



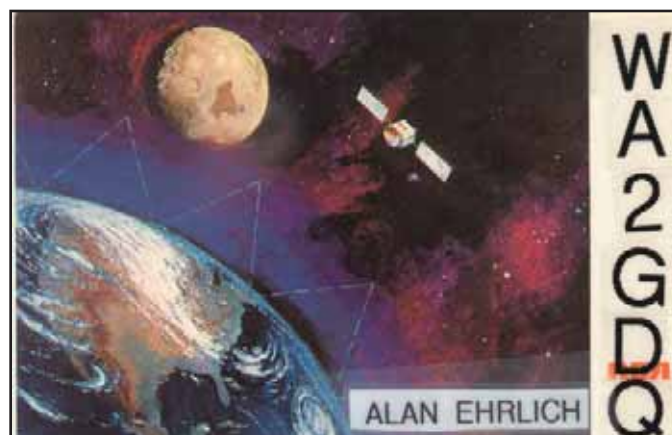
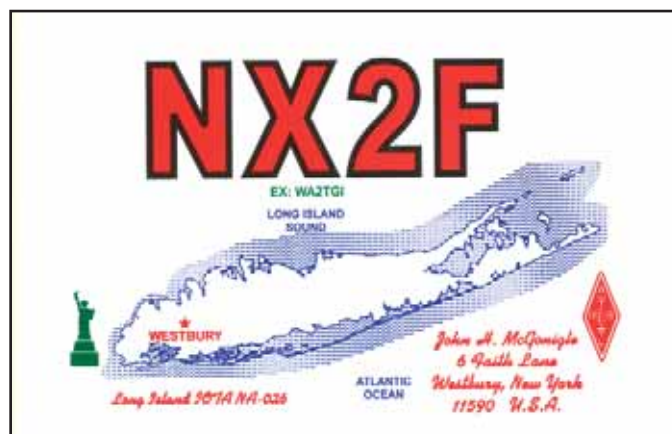
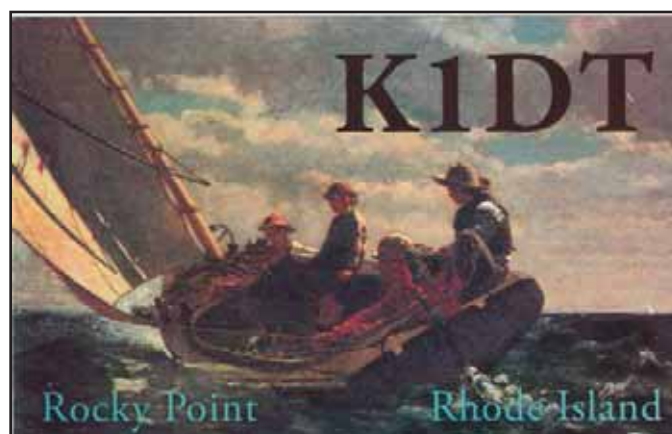
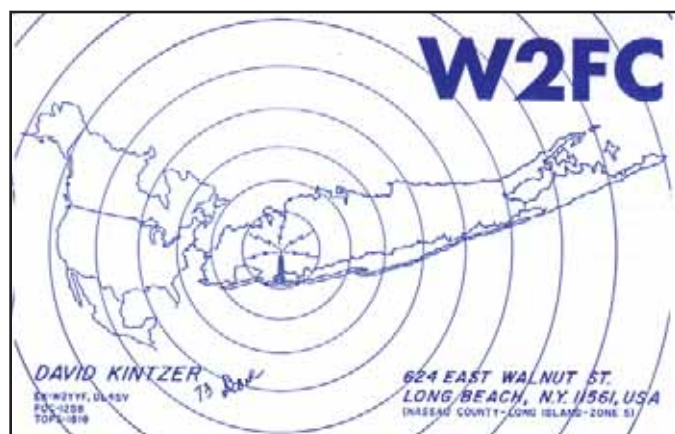
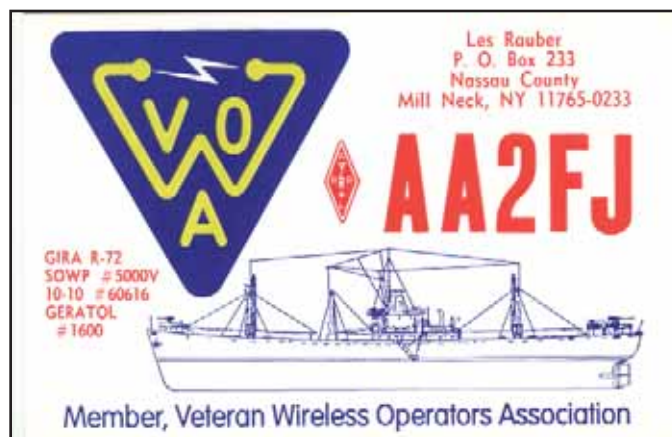
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Schuetzen Park
3167 Kennedy Boulevard
North Bergen, New Jersey

Saturday, May 20, 2006

Luncheon Program

RECEPTION 1:00 P.M.

LUNCHEON 2:00 P.M.

WELCOME Alan M. Ehrlich
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THE DAVID KINTZER MEMORIAL AWARD

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THE 2006 MARCONI MEMORIAL AWARD

JOHN HAINES DILKS III
Radio Historian

Address By Mr. Dilks

THE VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION



FRANCIS T. CASSIDY

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The past 12 months have seen many changes in VWOA.

Last June, several of our Officers and Directors requested that they not be nominated for positions during the 2006–2007 terms of office.

The tasks of day to day operations of VWOA with a smaller number of committee members necessitated major changes in our functioning. Thus you have seen the majority of communications either placed upon our web site (www.vwoa.org) or you have received an E-mail letter, ballot, invitation, or newsletter over the Internet. An ever diminishing number of VWOA members, who have not embraced the Internet, still receive their quarterly newsletter and announcements via US Mail.

The intent was that the membership receives information in a more timely fashion, rather than the quarterly editions of the newsletter. We were also looking to provide the VWOA membership with an interactive capability to distribute radio and wireless news items that each of them have encountered in their particular sphere of personal influence. In all my years of serving VWOA, I have never experienced such an outpouring of participation from so many members.

Still another goal was the recording of events of a personal interest from each and every member to be shared with the rest of VWOA. This was to be a “Celebration Among VWOA Members” who through their efforts have further extended or developed concepts and methods of implementation which enhanced the visions of Senatore Guglielmo Marconi. These developed concepts and improved methods of implementation in telegraphy, radio, and wireless helped make America and those parts of the world who participated in their development, grow great and strong.

Our membership has been experiencing a large number of SK members, but through our VWOA communication media, the web site, E-mail newsletter and energetic Wendell R. Benson, we have in the tradition of Edward F. Pleuler, Jr., a recent SK, “been gaining more new members than those who are joining the SK listing”.

Keep the Fraternal Spirit flowing.

Frank Cassidy

Chairman of the Board of Directors
Veteran Wireless Operators Association
May 20, 2006

THE VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

ALAN M. EHRLICH

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Warm greetings to all our members, friends and colleague communicators on this 81st Anniversary of the Veteran Wireless Operators Association.

While writing this message, I received a telephone call that Edward F. Pleuler, Jr., our past Secretary and board member, had become a silent key. Ed was very well known and respected throughout the VWOA as well as many other maritime and church organizations. He was a good friend to all the VWOA board members, and Ed was the “face” of the VWOA many members through correspondence as VWOA secretary as well as the long-time editor of our bulletin. Ed will be missed by all.

I first met Edward at the South Street Seaport Museum. It was *Maritime Day* and there was a ceremony onboard the Seaport’s museum ship *Peking*. A U.S. Coast Guard Captain had made a short speech about the history of the Coast Guard, and after he concluded, he introduced the Secretary of the Veteran Wireless Operators Association, Mr. Edward F. Pleuler.

Ed presented a very interesting talk about Merchant Marine Radio Officers and about the VWOA. As soon as Ed finished, I introduced myself and asked to learn more about the VWOA. Ed said “Give me your name and address and I will send you a membership application.” Ed did and I was able to meet with so many members of the VWOA and other people historically involved in communications, always learning and appreciating so many aspects and areas of communications during war and peace, and about the men and women involved in the process.

I feel that I was lucky to have been at the South Street Seaport Museum that day, to have met Ed, and later to become a member of the VWOA.

Communicating today has expanded from what it was just one year ago. It is estimated that there are over *two billion* cell telephones in use throughout the world, with additional coverage areas growing at an amazingly fast rate. A number of communications industry analysts have predicted that in the next several years the majority of our telephone calls will be made over a technique known as *Voice over Internet protocol (VoIp)*. This means that the data capacity of the Internet will have to be increased many times over what it is at present to be capable of handling this huge volume of traffic.

This May 20th, our VWOA Annual Awards Luncheon takes place at a new location in North Bergen, New Jersey. On behalf of myself and the board of directors, we look forward to seeing many of our members and friends at the luncheon.

73’ to All.

Alan Ehrlich

President

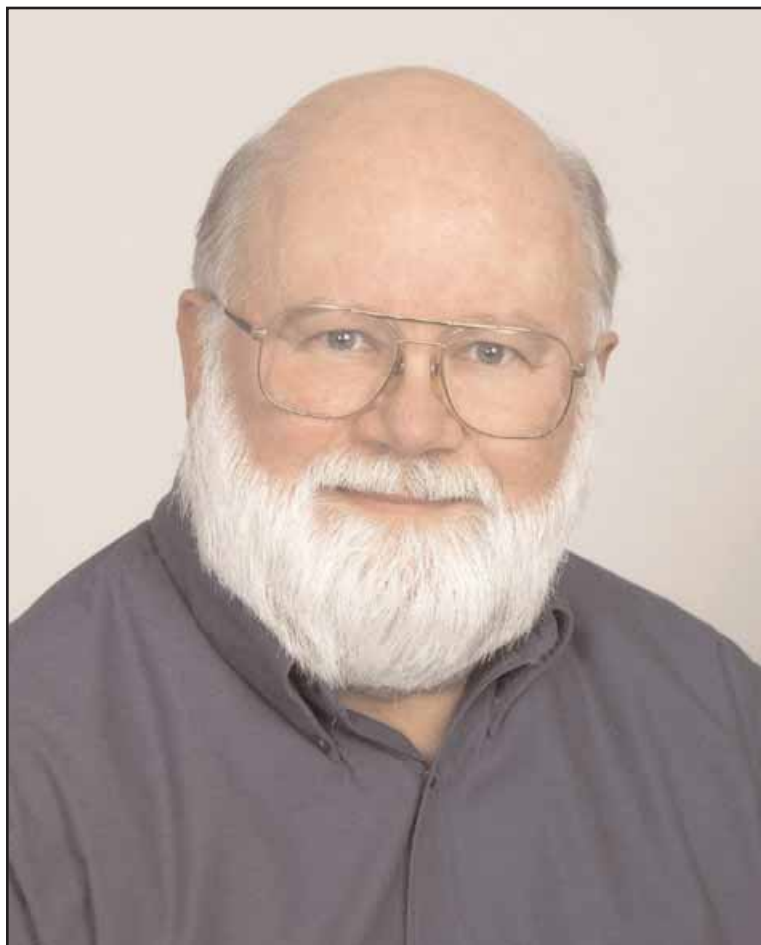
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THE 2006 MARCONI MEMORIAL AWARD

JOHN HAINES DILKS III



At age seven, John Dilks developed an interest in ham radio by listening to short-wave on his grandfather's all-band radio.

At age twelve, his father brought home a National ham radio receiver for the summer. He and a friend listened to hams and dreamed of getting a license. They tried unsuccessfully to learn the Morse code.

After joining the radio club in his high school, he received a Novice license, dated July 5, 1956, and went on the air with a single 6V6 oscillator running about five-watts. He continues to hold the amateur radio call K2TQN.

His interest in electronics led to a 38-year technology career with Western Electric, AT&T, and finally Lucent Technologies. Retiring in 2001 he followed a life-long dream and is now working in education at his local Middle School.

Always interested in radio history and old radios, he started collecting radios and historical information in the 1990s. He built a mobile ham radio museum and through that was able to introduce many new hams to ham radio history.

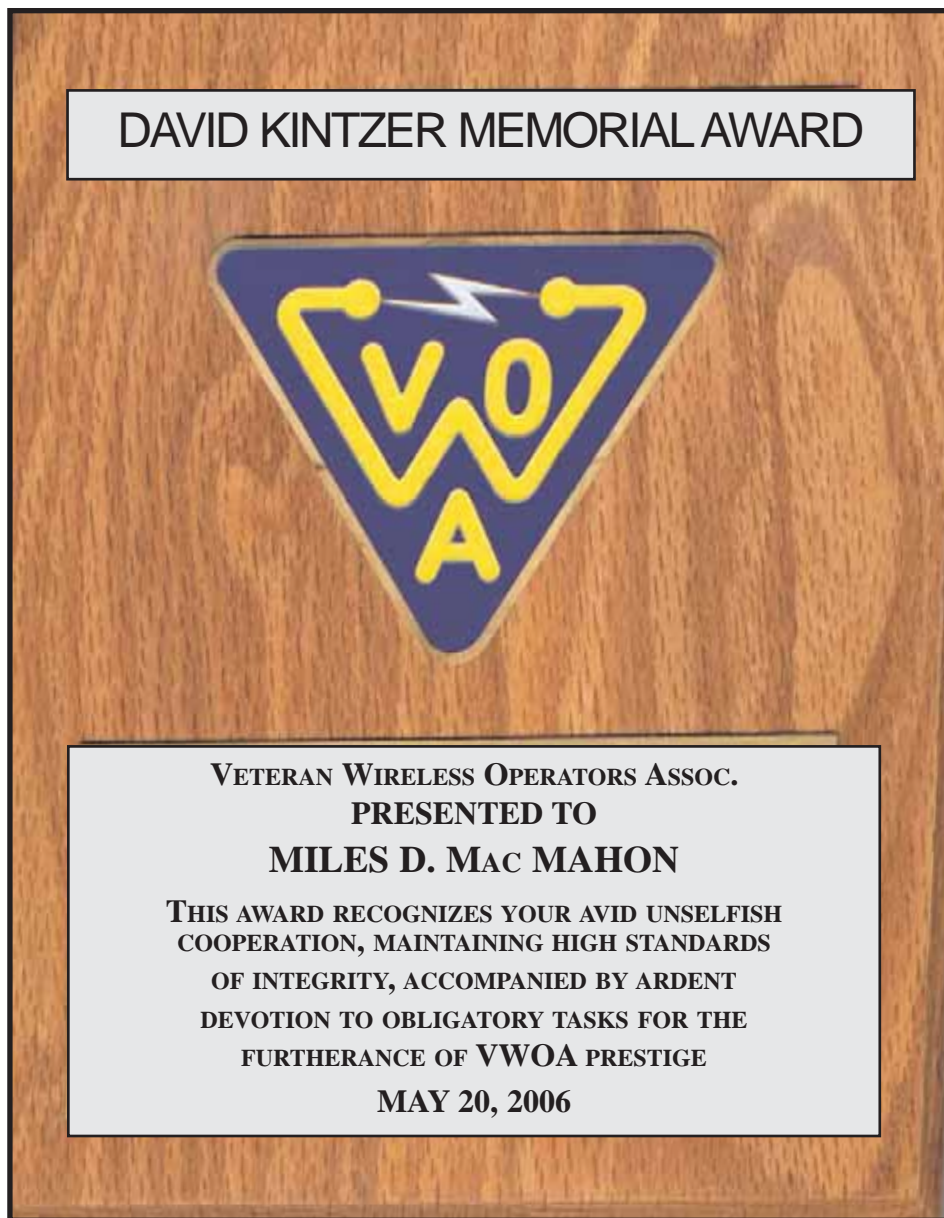
The American Radio Relay League asked him to write a vintage radio column in *QST Magazine* starting January 2000. So far he has written almost 80 articles in his "Old Radio" column.

Marconi Memorial Award Plaque
Veteran Wireless Operators Association
Honors
John Haines Dilks III

For his persevering efforts over the past 15 years
in collecting, restoring, displaying and demonstrating the operation of vintage radio equipment.
His published writings of radio history preserves the memories of all radio and wireless pioneers.

May 20, 2006

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NMY
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THOSE WHO ARE LISTED BELOW SENT “73 TO THE VWOA”
73 BEING WIRELESS CODE FOR “BEST WISHES”
VWOA SENDS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM “73” IN RETURN

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THE WIRELESS OPERATORS MONUMENT

BATTERY PARK, NEW YORK CITY

Jack Phillips, S.S. Titanic
April 15, 1912 — Atlantic Coast

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

Stephen F. Sczepanek,
S.S. Pere Marquette
September 9, 1910 — Lake Michigan

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



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

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

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

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

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

Swilhelm Siemens, 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

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 Vyhna, 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,
S.S. Salvador Allende
December 8, 1994 — Atlantic Ocean

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EDWARD F. PLEULER, JR., W2EIQ
HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER,
MERCHANT MARINER, GENTLEMAN, CHURCHMAN,
VWOA SECRETARY, AND OUR FRIEND

We Remember All of Our Members Whose Keys Have Fallen Silent...

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Frank C. Dvorsky
Walter J. Berridge

1994

Eugene D. Becken
Arthur C. Baum

1998

Harold G. Syptak
John C. Abernathy
1999

Chester L. Migden
Bernard Pemberton

2000

Henry Paulisen
Henry R. Kuhn
William Jones
Alfred L. Ritter

2001

David Warshaw
Carl Hammond
William H. Robertson
CAPT Leonard Raish
John H. Reynolds
Arthur Sims

Sidney Cooley
Paul J. Nicholson
Slaughter Reed
James E. Glendening

2002

Chris Wincey
Lester B. Rauber
John J. Kelleher
LCDR Gerald R Gavin, USN
Robert McGraw
Waldo Clark

Fountain Davenport
Gene F. Smith
Cyril Malcolm
James A. Johnson
Adrian J. Good

2003

Nelson W. Treadway
Gene G. Goings
Maxwell Cooper
Peter Froloff
Charles T. Flagler
LCDR. R.A. Langdon, USN
Earl W. Korf

Mervyn E. Macleod

2004

Charles P. Krause
LCDR Isaac C. Bemis, USN
Julius J. Altman
Melvin L. Grummet
Clarence Seid
John E. Sandison
Clyde C. Upchurch
Terry L. Perrault

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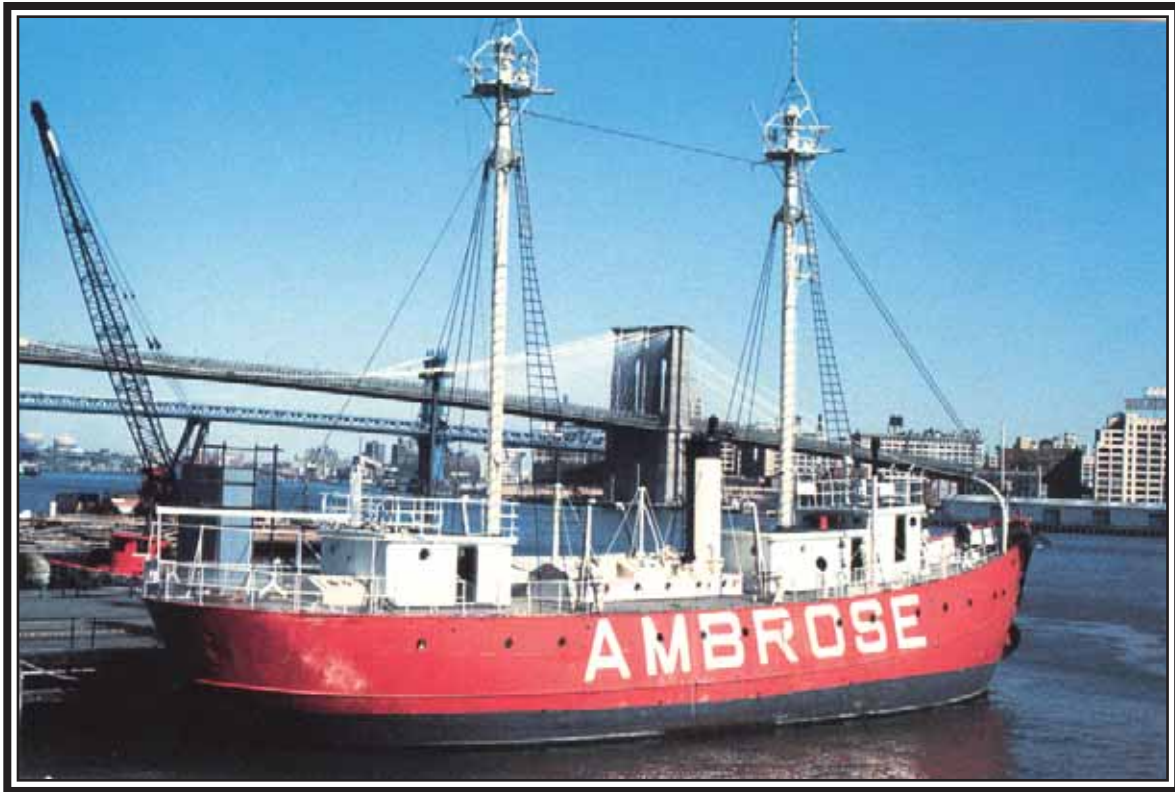
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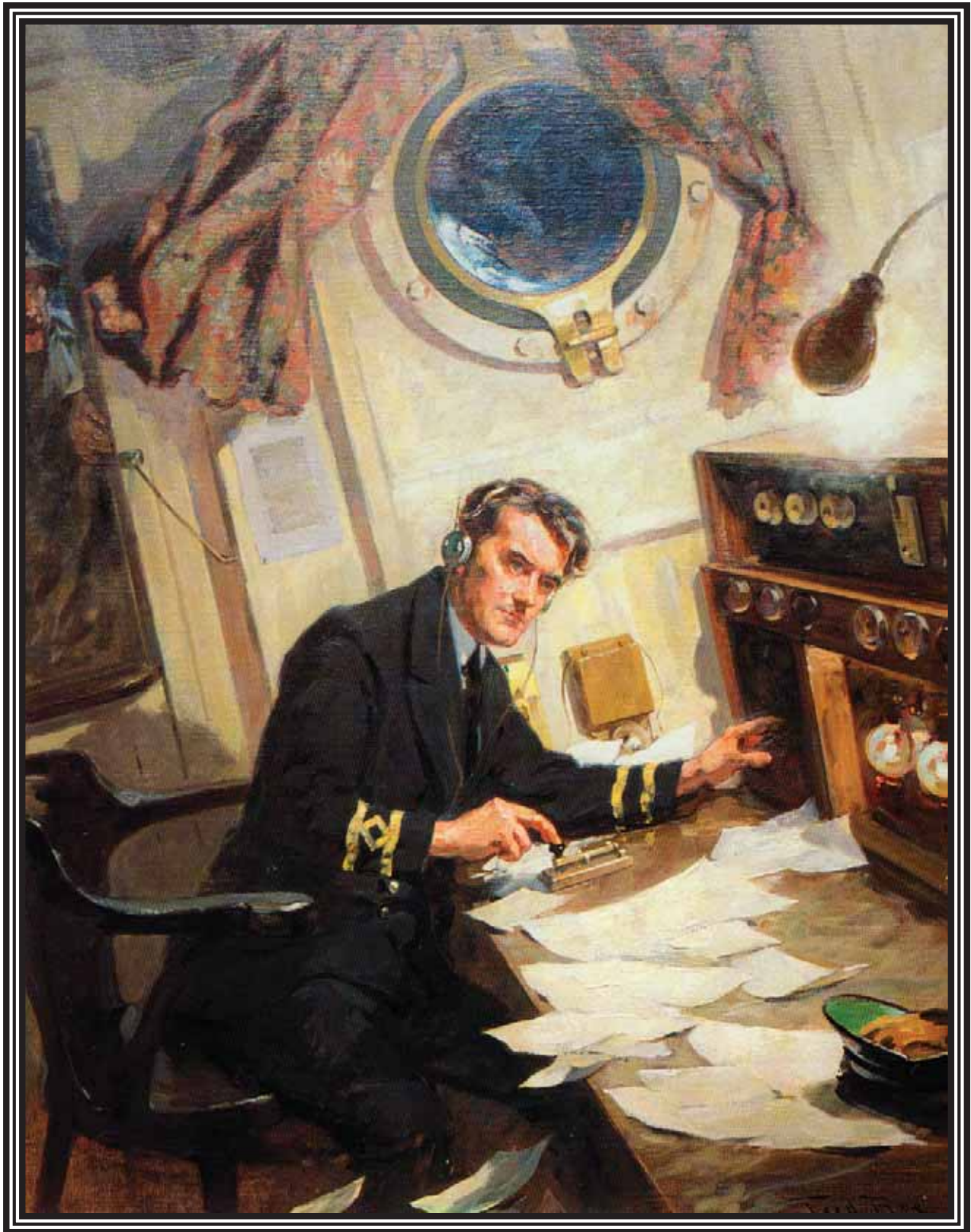
South Street Seaport Museum



Saluting those who have stood the watch...

Over the years, many members of the Veteran Wireless Operators Association have stood watch aboard the Ambrose. On summer weekends, they have honored the best traditions of our organization as they demonstrated the daily tasks of the shipboard operator from the era when CW was king. They have wound the clock and set it against the fading signals of CHU and WWV. They have shown their skill at the mill, copying press, weather bulletins, and notices to mariners. Most of all, they have answered countless questions from curious visitors from around the world.

We salute all the dedicated members of our organization who, over the years, have given so generously of their time, their skills, and their enthusiasm.



“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.