



*“ They no longer hear the calling of the watches, or the falling of the storm rain in the night. Seas shall weary them no more, for they have reached their final haven—their further shore.”*

## Finished with Engines

### DUDLEY C. APPLEBY

D.C. Appleby sailed into the next life on July 21, 2005 at the age of 83. Brother Appleby served in the U.S. Army during World War II and won both the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. Following his honorable discharge, he concentrated on his maritime career that spanned 43 years aboard a slew of different vessels for a variety of shipping companies. D.C. earned almost 22 years of pension credit and filed for retirement in 1994 after a last stint with Marine Transport Lines sailing aboard the MARINE PRINCESS. He spent most of his life in Jacksonville, FL. He was buried at sea. Brother Appleby is survived by his wife Nadine, brother Lewis, sister Caroline Young and many other family and friends.

### PAUL M. ARENS

Paul Arens' spirit was freed on August 24, 2005 at the age of 79. His membership with the Union began back in 1947 and continued for over thirty years collecting 23 years of pension credit in the process. Brother Arens last shipped out for MEBA-contracted Lykes Brothers Steamship Company in 1979 and settled down to Coloma, MI. Among others, he is survived by his brother Edward Arens.

### JAMES W. BAILEY

James Bailey settled his account on March 23, 2005 at the age of 82. He first suited up with the Union in 1969 and took away a little over 7 years of pension credit in the process. A resident of Willingboro, NJ, Brother Bailey is survived by daughters Angela Holmes, Leslie Davis, Joyce Figuerra and Andrea Bailey.

### MEARL L. BEVINGTON

Mearl Bevington received his final summons on May 31, 2005 at the age of 77. He first shipped out as a full-blooded MEBA member in 1947 and over the next 40+ years he racked up an impressive 36 years of pension credit. Brother Bevington last

shipped out in 1989 for the Topgalant group before he retired to Chester, CT where he stayed active in his community. He is survived by his wife Phyllis, daughter Amy and son Craig.

### NICOLAS BLANCH

Nicolas Blanch reached his final shore on August 24, 2005 at the age of 91. Born in Puerto Rico, he became a merchant mariner in 1933 and relocated his family to New York a decade later. He served in the Fourth Arm of Defense during World War II – one of the many unheralded mariners who helped win the war for our country. In late 1969, he put away his seabag and settled down to retirement after accruing over 24 years of pension credit in the Union. A resident of Spring Hill, FL, Brother Blanch is survived by Manuela his loving wife of 69 years, sons Raymond and Noel, son-in-law Louis Matos, and grandchildren Raymond Blanch, Gary Blanch, Maria Fallacara, Nicholas Matos, Kenny Matos, and Louis “Butch” Matos. He also leaves behind 14 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his daughter Nelida Matos.

### RODERICK F. BLANCHETTE

Roderick Blanchette crossed over on August 14, 2005 at the age of 89. His career as a member began in 1943 and as part of the Fourth Arm of Defense he helped our country win the war providing a lifeline to freedom. He shipped out infrequently over the next 45 years and took away nine years of pension credit before taking his retirement in 1989. He last shipped out with American President Lines in 1988. Brother Blanchette joins his wife Phyllis in death and is survived by his daughter Anna Ashbeck and son Kurt.

### GEORGE R. BURTON

George Burton embarked on his final passage on September 4, 2005 at the age of 83. It was while World War II raged on in 1943 that George was indoctrinated into the MEBA Brotherhood. 47

years later, with over 28 years of pension credit under his belt, Brother Burton filed for retirement and settled down to Redwood City, CA. His last shipping job was with American President Lines. He is survived by his wife Luella, daughter Tammy Swarts and son Bruce.

### MICHAEL V. CARLUCCI

Michael Carlucci went to his last reward on February 18, 2005 at the age of 91. A long time member, Michael racked up almost 27 years of pension credit during a colorful and successful shipping career that allowed him a comfortable retirement when he came in from the sea in 1977. Brother Carlucci made his home in Baltimore, MD and is survived by his daughter Cheryl.

### FREDERICK H. DASHER

Frederick Dasher slipped off on February 11, 2005 at the age of 88. He first put on an MEBA boiler suit as a member in 1945 as he launched a lengthy and prosperous shipping career that netted him over 32 years of pension credit. He last sailed for Marine Transport Lines in 1981 shortly before his retirement became official. Brother Dasher was a resident of Towson, MD and is survived by his son Frederick. He joins his wife Betty who died in 1993.

### FORD G. FELTZ

Ford Feltz went to a better place on June 24, 2005 at the age of 92. He did all his shipping before 1971, his date of retirement, collecting over 23 years of pension credit sailing for various shipping companies. He last went to sea for Commerce Tankers before dropping anchor and settling down to Cresaptown, MD. Brother Feltz is survived by his wife Florence.

### ARNOLD B. FENLEY

Arnold Fenley answered the last call on June 28, 2005 at the age of 81. As World War II wound down, Arnold put in for MEBA membership and was rewarded with

his indoctrination into the Union on the first day of 1946. He strung together many productive years of shipping and took over 24 years of pension credit for his retirement in Arlington, WA. He last went to sea in 1992 with American President Lines.

### LAWRENCE M. FOGELSON

Lawrence Fogelson was promoted to glory on May 29, 2005 at the age of 82. His prolific shipping career began in 1945 and stretched through 1983 after a final stint with MEBA-contracted Vivian Tankship. Brother Fogelson racked up almost 32 years of pension credit, made a successful living and collected many friends and stories of the sea. He was a resident of Mesquite, NV and is survived by his daughter Lynn Kaplan. He joins his wife Betty who died in 2001.

### HENRY W. GRASING, JR.

Hank Grasing made his final crossing on March 13, 2004 at the age of 47. He was a lifelong resident of Lewes, DE and had served as a Launch Operator for the Delaware River and Bay Pilot Association since 1979. It was in this capacity that he assisted in the rescue of two fishermen whose boat was sinking into the dark waters of the Delaware Bay on a September night in 2003. Brother Grasing is survived by his wife of 23 years, Lori and his son Luke as well as his mother Nancy; brothers Ray "Larry" Anderson, the Reverend John Grasing and many other friends and family members.

### WALTER E. HUDGINS

Walter "Ed" Hudgins shipped off toward his final destination on September 13, 2005 at the age of 93. Ed followed his father into a career as a marine engineer becoming the youngest Chief Engineer on the East Coast at the time. He received a combat commission in the military during World War II. During his career with the Union he racked up twenty years of pension credit en route to a 1961 retirement. Brother Hudgins served as Superintendent of Perry Towing

in Norfolk, VA from 1961 until its merger with McAllister Towing. He then became Superintendent at the Colonna shipyard in Norfolk in 1967 until his second retirement in 1980. He loved boating, sailing and fishing and was an amazing handyman who could build or fix anything. He is survived by his loving wife Kitty; two sons, the Honorable W. Edward and Carlton L.; grandson Mathew; granddaughter Holly; brother B.W.; sisters Lucy Lewis and Edna Sims and four great grandchildren. He is also survived by his devoted brother-in-law, buddy and next door neighbor of 46 years C.W. "Bill" Jernigan.

### WILLIAM J. JAPNGIE

William Japngie awoke to life immortal on August 29, 2005 at the age of 77. He first shipped out in a vessel's engine room as an MEBA member in 1952 and toiled expertly over the next 30+ years racking up over 33 years of pension credit in the process. He last sailed for U.S. Lines in 1985 before filing his retirement papers and settling down to Honey Brook, PA. Brother Japngie is survived by his wife Claire and daughters Leslie and Emily.

### DOUGLAS B. KIRNER

Douglas Kirner booked his final passage on May 13, 2005 at the age of 92. Douglas had shipped out for years collecting over 17 years of pension credit along the way. In 1977, after a final job with MEBA-contracted Henty International, he filed for retirement and settled down to Menifee, CA. Brother Kirner is survived by his wife Lam Hue and children Gary, Randy and Janice.

## WILLIAM E. KLAUNIG

William Klaunig cast off toward his eternal reward on February 23, 2005 at the age of 90. His career with the Union fired up in 1943 during the war years in which he helped his country to victory as a member of the "Fourth Arm of Defense." He accrued 15 years of pension credit during his time with the MEBA finally dropping anchor on the seafaring life in 1981 with his retirement. Brother Klaunig was a resident of Seattle, WA and is survived by his wife Esther.

## WILLIAM J. KOTOWSKI

The keys went silent for William Kotowski on September 16, 2005 at the age of 65. A member of MEBA District No. 3 – the Radio Officers' Union (ROU) – William shipped out in vessel radio shacks from the date of his first membership in 1977. He collected almost 12 years of pension credit before hanging up his headset following his last shipping job with Sea-Land Service in 1996. Brother Kotowski was a resident of Holiday, FL and is survived by his sister Rosalie.

## HENRY D. LEMBKE

Henry Lembke sailed into the sunset on June 17, 2005 at the age of 87. Henry served in the Navy and Coast Guard then started shipping out in MEBA blue and gold as a member in 1964. Over the next two decades he earned close to 12 years of pension credit before calling it a career in early 1983. He last went to sea for Lykes Brothers Steamship Company a year before retiring. A real globe trotter, his journeys took him to every state in the U.S. and every continent except Antarctica. "He was an inveterate traveler," his son, Bob, recalled. "He was always interested in what's just over the hill." His favorite destination was Ayers Rock, the world's largest monolith and a sacred Aboriginal site in the Australian outback. Henry and his son also collected antique lanterns including about 400 kerosene

lamps used in barns or by railroad workers, firemen and watchmen. He resided in Gold River, CA. Brother Lembke is survived by his wife Lucille and son Robert. His ashes were scattered in the Panama Canal.

## FRANKLIN M. LEVERING

Franklin Levering crossed the final bar on April 14, 2005 at the age of 91. He was a longtime member who shipped out frequently and earned almost 28 years of pension credit for his efforts. He last sailed with Sea-Land Service in 1978, a year before his retirement became official. Brother Levering was a resident of Bradenton, FL and is survived by his children Frances and George. He joins his wife Katherine who died in 2004.

## LEO MARTINI

Leo Martini departed this life on July 19, 2005 at the age of 76. His MEBA career began in 1971 and continued over the next twenty years as he shipped out for a variety of companies. A resident of Little Egg Harbor, NJ, Brother Martini was laid to rest in Paramus, NJ. He is survived by his wife Barbara, sons Greg, James and Todd, as well as four grandchildren.



## LEONARD MASTERS

Leonard Masters steamed into the sunset on July 26, 2005 at the age 83.

Leonard's life became intertwined with the sea in 1938 when he joined the U.S. Naval Reserve. His career as a merchant mariner began as an electrician in 1943 and he aided the Allied effort in World War II. In the waning days of the war, he joined up with the MEBA. As the 1950s dawned, Brother Masters took a hiatus from the sea attending the University of Chicago and earning a Masters in International Relations. But the

saltwater in his veins called him back to the sea in the 1960s and he sailed with U.S. Lines and Grace Lines throughout the decade. He then shipped out with Prudential Lines and earned his Chief Engineer's license and headed up the engine room on the SANTA ISABEL. Later on, he sailed for Delta Lines and Sea-Land Service. His last ship was the SANTA CRUZ in 1983 and his final port stop was Bremerhaven, Germany where he was born and had originally sailed at age two in 1923 when his parents emigrated to the U.S. He was very much interested in artistic blacksmithing and, along with his wife, led nine ABANA (Blacksmith Association) tours to Europe beginning in 1986. He is survived by his wife Lilo and son Mark.

## JOHN P. OLEKSEY

John Oleksey set course for calmer waters on October 26, 2005 at the age of 79. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II stationed in the south Pacific. After the war came to a close, he attended then graduated from Massachusetts Maritime Academy before suiting up with the MEBA and going on to a successful career as a marine engineer for the next 35 years. He sailed for various shipping companies including Moore McCormack and United States Lines. Brother Oleksey is survived by his beloved wife of 43 years Elizabeth "Bette," children John Jr., Karen (Teller), Kristine (Ranalli) and Karole as well as his brother Harry. He is buried in Linwood, PA at Lawn Croft cemetery.

## JOSEPH J. OTAYDE

Joseph Otayde eased into eternity on July 31, 2005 at the age of 84. In 1957, he got the good news that he'd made membership and he waved the MEBA banner for a variety of shipping companies while racking up over 25 years of pension credit. He last sailed for Moore & McCormack Co. in 1982 and put in his retirement papers soon after. A resident of San Francisco, CA, Brother Otayde is survived by his wife Lydia and children Josephine and Joseph.

## LESSLEY R. PERKINS

Lessley Perkins steamed into the hereafter on January 30, 2005 at the age of 82. His seafaring career began in 1939 in Los Angeles and he sailed throughout World War II joining up with the MEBA as the War wound down. Lessley lived in Arlington, WA and shipped out of the Seattle Union hall until 1985 when he filed for retirement. Brother Perkins last shipped out with Lykes Bros. Steamship shortly before he filed his retirement papers. He is survived by Jenny, his beloved wife of 61 years along with daughter Dorothy Simila. He is preceded in death by his son Jim.

## CLYDE M. PHILLIPS

Clyde Phillips reached his final shore on August 5, 2005 at the age of 51. He'd become part of the MEBA in 1977 and earned a year of pension credit for each of his 21 years in the Union. He last worked for MEBA-contracted Ahrenkiel Management in 1997 before filing for retirement and settling down to Austin, TX. Brother Phillips is survived by his wife Janet.

## NARCISO RODRIGUEZ

Narciso Rodriguez sailed toward safe haven on March 19, 2005 at the age of 80. He suited up in MEBA blue and gold in 1965 and netted 20 years of pension credit during a little more than two decades of Union

service. He last shipped out for Lykes Brothers Steamship Co. before dropping anchor for the final time and returning to Miami Beach. Brother Rodriguez is survived by his wife Ysabel and son Roger.

## THOMAS J. SEGUIN

Thomas Seguin made the big jump on May 28, 2005 at the age of 57. He first entered the MEBA Brotherhood in 1968 beginning a long and prosperous career. His last shipping job was with Keystone Shipping in 2002 capping off a 34-year career with the Union that earned him over 30 years of pension credit. Brother Seguin enjoyed his final years in Daphne, AL and is survived by his wife Karon.

## GEORGE W. SHAW

George Shaw climbed the gangway to the great beyond on July 3, 2005 at the age of 81. George sailed for various shipping companies beginning in 1944 stringing together over 22 years of pension credit. After a hiatus of some years, he returned to the sea and continued working engine room miracles until 1985 when he stepped onto the beach for good following his final sea job with Central Gulf. A resident of San Lorenzo, CA, Brother Shaw is survived by his son George among others.

## EDWARD STUTZ

Edward Stutz made his final call on May 16, 2005 at the age of 79. He became part of the Union as a member of District No. 3 – the Radio Officers Union (ROU). He joined up in 1963 accumulating over 20 years of pension credit through 1987. After a final stint with West Coast Shipping, he hung up his headphones and retired to Santa Maria, CA. Brother Stutz is survived by his daughter Erika and joins his wife Elisabeth who died in 2002.

## PEDRO P. TOWNS

Pedro Towns made sail toward his final rest on July 31, 2005 at the age of 83. Pedro graduated from Kings Point in 1945 where he was the undefeated Golden Gloves champion for the 126-pound class. During World War II he had shipped out as a merchant mariner transporting vital supplies, food and equipment to the troops. As a Union member, Pedro became the Chief Engineer aboard the PONCE DeLEON, considered to be the world's fastest transport ship during the 1960s. He was a member of Citizens Military Training Corps in San Antonio as well as a member of the Ensign U.S. Naval Reserves and lieutenant commander of the U.S. Maritime Service. Once retired from the sea, Pedro worked for USS Metals in Carteret. His last engineering position was with Rutgers University, from which he finally retired in 1990. Brother Towns is survived by his wife Rafaela "Mimi"; five daughters, Maria Delia Gonzalez, Annie Towns, Dr. Luz Miranda, Jacqueline Bilotta and Jennifer Hluchy; two sons, Peter III and James; sisters, Irma Springer and Mary Caballero; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. He is buried in South Brunswick, NJ.

## NICOLAS TRIVICH

Nicolas Trivich crossed the great divide on April 14, 2005 at the age of 82. He picked up the MEBA banner in 1945 and held onto his membership for 42 years earning a successful living along with many acquaintances and tales from the sea. In 1986 after a final turn with MTL Sealift, he put away his wrenches and embraced his retirement in Port Angeles, WA. Brother Trivich is survived by his wife Iyone and children Melissa and Danica.

## VICTOR VIDA

Victor Vida eased into the firmament on April 4, 2005 at the age of 81. His mammoth MEBA career officially began on the first day of 1945 with his indoctrination into the Union as a member. He was another of the valuable members of the Fourth Arm of Defense who helped put this country in a position of power during World War II. His engine room skills continued to prove beneficial for his country in peace and war and he helped his nation's efforts in Korea and Vietnam. Victor stockpiled 31 years of pension credit en route to his 1988 retirement following a final shipping job with Puerto Rico Marine. Victor was a resident of Winter Park, FL and is survived by his sons Jeff and Victor. Brother Vida joins his wife Marcille who died in 1984.

## ARVIDS VITOLINS

Arvids Vitolins sailed into the next life on September 14, 2004 at the age of 82. He first put on a boiler suit as an MEBA member in mid-1962 and led a productive and prosperous career over the next 23 years racking up close to 23 years of pension credit. In 1985, he stepped off his final ship – a Lykes Brothers vessel – and put away his sea bag for good. He enjoyed his final years in Jersey City, NJ.

## VOIGT C. WAINWRIGHT

Voigt Wainwright pushed off toward his final frontier on March 25, 2005 at the age of 88. He first slipped on an MEBA boiler suit as a member in 1946 and made the Union proud with years of hard work that earned him over 33 years of pension credit and a comfortable living. He last shipped out in 1982 before announcing his retirement from the sea and settling down in Mobile, AL. Brother Wainwright is survived by his daughter Mary and son Bert. He joins his wife Katherine who died in 2001.

## PAUL L. WEBER

The keys went silent for Paul Weber on August 27, 2005 at the age of 78. He was a member of District No. 3 - the Radio Officers Union joining the Union in 1978. He sailed in ship radio shacks over the next 14 years accruing almost 13 years of pension credit during that span. He last went to sea in 1992 for Marine Carriers before hanging up his headset and returning to Towson, MD. Brother Weber is survived by his wife Irmgard.

## WILLIAM WEISSHAAR

William A. Weisshaar made his final debarkation on February 16, 2005 at the age of 68. He joined the MEBA in 1967 and last sailed with Sea-Land Service before retiring in 1988. He settled down in Burnt Ranch, California. Brother Weisshaar is survived by his daughter Kristine Adams among many other friends and family.

## GERARD J. WERNER

Gerard Werner sailed into safe harbor on May 9, 2005 at the age of 82. He put together close to 25 years of pension credit during a long and colorful career before finally hanging up his boiler suit in late 1971. His lengthy retirement was spent in large part in Oak Ridge, NJ. Brother Werner is survived by his sister Eileen Cross among others.

## JOHN L. WHISMAN

John Whisman reached the end of the line on September 22, 2005 at the age of 86. John first turned a wrench in 1967 and shipped out for various companies over the next 22 years collecting almost 15 years of pension credit in the process. Following a last job in 1988 with MEBA-contracted Vessel Charters he settled down to N. Highlands, CA. Brother Whisman is survived by his wife Ruth and son Robert.

## AMBROSE WHITE

Ambrose White sailed into the next life on July 5, 2005 at the age of 89. His long term membership helped net him almost 25 years of pension credit dating back to the World War II years when he help bring vital war equipment to our fighting forces overseas. He and other members sailing as part of the Fourth Arm of Defense were indispensable for our country's victory. Brother White last went to sea in 1969 before putting away his seabag and beginning a long retirement rooted in Kentwood, LA. Brother White is survived by many friends and family and joins wife Dorothy who died in 2002.

## ROBERT N. WRIGHT

Robert Wright crossed the great divide on June 23, 2005 at the age of 83. During World War II he helped deliver key war cargo through dangerous waters in the dark days of World War II. He bled "blue and gold" with forty years as a member while drawing out forty years of pension credit during an incredibly prosperous and productive career. Following his final shipping job in 1985 with American President Lines, Brother Wright put away his Stilsen wrenches and finally settled down to enjoy a well-deserved retirement in Fresno, CA. He is survived by many family and friends including Ernest & Dolores Spitzer.