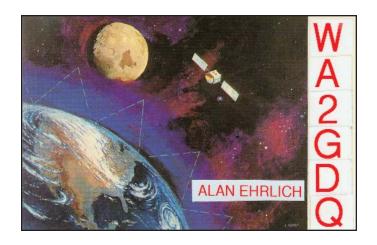


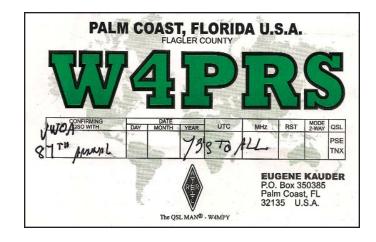
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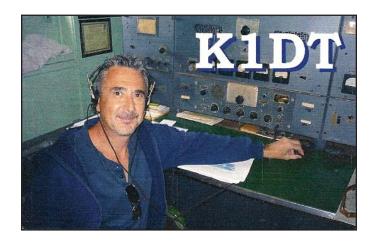
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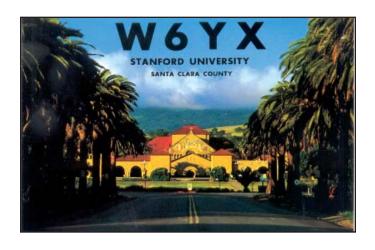














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"How Policy Can Preserve Bad Ship Design"

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Author of Two Tankers Down and Until the Sea Shall Free Them

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# Message from the VWOA Chairman Francis T. Cassidy



In my 2011 Yearbook Message from the VWOA Chairman, I reported on several distrubing events taking place in lower Manhattan — an area steeped in United States Maritime History. Events are now taking place which seem to indicate a strong effort to stem the tide of degenerative actions that I noted as taking place at that time.

Our VWOA Constitution sets forth the following:

Title and Objects of the Association: The name of this Association shall be THE VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED), and its objects and purposes shall be:

- (a) To foster and extend an esprit de corps among wireless operators;
- (b) To afford opportunity for social intercourse, and to promote a fraternal and comradely sentiment between and among its members;
- (c) To recognize meritorious service rendered by wireless operators on land, at sea, and in the air, by the erection and maintenance of memorials (such as the Wireless Operators Monument in Battery Park, New York City), and by the bestowal of testimonials, medals, scholarships, or other suitable awards; and to similarly recognize other individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the wireless profession;
- (d) To acquaint the general public with the work traditions, and ideals of wireless operators and others engaged in the art of Radio Communication, and to perform and encourage any other purely fraternal activities adjudged helpful toward the attainment of these ideals.

Since my last yearbook message, there has also been a marked increase in requests for information by foreign visitors to New York City and by foreign Internet surfers in all the features listed on our web site (www.vwoa.org)

It takes a great deal of time for your VWOA Directors to provide answers, but that is one of our organization's objectives as clearly set forth in our Constution.

Our VWOA Email Newspaper which is also available online at http://www.vwoa.org/OnlinePubs.htm has answered many of these requests during the past 12 months. Some of the requests include information from a time before our Association was formalized or our archives had been complied or initiated, but in my estimation they were handled very professionally by our VWOA directors and the results are in the online-newsletter web address mentioned above.

If you have not already done so, please visit our website and see for yourself the results of their work.

## MESSAGE FROM THE VWOA PRESIDENT ALAN M. EHRLICH



Greetings to all our members, friends and colleague communicators! Welcome to our 87th Annual Awards Luncheon. This year's luncheon once again takes place at the Don Pepe Restaurant in Newark, New Jersey, which is located just a few blocks from the Newark Path and Amtrak train stations. At last year's luncheon, all members and invited guests especially enjoyed the delicious food selections.

Our special Guest Speaker is Robert Frump, a well-known maritime journalist and author of three books, "Two Tankers Down;" "Until the Sea Shall Free Them" (which is about the ill-fated SS MARINE ELECTRIC); and "Man Eaters of Eden." I extend my personal appreciation to our own Dr. Miles MacMahon for contacting Mr. Frump, who generously agreed to be our keynote speaker. We extend a warm VWOA welcome to Bob and look forward to his remarks!

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the sinking of White Star Line's RMS TITANIC, (designated a Royal Mail Ship), which collided with an iceberg on April 14, 1912 at 11:40 PM and sunk just hours later on April 15, 1912. In commemoration of this historic and tragic event, newspapers and the world-wide broadcast media have presented many historic articles and documentaries describing TITANIC's sending of distress messages, the events leading up to its sinking and the great loss of life, as well as the rescue of survivors. From this tragedy, though, came the requirement for around-the-clock radio operators aboard ship, passenger and crew lifeboat drills, and safety programs such as AMVER and the International Ice Patrol. The Titanic Memorial Lighthouse with its time ball, located near the entrance to the South Street Seaport Museum, has served as a centerpiece for media gatherings to pay tribute to the memory of the passengers and crew lost on the ship.

I can report progress on VWOA's Wireless Operators Memorial Monument, which was formerly situated in New York City's Battery Park near the Staten Island Ferry Terminal. While it has been temporarily moved to a storage facility by the Battery Park Conservancy during renovations to the park, the Wireless Operators Monument will be positioned in a new, more prominent location in Battery Park upon its return in the near future.

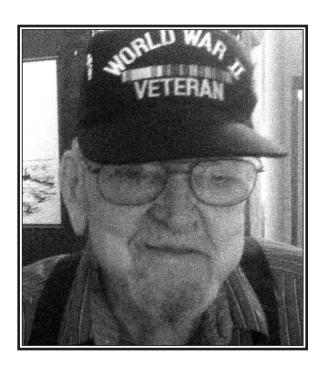
In the past few months, several families have submitted requests for information, via our VWOA web site, about relatives who were Radio Officers lost at sea in the performance of their duties. Our Webmaster, Douglas Stivison, has forwarded these requests to our Chairman, Frank Cassidy. Frank, together with our Monument Chairman Dr. Miles MacMahon and Secretary Wendell Benson, has been able to research and provide to these families unexpectedly detailed information and histories about the subject individuals. A number of respondents have replied:

"We never knew the history of what our relative went through and accomplished at sea. Our family thanks you so much. We are very appreciative of all that you have provided for us. No other group has been able to supply us with such complete information about our relative."

Safeguarding such history is just one of the many missions of the VWOA!

73's to all! **ALAN** 

# MARCONI MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT RAYMOND B. MAURSTAD, W3HUV



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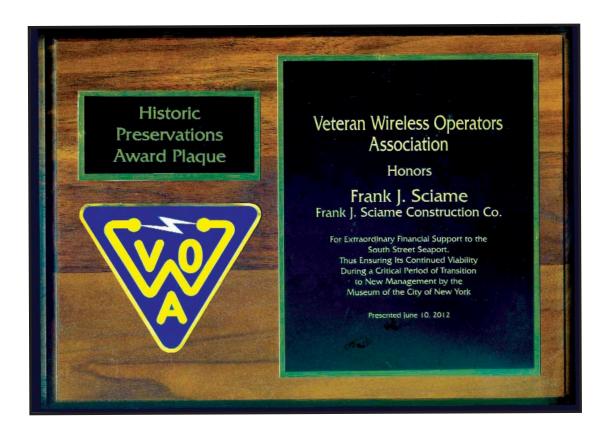
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Robert R. Frump was the maritime writer for The Philadelphia Inquirer where he was awarded the Gerald Loeb Award for his coverage of maritime affairs. With Tim Dwyer, he wrote stories about the wreck of the SS Marine Electric and they received the George Polk Award for that investigative series. He was a member of an Inquirer task force awarded the Pulitzer Prize.

He has written two maritime books. *Until the* Sea Shall Free Them, about the wreck of the SS Marine Electric, and Two Tankers Down. about the wreck of the SS Pendleton and SS Fort Mercer.

Mr. Frump graduated from Northwestern University and the University of Illinois with degrees in journalism. He continues to work in corporate communications in New York City.



## VWOA HISTORIC PRESERVATIONS AWARD PLAQUES



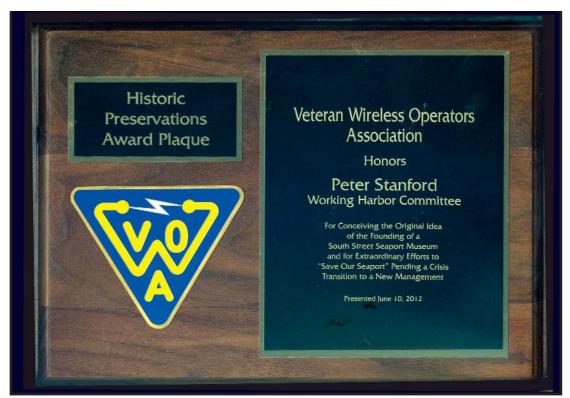
The Veteran Wireless Operators Association has a long history with the South Street Seaport Museum. Over the years, more than two dozen VWOA members have devoted hundreds of volunteer hours standing radio watch aboard the Ambrose Lightship in order to share the history and traditions of the shipboard radio operator with museum visitors from near and far, young and old, women and men.

Our organization is grateful to the individuals who contributed so much of their time, talent, and treasure to "Save Our Seaport" and preserve this unique treasure. The Veteran Wireless Operators Association proudly presents the Veteran Wireless Association Historic Preservations Award Plaques with our heartfelt thanks to:

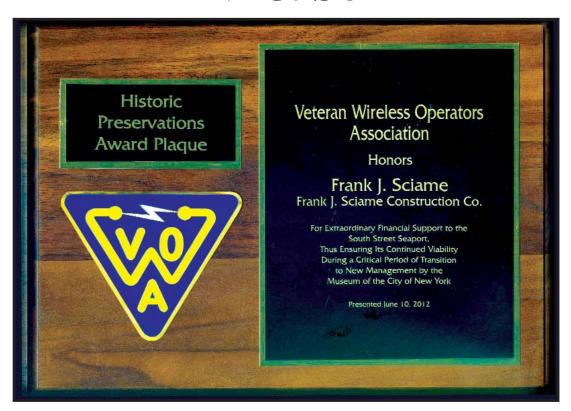
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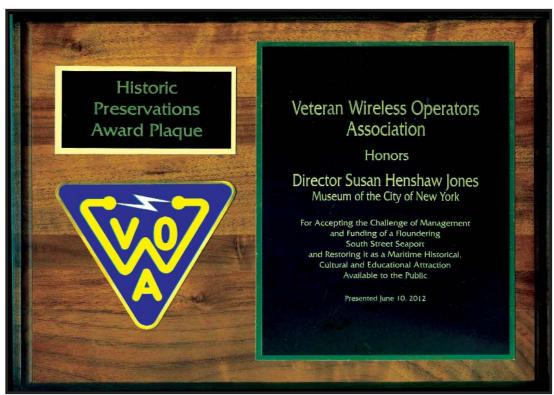
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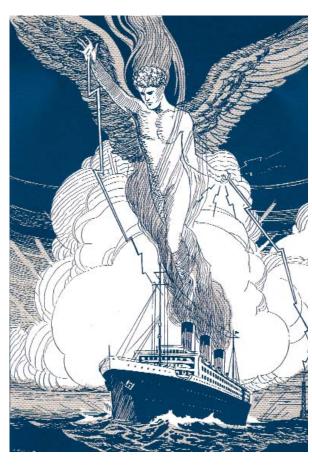
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**George C. Eccles,** S.S. Ohio August 26, 1909 — Pacific Coast

Stephen F. Sczepanek,

S.S. Pere Marquette
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**Lawrence Prudhunt,** S.S. Rose Crans January 7, 1913 — Pacific Coast

**Donald Campbell Perkins,** 

S.S. State of California August 18, 1913 — Pacific Coast

**Ferdinand J. Kuehn,** S.S. Monroe January 30, 1914 — Atlantic Coast

Walter E. Reker, S.S. Admiral Sampson August 25, 1914 — Puget Sound

**Clifton J. Fleming,** S.S. Francis H. Leggett September 18, 1914 — Oregon Coast

**Harry Fred Otto,** S.S. Francis H. Leggett September 18, 1914 — Oregon Coast

**George Arundel Geare,** *Bark Manga Reva* November 1916 — Atlantic Ocean

**Adolph J. Svenson,** S.S. Hanalei November 23, 1914 — Pacific Coast

**James J. Curran,** S.S. Moreno June 12, 1917 — Off Azores

**Russell A. Williams,** *S.S. Montano* July 31, 1917 — English Channel

#### Francis Joseph Doherty,

S.S. City of Athens May 1, 1918 — Atlantic Coast

**Boris Michael Dutko,** S.S. Brindilla December 1, 1919 — At Sea

**Lawrence B. Robinson,** S.S. Macona January 17, 1920 — Swedish Coast

**Emile H. Hulsemann,** *S.S. Cubahist* March 7, 1920 — Off Hatteras

**John Frantsen,** S.S. Grontoft March 2, 1922 — North Atlantic

**Ernest E. Dorsey,** S.S. Swift Arrow July 15, 1923 — Caribbean Sea

**Fred Salim,** S.S. Conejos December 27, 1923 — Black Sea

**Peter L. Bacuinka**, *S.S. Haleakala* September 8, 1926 — Atlantic Ocean

**Lawrence M. Waring, Jr.,** S.S. Colopaxi December 2, 1926 — Off Florida Coast

**Charles F. Ruble,** S.S. Elkton February 1927 — Pacific Ocean

**J. Maurice Black,** S.S. David C. Reid October 14, 1928 — South Atlantic

Michael Joseph O'Loughlin,

S.S. Vestris

November 12, 1928 — Off Virginia Coast

Willam R. Robertson, S.S. Nevada September 26, 1932

**Russell L. MacDonald,** S.S. Mohawk January 24, 1935 — Jersey Coast





Former Honorary President and radio pioneer, Dr. Lee DeForest, SK, at the Wireless Operators Monument

**Ernest Edwin Dailey,** *U.S.S. Macon* February 12, 1935 — California Coast

**Charles J. Taylor,** *S.S. Blairgowrie* February 26, 1935 — North Atlantic

**Frank M. Caldwell, Jr.,** *S.S. Iowa* January 11, 1936 — Pacific Coast

**Papas Theodorou,** *S.S. Kyellne* April 11, 1938 — Atlantic Coast

**John V. O'Reilly,** S.S. Fort Mercer February 18, 1952 — Atlantic Coast

**James G. Greer,** *S.S. Pendleton* February 18, 1952 — Atlantic Coast

**Donald MacNeil,** *S.S. Tresillian* November 30, 1954 — North Atlantic

**Swilhelm Siemers,** *Bark Pamir* September 21, 1957 — North Atlantic

Carl Johan Nielsen Dejligbjerg,

S.S. Hans Hedtoft

January 30, 1959 — North Atlantic

**Raymond F. Brazner,** S.S. Pine Ridge December 21, 1960 — Atlantic Ocean

George E. Sloat,

S.S. Marine Sulphur Queen February 4, 1963 — Florida Straits

**John B. Hilliar,** *S.S. Ambassador* February 18, 1964 — North Atlantic

**Joachim Geissler,** *MV Munchen* June 25, 1964 — North Atlantic

Carlos R. Griffith, S.S. Panoceanic Faith October 9, 1967 — North Pacific

Albert E. Merrikin,

S.S. Texaco Oklahoma

March 27, 1971 — Atlantic Ocean

**Bente Knudson,** *Norse Variant* March 22, 1973 — Atlantic Coast

Kari Bergelien, Anita

March 22, 1973 — Atlantic Coast

**Joseph Vyhnak,** S.S. Poet October 24, 1980 — Atlantic Ocean

David Staier, S.S. Mezada

March 8, 1981 — Atlantic Ocean

**Paul Conaty,** *S.S. Elma Tres* November 26, 1981 — Atlantic Ocean

**Albion F. Lane,** *S.S. Marine Electric* February 12, 1983 — Atlantic Ocean

**Danilos Pajaragan,** *MV Balsa 24* February 25, 1987 — North Atlantic

Maung Maue Htue, *Marika* December 31, 1993 — North Atlantic

**Hepolito Elanga,** *S.S. Polydoros* November 22, 1994 — Atlantic Ocean

**Serhiy B. Bukov,** S.S. Salvador Allende December 8, 1994 — Atlantic Ocean

Olexander V. Lango,

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December 8, 1994 — Atlantic Ocean

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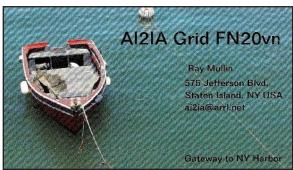
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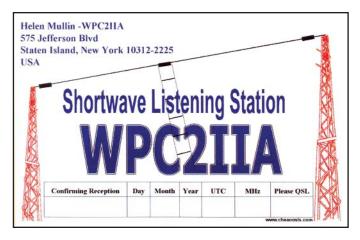


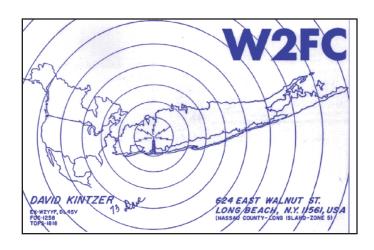




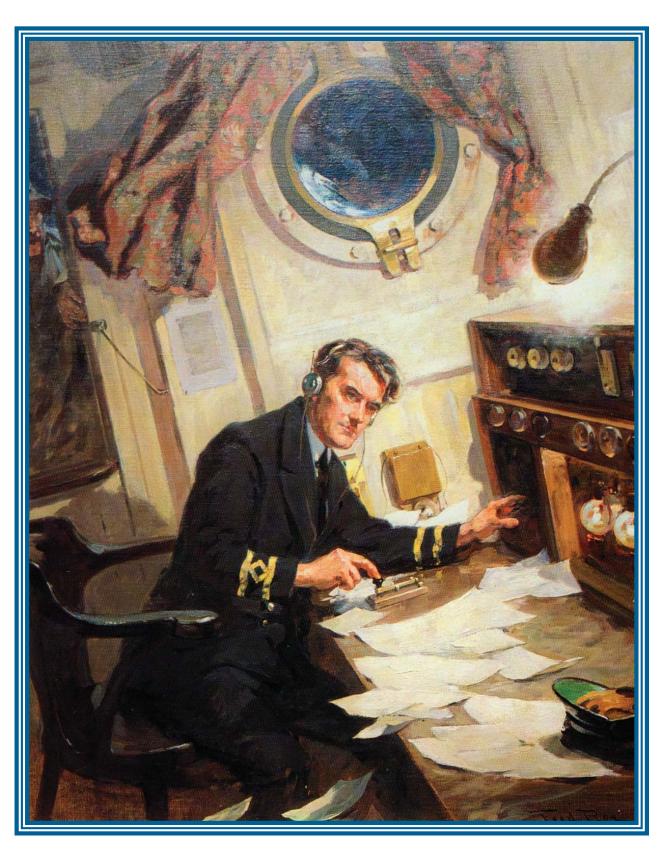












"S.O.S."

From a painting by Frederick Roe (1864-1947), English illustrator and historical genre painter. Roe exhibited the picture at the Royal Academy in 1929 amidst that era's "radio boom." Today the picture is part of the permanent collection of the Grundy Art Gallery in Blackpool, England.