

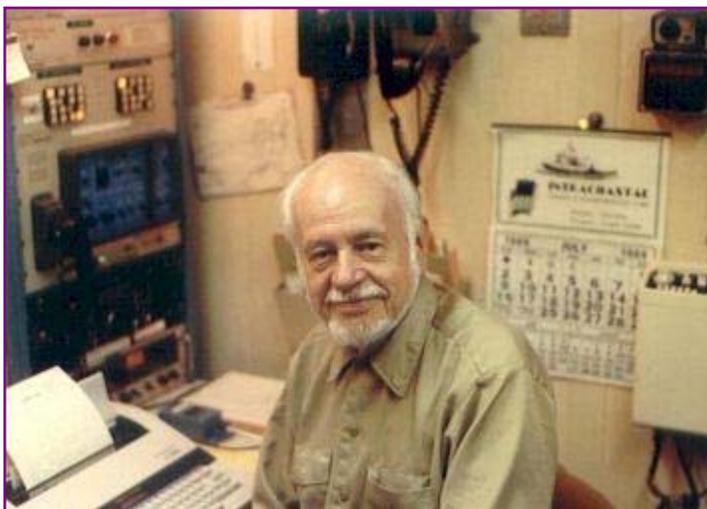
VWOA NEWSLETTER

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Former VWOA Director
Dwight Irving Temple SK on
May 29, 2006



Dwight Irving Temple W2ATM

Serving one of his many VWOA shifts on the **AMBROSE LIGHTSHIP** at the South Street Seaport Dock. Telling the story and demonstrating the role of the Radio Operator at Sea to all who would STOP and LISTEN as they visited the **AMBROSE LIGHTSHIP**. They will all miss him and the education he so freely provided.

Long Beach, NY — Retired from CBS, former Director of the Veteran Wireless Operators Association, recipient of the VWOA Marconi Memorial Gold Medal of Achievement and 75th Anniversary Award from the Quarter Century Wireless Association

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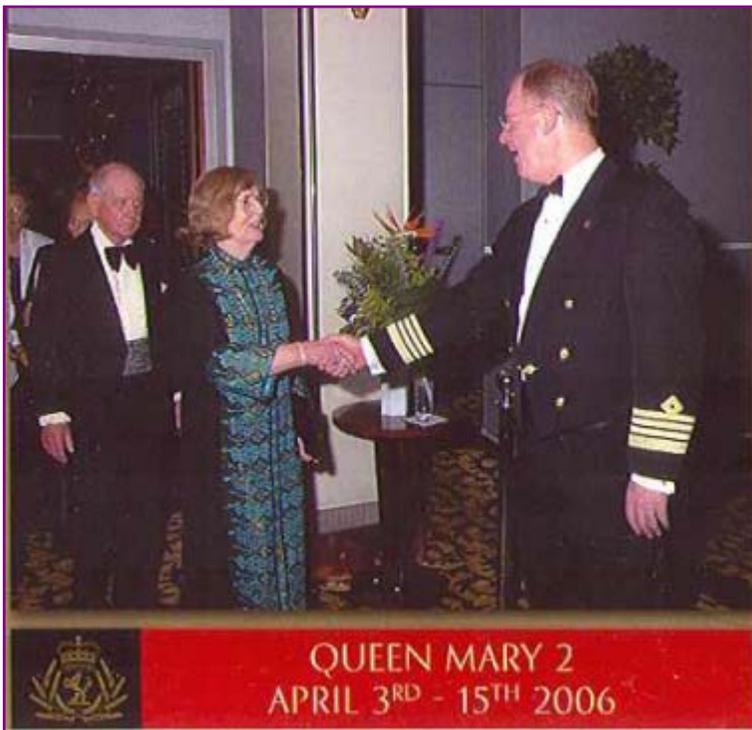


Queen Mary 2 Revisited

In April of 2004 after the Queen Mary 2 entered New York harbor, Miles Mac Mahon, Richard Kenney and Capt Olav Aune presented Commodore Warwick of the Queen Mary 2 with a VWOA Plaque which welcomed the maiden visit to New York by the Queen Mary 2. Richard Kenney a Director of VWOA at that

time also made a presentation of the AMVER Award from the US Coast Guard.

In April 2006, Liv Aune and Capt. Olav Aune who has sailed previously many times on the Queen Elizabeth 2 were now traveling on the Queen Mary 2 and were invited for a Bridge visit by Captain Bernard Warner, now commanding the Queen Mary 2. Liv Aune and Capt Olav Aune made it a special task to revisit the VWOA Award. Many thanks to both of you.



*Capt Olav Aune & Liv R. Aune are Welcomed
by Captain Bernard Warner*

We at VWOA who travel with the Queen Mary 2 will continue to pay our respects to the displayed VWOA Award presented to the Cunard Line in 2004.

VWOA MEMBER NEWS

We sadly report that we have received notice recently of the following SK VWOA Members:

SIDNEY DISTENFELD

SK 04/30/2005

DWIGHT IRVING TEMPLE

SK 05/29/06

Interesting Biography of

RICHARD H SINGER K6KSG

First licensed in 1958 as KN6KSG in Bell/Maywood, California. I was Radio Operator in the Navy aboard the USS Midway(CVA-41) Aircraft Carrier 1959 ~ 1961. I understand my name is in the book of the U. S.S. Midway. In the early 1960's the Midway caught on fire at Subic Bay, Philippines and the call was to abandon ship, except for the watch. I was on watch at the time.

In the early 1970's I was breaking in at KOK CW shore station in Los Angeles when I first shipped. I was one of the Radio Officer's on the Hughes Glomar Explorer/WCHG, the ship that picked up the Soviet submarine in the early 1970's. After that I was Radio Officer on tramp tanker's then went to work for Exxon aboard their tankers as Radio Electronic Officer for 18 years.

Retired from Exxon in 1994. I hold a F.C.C. First Class Radiotelegraph License with Ship

Radar Endorsement, Six Month Sea Service Endorsement and ICET Advanced Electronics and Communications option electronic technician certificate.

I stay in contact with 30 of the RM's that I was on the U.S.S. Midway with. I found on the Internet 30 of the guy's in our division and we had a 41 year reunion in Branson, MO. in 2001. First time we have seen each other in 41 years. San Diego bought the U.S.S. Midway CVA-41 and will have it open to the public as a museum by the end of July 2004.

Over the years working CW for a living, I still enjoy working CW on the ham bands. I enjoy working on old equipment such as my old Central Electronics 100V, Gonset GSB-100, Viking Valiant, and Viking Ranger transmitters. My receivers are a Collins 75A4, Hammarlund HQ-100 and a Hallicrafters SX-28A.

I still use my first transceiver, a Kenwood TS-520 I bought in 1973. When the going gets rough I kick in my 30 year old Heathkit SB-230 linear that still has the original 8873 tube.

I have a new TEN TEC ORION transceiver, TEN TEC TITAN-III Linear, and a new TEN TEC high power antenna tuner. After touring the Ten-Tec factory in 2004, I bought a Ten-Tec Omni 6 plus for our RV when we travel. Wonderful equipment, and it is made in the good old U.S.A.

My XYL decided that I should upgrade my 30 year old transceiver. So I did with the TEN-TEC gear. My XYL is a licensed Extra (KA7JCT). She used to work me on 15 meters CW when I was on the ships. She is a good CW operator.

When we lived in Las Vegas, NV. I had a secondary call of (WB7CPL). When the F.C.C. changed the rules of having a secondary call, I dropped the WB7CPL call and kept my original K6KSG call that I have had now for 48 years.

My antenna's are inverted Vee's for 40 and one for 80 meters, and a G5RV wire antenna. My towers are one Hy-gain 70 foot crank up with a 6-element 20 meter KLM mono-bander. A 55 foot crank up with a KLM 6-element 15 meter mono bander. Also on a 35 foot telephone pole with a 6-element 10 meter KLM mono bander. A 30 foot tower with two 2-meter home brew 5 element antenna's in phase.

Too bad the commercial CW stations are SK now, such as KPH, KLB, KFS, KOK, KLC, WPA, WPD, WOE, WLO, WNU, WMH, WCC, and WSL. I know I have forgotten a few but these were the real CW stations in the U.S., wonderful CW operators.

I belong to the Society of Wireless Pioneers (SOWP) #662, QCWA #28734, OOTC #3692, Fists #8589, Veteran Wireless Operators Association (VWOA), and no longer a ARRL member since they are pushing to drop the

code requirements, which will be the demise of CW one day. CW is and has been the back bone of Amateur Radio

Keep on dit-dahing and keep CW alive.

73 RICHARD H SINGER K6KSG

WENDELL'S NEWS CORNER

Wendell R. Benson brings to your attention a URL which deals with the Ambrose Light Ship.

Take a Internet tour of the Ambrose at the South Street Seaport. The photos are beautiful. My compliments to the Author and Photographer.

<http://www.steelnavy.com/AmbroseLightFBustelo.htm>

Cy Brill, former ITT Worldcom Manager of WSL comments on the recent Email Newsletter:

Frank:

Thanks to Wendell I have finally figured out how to use Adobe.

Your 17th edition is a nice looking copy which made for some very interesting reading on the Radio Officers experience in handling t/c during the Vietnam era.

I just got back from the annual reunion of our Hoffman Island Radio Assn group in San Pedro. We had about 51 in attendance with an enjoyable bus tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright

Chapel overlooking the Pacific, a visit to the Maritime Museum and after a box lunch on the bus, a tour of the Lane Victory which was tied up at the dock .

They had a large collection of maritime mementos which included a large book of all Navy Armed Guards who served on merchant ships. Sure enough, there was Wendell Benson listed .

Again I now look forward to future issues of VWOA newsletters.

Regards-Cy

VWOA Director, John Choolijian recommended a visit to this URL

www.iwo.com/heros.htm

We at the VWOA Newsletter would like to hear from you and try to pass along to the rest of the VWOA stories of events that you have experienced and that you feel the rest of the membership would enjoy hearing about. Send us a picture or two and we will try to include it in one of our Email Newsletters.

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MARCONI MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT

DWIGHT I. TEMPLE

Before the FCC existed, even before the Federal Radio Commission was law, Dwight took his amateur license exam in June of 1931 in an old building used by the Department of Commerce in New York City. Three years later with his commercial 2nd Class Telegraph license in his hot little hands he was waiting to ship out as a Radio Operator, but it wasn't until 1936 when he was assigned to the *Santa Maria*, one of Grace Line's flag ships. Other ship assignments and two and a half years later he quit the sea having graduated from the Capital Radio Engineering Institute and the Holmes Institute. However, he vowed to return some day to shipboard radio operating.

Allen B. Dumont Labs hired him in 1940 at W2XWV, an experimental TV station. There he was lucky to have on-the-job training while performing virtually every job connected with TV broadcast. The most important of which was his being in charge of comparative broadcasts, NTSC System for one hour then changing to Dumont's proposed system for one hour.

In March, 1942, Dr. Peter Goldmark at CBS hired him to work with John Wilner on radar countermeasures. Soon after, however, he was in charge of the Guided Missile Project making comparative tests of various camera systems under the Office of Scientific Research and Development (OSRD) where his TV experience became very useful.

After the war he had the pleasure of working with Henry Grossman who was in charge of all radio and TV operations at CBS. In 1949 he became a Crew Chief, officially known as Technical Director at CBS-TV. From then until retirement he acquired experience at Producing and Directing.

After retirement what do you suppose he did? That's right, Dwight shipped out every year under ROU and ARA but for only one or two months during the summer, always with permission from his wife, Dorothy.



In honoring his many valuable contributions to the art of radio communications, the Veteran Wireless Operators Association is pleased to award the
Marconi Memorial Gold Medal of Achievement
to Dwight I. Temple