



35th National Convention

Las Vegas, NV March 28 – 31st, 2023



Heave Ho!





AMMV 35th National Convention Agenda

Monday, March 27th

Arrival date for Convention Committee volunteers; set-up Hospitality Room, etc.

Tuesday, March 28th

Continue set-up work	Salon C – NV Ballroom East	08:00 – 11:30
Registration & Hospitality Room open	Salon C – NV Ballroom East	13:00 – 17:00
AMMV Board Meeting	(Location TBD)	16:00 – 17:30
Registration & Hospitality Room open	Salon C – NV Ballroom East	19:00 – 21:30

Wednesday, March 29th

Registration & Hospitality Room open	Salon C – NV Ballroom East	08:00 – 08:45
Organizational business	Salon AB – NV Ballroom East	09:00 – 11:30
Luncheon w/ guest speaker, Capt. Hugh Stephens...	Salon AB – NV Ballroom East	11:30 – 13:30
Organizational business, cont.	Salon AB – NV Ballroom East	13:30 – 16:00
Open Mic.....	Salon AB – NV Ballroom East	16:00 – 17:00
Hospitality Room open	Salon C – NV Ballroom East	19:00 – 22:00

*** Evening free time in Vegas (no scheduled activities)***

Thursday, March 30th

Registration & Hospitality Room open	Salon C – NV Ballroom East	08:00 – 08:45
Guest speakers/presenters	Salon AB – NV Ballroom East	09:00 – 11:30
Luncheon with guest speaker	Salon AB – NV Ballroom East	11:30 – 13:30
Guest speakers/presenters	Salon AB – NV Ballroom East	13:30 – 17:00
Featured evening dinner with Keynote Speaker	Salon F – AZ Ballroom East	17:20 – 22:00

*** Cash bar starts at 17:30 ***

Hospitality Room open	Salon C – NV Ballroom East	22:00 – ????
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Friday, March 31st

Convention Committee volunteers clean-up	Morning hours
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DAVE YOHO



Special Session of Congress

Dave Yoho with Charles Mills accepts the Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of the US Merchant Marine Veterans of WWII*.

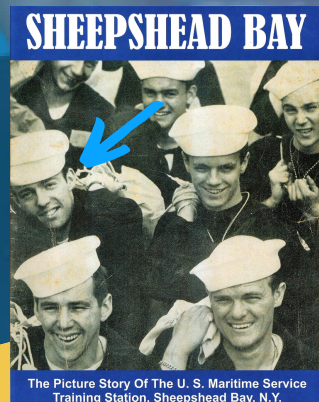
*Now available on over 460 news outlets.

ABOUT DAVE: POST WORLD WAR II

- Became top salesman in 500-man sales organization. Advanced through various managerial roles and was voted manager of the year, four years in a row
- Started his own business at age of 28; business became a conglomerate
- Currently CEO of a consulting group; represents national and international clients, many Fortune 500 Companies
- Has appeared on most major TV talk shows including the Tonight Show and the Today Show
- Has made over 5,000 paid presentations and has appeared in over 100 training films (videos)
- In 1981: Received the Oscar of Public Speaking (The Cavett) and Dun's Business Report called him the "SUPERSTAR OF MOTIVATION"
- Received a gold record for an RCA Victor recording
- Author of a best-selling book, "How To Have A Good Year Every Year" (Berkley Publishing)
- Frequently quoted in Duns Business Report, Entrepreneur Magazine, Forbes, Wall Street Journal and numerous trade/industry publications

AND.....He is ONE of US

- Basic training Sheepshead Bay 1944, Proud to have served as a Merchant Mariner
- On cover of 1944 Recruiting Magazine (left - 2nd from bottom)
- 1st ship T/2 Tanker newly built as a fleet oiler (sent to So. Pacific)
Member engine crew (Fireman Wtr. Tender)
- Has been interviewed by CSPAN, CBS, ABC, Stars & Stripes, the WWII memorials in both Washington, DC and New Orleans, LA - numerous interviews with Congress, special podcasts on behalf of AMMV



Thank You, 2023 Convention Committee!

Capt. Dru DiMattia.....Chairman
Lynn Kelly.....Registration
Dennis Kelly.....Finance

Committee Members & Volunteers

Capt. Chris Edyvean (Midwest Chapter)
Cheryl Muffoletto (M.A.L.)
Ken Delancey (High Rollers Chapter)
Sandi Barth (High Rollers Chapter)
Pat Rafferty (High Rollers Chapter)
Cynthia Bledsoe (High Rollers Chapter)

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Speakers/Presenters

Sara Fuentes
Dave Yoho
Carmen Reid
Capt. Hugh Stephens
Toni Horodysky
H.J. Burley Smith
John McCown
Michael G. Conley
RADM Ann C. Phillips

Convention Speakers



Sara Fuentes

Ms. Fuentes is the Vice President for Government Affairs at Transportation Institute. She oversees the efforts to educate stakeholders on the importance of a strong U.S.-flagged maritime industry. As part of this work, she serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the American Maritime Partnership, on the board of the Propeller Club-Port of Washington D.C., and chairs the Regulatory Affairs Committee of the USA

Maritime coalition. Ms. Fuentes has seventeen years of experience in the maritime industry, serving as staff Vice President of Government & External Affairs with the Navy League of the United States. In this position, she led the revitalization of the association's legislative affairs program and expanded the Navy League's presence on Capitol Hill and with maritime stakeholders nationwide. She remains heavily involved in the Navy League, serving on the Merchant Marine Affairs Committee and the Legislative Affairs committee as a national delegate. Before that, she was Legislative Administrator for ATK, an aerospace and defense company. She was honored by the D.C. chapter of the National Naval Officers Association for her efforts promoting NNOA's goals.

Ms. Fuentes has volunteered her time for Women in Aerospace and currently serves on the national board of the National Audubon Society. Ms. Fuentes is a tutor with Community Club of D.C., providing mentorship to D.C. at-risk youth. She is on the National Advisory Board for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, a member of Women's International Shipping & Trading Association, National Naval Officers Association of the U.S, and the Hispanic Lobbyists Association. Ms. Fuentes earned her MA in Security Policy Studies from the George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs and graduated *cum laude* from Princeton University with a degree in Politics and a certificate in Women & Gender Studies.

Carmen Reid

Carmen Reid is an educator, artist, and volunteer in Alameda, CA. She works in college admissions at UC Berkeley, where she also studied, majoring in Spanish and Anthropology. After winning a Fulbright Scholarship to Spain, she returned to teach Spanish and raise three children. Growing up near the Alameda Naval Air Station and hearing stories from her great uncle, a WWII Navy vet, inspired her to learn more about Alameda's military history. She is actively engaged in local preservation efforts, volunteering in the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society and the Alameda Museum. She is a Board Member of the UC Berkeley Library Board and Alameda Citizens Task Force, and previously served on the Open Government Commission of the City of Alameda. For over two years she has led an effort to place the United States Maritime Service Officers Training School in Alameda on the National Register of Historic Places.





John McCown

John D. McCown is a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Center for Maritime Strategy. He is an internationally recognized expert in container shipping and maritime commerce. Mr. McCown has more than four decades of operating and investment experience in his field. He was a co-founder and CEO of U.S. flag carrier Trailer Bridge, Inc. and also formerly led transport investments at a large hedge fund.

Transportation pioneer Malcom McLean, the inventor of container shipping mentored Mr. McCown, and they worked together for twenty years. He holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and is also the holder of two maritime related patents. Mr. McCown is the author of *Giants Of The Sea: Ships*

& Men Who Changed The World, a book on the modern cargo shipping industry and

how it developed. He advises, lectures and writes extensively about maritime issues and his regular reports on the container shipping sector are widely read and quoted.

At the Center for Maritime Strategy, Mr. McCown's research and analysis will focus on the intersection of merchant shipping and maritime commerce with national security.

Capt. Hugh Stephens

Licenses & Certs: O.S. in WWII to Unlimited Master & First Class Pilot, Certified Safety Professional, Professional Engineer, Bachelor of Professional Studies. **Seagoing:** Master & Captain Supply Boats, Tugs. Deck Officer: Liberty Ships, Victory Ships, Army & Navy Troopships, Hospital Ship, Dredge Superintendent, Operator Launches. **Shoreside:** Messenger, Bill of Lading Clerk, Coastwise Dispatcher, Supervisor Vessel Performance, Marine Manager &

Superintendent, VP Operations, Motion Picture Marine Executive ("Waterworld"), CEO & Owner, Marine Safety Training Firm, Publisher, Editor Marine Safety Bulletins & Posters; Expert Witness, Senior Lecturer Academia,

Commodore & Keeper of the Light for Cobboseecontee Yacht Club. **Employers:** Robin Line, Merchants & Miners, Army Transport, Military Sea Transport Service, Henry DuBois Sons, Isthmian SS Co., Navios Corp., USN, Ships' Operational Safety, NYC Board of Education, Moran Towing, Naess Shipping. **Schools:** Central High, Wash., DC, Millard Prep, USMSTS Sheepshead Bay, USMS AB Seaman Upgrading, USMSOS Fort Trumbull, New London, USMS Kings Point, Kingsborough Community College, SUNY Maritime College, SUNY Empire State College

Decorations: Eagle Scout, WWII MM Congressional Gold Medal, Medal of Ushakov from Russia; Convoy Cup Certificate, WWII U.S. Combat Bar, Atlantic Area Service Medal, Mediterranean/Middle East Service Medal, Silver Beaver (BSA). **Volunteer**

Activities: USMMA Skipper, Sea Scout Ship 142, Boy Scouts of America, Trustee, Marine Society of City of New York, Trustee, Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock. **Present Status:** Retired. Lives on Long Island with life partner Maryann Zappulla.





Toni Horodysky

Horodysky was born in Ukraine during Nazi occupation. In 1944 her family fled ahead of the advancing Red Army and eventually settled in a displaced persons camp in Bavaria after VE Day. She came to the US in 1949 aboard the C4 General R. L. Howze, with the planned 10-day crossing taking 14 days because of a fierce North Atlantic storm.

They lived in the Ukrainian ghetto of Manhattan, then New Jersey, where she earned a degree in Chemistry from Rutgers University. Several states later she met Dan at a Rutgers alumni dinner in California. He sailed in the engine room starting in 1945, and again during Vietnam War, with a few other careers in between.

Together they created the website American Merchant Marine at War, www.usmm.org in 1998. She enjoyed cruises on the *Jeremiah O'Brien*, *Lane Victory*, *American Victory*, and barbecue on the *Red Oak Victory*.

Toni lives in Eugene, Oregon near one of her daughters and grandchildren. She likes opera, travel, and camping with her dog in her 1986 Westfalia.

RADM Ann C. Phillips

(via pre-recorded video message)

Rear Admiral Ann C. Phillips, US Navy (Ret.) was sworn in as the 20th Administrator for the Department of Transportation Maritime Administration on May 16, 2022. As head of the Maritime Administration, Phillips advises and assists the Secretary of Transportation on commercial maritime matters, to include the movement of goods, supply chain, as well as the U.S. maritime industry, environment and compliance, ports and waterways infrastructure, and strategic sealift. She engages public and private stakeholders in the maritime industry and oversees the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Prior to this appointment, Phillips served as the first Special Assistant to the Governor of Virginia for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, where she built a collaborative, whole of government and community approach to address the impact of coastal flooding across the Commonwealth, including the development of Virginia's first Coastal Resilience Master Plan.

Admiral Phillips served nearly 31 years as a surface warfare officer. Her final tour of duty, as Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group TWO, included the direct oversight of 14 ships and 10 subordinate commands – all the Amphibious Expeditionary Forces on the East Coast of the United States.

Phillips earned a Master of Business Administration, with distinction, from The College of William & Mary – Raymond A. Mason School of Business - in 2016. She holds a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.





H.J. Burley Smith

Born 1929 Long Island, NY; graduated Atlantic City High School and Kings Point, US Merchant Marine Academy, at start of Korean War, June 1950.

Jr. Third Mate SS Meredith Victory at MacArthur's Inchon landing and Hungnam evacuation of 14,000 North Korean refugees, Christmas, 1950. Most persons ever on a single voyage. Catholic Church opened "Cause" for sainthood of Captain Leonard LaRue, later "Brother Marinus."

1950-1960 Licensed Second Mate, served on Moore-McCormack Lines freighters, Scandinavian and South American services. Graduated Harvard Business School 1957 after two years' active-duty US Navy, London on staff of Admiral C.E. Chillingworth.

1957-1960 Grace Line, Manhattan HQ and Cartagena and Cali, Colombia. 1960-1966 Manager, States Marine Lines UK manager, Southampton and London, England.

1966-1975 Founded International Marine Management, (IMM), UK agent for American Export Lines, NY, and Orient Overseas Container Line, Hong Kong. With Danish and Portuguese partners, formed container feeder lines Scandinavian Container Line and Iberian Container Line with service between UK, Odense, Bilbao and Lisbon. Won USAF contract to warehouse and deliver US supplies to five American bases in UK operating fleet of 25 container trucks.

1969 Founded joint venture, (IMM Port Developments, Ltd.) and built 50-acre Trinity Estate, at port of Felixstowe, England in partnership with Bankers Trust and British Anzani; incorporating over one million square feet of warehouse, cold storage, office & customs facilities.

1973 Sold UK holdings, moved to Miami and co-founded Caribbean Container Line with RO-RO service to Haiti, Jamaica and Cayman Islands, later sold 50% interest to Ted Arison of Carnival Cruise Lines.

1987-2004 With partner, Barbara Hacker, co-founded Copa Collection, Miami, importer/ wholesaler gift-items from China, Brazil, India, Mexico, Korea, Philippines. Sold Company 2004.

2022 Promoted from Captain to Commodore of annual Mediterranean family/friend's sailboat charters to avoid increasingly skeptical reactions of boat owners working with a skipper born in 1929! He has replaced himself, as captain, with a 70-year-old neuro-surgeon friend who also brings considerable skills as our wine connoisseur.





AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

Michael G. Conley

Chief of Staff

American Battle Monuments Commission

Michael “Mike” Conley is the chief of staff for the American Battle Monuments Commission. He served previously as the Commission’s director of public affairs, and before that as director of communications and associate executive director of the Commission’s National World War II Memorial project.

He has been with the Commission since August 1996, a few months after retiring from the United States Air Force. He served nearly 25 years in the Air Force as a career public affairs officer, with assignments in the continental U.S., Alaska and Greece. He spent his last five years in the Pentagon.

Mike has a bachelor’s degree in journalism from San Jose State College, and a master’s in communications management from the University of Southern California.

Presentation of the *Harvey-Wichita Award*

The *Harvey-Wichita Award* was introduced at the 2017 AMMV National Convention. This award is first and foremost designed to honor by name Past National Presidents Morris Harvey and A.J. Wichita, both WWII veterans, who worked extremely hard for AMMV and gave so much over many years. This award is the highest level of recognition for organizational service to the AMMV, with recipients having displayed a level of excellence commensurate with the namesakes of this award. The criteria are:

- One annually presented to a WWII-era Merchant Mariner or member. This is a “lifetime achievement” award in terms of dedication to AMMV causes and USMM advocacy.
- One award annually to a post-WWII member. This is our the “Man or Woman of the Year”.
- This is a one-time award. Once presented, a recipient will be ineligible for future consideration.



Morris Harvey & A.J. Wichita

Past recipients of *Harvey-Wichita Award*

31 st National Convention	2017 – Reno	Nelson & Shirley Cauble	Sheila Sova
32 nd National Convention	2018 – St. Louis	Charles A. Mills	Michael Helbig
33 rd National Convention	2019 – Tampa	Toni Horodysky	Capt. Dru DiMattia
34 th National Convention	2021 – Baltimore	Dave Yoho	Capt. Chris Edyvean

HEAVE HO!

CHORUS

HEAVE HO! MY LADS, HEAVE HO!
IT'S A LONG, LONG WAY TO GO.
IT'S A LONG, LONG PULL WITH OUR HATCHES FULL,
BRAVING THE WIND, BRAVING THE SEA,
FIGHTING THE TREACHEROUS FOE;
HEAVE HO! MY LADS, HEAVE HO!
LET THE SEA ROLL HIGH OR LOW,
WE CAN CROSS ANY OCEAN, SAIL ANY RIVER
GIVE US THE GOODS AND WE'LL DELIVER,
DAMN THE SUBMARINE!
WE'RE THE MEN OF THE MERCHANT MARINE!

VERSE

GIVE US THE OIL, GIVE US THE GAS
GIVE US THE SHELLS, GIVE US THE GUNS
WE'LL BE THE ONES TO SEE THEM THRU.
GIVE US THE TANKS, GIVE US THE PLANES
GIVE US THE PARTS, GIVE US A SHIP
GIVE US A HIP HOO-RAY!
AND WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY.

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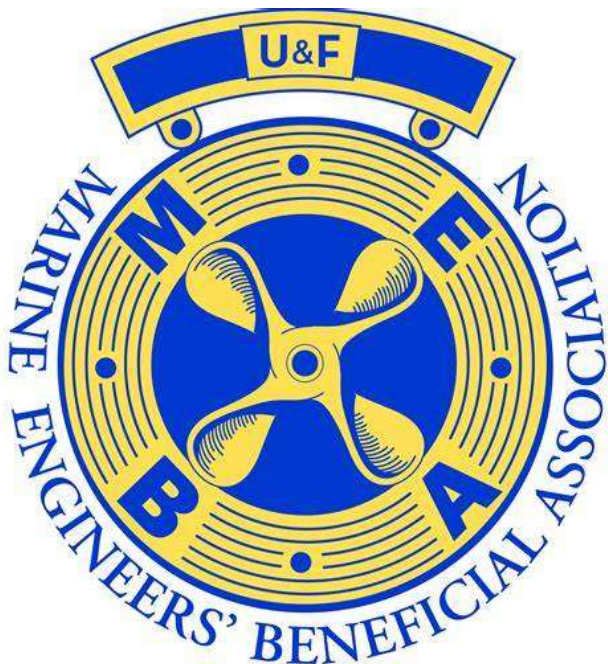
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Capt. Chris Edyvean

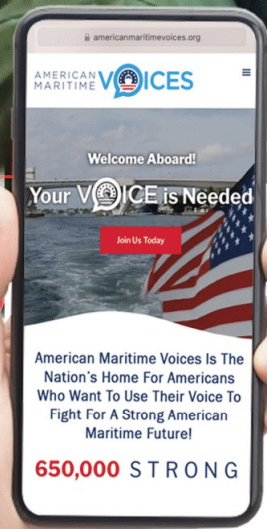
Capt. Dru DiMattia

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