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From the OIC's Desk

Greetings from the Ceremonial Honor Guard!! It has been a while since the "Post" has been published. We thought it would be a good idea to revive it since the Honor Guard does so many great things that we should share with our family, friends, and Coast Guard.

This is my inaugural input for the newsletter as the Officer-in-Charge. As I shared in my Change-of-Watch comments, I consider the opportunity to serve as your Officer-in-Charge as an honor, and a dream realized. My Coast Guard career started here at the Honor Guard as a Seaman 14-short years ago. Never in my imagination did I think or plan to be in this position. From the moment I arrived and continuously to date, I have been impressed with your hard work, professionalism, and excellence through pride, poise, and perfection. I will give you my best effort, and I look forward to serving with each of you over the coming years.

As I committed upon reporting, the Honor Guard's values of pride, poise, and perfection will support Admiral Papp's Guiding Principles. By now, you should have seen that we "steady the service" by facilitating TAD and other opportunities to help our shipmates achieve



their professional and personal goals such that we can synthesize the full measure of each member's abilities. We "honor our profession" daily through the rendering of respect and honors to those currently serving, those that have served, and those that have left us here to stand the watch. We "strengthen our partnerships" by operating as a force multiplier in the Military District of Washington, the Coast Guard, and the local community.

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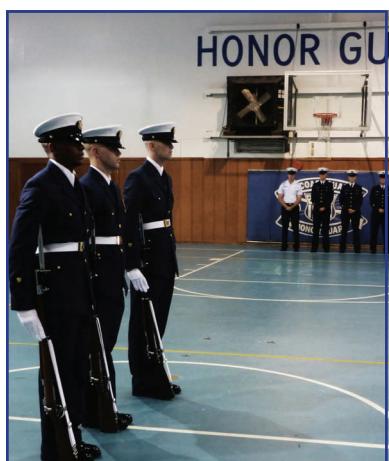


SN William Button and SN Sean Martin receive their ropes from trainers SN Andrew Lopez and SN Jesse Barnes after a successful qualification ceremony. The ceremony was conducted by Petty Officer First Class Michael Subra.

Rope!

Congratulations to the following members for earning their ropes and badges:

SN BUTTON
SN HASKELL
SN MARTIN, S.
SN RICHARDSON
SN VINSON
SN WALDROP
SN WENDELL



SN Richardson, SN Wendell, and SN Waldrop await the Staff's decision.



Qualifications

Firing Party

SN Bolton Bethea
SN Brian Martin
SN Michael Rosinski
SN Dylan Wilkie
SN Avery Temple
SN Philip Johnson



TISCOM, Virginia- -Taking our joint ceremonial mission to a new level, Marine Corporal Garrett Quinn donned his ceremonials and ventured into unfamiliar Coast Guard territory, on the 25th of January, 2012. Arriving at the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard's daily mid-morning muster, Quinn led a team of six Marine casket team members directly into the center of the Coast Guard formation. As baffled Honor Guardsmen looked on, Quinn ceremoniously removed his cover, approached Coast Guard's Seaman Stephanie Severns, and bent down on one knee.

Visibly nervous, Quinn briefly steadied himself before giving a short proposal as he presented SN Severns with a ring. An overjoyed SN Severns accepted immediately. This is the first Honor Guard proposal since it's establishment in 1962.

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Finally, we “respect our shipmates” by fostering a professional environment where every member of the unit can serve as an equal partner and be respected for his or her individual contribution to mission success.

Our mission and operational readiness are at extremely high levels. The troops have made a concerted effort to prepare for the upcoming ceremonial season and beyond. The Honor Guard is expected to travel extensively this year as we participate in many drill team missions as well as the bi-centennial celebration of the War of 1812.

You can be very proud of your Ceremonial Honor Guardsmen and the accomplishments and contributions they make each day, both on and off duty, to the world and the local community. I encourage you to stop by and see what we are doing and please look for opportunities to get involved. Thanks again for all of the sacrifices our crew, spouses, families, and friends make on a daily basis such that the Honor Guard can execute all assigned missions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink.

J. M. Hinsey, LT
 Officer-in-Charge
 USCG Ceremonial Honor Guard

Joint Service Proposal



Newly engaged couple SN Stephanie Severns and Corporal Garrett Quinn.



Petty Officer First Class Michael Subra leads the platoon after participating in a wreath laying ceremony for Poland's Chancellor of Defense at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.



What You Need to Know about the 50th Annual Honor Guard Ball

Date: The 10th of March 2012

Time: 1800 reception, followed by dinner and dancing.

Location: Marriott Crystal Gateway
Arlington, VA
(703) 920-3230

Dress: The uniform will be Dinner Dress Blue Jacket for military, formal for civilians.

R.S.V.P. by February 24th, 2012 at:

<https://einvitations.afit.edu/HonorGuardBall/anim.cfm>

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| Cost: | E-4 and below | \$40.00 |
| | E5-E-7 | \$60.00 |
| | E-8 and above | \$80.00 |
| | GS, CIV, AUX | \$80.00 |

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ESO's Corner

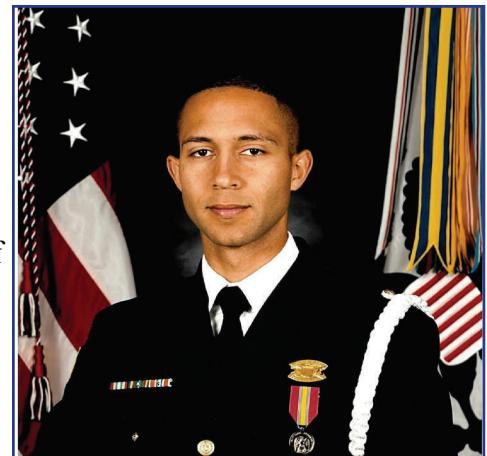


Important note from EPME website:

Members must complete the E-PME course and performance requirements before advancement to E-4. It is HIGHLY recommended that all members awaiting "A" School strive to have all E-PME AQE and performance requirements met before attending training. "A" School courses are intensive training and there is no time allotted for E-PME completion. Class "A" school students who have completed the rating portion of the course of instruction, but have not completed the E-PME AQE will not be advanced until the E-PME AQE and performance requirements are satisfied.

For those looking for EPME study materials, reference the link below:
<https://elearning.uscg.mil/catalog/course.asp?id=132&cid=45>

See LTJG Fernandez once your sign-offs are completed and you would like to schedule your EPME test. A qualifying score on the EPME is an 80% or higher. In the event you don't pass the first time, you must wait a period of 21 days before you can take it again.



Very Respectfully,
 LTJG Patrick Fernandez
 HG Training Officer/TISCOM ESO

Sports



On the left: SN Avery Temple defends an opponent at Fort Belvoir on February 1, 2012.

On the right: Final score, marking the sixth consecutive Coast Guard victory in an undefeated season.



Coast Guard Basketball Schedule

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| February 13 | 1930 | USCG vs. ADF-E |
| February 15 | 1930 | USCG vs. 596th |
| February 27 | 2030 | USCG vs. USALA |
| March 5 | 1930 | USCG vs. FBCH |

***All games are played in the Graves Fitness Center on Fort Belvoir.**

*A single elimination tournament to determine the 2012 Intramural Basketball Champion will be held 12-15 March 2012. Only the top five teams from each division (east and west) will be participating in the tournament.

MISSION PHOTOGRAPHY

During the last weekend in January, the Honor Guard sent a firing party, Colors team, and the Drill Team's elite 'Center Four' (C4) to Florida to participate in the Coast Guard City celebration in Clearwater and to render honors at the CGC Blackthorn Memorial in St. Petersburg.

Drill Team's 'C-4' from left to right: SN Benjamin Smithee, SN Brian Martin, SN Justin Baker, SN Michael Rosinski, and Drill Master, Petty Officer First Class Andrew Hammersmith.



SN Michael Rosinski (far right) renders honors at the CGC Blackthorn Memorial



Left to right: SN Justin Baker, SN Benjamin Smithee, Petty Officer First Class Andrew Hammersmith, SN Michael Rosinski, and SN Donald Hackett



The Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard represents the United States Coast Guard and the Military District of Washington through ceremonial operations held before world leaders and foreign dignitaries. Ceremonies include Joint Service parades, cordons, Colors events, and White House arrivals as well as Coast Guard-specific retirements, funerals, and other special events. The Honor Guard performs over 1,000 ceremonies annually and is comprised of 73 members.