

# Coast Guard Connection...

Keeping shipmates informed and our Coast Guard family connected

**Coast Guard Connection**

**A bi-weekly e-publication**

Hello Shipmates:

This edition of CG Connection focuses on special events, news and media coverage on the USCG. As a special note, and as reported in the media, Admiral Papp, who recently and successfully underwent surgery for prostate cancer, is recovering well at home. He thanks all for their good wishes and prayers, and hopes his experience will encourage others to look after their health and well being through annual health screenings and exams.

## AI Roker to Host Coast Guard Foundation Gala

The Coast Guard Foundation announced that AI Roker will host its 32nd Annual Salute to the United States Coast Guard on Thursday, October 11, 2012 in New York City. Nine-time Emmy award winner AI Roker is the producer of The Weather Channel's docu-series "Coast Guard Alaska" and the upcoming series "Coast Guard Florida", as well as numerous other programs.

The gala event honors the bravery and courage of the U.S. Coast Guard personnel who enforce maritime law, protect our homeland and citizens, and preserve the environment.

Coast Guard Foundation's Annual Salute to the U.S. Coast Guard  
Thursday, October 11, 2012  
Marriott Marquis, 1535 Broadway, New York, New York.  
Reception at 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. dinner reception.  
To reserve a table or purchase tickets: [coastguardfoundation.org](http://coastguardfoundation.org)  
Telephone: (860-535-0786).

CG Alaska S2 Premier: <http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2012/04/%e2%80%98coast-guard-alaska%e2%80%99-is-back/>



**CGC WAESCHE BLOG SERIES:** A series on the WAESCHE's current Pacific patrol will appear throughout the month on Coast Guard Compass. Go to: [HTTP://COAST-GUARD.DODLIVE.MIL](http://COAST-GUARD.DODLIVE.MIL)

**WAR OF 1812 VIDEO:** The new video is online at: <http://goo.gl/r65nn>

17-23 April: Start of 1812 bicentennial events from NOLA <http://www.d8.uscgnews.com/go/doc/425/455751/>

The Joint Service Drill Exhibition, held this year in conjunction with the [Centennial of the Cherry Blossom Festival](#), showcased the talents of the silent drill teams of the [Army](#), [Air Force](#), [Navy](#), [Marine Corps](#), [Merchant Marine Academy](#) and the [Coast Guard](#).

Drill team feature release <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/786/1369175/A-battle-of-precision->

### CALENDAR UPDATES

**9 May: COAST GUARD'S FY 2013 BUDGET REQUEST HEARING**

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security.  
Witness: ADM Robert Papp  
TIME: 10 a.m.

**Week of 12 May:** First Fast Response Cutter, **Coast Guard Cutter Bernard C. Webber**, will make a port call in Washington DC. (see page 3 for details).

**16 May:** Coast Guard Academy Graduation

**16 May: COAST GUARD ACQUISITIONS PROGRAM HEARING**

House Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.  
Witness: VADM John Currier, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support  
TIME: 10 a.m.

**17 May: COAST GUARD joins DHS components** and the DHS Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs in participating in the "One DHS Day" on Capitol Hill.

**18 May:** Vice Admiral John Currier will relieve Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara and assume the watch as Vice Commandant of the United States Coast Guard. The Coast Guard will also honor Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara on the occasion of her retirement.

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, celebrating and paying tribute to the contributions that generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders have made to American history, society and culture.

The 2012 theme for the APA Celebration is “Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion.”

[http://www.uscg.mil/history/AsianPacific\\_Americans.asp](http://www.uscg.mil/history/AsianPacific_Americans.asp)



Both chambers of Congress are in recess and return to work on May 7th.

The Commerce-Justice-Science appropriations bill will be the first fiscal 2013 spending bill to move in either chamber, with the House due to take up the measure early during the week of May 7th when Congress returns from next week's recess.

Senate appropriation subcommittees have approved a third of their 12 annual spending bills after advancing both the Agriculture and Energy-Water measures.

### **NEW Awareness Measures, Response to Sexual Assault is the responsibility of each USCG member and employee, every day.**

The Acting Commandant, Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara announced that the Coast Guard is strengthening its efforts to eradicate sexual assault in the service, releasing a new SAPR Policy Manual (ALCOAST 196/12), which replaces a previous Coast Guard instruction and provides significant improvements to the service's sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) program.

Additionally, effective June 28, 2012, the level of authority at which commanders may take initial disposition action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for certain sexual misconduct cases has been changed. As a result of this change, only officers designated as special court-martial convening authorities in the grade of O-6 may make the initial case disposition decision with respect to rape, sexual assault and forcible sodomy; attempts to commit those offenses in violation of Articles 120, 125 and 80 of the UCMJ; and other misconduct arising out of or relating to the same incident.

This action will ensure a senior level of review by experienced officers from the outset of certain sexual assault cases as well as ensure that the full measure of response, victim support and criminal investigative resources are brought to bear. This action keeps the USCG aligned with a directive issued 20 April 2012 by Department of Defense Secretary Leon Panetta directing the same withholding level for each of the military branches within the Defense Department. Guidance to implement this change will be promulgated via ALCOAST prior to June 28th.

Sexual assault is a violation of the Coast Guard Core Values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. These steps move us closer to achieving our goal of eliminating the crime of sexual assault from within our ranks, but alone are not enough to succeed. Every Commanding Officer, Officer-in-Charge, manager, supervisor, service member and civilian employee is responsible for creating and maintaining a culture in which we *Respect our Shipmates*: a culture that absolutely will not tolerate sexual assault.

## *in the news and around town*

The latest in technology and equipment was packed into a 150,000 square-foot showroom for display in Washington, D.C., April 16-18 and the means by which the sea going services might appropriate them was a key topic of discussion in surrounding conference rooms.

The Sea-Air-Space Exposition concluded its 37th year of bringing together the U.S. sea services, private-sector companies and key military decision makers for the largest maritime exposition in the United States. The event featured high-tech displays and high-level discussions on strategic policy, programs and maritime issues, and gave service leaders an opportunity to share key challenges, desires and concerns with industry leadership as well as members of the public and private sectors.

The official theme this year was "Naval Expeditionary Forces: Preserving Global Economic and National Security" and discussion revolved around the price tag of preserving global security and the question of how to meet mission requirements in the current constrained fiscal environment. This theme was evident in Coast Guard discussions about the urgency of recapitalizing its aging fleet and managing the increasing need for a continuous forward presence in places like the Arctic. These themes were touched on by nearly each of the 14 Coast Guard panelists, floor speakers or moderators over the three-day expo.

Sea Air Space: <http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2012/04/sas12-sea-air-space-expo/>

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Stakeholder events, familiarization rides and tours scheduled for Monday, May 14 - Thursday, May 17

Location: D.C. Police Harbor Patrol Pier  
550 Water Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20024  
(Next to the Spirit of Washington at Pier 4)

Public tours scheduled in Alexandria on Friday, May 18.  
Time and place TBD.

### Welcome Aboard!

Rear Admiral Mary E. Landry, USCG (ret) was selected as the new Director of Incident Management and Preparedness. Beginning April 22, 2012, Ms. Landry will establish, develop, and implement policies, strategies and goals to improve all hazards incident management with our interagency partners.

[http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/alcoast/174-12\\_alcoast.txt](http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/alcoast/174-12_alcoast.txt)

## **Fast Response Cutter USCGC BERNARD C. WEBBER (WPC 1101) Washington, D.C. Port Call**

