to Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marines.

We suffered post war injuries to both mind and body including but not limited to malaria, ulcers, H-Pylori and post-traumatic stress. For 43 years (til 1988) we were denied those health care benefits, which were made available to all other Veterans.

We waited patiently as others affected by World War II were acknowledged and were given both kudos and compensation. We mourn our brother Mariners who have "passed" and their families who cry out for recognition and ask you to support HR.154.

***"Do you, – can you, – will you – 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)***

***Dave Yoho served on a T/2 tanker during WWII and on two victory ships post-war. He completed high school (G.E.D.) and earned a college degree (night school). During his successful business career, he made over 5000 speeches (every state and 22 foreign countries); appeared in over 100 training movies/videos for Fortune 500 companies. He has received numerous awards for his speaking skills. Dave Yoho -- [admin@daveyoho.com](mailto:admin@daveyoho.com)***

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**Please review the attached "Facts & Fables" of the World War II Merchant Marines.**



## THE AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINES IN WORLD WAR II

Please review these and support HR.154

### Facts & Fables

**Fact:** Our war ended 72 years ago. Our life began anew. We licked our wounds. We bound our emotional hurts and moved our lives forward. Today, in our twilight years, we experience the continuing loss of our comrades, the dimming of our senses and the discomfort that comes from disappointment. We've read and heard the rumors and the misinformation. Only we, or those who faced World War II in like circumstances, can cause reflection on these implications. So, we look to you and pray that you will support our plea. Give us hearing and an opportunity to dispel misinformation. Let your actions speak to our plea. Let us be remembered for what we did and how we fulfilled our oath.

**Fable:** The Merchant Marine was a harbor for those trying to avoid the draft.

**Fact:** The original wartime draft was for those 18 years or older. Some volunteers might have opted out of the U.S. Army. That was also probably true of some Navy and Coast Guard volunteers. The highest percentage of Maritime service recruits were under 19 years of age. Some were unable to meet the physical requirements of the other services. Some over the age of 35 were draft exempt and still volunteered to do their part. African-American recruits may have opted in because we were the only totally integrated service.

**Fable:** The Merchant Marine received inordinate benefits when in combat zone.

**Fact:** There were bonuses if the ship were bombed or sunk and limited bonuses if your ship was in a combat zone. In my earlier example, the coastline of the eastern United States and a vast part of the Pacific Ocean were not considered combat zones (no bonus).

**Fable:** The Merchant Mariner was well rewarded for all his risk.

**Fact:** If the ship was sunk, disabled or if a mariner was taken as a prisoner of war (approximately 800 were) their pay stopped and no benefits were extended prior to or during captivity.

**Fable:** Once in the Merchant Marine, you could no longer be drafted.

**Fact:** If after a hazardous voyage or otherwise, you waited for another ship for more than 30 days, you could be drafted.

**Fable:** An injured Merchant Mariner had the right to sue and require the owners of the ship to compensate for medical bills and loss of income.

**Fact:** In many cases, the ships were owned by the U.S. government. One example would be W.E.T. (War Emergency Tankers) built by the government, sometimes leased but always regulated in terms of usage by the U.S. Navy. The concept of suing for justifiable injuries, lingering diseases or loss of compensation is complicated and largely unmanageable (incongruous).

**Fable:** Granting Merchant Mariners access to the GI Bill (in 1988) compensated them for any inequities they might have experienced.

**Fact:** Forty-three years after the war ended the average Merchant Mariner was over 60, sometimes 70 years of age. Any need for a mortgage or college education had long since passed. Merchant Mariners were, and still are in many cases, denied burial in military cemeteries. In many cases, the American Legion and the VFW do not permit membership.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A LITTLE KNOWN STORY AND ALL THE MORE REASON FOR JUST RECOGNITION

Dear Sindy:

*I think that the little known story of the explosion of the SS John Harvey, with its load of mustard gas, could be a great story about the price we Merchant Mariners paid in WWII. If we can get this story and others into the hands of our Congress and newspapers, it would further our cause for Just Recognition. Does one wonder why the U.S. sent this "precious" cargo on a merchant ship and not on a U.S. naval vessel? Were the Merchant Mariners considered that expendable?*

### The story:

During WWII, the Germans needed to stop the northward advance of the Allied Army and suppress the Fifteenth Air Force. During every campaign there was always the threat of the Germans using poison gas. By the end of 1943, the strategic initiative in the war had passed to the allies. The allies feared that Hitler could use poison gas to redress the strategic balance. While the United States condemned the use of poison gas, President Roosevelt pledged that the US would reply in kind if the Germans used poison gas first. In support of this pledge, the Liberty ship, *John Harvey* was selected to convey a shipment of mustard gas to Italy to be held in reserve.

Bari, an old city dating back to the Middle Ages, lies along the Adriatic Sea at the top of the heel of the boot of Italy and was the *John Harvey's* destination. During World War II, the port of Bari was under the jurisdiction of the British and was the main supply base for General Montgomery's Eighth Army as well as the headquarters for the American Fifteenth Air Force which was located about 35 miles further north. Aviation fuel for the Fifteenth Air Force was unloaded at Bari.

The *John Harvey* was loaded with two thousand M41-A1 100 lb. mustard bombs at the Baltimore cargo port. The bombs were disguised to look like conventional bombs. She then sailed for Norfolk on October 15, 1943 and on to Oran, Algeria by convoy arriving on November 2, 1943. From Oran, she proceeded in convoy to Augusta, Sicily and then to Bari arriving at Bari on November 28, 1943.

In late November, 1943, the harbor at Bari was ex-

tremely crowded and busy. All the berths in the inner harbor were full or not ready for unloading. The *John Harvey* was ordered to berth at Pier 29 on the East jetty until there was a berth free in the inner harbor where she could unload her cargo. Her captain, Elwin F. Knowles, tried in vain to get British port officials to speed delivery up. This was difficult, because he was gagged by the secrecy that surrounded the gas shipment. How could he get officials to act when he was not even supposed to know that he was carrying the mustard gas in the first place?

### December 2, 1943

The *John Harvey* was still waiting to unload on December 2, 1943. Since secrecy was paramount and few people knew of the mustard gas on board, the *John Harvey* was not given priority to unload its cargo of mustard bombs.

German reconnaissance pilot Hahn returned to base after flying over Bari. His positive report about conditions at Bari set in motion a raid that had been discussed and planned some time before. All available Ju-188 pilots were ordered to fly their twin-engine bombers east to the Adriatic, then swing south and west to Bari.

The German attack on Bari began at 7:20 in the evening on December 2, 1943. The planes flew in from the east. Parachute flares were released first to light the way for the attacking aircraft and the Ju-88s came in low avoiding Allied radar detection. The docks were already brilliantly lit to facilitate unloading and the East jetty was packed with ships. There was no time for the ships in the harbor to get underway.

The Liberty ship *SS Joseph Wheeler*, moored on the *Harvey's* port side, took a direct hit and exploded. The *John Harvey* remained intact sustaining no direct bomb damage but caught fire when showered by flaming debris from a nearby damaged ship. The situation was extremely serious because of the mustard bombs on board. Without warning, the *John Harvey* blew up. Everyone on board was killed instantly and pieces of the ship and her cargo were hurled into the air. Mustard gas released from the broken bombs mixed with the oil on the waters' surface and with billowing clouds of smoke.

There were more than 1,000 military and merchant marine casualties with 800 admitted to local hospi-

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tals. A conservative estimate places civilian casualties at around 1,000. There were 628 mustard casualties among military and merchant marine personnel, alone, with 69 dying in the first two weeks.

Secrecy shrouded the affair at Bari. The public was eventually told of the devastating raid but the presence of mustard gas was not divulged. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill was particularly adamant that the role mustard gas played in the tragedy remain a secret. He believed that publicizing the fiasco would hand the Germans a propaganda victory. This secrecy may have caused additional deaths because if the word of the presence of mustard agent had been disseminated, more victims, especially civilians, may have sought proper treatment.

*Sindy, I believe if this story, and perhaps other "unknown" ones, were released to Congress and some of the media today, they would get great attention. And hopefully help us in our Just Recognition quest.*

*Most sincerely,*

*HAP BLEDSOE*

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## WHY ARE U.S. MERCHANT MARINERS IGNORED?

Hello Sindy:

A recent article, by Joe Daraskevich, run by the Florida Times-Union newspaper in Jacksonville, FL. about the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the *SS Gulfamerica* off Jacksonville Beach in 1942, failed to include that the ship was a merchant ship crewed by U.S. Merchant Mariners with a small Navy Armed Guard contingent on board. According to the article 19 of 48 onboard were killed when a German U-boat launched a torpedo into the stern of the *Gulfamerica* and then raked its hull with gunfire to make sure the ship would never float again. All this in sight of Jacksonville Beach, where civilians watched with interest and some tried to help. The complete article can found on the Internet at <http://jacksonville.com/news/military/2017-04-09/fiery-u-boat-attack-jacksonville-beach-created-spectacle-75-years-ago>

The lack of Merchant Marine recognition outraged me enough to write a Letter to the Editor of the Times-Union which, I have been assured, they will publish. It reads in part:

*"This story NEVER mentioned the US Merchant Marine. Only a few US Navy Armed Guard were on this ship and the*

*rest were Merchant Mariners. Here is part of the ship's crew lists from Uboat.net showing 21 of the 48 on board, 19 of whom were Merchant Mariners, and most of them died that day. The US Merchant Marine continues to get disrespected in every aspect of our history, our monuments, our NFL, MLB games and you never hear the song "Heave Ho" played at any veterans' events. Hard to believe that high schools and elementary schools are not even teaching the valuable role of the USMM in WWII. Please have Joe Daraskevich do a story on this atrocity of what our government has done to the US Merchant Marine.*

*They were told they would all be veterans and get the GI Bill. FDR promised them this but died before he could make it law. Congress then forgot about them until three men, who were torpedoed several times from ships, sued our government for the rights to the GI Bill. Over 9,300 Mariners died, several thousands were wounded and received NOT ONE PENNY for disability or to pay their medical bills.*

*I personally know several WWII MM Veterans. One was 15 when he ran off to join the Navy. They turned him down because of his age and told him to sign up with the USMM. They also told him he would have veteran's benefits. On his very first ship, Maryanne Livermore, a kamikaze hit 10 feet from him and killed his best friend. His own legs were shattered and he was placed in a Navy hospital. Two months later, the war ended and the nurse told him he had to go home. Why? Not because the war was over...because HE HAD NO VETERAN'S INSURANCE. This brave man was also denied the Purple Heart even though several civilians throughout U.S. history have received the Purple Heart such as news reporters wounded in the line of action. How do you give a weatherman or a reporter a Purple Heart but deny a 15-year-old boy who had his crutches knocked out from under him when he returned to school and was called a DRAFT DODGER? Something is terribly wrong in this country when we treat our COMBAT VETERANS—yes, "ACTIVE DUTY VETERANS" and not civilian veterans—like they NEVER EXISTED?"*

I'm keeping my fingers crossed that the LTE will be published by the Times-Union in Jacksonville, and thank you for considering it for the AMMV NEWS Magazine.

*Full speed ahead,*

*SHEILA SOVA*



# AMMV 31<sup>st</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION

## Reno, Nevada

### Sunday, March 26, 2017

Attendees and guests arriving in Reno by air were greeted by a welcome message on the monitors at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. Also, an article appeared in a local Reno newspaper about the WWII Merchant Marine and the upcoming convention. Both of these treats were arranged by AMMV member Charles Montanaro and publicized "Heave Ho" our event well enough to bring "informational walkins" to the Hospitality Room.

The 31<sup>st</sup> AMMV National Convention opened with afternoon Registration in the Hospitality Room. Throughout the convention, the Hospitality Room offered many interesting displays and exhibits. All registering attendees took time to sign form letters addressed to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs in support of the new bill, H.R. 154.

The Board of Directors meeting was held later that evening. Topics discussed were membership numbers; organizational non-profit status; the looming retirement of our National Office Administrator; the need for By-Law revisions (especially in the area of voting procedures); and the 2017-18 fiscal budget. The subject of the 2018 National Convention was raised, but no volunteers came forth to sponsor it.

### Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

Opening Ceremonies kicked off at 09:00 on Monday. Joining us were

Reno City Councilman Paul McKenzie and Nevada American Legion Depart-



*Sally Langwah, MAL, sings*

ment Commander Robert Terhune. Presenting the colors were Frank Mendez and Richard Romo. Christian Yuhas, who served as Master of Ceremonies throughout the event, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Sally Langwah then performed the *Star-Span-gled*

*Banner* and *Heave Ho*. Father Sinclair Oubre provided the opening invocation. Next came the introduction of National, Regional, and Chapter officers.

Business opened with National President Capt. Chris Edyvean providing a report which included the topics of membership; review of various AMMV committees & committee members; review of outcomes of 114th Congress legisla-



*Nevada American Legion Commander Robert Terhune*



*Capt. Chris Edyvean, Mid-West chapter, National President*

tion issues; outlook for the new bill H.R. 154 in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress; status of efforts in obtaining Veteran status for U.S. merchant mariners who sailed in support of the Korean conflict; and the dissolution of AMMV's

relationship with NAUS. (NAUS officially closed its doors on December 31<sup>st</sup> and merged into two existing military advocacy organizations.)

Following the Opening Ceremonies and President's Report, the convention broke for lunch. The Ladies' Lunch was well attended with Roy Langwah performing as Willie Nelson.



*Ladies lunch finale*

The lunch ended with many participants dancing and waving bandanas while Willie sang "On the Road Again".

The AMMV National Elections were held immediately after lunch. Captain Chris Edyvean was re-elected as

National President and Nelson Cauble was re-elected as National Secretary. Nelson defeated challenger Stanley Blumenthal by obtaining 81% of the recorded vote. Newly elected officers were Christian Yuhas as National Vice President and John Pitts as National Treasurer. The term of service for these officers is July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019. A round of applause was given to retiring National Officers George Salovich (not in attendance) and Morris Harvey for



*NVP Morris Harvey, Ocala chapter, Nelson Cauble, Oregon chap*



their years of dedicated service to the AMMV.

The next order of business was organization resolutions. *Copies of approved Resolutions appear elsewhere in this NEWS.* Stanley Blumenthal, Gulfstream Chapter, submitted a Resolution titled, "Building A Large Cruise Ship on President Donald Trump's

Watch". After much heated discussion, the members in attendance chose to table this until the following day to allow time to research the statistics offered in the Resolution. Member-at-Large Father Sinclair Oubre

presented a Resolution for support of initiating a cause for Sainthood for Capt. LaRue/Brother Marinus, Master of the *Meredith Victory* when it rescued 14,000 refugees during the Korean conflict. Oubre's Resolution passed unanimously. Capt. Chris Edyvean, Midwest Chapter, offered a Resolution regarding support for NOAA's east coast sanctuary expansion. The membership decided to table this Resolution until after David Alberg (NOAA Sanctuary Superintendent) spoke that evening so that questions could be properly addressed.

Monday's evening speaker was Father Sinclair Oubre, Apostleship of the Sea-USA. Oubre, who spoke in detail about the life and work of Captain Leonard LaRue (aka Brother Marinus), and explained the multi-step process that achieving Sainthood for Brother Marinus would entail.

#### **Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Business sessions resumed at 09:00.

Blumenthal's resolution was voted down; however, some volunteers offered to help rewrite a version which might gain organization acceptance.

A brief presenta-

tion of social media followed. The AMMV Twitter, Facebook, and website were presented on the screen. Capt. Chris also demonstrated how to use the "Support H.R. 154" link found on the Navy League website, which sends an email to one's Congressperson based on the entered zip code. Unfortunately, the wi-fi capabilities at



*Keith Lawrence, author, MAL, with Sally, MAL, his daughters and Roy Langwah, MAL*

the hotel were running slow during this timeframe, which hampered the presentation.

In the afternoon, many attendees opted for the Reno bus tour, which made several stops. Rumor has it that some attendees may have won some money!

Meanwhile, the Hospitality Room was open as Sally & Roy performed 'meet and greets' and did a few songs. AMMV member Keith Lawrence stopped by to promote his book, *"Memoirs of an African-American Navigator"*. The Hospitality Room stayed open late into the evening to accommodate late registrations and members returning from the bus tour.

#### **Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

AMMV member, WWII MM Vet, and international motivational speaker

Dave Yoho kicked off the morning with a phenomenal speech geared to inspire our membership to push harder for the new WWII Merchant Mariners bill H.R. 154.

Author William Geroux was next with an overview of his book, *"The Mathews Men: Seven Brothers and the War Against Hitler's U-boats"*. Local Barnes & Noble

representatives were on site with copies of the paperback release. Geroux provided a fascinating account of the service of Mathews, VA area Merchant Mariners during WWII. He concluded his speech by telling the story of the *M/S City of New York* (also featured in his book), which had been torpedoed and sunk 75 years to the day earlier on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1942. WWII MM Vet Dr. Leon-



*Dave Yoho, MAL*

ard H. Conly would be posthumously recognized at the Farewell Banquet for delivering the "lifeboat baby" in a storm at night while awaiting rescue. AMMV member William A. Carlson, U.S. Navy



*chapter, Nat'l Secretary*



*Author Bill Geroux with picture of "lifeboat Mother, baby and daughter"*

Armed Guard, also survived this ordeal. Carlson, in attendance, was introduced by Geroux and received a standing ovation for his WWII service and sacrifice.

Following lunch break, NOAA Sanctuary Superintendent David

Alberg gave an informative presentation about the history of the National Monitor Marine Sanctuary and NOAA's plans to expand this sanctuary to include the wreckage of many WWII merchant vessels. Following Dave's talk, the earlier Resolution to support NOAA sanctuary expansion was revisited and approved by the membership in attendance.

Next, a revised and simplified Resolution of support for U.S.-built, flagged, and manned cruise ships, under the name of member Bob Weagant was presented, moved, seconded and carried by the General Assembly.

The final speakers/presenters were artist Doug Alvord and his fundraising manager, Randy Murray. Doug supplied a small-scale version of "The Brave Never Die" memorial sculpture for viewing, and outlined the details and timeline of the planned full-size version of this work. Randy discussed fundraising needs and spoke about an organization he founded called Hometown Heroes: Americas Veterans Stories, which documents video biographies of Veterans for future generations; their website is *hometown-heroes.org*.

AMMV National Secretary Nelson Cauble provided the invocation prior to the serving of the Farewell Banquet. Following the meal, the first presentation was the 'Remembrance Ceremony' of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the *M/S City of New York*. Capt. Chris reviewed the history of



*Artist Doug Alvord with a bronze sample of his proposed sculpture*



*Hank Ryan, MARAD, presents a shadow box of awards earned by Dr. Conly, posthumously, to his son, Len*

the ship's operator, American South-African

Lines. He explained that the company was renamed Farrell Lines in 1948,



*Len Conly, Jr. and Bill Carlson, MAL*

continuing as a U.S.-flagged shipping company until 2000. The company reemerged in 2010 under the parent company Maersk Line Limited, displaying the original Farrell Lines flag. Introduced was AMMV Southwest Florida Chapter member Capt. Dru

DiMattia, who is a present-day ship Master with Farrell Lines.

Returning to the storyline, Capt. Chris explained that at a time in WWII when our government hid the losses of merchant vessels from the public, the story of the *City of New York* and the miracle of birth at sea was broadcast around the world in effort to boost the morale of Allied troops. The lifeboat baby was nicknamed "The baby Hitler couldn't get".

Called up to the podium next were *City of New York* survivor William Carlson, and WWII MM Veteran Dr. Leonard H. Conly's descendants, Len Conly, Jr. (son) and Darren Conly (grandson). Dr. Conly (posthumously) and Carlson each received American Legacy Recognition plaques from AMMV for being part of this historic maritime incident.

Capt. Chris then introduced Glenna Smith, from the office of Nevada Senator Dean Heller. Glenna presented certificates of official Senate proclamations in the names of Carlson and Dr. Conly. The final presenter was Hank Ryan, MARAD Regional Director for Ship Operations. Hank read a citation from MARAD for Dr. Conly, and then presented the Conly



*Glenna Smith, office of Nevada Senator Heller, presents to Bill Carlson*



*Andrea Gray, winner of 50/50 raffle*





*Captain Harry Bolton, California Maritime Academy*

family with a beautiful shadow box of medals, which included the Merchant



*Dave Yoho, MAL presents a donation to AMMV*

Marine Distinguished Service Medal.

Our featured speaker for the evening was Captain Harry Bolton of California Maritime Academy, Master of the *Training Ship Golden Bear*. Capt. Bolton brought four CMA Cadets with him to attend the evening events. Bolton spoke on several points regarding the academy and its training ship, emphasizing the success rate of CMA cadets.

The 50/50 raffle was drawn, with Andrea Gray the winner of \$330. A few other items supplied by some of our guests were also raffled off.

Next, Dave Yoho briefly took the podium and presented Capt. Chris with \$12,500 in donations to the AMMV organization. The crowd expressed

their thankfulness with a loud round of applause.

The final segment of the scheduled program saw a wide range of organizational awards given to chapters and individuals.

"Outstanding Chapter Newsletter" awards, each supplemented with a \$25 check, were presented to representatives of the following AMMV Chapters: Ohio Valley; Golden Gate; Sacramento Valley; Midwest; Razorback; Gulfstream; and Oregon.

"Member Appreciation" plaques were given to the following members for their notable contributions to the good of the organization: Frank Mendez; Larry Starn; Bob Ulrich; Ken Blue;

Eugene Barner; Debbie Rogow; and Richard "Ben" Benjamin.

"Outstanding Volunteer" awards, supplemented by a U.S. Merchant Marine flag, were presented to: Cindy Raymond; Carole Gutierrez, Dave Yoho, Patti Scafidi, and Michael Helbig (Gutierrez & Helbig not in attendance).

Finally, a new "top tier" award, designed to be

an annual presentation, was introduced.

Capt. Chris announced this as the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Harvey-Wichita Award, which is intended to recognize and honor past AMMV National Presidents Morris Harvey and A.J. Wichita by name at each year's presentation. The recipient in the category of "post-WWII member" was Sheila Sova. Sheila was presented with a flag and a copy of *"A Careless Word, A Needless*



*Sheila Sova, MAL, receiving her "post WWII" member award*

*Sinking*". The book was in its original packaging, and wrapped in a paper cover autographed by every WWII Vet at the convention. Sheila fought back tears as she spoke to the audience about her father and why the work she does is so close to her heart. The second *Harvey-Wichita Award*, in the category of "WWII Vet", was presented to Nelson & Shirley Cauble for their many years of strong organization service. Capt. Chris highlighted the message of which Nelson customarily ended his National Secretary's reports: *"Together we can, and together we have, made a difference"*.

The convention closed with another stunning performance from Sally & Roy, who opened their set with *Heave Ho*.



*Shirley and Nelson Cauble, Oregon chapter, accepting their "WWII Vet" award*

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**KEN BLUE, SACRAMENTO  
VALLEY CHAPTER &  
MARILYN MONROE**



**l to r: PAT MOLONEY, MAL; MARILYN;  
JOHN PITTS, MAL**



**CHER AND RICHARD ROMO,  
NORTH BAY MARINERS  
CHAPTER**



**CHER AND LARRY STARN,  
SACRAMENTO VALLEY  
CHAPTER**



**l to r: BOB ROSS, MAL; EARLENE HOLLADAY, MAL; LAURA RIDDLE, MAL;  
CHARLES MONTANARO, MAL; CHER; EUGENE BARNER, MAL**





# CHAPTER NEWS

## Golden Gate Chapter

### HR-154 – OUR NEW HOUSE BILL

Great News! Per a message from National President Capt. Chris:

Thanks to our friends at the Navy League, we now have an electronic form letter that automatically emails one's representative by typing in their zip code. Once the zip code is entered, the pre-typed letter appears along with boxes to type the sender's contact information. *Please note that the pre-typed letter can be modified to fit your needs.*

The link is ACTIVE, and will soon be shown as a sidebar on Navy League's home page!

Please, SHARE this link! H.R. 154!

<http://cqrcengage.com/navyleague/app/onestep-write-a-letter?2&engagementId=53252>

## Gulfstream Chapter

### Christmas Toys For Tots Luncheon

All that attended our Toys for Tots luncheon on December 3<sup>rd</sup> said they had a lovely afternoon. Food, raffle gifts and plenty of toys for the children. Although we had a problem – the toys were destined to be given to the children of Army personnel – the Army people did not show up to pick them up. Capt. Fred Calicchio graciously took the toys home to see if he could contact the Army personnel but to no avail. Then he tried the Coast Guard and again, there was a problem; so he decided to give the toys to the Children Hospitals, St. Jude, Joe Dimaggio's, etc. Mercedes Frassetto (below) was very happy that he made that decision. If there is another luncheon next year, we will give the toys to the children's hospitals.



## Ohio Valley Chapter

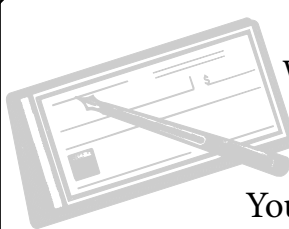


### "Dervish" Convoy Honored

August 31, 2016, the city of Arkhangelsk, Russia hosted celebration ceremonies, a conference and other events to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Allied Lend-Lease convoy codenamed "Dervish" that provided food and military supplies to the USSR with the intention of strengthening the fight against Axis forces.

Designed by U. S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration, the initially experimental Arctic Convoy departed from Iceland August 21, and between 1941 and 1945, over 17.5 million tons of supplies were delivered.

Among the guests present were more than 40 Allied WWII Veterans as well as British royal family member Princess Anne (above), who addressed the celebration of the heroism and valor that made "Dervish" the success it became.



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will be due on July 1, 2017  
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## Oregon Chapter

### Kings Point Reinstates Sea Year

In January, the Department of Transportation announced that it will fully reinstate the United States Merchant Marine Academy's Sea Year training program aboard commercial vessels.

The department suspended Sea Year last June, alleging a pattern of shipboard sexual assault, sexual harassment and intimidation. The suspension drew emphatic protests from alumni, students and parents, many of whom viewed the suspension as a threat to the academy's continued existence. With leadership from the school's alumni foundation, these stakeholders called for the full reinstatement of Sea Year, and on Friday outgoing secretary of transportation Anthony Foxx acknowledged their concerns.

"Sea Year is of vital importance to each of you," he wrote in a letter to the USMMA community. "I believe that with the strong support of industry and the specific recommendations from [an external study], participation

in Sea Year can continue to be an important and unique part of the USMMA curriculum for years to come."

Foxx authorized academy superintendent James Helis to phase in Sea Year on commercial ships on a company by company basis, adding operators back to the program as each receives clearance from the Maritime Administration. The authorization did not lay out a specific timeline.

The decision to fully reinstate Sea Year comes alongside a new plan to combat sexual assault and sexual harassment (SA/SH) on campus, with actions based on the results of a new external study. Like previous reviews of USMMA's management challenges, the plan recommends filling vacancies in



key positions and strengthening the academy's leadership.

In addition, it calls for new victim-protection policies to reduce retaliation and reprisal, and for a renewed emphasis on USMMA's core values of strength, self-sacrifice, discipline and teamwork.

## BOOK REVIEW

### *Lost in the Greenland Gap*

B. L. Smith

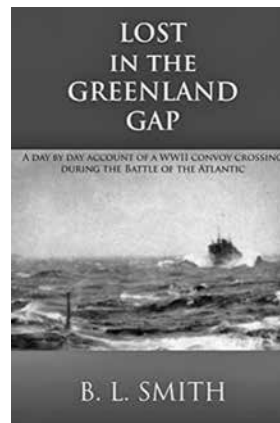
B. L. Smith (aka "Smitty") offers honest, genuine insight in sharing his experience of crossing the Atlantic in Convoy SC-32 as a Midshipman. The timeline is the 1942 holiday season, which finds the weather cold and gloomy with atrocious seas which seem to continuously pound the vessel. The reader will shiver beside Smitty on the bridge wing while standing watch aboard the SS *Callope*. The sense of being disconnected from the outside world is well cap-

tured, as U-boats pluck vessels from the convoy without notice while the crew nervously looks on. Day after day, the *Callope* fights through a variety of obstacles to deliver precious war cargo.

The German U-boats and horrific weather are not the only issues faced by Smitty during this journey. The confines of the ship itself seemingly make for a battle with one's own sanity. For example, some of the stranger occurrences that Smitty and his fellow Midshipman roommates Hartigan and Scolari encounter are waking up

to their room overflowing with sewage and a visit from a curious rat. The vessel's Cook is portrayed as horrible, and certain provisions are pilfered from the pantry in order to achieve proper subsistence. Smitty's relationship with his fellow cadets is interesting. They often get on his nerves, yet are his closest acquaintances aboard the ship. A nightly poker game is the only stress reliever.

*Lost in the Greenland gap* is a truly unique nugget of WWII Merchant Marine history and is well worth the time to indulge.





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## SS Stephen Hopkins Chapter

### LET'S KEEP OUR MM FLAG FLYING

**Merchant Marine flag raises recognition of vital work in peace and war**

*by Capt. Kelly Sweeney*



One night last fall my wife and I were attending a local Audubon Society meeting with a group of friends, looking forward to a talk by an expert on pileated woodpeckers. During the coffee break, a man who looked familiar came up to me and said, “Are you

Capt. Sweeney?” Answering that I was, he responded, “We met several years ago when you gave a talk about piracy to our local naval officers group.” We chatted a bit about that enjoyable evening, and then he continued, “Every year we have a Veterans Day ceremony here in town, and I’m in charge of organizing it. The Coupeville mayor gives a short talk, we have a flag raising, and then a local singing group gives a Veterans Day presentation of patriotic songs. Representatives of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine each raise the flag of their particular service, and I was wondering if you would like to participate.” I told him that I’d be happy to help. So, at 1045 hours on Friday, Nov. 11, I stood at the Veterans’ memorial in front of the Island County Courthouse, waiting for my cue to raise the United States Merchant Marine flag.

The crowd was peppered with decorated war veterans, local government officials and members of the island community, many of whom I recognized. When the time came, the mayor began the ceremony. She addressed the attendees, talking about the evolution of Veterans Day from its original incarnation as Armistice Day. A retired naval officer secured the American flag and a POW-MIA flag as the singers gave a rousing rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner.” In succession, representatives of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard placed their flags in their designated stands. The mayor read a short biography of each individual, after which the men’s chorus sang a song appropriate to the

representative’s branch of service. Then it was my turn. I stood solemnly holding the U.S. Merchant Marine flag, its deep blue background highlighting a bald eagle above a golden anchor, the bird’s talons attached to a red, white and blue shield. Above the shield, the words “In Peace and War” stood out in gold lettering, and below it the date “1775.”

I thought to myself, “Amazing, our Merchant Marine is older than our country.” The mayor read my bio and as the chorus broke into a hearty version of “Heave Ho, My Lads, Heave Ho,” I raised our U.S. Merchant Marine flag high in the air, lowering the pole down gently into its metal stand. Seeing the flag in its place behind the veterans memorial, I was filled with pride. Being able to represent the men and women of the U.S. Merchant Marine, the world’s finest in my opinion, made the Veterans Day ceremony even more poignant for me. I wondered how many people assembled there knew that of the nearly 250,000 civilian mariners who served in the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II, a greater percentage were killed by enemy fire compared to the other U.S. military branches. More than 1,550 U.S.-registered merchant ships were sunk during the war, many with all hands lost. Hundreds of crewmembers who miraculously survived being attacked at sea were plucked from their lifeboats and taken as prisoners of war.

It took 7 to 15 tons of supplies to support just one soldier for a year. Without our Merchant Marine bringing the troops the food, ammunition and gasoline they needed, Allied forces could not have done their job. After the war ended, the brave men and women who faced the deadly Nazi U-boat wolf packs to “deliver the goods” were denied the veterans’ benefits given to their military counterparts.

I’ve spoken to a number of Merchant Marine veterans groups. One thing I heard over and over again was that those who served as civilian mariners in times of war were not given full recognition for their contribution — something I noticed even in my own family. My father got a free college education for his Navy service in World War II, but my father-in-law didn’t get a penny in post-war benefits from his time on commercial vessels, even though one of the ships he sailed on was sunk by the en-





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emy. Merchant Marine veterans have fought for decades to obtain what was promised them in recognition of their service during the war.

Their latest effort is to seek passage of House of Representatives bill H.R. 154, otherwise known as the "Honoring Our WWII Merchant Mariners Act of 2017."

The Merchant Marine flag says "In Peace and War," a reminder of our industry's importance to this country at all times — not just during armed conflict. Domestic shipping contributes about \$100 billion annually to the peacetime economy, supporting close to 500,000 jobs. In a typical year, U.S.-flag vessels carry about 100 million passengers and move more than \$400 billion in goods between United States ports. Yet, despite this vital contribution to our wonderful country's economy, the essential

role the U.S. Merchant Marine plays is still often overlooked.

After the end of the Veterans Day ceremony, my wife and I walked back to our truck. Turning to look one last time, I saw the Merchant Marine flag in its equal place among the others. As it gently flowed in the breeze, I thought to myself that if we want recognition for our important contributions during peace and war, then it is important for us to get involved in organizations such as the Navy League and Propeller Club, and by contributing to union and/or company political action funds. It is past time for our government, elected officials and the general public to recognize the vital work we do. If they don't hear about it from us, then who will they hear it from? Till next time, I wish you all smooth sailing.

## StormTheHill Initiative- 2017

*Submitted by Government Affairs Co-chairman Morris Harvey.*

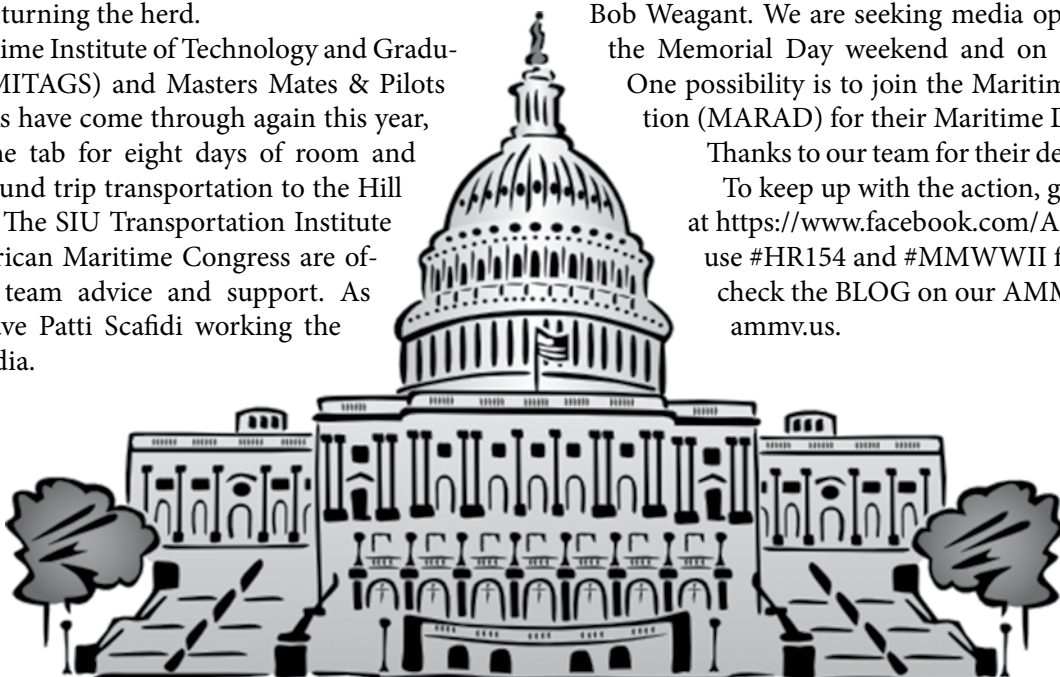
This year we are promoting House of Representatives bill HR-154," Honoring our WWII Merchant Mariners Act of 2017", sponsored by Congressman Al Green (TX-9). As of this date there is one co-sponsor. This fact offers a clue as to where the Congress People are spending their time – not on bills like HR-154. Our StormTheHill initiative is to start turning the herd.

The Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS) and Masters Mates & Pilots (MM&P) folks have come through again this year, picking up the tab for eight days of room and board with round trip transportation to the Hill on weekdays. The SIU Transportation Institute and the American Maritime Congress are offering direct team advice and support. As before, we have Patti Scafidi working the Facebook media.

The StormTheHill event is May 17th thru May 25th with several of the original members having boots on the ground again in 2017. A new attention getting platoon has been added with two Daughters of WWII MM Vets joining the team. This year's members are Laura Riddle, Shelia Sova, Morris Harvey, Eugene Barner, Charles Mills, and Bob Weagant. We are seeking media opportunities for the Memorial Day weekend and on Maritime Day. One possibility is to join the Maritime Administration (MARAD) for their Maritime Day activities.

Thanks to our team for their dedicated efforts.

To keep up with the action, go to Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AMMV1775>; use #HR154 and #MMWWII for Twitter and check the BLOG on our AMMV website, [ammv.us](http://ammv.us).





## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

### American Merchant Marine Veterans

Serving America in Peace and War

*American Merchant Marine Veterans (AMMV) has voted at our 31<sup>st</sup> annual National Convention on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, to support the following Resolution. This Resolution was introduced by Father Sinclair Oubre, AMMV Member-At-Large.*

#### **Support Efforts for the Cause of Capt. Leonard LaRue/Brother Marinus**

**BACKGROUND:** Leonard LaRue was a 1934 graduate of the Pennsylvania Nautical School, and a veteran of World War II Merchant Marine operations in the North Atlantic and the Murmansk Convoys.

After the war, he became the master of the *SS Meredith Victory*. In 1950, the *Meredith Victory* was ordered to sail to Japan in support of the Korean War. On arriving at Japan, the *Meredith Victory* shuttled military supplies between Japan and Korea to support the military effort. The situation changed radically on November 27, 1950, when the Chinese 9th Army attacked the US Army X Corp at the Chosin Reservoir. Immediately the *Meredith Victory's* mission shifted from supplying US forces to evacuating them from the port of Hungnam.

Near the end of the evacuation, military leaders approached Capt. LaRue, and asked if he and his crew would assist in evacuating the remaining Korean refugees, who faced certain death once the Chinese army took control of the city. Without hesitation, Capt. LaRue ordered his mates to set a course for the Hungnam piers.

The *Meredith Victory*, once secured, began unloading its cargo on December 22, 1950, and that afternoon began taking on the remaining refugees. In about 16 hours, the *Meredith Victory's* crew loaded 14,000 Koreans, and at 11:00 a.m. on December 23, 1950, Capt. LaRue set sail through the mined-port for the 450-mile voyage to Pusan. He arrived on Christmas Eve, 1950, but no one was allowed to disembark. Setting sail for Geoje Island, 50 miles from Pusan, Capt. LaRue safely disembarked 14,005 passengers on December 26, 1950.

Capt. LaRue remained the master of the *Meredith Victory* until she was decommissioned in 1952. He then sailed as the master of the *Mormactide* until his retirement from the sea in 1954. That same year, he entered the St. Paul Benedictine Abbey in Newton, New Jersey, and lived there as a brother and the abbey porter until his death in 2001.

By 2000, St. Paul Abbey, because of the community's decline, began to making plans to close. At the same time, discussions began with the abbey's superior in Germany and a Korean Benedictine monastery about sending monks to revitalize the monastery. On Oct. 12, 2001, Father Kim, the abbot of Waegwan Abbey, accepted the mission to send Korean monks to St. Paul. Two days later, Brother Marinus, the former Captain LaRue, died at the age of 87. In December, 2001, two months later, the first two monks arrived.

Because of his courage, LaRue, with his shipmates, saved many Russians during World War II by providing needed supplies. Because of Capt. LaRue's heroic virtue, he saved the lives of 14,005 Koreans from certain death at Hungnam. Because of his service and prayers, the Korean Benedictines came to St. Paul, and saved the abbey.

**RESOLVED:** The American Merchant Marine Veterans endorse the efforts of the Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America and other maritime, labor and religious organizations to promote the cause for sainthood of the United States merchant mariner and Benedictine brother Captain Leonard LaRue/Brother Marinus.

Captain Christopher J. Edyvean  
AMMV National President

# HOW TO HELP

*Editor's note: In addition to the resolution of support that was approved at the AMMV convention in Reno, these suggestions were submitted for individual's help towards the goal of achieving Sainthood for Capt. LaRue/Brother Marinus.*

*Fr. Oubre writes:*

A cause for sainthood is long and complicated, but it begins by taking the first steps. If you are excited about the possibility that Capt. LaRue could be recognized as a saint in the Catholic Church, then I invite you to do three things:

1. **Pray** - Pray that church leaders will find sufficient evidence to support the promotion of such a cause. Pray that those who will be in charge of gathering the history of Capt. LaRue's life will be able to do so after so many years have passed. Pray that when the time comes, the necessary resources will come forth to support the cause. Finally, pray this prayer frequently:

*God, our Father, Creator of the seas, Protector of refugees, and all those in need, You called Captain Leonard LaRue to recognize Your Son Jesus Christ in the faces of the Korean refugees, and led Brother Marinus to a life of prayer and service in the tradition of St. Benedict. Let his life be an inspiration to us, and lead us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the people of the sea, welcoming those who are refugees from war, and deepening all the faithful in their prayer and work of service.*

*We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Captain Leonard LaRue/Brother Marinus on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN*

2. **Learn more** about the life of Capt. LaRue/Brother Marinus, and tell others about him. The initial success of a cause is related to the level of interest that the faithful have in that person.

3. **Go to your own** maritime organizations, labor unions, church groups, or social clubs, and seek resolutions like this one, and send those resolutions to me:

**Fr. Sinclair Oubre, J.C.L. 1500 Jefferson Drive, Port Arthur, Texas 77642**

Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, and being that it is God's will, may we be able to say one day: St. Leonard LaRue.



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#### Resolution on Cruise Ship Construction

WHEREAS: It is in the best interests of our nation to maintain a modern and strong Merchant Marine as an economic and defense necessity. It is recognized that an estimated 25 million US Citizens will be taking vacation cruises, supporting foreign built, registered and crewed ships in 2017. It is noted that there are minimal opportunities for cruising on US flagged ships.

RESOLVED at the March 2017 American Merchant Marine Veterans (AMMV) Convention: The AMMV supports the creation of increased shipyard capacity, regulatory and economic incentives to facilitate the construction and operation of US flagged cruise ships for domestic and international trade.

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#### **Support of Sanctuary Expansion on East Coast of U.S.**

Whereas the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is recognized as the lead governmental agency overseeing national marine sanctuaries which serve to protect historic shipwrecks, maritime heritage resources, and related artifacts.

Whereas for over forty years, NOAA's Monitor National Marine Sanctuary (MNMS) has protected and interpreted the wreck site of the Civil War Ironclad *U.S.S. Monitor* as a National Historic Landmark and as the nation's first Marine Sanctuary.

Whereas NOAA is considering an expansion of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary (located near North Carolina's Outer Banks) to include portions of the "Graveyard of the Atlantic" – an area encompassing the wreckage of nearly 100 WWII merchant ships including six U.S. military vessels.

Whereas the American Merchant Marine Veterans organization (AMMV) supports the desire to preserve the gravesites of our many fallen WWII Merchant Mariners who perished in these waters.

Whereas AMMV supports NOAA's goal to protect, manage, and interpret additional historic shipwrecks and other potential maritime heritage resources within an expanded MNMS boundary that are located or believed to be located in the area known as the "Graveyard of the Atlantic".

Therefore, at this 31st annual National Convention of the American Merchant Marine Veterans on March 29th, 2017, it is resolved that AMMV as an organization support the efforts of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in regards to their proposed sanctuary expansion of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary. In supporting this effort, AMMV encourages NOAA to move swiftly to expand the Sanctuary and protect these additional historic shipwrecks.

Captain Christopher J. Edyvean  
AMMV National President



*Dave Alberg, NOAA*



Membership Application for:

# AMMV MEMBER-AT-LARGE

(To join an organized Chapter, please contact AMMV HQ for further information.)

If you have served in the U.S. Merchant Marine at any time during Peace or War, or are a Veteran of any U.S. service branch, or are a family member/descendent/wife/widow of a WWII MM vet, then you are eligible to become a member of AMMV. Climb aboard and join us as we strive to educate the public about the role which the U.S. Merchant Marine has played throughout American history.

AMMV goals include: working to obtain overdue benefits & recognition for our WWII MM veterans, obtaining Veteran status for post-WWII U.S. merchant seamen, participating in memorial events, and supporting laws/program which promote our modern U.S.-flagged fleet. Membership includes an informative quarterly AMMV News magazine, and new members will receive a membership certificate, membership card, and a survey requesting additional membership data. *AMMV is an incorporated not for profit group.*



Join online at [ammv.us](http://ammv.us) or complete the following information and send to National Headquarters:

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# A BOLD EXPERIMENT THAT REALLY TOOK OFF

## *Her prior life:*

USS *Langley* (CV-1/AV-3) was the United States Navy's first aircraft carrier, converted in 1920 from the collier USS *Jupiter* (AC-3), and, as the *Jupiter*, also the US Navy's first turbo-electric-powered ship. President William H. Taft attended the ceremony when *Jupiter's* keel was laid down on 18 October 1911 at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, California. She was launched on 14 August 1912 sponsored by Mrs. Thomas F. Ruhm; and commissioned on 7 April 1913 under Commander Joseph M. Reeves.

After successfully passing her trials as the first turbo-electric-powered ship of the US Navy, *Jupiter* embarked a United States Marine Corps detachment at San Francisco, California, and reported to the Pacific Fleet at Mazatlán Mexico on 27 April 1914, bolstering US naval strength on the Mexican Pacific coast in the tense days of the Veracruz crisis. She remained on the Pacific coast until she departed for Philadelphia on 10 October. En route, the collier steamed through the Panama Canal on Columbus Day, the first vessel to transit it from west to east. Prior to America's entry into World War I, she cruised the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico attached to the Atlantic Fleet Auxiliary Division. The ship arrived at Norfolk, Virginia on 6 April 1917, and, was assigned to the Naval Overseas Transport Service.

She interrupted her coaling operations by two cargo voyages to France in June 1917 and November 1918. The first voyage transported a naval aviation detachment of 7 officers and 122 men to England. It was the first US aviation detachment to arrive in Europe and was commanded by Lieutenant Kenneth Whiting, who became *Langley's* first executive officer five years later. *Jupiter* was back in Norfolk on 23 January 1919 whence she sailed for Brest, France on 8 March for coaling duty in European waters to expedite the return of victorious veterans to the United States. Upon reaching Norfolk on 17 August, the ship was transferred to the West Coast. Her conversion to an aircraft carrier was authorized on 11 July 1919, and she sailed to Hampton Roads, Virginia on 12 December, where she decommissioned on 24 March 1920.

## *Her life as an aircraft carrier:*

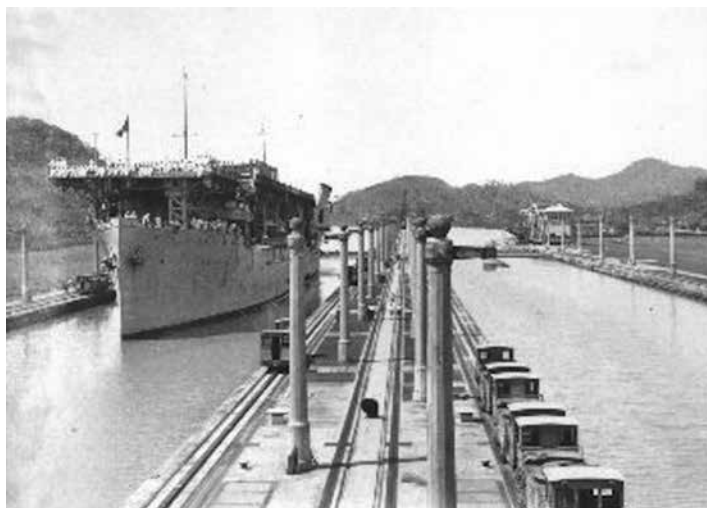
*Jupiter* was converted into the first US aircraft carrier at the Navy Yard, Norfolk, Virginia, for the purpose of conducting experiments in the new idea of seaborne aviation. On 11 April 1920, she was renamed *Langley* in honor of Samuel Pier-

pont Langley, an American astronomer, physicist, aeronautics pioneer and aircraft engineer. She was given the hull number CV-1 and recommissioned on 20 March 1922 with Commander Kenneth Whiting in command. As the first American aircraft carrier, *Langley* was the scene of several seminal events in US naval aviation. On 17 October 1922, Lt. Virgil C. Griffin piloted the first plane—a Vought VE-7—launched from her

decks. Though this was not the first time an airplane had taken off from a ship, and though *Langley* was not the first ship with an installed flight deck, this one launching was of monumental importance to the modern US Navy. The era of the aircraft carrier was born -introducing into the navy what was to become the vanguard of its forces in the future. With *Langley* underway nine days later, Lieutenant Commander Godfrey de Courcelles Chevalier made the first

landing in an Aeromarine 39B. On 18 November, Commander Whiting was the first aviator to be catapulted from a carrier's deck.

An unusual feature of *Langley* was provision for a carrier pigeon house on the stern between the 5 in (130 mm)/51 caliber guns. Pigeons had been carried aboard seaplanes for message transport since World War I, and were to be carried on aircraft operated from *Langley*. The pigeons were trained at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard while *Langley* was undergoing conversion. As long as the pigeons were released a few at a time for exercise, they returned to the ship; but when the whole flock was released while *Langley* was anchored off Tangier Island, the pigeons flew south and roosted in the cranes of the Norfolk shipyard. The pigeons never went to sea again





and the former pigeon house became the executive officer's quarters;

By 15 January 1923, *Langley* had begun flight operations and tests in the Caribbean for carrier landings. In June, she steamed to Washington, D.C., to give a demonstration at a flying exhibition before civil and military dignitaries. She arrived at Norfolk on 13 June, and commenced training along the Atlantic coast and Caribbean which carried her through the end of the year. In 1924, *Langley* participated in more maneuvers and exhibitions, and spent the summer at Norfolk for repairs and alterations. She departed for the west coast late in the year and arrived San Diego, California on 29 November to join the Pacific Battle Fleet. In 1927, *Langley* was at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base. For the next 12 years, she operated off the California coast and Hawaii engaged in training fleet units, experimentation, pilot training, and tactical-fleet problems. During this time, *Langley* was featured in the 1929 silent film about naval aviation *The Flying Fleet*.

### ***Moving to a different life:***

On 25 October 1936, she put into Mare Island Navy Yard, California for overhaul and conversion to a seaplane tender. Though her career as a carrier had ended, her well-trained pilots had proven invaluable to the next two carriers, *Lexington* and *Saratoga*. *Langley* completed conversion on 26 February 1937 and was assigned hull number AV-3 on 11 April. She was assigned to the Aircraft Scouting Force and commenced her tending operations out of Seattle, Washington; Sitka, Alaska; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and San Diego, California. She departed for a brief deployment with the Atlantic Fleet from 1 February-10 July 1939, and then steamed to assume duties with the Pacific Fleet at Manila arriving on 24 September.

### ***World War II:***

On the entry of the US into World War II, *Langley* was anchored off Cavite, Philippines. On 8 December, following the invasion of the Philippines by Japan, she departed Cavite for Balikpapan, in the Dutch East Indies. As Japanese advances continued, *Langley* departed for Australia, arriving in Darwin on 1 January 1942. She then became part of the American-British-Dutch-Australian Command (ABDACOM) naval forces.

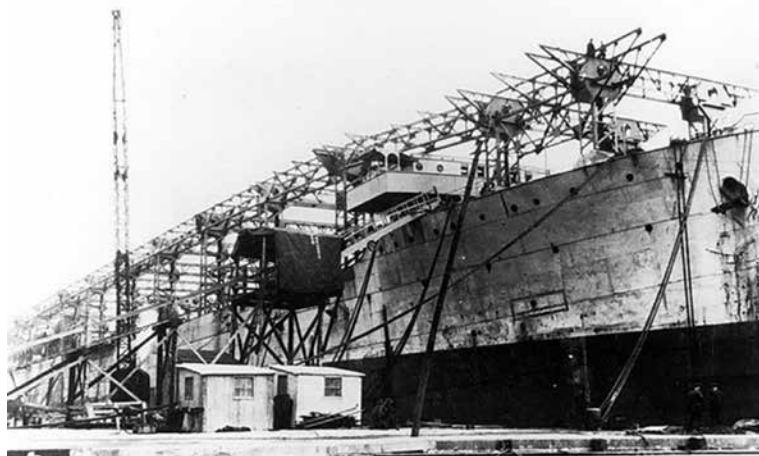
Until 11, January, *Langley* assisted the Royal Australian Air Force in running anti-submarine patrols out of Darwin. *Langley* went to Fremantle, Australia and picked up Allied aircraft and transported them to Southeast Asia. Carrying 32 crated P-40 fighters belonging to the Far East Air Force's

13th Pursuit Squadron (Provisional), she joined a convoy designated MS.5 that had arrived from Melbourne composed of the United States Army Transport *Willard A. Holbrook* and the Australian transports *Duntroon* and *Katoomba*; they departed Fremantle on 22 February.

*Langley* and *Sea Witch* left the convoy five days later to deliver the planes to Tjilatjap (Cilacap), Java. In the early hours of 27 February, *Langley* rendezvoused with her anti-submarine screen, the destroyers *Whipple* and *Edsall*. Early that morning, a Japanese reconnaissance aircraft located the formation. At 11:40, about 75 mi (121 km) south of Tjilatjap, the

seaplane tender, along with *Edsall* and *Whipple* came under attack by sixteen (16) Mitsubishi G4M «Betty» bombers of the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service's Takao Kōkūtai, led by Lieutenant Jiro Adachi, flying out of Den Pasar airfield on Bali, and escorted by fifteen (15) A6M Reisen fighters. Rather than dropping all their bombs at once, the Japanese bombers attacked releasing partial salvos. Since they were level bombing from medium altitude, *Langley* was able to alter helm when the bombs were released and evade the first and second bombing passes, but the bombers altered their tactics on the third pass and bracketed the directions *Langley* could turn. As a result, *Langley* took five hits from a mix of 550 and 130 pound bombs as well as three near misses. 16 crewmen were killed. The topside burst into flames, steering was impaired, and the ship developed a 10° list to port. Unable to negotiate the narrow mouth of Tjilatjap harbor, *Langley* went dead in the water, as her engine room flooded. At 13:32, the order to abandon ship was passed. The escorting destroyers fired nine 4-inch (100 mm) shells and two torpedoes into *Langley*'s hull, to ensure she

didn't fall into enemy hands, and she sank. After being transferred to *Pecos*, many of her crew were lost when *Pecos* was sunk en route to Australia. Thirty-one of the thirty-three pilots assigned to the 13th Pursuit Squadron being transported by *Langley* were lost with *Edsall* when she was sunk on the same day while responding to the distress calls of *Pecos*.



# CONTACT INFORMATION – HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL H.R. 154



Our feeling in this new Congressional session is: **HELL NO! WE WON'T GO AWAY! You can help!!!!**

PLEASE contact Congresspersons by mail, at their district offices, phone or Washington, DC phone from the information is on the list below and ask them to co-sponsor House bill H.R. 154.

If you would rather email their office, please contact Sindy at the National office (email: [saaren@sonic.net](mailto:saaren@sonic.net)) or Sheila Sova ([shesova@aol.com](mailto: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.

PLEASE, do what you can for the U.S. Merchant Marine Veterans of WWII, before it's too late.

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Eric	Swalwell	D	5075 Hopyard Rd. #220	Pleasanton	CA	94588	925 460 5100	225 5065
Mark	Takano	D	3403 10th St. #610	Riverside	CA	92501	951 222 0203	225 2305
Mike	Thompson	D	2300 County Center Dr. #A100	Santa Rosa	CA	95403	707 542 2745	225 3311
Norma J.	Torres	D	3200 Inland Empire Bl.#200B	Ontario	CA	91764	909 481 6474	225 6161
David G.	Valadao	R	2700 M St., #250B	Bakersfield	CA	93301	661 864 7736	225 4695
Juan	Vargas	D	333 F St. #A	Chula Vista	CA	91910	619 422 5963	225 8045
Mimi	Walters	R	3333 Michelson Dr. #230	Irvine	CA	92612	949 263 8703	225 5611
Maxine	Waters	D	10124 S Broadway #1	Los Angeles	CA	90003	323 757-8900	225 2201
Ken	Buck	R	1023 39th Ave. #B	Greeley	CO	80634	97 702 2136	225 4676
Mike	Coffman	R	3300 S. Parker Rd #305	Aurora	CO	80014	720 748 7514	225 7882
Diana	DeGette	D	600 Grant Street, #202	Denver	CO	80203	303 844-4988	225 4431
Doug	Lamborn	R	1125 Kelly Johnson Bl #330	Colorado Sprgs	CO	80920	719 520 0055	225 4422
Ed	Perlmutter	D	12600 W Colfax Ave #B400	Lakewood	CO	80215	303 274 7944	225 2645
Jared	Polis	D	1644 Walnut St.	Boulder	CO	80302	303 484 9596	225 2161
Scott R.	Tipton	R	225 N. 5th St. #702	Grand Junction	CO	81501	970 241 2499	225 4761
Joseph	Courtney	D	55 Main St. #250	Norwich	CT	6360	860 886 0139	225 2076
Rosa L.	DeLauro	D	59 Elm St #205	New Haven	CT	6510	203 562-3718	225 3661
Elizabeth H.	Esty	D	1 Grove St. #600	New Britain	CT	6053	860 223 8412	225 7289
James A.	Himes	D	888 Washington Bl, 10th flr	Stamford	CT	6901	203 353 9400	225 2265
John B.	Larson	D	221 Main St, 2nd flr	Hartford	CT	6106	860 278-8888	225 2265
Eleanor Holm	Norton	D	90 K St. NE, #100	Washington	DC	20001	202 408 9041	225 8050
Lisa	Blunt-Rochester	D	1105 N. Market St. #400	Wilmington	DE	19801	302 830 2330	225 4165
Gus M.	Bilirakis	R	7132 Little Rd.	New Port Richey	FL	34654	727 232 2921	225 5755
Vern	Buchanan	R	1051 Manatee Ave W. #305	Bradenton	FL	34205	941 747 9081	225 5015
Kathy	Castor	D	4144 N Armenia Ave #300	Tampa	FL	33607	813 871 2817	225 3376
Charlie	Crist	D	696 1st Ave. N. #203	St. Petersburg	FL	33701	727 318 6770	225 5961
Carlos	Curbelo	R	12851 SW 42nd Ave. #131	Miami	FL	33175	305 222 0160	225 2778
Val Butler	Demings	D	2295 S. Hiawassee Rd. #301	Orlando	FL	32835	321 388 9808	225 2176
Ron	DeSantis	R	3940 Lewis Speedway #2104	St. Augustine	FL	32084	904 827 1101	225 2706
Theodore E.	Deutch	D	7900 Glades Rd. #250	Boca Raton	FL	33434	561 470 5440	225 3001
Mario	Diaz-Balart	R	8669 NW 36th St. #100	Dorval	FL	33166	305 470 8555	225 2778
Neal P.	Dunn	R	300 S. Adams St.	Tallahassee	FL	32301	850 891 8610	225 5235
Lois	Frankel	D	2500 N. Military Trl #490	Boca Raton	FL	33431	561 998 9045	225 9890
Matt	Gaetz	R	4300 Bayou Bl. #B	Pensacola	FL	32503	850 479 1183	225 4136
Alcee L.	Hastings	D	2701 W Oakland Park Bl #200	Ft Lauderdale	FL	33311	954 733-2800	225 1313
Al	Lawson, Jr.	D	1010 N. Davis St. #206	Jacksonville	FL	32209	904 385 4595	225 0123
Brian J.	Mast	R	171 SW Flagler Ave.	Stuart	FL	34994	772 403 0901	225 3026
Stephanie N.	Murphy	D	225 E. Robinson #525	Orlando	FL	32801	888 205 5421	225 4035
Bill	Posey	R	2725 Jud. Fran.Jamison #C	Melbourne	FL	32940	321 632 1776	225 3671
Francis	Rooney	R	1039 SE 9th Ave., #308	Cape Coral	FL	33990	239 599 6033	225 2536



Thomas J.	Rooney	R	226 Taylor St. #230	Punta Gorda	FL	33950	941 575 9101	225 5792
Ileana	Ros-Lehtinen	R	4960 SW 72nd Ave. #208	Miami	FL	33155	305 668 2285	225 3931
Dennis A.	Ross	R	170 Fitzgerald Rd. #1	Lakeland	FL	33813	863 644 8215	225 1252
John H.	Rutherford	R	4130 Salisbury Rd. #2500	Jacksonville	FL	32216	904 831 5205	225 2501
Darren	Soto	D	804 Bryan St.	Kissimmee	FL	34741	407 452 1171	225 9889
Debbie	Wasserman-Sch	D	10100 Pines Blvd	Pembroke Pines	FL	33026	954 437-3936	225 7931
Daniel	Webster	R	300 W. Plant St.	Winter Garden	FL	34787	407 654 5705	225 2176
Frederica S.	Wilson	D	18425 NW 2nd Ave. #355	Miami Gardens	FL	33169	305 690 5905	225 4506
Ted S.	Yoho	R	5000 NW 27th Ct. #E	Gainesville	FL	32606	352 505 0838	225 5744
Rick W.	Allen	R	2743 Perimeter Pkwy #200-225	Augusta	GA	30909	706 228 1980	225 2823
Sanford D.	Bishop, Jr.	D	235 W. Roosevelt Ave #114	Albany	GA	31701	229 439-8067	225 3631
Earl L. "Buddy"	Carter	R	6602 Abercorn St. #105B	Savannah	GA	31405	912 352 0105	225 5831
Doug	Collins	R	210 Washington St. MW #202	Gainesville	GA	30501	770 297 3388	225 9893
A. Drew	Ferguson, IV	R	1601 E. Hwy. 34 #B	Newnan	GA	30265	770 683 2033	225 5901
Tom	Graves	R	702 S. Thornton Ave.	Dalton	GA	30720	706 226 5320	225 5211
Jody B.	Hice	R	210 Railroad St., #2401	Thomson	GA	30824	770 207 1776	225 4101
Henry C.	Johnson, Jr.	D	5240 Snapfinger Park Dr. #130	Decatur	GA	30035	770 987 2291	225 1605
John	Lewis	D	100 Peachtree St NW #1920	Atlanta	GA	30303	404 659-0116	225 3801
Barry	Loudermilk	R	9898 highway 92, #100	Woodstock	GA	30188	770 429 1776	225 2931
Austin	Scott	R	230 Margie Dr. #500	Warner Robins	GA	31088	478 971 1776	225 6531
David	Scott	D	173 N Main St	Jonesboro	GA	30236	770 210 5073	225 2939
Rob	Woodall	R	4196 Moore Ave. #2	Lawrenceville	GA	30046	770 232 3005	225 4272
Madeleine Z.	Bordallo	D	120 Father Duenas Ave #107	Hagatna	GM	96910	671 477-4272	225 1118
Tulsi	Gabbard	D	300 Ala Moana Blvd #5-104	Honolulu	HI	96850	808 541 1986	225 4906
Colleen	Hanabusa	D	1132 Bishop St., #1910	Honolulu	HI	96813	808 541 2570	225 2726
Rod	Blum	R	310 3rd St. SE	Cedar Rapids	IA	52401	319 364 2288	225 2911
Steve	King	R	1421 S. Bell Ave #102	Ames	IA	50010	515 232 2885	225 4426
David	Loebsack	D	125 S. Dubuque St	Iowa City	IA	52240	319 351 0789	225 6576
David	Young	R	400 E. Court Ave., #346	Des Moines	IA	50309	515 282 1909	225 5476
Raul R.	Labrador	R	33 E. Broadway Ave. #251	Meridian	ID	83642	208 888 3188	225 6611
Michael K.	Simpson	R	802 W. Bannock #600	Boise	ID	83702	208 334-1953	225 5531
Mike	Bost	R	300 E. Main St., #4	Carbondale	IL	62901	618 457 5787	225 5661
Cheri	Bustos	D	3100 N. Knoxville Ave. #205	Peoria	IL	61603	309 966 1813	225 5905
Danny K.	Davis	D	2746 W. Madison St.	Chicago	IL	60624	773 533-7520	225 5006
Rodney	Davis	R	2004 Fox Dr.	Champaign	IL	61820	217 403 4690	225 2371
Bill	Foster	D	195 Springfield Ave #102	Joliet	IL	60435	815 280 5876	225 3515
Luis V.	Gutierrez	D	3210 W. North Avenue	Chicago	IL	60647	773 342 0774	225 8203
Randy	Hultgren	R	40W310 Lafox Rd. #F2	Campton Hills	IL	60175	630 584 2734	225 2976
Robin L.	Kelly	D	600 Holiday Plaza Dr. #505	Matteson	IL	60443	708 679 0078	225 0773
Adam	Kinzinger	R	628 Columbus St. #507	Ottawa	IL	61350	815 431 9271	225 3635
Raja	Krishnamoorthi	D	1701 E. Woodfield Rd. #704	Schaumburg	IL	60173	847 413 1959	225 3701
Darin	LaHood	R	100 NE Monroe St. #100	Peoria	IL	61602	309 671 7027	225 6201
Daniel	Lipinski	D	5832 S Archer Ave	Chicago	IL	60638	312 886-0481	225 5701
Mike	Quigley	D	4345 n. Milwaukee Ave.	Chicago	IL	60641	773 267 5926	225 4061
Peter	Roskam	R	2700 International Dr. #304	West Chicago	IL	60185	630 232 0006	225 4561
Bobby L.	Rush	D	11750 S. Western Ave.	Chicago	IL	60643	773 779 2400	225 4372
Janice D..	Schakowsky	D	5533 N. Broadway St.	Chicago	IL	60640	773 506-7100	225 2111
Bradley Scott	Schneider	D	111 Barclay Rd. #200	Lincolnshire	IL	60069	847 383 4870	225 4835
John	Shimkus	R	201 N. Vermillion St. #218	Danville	IL	61832	217 446 0664	225 5271
Jim	Banks	R	1300 S. Harrison St.	Fort Wayne	IN	46802	260 702 4750	225 4436
Susan W.	Brooks	R	11611 N. Meridian St. #415	Carmel	IN	46032	317 848 0201	225 2276
Larry	Bucshon	R	101 NW Martin Luther King#124	Evansville	IN	47708	812 465 6484	225 4636
Andre	Carson	D	300 E. Fall Creek Pk. N. Dr. #30	Indianapolis	IN	46205	317 283 6516	225 4011
Trey	Hollingsworth	R	279 Quartermaster Ct.	Jeffersonville	IN	47130	812 288 3999	225 5315
Luke	Messer	R	107 W. Charles St.	Muncie	IN	47305	765 747 5566	225 3021
Todd	Rokita	R	337 Columbia St.	Lafayette	IN	47901	765 838 3930	225 5037
Peter J.	Visclosky	D	7895 Broadway #A	Merrillville	IN	46410	219 795-1844	225 2461
Jackie	Walorski	R	202 Lincolnway E. #101	Misiwaka	IN	46544	574 204 2645	225 3915
Lynn	Jenkins	R	3550 SW 5th St	Topeka	KS	66606	785 234 5966	225-6601
Roger W.	Marshall	R	200 E. Iron Ave.	Salina	KS	67401	785 829 9000	225 2715
Kevin	Yoder	R	7325 W. 7th St.	Overland Park	KS	66204	913 621 0832	225 2865
Garland "Andy"	Barr	R	2709 Old Rosebud Rd.	Lexington	KY	40509	859 219 1366	225 4706
James	Comer	R	200 N. Main St. #F	Tompkinsville	KY	42167	270 487 9506	225 3115
Brett	Guthrie	R	996 Wilkinson Trace #B2	Bowling Green	KY	42103	270 842 9896	225 3501
Thomas	Massie	R	1700 Greenup Ave. #505	Ashland	KY	41101	606 324 9898	225 3465
Harold	Rogers	R	551 Clifty St	Somerset	KY	42503	606 679-8346	225 4601
John A.	Yarmuth	D	600 Martin Luther King Pl.#216	Louisville	KY	40202	502 582 5129	225 5401

Ralph Lee	Abraham	R	not listed		LA		not listed	225-8490
Garret	Graves	R	2351 Energy Dr., #1200	Baton Rouge	LA	70808	not listed	225 3901
Clay	Higgins	R	600 Jefferson St. #808	Lafayette	LA	70501	337 703 6105	not listed
Mike	Johnson	R	2250 Hospital Dr. #248	Bossier City	LA	71111	318 840 0309	225 2777
Cedric L.	Richmond	D	2021 Lakeshore Dr. #309	New Orleans	LA	70122	504 288 0377	225 6636
Steve	Scalise	R	110 Veterans Blvd #500	Metairie	LA	70005	504 837 1259	225 3015
Michael E.	Capuano	D	110 1st. St.	Cambridge	MA	2141	617 621 6208	225 5111
Katherine M.	Clark	D	701 Concord Ave. #101	Cambridge	MA	2138	617 354 0292	225 2836
William R.	Keating	D	2 Court St.	Plymouth	MA	2360	508 746 9000	225 3111
Joseph P.	Kennedy, III	D	29 Crafts St. #375	Newton	MA	2458	617 332 3333	225 5931
Stephen F.	Lynch	D	88 Black Falcon Ave #340	Boston	MA	2210	617 428-2000	225 8273
James P.	McGovern	D	12 East Worcester St. #1	Worcester	MA	1604	508 831-7356	225 6101
Seth	Moulton	D	21 Front St.	Salem	MA	1970	978 531 1669	225 8020
Richard E.	Neal	D	300 State St. #200	Springfield	MA	1105	413 785-0325	225 5601
Niki	Tsongas	D	126 John St., #12	Lowell	MA	1852	978 459 0101	225 3411
Anthony G.	Brown	D	9701 Apollo Dr. #103	Upper Marlboro	MD	20774	301 458 2600	225 8699
Elijah E.	Cummings	D	1010 Park Ave #105	Baltimore	MD	21201	410 685-9199	225 4741
John K.	Delaney	D	9801 Washingtonian Bl. #330	Gaithersburg	MD	20878	301 926 0300	225 2721
Andy	Harris	R	100 Olde Point Village #101	Chester	MD	21619	410 643 5429	225 5311
Steny H.	Hoyer	D	6500 Cherrywood Lane #310	Greenbelt	MD	20770	301 474-0119	225 4141
Jamie	Raskin	D	51 Monroe St. #507	Rockville	MD	20850	301 354 1000	225 5341
C A Dutch	Ruppersberger	D	375 W Padonia Rd #200	Timonium	MD	21093	410 628-2701	225 3061
John P.	Sarbanes	D	600 Balitmore Ave., #303	Towson	MD	21204	410 832 8890	225 4016
Chellie	Pingree	D	2 Portland Fish Pier #304	Portland	ME	4101	207 774 5019	225 6116
Bruce	Poliquin	R	6 State St., #101	Bangor	ME	4401		225 6306
Justin	Amash	R	110 Michigan St. NW #460	Grand Rapids	MI	49503	616 451 8383	225 3831
Jack	Bergman	R	1396 Douglas Dr. #2213	Traverse City	MI	49696	231 714 4785	225 4735
Mike	Bishop	R	711 E. Grand River Ave. #A	Brighton	MI	48116	810 227 8600	225 4872
John	Conyers, Jr.	D	231 W Lafayette Blvd #669	Detroit	MI	48226	313 961 5670	225 5126
Debbie	Dingell	D	19855 W. Outer Dr. #103-E	Dearborn	MI	48124	313 278-2936	225 4071
Bill	Huizenga	R	1 South Harbor Ave #6B	Grand Haven	MI	49417	616 414 5516	225 4401
Daniel T.	Kildee	D	111 E. Court St. #3B	Flint	MI	48502	810 238 8627	225 3611
Brenda L.	Lawrence	D	26700 Lahser Rd. #330	Southfield	MI	48033	248 356 2052	225 5802
Sander M.	Levin	D	27085 Gratiot Ave	Roseville	MI	48066	586 498-7122	225 4961
Paul	Mitchell	R	48701 Van Dyke Ave.	Shelby Township	MI	48317	586 997 5010	225 2106
John R.	Moolenaar	R	135 Ashman St.	Midland	MI	48640	989 631 2552	225 3561
David A.	Trott	R	625 E. Big Beaver Rd.#204	Troy	MI	48083	248 528 0711	225 8171
Fred	Upton	R	157 S Kalamazoo Mall #180	Kalamazoo	MI	49007	269 385-0039	225 3761
Tim	Walberg	R	401 W. Michagan Ave.	Jackson	MI	49201	517 780 9075	225 6276
Keith	Ellison	D	2100 Plymouth Ave. N	Minneapolis	MN	55411	612 522 1212	225 4755
Tom	Emmer	R	9201 Quaday Ave. NE #206	Otsego	MN	55330	763 241 6848	225 2331
Jason	Lewis	R	2805 Cliff Rd., #200	Burnsville	MN	55337	651 846 2120	225 2271
Betty	McCollum	D	165 Western Ave N #17	St Paul	MN	55102	651 224-9191	225 6631
Richard M.	Nolan	D	11 E. Superior St. #125	Duluth	MN	55802	218 464 5095	225 6211
Erik	Paulsen	R	250 Prairie Center Dr #230	Eden Prairie	MN	55344	952 405 8510	225 2871
Collin C.	Peterson	D	714 Lake Ave. #107	Detroit Lakes	MN	56501	218 847-5056	225 2165
Timothy J.	Walz	D	527 1/2 S. Front St.	Mankato	MN	56001	507 388 2149	225 2472
Wm. Lacy	Clay, Jr.	D	111 S. 10th St. #24-344	St Louis	MO	63102	314 367-1970	225 2406
Emanuel	Cleaver	D	101 W. 31st St.	Kansas City	MO	64108	816 842-4545	225 4535
Sam	Graves	R	11724 NW Plaza Circle #900	Kansas City	MO	64153	816 792 3976	225 7041
Vicky	Hartzler	R	2415 Carter Ln. #4	Columbia	MO	65201	573 442 9311	225 2876
Billy	Long	R	3232 E. Ridgeview St.	Springfield	MO	65804	417 889 1800	225 6536
Blaine	Luetkemeyer	R	2117 Missouri Blvd.	Jefferson City	MO	65109	573 635 7232	225 6536
Jason	Smith	R	2502 Tanner Dr. #205	Cape Girardeau	MO	63703	573 335 0101	225 4404
Ann	Wagner	R	301 Sovereign Ct. #201	Ballwin	MO	63011	636 779 5449	225 1621
Gregorio	Sablan	D	P. O. Box 504879	Saipan	MP	96950	670 323 2647	225 2646
Gregg	Harper	R	1901 Front St. #A	Meridian	MS	39301	601 693 6681	225 5031
Trent	Kelly	R	431 W. Main St.	Tupelo	MS	38804	662 841 8808	225-4306
Steven M.	Palazzo	R	970 Tommy Munro Dr. #D	Biloxi	MS	39532	228 864 7670	225 5722
Bennie G.	Thompson	D	107 W. Madison St.	Bolton	MS	39041	601 866-9003	225-5876
Ryan K.	Zinke	R	222 N. 32nd St., #900	Billings	MT	59101	406 969 1736	225 3211
Alma S.	Adams	D	321 W/ 11th St., #100	Charlotte	NC	28202	704 344 9950	225 1510
Ted	Budd	R	128 Peachtree Ln. #A	Advance	NC	27006	336 998 1313	225 4531
G K	Butterfield	D	411 W. Chapel Hill St. #905	Durham	NC	27701	919 908 0164	225 3101
Virginia	Foxx	R	3540 Clemmons Rd. #125	Clemmons	NC	27012	336 778-0211	225 2071
George	Holding	R	3725 National Dr. #101	Raleigh	NC	27612	919 782 4400	225 3032
Richard L.	Hudson	R	325 McGill Ave.NW #500	Concord	NC	28027	704 786 1612	225 3715

Walter B.	Jones	R	1105-C Corporate Dr	Greenville	NC	27858	252 931 1003	225 3415
Patrick T.	McHenry	R	87 4th St. NW/PO Box 1830	Hickory	NC	28603	828 327 6100	225 2576
Mark	Meadows	R	200 N. Grove St. #90	Hendersonville	NC	28792	828 693 5660	225 6401
Robert	Pittenger	R	2701 Coltsgate Rd. #205	Charlotte	NC	28211	704 362 1060	225 1976
David	Price	D	436 N. Harrington St. #100	Raleigh	NC	27603	919 859-5999	225 1784
David	Rouzer	R	230 Government Center Dr.#113	Wilmington	NC	28403	910 395 0202	225 2731
Mark	Walker	R	201 W. Market St. #312	Greensboro	NC	27404	336 333 5005	225 3065
Kevin	Cramer	R	220 E. Rosser Ave #328	Bismarck	ND	58501	701 224 0355	225 2611
Don	Bacon	R	13906 Gold Cir. #101	Omaha	NE	68144	402 938 0300	225 4155
Jeff	Fortenberry	R	301 S 13th Street #100	Lincoln	NE	68508	402 438-1598	225 4806
Adrian	Smith	R	1811 W. Second St. #275	Grand Island	NE	68803	308 384 3900	225 6435
Ann M.	Kuster	D	18 N. Main St., 4th Flr.	Concord	NH	3301	603 226 1010	225 5206
Carol	Shea-Porter	D	660 Central Ave.	Dover	NH	3820	603 285 4300	225 5456
Rodney P.	Frelinghuysen	R	30 Schuyler Pl, 2nd Fl	Morristown	NJ	7960	973 984-0711	225 5034
Josh	Gottheimer	D	65 Harristown Rd. #104	Glen Rock	NJ	7452	201 389 1100	225 4465
Leonard	Lance	R	425 North Ave. East	Westfield	NJ	7090	908 518 7733	225 5361
Frank A.	LoBiondo	R	5914 Main St. #103	Mays Landing	NJ	8330	609 625-5008	225 6572
Thomas	MacArthur	R	33 Washington St.	Toms River	NJ	8753	not listed	225 4765
Donald	Norcross	D	10 Melrose Ave. #210	Cherry Hill	NJ	8003	856 427 7000	225 6501
Frank	Pallone Jr	D	504 Broadway	Long Branch	NJ	7740	732 571-1140	225 4671
Bill	Pascrell Jr	D	200 Federal Plaza #500	Paterson	NJ	7505	973 523-5152	225 5751
Donald M.	Payne Jr.	D	60 Nelson Pl. 14th Flr.	Newark	NJ	7102	973 645-3213	225 3436
Albio	Sires	D	630 Avenue C, #9	Bayonne	NJ	7002	201 823 2900	225 7919
Christopher H	Smith	R	112 Village Center Dr., 2nd flr	Freehold	NJ	7728	732 780 3035	225 3765
Bonnie	Watson Coleman	D	850 Bear Tavern Rd. #201	Ewing	NJ	8628	not listed	225 5801
Ben Ray	Lujan	D	1611 Calle Lorca #A	Santa Fe	NM	87505	505 984 8950	225 6190
Michelle	Lujan-Grisham	D	400 Gold Ave. SW #680	Albuquerque	NM	87102	505 346 6781	225 6316
Stevan	Pearce	R	570 N. Telshor Rd.	Las Cruces	NM	88011	855 473 2723	225 2365
Mark E.	Amodei	R	5310 Kietzke Ln. #103	Reno	NV	89511	775 686 5760	225 6155
Ruben	Kihuen	D	2250 N. Las Vegas Bl. #500	North Las Vegas	NV	89030	702 963 9360	225 9894
Jacky	Rosen	D	8872 S. Eastern Ave. #220	Las Vegas	NV	89123	702 963 9500	225 3252
Dina	Titus	D	550 E. Charleston Bl. #B	Las Vegas	NV	89104	702 220 9823	225 5965
Yvette	Clarke	D	123 Linden Blvd., 4th Flr.	Brooklyn	NY	11226	718 287 1142	225 6231
Chris	Collins	R	2813 Wehrle Dr. #13	Williamsville	NY	14221	716 634 2324	225 5265
Joseph	Crowley	D	2800 Bruckner Blvd. #201	Bronx	NY	10465	718 931-1400	225 3965
Daniel M.	Donovan, Jr.	R	7308 13th Ave.	Brooklyn	NY	11228	718 630 5277	225 3371
Eliot L.	Engel	D	3655 Johnson Ave	Bronx	NY	10463	718 796-9700	225 2464
Adriano	Espaillet	D	2530 Grand Concourse Dr, grnd fl	bronx	NY	10458	718 450 8241	225 4365
John J.	Faso	R	721 Broadway	Kingston	NY	12401	845 514 2322	225 5614
Brian	Higgins	D	726 Exchange St #601	Buffalo	NY	14210	716 852-3501	225 3306
Hakeem S.	Jeffries	D	55 Hanson Pl. #603	Brooklyn	NY	11217	718 237 2211	225 5936
John	Katko	R	440 S. Warren St. #711	Syracuse	NY	13202	315 423 5657	225 3701
Peter T.	King	R	1003 Park Blvd #7	Massapequa Park	NY	11762	516 541-4225	225 7896
Nita M.	Lowey	D	222 Mamaroneck Ave #312	White Plains	NY	10605	914 428-1707	225 6506
Carolyn B.	Maloney	D	1651 3rd Ave #311	New York	NY	10128	212 860-0606	225 7944
Sean Patrick	Maloney	D	123 Grand St. 2nd Flr.	Newburgh	NY	12550	845 561 1259	225 5441
Gregory W.	Meeks	D	67-12 Rockaway Beach Bl.	Arverne	NY	11692	347 230 4032	225 3461
Grace	Meng	D	40-13 159th St. #B	Flushing	NY	11358	718 358 6364	225 2601
Jerrold	Nadler	D	201 Varick St #669	New York	NY	10014	212 367-7350	225 5635
Tom	Reed	R	401 E. State St., #304-1	Ithaca	NY	14850	607 222 2027	225 3161
Kathleen M.	Rice	D	229 7th St. #300	Garden City	NY	11530	516 739 3008	225 5516
Jose E.	Serrano	D	1231 Lafayette Ave., 4th Flr.	Bronx	NY	10474	718 620 0084	225 4361
Louise	Slaughter	D	100 State St #3120	Rochester	NY	14614	585 232-4850	225 3615
Elise M.	Stefanik	R	136 Glen St.	Glens Falls	NY	12801	518 743 0964	225 4611
Thomas R.	Suozzi	D	478A Park Ave.	Huntington Beach	NY	11743	631 923 4100	225 3335
Claudia	Tenney	R	49 Court St., #210	Binghamton	NY	13901	607 376 6002	225 3665
Paul	Tonko	D	61 Columbia St., 4th Flr.	Albany	NY	12210	518 465 0700	225 5076
Nydia M.	Velazquez	D	266 Broadway #201	Brooklyn	NY	11211	718 599 3658	225 2361
Lee M.	Zeldin	R	31 Oak St. #20	Patchogue	NY	11772	631 289 1097	225 3826
Joyce	Beatty	D	471 E. Broad St. #1100	Columbus	OH	43215	614 220 0003	225 6465
Steve	Chabot	R	441 Vine St #3003	Cincinnati	OH	45202	513 684-2723	225 2216
Warren	Davidson	R	12 S. Plum St.	Troy	OH	45373	937 339 1524	225 6205
Marcia L.	Fudge	D	1225 Lawton St.	Akron	OH	44320	330 835 4758	225 7032
Bob	Gibbs	R	110 Cottage St.	Ashland	OH	44805	419 207 0650	225 6265
Bill	Johnson	R	246 Front St.	Marietta	OH	45750	740 375 0868	225 5705
Jim	Jordan	R	3121 W. Elm Plaza	Lima	OH	45805	419 999 6455	225 2676
David P.	Joyce	R	1 Victoria Pl. #320	Painesville	OH	44077	440 352 3939	225 5731



Marcy	Kaptur	D	1 Maritime Plaza, 6th Flr	Toledo	OH	43604	419 259-7500	225 4146
Robert E.	Latta	R	1045 N. Main St. #6	Bowling Green	OH	43402	419 354 8700	225 6405
James B.	Renacci	R	1 Park Center Dr. #302	Wadsworth	OH	44281	330 334 0040	225 3876
Tim	Ryan	D	197 W. Market St.	Warren	OH	44481	330 373 0074	225 5261
Steve	Stivers	R	3790 Municipal Way	Hilliard	OH	43026	614 771 4968	225 2015
Patrick J.	Tiberi	R	250 E. Wilson Bridge Rd. #100	Worthington	OH	43085	614 523-2555	225 5355
Michael R.	Turner	R	120 W 3rd St #305	Dayton	OH	45402	937 225-2843	225 6465
Brad R.	Wenstrup	R	7954 Beechmont Ave. #200	Cincinnati	OH	45255	513 474 7777	225 3164
Jim	Bridenstine	R	2448 E. 81st St. #5150	Tulsa	OK	74137	918 935 3222	225 2211
Tom	Cole	R	2424 Springer Dr. #201	Norman	OK	73069	405 329-6500	225 6165
Frank D.	Lucas	R	10952 NW Expressway #B	Yukon	OK	73099	405 373-1958	225 5565
Markwayne	Mullin	R	3109 Azalea Park Dr.	Muskogee	OK	74401	918 687 2533	225 2701
Steve	Russell	R	4600 SE 29th #400	Del City	OK	73115	405 602 3074	225 2132
Earl	Blumenauer	D	911 NE 11th Ave, #200	Portland	OR	97232	503 231-2300	225 4811
Suzanne	Bonamici	D	12725 SW Millikan Way #220	Beaverton	OR	97005	503 469 6010	225 0855
Peter A.	DeFazio	D	405 E. 8th Ave. #2030	Eugene	OR	97401	541 465-6732	225 6416
Kurt	Schrader	D	544 Ferry St. SE #2	Salem	OR	97301	503 588 9100	225 5711
Greg	Walden	R	14 N. Central Ave. #112	Medford	OR	97501	541 776 4646	225 6730
Lou	Barletta	R	1 S. Church St. #100	Hazleton	PA	18201	570 751 0050	225 6511
Brendan F.	Boyle	D	2375 Woodward St. #105	Philadelphia	PA	19115	215 335 3355	225 6111
Robert A.	Brady	D	1907 S Broad St	Philadelphia	PA	19148	215 389-4627	225 4731
Matt	Cartwright	D	226 Wyoming Ave.	Scranton	PA	18503	570 341 1050	225 5546
Ryan A.	Costello	R	840 North Park Rd.	Wyomissing	PA	19610	610 376 7630	225 4315
Charles W.	Dent	R	3900 Hamilton Blvd. #207	Allentown	PA	18103	610 770 3490	225 6411
Michael F.	Doyle	D	2637 E. Carson St.	Pittsburgh	PA	15203	412 390 1499	225 2135
Dwight	Evans	D	7174 Ogontz Ave.	Philadelphia	PA	19138	215 276 0340	225 4001
Brian K.	Fitzpatrick	R	1717 Langhorne-Newton Rd. #400	Langhorne	PA	19047	215 579 8102	225 4276
Mike	Kelly	R	208 E. Bayfront Pkwy #102	Erie	PA	16507	814 454 8190	225 5406
Tom	Marino	R	1020 Commerce Park Dr. #1A	Williamsport	PA	17701	570 322 3961	225 3731
Patrick	Meehan	R	940 W. Sproul Rd.	Springfield	PA	19064	610 690 7323	225 2011
Tim	Murphy	R	504 Washington Rd	Pittsburgh	PA	15228	412 344-5583	225 2301
Scott	Perry	R	22 Chambersburg Dr.	Gettysburg	PA	17325	717 338 1919	225 5836
Keith J.	Rothfus	R	6000 Babcock Bl. #104	Pittsburgh	PA	15237	412 837 1361	225 2065
Bill	Shuster	R	310 Penn St #200	Hollidaysburg	PA	16648	814 696-6318	225 2431
Lloyd	Smucker	R	51 S. Duke St. #201	Lancaster	PA	17602	717 393 0667	225 2411
Glenn	Thompson	R	3555 Benner Pike #101	Bellafonte	PA	16823	814 353 0215	225 5121
Jennifer	Gonzalez-Colon	R	P. O. Box 9023958	San Juan	PR	902	787 723 6333	225 2615
David N.	Cicilline	D	1070 Main St. #300	Pawtucket	RI	2860	401 729 5600	225 4911
James R.	Langevin	D	300 Centerville Rd #200 S	Warwick	RI	2886	401 732-9400	225 2735
James E.	Clyburn	D	1700 Sunset Bl. #1	West Columbia	SC	29169	803 939 0041	225 3315
Jeff	Duncan	R	303 W. Beltline Blvd.	Anderson	SC	29625	864 224 7401	225 5301
Trey	Gowdy	R	104 S. Main St.	Greenville	SC	29601	864 241 0175	225 6030
Tom	Rice	R	2411 N. Oak St.	Myrtle Beach	SC	29577	843 445 6459	225 9895
Mark	Sanford	R	530 Johnnie Dodds Blvd #201	Mount Pleasant	SC	29464	843 352 7572	225 3176
Joe	Wilson	R	1700 Sunset Bl. #1	West Columbia	SC	29169	803 939 0041	225 2452
Kristi L.	Noem	R	300 N. Dakota Ave. #314	Sioux Falls	SD	57104	605 275 2868	225 2801
Diane	Black	R	321 E. Spring St. #301	Cookeville	TN	38501	931 854 0069	225 4231
Marsha	Blackburn	R	305 Public Sqiare #212	Franklin	TN	37064	615 591-5161	225 2811
Steve	Cohen	D	167 North Main St. #369	Memphis	TN	38103	901 544-4131	225 3265
Jim	Cooper	D	605 Church St	Nashville	TN	37219	615 736-5295	225 4311
Scott	DesJarlais	R	807 S. Garden St.	Columbia	TN	34801	931 381 9920	225 6831
John J.	Duncan, Jr.	R	800 Market St. #110	Knoxville	TN	37902	865 523 3772	225 5435
Charles J.	Fleischmann	R	900 Georgia Ave. #126	Chattanooga	TN	37402	423 756 2342	225 3271
David	Kustoff	R	5900 Poplar Ave., #202	Memphis	TN	38119	901 682 4422	225 4714
David P. (Phil)	Roe	R	1609 Walter State CC Dr. #4	Morristown	TN	37813	423 254 1400	225 6356
Jodey C.	Arrington	R	500 Chestnut St. #819	Abilene	TX	79602	325 675 9779	225 4005
Brian	Babin	R	203 Ivy Ave. #600	Deer Park	TX	77536	832 780 0966	225 1555
Joe	Barton	R	6001 W. Ronald Reagan H#200	Arlington	TX	76017	817 543-1000	225 2002
Kevin	Brady	R	200 River Pointe Dr #304	Conroe	TX	77304	936 441-5700	225 4901
Michael C.	Burgess	R	2000 S. Stemmons Fwy #200	Lake	TX	75065	940 497 5031	225 7772
John R	Carter	R	1717 N. 1H 35 #303	Round Rock	TX	78664	512 246-1600	225 3864
Joaquin	Castro	D	4715 Fredericksburg #512	San Antonio	TX	78229	210 348 8216	225 3236
K Michael	Conaway	R	6 Desta Dr #2000	Midland	TX	79705	432 687-2390	225 3605
Henry	Cuellar	D	615 E. Houston St. #563	San Antonio	TX	78205	210 271 2851	225 1640
John Abney	Culberson	R	10000 Memorial Dr #620	Houston	TX	77024	713 682-8828	225 2571
Lloyd	Doggett	D	300 E 8th St #763	Austin	TX	78701	512 916-5921	225 4865
Blake	Farenthold	R	101 N. Shoreline Bl. #300	Corpus Christi	TX	78401	361 884 2222	225 7742

Bill	Flores	R	400 Austin Ave. #302	Waco	TX	76701	254 732 0748	225 6105
Louie	Gohmert	R	1121 SES Loop 323 #206	Tyler	TX	75701	903 561-6349	225 3035
Vincente	Gonzalez	D	2864 W. Trenton Rd.	Edinburg	TX	78539	956 682 5545	225 2531
Kay	Granger	R	1701 River Run Rd #407	Ft Worth	TX	76107	817 338-0909	225 5071
Gene	Green	D	256 N Sam Houston Pky E #29	Houston	TX	77060	281 999-5879	225 1688
Jeb	Hensarling	R	6510 Abrams Rd, #243	Dallas	TX	75231	214 349-9996	225 3484
Will	Hurd	R	17721 Rogers Ranch Pwy., #120	San Antonio	TX	78258	210 921 3130	225 4511
Sheila	Jackson-Lee	D	1919 Smith St. #1180	Houston	TX	77002	713 655 0050	225 3816
Eddie Bernice	Johnson	R	3102 Maple Ave #600	Dallas	TX	75201	214 922 8885	225 8885
Sam	Johnson	R	1255 W. 15th St. #170	Plano	TX	75075	469 303 0382	225 4201
Kenny	Marchant	R	9901 E. Valley Ranch Py.#3035	Irving	TX	75063	972 556 0162	225 6605
Michael T.	McCaul	R	9009 Mountin Ridge Dr #230	Austin	TX	78759	512 473-2357	225 2401
Pete	Olson	R	6302 W. Broadway St. #220	Pearland	TX	77581	281 485 4855	225 5951
Beto	O'Rourke	D	303 N. Oregon St. #210	El Paso	TX	79901	915 541 1400	225 4831
Ted	Poe	R	740 N. Post Oak Rd. #510	Houston	TX	77024	713 681 8763	225 6565
John	Ratcliffe	R	6531 Horizon Rd. #A	Rockwall	TX	75032	972 771 0100	225 6673
Pete	Sessions	R	12750 Merit Dr. #1434	Dallas	TX	75251	972 392 0505	225 2231
Lamar	Smith	R	1100 NE Loop 410 #640	San Antonio	TX	78209	210 821-5024	225 4236
William "Mac"	Thornberry	R	620 S. Taylor St. #200	Amarillo	TX	79101	806 371-8844	225 3706
Marc A.	Veasey	D	1881 Sylvan Ave. #108	Dallas	TX	75208	214 741 1387	225 9897
Filemon	Vela	D	333 Ebony Ave.	Brownsville	TX	78520	956 544 8352	225 9901
Randy K.	Weber, Sr.	R	122 West Way #301	Lake Jackson	TX	77566	979 285 0231	225 2831
Roger	Williams	R	1005 Congress Ave. #925	Austin	TX	78701	512 473 8910	225 9896
Rob	Bishop	R	324 25th St #1017	Ogden	UT	84401	801 625-0107	225 0453
Jason	Chaffetz	R	51 S. University Ave. #318	Provo	UT	84601	801 851 2500	225 7751
Mia B.	Love	R	9067 South 1300 West #101	West Jordan	UT	84088	801 996 8729	225 3011
Chris	Stewart	R	420 East South Temple #390	Salt Lake City	UT	84111	801 364 5550	225 9730
Donald S.	Beyer, Jr.	D	5285 Shawnee Rd. #250	Alexandria	VA	22312	703 658 5403	225 4376
Dave	Brat	R	4201 Dominion Blvd. #110	Glen Allen	VA	23060	804 747 4073	225 2815
Barbara	Comstock	R	21430 Cedar Dr. #218	Sterling	VA	20164	703 404 6903	225 5136
Gerald E.	Connolly	D	4115 Annandale Rd #103	Annandale	VA	22003	703 256 3071	225 1492
Thomas A.	Garrett, Jr.	R	686 Berkmar Cir., 2nd flr	Charlottesville	VA	22901	434 973 9631	225 4711
Bob	Goodlatte	R	10 Franklin Rd SE #540	Roanoke	VA	24011	540 857-2672	225 5431
H. Morgan	Griffith	R	323 W. Main St.	Abingdon	VA	24210	276 525 1405	225 3861
A. Donald	McEachin	D	not listed		VA			225 6365
Robert C.	Scott	D	400 N. 8th St. #430	Richmond	VA	23219	804 644-4845	225 8351
Scott	Taylor	R	not listed		VA			225 4215
Robert J.	Wittman	R	401 Main St./PO Box 494	Yorktown	VA	23690	757 874 6687	225 4261
Stacey E.	Plaskett	D	60 King St.	Frederiksted	VI	840	340 478 5900	225 1790
Peter	Welch	D	30 Main St. #350	Burlington	VT	5401	802 652 2450	225 4115
Suzan K.	DelBene	D	22121 17th Ave. SE #E-220	Bothell	WA	98021	425 485 0085	225 6311
Denny	Heck	D	420 College Ave SE #3000	Lacey	WA	98503	360 459 8514	225 9740
Jaimie	Herrera-Beutler	R	750 Anderson St. #B	Vancouver	WA	98661	360 695 6292	225 3536
Pramila	Jayapal	D	1904 3rd Ave. #510	Seattle	WA	98101	206 674 0040	225 3106
Derek	Kilmer	D	950 Pacific Ave. #1230	Tacoma	WA	98402	253 272 3515	225 5916
Rick	Larsen	D	2930 Wetmore Ave. #9-F	Everett	WA	98201	425 252-3188	225 2605
Cathy	McMorris-Rodge	R	10 N. Post #625	Spokane	WA	99201	509 353 2374	225 2006
Dan	Newhouse	R	402 E. Yakima Ave. #445	Yakima	WA	98901	509 452 3243	225 5816
David G.	Reichert	R	22605 SE 56th St. #130	Issaquah	WA	98029	452 677 7414	225 7761
Sean P.	Duffy	R	208 Grand Ave.	Wausau	WI	54403	715 298 9344	225 3365
Mike	Gallagher	R	1915 S. Webster Ave. #D	Green Bay	WI	54301	920 301 4500	225 5665
Glenn	Grothman	R	1020 S. Main St. #B	Fond du Lac	WI	54935	920 907 0624	225 2476
Ron	Kind	D	205 5th Ave. S. #400	La Crosse	WI	54601	608 782-2558	225 5506
Gwen	Moore	D	219 N. Milwaukee St. #3A	Milwaukee	WI	53202	414 297-1140	225 4572
Mark	Pocan	D	100 E. Doty St. #405	Madison	WI	53703	608 258 9800	225 2906
Paul D.	Ryan	R	20 S. Main St. #10	Janesville	WI	53545	608 752 4050	225 3031
F. James	Sensebrenner, J	R	120 Bishops Way #154	Brookfield	WI	53005	262 784 1111	225 5101
Evan H.	Jenkins	R	223 Prince St.	Beckley	WV	25801	304 250 6177	225 3452
David B.	McKinley	R	1100 Main St., #101	Wheeling	WV	26003	304 232 3801	225 4172
Alexander X.	Mooney	R	405 Capitol St. #514	Charleston	WV	25301	304 925 5964	225 2711
Liz	Cheney	R	2120 Capitol Ave. #8005	Cheyenne	WY	82001	307 772 2595	225 2311



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**Distinguished  
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**Meritorious  
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**Defense  
(Prior to Pearl Harbor)**



**Mariner's  
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**Prisoner of  
War**



**Mediterranean  
Middle-East  
War Zone**



**Pacific War  
Zone**



**Atlantic War  
Zone**



**World War II  
Victory**



According to Maritime Administration records, more than 12,400 mariners were awarded the Merchant Marine Defense Bar; 143,000 mariners were awarded the Atlantic War Zone Bar; 111,000 Pacific War Zone Bars were distributed; and, 94,000 bars for service in the Mediterranean-Middle East War Zone were presented. In addition, over 2,000 mariners received the Korean Service Bar, and 5,000 were given the Vietnam Service Bar.

All of these recipients of the war zone bars are eligible to obtain the new corresponding medal. The immediate families of deceased mariners are also eligible.

Some mariners who sailed in these wars never applied for the war zone ribbon bars. The Maritime Administration is again accepting original applications for the decorations. Applicants must provide proper documentation of their merchant marine service in order to be considered for the

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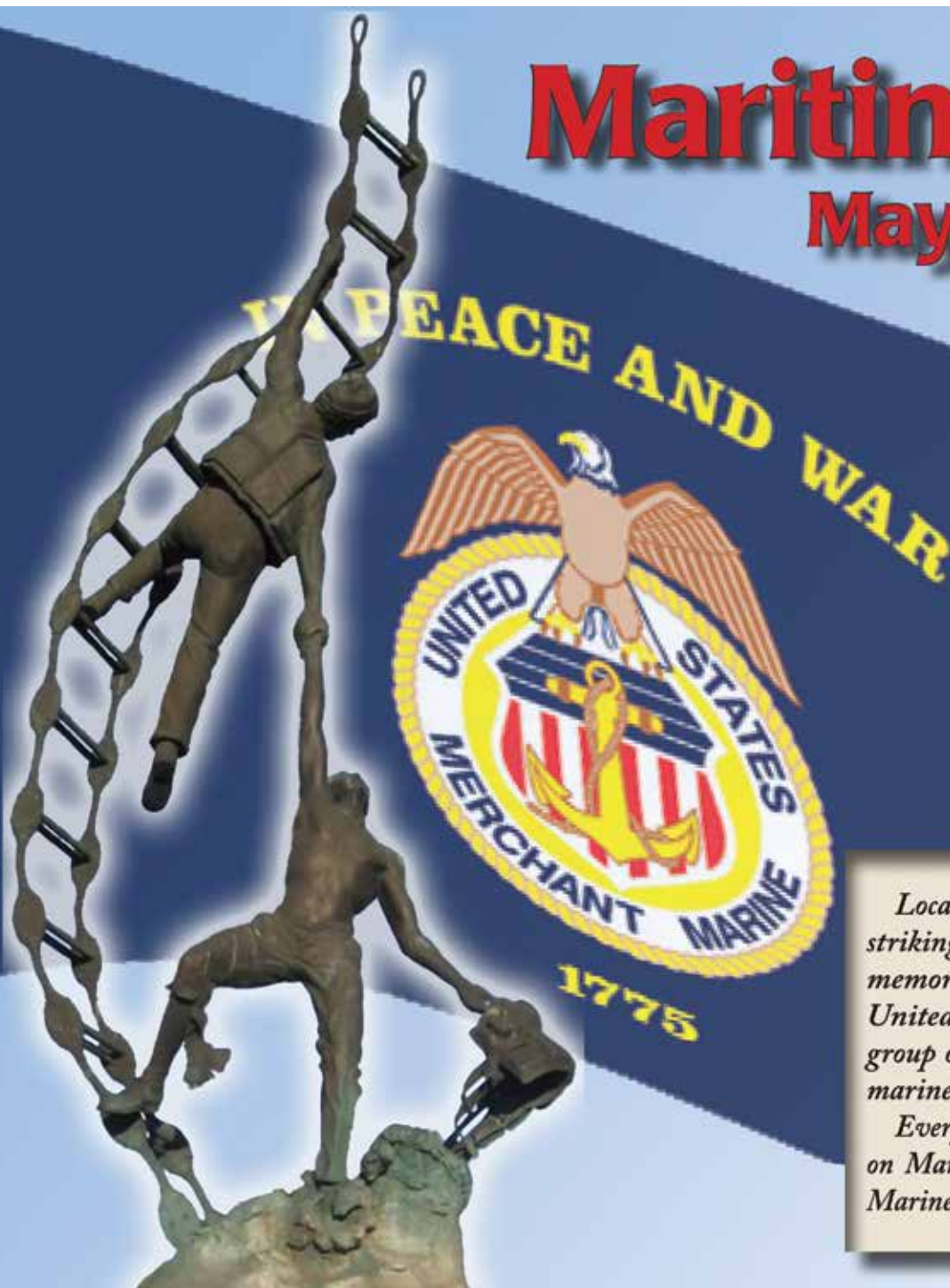
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# Maritime Day

## May 22



*Located in San Pedro, California, this striking memorial was the first national memorial to merchant seamen in the United States. It was commissioned by a group of local seamen to honor merchant marine veterans from all wars.*

*Every year, they gather at this memorial on Maritime Day to honor our Merchant Marine- Veterans.*