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The new tall sailing ships book features almost 200 photographs and other images. Pictorially it tells the story of sailing vessels on the Sound, from native Salish sailing canoes before European-American contact through the restoration of the region’s tall ships heritage during the major Tall Ships Challenge events in Seattle in 2002 and Tacoma in 2005.

The new book will sell for $19.99 and be available at the Society’s museum at Chandler’s Cove, Museum of History and Industry, as well as bookstores and other selected retail outlets throughout the region. A portion of the sales proceeds will benefit the Society.

Fowler is currently a board member of the Newport, Rhode Island-based American Sail Training Association (ASTA). ASTA is the nonprofit organization of tall ships that promotes youth sail education and coordinates the Tall Ships Challenge races and events on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts and in the Great Lakes.

For more information about the new book, call Chuck Fowler at 360-943-2858 or see the Arcadia web site at www.arcadiapublishing.com.

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Notes & Membership News

Members Renew at Higher Membership Levels and New Members Join

We thank the following members who have renewed their annual membership dues at elevated levels or joined during August 2007:

PATRON:
Robert Redmayne
Karl House
SUSTAINING:
Anna Bruce
Errol Anderson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:
J. Thomas Bernard
Larry Swift

PSMHS Loses Great Booster

Val Swegel passed away on August 21, 2007, at the age of 81. He was one of our great WWII veteran members and served as a Gunner’s Mate on the destructor escort, NEAL SCOTT. Val donated 136 maritime related books to the Society’s Research Library and was one of the Library’s greatest donors.

Val is preceded in death by his wife, Ardene and survived by his daughter, Rita (Roland) Caliboso; grandchildren, Michael and Nichola; son Rick (Shauna) Swegel; grandchildren Ashley and Payton; also five sisters and a brother in Forest City, PA.

As per his wishes, no service will be held. His contribution to the Society will be greatly missed as he was a loyal member for many years.

Call for Presentations for The Pacific Northwest Historians Guild 2008 Conference

The Pacific Northwest Historians Guild welcomes proposals for sessions, panels, papers, and other presentations for the 23rd annual conference to be held at Seattle’s Museum of History & Industry (MOHAI) March 1, 2008. The conference theme will be “Blue vs Gray: The Civil War in the Pacific Northwest” and the organizers invite submissions including but not limited to the questions below. Your ideas are welcome!

The Guild encourages a wide variety of presenters: Guild audiences include journalists, educators, historians, historical society members, students and people with a history interest. Proposals should include a title, presenter contact information, brief presenter biography, and a paragraph describing the presentation. Submissions should be postmarked by October 1, 2007 and mailed to:

MAIL TO: PSMHS Maritime Historical Society, P.O. Box 9731, Seattle WA 98109-0731 (Include your check)