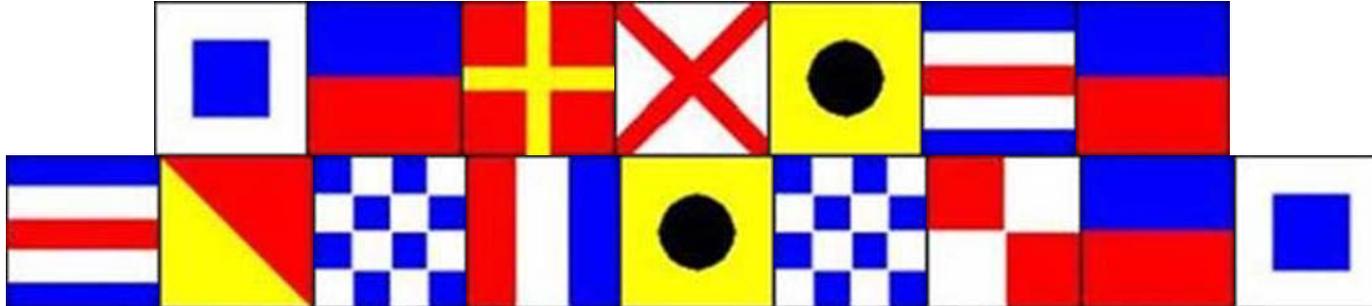


## Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Newsletter March 2015

*SERVICE CONTINUES*



Thought for the Week

**What you do today is important . . . you are exchanging a day of your life for it**

Some interesting and timely information – ALSO, PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHMENT - “Upcoming Funerals at Arlington National Cemetery”. Also US Senate Summer Intern Program

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### ADM Thad Allen Speaking at CGHQ Officers’ Association

On behalf of the National Capital Region CG Officers Association, I would like to invite you to join us in the Raymond J. Evans Conference Center, room 6i10-01c, for lunch and an excellent presentation by one of our former Commandants. This event is open to all members of the Coast Guard team in the National Capital Region, however, seating is limited and RSVPs are requested.

On Friday, 27 March 2015 at 1130, Admiral Thad Allen USCG (ret.) will be joining us to speak on the topic, “Adapting to Complexity and Accelerating Change.” We hope you join us to meet with Admiral Allen and engage in a lively Q&A with this prominent leader in homeland security and our 23rd Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. ADM Allen is an Executive Vice President at Booze Allen Hamilton, and is a leader in the firm’s Departments of Justice and Homeland Security business in the civil market. He leads the development of thought leadership and client engagement regarding the future direction of law enforcement and homeland security. He is known for his expertise in bringing together government and non-government entities to address major challenges in a “whole of government” approach designed to achieve a unity of effort. Given the operational challenges and opportunities the Coast Guard is facing, the timing could not be better to have this discussion with a leader in the field.

Questions regarding this event may be addressed to LCDR Jennifer Osburn at [Jennifer.M.Osburn@uscg.mil](mailto:Jennifer.M.Osburn@uscg.mil), or LCDR Ally Thompson at [Ally.M.Thompson@uscg.mil](mailto:Ally.M.Thompson@uscg.mil) or [NCRCGOA@gmail.com](mailto:NCRCGOA@gmail.com).

Pre-ordered box lunches will be available for \$11 (including tax) from the catering service. Each lunch includes your choice of sandwich, piece of fruit, a snack, and a bottle of water. Credit card payment available on day of the event or pay during registration.

Plan to join us for some fellowship, networking and a dynamic discussion with Admiral Allen.

RSVPs are required and this event is sure to fill up fast so don’t delay registering. We look forward to seeing you on the 27th of March.

More information and online registration: <http://www.ncrcgoa.org/event-1889544>

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### Coast Guard Salutes Vietnam Veterans

# The U.S. Coast Guard Salutes Vietnam Veterans



#### Guest Speaker

Joe Galloway  
Vietnam War Reporter  
Bronze Star Recipient

Co-Author "We Were Soldiers Once...and Young"

CG Headquarters

March 31, 2015

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

CDR Ray Evans Conference Center LL6

LCDR Pride Sanders (202) 372-4641



Please see the attached PDF document for particulars. Would be in keeping with Coast Guard traditions if there's a big turnout at CGHQ

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## Wreath-laying ceremony at CGC Taney in Baltimore Harbor.

CAPT Jim Devitt, USCG (ret) commanded the CGC Taney during its deployment in Vietnam .

From: Jim Devitt [<mailto:jhdevitt@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 6:24 PM

To: Wayne Till; Al Perry; Art Curtis; Steve Levine; Bud Guest; Ted Sampson; Paul Shelton; Tim Briggs; William Morgan; Frank Tobat; Paul Cora; Pete Sinon; Tim Hebling; Bob Zingmark; Bill Jones; Hinds, Robert; Mike Placencia; Wilson Cox; Carmond Fitzgerald; David Humphreys; John Fanelli

Subject: CGC Taney Vietnam Crew Reunion

**BACKGROUND:** Thanks to the efforts of Al Perry, we have just become aware that the American Legion will be holding their annual national convention in Baltimore, Maryland, August 28-September 3, 2015. This convention, will include a wreath laying ceremony aboard USCGC Taney on September 1st or 2nd. We believe this event presents a unique opportunity for a Taney Vietnam crew reunion. 2015 represents 50 years since the CG became involved in Vietnam and also represents 45 years since we returned home from Vietnam deployment. I need to know your interest in attending this proposed reunion, September 1st-2nd, 2015 (could be longer, if there is interest) in Baltimore. Based on your responses and suggestions, we can move forward and plan for activities/rooms/CG recognition etc. I also need your help in contacting crew members who you are in contact. The above email addressees are from past reunions and various CG membership directories. I am sure you have contact info on other crew members, please forward this notice to them. Frank Tobat, do you have any contact info on Ken Fincher, Roy Rodgers, Bruce Batchelor; they attended past Taney reunions but I have no contact info. NOTES to addressees who are not Vietnam crew members: Paul Cora, Curator, Historic Ships in Baltimore, As you can see, we just received info regarding the wreath laying ceremony aboard Taney. Please keep me informed and I will keep you informed of interest from Taney crew members. Robert Hinds, Retiree Services Program Manager, CG Headquarters, Bob good to speak yesterday with you. I will also keep you posted on responses. Mike Placencia, President, Coast Guard Combat Veterans, will keep you informed and hopefully, based on responses, post a notice in your next Quarterdeck Log edition. Art Curtis, Executive Secretary, Reserve Officers Association, know you are a supporter of the Taney Historic Ships museum, you may be interested in attending. Carmond Fitzgerald, know you were transferred just before deployment and you are a supporter of the Taney museum, thought you may be interested in attending. Wayne Till, know you have attended previous Taney reunions and thought you may be interested in our plans.

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## Retirees as Recruiters – Please see attachment – CG Retiree/CG Recruiting Partnership

Also, Coast Guard Retirees are now being given the opportunity to become involved in recruiting candidates for enlisted, OCS and Academy candidates. Mr. Bob Hinds in CGHQ CG-13 is researching the recruiters so the Retirees in each region will be aware of the appropriate CG recruiter to contact. However, at a recent meeting of the Capital Area CG Retiree Council, members indicated that the CG has many more candidates for entry into the CG than available slots, so an effort to recruit may not bear much fruit. Suggest that the effort should continue nevertheless since many who initially applied and were not accepted because quotas have been exceeded, do succeed in second or third attempts.

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## AY15 FLAG OFFICER AND SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS-UPDATE

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A. Headquarters Staff:

DCMS Deputy Commandant for Mission Support VADM(s) S.L. Stosz

CG-1 Assistant Commandant for Human Resources RADM C.B. Thomas

B. Headquarters Units:

PSC Commander, Personnel Service Center RDML(s) W.G. Kelly

C. Area Staffs/Area Units:

Atlantic Area Senior Reserve Officer RDML F.S. Pelkowski

Pacific Area Deputy RDML M.L. Austin

Pacific Area Senior Reserve Officer RADM K.B. Hinrichs

2. The President has nominated VADM(s) Stosz for promotion and assignment, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

3. VADM Peter V. Neffenger, Vice Commandant, sends.

4. Internet release authorized.

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### Jack Redfern

I previously circulated an email regarding a colleague, Jack Redfern. Jack is severely ill and an event is planned to celebrate his life. He will be present I'm again providing information of how you can contribute to Jack in a very special way. Please see the attachment.