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Coast Guard Operation Noble Eagle Documentation Project

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SUBJ: OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC//G-CIM// 141750Z SEP01/ALCOAST 382, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)/RECORD-HANDLING.

1. THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES AND THE SUBSEQUENT RESPONSE OF THE COAST GUARD ARE SEMINAL EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE NATION AND THE SERVICE.
2. COMMANDANT (G-I) HAS INITIATED A PROJECT TO PRESERVE VITAL HISTORICAL DATA THAT DOCUMENTS COAST GUARD OPERATIONS SINCE 11SEP01. THIS HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION WILL INVOLVE THE CREATION OF A MANUSCRIPT AND WEB-BASED OPERATIONAL ARCHIVE THAT WILL SERVE AS A PERMANENT REPOSITORY OF THE ACTIONS OF THE COAST GUARD DURING OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE.
3. ALL OFFICES AND UNITS ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COLLECT, PRESERVE, AND MAKE ACCESSIBLE TO THE COAST GUARD HISTORIAN COPIES OF SUCH RECORDS AND OTHER MATERIAL PERTINENT TO THE 11SEP01 ATTACKS AND OPERATIONS RESULTING FROM THEIR AFTERMATH. OFFICES AND UNITS ARE REMINDED TO FOLLOW THE REQUIREMENTS OF REFERENCE (A): THE ORIGINATING UNIT/OFFICE RETAINS RESPONSIBILITY AS THE RECORDHOLDER AND SHALL RETAIN THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. SUCH HISTORICAL RECORDS INCLUDE DIRECT PERSONAL ACCOUNTS OF PERSONNEL ENGAGED SINCE 11SEP01 IN SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS.
4. THIS DOCUMENTATION PROJECT IS THE FIRST BY THE COAST GUARD SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR. IT WILL BE DIRECTED BY THE COAST GUARD HISTORIANS OFFICE (G-IPA-4).
5. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RELEVANCE OF HISTORICAL MATERIALS (INCLUDING PERSONAL ACCOUNTS) SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:
PCAPELOTTI(AT)COMDT.USCG.MIL.
6. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.
7. RADM K.J. ELDRIDGE, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, SENDS.

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