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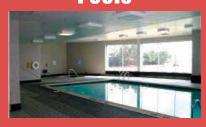
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Wednesday, March 14				
13:00 – 17:30	Convention Registration (Boardroom A & B)			
18:30 – 20:30	Hospitality Room open! (Boardroom A & B) Board of Directors Meeting (Plaza 45)			
Thursday, March 15				
08:30 - 11:30 $11:30 - 13:30$ $13:30 - 16:30$ $16:30 - 17:30$	Opening ceremonies; President's Report ( <i>Plaza 45</i> ) LADIES' LUNCHEON ( <i>Plaza 6</i> ); Hospitality Suite open! ( <i>Boardroom A &amp; B</i> ) RVP Election/Resolutions/By-Laws; miscellaneous organizational business ( <i>Plaza 45</i> ) Hospitality Suite open! ( <i>Boardroom A &amp; B</i> )			
17:30 - ???	RECEPTION BANQUET ( <i>Plaza 3</i> ) Guest Speaker: Mr. Paul Doell, National President - American Maritime Officers (AMO); Entertainment: Sally & Roy (Sindy's Retirement Party)			
Friday, March 16				
08:00 - 10:15 10:30 - 16:30	General Session: OPEN MIC ( <i>Plaza 45</i> ) " <i>Take Me to St. Louis</i> " Bus Tour; stops at: Lumiere Casino, Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Chesterfield Veteran's Honor Park			
10:30 - ???	Hospitality Room open! (Boardroom A & B)			
Saturday, March 17				
08:30 - 09:30 09:45 - 10:30 10:45 - 11:30 11:30 - 13:00 13:00 - 13:45 14:00 - 16:30 16:30 - 17:30 17:30 - ???	Mr. Dave Yoho, WWII MM Vet & motivational speaker ( <i>Plaza 45</i> ) Mr. David Alberg – NOAA Sanctuary Superintendent ( <i>Plaza 45</i> ) (Program TBA) ( <i>Plaza 45</i> ) Lunch break; Hospitality Room open! ( <i>Boardroom A &amp; B</i> ) RADM Jerry Achenbach, Superintendent - Great Lakes Maritime Academy (Speakers/presenters/programs TBA) ( <i>Plaza 45</i> ) Hospitality Room open! ( <i>Boardroom A &amp; B</i> ) FAREWELL BANQUET ( <i>Plaza 3</i> ) Guest Speaker: Mr. James E. Caponiti, President – American Maritime Congress; 50/50 drawing; AMMV Awards Ceremony; Entertainment: Sally & Roy (Theme: St. Patrick's Day)			
Sunday, March 18	HOMEWARD BOUND Safe travels & see you next year!			



## Welcome to the 32nd National Convention of the American Merchant Marine Veterans

I am pleased to welcome you to the  $32^{nd}$  National Convention of the American Merchant Marine Veterans at the DoubleTree Hotel at Westport. We have an exciting line-up of activities, speakers, and entertainment.

Dave Yoho is graciously returning with a new presentation titled, "Stand Up, Speak Out, Be Proud!" Other scheduled speakers, presenters, and exhibitors represent many aspects of our U.S. Merchant Marine past and present.

I look forward to your participation in the business meetings as we work together to face the many organizational challenges that lie ahead. All AMMV members are invited to sit in on the Board of Directors meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

Thank you all for being a part of this 32<sup>nd</sup> AMMV convention!

Sincerely,

Capt. Christopher Edyvean AMMV National President





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January 2, 2018

American Merchant Marine Veterans 32nd National Convention St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Attendees and Guests:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to St. Louis -- the Gateway to the West -- for the **32nd National Convention of the American Merchant Marine Veterans** being held from March 14 through March 17, 2018. We are thrilled that St. Louis was chosen as the site for this important meeting.

St. Louis welcomes more than 25 million annual visitors for leisure, conventions, meetings and business travel. The travel and tourism industry provides employment for 88,000 local residents, and it is one of the top six industries in both St. Louis City and County.

While you are in St. Louis, I encourage you to take some time to visit a few of our many great cultural and entertainment attractions. Explore Downtown's Washington Avenue, Grand Center's entertainment district, Lafayette Square's Victorian homes, South Grand's international dining district or the many cultural institutions in Forest Park. Experience for yourself what we have to offer and share with your friends and colleagues your great experiences at the world-class restaurants, hotels and entertainment options that abound throughout our region.

Best wishes for a successful, memorable visit to our fine city, and I hope that you will visit St. Louis again soon.

Sincerely.

Lyda Krewson

Mayor, City of St. Louis



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#### Greetings:

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GOVERNOR

As a former Navy SEAL and Governor of the State of Missouri, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to St. Louis for the 32<sup>nd</sup> National Convention of the American Merchant Marine Veterans (AMMV).

Founded by United States Merchant Marine Veterans of World War II, the AMMV works each day to develop an all-inclusive organization of U.S. Merchant Mariners who work together to gain recognition for their heroic and vitally needed service to our nation during peace and war.

I wish to welcome and recognize all of our veterans here today, whom I hold in the highest esteem. You are the dedicated men and women responsible for preserving the spirit and promise of the United States, and I deeply appreciate the hard work and sacrifice that each of you has contributed to ensure that our great country remains free. I salute you for your loyalty, courage, and honor.

In addition to participating in the American Merchant Marine Veterans National Convention, I hope you have an opportunity to enjoy all St. Louis and the region have to offer, including world-class attractions, such as the St. Louis Zoo, the St. Louis Art Museum, and Cardinals baseball, along with great dining, shopping, and entertainment opportunities.

I extend my very best wishes for an enjoyable and successful event.

Yours in service.

Eric R. Greitens

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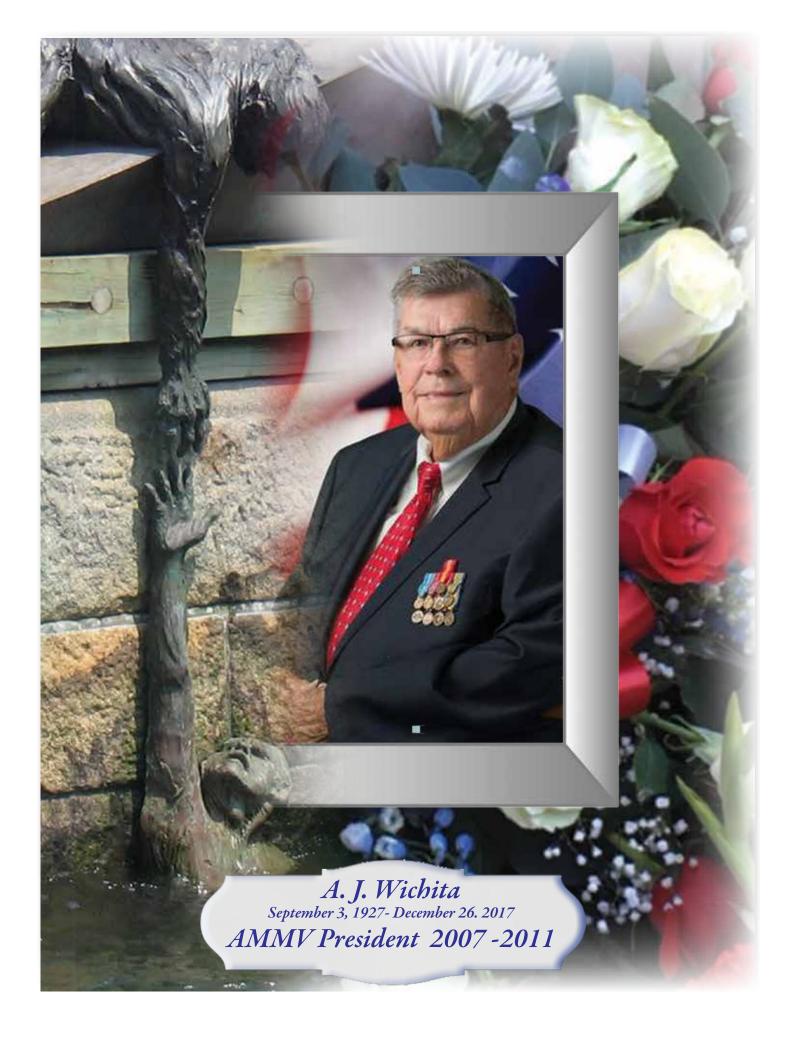
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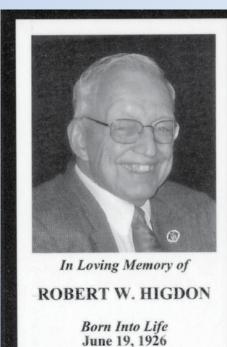
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January 28, 2013

## In Loving Memory Nelson Cauble

February 28, 1927 to June 9, 2017



Merchant Marine Veterans and remained an active member until he Crossed the Bar in June. He has held many offices with AMMV including National Vice President and National Secretary. He was the president of his local chapter, Southern Oregon, until it was disbanded and rolled into the Oregon Chapter. Above Nelson and Shirley Cauble receiving the Harvey-Wichita Award at the 31st National Convention for their continued dedication and contribution to the organization. It is the highest

award AMMV can give any member.

His life partner and spouse of nearly 70 years, Shirley, has replaced Nelson as the National Secretary by special election of the Executive Board of Directors. Nelson's new term in office was to start July 1, 2017.





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March 14th - 18th, 2018

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## STAND UP!

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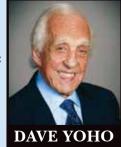
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- Invited to the White House 3 times

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- Made over 5,000 paid speeches in every state in the U.S. & 22 foreign countries
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#### Guest Speaker



James E.Caponiti

### James E. Caponiti

President

#### **American Maritime Congress**

Caponiti joined the American Maritime Congress (AMC) in 2011 as its executive director and was appointed President in 2014.

AMC is a research and educational organization dedicated to informing the public, media and government officials on issues affecting the U.S.-flag merchant marine and maritime industry.

Caponiti spent 37 years with the Maritime Administration (MARAD) holding a variety of key management and executive positions. May 2008, he was appointment Assistant Administrator and assisted the Maritime Administrator and Deputy Maritime Administrator in the daily management all MARAD programs.

He served as Acting Deputy Maritime Administrator during the 2009 Presidential transition. Other roles in his MARAD career have included MARAD Associate Administrator for National Security where, he was responsible for maintaining a U.S. merchant fleet to meet national security requirements. He was also responsible for management of a reserve fleet of Government-owned vessels to support Department of

Defense sealift operations.

In 1993, he was detailed to the Merchant Marine Subcommittee in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he worked closely with Chairman William Lipinski in developing legislation to revitalize the U.S. Merchant Marine. resulting with passage of the Maritime Security Program.

Caponiti has received both the Presidential Meritorious Rank and the Presidential Distinguished Rank Awards in 2000 and 2005 respectively. These awards are the highest Civil Service awards for Senior Executives.



David William Alberg

#### **David William Alberg**

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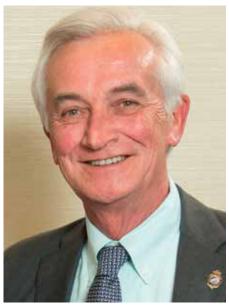
David Alberg serves as Sanctuary Superintendent for the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, the first national marine sanctuary established in the United States. It is administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) under the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. The Sanctuary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

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

He has an extensive background in cultural resource management, museum work and exhibit development. Alberg began his career in 1992 as the first curator for the Virginia Air and Space Center in Hampton, VA, and

went on to serve as the Director of Exhibits and Collections for the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. Between 2001-2005, he served as the Deputy Director for Nauticus, The National Maritime Center in Norfolk, VA.

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



Paul Doell

#### **Paul Doell**

National President

#### **American Maritime Officers**

Paul Doell is American Maritime Officers' (AMO) National President, an affiliate of the Seafarers International Union (SIU) of North America.

Now in his 46th year with AMO, Doell has served as the union's Legislative Director in Washington DC, working with leaders in both parties and Congressional chambers to promote the privately owned and operated U.S.-flag merchant fleet and to sustain jobs for American merchant mariners in domestic and international trades. He was active in defending the Jones Act, Maritime Security Program, PL-480 "Food for Peace" program and the U.S.-flag cargo preference laws.

From 1980 to 2007, Doell served as the union's communications director, working with AMO Presidents and responsible for print and online publications, all correspondence to AMO members, industry interests, other unions and Congressional offices.

He spent his early careeer working in the AMO Great Lakes homeport of Toledo, OH. On the lakes, Doell served as the union's liaison to media, assisted with organizing drives, worked in local political campaigns and walked picket lines

in support of striking maritime unions. He lives in Hollywood, FL with Barbara, his wife of 40 years.

Doell has a lifelong link to AMO. His father, Ray Doell, was a founding member of the Brotherhood of Marine Engineers(BME) before it evolved into AMO. Ray Doell served as the BME's New York Port Agent, contract negotiator, Director of Membership Benefits and the first Secretary-Treasurer before returning to sea in 1960.

With strong roots in the SIU of North America and the AFL-CIO Maritime Trades Depart., AMO is the nation's largest union of licensed seagoing professionals.



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Rear Admiral, U.S. Maritime Service and Superintendent **Great Lakes Maritime Academy** 

Gerard "Jerry" Achenbach is a 1986 graduate of the State University of New York (SUNY) Maritime College. He began his maritime career as a licensed officer in the U.S. Merchant Marine. In 1989, he entered the Coast Guard's Officer Candidate's School and upon graduation was assigned to the *Coast Guard Cutter Yocona*, homeported in Kodiak, AK where he served as a Deck Watch Officer.

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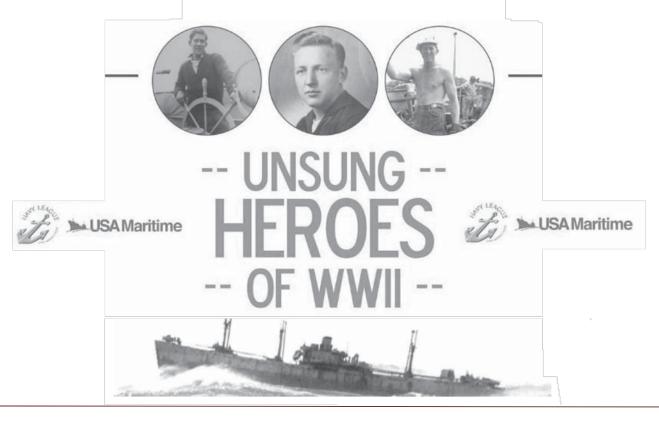
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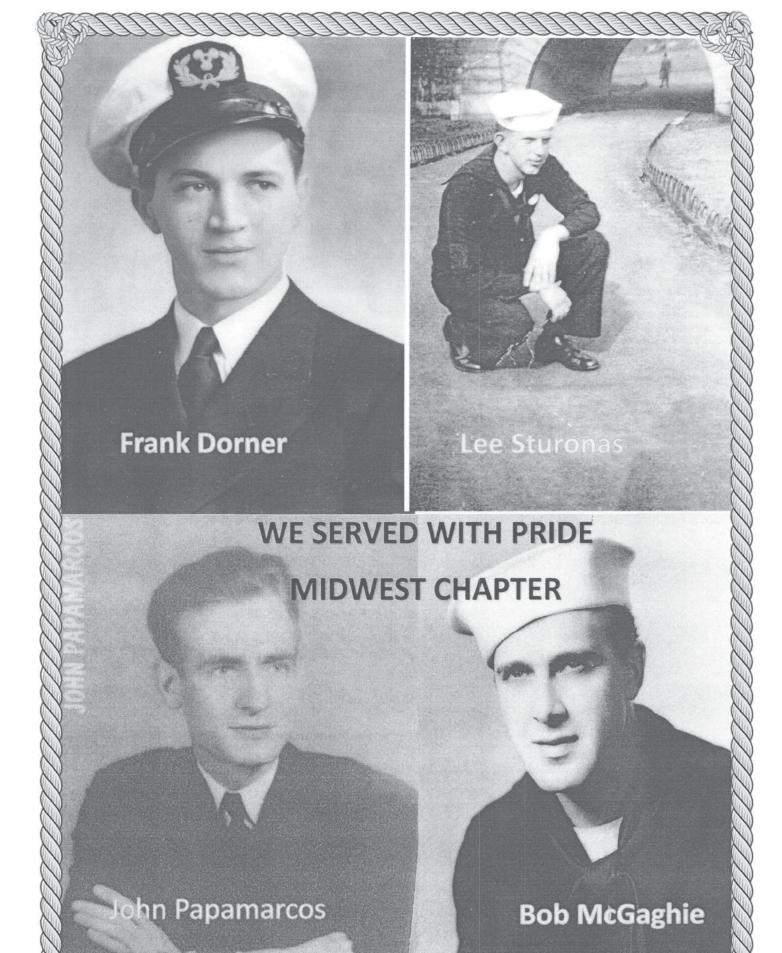
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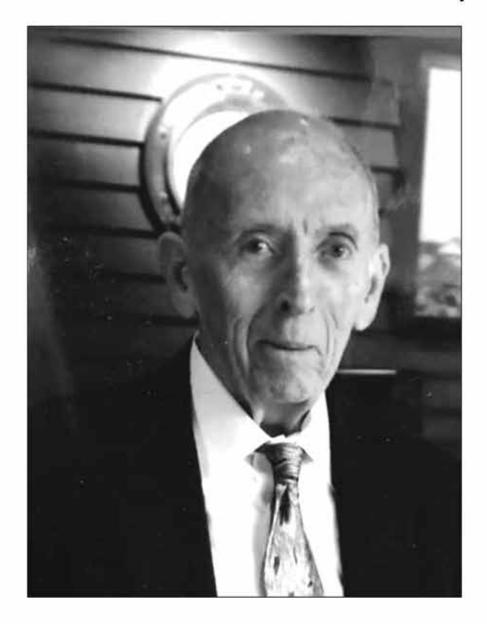


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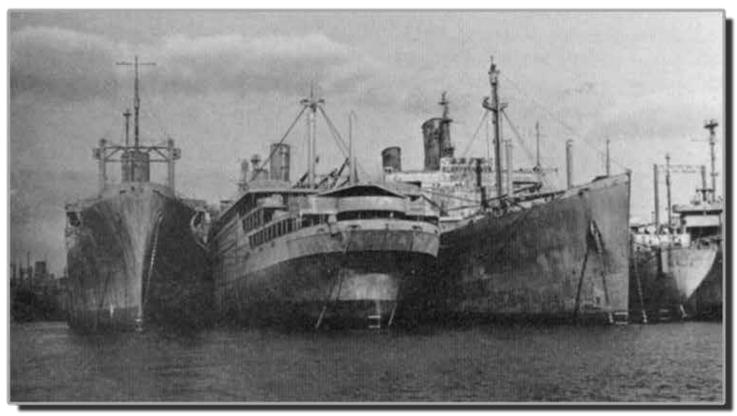
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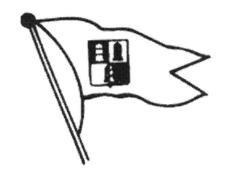
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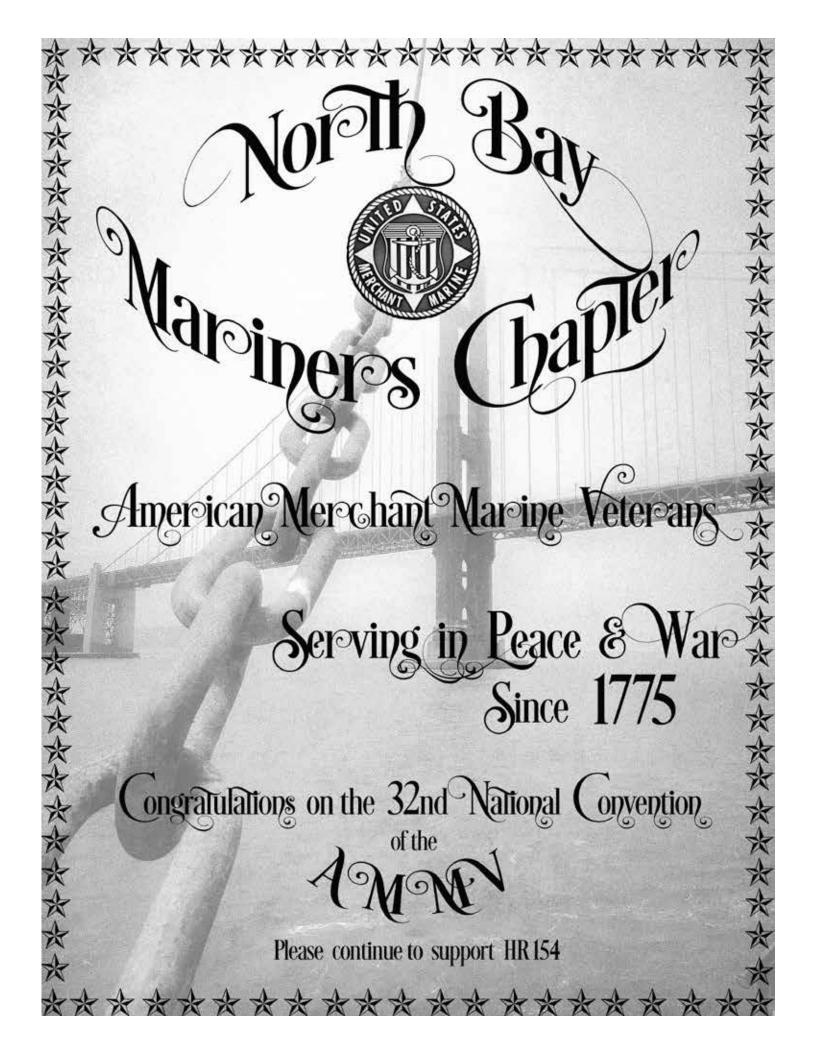
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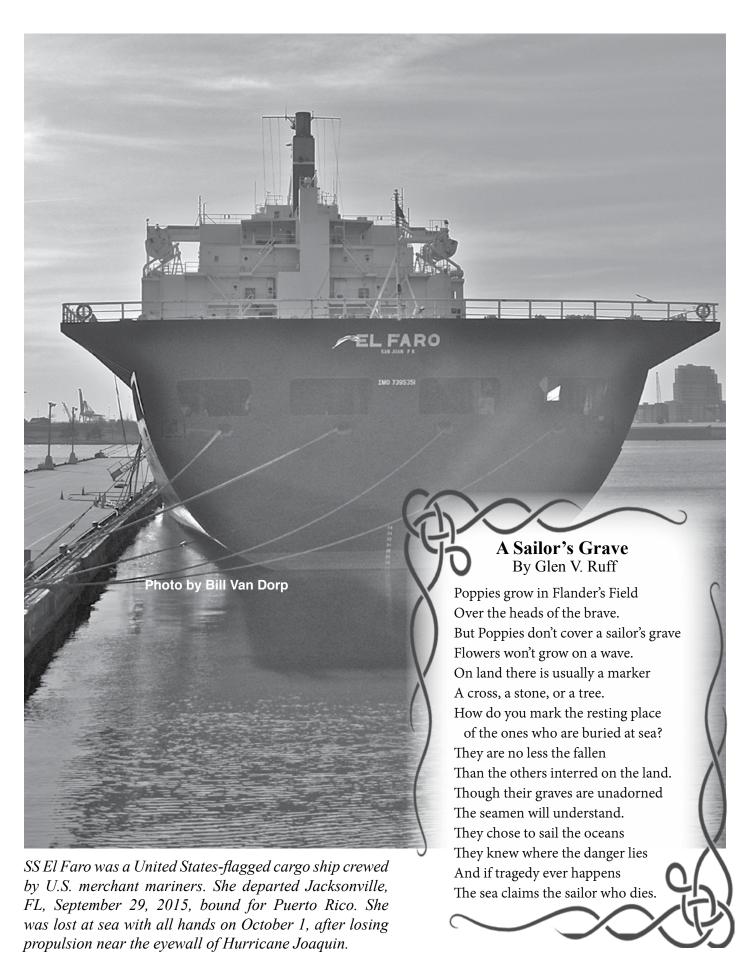


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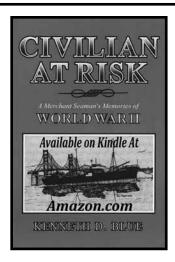
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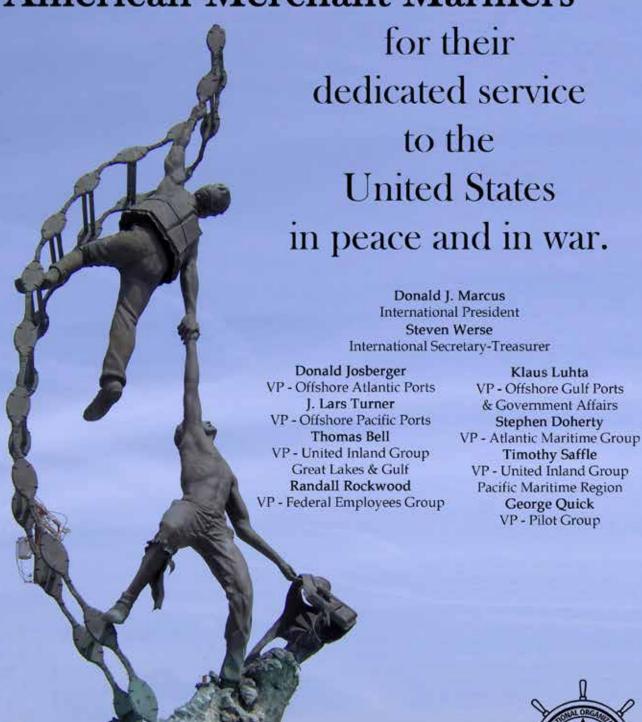
So he stands there atone as the band plays a tune, Reflecting how his part was forgotten too soon. Take heart my brave shipmate if no glory you share, In the logbook of Heaven you'll find it all there.

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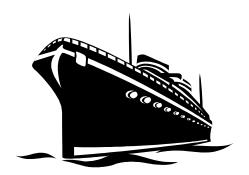
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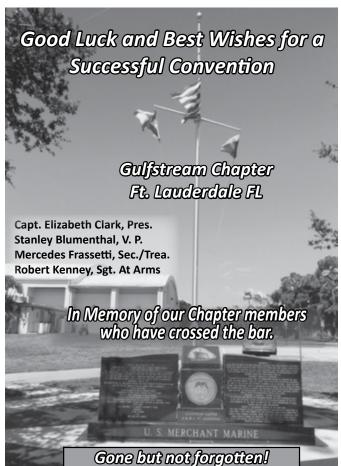
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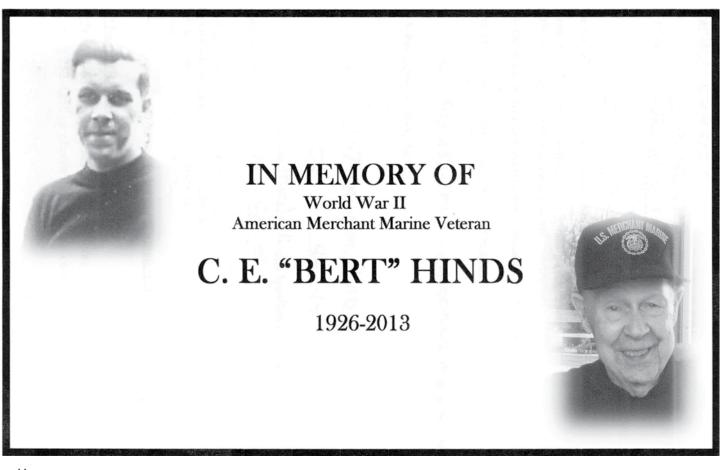
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Talter Kopatz was born in San Francisco on June 11, 1922. His father was a sailor for the Alaska Packers. At the age of 17, Walter joined the Marine Firemen's Union in 1939 and sailed as an Ordinary Seaman around the world.

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

1943 by a German submarine U-185. Also in November 1943, Walter was on the **SS Monterey** which shot down an enemy bomber which passed over the ship. The **Monterey** saved Canadian Soldiers on the troop ship, which had been bombed.

In 1945, Walter participated in the Battle of the Philippines on the Frederick Billings.

In 1949, Walter was on a diesel ship Surprise that ran aground when leaving Hong Kong.

In 1960, Walter was on the wine tanker *SS Angelo Petri* as an AB when the ship "broke up on the bar" in the Golden Gate. In January 1969, Walter sailed on the bar pilot ship where "we swamped the boat and were in the Pacific Ocean outside the Golden Gate in the water for one hour." Walter helped save the pilot's life.

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Walter was married 32 years to his wife, Corinne, and lived in the Sunset District in San Francisco. They have one daughter, Jennifer, who is a UC Berkeley Alumni.

Some of you may have known Walter by his nickname "Tiny". Walter was a member of the Golden Gate Chapter for 5 years. Walter died on July 25, 2000. Earlier that month, he attended the "Bloody Thursday" commemoration, outside the ILWU Local 10 hall in San Francisco, CA.

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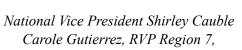
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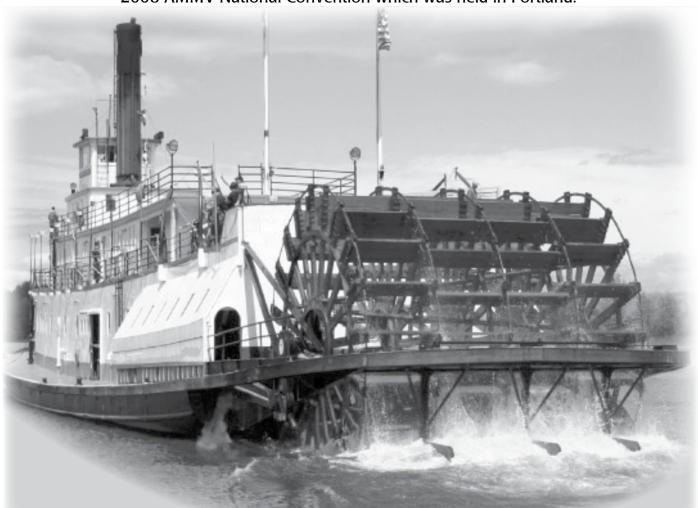


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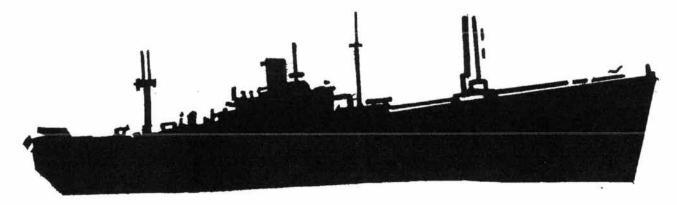
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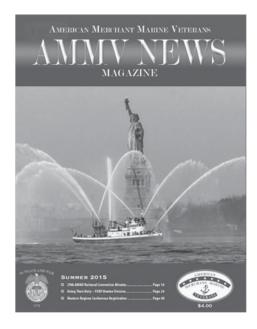
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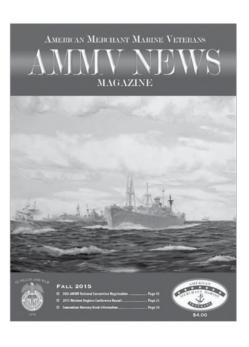
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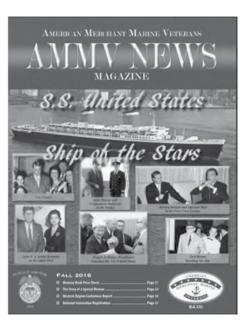












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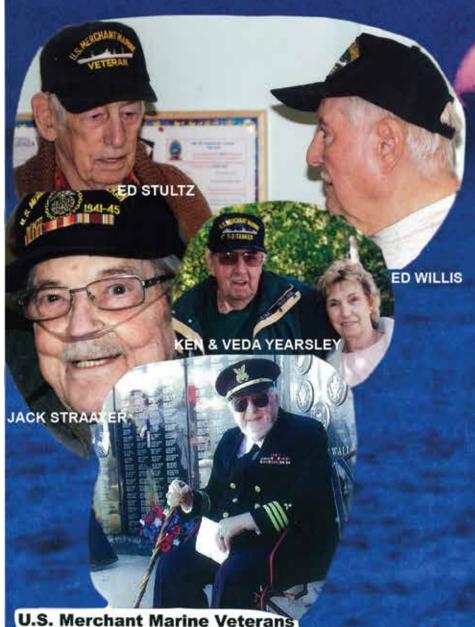
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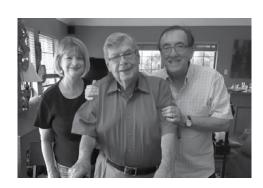
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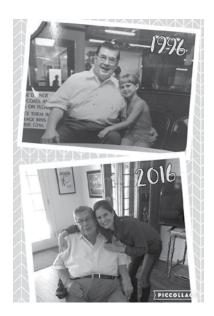


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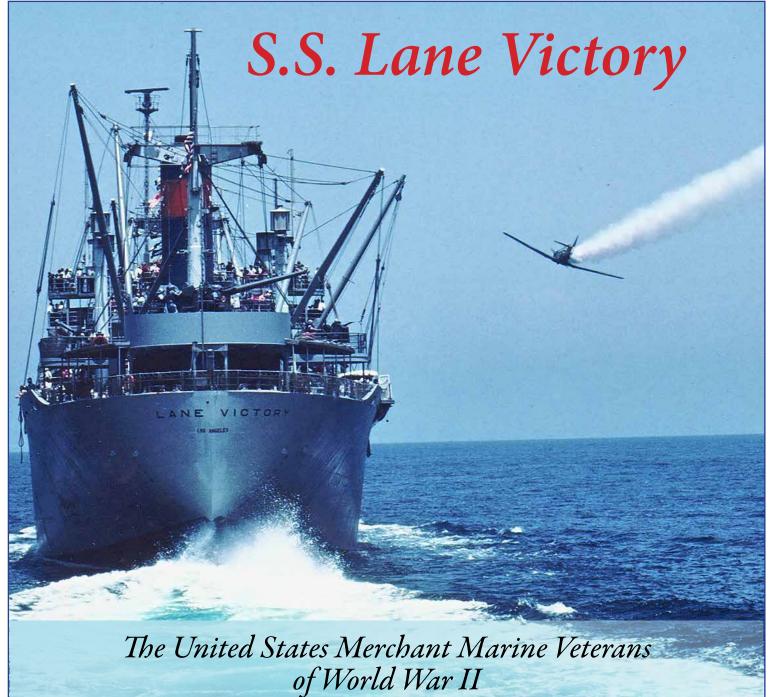


Above: Pictured left to right – Bob Ross, Sally Langwah, Crawford Knight, Shirley Knight and Roy Langwah. All I said was "I thought I was holding Sally's hand and it was Crawford's hand."



Above: Wile traveling, we always try to visit our Merchant Marine familu. In Mississippi, we had a great pleasure of Scafidi. A great time was had by all. Don is the great

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Our web site ammysacvalley.com had a name change; it is now ammygoldengate.org. Bob Ulrich will continue to run the site but for the Golden Gate chapter. The name change will be verified through the National News magazine in the near future.

Bob will continue to provide the sheet music for band for our Merchant Marine song "*Heave Ho*." The music seems to be out of print but can be provided to a member working with a band or a bandmaster.

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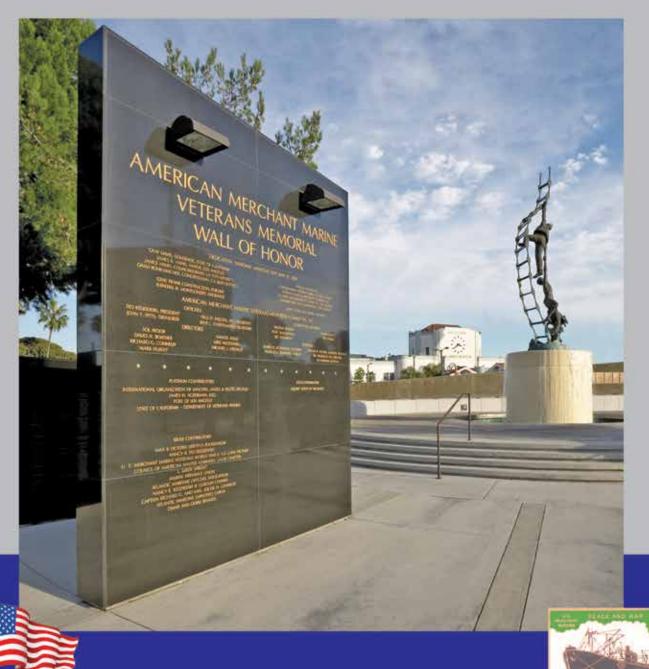
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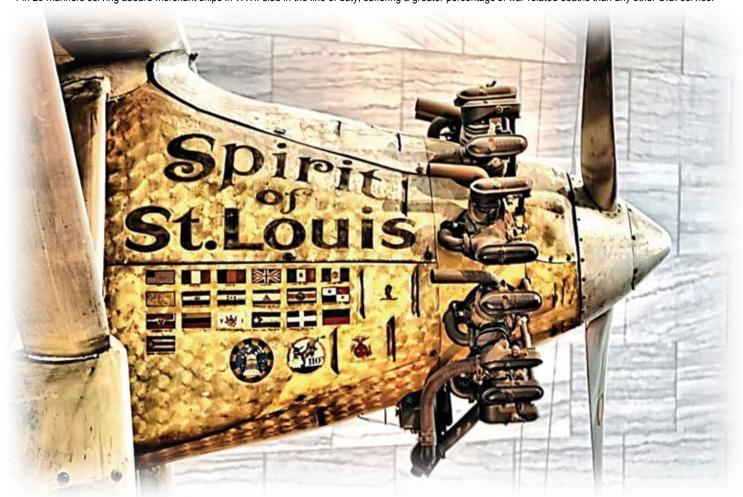


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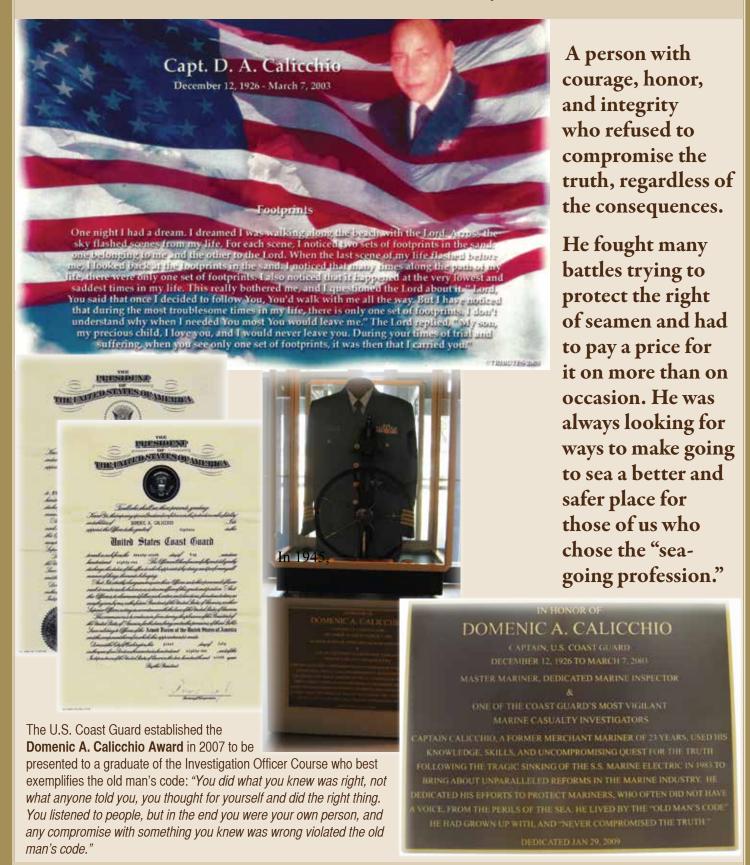
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