

# VWOA NEWSLETTER

Email Issue #53

Francis T. Cassidy Editor

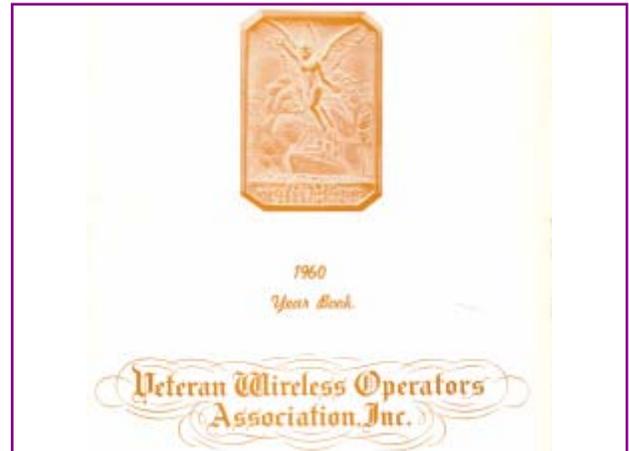
2009



VWOA Officers and Board Members have spent a great deal of time in trying to document the past history of VWOA through digitizing the existing past records of VWOA and made an especially great effort to preserve the Awards Year Book published each year by VWOA which are in hard copy in our files.

If you have visited the VWOA Web Site you will see a continuing effort to record the listing of prior awards in a decade by decade presentation. In our continuing efforts we just finished the Year Book for 1960 and I was impressed by the Awards made in that year.

It was a year in which The Marconi Memorial Service Award Plaque was awarded to THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, Commemorating their Golden Jubilee 1910-1960.



Our VWOA Honorary President, Dr. Lee De Forest who with the Officers and Board of Directors, established the Scholarship at Capital Radio Engineering Institute was presented to the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

Since next year will mark 100 years of the establishment of the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, I thought the history presented in the VWOA Year Book of 1960 would be especially interesting to many of our members.

A reduced copy, although still large in digital bits, of the Year Book is attached to this Email News Letter.



1960

*Year Book*

Veteran Wireless Operators  
Association, Inc.

THE  
VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS  
ASSOCIATION



*THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY*

*1960 Year Book*

ISSUED

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL  
DINNER-CRUISE, HOTEL EDISON, NEW YORK  
AND WORLD-WIDE CHAPTER DINNER CRUISES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1960

# THE VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

INCORPORATED

RCA Building, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y.



## OFFICERS

LEE DE FOREST, Ph.D., Sc.D., D.Eng., Honorary President

President

**WILLIAM J. McGONIGLE, SR.**  
New York Telephone Company

1st Vice President

**RAYMOND F. GUY**  
National Broadcasting Company

2nd Vice President

**E. N. PICKERILL**  
R. C. A. C. (Ret.)

Secretary

**WILLIAM C. SIMON**  
Tropical Radio Service Corp.

Asst. Secretary

**HARVEY R. BUTT**  
Radio Corporation of America

Treasurer

**RICHARD C. GRIFFITHS**  
Marconi Intl. Marine Communications  
Compang, Ltd.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**HARVEY R. BUTT**

Radio Corporation of America

**RAYMOND F. GUY**

National Broadcasting Company

**WILLIAM J. McGONIGLE, SR.**  
New York Telephone Company

**E. N. PICKERILL**

R. C. A. C. (Ret.)

**J. R. POPPELE**

"Santa-Land"

**E. H. RIETZKE**

Capitol Radio Eng. Institute

**HARRY SADENWATER**

Radio Engineering Laboratories

**WILLIAM C. SIMON**

Tropical Radio Service Corp.



Resident Agent

**LT. COL. WILLARD S. WILSON**  
403 Delaware Avenue  
Wilmington, Del.

Assistant to the President and  
Special Washington Representative

**E. H. RIETZKE**  
3224 16th Street N. W.  
Washington 10, D.C.

Assistant to the President and  
Florida Representative

**ARTHUR H. LYNCH**  
Fort Myers, Fla.



## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Advertising, **WILLIAM J. McGONIGLE, SR.**

Awards, **JOHN LOHMAN**

Chapters, **VIGGO MADSEN**

Dinner, **RAYMOND F. GUY**

Finance, **R. H. PHEYSEY**

History, **E. N. PICKERILL**

Membership, **SAM SCHNEIDER**

Marconi Mem., **GEN. DAVID SARNOFF**

Monument, **BEN BECKERMAN**

Publicity, **AUSTIN G. COOLEY**

Reception, **THOMPSON H. MITCHELL**

Scholarship, **GEOFFRY V. AZOY**

VWOA "Ham" Network, **A. E. OLSON**

Ways and Means, **ROBERT H. WENDEBORN**

VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Once again we are delighted, indeed, to welcome those of you present at this our Thirty-fifth Anniversary Dinner-Cruise at the Hotel Edison, New York City, and send greetings to those assembled throughout the world at Chapter Dinner-Cruises.

We are happy to announce the unanimous decision of our Awards Committee, John Lohman, Chairman—making the following awards:

*Marconi Memorial Service Award Plaque*

to the

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
COMMEMORATING THEIR GOLDEN JUBILEE  
1910-1960

In Recognition of Their Individual and Cooperative Contributions,  
Progress and Improvement in Communications for Scouting

In tribute to our Honorary President "The Father of the Electronic Age," a "Doctor Lee de Forest Scholarship" to the Boy Scouts of America, the winner to be chosen by them from among top ranking Scouts in America with a keen interest in Electronics.

The "Doctor Lee de Forest Scholarship" comprises a three year course in Electronics at the Capitol Radio Engineering Institute Residence School in Washington, D. C., with a nominal value of Three Thousand Dollars and includes all Books and Laboratory Fees.

A Marconi Memorial Gold Medal of Service to Frederick E. Meinholtz—Recognizing his Half Century of Outstanding Service in the Radio Art.

A Marconi Memorial Wireless Pioneer's Gold Medal to E. L. Commagere—In tribute to his Pioneering efforts in the Radio Art for over Fifty Years.

Marconi Memorial Scrolls of Honor will be accepted by the Norwegian Consul-General The Hon. Knut Thommessen in behalf of heroic Norwegian Radio Officers Ingvald Bernhard Klokstad and Trygve Almehagen who distinguished themselves aboard the Norwegian passenger ship M/S Skaubryn on a trip from Bremerhaven, Germany, to Australia, in which well over one thousand persons were successfully rescued.

We have a note from Doctor 'DOC' de Forest and we gain that he is not up to his usual buoyant self. A note from each of you, whether you have met him personally or not, will be very much appreciated. Address 'DOC' (and he likes to be called that) at 8190 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif.

We wish to express our sincere thanks for their hearty cooperation to our fellow officers and directors—to our members and friends—and particularly to our advertisers who make this Year Book possible. A special word of thanks to our Association's most efficient Secretary, William C. Simon, for his untiring efforts in behalf of the Association and to Raymond F. Guy, our Dinner Chairman.

We are happy to have you with us again at this Thirty-fifth Anniversary Dinner-Cruise and trust that we shall all be doing this again a year hence.

73,

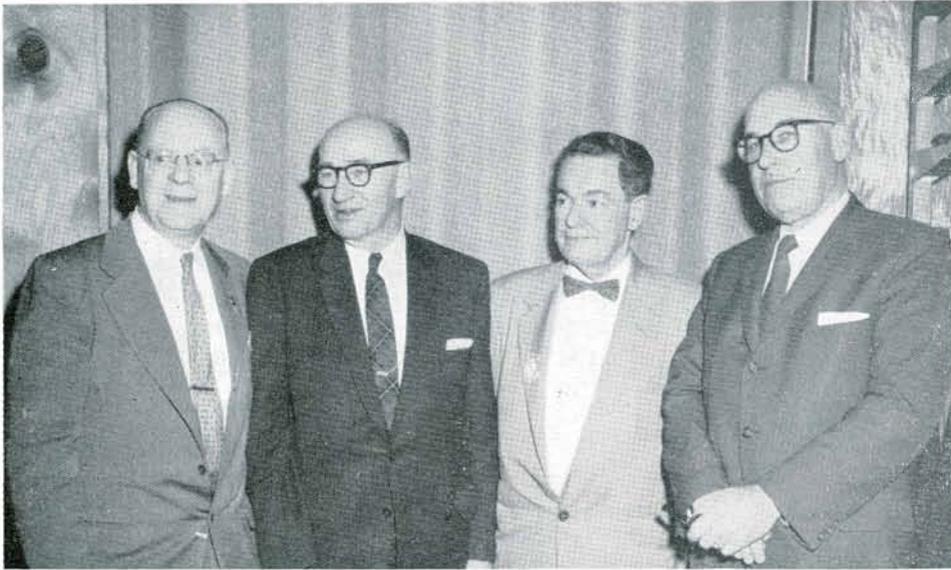
*William J. Mc Gough*

President

VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

**NATIONAL OFFICERS**

1960



Left to Right—Richard C. Griffiths, Treasurer; William C. Simon, Secretary; William J. McGonigle, Sr., President; Raymond F. Guy, First Vice-President.

***"Aims and Purposes"***  
***Veteran Wireless Operators Association***

- (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, or in the air, by the erection of memorials and by the bestowal of testimonials, medals, scholarships, or other suitable rewards.
- (d) To acquaint the public with the work, traditions and ideals of wireless operators and to perform and encourage any other purely fraternal activity or activities adjudged helpful to the wireless profession.

VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

## *Marconi Memorial Service Award Plaque*

AWARDED TO

## THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

*Commemorating Their Golden Jubilee*

1910-1960

In recognition of their Individual and Cooperative Contributions, Progress and Improvement in Communications for Scouting.



**I**MPRESSED with the helpfulness of an unidentified British Boy Scout in 1909 who declined a gratuity for his "Good Turn," the late William D. Boyce, Chicago publisher who lost his way in a London fog, learned about Scouting from its founder, Sir (later Lord) Robert Baden-Powell, and incorporated the organization in Washington, D. C., on February 8, 1910.

Men from 34 national groups interested in youth met on June 21, 1910, to develop the organization. From that modest beginning the Boy Scouts of America has grown in 50 years to an active enrollment today of more than five million boys and leaders and an alumni of 28,500,000 others who have been influenced by the Scout Oath and Law.

Colin H. Livingstone of Washington, D. C., the first President of the Boy Scouts of America, served in that post until 1925. Daniel Carter Beard was National Scout Commissioner from 1910 until 1941 when he died at 91.

James E. West, a young attorney of Washington, D. C., became administrative officer. He opened the first National Scout Office at 200 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on January 2, 1911, with seven employees.

In 1912 the Boy Scouts promoted a campaign for a safe and sane Fourth of July. This was the first of many National Good Turns.

At Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1913, Scouts aided Civil War veterans who gathered for the 50th Anniversary of the famous battle.

Scouts gave a good account of themselves in Ohio and Indiana spring floods. This and other civic service led Congress, in 1916, to honor the organization with a federal charter.

A tremendous demonstration of boy power, trained and organized for service came during the first World War. Scouts took orders for 2,350,977 Liberty Loan Bonds totaling \$147,876,962, and \$53,043,698 in War Stamps. They located 20,758,660 board feet of walnut and 100 carloads of fruit pits used in gas masks. They distributed over thirty million pieces of government printed matter and helped food and fuel conservation. They grew thousands of Boy Scout war gardens.

(Continued on Page 21)

VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

*Marconi Memorial Wireless Pioneer's Gold Medal*

**E. L. COMMAGERE**



**E. L. COMMAGERE**

Born in that grand old city of New Orleans on February 9, 1892, E. L. Commagere attended public school and business college before embarking on what has been one of the longest continuous radio careers in the annals of the art.

Ed's first venture into the new field of wireless communication was in 1906 when he constructed and operated an amateur station utilizing the, then, well known Spark Coil and electrolytic detector, selecting his own call letters "HK". He learned the code, and very well indeed, at various Postal Telegraph and Western Union offices during school vacations and worked some light telegraph circuits (the-woods as it was known) whenever permitted to do so by the Chief Operator.

With a knowledge of the code and some technical background Ed worked for United Wireless under the supervision of Chief Operator Arthur A. Isbell in 1908 at a wireless station atop the Grunewald Hotel—since renamed the Roosevelt—in New Orleans. Since remuneration for his wireless operating was slight he supplemented his income by working as a relief moving picture operator at various 'Nickleodeons' throughout the city.

In May 1909 Ed began what proved to be a half century career with the United Fruit Company and later Tropical Radio. He served in various capacities with Tropical Radio and was appointed Chief Operator of their New Orleans station "HB" on the first day of January 1913. Ed served in that capacity until

1917 when America entered the First World War he accepted the rating of Warrant Officer in the United States Navy assigned to Communications, Censorship and Intelligence Services at the United States Naval Station at Algiers, La. He continued as Warrant Officer until after the termination of the War and in 1920 resigned from the Navy to resume his activities with the Tropical Radio Telegraph Company.

Ed took up where he left off returning to Tropical as Chief Operator of their New Orleans Station. Promoted to the post of Assistant Division Superintendent under H. O. Easton in 1923, he was appointed Division Superintendent on 1 January 1930 succeeding Mr. Easton who had then retired. Ed served in this post for three decades retiring as of the first of the year 1960.

In retirement Ed continues active, wireless-wise, keeping amateur station K5VMP buzzing away on CW—which he prefers to phone. Old wirelessmen never completely retire for Ed has just accepted the post of Deputy Chief of the Radio Branch of the Civil Defense Unit in his area finding this an interesting outlet for his knowledge and energies.

In 1911 Ed Commagere assisted in the installation and testing of Fessenden's first Hetrodyne Receiver at Tropical's New Orleans station. The oscillator of the receiver consisted of an Arc, burning in an alcohol vapor. The headphones used with the receiver were pioneers, too—they were condenser type phone units.

The tests were conducted under the supervision of Louis Cohen and a Mr. Lee. Professor Fessenden, personally supervised some of the testing. While the unit worked well at times it was almost impossible to stabilize its functioning. The tone- or pitch- of the signals was extremely high and some operators had difficulty reading them. Traffic was handled over the revolutionary type receiver between the San Antonio, Cuba relay station and the station at New Orleans. Not satisfactorily developed for commercial use the Hetrodyne-Arc-Receiver was abandoned.

Ed notes with interest that about that time the late W. E. (Bill) Beakes was Chief Engineer of the Fessenden Company (National Electric Signalling Company) and was in New Orleans for some of the Tests. Beakes left the Fessenden Company to become Chief Engineer of Tropical Radio advancing to Vice President and retiring as President of TRTCO.

The Veteran Wireless Operators Association recognizes Ed Commagere's half century of service in the radio art by awarding to him our Marconi Memorial Wireless Pioneer's Gold Medal.

VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

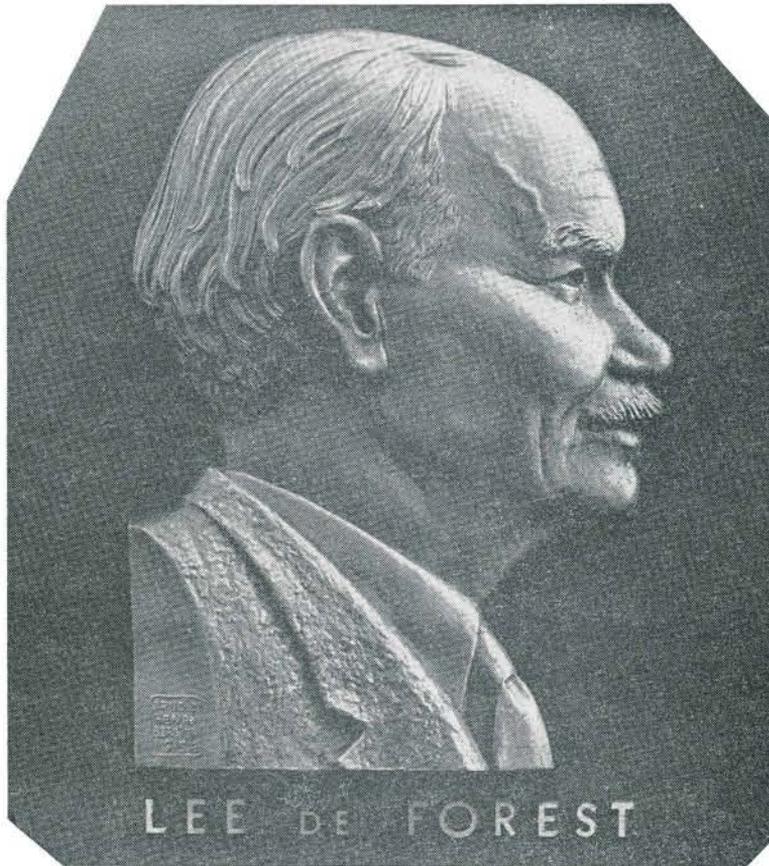
*Dr. Lee De Forest Scholarship*

at

*Capitol Radio Engineering Institute*

presented to the

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**



The Dr. Lee de Forest Scholarship of the VWOA comprises a three year course in the Residence School of Capitol Radio Engineering Institute in Washington, D. C., with an approximate value of \$3,000 and includes Books and Laboratory Fees and Supplies.

All applicants of the Residence School must be high school graduates or have the equivalent educational background. Preparatory Mathematics and English are not required for students having an adequate background in these subjects.

(Continued on Page 24)

VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

*Marconi Memorial Gold Medal of Service*

**FREDERICK E. MEINHOLTZ**



**FREDERICK E MEINHOLTZ**

The recipient of the Marconi Memorial Gold Medal of Service of our Association, this year, is, and has been since 1931, the Director of Communications and Manager of the Syndicated News Department of the New York Times.

A distinguished communications engineer these many years, Fred Meinholtz was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on Friday January 17, 1890; son of Fred John and Anne (Bullerdieck) Meinholtz and was a student in St. Louis public schools; married Mae Covington Mackall November 22, 1922; children—Frederick Louis, Lillian Mae and Harry Becker.

Fred was office Manager for the Western Union Telegraph Co., St. Louis, 1907-1917; Manager, Radio Dept., The New York Times, 1920-1931; Director of Communications, Manager of Syndicated

News Department since 1931. Installed trans-atlantic press receiving station News Traffic Bd., Ltd., Halifax, N. S., 1922; pres., dir. since 1933; handled North Pole communications, Amundsen, Byrd expeditions 1926; initiated high frequency regularly scheduled press transmissions to ships at sea 1926; radio cons. Byrd's first Antarctic expedition 1928-1930; assisted orgn. and bldg. Press Wireless, Inc., 1929, secretary 1932-1943, now director.

Advisor U. S. delegation International Telecommunications Conference, Cairo, Egypt, 1938; Third Inter-American Radio Conference, Rio de Janeiro, S. A., 1945, British-American Telecommunications Conference, Bermuda, 1945; International Telegraph and Radio Conference, Atlantic City, 1947; International Administrative Telegraph Conference, Paris, France, 1949; member of U. S. delegation, International Plenipotentiary Telecommunications Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1952; International Administrative Telegraph Conference, Geneva 1958; Plenipotentiary Conference of International Telecommunications Union, Geneva 1959.

He served with the U. S. Navy 1917-19; a member of American Legion (past county vice-commander, adjutant, post commander); 40 et 8; American Polar Society. Clubs, Garden City Country; Admiral's; Stratoliner and the Veteran Wireless Operators Association. Home, 123 Wickham Road, Garden City, L. I., New York. Office, 229 West 43rd Street, New York, N. Y.

VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION  
WASHINGTON CHAPTER



Left to Right—Captain J. A. Morrison, USN (Ret.) Vice-Chairman of the Washington VWOA Chapter; Ivan H. Loucks, Chairman of the VWOA Washington Chapter; William J. McGonigle, Sr., National President Veteran Wireless Operators Association and E. H. Rietzke, Assistant to the President and Special Washington Representative and a National Director VWOA. Photo taken at MARCONI MONUMENT in Washington, D. C., the day after the Washington Chapter Annual Business Meeting.



Awarded to Radio Operators in recognition of Outstanding Acts in the Line of Duty.

# *The Boy Scouts of America*

(Continued from Page 9)

In its second decade the Boy Scouts of America had a prominent part in furthering the world-wide aspects of the movement.

The United States sent 301 Scouts and 55 adult leaders to the First World Jamboree in England, in 1920, which attracted 18,000 Scouts of 27 countries.

In 1922 the Boy Scouts International Bureau was established. Today there are more than eight million boys and leaders in 67 Boy Scout associations.

Scouts served as aids and guides at the Limitation of Arms Conference in 1921. Outstanding civic service included forest conservation and assistance at the Knickerbocker Theatre disaster at Washington, D. C., and floods at Pueblo, Colorado, and San Antonio, Texas.

In 1925 Scouts gave outstanding aid in the Illinois tornado, California earthquake, and Louisiana fire, and the following year in the Florida hurricane and the Arkansas flood.

A big Scout adventure came in 1927 when eight Chicago Sea Scouts sailed with the John Borden-Field Museum Expedition north of Bering Sea. The following year Commander Richard E. Byrd took Paul A. Siple, Erie, Pennsylvania, Sea Scout on his first Antarctic expedition. That year three Eagle Scouts accompanied the Martin Johnsons on a safari in Africa.

During the depression Scouts rendered outstanding service in relief work. They mobilized throughout the nation on February 10, 1934, to hear by radio, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's call for a "National Good Turn." They responded by collecting 1,812,284 items of clothing, household furnishings, foodstuffs, and other supplies for needy families.

While camping has been a feature of Scouting since its earliest days, this activity received new impetus in 1938 through the gift made by Waite Phillips of the Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico, where each summer thousands of seasoned Scout campers go for rugged Rocky Mountain camping experiences.

Several thousand Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts rendered valiant aid during the New England hurricane in September 1938.

Boy Scouts rendered notable service to officials at the Golden Gate Exposition and at the New York World's Fair in 1939 and again in 1940. At the latter exposition Scouts lived in their own camp adjacent to the federal building.

Boy Scouts in Honolulu and Pearl Harbor rendered valiant services immediately following the surprise attack on December 7, 1941. The full resources of the Boy Scouts of America were placed at the services of the government with the declaration of war.

Sixty-nine requests by the government from 1941 to 1945 for Boy Scout war service were received. This service included the distribution of defense bonds and stamps posters, air raid posters, and other government literature; collection of aluminum, wastepaper, and rubber. Scouts served as government dispatch bearers and helped harvest crops in addition to raising victory gardens.

It is estimated that over four million men in the armed forces were once Boy Scouts or leaders. Many of them testified that skills they acquired in Scouting helped them immeasurably during their war duty to survive in strange lands or on Pacific island bases.

In 1952 and again in 1956, Boy Scouts took part in nonpartisan "Get-Out-the-Vote" campaigns, working with Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge. A million posters and 30 million Liberty Bell doorknob hangers were placed at residences from coast to coast.

The organization undertook an extensive educational and technical conservation program in 1954 at the request of President Eisenhower, their Honorary President, who has been on the National Executive Board since 1948.

Eagle Scout Richard Lee Chappell of Eggertsville, New York, was chosen to represent the Boy Scouts of America as a scientific aid at Little America, Antarctica, during the International Geophysical Year in 1957-58. He made a fine contribution, leaders reported.

The launching of the new Exploring program for young men of high school age in 1958 came after a study of adolescent boys by the Institute of Social Research of the University of Michigan and the Research Service of the Boy Scouts of America.

# *Veteran Wireless Operators Association*

## HONORARY MEMBERS

- GEORGE W. BAILEY  
Executive Secretary  
Institute of Radio Engineers
- REAR ADML. H. C. BRUTON  
U.S. Navy
- ARTHUR L. BUDLONG  
Secretary & General Manager  
American Radio Relay League
- BRYAN S. DAVIS  
President, Bryan Davis Publishing Company
- LAWRENCE J. DUNN, D.D.S., F.A.C.D.  
Chief Radio Aide, U.S. Army
- DR. LEE DE FOREST  
Honorary President  
Veteran Wireless Operators Association  
"Father of Electronic Age"
- ADMIRAL JOSEPH F. FARLEY  
Former Commandant,  
U.S. Coast Guard
- MADAME EUGENIA H. FARRAR  
First Person to Sing on Radio Broadcast
- JAMES L. FLY  
Formerly Chairman F.C.C.
- HUGO GERNSBACK  
Publisher
- DR. ALFRED GOLDSMITH  
Consulting Engineer
- COL. A. H. GRISWOLD (Ret.)
- GENERAL THOMAS HOLCOMB  
Former Commandant  
United States Marine Corps.
- HON. HERBERT HOOVER  
Former President of the United States
- ROBERT V. HOWLEY  
President, Tropical Radio Telegraph  
Company
- MAJOR-GENERAL HARRY C. INGLES  
R.C.A. Communications (Ret.)
- CHARLES IZENSTARK  
Wholesale Radio Distributor
- LENOX R. LOHR, President, Chicago  
Museum of Science and Industry
- MAJOR-GENERAL J. O. MAUBORGNE  
U.S. Army (retired)
- ALFRED J. McCOSKER  
Mutual Broadcasting System (Ret.)
- NEVILLE MILLER  
Former President N.A.B.
- REAR-ADMIRAL LEIGH R. NOYES  
U.S. Navy (Ret.)
- MAJ. GEN. J. O'CONNELL  
U.S. Army
- MAJOR-GENERAL DAWSON OLMSTEAD  
U.S. Army (retired)
- WILLIAM S. PALEY  
Chairman of the Board  
Columbia Broadcasting System
- G. HAROLD PORTER  
Former Vice-President, R.C.A. Pacific Coast
- WM. A. READY  
Formerly President, National Company
- REAR-ADMIRAL JOSEPH R. REDMAN  
Vice-President, Western Union Telegraph  
Company
- REAR-ADMIRAL S. S. ROBISON  
U.S.N. (retired)  
Formerly President, Admiral Farragut  
Academy
- BRIG.-GENERAL FRANK E. STONER  
Formerly Communications Engineer  
United Nations
- W. D. TERRELL  
Formerly Federal Communications  
Commission, Washington, D. C.
- NILES TRAMMEL  
Formerly Chairman of the Board,  
National Broadcasting Company
- COMMODORE E. M. WEBSTER  
Former Commissioner F.C.C.
- MARK WOODS  
Vice Chairman of Board  
American Broadcasting Company

## DR. LEE DE FOREST SCHOLARSHIP

(Continued from Page 13)

### *Course Outline*

A summary of required subjects and quarter hours credit earned for each subject.

		EQUIVALENT CREDITS		
Mathematics 9		17		
English 9		3		
<b>ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY</b>				
First Quarter			Seventh Quarter	
SUBJECT	QUARTER CREDITS			QUARTER CREDITS
Electronics 101	6		Electronics 110	7
Physics 101	6		Electronics 111	5
Mathematics 101	5		Mathematics 104	5
Second Quarter			CONTROL SYSTEMS ENGI- NEERING TECHNOLOGY MAJOR	
Electronics 102	6		Eighth Quarter	
Physics 102	6		SUBJECT	QUARTER CREDITS
Mathematics 102	5		CSE 201	6
Third Quarter			CSE 202	7
Electronics 103	7		English 102	5
Physics 103	7		Ninth Quarter	
English 101	5		CSE 203	9
Fourth Quarter			Political Science 101	5
Electronics 104	7		Sociology 101	3
Electronics 105	7		COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY MAJOR	
Engineering Drawing 101	3		Eighth Quarter	
Fifth Quarter			SUBJECT	QUARTER CREDITS
SUBJECT	QUARTER CREDITS		Communications 301	5
Electronics 106	8		Physics 301	4
Electronics 107	8		English 102	5
Engineering Drawing 102	3		Sociology 101	3
Sixth Quarter			Ninth Quarter	
Electronics 108	7		Communications 302	6
Electronics 109	7		Communications 303	7
Mathematics 103	5		Political Science 101	5

### CAPITOL RADIO ENGINEERING INSTITUTE LABORATORIES

The laboratories at CREI are exceptionally well-equipped and contain equipment for carrying out a wide variety of electronic engineering experiments at radio, audio, video and ultra-high frequencies. A number of laboratories are available. Each one is adapted to a particular phase of electronic engineering technology.

CREI has consistently maintained modern, well-equipped shops and laboratories. New equipment is regularly added to replace and supplement existing equipment. CREI educates its students through actual experiments. Through its equipment and plant, CREI reproduces actual industrial and commercial situations.

Best 73!



**RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA**  
Electronics for Living

\*\*\*\*\*

## WENDELL'S NEWS CORNER

----- Original Message -----

From: [Angel Rhett](#)  
To: [ftcassidy@optonline.net](mailto:ftcassidy@optonline.net)  
Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2009 1:06 PM  
Subject: Raymond F. Brazner

I am trying to find any information about Raymond Brazner that your organization may have available.

Raymond is my grandfather. His ship went down in 1960 when my mother was a young girl. I came across your page in a search that I was doing and was able to give her the exciting news that there is a memorial and that you had listed his name on your page. It brought her to tears, but she was happy to know he wasn't forgotten.

I am trying to gather anything that I can find out about him, whether it is general information or possibly hearing from someone who knew him, since my mother never had the opportunity to know her father well.

Any assistance you may be able to give me would be more appreciated than you can imagine.

Sincerely,

Angel Rhett

----- Original Message -----

From: [Francis T Cassidy](#)  
To: [Angel Rhett](#)  
Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2009 4:31 PM  
Subject: Re: Raymond F. Brazner  
Angel Rhett:

I am glad you found the name of your Grandfather on our VWOA Memorial in Battery Park, New York as listed in our VWOA Web Site. Battery Park is in a period of refurbishing by New York City and the New York Conservatory asked to place the Monument in storage until they finish their reconstruction of the Park. You will find information and pictures of its prior installation on our Web Site. Further information on the VWOA Monument can be found in the 2009 VWOA Newsletter #50 located on [www.vwoa.org](http://www.vwoa.org).

Attached is a PDF file of the U. S. Coast Guard Board of Investigation, which was used by the VWOA Committee in certifying the circumstances associated with your Grandfather and resulting in his name being placed on a Bronze Plaque attached to the Monument.

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/docs/boards/pineridge.pdf>

This is all the information we have in our files.

Francis T. Cassidy  
VWOA Chairman

- ----- Original Message -----

From: [Angel Rhett](#)

To: [Francis T Cassidy](#)

Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2009 5:11 PM

Subject: Re: Raymond F. Brazner

Mr. Cassidy,

Thank you so much for the information! I appreciate such a quick response. A very pleasant surprise on a Sunday afternoon.

I am sending this along to my mother as well so that she can read over the information. I hope at some point she will get an opportunity to go see the memorial, as she lives much closer and should be able to find out when the refurbishment is complete.

The recognition that VWOA gave to my Grandfather means a lot to me. I, of course, never had the good fortune to meet him, but in this way I know that his name will never be forgotten.

Thank you again, and have a wonderful day.

Angel Rhett

\*\*\*\*\*

To: Angel Rhett

From: Miles D. MacMahon

Subject: Re: Raymond F. Brazner

A few years ago, before the Wireless Operators Monument was dismantled, I took photographs, including all the plaques.

The upper right brass plaque on the back of the monument was the commemoration of your grandfather.

When you were looking at the plaques your view past the monument took in the sweep of the upper bay, to the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and the Verrazano Narrows Bridge which his ship passed under on its way to sea on the day before his ship met disaster.

With best personal wishes, Miles D. MacMahon

Editors Note: All his pictures were attached to Miles Email to Angel Rhett

\*\*\*\*\*

We last reported having received this following letter in VWOA Email Newsletter #52, but did not expect such a quick update from VWOA Member Frank Kelley.

----- Original Message -----

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2009 4:45 PM

Subject: Arctic voyage to Murmansk

> <http://www.maritime-memories.co.uk/pages/voyage10.html>.

> I received a letter today from VWOA member Frank Kelley

> who informed me he will be on this trip departing UK this Sunday 19th.

> They expect to have 3 TV crews filming their departure from Harwich

> Wendell

---

\*\*\*\*\*

Received the following message from VWOA  
Member Frank Kelley of CHELMSFORD,  
ENGLAND.

It is a very interesting URL.  
Francis T. Cassidy

----- Original Message -----

From: Frank Kelley

To: [Francis T Cassidy](mailto:ftcassidy@optonline.net)

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 4:44 AM

Subject: Voyage to Murmansk: a convoy of  
memories

Here is an account of my last cruise in  
"Discovery" with information how it came  
about. It really was a memorable trip and the  
ceremonies went very well. After the event at  
the War Memorail, we were taken aboard the  
decommissioned nuclear-powered ice-breaker  
"Lenin" for a reception. It was a wonderful and  
memorable day. Best wishes to all = Frank  
Kelley +

[http://forargyll.com/2009/10/voyage-to-  
murmansk-a-convoy-of-memories/](http://forargyll.com/2009/10/voyage-to-murmansk-a-convoy-of-memories/)

We would prefer to hear from you by Email at:

[ftcassidy@optonline.net](mailto:ftcassidy@optonline.net)

or

[wenben@nyc.rr.com](mailto:wenben@nyc.rr.com)

but if you must, send mail to:

VWOA

PO Box 1003 Peck Slip

New York NY 10272-1003