

# The USLSSHA On-Line Speakers Bureau



The US Life-Saving Service Heritage Association is pleased to make available this document which lists speakers from across the country who can make a presentation to your club, group, school or museum.

The list is broken down by region to make it easier to find a specific area you might be looking for as well as to find either national or local speakers.

If you wish to have your name and information included in the directory, please e-mail us and we will have you added.

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## Northeast



### John F. Ebersole, CDR, USCG (Ret.)

President of Excelsior College, Albany, NY

Contributor to *Proceedings*, the U.S. Naval Institute's Independent Journal on National Defense, and *Wreck & Rescue Journal*

USLSSHA member since 2002

#### Topics:

The Evolution of the Self-Righting Motor Lifeboat

The "First" Rescue: The Wreck of the *Sylvia C. Hall*

The Coast Guard Auxiliary: America's Civilian Life-Savers

Historical Overview of the Coast Guard and its Founding

Media: PowerPoint, lecture

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Cost per appearance: expenses only

Geographical range: no limit

### John J. Galluzzo

Executive Director, USLSSHA

Editor, *Wreck & Rescue Journal*

Awards Committee Chairman, Foundation for Coast Guard History

Director, Cape Cod Maritime Research Association

Co-founder, New England Military History Symposium

Contributor to *Captain's Seaside Guide*, *Northeast Boating Magazine*, *South Shore Living*, *Cape Cod Life*, *Ships Monthly*, *Boston Sunday Globe Magazine*

Member, National Maritime Historical Society, United States Naval Institute

Author of more than 20 books

USLSSHA member since 1997

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Topics:

Greater Love Hath No Man: The Life of Joshua James

Richard Etheridge and the Pea Island Life-Savers

Lighthouses Far and Near

The Wreck of the *C.A. Thayer*: The Last Ship Afloat Saved by the USLSS (?)

The Louisville Floating Life-Saving Station

The Birth and Growth of the USLSS

When Hull Freezes Over: Historic Winter Tales from Hull, Massachusetts

The *Pendleton* Wreck Off Cape Cod: The Greatest Small Boat Rescue in Coast Guard History

The History of the Mass Humane Society

Boston Harbor in Vintage Postcards

Lifesavers of the South Shore: A History of Rescue and Loss

...others

Media: PowerPoint, lecture

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Cost per appearance: \$100 or expenses if they exceed that amount

Geographical range: no limit

## George E. Grimes

Member of the Thacher Island Town Committee, Rockport, Massachusetts

Active volunteer in the preservation of buildings, lighthouses and equipment

USLSSHA member since 1996

Topics:

The Thacher Island Lighthouses (also has information on Straitsmouth Lifeboat Station)

Medium: lecture

Contact info:

Phone: 978-546-9384; cell 508-284-6551

Email: [bocean@comcast.net](mailto:bocean@comcast.net)

Cost per appearance: \$300

Geographical range: Massachusetts

## Richard G. Ryder

Author, *Old Harbor Station, Cape Cod*  
USLSSHA member since 1996

Topic:  
Cape Cod Life-Saving Stations

Media: PowerPoint, lecture

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Phone: 774-722-0921  
Email: [rgryder@comcast.net](mailto:rgryder@comcast.net)

Cost per appearance: \$1 per mile, minimum \$20  
Geographical range: 100 miles from Eastham, Massachusetts

## Jim Walker

Co-founder and board member, Trayser Museum of Coast Guard Heritage  
Head Keeper, Race Point Lighthouse, Provincetown, Cape Cod  
Restoration Committee Member, Sandy Neck Lighthouse, Barnstable, MA USLSSHA  
member since 1996

Topic:  
The Early Restoration of Race Point Light Station

Medium: Slideshow

Contact info:  
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Email: [jimwalker0100@comcast.net](mailto:jimwalker0100@comcast.net)

Cost per appearance: accepts donations  
Geographical range: Cape Cod



## Mid-Atlantic and Southeast



### Rev. Lloyd R. Applegate

Author of the only biography written of Dr./Gov/Rep/ William Augustus Newell,  
Founder of the US Life-Saving Service

Lives in Monmouth County, NJ, site of first eight Life-Saving Stations

Retired journalist and clergyman

USLSSHA member since 2000

Topic:

Origin and Founding of the U.S. Life-Saving Service

Medium: Lecture

Contact info:

Email: [lrapple71@aol.com](mailto:lrapple71@aol.com)

Cost per appearance: \$100

Geographical range: Monmouth/Ocean Counties and Trenton area

### Tim R. Dring

Coauthor of upcoming book on U.S. Life-Saving Service and U.S. Coast Guard rescue craft. Researcher of rescue craft history for U.S. Coast Guard Historian's Office, National Park Service, USLSSHA, and local preservation groups

Helps students in local (NJ) area school groups learn about lighthouses and rescue craft history

USLSSHA member since 2001

Topic:

Life-Saving Service and Coast Guard Rescue Craft from 1800-Present

Media: PowerPoint, slides, lecture

Contact info:

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Cost per appearance: free for educational purposes

Geographical range: New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania around Philadelphia, and lower New York State, perhaps Connecticut and Rhode Island with sufficient time to plan

## Richard D. Eisenman

Member, Navy League of the United States, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, United States Naval Institute, Wilmington (NC) Harbor Trust, North Carolina Port Authority Maritime Day Chairman  
USLSSHA member since 1996

Topic:  
TBD

Medium: lecture

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Cost per appearance: \$75  
Geographical Range: negotiable

## Dana Goward, CAPT, USCG (Ret.)

Founder, USCG Office of Boat Forces

*Boats* – Refined and improved 47' Motor Lifeboat, created 25' Response Boat Small, founded Response Boat Medium acquisition project, created Cutter Boat Over the Horizon (OTH), experimented with Deployable Pursuit Boats, instituted standard navigation systems for all boats

*Staffing & Training* – Added over 1000 new crew at boat stations, re-established Boatswain Mate School, created formal surfman training program at units with dedicated unit instructors

*Boat Forces Culture* – Created Sumner I. Kimball Award, awards for outstanding engineer and coxswain, instituted safety learning system, founded Boat Forces Center at Training Center Yorktown, issued Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Manual, instituted Boat Forces insignia for officers and enlisted. Added storekeeper for support at all boat stations.

*Funding* – Improved maintenance and operating funds for all classes of boats  
Founder, USCG Helicopter Rescue Swimmer program

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Commanding Officer, USCG Air Station New Orleans  
Recipient of Helicopter Association International's Igor Sikorsky Award for rescue of fishermen at the height of a hurricane  
Contributor to *Proceedings*, the U.S. Naval Institute's Independent Journal on National Defense  
USLSSHA member since 1999

Topics:  
Any of the above topics

Contact:  
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Cost per appearance: free  
Geographical Range: Washington DC metro area, unless travel is provided

## Wayne Kirklin

Freelance writer  
Retired college professor  
Associate Historian, Overfalls Maritime Museum Foundation  
Tour guide, Lightship *Overfalls*, Lewes, Delaware  
Sponsored by USLSSHA members Bill and Joan Reader

Topic:  
Lightships

Medium: PowerPoint

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Cost per appearance: contributions for the Overfalls Foundation  
Geographical Range: 100 miles from Lewes, Delaware

Dan Lieb  
Editor and contributing editor of *New Jersey Historical Divers Association* (NJHDA)  
*Journal*  
Director of the NJHDA New Jersey Shipwreck Museum  
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USLSSHA member since 1996

Topics:

New Jersey Shipwrecks

Media: PowerPoint, slides, lecture

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Cost per appearance: \$100 plus cost of travel

Geographical range: unlimited provided costs are covered

## Pat and Michael Mansfield

Replicated the Little Kinnakeet Life-Saving Station

USLSSHA members since 2005

Topic:

MKinnakeet: Our Home – on Bath Creek, Bath, NC, oldest town in NC and first port, opposite Plum Point, Blackbeard's home site

Media: PowerPoint, lecture

Contact info:

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Email: [mansfieldpm@earthlink.net](mailto:mansfieldpm@earthlink.net)

Cost per appearance: travel expenses by car

Geographical range: East Coast

## BM1 Stacy Thomas, USCG

Author, *Images of America: Door County Lighthouses and Life-Saving Stations*

Served at historic Coast Guard Station Sturgeon Bay

USLSSHA member since 2005

Topics:

U.S. Life-Saving Service: Equipment, History Living Conditions

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U.S. Life-Saving Service: History, Equipment  
U.S. Coast Guard: History, Missions, Boats, Customs and Courtesies

Media: PowerPoint, lecture

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Cost per appearance: travel reimbursement (and lodging if necessary)

Geographical range: 500 miles from Yorktown, Virginia



## The Great Lakes



### Debbie Allyn Jett

Contributor to *Wreck & Rescue Journal*

25 years in Chicago theatre, 8 years as a tour guide in the city

USLSSHA member since 2005

Topic:

Jerome G. Kiah and the Point Aux Barques Disaster, April 23, 1880

Medium: PowerPoint with narration and music

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Geographical range: negotiable

### Thomas P. Ostrom

United States Coast Guard Reserve, 1961-1969

Former columnist, *Rochester (MN) Post-Bulletin*

Commentator, KROC AM Radio, Rochester (MN)

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Retired college instructor of history, geography, and anthropology from Rochester Community College

Author, *The USCG: 1790-Present*

Author, *The USCG on the Great Lakes*

Contributor to *Wreck & Rescue Journal*

Member, United States Naval Institute; National Maritime Historical Society;

Foundation for Coast Guard History; Navy League of the United States

USLSSHA member since 2004

Topics:

The United States Coast Guard on the Great Lakes: History, Missions, Stations, Contributions to the Region, the Nation and Overseas

Medium: Lecture with transparencies

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Coast per appearance: negotiable

Geographical range: negotiable

## Fred Stonehouse

President/Director, USLSSHA

President/Director, Marquette Maritime Museum

Author of many books, including, *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald*, *Wreck Ashore: The U.S. Life-Saving Service on the Great Lakes*, and *Great Lakes Lighthouse Tales*

Contributor to *Wreck & Rescue Journal*, *Lake Superior Magazine*, and *Great Lakes Cruiser*

Consultant to the National Park Service and Parks Canada

2006 recipient of the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History Award for Historic Interpretation

2007 recipient of the Marine Historical Society of Detroit's "Historian of the Year" Award

Founding member of USLSSHA

Topics:

Lake Michigan Maritime Ghost Tales

Lost on Superior: Shipwrecks Still Missing

The Enemy That Never Came: Homeland Security on the Lakes from Columbus to

Bin Laden (continued on next page)

Rum Running and Red Lights  
Haunted Lakes  
Women on the Lakes  
Forgotten Heroes: The U.S. Life-Saving Service  
Forgotten Heroes: The U.S. Life-Saving Service on the Great Lakes  
Great Lakes Shipwrecks  
Great Lakes Lighthouses  
Freighters of Destiny  
Shipwreck of the *Mesquite*: Death of a Coast Guard Cutter  
The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald  
Shipwreck Research  
Great Lakes Shipwrecks: A Continuing Saga  
...others

Medium: PowerPoint

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Geographical range: negotiable



West Coast



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