

A RESOLUTION OF THE U.S.N. ARMED GUARD WW II VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
SUPPORTING AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF RECOGNITION FOR VETERANS  
STATUS TO MERCHANT MARINE SEAMEN OF WW II

WHEREAS, Public laws 95-202 and 105-368 bestowed veteran status on US Merchant Marine Seamen of WWII.

WHEREAS, two specific U.S. government actions by US government have caused some 10,000 merchant seamen to have been denied their due recognition:

(1) The USCG relieved Masters of tugs, towboats and seagoing barges of the responsibility submitting reports of seamen shipped and discharged and

{2} The National Maritime Administration ordered ships' logbooks to be destroyed because they were too costly to maintain and had removed the two main criteria required by the government to issue official recognition to those seamen, and

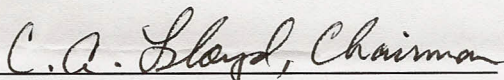
WHEREAS, the average age of the remaining seamen is above 86 and the population of the US veteran is shrinking at an average of 850 per year causing time to be of the essence, and

WHEREAS, **No costs are associated with this proposal as funds are already included in above public laws.**

WHEREAS, the U.S.N. Armed Guard WW II Veterans Association therefore requests that immediate action be taken to correct this inconceivable action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the U.S.N Armed Guard WW II Veterans Association supports the attached proposal and so orders that this Resolution and attached proposal be sent to Senator Richard Burr, Senator Kay Hagan, and Congressman Walter B. Jones and this matter be placed into action to ensure expedient passage.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb., 2010

  
**C. A. Lloyd, Chairman**  
**U.S.N. Armed Guard WW II Veterans**  
**Association**