

CAPT. PETERSON TO BE RETIRED FROM SERVICE

**OFFICER IN LIGHTHOUSE DE-
PARTMENT WILL BE PLAC-
ED ON PENSION SEPTEM-
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After 42 years of service, Captain John Peterson, United States Lighthouse Department and master of the Tender Poppy, is to be retired September 1 on a substantial pension. This was announced this morning by Superintendent William W. Demeritt.

Captain Peterson, said Superintendent Demeritt, is a master mariner of the old school and learned the ways of the sea during that period which called for stouthearted and fearless men. "He is considered by me and all those with whom he came in contact, one of the most efficient and capable construction officers in the service, and is highly esteemed by the entire personnel of the seventh lighthouse district."

During the Spanish-American war he was an officer in the navy and was cited for conspicuous service and was commended for hazardous service performed. He was also an officer during the World War.

The captain is now on his annual leave of absence, which will last until September 1 when he will be retired. The pension which he will receive says the superintendent, will be one which he has richly earned by his years of service and unswerving attention to duty.