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SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015



PROGRAM

RECEPTION1:00 P.M.

WELCOME Alan M. Ehrlich, WA2GDQ
Master of Ceremonies and VWOA President
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INVOCATION..... Rev. Douglas Stivison, NR1A
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The Wireless Monument and Battery Park

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AWARD PRESENTATION

Veteran Wireless Operator's Association
Historic Preservation Award

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MESSAGE FROM THE VWOA PRESIDENT

ALAN M. EHRLICH



Greetings, Everyone! By now, you have heard that the Veteran Wireless Operators Association's Board of Directors has voted to dissolve the VWOA following this luncheon. This action has been necessitated by a loss of membership primarily due to aging, and no prospects for new members due to the introduction of new communications technology.

So many members have mentioned to me over the years, how proud and honored they were to be a VWOA member. I believe all of us feel the same way about our organization. Times change and technology changes along with them. Advanced satellite, digital, cellular and Internet communications have rendered Morse Code obsolete; and consequently, so too, the position of Radio Officer.

However, I am happy to report that the VWOA is not going away. The VWOA web page will continue to be maintained and we will still receive correspondence and inquiries. Interested parties can continue to communicate with the VWOA at either the web site or the same Post Office Box mailing address. The amateur radio club station on board the Lightship Ambrose at South Street Seaport will remain active during upcoming summer weekends using our VWOA call letters — W2AQ.

I am hoping that our yearly luncheons will continue, at least for several additional years, not as award luncheons but as informal social meetings.

The Wireless Operators Monument is in the process of being returned and installed in a more prominent position in New York City's Battery Park in Lower Manhattan. It was removed, refurbished, and stored during the rehabilitation of the park. The new location will be called "Heroes Walk." When the monument is set in place, the VWOA will add the names of several additional wireless operators who died in the performance of their duty. We will notify our members when that will be accomplished.

I have some good news to share with everyone! A technology museum located in Wall, New Jersey called "Info Age," has agreed to allow the VWOA to establish an exhibit area featuring material regarding the history of maritime communications, compiled by VWOA member Dr. Miles D. MacMahon. The highlight of the exhibit will be a walk-through series of information panels, describing the start and development of wireless communications during periods of both war and peace throughout the 20th century, and the impact of the medium of wireless on saving lives on land, sea, and air. My thanks to members Miles MacMahon, Mike Shaw, and Rick Kenney for their assistance and participation in this project.

Still, it is sad that the VWOA as we know it is coming to an end. The success in completing the mission of this organization as an historical preservation and social fellowship association, founded in 1925, is a tribute to a unique group of so many men and women who contributed their time and talents over these 90 years to celebrate the role of wireless communication in our society. What made the VWOA very special to me was meeting so many exceptional, dedicated people through both our annual awards luncheons and written correspondence. I am very proud and honored to be involved in the VWOA, and to have been one of its Presidents. Best wishes to everyone from my wife Ann and I.

ALAN M. EHRLICH, President
Veteran Wireless Operators Association

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August 26, 1909 — Pacific Coast

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November 23, 1914 — Pacific Coast

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May 1, 1918 — Atlantic Coast

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December 1, 1919 — At Sea

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January 17, 1920 — Swedish Coast

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March 2, 1922 — North Atlantic

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July 15, 1923 — Caribbean Sea

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December 27, 1923 — Black Sea

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September 8, 1926 — Atlantic Ocean

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December 2, 1926 — Off Florida Coast

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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

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

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January 24, 1935 — Jersey Coast

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February 12, 1935 — California Coast

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February 26, 1935 — North Atlantic

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January 11, 1936 — Pacific Coast

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April 11, 1938 — Atlantic Coast

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February 18, 1952 — Atlantic Coast

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February 18, 1952 — 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

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

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October 9, 1967 — North Pacific

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S.S. Texaco Oklahoma
March 27, 1971 — Atlantic Ocean

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March 22, 1973 — Atlantic Coast

Kari Bergelien, Anita
March 22, 1973 — Atlantic Coast

Joseph Vyhak, 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

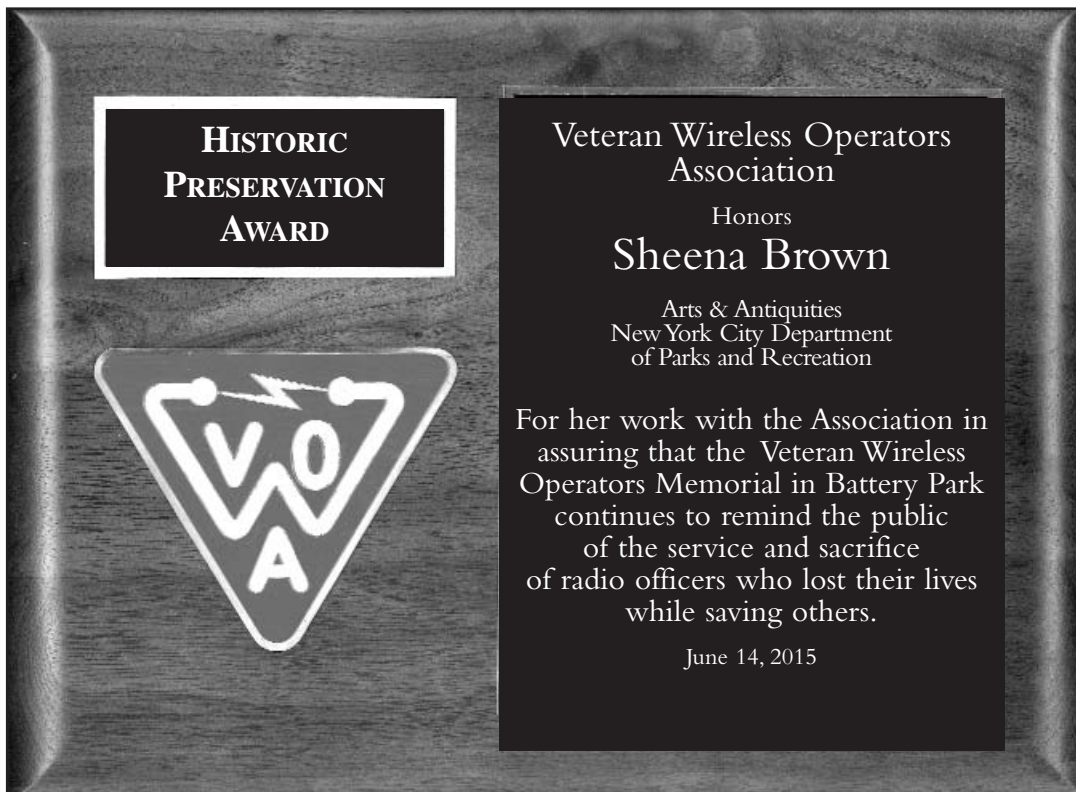
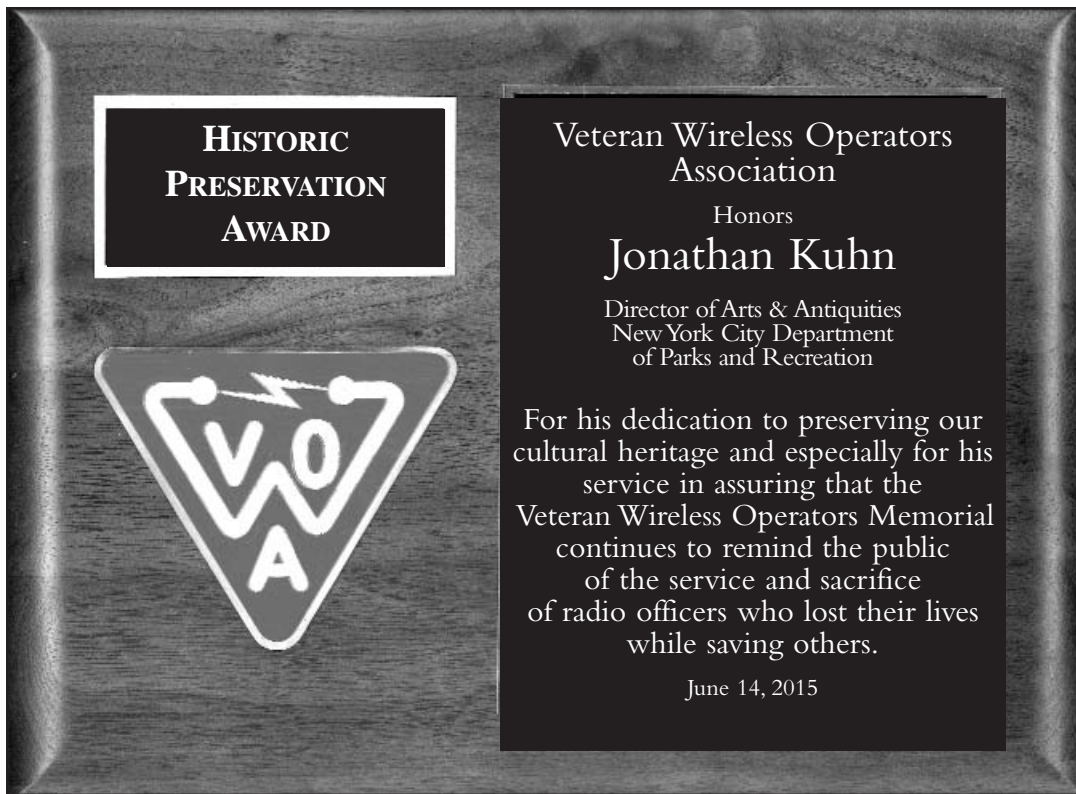
Serhij B. Bukov, S.S. Salvador Allende
December 8, 1994 — Atlantic Ocean

Olexander V. Lango,
S.S. Salvador Allende
December 8, 1994 — Atlantic Ocean



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

VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD



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*We remember all of our members whose keys have
fallen silent over the past 90 years.*

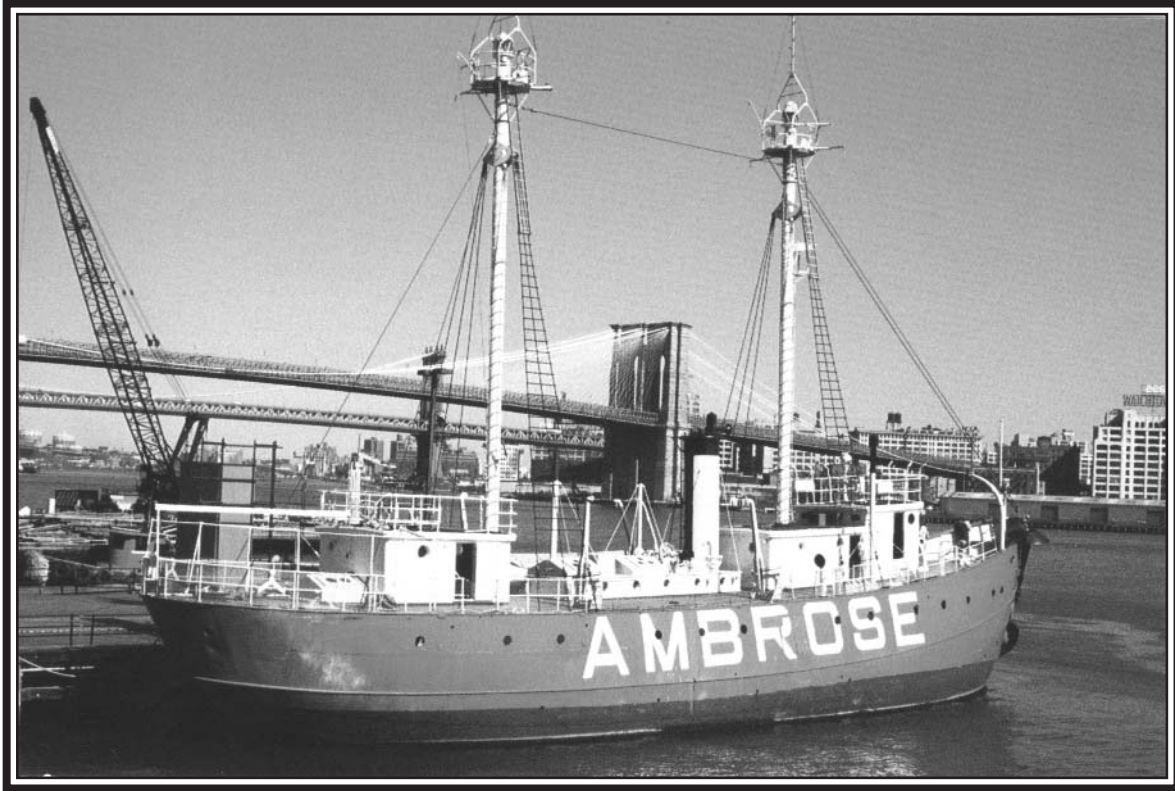
*We remember friendships formed
over the air and face to face.*

*We remember good conversation,
good times, and good friends.*

The keys are silent but the memories remain.

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Saluting those who have stood the watch over all the years...

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.

THE VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

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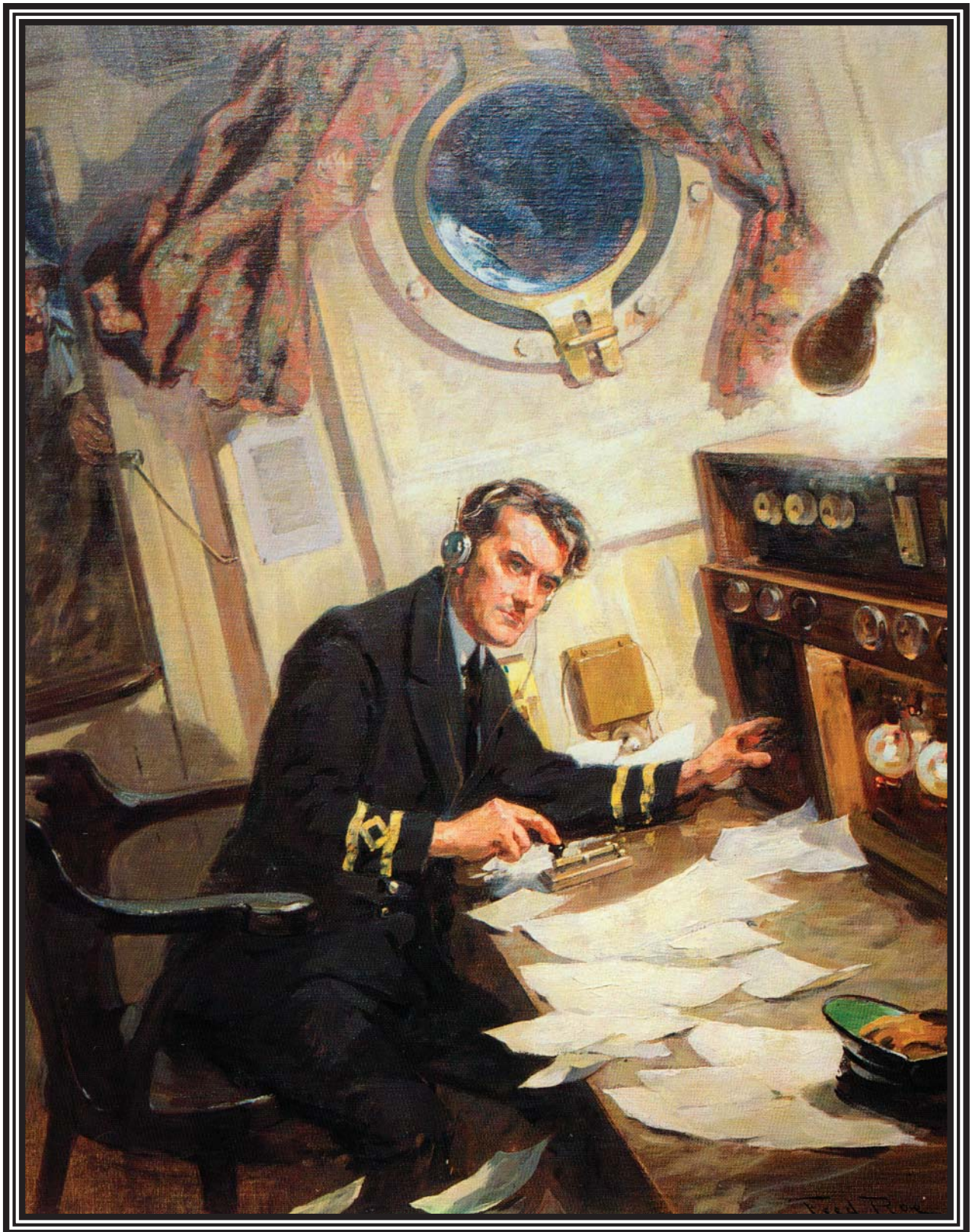
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“S.O.S.”

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.