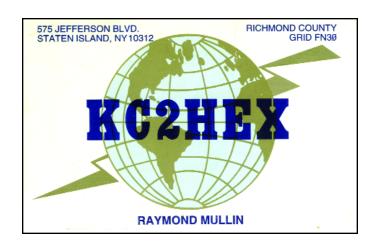
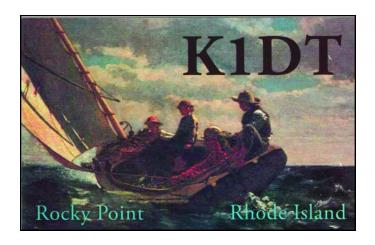


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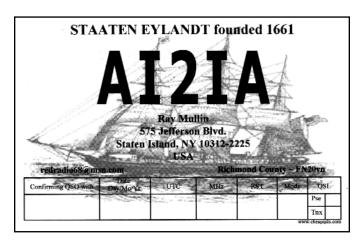




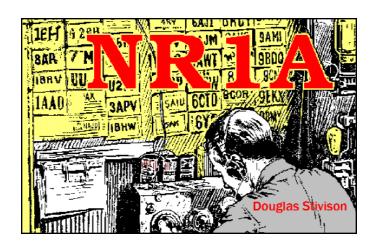














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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

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"The Revival of 600 Meters" Dr. Frederick H. Rabb

Green Mountain Radio Research The 500 kHz Experimental Group for Amateur Radio



Francis T. Cassidy

GREETINGS FROM
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This past year has been one of passionate memories of the 500 KC CW operations and the Radio Operators who assisted in saving ships and lives through devotion, custom, practice, and policy of those Shipboard Radio Operators serving from all nations of the world in war and peace.

We now see many-pronged investigations of this historic frequency allocation by the Federal Communications Commission as well as the world-wide regulatory agencies to determine the best way to utilize this spectrum resource in the coming years.

In today's computer world we see what Marconi, DeForest, and Armstrong saw in their dreams and what commercial radio officer operators polished and optimized with experience, while earning a day-to-day living from discoveries in radio and wireless.

Now within the general consumer's grasp are multi-band wireless gigabit internet-sharing routers with multi-port gigabit switches and MIMO technology using multiple radios per band to create robust signals for an enhanced wireless access point. This combined with media center extenders bringing digital music, movies, and photos to your television or home theater from the World Wide Web.

We at the VWOA wanted to recognize those who paid the ultimate price for their profession and thus have created and installed in February 2008, on our VWOA web site



(http://www.vwoa.org) an Electronic Memorial to Radio Officers Lost in World War II. This is an initial starting point, which compliments the granite-and-metal VWOA Memorial Monument erected in 1925 at the lower end of Manhattan in New York City.

I have provided detailed instructions in VWOA Email Newsletter Issue #32 (also available on our VWOA web site) on how to view and search this new database of Radio

Officers Lost. Please use this electronic tool to help preserve the memories of those men and women who gave their lives to make the world a better place.

Frank Cassidy

Alan M. Ehrlich

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings to all and welcome to the 83rd VWOA Annual Awards Luncheon.

This year's Awards Luncheon is extra special. The reason is that our guest speaker and awardee is **Dr. Fritz Raab, W1FR**, who is the coordinator working in conjunction with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) on "The 500 kHz Experiment." The goal of this experiment is to find out if land-operated 500 kHz stations can operate effectively without causing any interference to stations on other frequencies.

If this experiment proves successful, it is possible that the Amateur Radio Service might be authorized to use this frequency for reliable communications. This holds out the intriguing possibility for providing reliable emergency communications when extreme atmospheric disturbances make higher-frequency communications difficult or even impossible.

Until it was supplanted by the automated Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), 500 kHz was the International Maritime Distress Calling and Listening Frequency, providing an essential a lifeline to ships all over the globe.

Mr. John Curtis, K6KU, our other awardee, was the innovator of the popular Curtis Keyers. Unfortunately, he cannot attend our luncheon due to the travel distance involved. However, he sends his sincere appreciation for this high honor along with warmest regards to all.

I also regret to report that our Chaplain, **The Reverend Mary F. Grambsch**, has left the Seamen's Church Institute to take up her appointment as Vicar of St. Ann's Church for the Deaf in lower Manhattan. We will miss her and wish her the best of good luck on her new assignment. I was able to present her with a VWOA membership plaque before she left, which she said she would cherish.

I would like to publicly thank our Second Vice-President, **Douglas S. Stivison**, for the preparation of our Yearbook. Each year, prior to our Awards Luncheon, Doug has been involved in all aspects of the *Yearbook* – layout, format, paper selection, editing, and printing. Doug's selection of artwork for the back cover of the yearbook, the painting entitled: "SOS," has become a favorite and classic for everyone. My wife Ann and I wish all VWOA members, friends and guests 73's and Best Wishes for the coming year!

Alan Ehrlich

DEFOREST AUDION GOLD MEDAL FREDERICK H. "FRITZ" RAAB, W1FR



Frederick H. Raab is Chief Engineer and Owner of Green Mountain Radio Research, a consulting firm which he founded in 1980. He received B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in electrical engineering from Iowa State University in 1968, 1970, and 1972. Dr. Raab is coauthor of *Solid State Radio Engineering* and over a hundred technical papers, has been issued twelve patents, and was Program Chairman of RF Expo East '90. In 1995, he received ISU's Professional Achievement Citation in Engineering. His professional activities include RF power amplifiers, radio transmitters, and radio-communication/navigation systems. He is a fellow of IEEE and a member of HKN, Sigma Xi, Association of Old Crows, Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, Radio Club of America, and American Radio Relay League. "Fritz" is extra-class amateur-radio operator W1FR, licensed since 1961.



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JOHN CURTIS, K6KU

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Your Veteran Wireless Operators Association Home on the Internet

WWW.VWOA.ORG

In years gone by, the VWOA membership strengthened its bonds of friendship through face-to-face gatherings including local chapter meetings, the annual awards meeting, the annual business meeting, and the annual memorial service at the Battery Park Monument. In addition to these, there were two very popular on-the-air amateur radio nets — one high speed and one relatively low speed. All of this was in addition to the *VWOA Newsletter* and *Yearbook* that were sent to all members.

Today electronic mail, the internet, and on-line publications are becoming increasingly important in strengthening the ties of friendship that have always been the foundation of our association. In this age of online publications, we have all been enjoying the wonderful and frequent newsletters lovingly and professionally produced by Frank Cassidy. These newsletters feature a large collection of photographs and full-color illustrations that would be prohibitively expensive to include in a conventionally printed newsletter.

Our Association has a well-established and frequently-visited web site that is a model for other organizations. We receive a constant stream of visitors from around the world including members and prospective members, along with scholars, researchers, students, filmmakers, authors, and just people interested in our organization, and the history of radio.

We encourage you to visit the VWOA web site where we post *every* issue of the *VWOA Newsletter* as well as electronic versions of the annual *Yearbook*. You will also find the **REGISTRY OF RADIO OFFICERS LOST AT SEA** as mentioned in the Chairman's Mesage. The web site also has hundreds of historic photos, biographies of past Honorary Presidents, and much, much more information about our organization and the proud tradition of our members over the years.

We encourge you to visit *your* site; and if you have any interesting photos or other items to contribute to the Scrapbook section, please send them to us. We can accept images in all digital formats.

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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

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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

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

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

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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,

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November 12, 1928 — Off Virginia Coast





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

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

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

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

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

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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

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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

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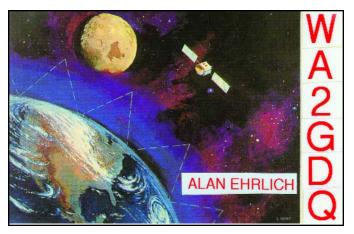
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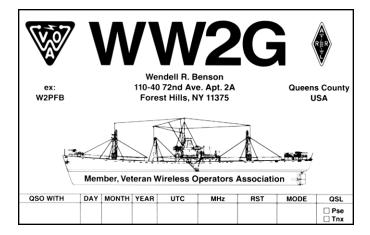
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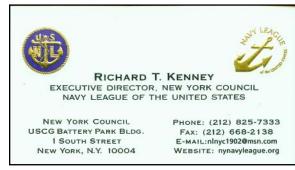
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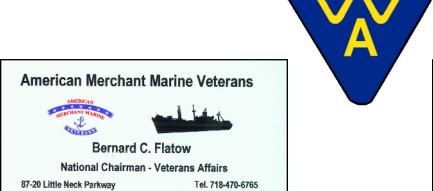
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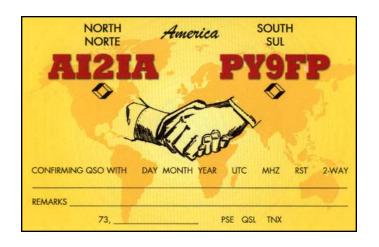




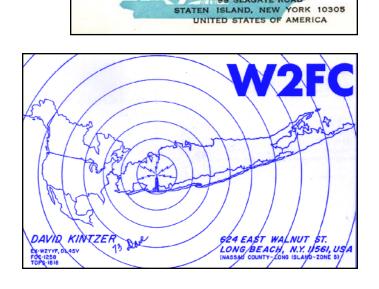




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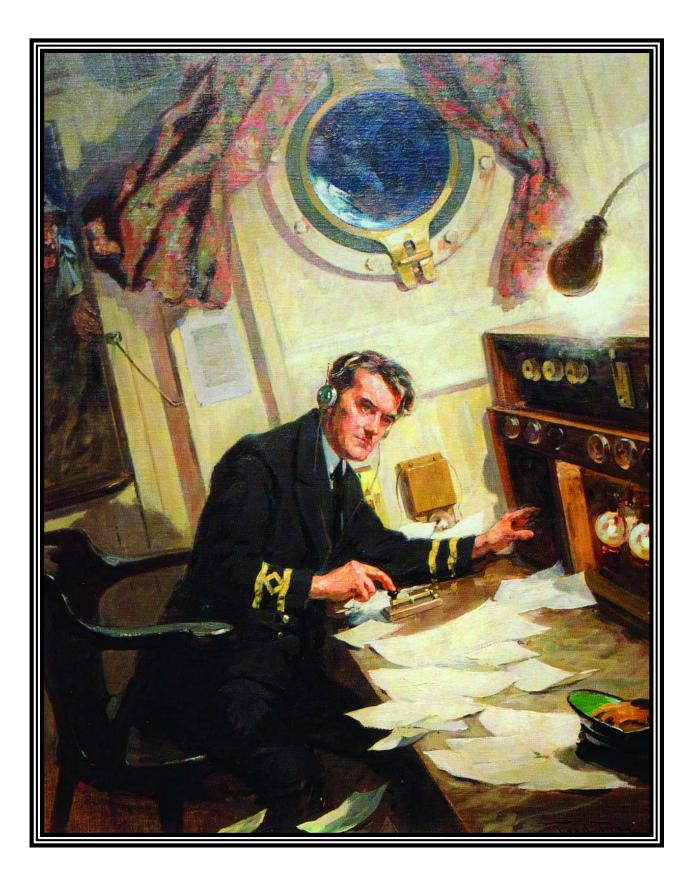
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