



## Sun Ship Historical Society's Yard's History Page

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**Note 1:** While due diligence has been applied in the research of this information, responsibility for any errors is the ultimate responsibility of the end-user.

**Note 2:** Information has been obtained from various sources to enhance the history of Sun Ship and where possible, sources have been identified

**Note 3:** Text added by SSHS to the review will be bordered with parentheses

**Note 4:** A series of three 'periods', before or after transcribed text indicates that not all the text was transcribed to the review.

"Any work of history is necessarily a joint venture"  
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### 1. Artifacts's Record:

**1.1: This 'Service and Loyalty' article was published in 'Our Yard's' first magazine issue of September 1941.** This was also the first article SSHS has in it's archives pertaining to service awards.

SSHS: 705\_4109-18

"Early last year the Board of Directors of our Company authorized the presentation of a service and loyalty emblem to all employees who have had accumulated service of ten or more years and are still in the service of the Company. These emblems are small gold pins, with blue lettering showing the length of service of the employee to whom it is awarded, in accordance with the following schedule:

- 10 Years-plain gold emblem
- 15 Years-plain gold emblem
- 20 years-gold emblem- 1 sapphire
- 25 years-gold emblem- 2 sapphires
- 30 years-gold emblem- 3 sapphires
- 35 years-gold emblem- 4 sapphires
- 40 years-gold emblem- 5 sapphires
- 45 years-gold emblem- 4 diamonds
- 50 years-gold emblem- 5 diamonds"

### **1.2: Published article from Our Yard Magazine's February 1945 issue.**

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'A Word of Appreciation' by: Richard L. Burke, President.

"On behalf of the Company, I want to express my appreciation to you men for the long and faithful service you have rendered Sun Ship.

You people who have been with us for so many years represent the real backbone of our organization.

I hope you will want to stay with us at Sun Ship as long as there is work here. And I hope you'll never see the day when there won't be work here."

### **1.3: Published article from 'Our Yard' Magazine's November 1960 issue.**

**" First 50-Year Pin went to Pete Esrey..."**

Sun Ship records show that David R. 'Pete' Esrey started at the Wetherill plant in 1886. Sun Ship came into being in 1916 and acquired the Wetherill Plant in the same year. Employees that transitioned to Sun Ship maintained their seniority... 'Pete' Esrey was awarded his 50 Year Service Award in 1936 and his last day working at the Wetherill plant was Jan. 20, 1940. He passed away 4 days later with 64 years of service.

Photos of 'Pete' Esery's 50-Year Service Award.  
Note the No. 1 on the back, indicating it was the first 50-Year Service Award issued.

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#### 1.4: 'Sun Ship Log' July 1978: 'Service Award Sparkles'

"Jeweling for the shipyard's new service award runs as follows:

-10 Years	None
-15 Years	One Golden Sapphire
-20 Years	Two Golden Sapphires
-25 Years	Three Golden Sapphires
-30 Years	One 6-Point Diamond
	Two Blue Sapphires
-35 Years	Two 6-Point Diamonds
	One Blue Sapphire
-40 Years	Three 6-Point Diamonds"

"The new award, which is used to recognize and honor the shipyard's many long-term employees, will have its initial distribution in July 1978. Years of service are indicated by a variety of combinations of sapphires and diamonds."

Sample of new '78 Award Pin' configuration  
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## 2. Service and Loyalty Award Artifacts

### 2.1: Service Awards-Tie Clasps

#### 2.1.1: Service Awards -Tie Clasps c.1940

– 25yr, Circular, Polished Finish

SSHS: 46\_05\_01\_25-1r



#### 2.1.2: Service Awards -Tie Clasps / Heptagon 1. c.Late 1960's?

– 10yr, Polished Finish

SSHS: 46\_05\_02\_10-1r



– 20yr, Polished Finish

SSHS: 46\_05\_02\_20-1r



#### 2.1.3 : Service Awards -Tie Clasps / Heptagon 2. c.19YY?

– 10yr, Brushed Finish.

Courtesy Joel Chanitz 91-20

SSHS: 46\_05\_03\_10-1r



– 15yr, Brushed Finish

Courtesy Richard Sipps 34M-814

SSHS: 46\_05\_03\_15-1r



– 20yr, Brushed Finish

Courtesy Richard Sipps 34M-814

SSHS: 46\_05\_03\_20-1r



– 25yr, Brushed Finish

SSHS: 46\_05\_03\_25-1r





– 30yr, Brushed Finish  
SSHS: 46\_05\_03\_30-1r



– 35 yr, Brushed Finish  
SSHS: 46\_05\_03\_35-1r



## 2.1: Service Awards-Lapel Pins

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–10Yr, Circular, Polished  
SSHS: 46\_05\_04\_10-2a

–15Yr. Circular, Polished  
SSHS: 46\_05\_04\_15-1



–20Yr, Circular, Polished  
SSHS: 46\_05\_04\_20-1a

–25Yr. Circular, Polished  
SSHS: 46\_05\_04\_25-6r



–30Yr, Circular, Polished  
SSHS: 46\_05\_04\_30-1r

–35Yr. Circular, Polished  
SSHS: 46\_05\_04\_35-6r



–40Yr, Circular, Polished  
SSHS: 46\_05\_04\_00-1r



–50Yr. Circular, Polished  
SSHS: 705\_6011\_013-2r



### 2.1.4 : Service Award -Lapel Pins / Heptagon 2. c.19YY?

–10Yr, Brushed

SSHS: 46\_05\_05\_10-2r

–15Yr. Brushed

SSHS: 46\_05\_04\_15-1



–40Yr, Brushed-Ladies Award  
SSHS: 46\_05\_05\_30-2r

–40Yr, Brushed  
SSHS: 46\_05\_05\_40-2r



### 2.1.5 : Service Award -Lapel Pins / Heptagon 3 c.1978

–10Yr, Brushed

SSHS: 46\_05\_06\_10-2r

–15Yr. Brushed

SSHS: 46\_05\_06\_15-1



–40Yr, Brushed, Ladies Award, 3 Point Diamonds

From: Service Award Booklet c.1978

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