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**Women
in
Maritime
KP
Class of 81**

**2 at our
meeting
today!**



A special Thanks to Chief Engineer Connie Buhl (KP '81), for her excellent presentation about the history of the historic 1922 Mosquito Fleet steamboat ferry VIRGINIA V.

Connie graciously accepted our invitation to be the keynote speaker for our **"Women in the Maritime Industry"** luncheon held on Thursday, **February 8, 2024** at the Seattle Yacht Club.

Attendees: (17):

R.J. Klein, Chuck Lund, Don Moore, Jackie Moore, Doug Subcleff, Kevin Coulombe, Mary Monfort, Bill Westrem, Bill Bundren, Mel Flavel, Mike Gavin, Marilyn Arechavala, Maija Holston, Jim Herron, Paul Willers, Denise Lucas, Connie Buhl.

Meeting Topics:

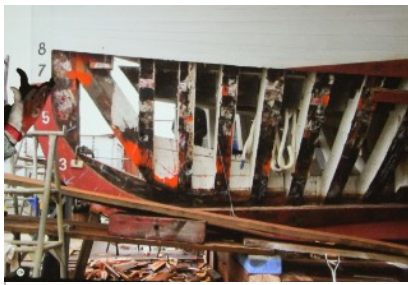
Most of the Chapter's business items were not on agenda in lieu of this meeting's focus on women in maritime. However, Captain Klein did facilitate a discussion about recent news in Congress to develop legislation in support of U.S. Merchant Marine. Here is a Feb 1st press release from Senator Mark Kelly that highlights the urgency to increase the size of our merchant fleet as well as to improve our shipbuilding capabilities: <https://www.kelly.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/watch-kelly-highlights-urgency-of-boosting-u-s-maritime-strength-during-senate-hearing/>

We all agreed on the need for cargo preference, operational subsidies, building new hulls that can be used for both commercial and military applications. Our long-ignored USMM requires not just more funding from Congress but, (and this is just as difficult), we need better recruitment, training, & retention of mariners.

Also on the agenda for today: Bravo Zulus to Captain R.J. Klein for his many contributions to CAMM at both the National and the Seattle Chapter levels.

R.J. was very relieved to report that the long awaited 2023 "AGM issue" of *Sidelights* is now online Hopefully this gets you there!: <http://www.mastermariner.org/assets/sdlts-2023.pdf>





Chief Engineer Connie Buhl's presentation included an impressive slide show of images of the history of the *Virginia V*, starting with small 54 foot ferry *Virginia* that began service in 1910. The *Virginia II*, in 1912, was 77-foot long, powered by a 110-hp Corliss gasoline engine. The *Virginia III* was 92 foot steam ship and the *Virginia IV* (originally the *Tyrus*) was a 98-foot steam ship. In 1921/1922, the 125 foot *Virginia V* was built in Maplewood, WA out of old-growth fir. The engine was removed from the *Virginia IV* (400 hp, triple-expansion steam engine cast in 1898). The *Virginia V* requires a lot of maintenance, particularly the wooden hull—as depicted in the upper left photo, taken at shipyard in Ballard. Connie's presentation included a number of stories about this very unique (National Historic Landmark) vessel, as well as how she found herself as one of the volunteer Chief Engineers. One of her most memorable experiences was a trip going by the Tacoma Narrows bridge, (where there can be significant current) and the *Virginia V* was going 4 kts over engine speed—definitely affecting the slip calculations. The *Virginia V* is kept busy throughout the year with weddings, special events, and youth maritime training days. One of Connie's favorite quotations (from Mark Miller) about the relevancy of the work to keep the *Virginia V* going: “..ensuring the past has a future”. Thanks for talking to us Connie! And, for more on *Virginia V*: <https://www.virginiav.org/>



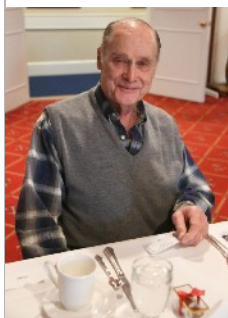
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Paul Willers, Denise Lucas (KP 81)



Mike Gavin



Mel Flavel



Bill Bundren Bill Westrem



Jim Herron



Special newsworthy announcement: **Captain Don & Jackie Moore** celebrated their **50th Wedding Anniversary** on February 9, 2024. The meeting group gave them a huge round of applause in recognition of this AND also as Thanks for Jackie's chocolate candy table treats!



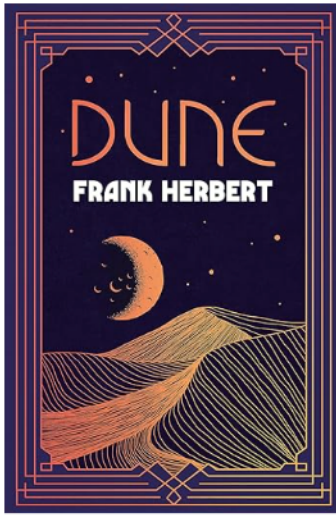
THANKS to Captan Don Moore for all the work done to arrange this special “Women in Maritime” event — including the red roses for the meeting takeaway!



In theaters now is the epic Sci-Fi movie: DUNE Part 2——

How can we get from the book and movie DUNE to a book about the Merchant Marine?——

All in just one page?



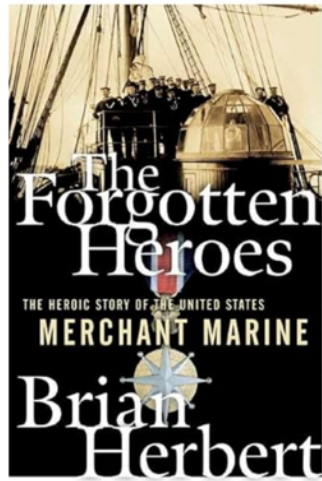
First of all: the author of original science fiction series of books that began with DUNE (1965), was Frank Herbert, a Tacoma, WA native. He attended the University of Washington, but did not get a degree. Instead, he pursued a writing career. One of his early inspirations was when he was researching an article about the sand dunes of Florence, Oregon, in 1957. The town was under threat by blowing sand from coastal winds. In an OPB article by John Notarianni, it was noted that Frank was “planning to write an article documenting this battle between man and nature. He was awestruck by the power of the blowing desert sand.” Efforts to plant European beach grass to stabilize the sand dunes did work, but there were negative consequences to the use of an invasive species. Such was the inspiration for Frank’s writing: “*Dune* tells the story of a civilization struggling to balance their relationship with an unforgiving natural world, and the unintended consequences of their actions.”

The Siuslaw Public Library in Florence has a Frank Herbert collection of materials he referenced while writing his book. Here is a link to a BBC article by Nathaniel Scharping about the connection between the book *Dune* and the

Oregon dunes: <https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20240229-dune-part-two-the-oregon-sands-that-inspired-frank-herberts-arrakis#>

Frank Herbert died in 1986, at the age of 65. His son, Brian Herbert, is also a writer. He used his father’s notes as inspiration to write sequels to the unfinished DUNE book series, in addition to his own science fiction books.

And that brings us to another book that Brian Herbert wrote, but it was not science fiction. The book is a non-fiction work titled: *Forgotten Heroes: The Heroic Story of the United States Merchant Marine*, published in 2004. One would ask why, would he, the son of a famous sci-fi writer, be inspired to write this book of such a different genre? In the book’s introduction, Brian writes about the lack of public knowledge of the

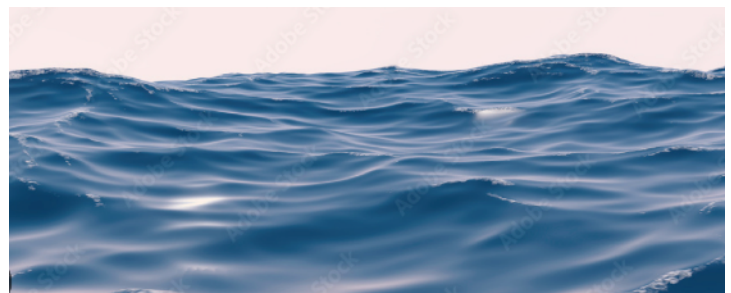
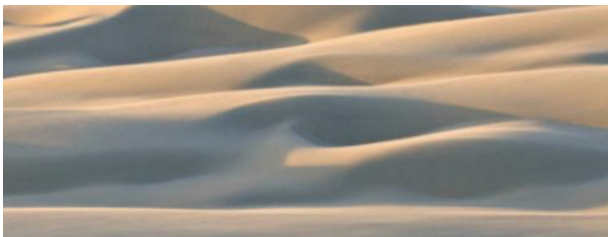


U.S. Merchant Marine, particularly those mariners who served in WWII and the long overdue recognition that was sought. “*At the vanguard of the effort is Dean E Beaumont of Scottsdale, Arizona, who has struggled for years to obtain military benefits for himself and his comrades. I met him on board the Queen Elizabeth II ocean liner, out in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, in a region where he had risked his life more than half a century earlier. He began to tell me incredible stories, and prompted me to do my own research.*”

This book by Brian Herbert is an impressive collection of stories of many merchant mariners, including our own local legend: Captain Peter Chelemedos, who he did visit with as part of his research. And, as many of you know, a visit with Peter definitely meant an entertaining sea story, or more! Also mentioned in the Acknowledgements section: Captain Harold Huycke, Don Marcus, and the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society.

Dean E. Beaumont, noted as the inspiration for Brian Herbert’s research, sailed as a purser on the S.S. *Brander Matthews* in WWII. His father, Arthur Beaumont, was an accomplished artist. His U.S. Navy paintings are displayed at Naval Academy, the Pentagon and the Smithsonian. The wartime sea stories featured in the book are used effectively by author Brian Herbert as part of the American Merchant Marine’s historical timeline.

dunes like the waves of a great sea





Crossed the Final Bar Father Tony Haycock



SEATTLE – Father Anthony “Tony” J. Haycock died peacefully Feb. 17, 2024, at his home in Bayview Retirement Community in Seattle after a long struggle with dementia. He was 87. Born Sept. 22, 1936, in Birmingham, England, to Fred “Sonny” and Ann Haycock, he was the middle of three boys. His early years were overshadowed by World War II and repeated bombings by Nazi Germany. Taking after his father, a professional soccer player, Tony played semiprofessionally for the Sutton Town Football Club. He also was a Royal Marine stationed in Cyprus. Later, he attended the prestigious Strawberry Hill Teachers College and taught at Cardinal Wiseman RC School. At the age of 24, he surprised everyone when he left his teaching job and a chance to play for the Birmingham County Football Club by joining the Cistercian monks. Around this time, he read “The Seven Storey Mountain” by Thomas Merton, which was decisive in his response to a call to the priesthood. On June 24, 1982, Father Haycock was incardinated for the Archdiocese of Seattle. He served as pastor of St. Francis Parish in Friday Harbor, later serving at St. Gabriel Parish in Port Orchard and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Seattle. **He became the chaplain at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and for the Seattle Seamen’s Club, which ministered to seafarers.** Between 1994 and 2011, he was assigned to St. Mary Parish in Seattle, serving at various times as pastor, parochial vicar and administrator. At St. Mary, Father Haycock championed the Operation Nightwatch street ministry, helped develop the food bank and grew a bicultural and bilingual community of Catholics. He pushed himself to learn Spanish through many immersion trips to Central America. Father Haycock is remembered for his receptiveness, youthfulness, kindness, playfulness and peacefulness. He was most comfortable outside the walls of the church building, wanting to be where there was action, people in need and nature. He loved street ministry and was a social justice champion. He also enjoyed spending time on the water or in an airplane. He became a senior priest in 2012. After he began suffering memory loss, Father Haycock spent many years at Aegis Living near St. Mary before moving to Bayview. The loss of memory didn’t hinder his enthusiasm and smile. Father Haycock is survived by his brothers Tom and Ray, many cousins, nieces and nephews and an extended family. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. March 5 at St. Anne Church in Seattle. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. March 6 at St. Anne Church, followed by a reception in the parish hall. Interment will be at 1 p.m. March 6 at Calvary Cemetery in Seattle.

Here is a 2011 video (5 min) that describes the challenges of shore leave for mariners and how Father Tony and the Seafarers’ Center has helped out: <https://vimeo.com/24688970>

A 5 minute (audio only) from Year 200? Father Tony Haycock, itinerant Jesuit and director of the Seattle Catholic Seaman's Club, sings and plays his big 12-string guitar; with Joe Martin on harmonica and Mark Dalton on the bass. From Father Tony's album, "Home From the Sea."
<https://soundcloud.com/mark-dalton/donegal-danny>

And, in **2019** Archdiocese of Seattle facebook video (57 seconds) recorded Father Tony singing Home from the Sea at a Holland American luncheon: <https://fb.watch/qD4cjBFTYy/>



Father Tony Haycock
CAMM Seattle’s Maritime Person
of the Year in 2007



Father Tony Haycock, Captain Peter Chelemados, Captain Deb Dempsey, Associate Pat Hartle, Captain John Cox, and Captain Don Moore: ALL ESTEEMED RECIPIENTS of CAMM Seattle’s Maritime Person of the Year!

CAMM Seattle Executive ZOOM meeting: Feb 27, 2024
Attendees: R.J. Klein, Chuck Lund, Doug Subcleff

Meeting Agenda:

Captain Klein reported the long awaited release of next issue of *Sidelights*. The 2023 AGM issue will be available online and there will be another issue to follow within a month or so in order to get back on schedule. He also reported that on April 10th, US flag shipping representatives, maritime labor unions and other maritime organizations (including CAMM) will be on Capitol Hill, Wash DC for the 12th Maritime Industry Congressional Sail-In. R.J. is planning to be there. He said the timing is right, especially with the Congressional interest in increasing funding support for the U.S. maritime industry.

Captain Lund reported on maritime news items: Westwood Shipping, the last PNW based steamship line, has been merged into Swire Shipping. Westwood (1982) was the foreign flag spin off of Weyerhaeuser, which was formed in 1933, sold to Sumitomo in 2011, and purchased by Swire in 2022.

Other news: The USCG will begin replacing the MMCs (Merchant Marine Credentials) on 1 March 2024 with 8.5 inch x 11 inch waterproof synthetic paper, with security features, anti-copy measures. Eventually planned will be an E-credential version.

Health & Welfare:

Captain Denny Stensager experienced a fractured tibia just before Christmas, rented a wheelchair for a while, but is doing OK now! He hopes to get back to one of our meetings in a month or so.

CAMM National Meeting: more information now on the CAMM national website for this April 17-19th event in New Orleans.

Captain Tuuli Messer-Bookman has been busy with arrangements for the Professional Development Conference speakers. Theme for 2024 is: "The Maritime Industry: the Driving Force Behind the Global Economy"..... speaking of which—— maybe a good time to listen again to Dr. Sal Mercogliano's comments on Jones Act:

<https://www.maritimetv.com/Series/Jones-Act-Just-Facts/VideoId/4198/the-jones-act-just-the-facts-dr-sal-mercogliano-makes-a-compelling-case-for-the-jones-act>



Coastal Transportation is a Ballard-based shipping company with a fleet of small U.S. flag freighters serving a number of ports in Alaska. Palletized and break bulk cargo, including a lot of seafood products southbound to Seattle.

They have a number of videos about their operations. Here is a link for a 5 minute Coastal Transportation video interview with one of their Chief Mates: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ruX62B36kp4>

Check it out—— impressive to see / hear this Chief Mate describe his career and the work at Coastal—— tough work in tough conditions and "old school" ops—— and, they still have paper charts!

**CAMM Seattle
Events Calendar 2024**

Seattle Chapter Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2024

U.S. Congress
Maritime Industry Sail-in
April 10, 2024

Seattle Chapter Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2024

National CAMM Meeting
April 17-19, 2024
New Orleans, LA



Details for next meeting:
Thursday, Mar 14, 2024
1130 hours
Seattle Yacht Club
1807 E. Hamlin St., Seattle
Meal cost: \$40

Entree choices made in advance.
Halibut fillet
Lemon Herb Chicken
or French dip sandwich/fries

Payment via cash or check made to: *The Council of American Master Mariners*, and give to Captain Don Moore at the door.

**Please advise Don
by Monday, March 11th**
if you plan to go to this meeting
and what you want to eat!

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Seattle / Pacific Northwest Chapter

from the internet: February 29, 2024 OLYMPIA – Secretary of Transportation Roger Millar announced today that Steve Nevey will serve as assistant secretary for the **Washington State Ferries** Division. A career mariner, Nevey progressed directly from high school to a maritime academy in the United Kingdom. For the past two years he has served as director of marine operations for WSF and has been instrumental in the development of programs that address ongoing staff shortages in the industry. Nevey will succeed Patty Rubstello, who is stepping down as head of WSF to spend more time with family after more than 33 years of service with the Washington State Department of Transportation. Rubstello will remain assistant secretary to ensure a smooth transition until Nevey begins his new role on March 16. "This is a pivotal time for our ferry system, and I appreciate WSF conducting a highly competitive nationwide search for this role," said Gov. Jay Inslee. "With the Legislature's support, we're making progress on staffing, vessel builds and electrification. Patty has been a calm voice in stabilizing and operating our iconic ferry system through many difficult challenges. I look forward to working with Steve to continue our progress and ensuring customers are well served....

Next CAMM Seattle meeting
March 14, 2024
Seattle Yacht Club

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