



COAST GUARD CONNECTION

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A quarterly newsletter for retired senior leaders from the U.S. Coast Guard providing a focused sampling of current events and service initiatives. The product can be repurposed for a wider audience as necessary. The product is collated and championed by CG-0923.

Introduction

Thank you for your continued interest in *Coast Guard Connection*. We appreciate and encourage the strong engagement of our retired senior leaders and fellow Coast Guard stakeholders. Your interest and advocacy are critical to our Service's continued success.

Earlier in February, we hosted a very successful Retired Senior Leadership Conference at Coast Guard Headquarters. Approximately 40 attendees—including the 21st and 24th Commandants—joined us for a day of discussion on the current state of your Coast Guard. The conversations were lively and informative, with great dialogue between our current senior leader cohort and our retired senior leaders. We took the opportunity to recognize the leadership and impact of RADM Cari Thomas (USCG, Ret.) for her incredible work with Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) during the 35-day government furlough. CGMA provided more than \$8.4M in assistance during the shutdown to over 6,200 members of the CG workforce. We also thanked the Coast Guard Foundation, which quickly provided \$250K to our Coast Guard families in need. Admirals Papp and Loy (USCG, Ret.) spoke about the tremendous progress of the Coast Guard Museum. Next year, we will reach out to you as we develop the agenda for your recommendations on topics and requests.

In late February, we were proud to re-certify Eureka, CA, as a Coast Guard City. The Eleventh Coast Guard District was well represented and presented a proclamation to Mayor Susan Seaman with Congressman Jared Huffman (CA-2) in attendance. The Coast Guard City Program is a great forum to recognize communities that support our members and their families who live there. There are currently 26 Coast Guard Cities and Communities.

We recently honored two Coast Guard heroes by naming facilities in their honor. USCG Sector Hampton Roads Building located at Base Portsmouth, VA, is now the "Robert H. Prause Sector Hampton Roads Building." USCG Air Station Miami's Building 160 is now "Nathan Bruckenthal Hall." To learn more about these and other great Coast Guard heroes, please visit: www.history.uscg.mil.

We recently announced two solicitations for nominations for the Department of Defense's Spirit of Hope Award and the Foundation for Coast Guard History's annual awards. If you would like to read these ALCOAST messages and potentially submit a nomination, please visit: www.dcms.uscg.mil/General-Messages/ALCOAST/

There are several noteworthy events in the near future. The annual State of the Coast Guard Address will be hosted on the West Coast this year on Thursday, March 21. On Friday, March 22, the Commandant will commission USCGC TERRELL HORNE at Base Los Angeles-Long Beach.



■ Coast Guard CAPT Greg Fuller, Sector Humboldt Bay commander, Rep. Jared Huffman (CA-2), CAPT James Pruett, 11th District chief of staff, and Mayor Susan Seaman of Eureka, CA, (from left to right) pose as they re-designate Eureka a Coast Guard City, Feb. 22, 2019 in Eureka. (U.S. Coast Guard)

On Friday, March 29, we join the rest of the nation in honoring National Vietnam War Veterans Day. We will be supporting two major events to honor Vietnam Veterans from all services: one will be hosted by USCG Sector San Juan in Puerto Rico, the other will be hosted at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., highlighting the U.S. Coast Guard's role in Vietnam. Both events will include presenting commemorative pins to all eligible veterans. You can read more about the event in Washington on page 6 below. Also, please visit www.VietnamWar50th.com or contact the Office of External Outreach and Heritage to learn more about these and other opportunities.

On Friday, May 24th, we will host the third annual Memorial Day Observance Ceremony at Coast Guard Headquarters. This year's ceremony will include descendants from the USS TAMPA who will receive the Purple Heart Medal posthumously awarded to their ancestors. Please see Page 5 for more details. If you would like to play a role in helping us locate descendants, please visit www.history.uscg.mil/tampa/.

Looking to the future, we continue making great progress with designing the exhibits for the future National Coast Guard Museum, which will be located in New London, CT. To learn more about the current exhibit design effort and see some of the concept sketches, please visit www.coastguardmuseum.org/exhibits.

Finally, please let me know if you like this forum and what you might change to improve it. Also, if you have the opportunity, please pass along this URL to retirees who you know who may want to sign up for additional news updates, etc. public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDHSCG_307. We know we need to update many of our contacts. And of course, I always enjoy hearing from you on these or other topics - Melissa.Bert@uscg.mil.

Best wishes and Semper Paratus!
Rear Admiral Melissa Bert
Director, Governmental and Public Affairs



Coast Guard CYBER-CIO-C4IT Transformation

The U.S. Coast Guard's increased reliance on technology for mission execution by its Aviation, Shore, Surface, Deployable, and now Cyberspace forces, coupled with outdated equipment and systems, has created vulnerabilities that our adversaries will exploit.

CYBER-CIO-C4IT Transformation will provide senior leaders and operational commanders improved transparency of system conditions and investment priorities, which is required for them to make risk-based decisions. Transformation will fully enable operations in all domains by ensuring Coast Guard operators and end-users have reliable, secure, efficient, and flexible Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber, and Intelligence (C5I) capabilities. Additionally, transformation will improve C5I mission support to operational commanders and their crews across all Coast Guard operational domains.

There are three major risks to mission execution if CYBER-CIO-C4IT transformation is not realized:

- **Risk #1** Senior leaders will continue to lack full transparency of C5I capabilities needed to make risk-based decisions
- **Risk #2** Operators and end-users will continue to use older IT that is neither reliable, secure, efficient, nor flexible
- **Risk #3** Interconnected equipment will be increasingly threatened by cyberattacks because underlying IT infrastructure has not kept up with the demands of the 21st Century

For more information about the Coast Guard's CYBER-CIO-C4IT Transformation, click the following link:
<http://cglink.uscg.mil/C3T>



CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS:

On December 4, 2018, President Trump held a ceremony for signing S.140, the "Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018" (CGAA) in the White House Oval Office. The Secretary for Homeland Security, Kirstjen Nielsen, attended. CGAA reauthorizes the Coast Guard through fiscal year 2019 and enables the service to enforce Environmental Protection Agency guidelines aimed at limiting the impact of invasive water species in ballast water discharges. The bill authorizes \$7.9B for Coast Guard operating expenses and \$2.6B for procurement, construction, renovation, and facilities improvements in fiscal year 2019.

The results of the November 6, 2018, elections have created new dynamics in the 116th Congress that convened January 3. The Coast Guard is fully engaged with new and returning members of our oversight committees and informing them about the Service's missions and strategic priorities that position the Coast Guard to protect America's economic prosperity and national security.

RADM John Nadeau, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG-5P), is scheduled to testify on March 6 before the House Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation Subcommittee regarding the needs of the maritime industry.

Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard Admiral Karl Schultz and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Jason Vanderhaden are scheduled to testify on May 21 before the House Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation Subcommittee regarding the Fiscal Year 2020 Coast Guard budget.



What is “C5I”?

“C5I” officially stands for “Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber, and Intelligence.” The term was introduced during the early stages of CYBER-CIO-C4IT Transformation to deliberately shift the Coast Guard enterprise away from the legacy term “C4IT” (and the associated C4ISR, C3, etc.) and reflect a transformed and better aligned community of offices and capabilities. C5I identifies the integrated activities of CG-761 (Office of C5I Capabilities), C5I Resource Council, CG-68 (Office of C5I Program Management), and the future C5I Service Center (C5ISC). Although most of this is at headquarters, there have been requests to rename Base C4IT Departments as well as Area(6) and District(t) divisions to drive alignment within the C5I community. Read more: *What is C5I?*

The C5I Community

There are six core elements of the C5I Community: Cyberspace Workforce (CG-791), C5I Requirements Management (CG-761), Resource Management (C5I Resource Council), C5I Program Management (CG-68), C5I Mission Support (C5I Service Center and Bases/ITSOs), and Operations (District(t), Area(6), CG Cyber). There are also numerous supporting offices in CG-6, CG-9, and elsewhere in the field. This transformed community, comprised of C5I headquarters offices and field organizations, works to validate and prioritize requirements and subsequently deliver and sustain C5I capabilities. Regardless of where a member of the C5I Community works, their job is to demystify the confusion associated with using and acquiring technology. Read more: *The C5I Community*.

CG-9 Input

Coast Guard Awards Production for Two More National Security Cutters

The Coast Guard on December 21, 2018, awarded a fixed-price contract option to Huntington Ingalls Industries Inc. of Pascagoula, Miss., for production of the 10th and 11th National Security Cutters (NSCs). Six of the cutters are currently in service. NSCs have been responsible for interdicting 1.4 million pounds of cocaine throughout the past three years.

► dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Acquisitions-CG-9/Newsroom/Latest-Acquisition-News/ctl/ArticleEdit/mid/20223/Article/0/

Coast Guard, DHS S&T Venture into Space with Polar Scout Launch

The Coast Guard Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Program, in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate launched two 6U CubeSats from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California on December 3, 2018. The launch is part of the Polar Scout Project to evaluate the effectiveness of space-based sensors in support of Arctic search and rescue missions.

► www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Acquisitions-CG-9/Newsroom/Latest-Acquisition-News/Article/1703633/coast-guard-dhs-st-venture-into-space-with-polar-scout-launch/

RETIRED SENIOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Retired Senior Leaders Conference is held annually at Coast Guard Headquarters. This year's event was attended by more than 30 retired Flag Officers, members of the Senior Executive Service, and Master Chief Petty Officers of the Coast Guard, and other Flag Officers. The conference provided the opportunity to engage with their successors and obtain briefings from the Commandant, Vice Commandant, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard and other Flag Officers on the Coast Guard strategic priorities and senior leadership's perspective on Coast Guard challenges.





RFP Released For 47-Foot Motor Lifeboat Service Life Extension Program

The Coast Guard released a request for proposal November 21, 2018, for the 47-foot motor lifeboat (MLB) service life extension program as part of the In-Service Vessel Sustainment program. The fleet of more than 100 MLBs has been in service for 15 to 21 years and is approaching the end of its planned 25-year service life. The MLB has been used to save more than 6,000 lives, assist more than 44,000 mariners, and protect more than \$520 million in property.

► www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Acquisitions-CG-9/Newsroom/Latest-Acquisition-News/Article/1698091/rfp-released-for-47-foot-motor-lifeboat-service-life-extension-program/

Coast Guard Accepts Delivery of Minotaur Missionized HC-130J

The Coast Guard accepted delivery of an HC-130J retrofitted with the Minotaur mission system suite November 16, 2018, in Elizabeth City, N.C. Work on CGNR 2006 was completed by L3 Technologies Inc. Integrated Systems Platform Integration Division in Waco, Texas.

► www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Acquisitions-CG-9/Newsroom/Latest-Acquisition-News/Article/1708823/coast-guard-accepts-delivery-of-minotaur-missionized-hc-130j/

Coast Guard Commissions 29th Fast Response Cutter

The Coast Guard commissioned the 29th Fast Response Cutter (FRC), USCGC FORREST REDNOUR, in San Pedro, Calif., November 8, 2018. The cutter is the first of four planned FRCs to be stationed in San Pedro.

► www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Acquisitions-CG-9/Newsroom/Latest-Acquisition-News/Article/1687716/coast-guard-commissions-29th-fast-response-cutter/

Coast Guard Seeks Information to Support Waterways Commerce Cutter Program

The Coast Guard released a request for information October 15, 2018, to gather information about the state of the market and current industrial capabilities to support various ship-mounted, marine cranes for the Waterways Commerce Cutter program.

► www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Acquisitions-CG-9/Newsroom/Latest-Acquisition-News/Article/1668441/coast-guard-seeks-information-to-support-waterways-commerce-cutter-program/

CG-8 Budget Status

Current and Future Status.

On 15 February, Congress passed, and the President signed into law, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2019. Overall, the FY 2019 appropriation is very favorable for the Coast Guard. It sustains critical frontline operations and keeps the Service's highest priority acquisition programs on track. In total, the law provides just over \$12 billion, of which \$10.1 billion is discretionary funding, \$413 million (4.3%) more than requested. It also includes \$165 million of overseas contingency operations funding. Of significant note, the law provides funding to award a contract for detail design and construction of the first Polar Security Cutter in more than 40 years and to construct the second Offshore Patrol Cutter. It also makes vital investments in aviation capabilities, including funding to procure a sixteenth HC-130J aircraft, sustain and extend the service life of our rotary-wing aircraft fleet, and continue to missionize our HC-27J and HC-144A fixed-wing aircraft fleets. The law also provides funding increases to address shore infrastructure and major acquisition systems infrastructure priorities, including several projects to prepare homeports and facilities for arrival of new vessels and aircraft. Finally, the law continues to grow the workforce, providing more than 450 new positions to crew, operate, and maintain new vessels and aircraft delivered in 2019, as well as support ongoing acquisition programs.

With the partial government shutdown over, the Coast Guard re-started work with DHS and the Office of Management and Budget to finalize the FY 2020 President's Budget request, including build-out of the Congressional justification and other budget exhibits. Initially, the Administration expected to deliver the FY 2020 President's Budget request to Congress on Monday, February 4; however, in light of the shutdown, the new delivery date is now Monday, March 18. After the budget is delivered to Congress, annual roll-out budget briefings will be provided to our appropriations and authorizing committee staffs. The specifics of the FY 2020 budget request remain pre-decisional until it is delivered to Congress—at that time details will be available on the Coast Guard's budget website www.uscg.mil/budget/.

Finally, the Coast Guard's internal FY 2021 budget build continues. FY 2021 represents the first full budget for Admiral Schultz and his senior leadership team. The budget will integrate the new direction and organizational priorities outlined in the Commandant's recently released **Coast Guard Strategic Plan for 2018-2022**. The Strategic Plan represents the new senior leadership team's shared vision to advance the Coast Guard over the next four years and emphasizes our need to invest in Service readiness. The Coast Guard expects to submit its FY 2021 Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) to DHS in April 2019.



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Washington Post

US Coast Guard seizes 35,000 pounds of cocaine in Pacific.

The Day

Lockheed pledges \$1 million to Coast Guard Museum project.

NBC

42,000 Coast Guard members miss first paycheck due to government shutdown.

Honolulu Star Advertiser

Coast Guard ends one search, responds to Chinese-flagged fishing vessel in Marshall Islands .

Arizona Public Media (NPR/PBS)

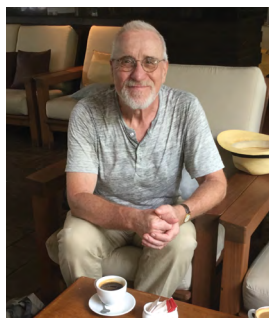
Coast Guard Medical Teams to Assist Border Patrol.

Navy Times

Coast Guard, Navy continue rescue efforts after commercial ship fire.

COGAP George Gray Award

Leendert van der Pool, a Coast Guard Art Program artist for more than a decade, will be presented with the 2018 George Gray Award for Artistic Excellence on February 26, 2019 at the Salmagundi Club in New York City. Mr. van der Pool was in Paris in July 2018 when he was named recipient of this most prestigious award. His 2018 painting, "Partnership," captured



crews of a U.S. Coast Guard cutter and a Canadian coast guard ship transferring an American oil skimming system between the two ships used to remediate oil spills. Leendert's work depicts the cooperative relationships between allies that are critical to safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans.



USS Tampa Purple Heart Medal Campaign, Memorial Day, 2019

The U.S. Coast Guard Historian's team, working in concert with the Medals and Awards Branch, are spearheading the effort to locate and contact the families of the 111 Coast Guardsmen who died in the line of duty during World War I while in service aboard USS TAMPA, lost with all hands to a U-boat attack off Wales in 1918.

In 1999, then-Commandant Admiral James Loy authorized the posthumous award of the Purple Heart Medal to the crew of USS TAMPA. Today, more than 100 years after TAMPA was lost and 20 years after the first TAMPA Purple Heart was awarded, the Coast Guard is still attempting to identify those families who have yet to receive their ancestors' Purple Heart.

So far the Medals and Awards Branch has presented 26 Purple Heart Medals to descendants, leaving 84 yet to be issued. Coast

Guard Archivist Nora Chidlow is leading the Service's attempts to locate family members of those 84 TAMPA crewmen. The names of those crewmen, along with more information, are listed on the History Office's TAMPA website.

► www.history.uscg.mil/tampa/

To submit applications for TAMPA Purple Heart Medals, please contact





Ms. Chidlow at nora.l.chidlow@uscg.mil or 202-559-5142. She has served as the primary point of contact between the Coast Guard and many TAMPA descendants, as well as with the Medals and Awards Branch. She has also conducted considerable research on TAMPA and its crew and is the Coast Guard's subject-matter expert.

To apply for their ancestor's Purple Heart Medal, descendants are required to provide documentation showing the descendant's relationship to the TAMPA crew member, such as family trees, pages from family Bibles, birth/death certificates, and/or pages from genealogical websites or apps. Please expect about four to six weeks' time for processing.

The Commandant, ADM Karl Schultz, is scheduled to present the awards to TAMPA descendants and families at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters on Friday, May 24, 2019.

We could use your help. Please spread the word: Remember the TAMPA!

National Vietnam Veterans Day, March 29, Washington Navy Yard

The President signed the "National Vietnam War Veterans Day Act" on March 29, 2017 calling on the nation to observe every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day, in honor of those who served and sacrificed during the longest conflict in United States history.

This year, the National Museum of the U.S. Navy is hosting a Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin event on Friday, March 29, at 11:00 a.m. in the Navy Museum's Cold War Gallery, located at the Washington Navy Yard. RADM Samuel Cox, USN (Ret.), director of the Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC), will read the Presidential Proclamation and present lapel pins to Vietnam Veterans.*

Immediately following the lapel pin presentation, Christopher Havern, a former USCG historian and current NHHC historian, will present a paper on the Coast Guard in Vietnam entitled "The U.S. Coast Guard has operating forces which are well-suited to the mission: The Point-class Cutters in Vietnam." Coast Guard members, families, and guests are invited to participate in the lapel pin ceremony and learn more about the Coast Guard's heroic actions in Vietnam.

Please contact LT Joe Bryan for more information;
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Coast Guard Cutters in Vietnam – National Archives Scanning Project

Following the success of the National Archives "Scan-a-thon" on April 26, 2018, the Governmental and Public Affairs Directorate launched a monthly, all-volunteer scanning team to continue the effort to digitize and archive more than 100,000 pages of the deck logs from Coast Guard cutters deployed to Vietnam. These deck logs are then made available to students and researchers worldwide, and to veterans filing medical claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs as a result of Agent Orange and other combat-related illnesses or injuries.

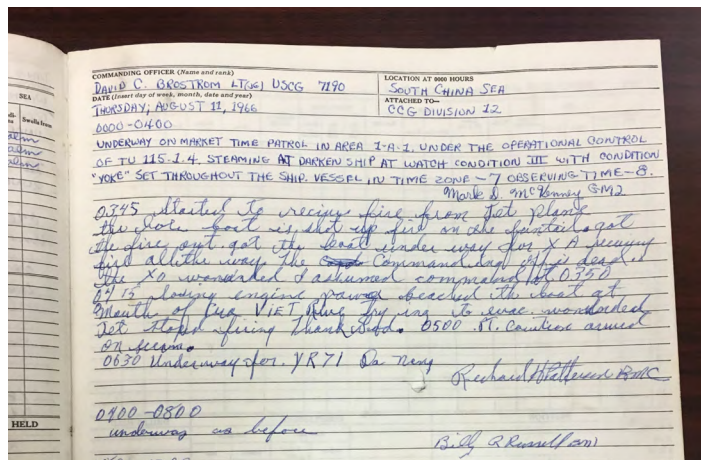
At this time, the National Archives estimates the task at 10% completion. Volunteers from Coast Guard Headquarters, the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, and other groups continue to make great progress one Friday each month to support our veterans and their families and to ensure the legacy of the Coast Guard in Vietnam is available to a wide audience.

Please contact LT Emily Brockway for more information;
emily.h.brockway@uscg.mil.

* *Vietnam Veteran: any veteran who was on active duty between November 1955 and May 1975, regardless of INCONUS or OCONUS duty or combat status.*



■ RDML Melvin Bouboulis pins a veteran at the March 29, 2018, Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin Ceremony at the Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore.



■ A somber entry from USCGC POINT WELCOME's logbook, hours after coming under friendly fire and suffering two casualties while on patrol supporting Operation Market Time, August 11, 1966.