**COMMANDER JOHN CORSO PASSES AWAY AT 101**

Commander John Corso, USCG (Ret.) crossed the bar on 28 May, just 2 weeks short of his 102nd birthday. Rear Admiral Richard Appelbaum, USCG (Ret.), tells us that at the time of his passing, Commander Corso was still living in his home in Bellevue, Washington. He had some help, but was largely independent.

There will be no public service. You can leave a remembrance at this link: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/bellevue-wa/john-corso-9200630>

Before he joined the Coast Guard, Commander Corso was a Merchant Marine officer. When Corso turned 100 in June of 2018, the Council of American Master Mariners published an article about him in its magazine (see page 15 at the following link):

<http://www.mastermariner.org/assets/sdlts-oct-2018.pdf>

**Captain Cecil Gray, USCG (Ret.) remembers Corso [edited]**:

I first met CDR Corso in 1965 when I was assigned to the Marine Inspection Office in Portland, Oregon. CDR Corso was the SIM (XO) of the office. CDR Corso was a graduate of the New York State Merchant Marine Academy (Fort Schuyler) in 1939.

Following graduation, he served in the US Merchant Marine. He was a mate on several tankers that were assigned to transatlantic convoys -- an extremely dangerous assignment. He also served aboard merchant tankers in the Pacific during the war.

After the war, he joined the Coast Guard under the law which allowed Merchant Marine officers to be commissioned in the USCG. He served in several MSO offices, as well as CO of a buoy tender in Hawaii. He retired in 1970.

Following his retirement from the Coast Guard, he and his wife Gloria (a New Zealand native) moved to New Zealand, where he worked for the American Bureau of Shipping. He moved back the U.S. in 1978, where he continued working for the Bureau until he retired once again.