



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS

P.O. Box 530 Santa Rosa, Calif., U.S.A. 95402

Proposed for membership by (or learned about Society from) William C. Holmsted 784-1A V.P.F.

I apply for **LIFE MEMBERSHIP** in the Society of Wireless Pioneers, certifying on my honor that I have been assigned (gainfully employed) as a "professional" wireless/radio operator, sending & receiving messages or traffic via C. W. in recognized International codes of the world excluding landwire.

I agree to keep the Society informed of any change in (1) My address, (2) Telephone Number (3) Amateur Call Letter, if any, (4) any change of status that should be included in our Directory listings.

I am enclosing check (money order, draft or currency) for \$ 6.50 which includes \$2.50 Initiation Fee PLUS DUES in accordance with the following schedule: \$5.00 for the current year for those mailing applications PRIOR to March 1st. Thereafter, fifty cents per month for each full month remaining in the calendar year. Those mailing applications in Nov. or Dec. are required to ADD an additional \$5.00 dues for the following year.

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No. 2351-56P
 Date 6-23-76
 SX-1 2.50
 SX-D 4.00
 CX WKS
 JE ---
 POC 7/6-29-76
 SOS ---

DATED JUNE 1976

SIGNED [Signature]

XV SPARK-GAP PIONEER (Svc. PRIOR 1915)

VETERAN (Svc, 1926-1935 Incl)

PIONEER (Svc. 1915-1925 Incl.)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE (After 1935)

DATE ASSIGNED 3/29/19 NAME OF FIRST SS JEFFERSON

CALL WAJ

FIRST SHIP OR STN. _____ SHIP OR STN. _____

LETTERS _____

HISTORY SHEET (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

POY	HENRY	J.	(HANK)	PY	BESSIE
Family Name	Given Name	In'tl	"Handle"	Sine	Wife's Name.
[Redacted]		BERKELEY	CALIF		
CALIF	94703	[Redacted]		[Redacted]	
State	Zip No.	City/Town		Phone NO. (Incl. Area Code)	

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PROFESSIONAL ASSIGNMENTS (List) Please continue on letter-size sheet if necessary

SHIP OR SHORE STATION/S WHERE YOU SERVED: (CONTINUE)

FROM	TO	NAME SHIP/SHORE STN.	CALL	FROM	TO	NAME SHIP/SHORE STN.	CALL
1.	3/29/19	SS JEFFERSON	WAJ	5.	1/15/23	NAVRAD(BALBOACZ)	NBA
2.	4/15/19	SS BUTTONWOOD	?	6.	7/1/23	CINC/ASIATIC/HURON	A6W
3.	6/15/19	NAVRAD/SF (NPG)	NPG	7.	8/1/23	CINC/YANGTSE/PATROL	E6Z
4.	8/15/19	NAVRAD/S/PEDRO	NPX	8.	2/22/24	COM/SOPATCOM/PAMPANGA	NQT

5/19/25 (Continue upper right) NAVRAD/SF NPG..5/20/27 to 10/3/64 - ITT/SF (KFS/KWT ETC) - 1/15/65 SS OVERSEA JUDGE
 SS HANNIBALVIC 5/1/66 KMN.

MEMBER SOS/CQD'ers CLUB? _____ SHIP _____ DATE _____

NOTE: (Please furnish details on separate sheet - we would like to publish.)

AMATEUR ACTIVITIES

PRESENT CALL? NONE DATE 1914 FIRST CALL YC _____ DATE 1914 _____

MODE: SSB SPARKCOIL SW Would you like to join A SOWP NET? _____

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PLEASE COMPLETE ★★★★★★★★★★

● ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO? (PLEASE CHECK)

- ARRL OOTC QCWA IEEE AFCEA ERC VWOA
- AWA DeF. P. X-URTA MTC ROU ARA ACA
- MARS WCARS SARO X-IRE OTC OTHER (List below)

*X.CWA
Gold Badge*

● HOBBIES OR AVOCATIONS

(Please list your major "interests" at right - members would like to know about your hobbies, avocations, sports, etc.)

UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PHYSICAL SPORTS

● PARTICIPATION SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Would you like to hold a National or Chapter Office in our organization if nominated? _____. If "YES" what type of activity would you enjoy most?

- Organizing. Records. Secretary. Treasurer. Correspondent.
- Editing Society Publications. WP CW Net C/O etc. Awards Committee Historian.
- Book Reviews. Promotion & Public Relations. Membership Travel Program.
- Entertainment. Other: _____

Would you undertake SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS for PORTS O' CALL or the WIRELESS PIONEER?

If you like to write or have ability in drawing, illustrating, cartooning etc., you could no doubt furnish us invaluable assistance in working up material for publication. We need members who would be willing to TYPE COPY for our coming issues of WP and POC. Would you like to volunteer?

● RECORDS & HISTORICAL DATA

Do you have pictures of early wireless installations, stations, ships, etc., that you would either loan or donate to the Society for our library and use in PORTS O' CALL? If so, would you please catalogue (if not too much work) the subjects and as much detail about each as possible. We would like to work up a large collection of ships and wireless stations (pictures) for use in coming publications as well as members and others who have contributed to the great age of the The Wireless (Please list on separate letter size sheet and attach). We would also like old newspaper articles about early day wireless and ships plus biographies of the great or (near) great. Old catalogues, magazines, illustrations and anything you think might be of interest for the Wireless Pioneer or Ports O' Call. We feel this is VERY IMPORTANT . . . as time is running out for many of us and we would like to concentrate this historical data in one place before it is too late.

APPLICATION FEES -- IMPORTANT - Revised For 1976

In order to charge a uniform, equitable rate at every month of the year on the basis of a CALENDAR YEAR dues, the sliding scale printed below will indicate the amount which should be sent with your application, in the month mailed.

DUES

Jan - \$6.50	Feb - \$6.00	Mar. - \$5.50	Apr. - \$5.00	May - \$4.50	June - \$4.00	July - \$3.50
Aug - \$3.00	Sept - \$2.50	Oct. - \$2.00	(plus \$6.50 for next year)		Total \$8.50	Nov. \$1.50 plus \$6.50 for next year
(Total \$8.00)		Dec. \$1.00 plus \$6.50 for next year (\$7.50)				

*Plus \$50 initiation fee
TOTAL 650
June 15-76*

The reason for one year's advance dues the last three months of each year is to reduce workload and need for billing at beginning of the coming year.

INITIATION FEE: The sum of \$2.50 should be added to the above schedule for total amount to submit with application for membership in the Society.

● PLEASE NOTE: Upon receipt of your application form and acceptance, you will be issued a LIFE MEMBERSHIP NUMBER and membership card. You may consider this as notice and receipt that your initiation fee and dues for the current year (or year following Nov. 1st) has been received and is acknowledged. In due time you will also receive our lithographed wall certificate. There may be a 60/90 day delay before you receive it so please be patient.

● Please indicate at right - how many copies of this application form we may send you, that you in turn will mail to eligible friends? Your cooperation and yeoman duty WILL BE APPRECIATED. Thank You.

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May 12 1977..

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H. J. POY

From: "~~Hank~~" Henry J. POY - ex RMLC USN 8 yrs.

To: S. O. W. P. (Brass-pounders league) - Anchor Drops

Subject: "ANCHOR DROPS" (strictly personal) of the life-history of the first "wireless" personage of "celestial" heritage on the long voyage of professional brass pounders.

By - Henry J. "HANK" Poy - 2351-SGP

- 1) In 1916 (high school wirelesser) CALL: "IL" (amateur) with spark-coil/loose coupler.
- 2) 1918: Received diploma from YMCA wireless academy.
- 3) 1918: Passed F.C.C. exam for a First/commercial/telegraph.
- 4) Accepted role as "trial-trip" wirelesser on new ships of the Merchantmarine (PortlandOr).
- 5) Accepted 2nd/op job on passenger vessel SS (JEFFERSON) / WAJ of Alaska Lines.
- 6) First Chinese personage Radioman to enlist in the U.S. Navy 1918.
- 7) Assigned to "NPG" 600 meter commercial and "NPG-NPM" 10,000 meter transpac band.
- 8) Received a first "SOS" from MS SANTAFLAVIA in the Pacific.
- 9) Atop "GOAT-HILL" (NPG) working the intra-fleet band on 126 meters (Fleet traffic)
- 10) First-time subject to case of "Mal de Mer" aboard TUG "Uss Navigator" to Farallons.
- 11) Assigned by PCCS/SF to submarine base San Pedro (NFX). First Chinese submariner/opr/.
- 12) NFX's long-distance 2400 meter/federal-arc/ ship-to-shore traffic. Worked the MOUNT-VERNON across the Pacific to Vladivostok. Daily contact transpac liners WBG, WBH, WBN, & WHL.
- 13) First USN/opr to have cleared fleet traffic from CINC'S A9H USS NEWMEXICO's (Adml RODMAN) entrance to Pacific waters after transitting the CANALZONE. (On arc/wave/3100 meters).
- 14) Assigned to Desdiv 12 USS BADGER/4-stacker in 1922; USS fuller 297/NIFG. Left ill-fated USS FULLER before PT. Honda disaster.
- 15) Assigned USNAVSTA BALBOA CZ/NBA, 952 meter/fleet traffic in 1922. Handled CINC traffic during Pacific fleet battle maneuvers off NORTHERN COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA.
- 16) Joined Pacfleet aboard USS Mississippi (NKE) 1923, (with a great display of navy-super-dreadnaughts and 45 destroyers; 21 submarines in a great homecoming to CALIFORNIA.
- 16) Re-assigned Radio receiving sta. SHANGHAI/NPJ/ but assignment aborted due to emergency aboard USS HURON (A6W/NSX). Off Yellow Sea, HURON answered (Errand of Mercy to JAPAN'S call for aid in EARTHQUAKE DISASTER (Sept 1, 1923). 86,000 casualties. Handled transpacific press traffic on 30 KW arc with Radio San Francisco/KFS 24hrs a day.

- 17) Oct 1923, USS HURON/NSX returns to SHANGHAI. Re-assigned to COMPATROL YANGTZE, US.S. ISABEL/E6Z. Admiral MCVAY is COMPATYANG. Stationed in HANKOW at low-water through winter to Feb. 16, 1924. Made several landing/trips upriver to combat river piracy.
- March 1924: Re-assigned to the SouthChina patrol(SOPATCOM) USS ASHEVILLE/C9M/ in CANTONCHINA.
- 18) Transferred to river GUNBOAT USS PAMPANGA/NQT with 1/2 KW motor-boat transmitter and a gasoline-motor generator. Expanded from 600 meter to 952 meter-working waveband. Make several rivertrips upstream to combat inland river piracy in KWANGSI province. First Chinese enlisted radioman to operate on U.S. river gunboat on the Pearl/West rivers.
- 19) Returned from the ASIATIC'S to NAVRADIOSF(NPG) & then Hon. discharge in 1927.
- 20) Joined up with FEDERAL RADIO TELEGRAPH CO/SF/KFS/KWT and given permanent status 12/1927.
- 21) Company name changed to MACKAY RADIO & TELEGRAPH CO/KFS in 1931. Operate point-to-point.
- 22) Company name changed to I.T.T. WORLDCOMMUNICATIONS in 1964. With rapid advent of TELEX and PRINTER AUTOMATION, I was retired in October 1964.
- 23) Joined up with AMER RADIO ASSN in 1965 and was assigned aboard S.S. OVERSEASJOYCE/KMXW/ and made several trips to the Orient via the GREAT CIRCLE ROUTE and by way of the CANALZONE, made several North Atlantic voyages to BREMERHAVEN/ROTTERDAM and North Sea ports.
- 24) Assigned vacation relief aboard SHELL-OIL TANKER S.S. MILLSRING/KUCS coastwise run.
- 25) Called to take ship from mothball fleet S.S. HANNIBALVICTORY/KKMN to VIETNAM 1967.
- 26) My wife's name is BESSIE POY & we will celebrate our 50th anniversary mid-June 1977.
- 27) (H) my hobby is selling Real Estate; Striped-bass fishing, non-fictional writing;travel.
- 28) QSP by "EB CADY" who is also a member of the "QUARTER CENTURY CLUB OF I.T.T."
- 29) I am associated with "THE YANGTZE PATROL ASSOCIATION OF THE USNAVY".
- 30) I am associated with the "MR & MRS CLUB" of BERKELEY, CALIF, 2117 ACTON STREET 94703.
- 31) At present(5/12/77, I regret I am unable to assist SOWP in any capacity due to my unfortunate health circumstances. Was hospitalized over 31 days for severe coronary ailment.

Henry J. POY 845-5952

P.S. Enclosed. No find (check for 2 years done) (9/300)
 78 in June 750, P.S. 50 on R/C
 2979 - not yet established

HJPoy