



“SERVICE CONTINUES”

## Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Newsletter

**Issue 8**

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Council co-chairs: CDR Bruce Russell and YNCS Mike White

### **The Council wishes all well as Spring arrives again!!!**

Your Council continues to be active, meeting 30 March at USCG HQ. Key issues discussed were:

#### Administrative Items

- Comments by representative of the Headquarters Support Command
- Review and approve Minutes of the December 1, 2006 Council meeting
- Review Council Membership – swearing in of new members
- Schedule for future meetings

#### Council Program

##### Old Business

- Recruiting of Additional Members for the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council (civilian, UPHS, and other membership) update status and reports
- Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council WEB site
- Future holiday party planning
- Web page report
- Need for Newsletter Co-editor

##### New Business

- Discussion Group proposal
- Upcoming National meeting: issues to be brought up
- TRICARE changes

A copy of the Council meeting Agendas and minutes are posted on the Council web site or may be requested from CAPT Chuck Glass, ph (301) 598-6590 or E-Mail: [cjglass@verizon.net](mailto:cjglass@verizon.net).

Our objective is to publish a quarterly newsletter and provide you, the **Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree**, with information on Council activities and items of interest to Retirees in the Washington DC, Maryland and Northern Virginia Council area. In addition, we send out items that are time-critical using our E-Mail list.

All are invited to contribute to the **Newsletter**, attend a meeting, and welcome to communicate with us prior to our Council meeting, or to provide informational items of interest to retirees. Please send an e mail, call, or write to our Council Co-Chairs, CDR Bruce Russell and YNCS Mike White, Council Secretary, Chuck Glass, or to our **Newsletter** editor, Norm Lemley 528-1660; e-mail: [nlemley2@comcast.net](mailto:nlemley2@comcast.net). Please “Pass on” this Newsletter to others that may be interested. We welcome additional e-mail /or snail mail addresses and phone numbers for our mailing list.

We look forward to serving all Coast Guard Retirees and continue to extend an invitation to attend our meetings and participate in Council projects and to keep us informed of your issues and concerns.

## **Council Meeting Schedule for 2007**

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Friday 29 June, 2007

Friday 28 September, 2007

Friday 7 December 2007

Meetings are normally held at USCG Headquarters in Conference Room B718.

## **Items/Activities of Interest**

### **Vietnam Vet Awarded Medal of Honor**

An unarmed helicopter pilot who flew through a hail of bullets to rescue 70 wounded Americans in one of the fiercest battles of the Vietnam War was awarded the Medal of Honor on Monday, 41 years later.



Retired Lt. Col. Bruce Crandall, 74, received the nation's highest military honor from President Bush in the White House East Room. The medal recognizes Crandall for his valor in repeatedly flying into enemy fire to bring in ammunition and supplies and evacuate the wounded.

Crandall completed 22 flights in a 14-hour period on Nov. 14, 1965, most under intense enemy fire. His actions in the Battle at Ia Drang Valley were depicted in the 2002 movie "We Were Soldiers," adapted from the book "We Were Soldiers Once ... And Young."

Bush, in his remarks, said Crandall had to fly three different helicopters over the course of the mission. Two were damaged so badly they could not stay in the air.

Yet Crandall and another pilot, Capt. Edward Freeman, "flew through a cloud of smoke and a wave of bullets," Bush said. They "kept flying until every wounded man had been evacuated and every need of the battalion had been met." Freeman was awarded the Medal of Honor in 2001.

"To the men of Ia Drang, the image of Major Crandall's helicopter coming to their rescue is one they will never forget," Bush said, adding that Crandall's battalion commander said that without Crandall, the unit almost surely would have been overrun.

Bush quoted from an interview in which Crandall offered his view of the mission: "There was never a consideration that we would not go into those landing zones. They were my people down there, and they trusted in me to come and get them."

"In men like Bruce Crandall, we really see the best of America," Bush said. "For the soldiers rescued, for the men who came home, for the children they had and the lives they made, America is in debt to Bruce Crandall."

Crandall had a less lofty view - "I'm so proud that I didn't screw it up," he said.

## **USCG Sector New Orleans to Move to NOLA Federal City.**

Sector New Orleans, including its 300 employees, will be moved to Federal City. THE NLOLA Federal City was the alternative proposed by the State, after the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission chose to close the Naval Support Activity in Bywater and Algiers. Federal City will consolidate the Naval Support Activity onto the West Bank in Algiers and provide the military and other federal entities with a new headquarters

## **Summary of Commandant's State of the Coast Guard Address**

A complete transcription of the Commandant's State of the Coast Guard Address is available on CG Central and on the Internet at [www.uscg.mil/comdt](http://www.uscg.mil/comdt). A PODCAST of the address is also available online at [www.military.com](http://www.military.com) to viewers outside of the Coast Guard Standard Network.

To the Men and Women of the Coast Guard:

This afternoon, I delivered my first State of the Coast Guard Address as your Commandant. I also had the opportunity to recognize a number of Coast Guard heroes in attendance from around the nation. They represented each of you in the extraordinary performance of your duties.

As I told more than 600 Coast Guard men and women, government officials, industry representatives and media in attendance, the State of the Coast Guard is strong today. At the same time, we have challenges before us, and we need to position the Service for the future. The Coast Guard demonstrates operational excellence in everything we do, and our men and women are a source of personal inspiration and pride. This excellence is the result of your collective effort and your adherence to our core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty. Your dedication, hard work and courage have made the Coast Guard more relevant and more visible to the Nation than any time in our history.

In the course of my remarks, I highlighted the fact that we also face significant challenges. These challenges will require us to think and act differently if we are to sustain our tremendous pace and our operational excellence. Our command and control structures, our support systems, and our business practices have failed to keep up with our rapid growth. We can sustain operations like this for a while, and we will always muster all hands for events like Katrina. But we cannot do so indefinitely.

To meet the challenges and threats of the 21st Century, we need to reorganize our command and control structure around one commander in the field responsible for Mission Execution and reorganize and realign our support systems around one commander in the field responsible for Mission Support. We will do both during the course of my tenure. While this change may seem radical, it is necessary. But it will take the support and willingness of our entire Service. I ask you, as I did this afternoon, to be responsive and flexible as individuals, so that the Coast Guard can remain so as an organization.

I also unveiled a new Coast Guard Strategy for Maritime Safety, Security and Stewardship. This strategy will guide strategic change through my tenure as commandant. It lays out the necessary changes required to strengthen maritime regimes, achieve domain awareness, and enhance operational capabilities. It is the Coast Guard's commitment to the American people to remain Semper Paratus for all hazards and all threats. Two copies will be mailed to each unit and a copy is now available on CG Central. I encourage everyone to read it.

I have committed to the Secretary and the President to build a Coast Guard that will be Semper Paratus - not just today but tomorrow as well. It will be a journey of learning and change.

The world is changing and so is America's Coast Guard. I invite you to join me on this journey.

Admiral Thad Allen

### **Commandant's All Hands - National Security Cutter Update**

To the Men and Women of the Coast Guard:

When I released my Commandant's Intent last May, I emphasized the importance of taking bold steps to advance the Deepwater Program acquisition for maritime presence, patrol, and response. The Deepwater acquisition of eight new Legend class National Security Cutters (NSC) is central to enabling you to execute your operational missions more effectively, efficiently, and safely.

As you are aware, questions have been raised in press reports regarding the structural integrity of the NSC. I want to set the record straight in very clear terms. Issues related to the construction of the NSC are not related to the safe operation of the vessel. Our concerns relate to structural fatigue over the course of its projected 30-year service life. They are being addressed. Internal reviews by our own engineers and independent third party analysts have concluded that the vessel as currently designed will need structural reinforcement to meet its service life.

Armed with this knowledge and after a thorough technical review, I have directed that RADM Gabel and RADM Blore develop a plan to insure the service life of the NSC will be met. We are in the process of developing that plan with Integrated Coast Guard Systems (ICGS). I have also affirmed the role of RADM Gabel, the Assistant Commandant for Engineering & Logistics (CG-4), as the Technical Authority related to Coast Guard acquisitions. As stated in COMDTINST 4700.4 "Technical authority is the authority, responsibility, and accountability to establish, monitor, and approve technical standards, tools, and processes ...."

The structural enhancements to improve the fatigue life of the first two NSCs, CGC BERTHOLF and CGC WAESCHE, do not have to be done immediately; plans are to complete them during a yard availability after they are delivered. For NSCs 3 - 8, fatigue concerns will be addressed through pre-construction design changes.

Consistent with what I have told you at All Hands meetings, I will communicate directly with you when needed, and we will never back away from hard questions. External scrutiny from the Inspector General and other overseers will raise questions on the Deepwater acquisition throughout its life. As public servants, we are not only subject to their oversight, but it is a central feature of the appropriation process. I welcome external review, as it enables us to improve our processes, be more effective stewards of taxpayer dollars, and better serve the American public.

I am confident the NSC and the Deepwater Program are on the correct course and will testify before Congress in the coming weeks. My statement for the record for each of these hearings will be posted at the Commandant's Corner on the Web ([www.uscg.mil/comdt](http://www.uscg.mil/comdt)) and on CG Central. I encourage all of you to read these statements as they will clearly communicate my priorities for the Deepwater program.

I look forward to taking delivery of the first-in-class CGC BERTHOLF later this year. You should be excited about that, too. The NSC's 21st-century capabilities will enable us to perform our vital missions more effectively, efficiently, and safely.

As I have said many times, each of you, regardless of where you sit in our organization, is critical to mission success. You must have the tools and support you need to do your job. We will ensure Coast Guard men and women are the best trained and most versatile workforce in government, equipped with the most capable fleet of multi-mission ships, aircraft, boats, and command-and-control systems available.

Semper Paratus!

Admiral Thad Allen

### **Commandant's Message on the Sixty-Sixth Anniversary of the Coast Guard Reserve**

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SUBJ: SIXTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COAST GUARD RESERVE

1. AS WE CELEBRATE THE SIXTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COAST GUARD RESERVE, I ASK ALL HANDS TO JOIN ME IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR RESERVISTS FOR ANOTHER OUTSTANDING YEAR.
2. THE COAST GUARD RESERVE HAS SERVED OUR NATION IN WAR AND PEACE SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT ON FEBRUARY 19, 1941 UNDER THEN-COMMANDANT ADM RUSSELL R. WAESCHE. BY THE END OF WORLD WAR II, THERE WERE 7,100 RESERVE OFFICERS AND OVER 135,200 ENLISTED RESERVISTS. THEY INCLUDED 10,000 MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD WOMEN'S RESERVE, OR SPARS, LED BY THE FIRST FEMALE COAST GUARD OFFICER, CAPT DOROTHY C. STRATTON, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST SEPTEMBER AT THE AGE OF 107. THOSE OF US WHO SERVE TODAY ARE GRATEFUL TO ADM WAESCHE, CAPT STRATTON, AND ALL OTHER COAST GUARD RESERVE TRAILBLAZERS FOR THE LEGACY THEY LEFT US.
3. TODAY, COAST GUARD RESERVISTS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CRITICAL SURGE CAPACITY FOR MARITIME HOMELAND SECURITY, DOMESTIC AND EXPEDITIONARY SUPPORT TO NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC DISASTERS, BOTH NATURAL AND MAN-MADE. DURING 2006, RESERVISTS REMAINED ON THE FRONT LINES IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, WITH OVER 1,000 SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY, BOTH HOME AND ABROAD. THIS PAST YEAR ALSO MARKED THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SPACE SHUTTLE SECURITY AND SAFETY OPERATIONS, WHICH HAVE RELIED HEAVILY ON COAST GUARD RESERVISTS FOR MISSION EXECUTION AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SINCE THEIR INCEPTION.
4. IN RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT THE RESERVE COMPONENT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE VITAL AND RELEVANT THAN NOW, I HOSTED A RESERVE STRATEGIC SUMMIT LAST OCTOBER THAT BROUGHT TOGETHER CURRENT AND RETIRED RESERVE FLAG OFFICERS AND CURRENT AND RETIRED MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS OF THE RESERVE FORCE TO SHARE THEIR VAST KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN RESERVE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT. IN ADDITION, LAST FALL I ALSO DIRECTED THE MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COAST GUARD RESERVE FORCE TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO ME AS CHIEF ADVISOR ON AND ADVOCATE FOR ENLISTED RESERVISTS. THESE ACTIONS UNDERSCORE MY COMMITMENT TO OUR RESERVE FORCE.
5. THE COAST GUARD RESERVE REMAINS AMONG MY TOP PRIORITIES THIS YEAR AS INDICATED IN MY COMMANDANT'S INTENT ACTION ORDERS. CIAO NUMBER NINE ENTAILS A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE COAST GUARD RESERVE COMPONENT MISSION SUPPORT SYSTEM THAT WILL OPTIMIZE USE OF OUR RESERVE COMPONENT WHILE IMPROVING TRAINING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. THIS WILL LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR A COAST GUARD RESERVE ALWAYS READY FOR ALL HAZARDS, ALL THREATS IN THE MARITIME DOMAIN.
6. I JOIN THE REST OF THE COAST GUARD FAMILY AND OUR NATION AS A WHOLE IN EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO ALL RESERVISTS FOR YOUR PROFESSIONALISM, PREPAREDNESS AND PATRIOTISM. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND SEMPER PARATUS!
7. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.
8. ADM THAD W. ALLEN, COMMANDANT, SENDS.

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**Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa, Jr. visited USS Tarawa (LHA 1)**

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Charles Bowen hosted the MCPON on his February 2 visit to San Diego and accompanied him on board Tarawa.

During the MCPON's two-hour visit he met with the chief petty officer mess to discuss deck plate leadership and the upcoming transition season. He then went to the hangar bay to greet the Sailors and present awards to Aviation Boatswain Mate 1st Class Fredy Giron, Senior Sailor of the Year (SOY); Fire Controlman 2nd Class Nicolas Panglose, SOY; and Airman Paul Cho, Junior SOY.

"I was nervous when the MCPON presented me with my award," said Cho. "I also was much honored to shake his hand."

MCPON Campa, thanked the crew for their service and sacrifice, noting he really appreciates what they do day in and day out for our Navy and for the country because it does make a difference.

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### **In My Own Words:**

CDR James T. Hurley

Engineer Officer, Coast Guard Cutter Bertholf

I enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1986 after stumbling upon the base in the North End of Boston one day. There were a couple of boats outside that piqued my interest. I talked to a recruiter, and not too long after that I quit my civilian job and enlisted.

My first tour was on the Polar Star - one of the Coast Guard's icebreakers. We spent three months in the Arctic Circle. I got a lot out of that first experience. A warrant boatswain, who was head of our department, encouraged people to seek all opportunities that were out there. That's when I started considering the Coast Guard for the longer term, and I went to OCS (Officer Candidates School).

After two decades of service, it's hard to pick out a highlight.

I loved my job as an officer on Escanaba, which is a 270-foot cutter based out of Boston. On one patrol, we went through the Panama Canal and did a narcotics patrol off the coast of Ecuador. It was a unique experience to be in the warm air of the Pacific, and that was one time where I was convinced that I did the right thing in staying in the Coast Guard.

In that tour, we had one in-port period where it seemed like one obstacle was just coming right after the other. We were doing some work in the berthing area, replacing a deck covering. When the covering was torn out, we found some badly corroded steel around the fuel tank, which isn't trivial, so the scope of the job increased by 10 in a few minutes.

Shortly after, we had another berthing area that caught on fire. That left us with three major projects that normally would be planned out well in advance.

When I was on Escanaba, Bill Parcels, then-Patriots head coach, held a press conference and threw out a great quote:

"You are what your record says you are." This is an inescapable measure of success - there's a big difference between a 12-4 team and a 4-12 team.

We transferred that quote onto the ship, saying, "we are what our equipment says we are." In other words, all of our training, maintenance, operations boils down to how our equipment operates. There's no escaping that.

I've transferred that to the NSC (National Security Cutter).

Everything will be brand new. Instead of being judged on how well we operate our equipment, we will be judged on how well our equipment operates. That's the change in our duties coming to this new ship rather than being on an old ship.

The NSC began production in the fall of 2004, and I was assigned to this billet at that time. It's a dream billet for a Coast Guard naval engineer. They told me that I was going to go down to the shipyard [in Pascagoula, Miss.], be there during the entire construction process and then, when the ship is delivered, I was going to be on the precommissioning crew. So I told them I could be there yesterday.

There's a biography out about Commodore (Ellsworth P.) Bertholf, after whom the first NSC is named. There is a great description about his motivation, summed up by three words: "service,

adventure and achievement." Those three words are a great way to summarize my motivation and reason for being in the Coast Guard.

### **Queen of the US Coast Guard Fleet retires after 64 years**

The U.S. Coast Guard decommissioned its oldest vessel Thursday, retiring the cutter *Storis* with eight rings of a bell and the playing of taps in a gymnasium at the Kodiak Coast Guard Base. About 70 *Storis* crewmembers wearing dress blues stood at attention during the ceremony to retire the 64-year-old icebreaker. About 200 invited guests also attended.

"In a world where the average naval vessel is considered old at 10 to 15 years of service, the *Storis* has lived five or six lifetimes," said Rear Adm. Arthur E. Brooks, commander of the Coast Guard 17th District, Alaska, of the Coast Guard.

Construction on the *Storis* began in a Toledo, Ohio, shipyard in July, 1941. After Dec. 7 of that year, the ship builders' work took on a new earnestness, Brooks said.

"The attacks on Pearl Harbor assuredly sharpened the focus of those in the shipyard. Every weld, bolt and detail was assembled with renewed American pride and purpose, undoubtedly contributing to longevity of this great ship," Brooks said.

Brooks rattled off a list of statistics from the cutter's 64-year career. *Storis* crews boarded 7,500 vessels, saved 250 lives, kept 25 vessels from sinking, assisted 100,000 people and traveled 1.5 million miles.

"And the most impressive statistic - 64 years and five months of commissioned service," Brooks said.

The *Storis* has been patrolling Alaska waters since the late '50s.

Capt. James M. McCauley, commander of the *Storis*, thanked Kodiak for the town's hospitality as homeport.

"You have supported our crews and families in many ways and I want to thank you for being our Coast Guard city," McCauley said.

The skipper reminded his crew they had served on a historic vessel, one that left him short on words. "When I attempt to describe working on a 64-year-old ship the word that comes to mind is 'special,'" McCauley said.

"She is distinct, but like any cutter, it's the people that make things happen."

The last outing with *Storis* was a 54-day patrol in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea. All 54 days were completed without a single day out of service.

Hallmarks of the *Storis* career include sailing the North Atlantic during World War II, when the ship was the command center for a fleet that prevented Nazi Germany from establishing a foothold on Greenland. This was a critical part of the war effort, Brooks said, because weather stations in Greenland helped predict weather patterns in Europe.

In the late 1940s, the ship supplied medical aid to Alaska villages while patrolling Southeast Alaska waters.

In 1957, *Storis* sailed the Northwest Passage in a historic trip to survey a deepwater route. The route was needed to help protect North America's Arctic Coast during the Cold War.

*Storis*' most recent patrols were in Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea conducting fisheries enforcement and search-and-rescue missions.

*Storis* is a pioneer in the arena. In 1967, the *Storis* crew was the ship involved in the arrest of a Soviet fishing vessel operating in Alaska waters.

McCauley and his crew revisited the tradition of supplying aid to remote Alaska villages this winter. In November, they brought a dentist and an Orthodox minister to Atka in the Aleutian Chain.

Crewmembers also went ashore and put their backs into some public works projects in the village of about 90 people. "We dug ditches," Petty Officer 3rd Class Ben Bradley said. "And we also repaired the town's only fire truck, so they can respond to a fire."

Bradley is from McGregor, Iowa, and said newcomers to the Storis often needed time to adjust when they first arrive for Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea patrols.

The winds can be 120 miles an hour, Bradley said. "I wouldn't say it's culture shock. But it's an adjustment. "A 40-foot wave is the equivalent of a four-story building," he said. "You hang on."

Since 1991, the Storis has been the oldest cutter in the Coast Guard, referred to as "Queen of the Fleet." The hull number "38" is painted in gold on the ship's bow just forward of the distinctive red stripe signifying a U.S. Coast Guard vessel.

With the decommissioning of the Storis, Coast Guard cutter Acushnet will become "Queen of the Fleet." Acushnet is homeported in Ketchikan and patrols primarily in the Gulf of Alaska. Acushnet celebrated its 63rd birthday on Saturday, Feb. 3.

### **The Sea Dragon, an 87-foot Coast Guard cutter to be assigned to Kings Bay**

The Sea Dragon, an 87-foot Coast Guard cutter under construction at a shipyard in Lockport, La., has been assigned to Kings Bay and is scheduled to arrive in October. New cutter will provide security for submarines at Kings Bay

The 87-foot Sea Dragon is being built and is to arrive in October to help enforce a security zone. Submarines at Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base will soon have a new escort when they enter or leave their home port.

The Sea Dragon will have one mission - providing security for the Ohio-class submarines at Kings Bay. The base has six Ohio-class boats, with a seventh, the USS Georgia, scheduled to be ported at Kings Bay sometime this year. The cutter will help enforce a 500-foot security zone around the submarines as they travel on open water.

The cutter will have a crew of 15 and will not have any formal role with a Homeland Security Coast Guard unit based in St. Mary's.

A similar Coast Guard cutter now under construction will be assigned to protect boats ported in Bellingham, Wash.,

The \$6.9 million vessel will be commissioned at Kings Bay at a ceremony after it arrives.

Before the Sea Dragon's arrival at Kings Bay, the cutter will go to Tampa, where it will be outfitted with electronics and other equipment. The new crew will also train in Tampa.

### **U.S. Coast Guard Academy Named Poet of the Year by the New England Association of Teachers of English**

Jose B. Gonzales, a professor of English at the Academy was recently named Poet of the Year by the New England Association of Teachers of English and he read his work at the NEATE 2006 Fall Conference in Nashua, N.H. Gonzales also oversees the <http://www.latinostories.com> Web site, an online clearing house/ resource center for teachers, writers, agents, publishers, students - and anyone interested in learning about Latino literature.

### **Coast Guard Releases Photos of New Weapon**

The U.S. Coast Guard recently unveiled images of their newest weapon. The 25 mm machine gun is actually a newer version of an older Navy gun that exists on 50 of the Guard's cutters across the country.

The crew aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Edisto successfully tested the weapon, to ensure it fired accurately and was welded to the deck properly.

According to a Guard spokeswoman, the gun shoots over 150 rounds per minute and requires two people to operate it. The cutter is stationed in San Diego at the Navy Mooring at Ballast Point. See <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/11076023/detail.html>

## 2007 Pterodactyl's Roost

The Coast Guard Aviators Association (the Pterodactyls) will hold their 2007 annual meeting (roost) in the Washington DC area. Each year the Aviators Association hosts a gathering, or "roost" of its members. The purpose of these annual meetings is camaraderie and sharing history and experiences with other Coast Guard Aviators. The decision to have the 2007 roost in Washington was made at the last annual meeting which was held from 17 to 20 September 2006 in Traverse City, Michigan. CAPT Mont Smith USCG (Ret) is the President and CAPT Paul Langlois, USCG (Ret) is Vice President of the Association. CDR Ben Stoppe, a DC Retiree Council member is Treasure.

The 2007 Pterodactyls Roost will convene on July 30, 2007 at the Fairview Marriot Hotel. A room rate of \$109 / night has been arranged.

The Coast Guard Aviators' Association is soliciting participation and support from members in the Washington DC area for preparations. New members are welcome. Membership fees are \$15 per year and \$200 for life membership. Retired Coast Guard Aviators interested in joining the Pterodactyls should contact CDR Ben Stoppe, TEL - (703) 620-5019 E-Mail [bstoppe@cox.net](mailto:bstoppe@cox.net).

## The National Coast Guard Retiree Council Headquarters Retiree Program Coordinator's Office

The National Coast Guard Retiree Council Headquarters Retiree Program Coordinator's Office Telephone/E-mail "HOTLINE" continues to run smoothly, staffed by members of the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council, the Cape May Retiree Council, and other DC Area Retiree volunteers. More area volunteers are needed for the watch list.

## COMDT's MSG ON LOSS OF A COAST GUARD HERO

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SUBJ: LOSS OF A COAST GUARD HERO

1. IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT I REPORT THE PASSING OF A COAST GUARD HERO.  
RAYMOND F. O'MALLEY, A WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND HONORARY CHIEF PETTY OFFICER DIED THURSDAY IN CHICAGO AT THE AGE OF > 87 WITH HIS SON, PETER, AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, DEBORAH, AT HIS SIDE> AFTER A VALIANT BATTLE AGAINST LUNG CANCER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS> WIFE, DOLLY. CHIEF O'MALLEY WAS THE LAST SURVIVING MEMBER OF THE SINKING OF THE CGC ESCANABA (WPG-77) IN 1943.
- > 2. THE COAST GUARD LOST A REAL HERO WITH THE PASSING OF CHIEF  
> O'MALLEY. AS ONE OF ONLY TWO SURVIVORS FOLLOWING THE ENEMY SINKING  
> OF THE ESCANABA, CHIEF O'MALLEY WAS TRULY A COAST GUARD LEGEND. HE  
> WAS A FIXTURE DURING THE ANNUAL TRIBUTE TO ESCANABA AT ITS MEMORIAL  
> IN GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN. RAY NEVER FORGOT HIS SHIPMATES, AND FOR  
> MORE THAN 60 YEARS HE RECOGNIZED HIS FALLEN COMRADES BOTH AT THE  
> PUBLIC MEMORIAL SERVICE AND WITH A PRIVATE PRAYER, WHEN HE WOULD LIGHT A  
CANDLE FOR THE CREWS OF BOTH THE FORMER AND CURRENT CUTTERS NAMED  
ESCANABA. SIX DECADES FOLLOWING THE ESCANABA TRAGEDY, CHIEF O'MALLEY IS  
FINALLY REUNITED WITH HIS SHIPMATES. WE HONOR HIM AS HE HAS HONORED OUR  
SERVICE. OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO OUT TO THE ENTIRE O'MALLEY FAMILY.
- > 3. DURING THE CUTTER'S FINAL MISSION, THE ESCANABA WAS SUNK BY  
> ENEMY ACTION IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN IN THE EARLY MORNING OF  
> JUNE 13, 1943. A TOTAL OF 103 ESCANABA CREWMEN WERE LOST IN THE  
> SINKING. CHIEF O'MALLEY, A FIRST CLASS SEAMAN AT THE TIME, AND  
> BOATSWAINS MATE SECOND CLASS MELVIN BALDWIN WERE THE LONE SURVIVORS  
> OF THE SINKING. BM2 BALDWIN DIED IN 1964. EACH YEAR, ON THE  
> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SINKING, THE CREW MEMBERS OF THE BOSTON-BASED  
> ESCANABA HELD A MEMORIAL CEREMONY AND THE COMMANDING OFFICER CALLED  
> CHIEF O'MALLEY TO REPORT THE STATUS OF THE ESCANABA. DURING GRAND  
> HAVEN'S COAST GUARD FESTIVAL EACH AUGUST, CHIEF O'MALLEY

> PARTICIPATED IN THE NATIONAL COAST GUARD MEMORIAL SERVICE. HE NEVER  
> MISSED THE ANNUAL SERVICE, WHICH FIRST BEGAN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS  
> AFTER THE ESCANABA SANK. CHIEF O'MALLEY WENT ON TO SERVE HIS  
> COMMUNITY AS A POLICE OFFICER IN CHICAGO AFTER HIS SERVICE IN THE COAST GUARD.  
> 4. LINKS TO AN ORAL HISTORY OF THE SINKING PROVIDED BY CHIEF  
> O'MALLEY DURING A 2004 INTERVIEW, ALONG WITH A HISTORY OF ESCANABA,  
> AND VINTAGE PHOTOS OF O'MALLEY, BALDWIN AND ESCANABA ARE POSTED  
> ONLINE AT: WWW.PIERSYSTEM.COM/GO/DOC/786/149999.  
> 5. FAMILY MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE VISITORS ON MONDAY, MARCH 12 BETWEEN  
> 1500-2100 AT THE COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME LOCATED AT 6250 N. MILWAUKEE  
> AVE, CHICAGO IL, 60646. A FUNERAL SERVICE IS BEING PLANNED FOR  
> MARCH 13 AT THE FUNERAL HOME. DETAILS REGARDING THE TIME OF THE  
> SERVICE WILL BE POSTED TO THE NINTH DISTRICT WEB SITE ONCE  
> FINALIZED BY THE FAMILY.  
> 6. CHIEF O'MALLEY'S HEROIC AND FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THIS COUNTRY  
> WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.  
> 7. ADM THAD ALLEN, COMMANDANT, SENDS.  
> 8. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.  
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## **SECDEF MSG ON CARE FOR WOUNDED SERVICE MEMBERS**

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> ADDRESSEES PASS TO ALL SUBORDINATE COMMANDS  
> 1. WHEN I WAS NOMINATED TO TAKE THIS POST JUST OVER THREE MONTHS  
> AGO, I SAID THAT THE PATRIOTS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE IN OUR  
> ARMED SERVICES HAVE NO EQUAL IN THE WORLD. I MADE A SOLEMN  
> COMMITMENT TO THE CONGRESS, TO THE NATION, AND TO YOU TO KEEP THE  
> WELFARE OF MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM UPPERMOST IN MY MIND AT ALL  
> TIMES.  
> 2. LIKE MOST AMERICANS I WAS DISMAYED TO HEAR REPORTS ABOUT  
> SUBSTANDARD OUTPATIENT CARE AND FACILITIES AT THE WALTER REED ARMY  
> MEDICAL CENTER. WHEN YOU JOIN THE MILITARY, YOU BECOME PART OF A  
> FAMILY, AND IT IS UNACCEPTABLE FOR ANY MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY TO BE  
> TREATED THIS WAY.  
> 3. PRESIDENT BUSH HAS SINCE APPOINTED A BI-PARTISAN PANEL - THE  
> COMMISSION ON CARE FOR AMERICA'S RETURNING WOUNDED WARRIORS - THAT  
> WILL COMPREHENSIVELY REVIEW THE TREATMENT OUR GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING  
> RECOVERING SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN. THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW GROUP I  
> ESTABLISHED WILL TAKE A BROAD LOOK AT ALL OF OUR REHABILITATIVE CARE  
> AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES AT WALTER REED AND AT THE NATIONAL NAVAL  
> MEDICAL CENTER IN BETHESDA. THE LATTER EFFORT HAS A VERY SHORT  
> DEADLINE - NEXT MONTH - TO MAKE SURE WE IDENTIFY ANY ADDITIONAL FLAWS  
> IN THE SYSTEM AND FIX THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
> 4. THIS DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, WILL NOT WAIT FOR REPORTS BY OUTSIDE  
> PANELS BEFORE TAKING ACTION ON PROBLEMS THAT WE KNOW ABOUT RIGHT NOW.  
> TO THAT END, THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY PETE GEREN BRIEFED ME  
> TODAY ON THE ARMY'S ACTION PLAN TO DEAL WITH WALTER REED OUTPATIENT  
> CARE. I EXPECT TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS EVERY TWO WEEKS.  
> 5. IN ADDITION, UNDER SECRETARY FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS DR.  
> DAVID CHU AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS DR. WILLIAM  
> WINKENWERDER WILL UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE, DEPARTMENT-WIDE REVIEW

> OF MILITARY MEDICAL CARE PROGRAMS, FACILITIES, AND PROCEDURES. I  
> HAVE TOLD THE SENIOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP OF THIS  
> DEPARTMENT THAT MONEY WILL NOT BE AN ISSUE. AFTER THE WAR ITSELF, WE  
> HAVE NO HIGHER PRIORITY THAN CARING PROPERLY FOR OUR WOUNDED.  
> 6. WE EMPOWER LEADERS WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY, AUTHORITY, AND  
> RESOURCES NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THEIR MISSION. WITH THAT  
> RESPONSIBILITY COMES ACCOUNTABILITY. AS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE  
> ISSUES, LET ME BE CLEAR: ANY INDIVIDUAL, REGARDLESS OF RANK - OFFICER  
> OR ENLISTED, MILITARY OR CIVILIAN - WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE WHEN  
> SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN ARE NOT TREATED AS THEY SHOULD BE.  
> 7. YOU DESERVE NO LESS, AS DO YOUR FAMILIES WHO ALSO SERVE. IT IS  
> THE FAMILY THAT TAKES ON EXTRA DUTIES AT HOME WHILE SERVICEMEN AND  
> WOMEN ARE AWAY. THE FAMILY ALSO SUFFERS WHEN THEIR LOVED ONE IS  
> INJURED IN BATTLE. AND IT IS THE FAMILY WHO IS THERE EVERY STEP OF  
> THE WAY AS THEIR WOUNDED SOLDIER, SAILOR, AIRMAN OR MARINE UNDERTAKES  
> WHAT CAN BE LONG AND PAINFUL RECOVERY.  
> 8. THE INJURED TROOPS AT WALTER REED AND IN OTHER MILITARY HOSPITALS  
> HAVE PAID A HIGH PRICE FOR PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE FOR  
> AMERICA. LIKE YOU, THEY VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE KNOWING FULL WELL THE  
> RISKS AND DANGERS INVOLVED. THEY DESERVE OUR RESPECT AND GRATITUDE  
> AND THE VERY BEST THAT OUR GREAT COUNTRY CAN PROVIDE. WE OWE THIS TO  
> THEM, AND WE MUST DELIVER. I AM TOTALLY COMMITTED TO DOING SO.  
> 9. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES. ROBERT M. GATES, SECRETARY OF  
> DEFENSE.  
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## **USCG HEADQUARTERS GOLF ASSOCIATION**

### **(USCGHQGA) 2007 Tournament Schedule**

Poolesville Golf Course 0800 Monday Apr 16 \$ 60

Maryland Course - **TBD** 0800 Monday May 14 \$ TBD

(Choices include Cross Creek, Eisenhower, UofMaryland, Bowie CC)

Reston National, Reston, VA 0800 Monday Jun 18 \$ 65

**Coast Guard Invitational, July 4 through 7, 2006 at "The Homestead" in Hot Springs, VA**

\*\* Ft Meade, MD 0730 Tuesday Jul 17 \$ 55

River Creek, Leesburg, VA (**tentative**) 0800 Monday Aug 13 \$ 75

Fairfax National 0800 Monday Sep 17 \$ 57

Commandant's Cup - **TBD** 0800 Wednesday Oct 17 \$ 80

• \* 2-person scramble.

• \*\* 4-person scramble.

• Prices include greens fees and carts.

Annual Association Dues: E-1 to E-8; GS-1 to GS-8 \$20.00

E-9 to O-4; GS-9 to GS-13 \$25.00

All others \$30.00

Half price if arriving/departing PCS mid-summer, pay dues to CDR Dan Christovich

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## List of Useful Web Sites

CG News [www.uscg.mil/news](http://www.uscg.mil/news)  
CG Magazine <http://www.uscg.mil/magazine/>  
USCG Home page <http://www.uscg.mil/USCG.shtm>  
USCG HOME PORT [www.homeport.uscg.mil](http://www.homeport.uscg.mil)  
USCG Retiree Home page [www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wp/g-wpm/retiree/retiree.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wp/g-wpm/retiree/retiree.htm)  
USCG Finance Center (for retired pay etc) <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/index.htm>  
USCG Office of Leadership and Professional Development  
<http://www.uscg.mil/leadership/home.htm>  
USCG Evening Colors <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/eveningcolors/index.htm>  
Maritime Security Threat Level <http://www.uscg.mil/USCG.shtm>  
USCG Fifth District <http://www.uscg.mil/d5/index.html>  
USCG Sector Baltimore <http://www.uscg.mil/d5/sector/sectbalt/index.htm>  
USCG Sector Hampton Roads <http://www.uscg.mil/d5/sector/hamptonroads/index.htm>  
USCG Academy [www.cga.edu](http://www.cga.edu)  
USCG Auxiliary [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)  
Coast Guard Magazine <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/cb/CGMagazine.htm>  
CG Reservist <http://www.uscg.mil/reserve/magazine/magazine.htm>  
NAVY Times <http://www.navytimes.com/>  
Coast Guard Mutual Assistance [www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org)  
US Coast Guard Foundation <http://www.cgfdn.org/main.html>  
USCG Recreational Boating Safety Office <http://www.uscgboating.org/>  
USCG Deepwater Program <http://www.uscg.mil/deepwater/>  
USCG Directives <http://www.uscg.mil/ccs/cit/cim/directives/welcome.htm>  
USCG Personnel World Wide Locator [CGlocator@Ballston.uscg.mil](mailto:CGlocator@Ballston.uscg.mil)  
USCG History <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/history/collect.html>  
USCG Memorial at Arlington Cemetery  
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/uscg-mem.htm>  
USCG Aviation <http://www.aoptero.org/>  
USCG Foundation <http://www.cgfdn.org>  
USCG Coast Guard Band [www.uscg.mil/band](http://www.uscg.mil/band)  
USCG Auxiliary Northern Va Div. 14 <http://www.uscgaux.org/~05414/index.html>  
Air Force Academy <http://www.usafa.af.mil/>  
Naval Academy <http://www.usna.edu//homepage.php>  
Kings Point <http://www.usmma.edu/>  
West Point <http://www.usma.edu/>  
What Happened This Day in USCG [http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/history/Chronology\\_index.html](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/history/Chronology_index.html)  
Department of Homeland Security <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/>  
National Personnel Records Center (St. Louis, MO)  
[http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st\\_louis/military\\_personnel\\_records/standard\\_form\\_180.html](http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis/military_personnel_records/standard_form_180.html)  
National Association of State Boating Law Administrators <http://www.nasbla.org/>  
TRICARE Information Systems <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/faqs/>  
TRICARE For Life Beneficiary Letter (<http://tricare.osd.mil/tfl/pdf/carratoletter.pdf>)  
TRICARE For Life Brochure (<http://tricare.osd.mil/tfl/pdf/brochure4June.pdf>)  
TRICARE For Life Beneficiary Information Card ([http://tricare.osd.mil/tfl/tfl\\_bencard.html](http://tricare.osd.mil/tfl/tfl_bencard.html))  
TRICARE For Life Cost Matrix (<http://tricare.osd.mil/tfl/matrix.html>)  
Social Security Administration Online [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov),  
Medicare Online [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

FREDS PLACE <http://www.fredsplace.org/>

Military Officers Association of America <http://www.moaa.org/>

ROA [http://www.roa.org/about\\_us/about\\_ov.asp](http://www.roa.org/about_us/about_ov.asp)