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Vietnam Memorial 25th Anniversary *When A Wall Isn't A Wall, But A Connection To The Past*



The 78-person strong Coast Guard contingent proudly marches down Constitution Avenue on November 10, 2008.

When the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) was dedicated on Veterans' Day 1982, less than two dozen Coast Guard Vietnam veterans attended, including GMCM Bill Wells, USCG (retired.). The 20th anniversary of The Wall's dedication in 2002 gleaned only recognizable USCG Vietnam veterans; former EN2 Mike Voges and Bill Wells. Undeterred, and with stout hearts, they created their own marching unit and represented the Coast Guard. To say the least, Bill and Mike were disappointed with the sparse turnout so, as the 25th anniversary neared, Bill began plans for a much stronger showing of Coast Guardsmen.

As a longtime Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association (CGCVA) member, and the association's webmaster, Bill was able to gather support through information on the association's website, personal email lists and through an Ed Swift article and full-page flyer in the *QD Log*. Getting the information out early worked and more than 50 Coast Guard

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From the Editor

Shipmates,

This *QD Log* issue is probably getting to you a little later than usual. Deadline was Nov. 1st but because of the participation of several CGCVA members in the 25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial on Nov. 11th, I decided to hold off production so that coverage of this historic event could be included in this issue. I hope you enjoy reading about what took place and seeing the pictures, especially our Vietnam veteran members who were unable to make the trip to Washington, D.C. Personally, I was honored to participate in many of the activities and I truly enjoyed interacting with those who made the trip, particularly those who had never been to The Wall.

I'd also like to thank all those members who have contributed and continue to contribute to the *QD Log* Booster Club. This magazine is by far the CGCVA's largest expense and your donations help offset its printing and mailing costs. Our primary income is through annual dues which are extremely reasonable at a mere \$30 for two years. We also have a large number of life members not paying dues plus we now are offering free two-year memberships to all eligible active-duty members. That equates to minimal income so the Booster Club contributions are most appreciated. For simplicity sake, if every CGCVA member mailed in a check for \$10 to the *QD Log* Booster Club each year, those contributions would pay for all the magazine's printing and mailing expenses. So, as we enter the "season of giving," please consider putting the *QD Log* Booster Club on your gift list. Thanks in advance!

Here's wishing you all a most enjoyable holiday season and a wonderful new year in 2008. SP! **Swiftly**



(Comrades?) Frenchy, Swiftly and Pete Petersen.

**Next QD Log deadline is Feb. 1, 2008.
Please e-mail material to the editor
at: swiftie1@verizon.net**

Florida USCG License Plate

Now that I am a Florida resident I have a new Florida license plate to go with that status. In the Sunshine State you may take the run-of-the-mill tag for your car or chose a specialty one. The registration form lists 123 choices. Along with colleges and professional sports teams there are the social causes such as: Choose Life, Protect the Panther, Save Our Seas, and Stop Child Abuse. Military selections include: Purple Heart. Disabled American Veterans, Salutes Veterans, and National Guard. Then, there are plates for each of the five armed forces. Among all of them, the Coast Guard plate, with its broad racing stripe, bold emblem, and red, white, blue colors stands out like a clown on a coal pile — you cannot miss seeing it. You do not have to be a veteran to acquire one the armed forces tags. The extra money paid for them goes into the Veterans' Homes Trust Fund for the maintenance and operation of Florida's five state veterans' nursing homes and one state veterans' domiciliary facility.

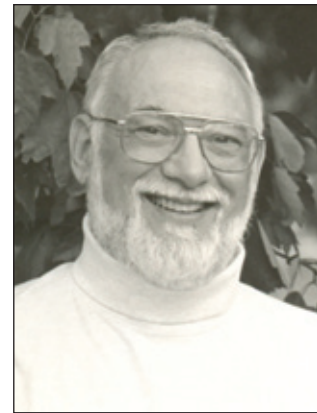


Association president Paul C. Scotti, a new Florida resident, points with pride to his Coast Guard specialty automobile tag. (Photo by Liz Scotti)

Philately Speaking

A new fad is customized postage stamps. Those of us at the Reunion/Convention had the chance to buy sheets of stamps featuring our Association logo. I gave my brother a sheet of them to put on the Space Shuttle Launch envelopes for the August 8th lift-off of Endeavor. He works at Kennedy Space Center and sends out these commemorative envelopes that are canceled at the Space Center on the day of launch. He was told by the post office that our Association stamps are good for sending letters but because they are not issued by the U.S. Post Office they may not be canceled. Customized indicia are not stamps and therefore, are similar to meter mail not requiring postmarking. Well, the launch envelopes were mailed to family and friends with a postmark after all—

once my brother added a post office-issued stamp to it. Nonetheless, there are now collectible launch envelopes out there with a prominent stamp proclaiming the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association. In the near future, you will be able to order our logo stamps and other Association-related items through Zazzle.com.



Paul C. Scotti

What's Cooking Mate?

I am testing the waters to learn if there is enough interest to come out with a Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association Cookbook for a fundraiser. No doubt you have seen these spiral-bound cookbooks put out by various organizations. You may even have recipes in some of them. A number of companies publish personalized cookbooks for fundraising. Would you contribute a recipe? Would you buy such a book? Would you preorder the book? How much would you pay for one? If the idea appeals to you let me know. You may even send along a recipe for advance preparation. Contact me by E-mail: psuscg@aol.com or write me

at: 426 Commodore Avenue NW, Palm Bay, Florida 32907.

Official Acts

Just a reminder that the officers of the Association speak and act in behalf of the Association and its members. Any correspondence or other means of communication that conveys a position or requests an action by the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association needs to be approved by the National President. If you have a concern that you believe the Association should act upon, submit it and possibly a "draft" letter to the National Secretary. This procedure is necessary to ensure the Association's integrity and reputation.

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Veterans' Day

As we observe Veterans' Day, we also remember our shipmates, family members and friends who have fallen in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. We hear about them in the news every day, but what we hear are usually just statistics and nothing of the lives of the lost soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen. As I write this,

4,276 American heroes have made the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq and Afghanistan. The stories of each of these men and women is recorded in the website: <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/fallen/>.

U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Nathan B. Bruckenthal is among those remembered for his sacrifice while serving our country in the Persian Gulf. **Terry**

From the Secretary

Secretary's Report

A few questions were received regarding the mailing times of the *Quarterdeck Log*. We mail each issue at the **END** of the season (so that's why this issue is Fall 2007).

I have to report that many of the Summer 2007 issue *QD Logs* were returned due to changes of address, one of the largest number of returns I can recall. This means that

not only were the magazines not received but the Association also absorbed an additional 50 cents for each copy returned. To eliminate this situation, members must provide me an address change every time you move, even if you go back and forth between two residences each year. Our computer can only handle one address. Both the computer and Baker are getting real old!

As I've said many times, the best parts of my job are getting to hear from the members, hearing a great sea story from time to time and having members and their spouses drop by. After all, who in the hell knows where Westfield Center, Ohio is anyway? Well, Terry and Rene O'Connell found it, as did Bill and Rose Ross. Isn't GPS wonderful?! And Marylou and I thought no one could find us down in the 'boondocks'. I spoke with Casey Quinn, the only known C-130 pilot to down a MIG. Casey headed for the clouds when the MIG arrived and later Casey ducked down in a valley. The MIG followed him and met a mountain. I love happy stories. Like our Coast Guard

HDF radio operator Wally Cudlipp who directed a Navy plane onto a Nazi sub... goodbye sub!

Donations

Donations were received from several CGCVA members, as well as the Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officers Association, for the Vietnam Veterans Washington, DC project. The 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial was held during Veterans' Day Weekend November 9-12. Contributing members included: Joe Kleinpeter, Baker Herbert, Glenn Brantley, Don Taub, Clyde Bowden, and Bernard Hogan.

Donations were received from Francis Wandrocke, Joe Kleinpeter, D. Meadows, Ray Evans, John Cromwell, Harold Steindler, Marshall Smith, and Judith Robertson (in honor of Robert Robertson) to replace our lost CGCVA banner.

Thanks also to Joe Kleinpeter for his contribution to the Pacific Coast Guard Memorial.

Dues Information

As previously reported, CGCVA dues have been increased by \$2.50 per year (or a total of \$30.00 for a two-year membership). This of course does not apply to Life Members. For those desiring to become Life Members, our rates have remained the same as before: Under age 30 (\$200); 31-40 (\$185); 41-50 (\$165); 51-60 (\$145); 61-70 (\$115); 71-80 (\$85); 81-90 (\$50); and 90 and older (no cost). Semper Paratus! **Baker**

Crossed The Bar

Robert D. Basnett, Jr.

Joined: 5-25-1989 CTB: 10-18-2007

James E. Carlson.

Joined: 8-22-2006 CTB: 8-15-2007

Leonard Fuchs, LM

Joined: 9-22-1994 CTB: 9-9-2007

Myles P. Gilliland, LM

Joined: 2-22-1994 CTB: 9-26-2007

Donald R. Hamilton

Joined: 3-20-2004 CTB: 5-16-2007

Robert G. Mayer, LM

Joined: 5-1-1997 CTB: 4-9-2007

William C. Reinhold, LM

Joined: 8-16-1989 CTB: 10-13-2007

Robert D. P. Robertson, LM.

Joined: 2-17-1992 CTB: 3-25-2007

Cape May

Anyone stationed in Cape May, N.J. Group in the 1940's, 1950's, 1960's or whenever interested in a reunion are encouraged to contact **Warren Wells** at 18754 Robinsonville Rd., Lewes, DE 19958. Ph: (302) 645-8903. E-mail: cplummer1@comcast.net.

USS Wakefield

CGCVA member Frank D. Seigel, formerly of the *USS Allentown* and *PF-52*, along with his nephew, Jay Aroches, attended the 57th annual reunion of the *USS Wakefield (AP-21)* at the Friar Tuck Inn in the Catskills, NY. A DVD describing when and where the ship was built was shown and Frank reports everyone had a great time. Next year's reunion will also be held at the Friar Tuck Inn and anyone interested in attending should contact **Carmin A. Ciampa** at 303 Broahisky Drive, Unit 305, Peabody, MA 01960.

Bering Sea Patrol

The 33rd Reunion of Bering Sea Patrol and USCG Alaska Veterans will be held July 30 - August 3, 2008 in Grand Haven, MI (Coast Guard City, USA). The reunion will be held in conjunction with the annual Coast Guard Festival so there will be myriad USCG-related activities available. Attendees can select from two hotels (Best Western Beacon Inn at (616) 842-4720 or Days Inn (616) 842-1999). For more information, contact: **Dick Juge** at email: DickJuge@AViosk.com or (504) 566-6008.

Congratulations Graduates

Each week at graduation ceremonies at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May, N.J., the CGCVA sponsors the Physical Fitness Award to a graduating recruit. A CGCVA watch and certificate are presented, often by an attending CGCVA member. Since the last *QD Log* issue, the following recruits have received the CGCVA-sponsored Physical Fitness Award:

SA Lee J. Zinn (Oscar-177) of Milwaukee, WI, reports to USCG Station Green Bay, WI.

SA Matthew R. Janes (Quebec-177) of Chicago, IL, reports to USCG Station St. Joseph, MI.

QD Log Booster Club

The printing and postage for the *QD Log* is by far the largest expense item we have and it was determined that if every member contributed \$10.00 to the CGCVA each year it would pay for all the expenses that go into the magazine. The idea was hatched at our Tampa Convention and several members contributed at that time, thereby creating the QD Log Boosters Club. Donations can be sent to the Administrative Office (marked as "QD Log Booster Club") and all those contributing will have their names listed in the subsequent magazine. Contribution amounts will not be published but all contributions are greatly appreciated. We have been told many times we have the best reunion magazine out there and we'd like to keep it that way.

Since publication of our last magazine, the following individuals have made donations and become members of the QD Log Boosters Club:

Harold Steindler	William Ross
Bill Hover	Clyde Bowden
Richard Frugia	Bernard Hogan
Art Goodwin	Edward Floyd
Jeffrey Keim	Louis Panzneri
Melvin Eler	Marshall Smith
Homer Brush	Bennett Sparks
Ed Kelly, Jr.	James "Casey" Quinn
Glenn Brantley	VADM Thomas Sargent
John Cromwell	Rodney Young
Wayne Bush	Newt Neuciler
Stan Beras	Bill Boonstra
Ben Shuman	John Ancellotti
James Ashe	Daniel Cinq-Mars
Henrietta Siodoloski	Lester Cotton
Clyde Bowden (in memory of Robert Basnett)	
VADM Sargent (in memory of RADM Sobel)	

Thanks to all to have become QD Log Booster Club members so far! All contributions are appreciated! And remember, these deductions are tax deductible as we are 501.c.

SN Joshua S. Thigpen (Sierra-177) of Atlanta, GA, reports to *CGC Munro*, Kodiak, AK.

SN Michael E. Leehey (Tango-177) of Davenport, IA, reports to OS "A" School, Petaluma, CA.

SN Keegan L. Martin (Uniform-177) of Nashville, TN, reports to the National Motor Lifeboat School, Cape Disappointment, Ilwaco, WA.

SA Natalie Culler (Victor-177) of Los Angeles, CA, reports to *CGC Jarvis*, Honolulu, HI.

SN Molly C. Schmelzle (Whiskey-177) of St. Louis, MO, reports to USCG Group/Air Station Humboldt Bay, McKinnleyville, CA.

SA Patrick M. Conner (Xray-177) of Boston, MA, reports to USCG Aids to Navigation Team Woods Hole, MA.

SA John A. Cossack (Yankee-177) of Albany, NY, reports to USCG Station Provincetown, MA.

SN Scott C. Parsons (Zulu-177) of Dallas, TX, reports to USCG Station Erie, PA.

SN Joann J. Prijic (Alfa-178) of Woodbridge, VA, reports to USCG Station Ketchikan, AK.

SA Shaun D. Greene (Bravo-178) of Houston, TX, reports to *CGC Kiska*, Hilo, HI.

SA Brian A. Moody (Charlie-178) of Cincinnati, OH, reports to *CGC Reliance*, Portsmouth, VA.

SA Ryan R. Green (Delta-178) of Tacoma, WA, reports to USCG Station Grays Harbor, Westport, WA.

FN Gregory J. Afek (Echo-178) of Pittsburgh, PA, reports to USCG Station St. Clair Shores, MI.

FA Andrew G. Ireland (Foxtrot-178) of Harrisburg, PA, reports to USCG Station Port Huron, MI.

SA John E. Gentry (Golf-178) of Tampa, FL, reports to *CGC Hamilton*, San Diego, CA.

SN Andrew R. Wilson (Hotel-178) of San Jose, CA, reports to USCG Training Center Cape May, NJ.

SN Nathan E. Newberg (India-178) of Spokane, WA, reports to USCG Training Center Cape May, NJ.

Publicizing Yourself and Our Association

A practical way to publicize our Association with the goal of obtaining new members is to publicize yourself. We each have our place in the history of the Coast Guard. Some of us served in a time gone by and people are curious to know how things were then. When you tell your story simply slip in a word about the Association.

Welcome New Members

A hearty "Welcome Aboard!" to the following new CGCVA and Auxiliary members. New member names are **boldfaced**, followed by sponsors' names (in parentheses):

AUGUST 2007

John B. Gaida	(CG Reservist Magazine)
Danny N. Rose	(Patrick Ramsey)
Don S. Burnett	(Patrick Ramsey)
David C. Padgett	(Coast Guard Magazine)
LM Ted A. Ross	(Butch Hampton)
Michael A. Von Stein	(Coast Guard Magazine)
Ronald W. Branch	(The Association)
LM Frederick D. Mann	(The Association)
Sean P. Roberts	(CG Reservist Magazine)
Gary J. Pirkig	(CG Reservist Magazine)

SEPTEMBER 2007

Carl A. Kirtsinger	(G. Conklin & T. Maker)
LM Kathleen T. Stoye	(Herb Conkey)
William S. Gardner	(Coast Guard Academy)
CG Festival Committee	(The Association)
Jay M. Doyle	(CG Reservist Magazine)
Michael J. Smith	(The Association)
James B. Davidson	(CG Reservist Magazine)
Phillip K. Ritter	(James Jarrett)

OCTOBER 2007

Bradley W. Middleton	(Butch Hampton)
Thomas P. Custer	(The Association)
Donald R. Lincoln	(Patrick Ramsey)
LM Thomas C. La Parle	(The Association)
Dr. Noble L. Roberts	(Virginia Black)
William B. Donohue	(Jack Campbell)
Stephen D. Hines	(Patrick Ramsey)
Ernest W. Frost, II	(Butch Hampton)

The glut of news media outlets in this country brings with it an unquenchable appetite for feature stories that make magazines, newspapers, radio and television stations approachable for human interest material. The best time for stories on your military experience comes on commemorative days such as Coast Guard Day, Veterans' Day, Pearl Harbor, and the like. But anytime of the year is worth a try if your news peg, that is your story appeal, is strong enough. Names, location, timeliness, novelty, human interest and conflict are some of the news elements that lure editors. While names-make-news and

yours may not appeal to a national media outlet it will be a draw in your local news market with a headline such as: "Local resident was in Vietnam when Saigon fell." Is there the unusual in your story? How about this headline: "War veteran jogs with bullet lodged near heart."

How do you get publicized? Write and submit a feature story to an editor or send a letter proposing a story. For most members, the latter is more practical. If the editor is interested, a reporter will be sent out to get the story. In the case of weekly newspapers where staffs are small, it is better to submit a story with photographs. It will likely be printed just as you wrote it.

Let's say the Coast Guard birthday is coming up and you live in a small town in the middle of the country where the only water around comes out of your faucet. But this does not keep you and your family from holding the traditional Coast Guard Day Picnic. Find out who the acquisition editors are and write letters to the newspapers, radio and television stations pitching your story.

Your letter could be something like this:

*John Smith, Feature Editor
The Bugle
Middle, Nebraska*

Dear Mr. Smith:

Coast Guard Day is coming on August 4th. Now that may not mean much to folks in this landlocked part of the country but it does to my family and many thousands of active duty and retired Coast Guard men and women around the country, overseas, and at sea.

Since 1790 Coast Guardsmen have sacrificed and died for the good of the United States. The Coast Guard is a military service with unquestioned valor. The Coast Guard is in the Iraq War. I myself served in Vietnam engaging the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese in battle and am a member of the distinguished Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association.

Coast Guard pride and tradition dives deep. Each year throughout the Coast Guard, units hold Coast Guard Day picnics to honor the deeds of our unique armed force. Here in Middle, Nebraska, each August 4th my wife, four children and their families share that tradition with our own Coast Guard Day picnic in Memorial Park.

You can not miss us. We are readily visible with Coast Guard caps, t-shirts, flags and the music of

Semper Paratus, the Coast Guard song, filling the air.

If you want to learn more about the Coast Guard please contact me or come out and join us on August 4th for a Coast Guard burger.

Sincerely,

*Salty Water Jones
ENCs, USCG (Ret)*

If there are no holidays around the corner to tie-into, you might express your concern that the Coast Guard is overlooked as one of the nation's armed forces. Mention your war service and relate some of your experiences. You know the compelling ones you tell at our Reunions.

You will be pleasantly surprised when a television camera crew comes knocking on your door or you are asked to be a guest on a local radio talk show.

Good luck and feel free to contact me with questions and advice at psuscg@aol.com. Semper Paratus!

Paul C. Scotti
CGCVA National President

IN 2005, THEIR RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA WAS HEROIC.



photo courtesy of USCG

IN 2055, WHAT WILL BE REMEMBERED?

Within 72 hours of Hurricane Katrina's landfall, rescue operations of unmatched precedence were under way. With bravery and dedication, the Coast Guard saved more than 24,000 people. But as life goes on, memories begin to fade. The Foundation for Coast Guard History works to ensure the actions of September 2005 and other Coast Guard missions are remembered. Your membership in the FCGH helps to maintain the proud tradition of the U.S. Coast Guard. For more information on the benefits of membership, please visit www.fcgh.org.
Semper Paratus. Memoria Semper.



CGCVA Awards Presented at Coast Guard Academy

On Saturday, October 13th, PNP Ed Swift presented CGCVA watches to two deserving cadets during Parents Weekend, continuing an Association tradition started by PNP Jack Campbell several years ago.

Ed presented watches to Bryan Harrison and Nyrel Cederstrom who were the recipients of the "Physical Training Excellence (Super Swab) Award", which recognizes the male and female fourth class cadets who excel in the Obstacle Course and the Entry Physical Fitness Examination.



*(Above) PNP Ed Swift presents the CGCVA watch to 4/c cadet Nyrel Cederstrom..
(Left) Ed with 4/c cadet Bryan Harrison*

Douglas A. Munro Gravesite Maintenance

As most CGCVA members are aware, our Association includes in our Bylaws, the responsibility for maintaining the Douglas A. Munro gravesite in Cle Elum, Wash. The CGCVA has done this, and continues to do it. Through our members in the Pacific Northwest, working with the Douglas Munro Cle Elum VFW Post and Puget Sound Energy, electricity was installed at the gravesite some years ago to permit flying of our National Ensign 24/7. The CGCVA has paid the electricity bill since the installation. We have also been asked to take care of flag replacements, perhaps upon informal requests from the Pacific Northwest Chapter, Chief Petty Officers Association.

At some point, the CGCVA was informed that the Coast Guard had assigned an OPFAC (Operating Facility) number to the gravesite which would mean that the Coast Guard takes over responsibility for the site, including maintenance. At our April 2007 Convention Business Meeting, this was discussed and it was agreed that a letter from the CGCVA be drafted and sent to the Coast Guard to determine the status of the OPFAC and

maintenance responsibility in order to ensure continuity.

I received several phone calls from CGHQ regarding the Munro Gravesite and it was determined that the Cle Elum Cemetery maintains ownership. One caller, from the USCG Comptroller's Office, said the Pacific Northwest CPOA Chapter would take over all duties at the gravesite. It was extremely difficult to explain to this caller that if no OPFAC number had been assigned, then it was not the Coast Guard's place to assign any responsibility to any organization. I concluded that conversation by

saying the CGCVA would continue to pay the utility bills.

Our letter to the Coast Guard read as follows:

"Dear Admiral Allen,

For some years our Association has paid for the lighting of the Douglas Munro Gravesite at Cle Elum, Washington. This is not a great expense but recently we have been asked about the purchase of flags for this most honored area.

It is our belief that a USCG OPFAC number has been assigned to this site. If this is in fact the case, we believe that the Coast Guard should take over the responsibility for maintaining the flags and lighting of the grave. It is not so much the cost factor as it is our desire to see this handled professionally for the long term."

Maine Lighthouse Museum

As many CGCVA members are aware, my beloved husband, and CGCVA life member, Ken Black, crossed the bar in January. Despite losing "Mr. Lighthouse", it pleases my heart to let you know that the Maine

Lighthouse Museum is carrying forward the incredible legacy he created over the past 30 years within the lighthouse preservation movement.

It was Ken's dream to see the Shore Village Museum move to a waterfront location, which he believed is where his amazing lighthouse artifact collection should be exhibited. This dream was fulfilled in 2005 when the Maine Lighthouse Museum opened its doors on Rockland Harbor, Maine's beautiful waterfront. The combined collections have created the largest lighthouse museum in the country.

And the collection continues to grow. The museum is an exciting destination not only for individuals and families visiting Maine, but also school students throughout the state. The museum's ability to continue to educate the general public and conserve the incomparable lighthouse artifact collection under its care depends on "keepers" like you and I. Should any CGCVA members want to become a "keeper" by making a contribution, simply contact the Maine Lighthouse Museum at P.O. Box F, Rockland, ME 04841. You can also call (207) 594-3301

or visit: www.mainelighthousemuseum.com.

Thanks and Semper Partaus!

Dot Black

"Glacier Girl" Did Involve USCG

There was a goof in the Editor's Note that followed the "Glacier Girl" story by Guy Sterling in the Summer 2007 *QD Log* issue indicating "although this isn't a Coast Guard story..." Perhaps it is a matter of semantics but a casual reader might take this to mean that the rescue of "The Lost Squadron" in July 1942 was not a Coast Guard story. The reprinted article made no mention of the Coast Guard at all and this crash and rescue story had multiple errors and omissions, even a few whoppers. Here's the real scoop...

The eight planes in the "Lost Squadron" included two B-17's and six P-38's. They ditched together on the Greenland Ice Cap on the east coast on July 15, 1942 because they were lost... and they were rescued by the *USCGC Northland* on July 23, 1942.

They were not rescued three days later by search teams on dogsleds. There was only one dogsled involved (with

USCGC Taney **Joins the Anchor Bay Fleet**

Harbour Lights, makers of lighthouse and maritime vessel replicas, has just released the "Queen of the Pacific" USCGC Taney, the last surviving warship from the attack on Pearl Harbor. The Coast Guard cutter was named for Roger B. Taney, Secretary of the Treasury under President Andrew Jackson.

During its many decades of service, Taney participated in many demanding and diversified missions. The Taney may be toured today in it's current configuration at Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Harbour Lights offers USCGC Taney replicas in both it's WWII and current configurations to all active and retired Coasties who were fortunate enough to have sailed on a 327' or one of the other classes of high endurance cutters.

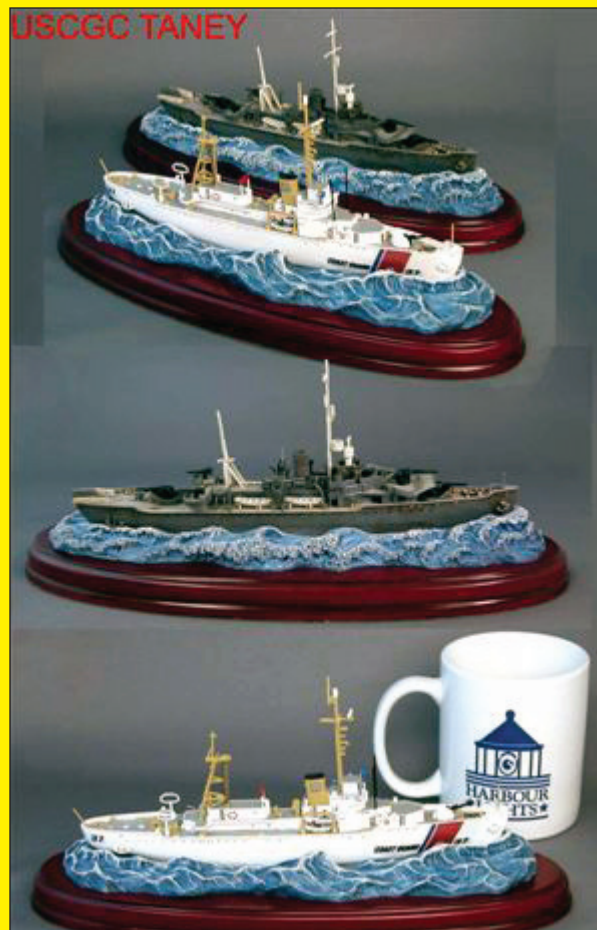
The new Harbour Lights Taney limited editions are available as:

AB 121 (Both the WWII and Current Configuration Set)

AB 120 (USCGC Taney WWII Configuration)

AB 119 (USCGC Taney Current Configuration)

Every Harbour Lights replica is hand-cast and hand-painted and contains painstaking attention to detail. To learn more about this new Harbour Lights product or locate your nearest harbour Lights dealer, call (800) 365-1219 or go to: www.harbourlights.com.



five dogs) and they did not have to search for the eight planes. They were visually guided to the planes by one of the USCG's Navy PBY-5A's that were working with the *Northland*. The eight downed planes were about 10 miles inland from shore, where the boat landed, though the trek was about 17 miles. The 3-man dogsled party on the Ice Cap got ashore by boat and reached the downed aviators on the ninth day. They all then "walked" to the shore where boats transported them through the heavy pack ice to the *Northland* on the 10th day.

There were at least five other rescues prior to the July 15, 1942 mishap, and the Coast Guard was involved in most of them but typically got short-changed in how the stories were told. The first enmass flight of U.S. aircraft from the USA to Britain via fuel stops in Greenland were B-17s on June 26, 1942, with three of the aircraft crashing there.

I am presently working on an article on the "Lost Squadron" with several rescue photographs and a map showing the crash location for a future issue of the *QD Log*.

CAPT Don Taub, USCG (Ret.)

Do You Know This Coastie?

My family has run across a large amount of personal letters written in 1943. They were written to William Edward Russell, Jr. (625-377) by his wife. He was recruited through the Recruiting Station in Charleston, S.C. by Ensign (T) S. N. Megos, USCG.

We are searching for a family member to get these to. They were found in a duplex apartment in Greenville, SC, many years ago (probably 20 or so years ago). My mother kept them all these years. They are a great piece of history and they need to be returned to their rightful owners.

Could you help me in any way? Please call **Cynthia Harmon** at (864) 918-0571 in Greenville, SC. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

2006 Spirit of Hope Award

The Coast Guard recently announced its winner of the 2006 Spirit of Hope Award. This award is presented annually to individuals who embody the values of the men and women of the military.

Marvin J. Perrett was selected as the Coast Guard honoree for 2006. Mr. Perrett began his service with the Coast Guard during World War II and continued his selfless service until he passed away in May 2007. Mr. Perrett's military service included assignments as a coxswain of the Higgins landing craft during the D-Day invasion at Normandy, the invasion of Iwo Jima, and the invasion of Okinawa. He spent over 20 years of his life educating thousands of people about the Coast Guard and World War II.

Mr. Perrett was posthumously awarded the 2006 Spirit of Hope Award on 17 November at a ceremony at the Pentagon honoring all services awardees. Mr. Perrett's daughter and granddaughter accepted the award on his behalf.

***Note:** For many of you who had the pleasure of meeting one of the greatest cheerleaders of the Coast Guard during his life, CGCVA member Marvin Perrett was indeed a valued treasure to know and love. A wonderful guy who had the love of the Coast Guard in his heart, but the love of people as well. Even though Marvin crossed the bar this past May, he still had the last word. His last request was to have his body donated to the Tulane University Medical School, so he would always be remembered that he had "gone to college to be become a forever student."*

It's great to see that Marvin's legacy was appropriately honored for this prestigious award. Vince Patton



Timothy Whalen stands with CGCVA PNP Jack Campbell after being sworn into the Coast Guard at the New York Military Examination & Processing Station (MEPS). Timothy opted to join the USCG after Jack took him to see a recruit graduation at Cape May. So where's your Recruiter Badge Jack?!

USCGC Spencer Mast Disposition

CAPT Sandra L. Stosz, commanding officer of USCG Training Center Cape May, N.J., requested that the mast from the former *USCGC Spencer* be transferred to Cape May for display at the Recruit Training Center. Her letter to CDR T.J. Heitsch at USCG Sector New York reads as follows:

“I request transfer of the former *USCG Spencer* mast to Training Center Cape May for permanent display on our parade field.

Training Center Cape May is working to pay tribute to the operational Coast Guard and provide the recruits an environment rich with our distinguished heritage and Guardian ethos. Part of our plan includes prominently displaying retired operational assets around the Parade Field. We presently have a 44-ft. MLB display, we are planning to move a 41-ft. UTB to the area, and desire to obtain the mast from the *Spencer* for display purposes. Our intent is to refurbish and repair the mast and erect it in the vicinity of the SM1 Douglas Munro memorial at Training Center Cape May. SM1 Munro was assigned to the *Spencer* during his celebrated career.

The Training Center’s recent designation as a Flagship Accession Point allows us the fiscal latitude to ensure that this historic artifact is properly cared for and displayed in a manner fitting to its place in our rich history. The fact that SM1 Munro sailed aboard this cutter is evident in our historical display on the Quarterdeck of Munro Hall. During our efforts, we have communicated with the *Spencer* Association and they fully support our plan. I can think of no better tribute to the *Spencer* and to SM1 Munro than to display the mast here on the quarterdeck of the Coast Guard and the “Home of the Enlisted Corps”, where we train the newest “Guardians of the Sea.” The mast’s presence will allow us to achieve our goal of teaching our newest enlisted members about the storied past and reinforce our Guardian ethos from their first day in the service.

I appreciate your help and support in bringing this valuable history of the operational Coast Guard into our recruit training environment.”

Editor’s Note: Apparently CAPT Stosz’ request was approved because a tentative *Spencer* mast rededication ceremony has been scheduled at TraCen Cape May next September

27th. I hope that our Association and all CGCVA members support this project and that many CGCVA members will plan to attend. I was involved in getting the mast from its rusting forgotten status to being transported, repaired and set up as the welcoming mast at the Intrepid Sea-Air Museum in New York Harbor several years ago. Now it could find an even more fitting home at Cape May.

USS Belfast Crew Reunites ... in Belfast!

Surviving crew members of the *USS Belfast*, a WWII patrol frigate, held a reunion in late July in their ship’s namesake city... Belfast, Maine. The visit to Belfast may be the last reunion, however, as most of the men are now in their 80’s.

The Coast Guard sailors brought with them a wooden model of the *Belfast* that was presented to the Belfast Museum. The basswood-hulled model was constructed by crew member Robert C. Paridy over a year-and-a-half, finishing it in 1999. “I’m happy to see that it’s in good hands now,” said Paridy of his model after unveiling it.

The *USS Belfast*, one of nearly 80 Tacoma-class patrol frigates launched during WWII, was 304-foot long and carried a crew of 200 Coast Guard officers and men. “We were one, big happy family,” recalled Arthur Wells. “200 guys together for two years.”

Paridy said the real *Belfast* served in the Pacific, not far



USS Belfast (PF-35) crew members during their reunion in Belfast, Maine. (Front Row, left to right) Art Wells, Wally Freed, Bud Bothell, and Jess Vaughn. (Back Row, left to right) VFW commander, Bob Paridy, Floyd Hinkel, Fran Matthews, Bill LaPlante, John Hulaburda, and American Legion commander.

from where *Belfast*-based Company K fought the Japanese in several major battles. Its job, he said, was to sink submarines that carried Japanese officers and, off New Guinea, they did sink a sub using a depth charge.

The *Belfast* began its return trip to the U.S. at the end of 1944, and arrived in Boston in late January, 1945. There, the ship was overhauled in preparation for transfer to Russia under a lend-lease agreement.

The ship sailed from Boston in March and headed for Alaska where the *Belfast*'s crew trained Russian sailors in the vessel's operation. The *Belfast* remained in Russian service until 1948 when it ran aground and sank off Petropavlosk, Kamchatka, in eastern Siberia.

Missouri Vietnam Era Veterans Honored

Certain Vietnam Era veterans are now eligible for special recognition through the Missouri Veterans Recognition Program. Its Vietnam war medallion Program, which includes a medal, medallion and certificate, was created in 2006 and was modeled after successful WWII and Korean Conflict award programs.

To be eligible for the Vietnam War medal, medallion and certificate, the veteran must have been a legal resident of Missouri on August 28, 2006, or was a legal resident at the time he or she entered or was discharged from the military service or at his or her time of death. The veteran must have served on active duty any time during the period of February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975.

Applicants must also have been honorably discharged unless they are still in active service in an honorable status. Vietnam War veterans, or the spouses or the eldest living survivor of deceased Vietnam War veterans may apply for the award. The award is authorized regardless of whether or not such veteran served with the United States or in a foreign country.

Along with the application, veterans will also need to submit a copy of their DD Form 214. Applications and a complete list of requirements are available at: www.moguard.com or by calling toll-free 1-866-834-3431.

"Sailor" Or "Seaman"?

I've been reading the Winter 2005 and Summer 2007 issues of the *QD Log*. The Winter 2005 issue included an article on page 9 entitled "The Coast Guard We Once Knew" by an unknown author. The Summer 2007 issue included an article on page 14 entitled "I Was a

Sailor Once" by Richard Frugia. Both articles end with the sentence "I was a sailor once." Personally, I disagree with that last sentence.

I spent five years in the Coast Guard on five different cutters. I was in the service from August 1941 to August 1946. This all took place before the feminization of the service I once knew.

I was inducted as an apprentice seaman, then later sec-

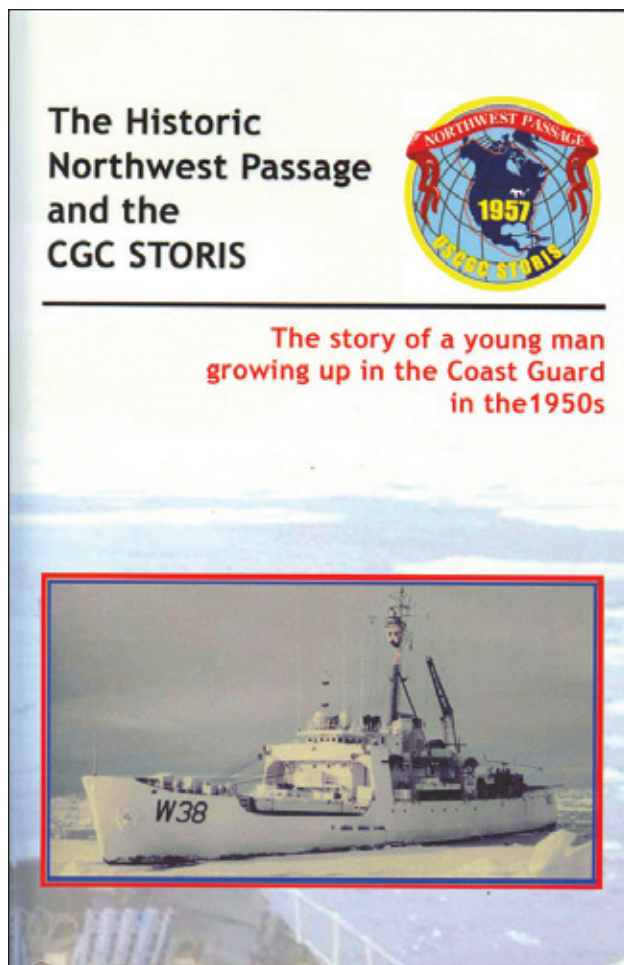
USCGC Storis Book

A recently published book, one filled with true stories about a young Coast Guardsman's early life in the Coast Guard, is now available. It includes the author's first person account of the historic voyage of three Coast Guard cutters, in 1957, through the Arctic ice fields to find a deep water route across the top of North America.

The book is titled "The Historic Northwest Passage and the CGC Storis — The story of a young man growing up in the Coast Guard in the 1950's." The author, Dick Juge, is a close friend of mine who served as an engineering petty officer aboard *Storis* during that voyage.

The story reminds me so much of my own early days in the Coast Guard from the time of my enlistment in 1947, through training school at Groton, CT, and reporting aboard various USCG units.

For further information about the book, including how it may be ordered, go to: www.thehistoricnorthwestpassage.com. **LCDR Daniel E. Baumbaugh, USCG (Ret.)**



ond class seaman, and finally as a first class seaman. Later I was to become a right-armed rated petty officer. Throughout that time, however, I was still a seaman... I was never a sailor. If you wanted to be called a sailor, take a cruise on an ocean liner or join the Navy. I am proud to say, "I was a seaman once!"

Edward J. Uptegrove

USS Cavalier 20th Reunion Planned

The USS Cavalier (PA-37) WWII Association, Inc. has made plans for their 20th (and perhaps last) reunion back where it all began in 1989... Cleveland, Ohio. All interested *Cavalier* crew members, widows, brothers, sisters, children and grand children are encouraged to attend. The reunion will be held September 18-21, 2008 at the Hampton Inn at 29690 Detroit Avenue in Westlake, Ohio. Ph: 1-440-892-0333. Reservations must be made by August 19, 2008.

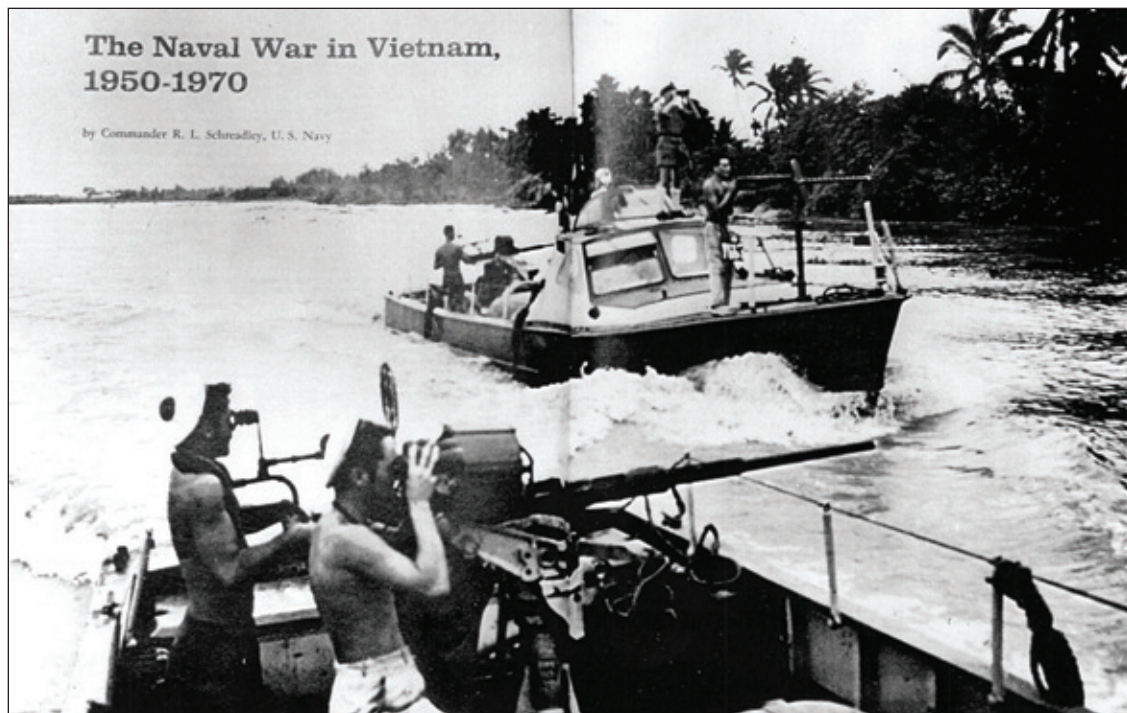
Remembering Hope Beacham

Just before going to press with this issue of the *QD Log*, it was learned that a former CGCVA member, Hope Beacham, had crossed the bar. Apparently he had been afflicted with Alzheimer's disease for the past several years and discontinued all memberships with organizations. CGCVA member Tommy Bowden knew Hope well and has made a donation in his name to the Association. Thanks Tommy!

Coast Guard Heritage Museum

We, the Staff and volunteers of the Coast Guard Heritage Museum in the town of Barnstable, MA, would like to have your participation. I first learned of your association through Robert MacLeod, who was a founding member of the USCG Lightship Sailors Association.

We invite all CGCVA members to work with us in establishing a Vietnam Era display, by allowing us to acquire your Vietnam-era uniforms, medals, artifacts, etc.



French navy sailors operating USCG 40-footers in French Indo China (Vietnam) circa early 1950's. (photo courtesy of CGCVA member Tony Kopke)

either outright as donations or by lending them to us for short- or long-term exhibition. All donations are tax deductible as our museum is a 501C-3 tax-free educational institution recognized by the IRS.

Our mailing address is: Coast Guard Heritage Museum, P. O. Box 161, 3353 Main Street, Barnstable, MA 02630. I can be reached at (508) 823-0554 or by email at: dbingham1@verizon.net. Douglas M. Bingham

Thank The Troops

Here's something very cool that Xerox is doing. Go to the website: www.LetsSayThanks.com and pick out a card. Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a U.S. service member currently serving in Iraq. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will definitely go to some member of the armed forces.

Just think how amazing it would be if we could each get everyone we know to send one. This is a great site. Please send a card. It's free and only takes a few seconds.

Terry Graviss

WWII Memorial Visit Reflections

I wanted to express my sincere thanks for the packet of mail I received in early September — several copies of the Summer 2007 issue of the *QD Log* — which included the article I had sent to the CGCVA Secretary. Thank you

for writing such a wonderful article about the Lions Club-sponsored trip to Washington, D.C. and the World War II Memorial for the Minnesota WWII veterans. I must tell you that when “Taps” was played that day, of the 117 men and two women who attended, there wasn’t a dry eye in the crowd.

With the article and the photo of my son-in-law J.C. Chrest and myself, I’m hoping to hear from some of my ship-mates during my time in the Coast Guard. I suppose not all are CGCVA members but I hope if any see the article they will try to contact me. I’m 85 years old now and I was 20 when I joined the Coast Guard.

Thanks again for the article you wrote and the great magazine. Semper Paratus!

Iver Anderson

Pt Allerton Reunion

A reunion of Pt. Allerton alumni will be held on August 2, 2008, however, no other details are available at this time. Contact: **CWO4 Robert A. Buotte** at email: cwo4bob@aol.com.

Attention USCG WWII Pacific Veterans

I am the retiree representative on a Coast Guard committee that is arranging for a Coast Guard Pacific Veterans memorial to be placed at the Memorial Walk at the Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific on January 18, 2008. Presently, there is no exclusively CG memorial on that walk. Additional details can be found at: www.CGPacificVeteransMemorial.org.

There will be an Oahu dinner the evening of January 17th with the theme “Coast Guard Veterans in the Pacific”. Coast Guard Commandant ADM Thad Allen will serve as the keynote speaker.

We would like to have as many Coast Guard Pacific combat veterans as possible attend one or both functions. We are particularly interested in any WWII Coast Guard veterans. **CAPT Gerald O. Lesperance, USCG (Ret.)**

Editor’s Note: The CGCVA donated \$500 towards this project and also provided the committee a list of CGCVA veterans residing in Hawaii. Donations should be mailed to CGCVA Secretary Baker Herbert.



Spend shell casings litter the deck of the Point Cypress (WPB-82326) after a fire fight in Vietnam in September 1969. A suspected Viet Cong prisoner sits in the background on a .50 cal ammo can. (photo courtesy of Dana Wilfong)



Vietnam veterans still looking good in their uniforms wore them in the November 10th parade in Washington, D.C.



(Left)
Commissioning ceremonies for USCG Station Chinatown took place the evening of Nov. 9th at the Red Roof Inn in Washington, D.C.

(Right) *The Three Soldiers statue adjacent to the Vietnam Memorial.*



Some CGCVA Members You May Know

Trevor "Dave" Davis

I was a crew member aboard the *USS Hutchinson (PF-45)* from 1942 until December 1945 and my rating at discharge was BM2/c. The *Hutchinson* was built in Oakland, CA and was commissioned in November 1942. The crew boarded in Oakland and we proceeded to San Diego, then ordered to the South Pacific. *PF-45* took part in many invasions, ran escort duty, worked around New Guinea, and supplied PT boats it worked with in the area. We operated out of the submarine base at Fremantel, Australia. We were under attack for three days during invasions at Leyte and we had credit for downing three enemy subs and four planes. After the Japanese surrender in August 1945, the *Hutchinson* returned to Pearl Harbor in October for three days and a new paint job. Then it was back to Long Beach, CA and discharge for those of us who had accumulated the required number of points. I had heard that the *Hutchinson* was subsequently given to the Russian navy and later to Mexico in 1947. Wherever she is, by now she could be a pile of rust... but I hope not!

I would like to have another reunion for Patrol Frigate 45 but there aren't many crew members left. If anyone is interested, please contact me at 27701 Murrieta Rd., Space 123, Sun City, CA 92586. Ph: (951) 672-4228.

Albert J. Hudak

As I update my address with the Association, I just wanted to say I served three years with the Greenland Patrol aboard the *USCGC Evergreen*. I went over the Arctic Circle (became a Bluenose) while on the *USCGC Eastwind* to capture German weather station prisoners. I also served on John Jacob Astor's yacht *Normahol* which was donated to the Coast Guard as a gunship for convoy duty.

Lester E. Cotton

I'm one of the remaining members of the Hunter Liggett, which I was assigned to in Auckland, New Zealand in April 1943. I was in the Boat Division (LCVP) which I requested and was transferred to shore duty with several other boat crews at Guadalcanal in July 1943. We moved up the Solomons and finally got assigned to Advanced Navy Base 338 (Boat Pool 9) at Vella LaVella. In December 1943, I was sent to Base Hospital 6 in the New Hebrides with several problems contracted on the islands. I was sent to a Receiving Station in Espirito Santos and from there I was assigned to the Cor Coroli AK-91, then rotated stateside after the Guam invasion. Some of my other stations included Catalina Island, CA; COTP San Diego; COTP Wilmington, CA; Atlantic City Radio School; Manhattan Beach, NY; and Camp Bradford, VA. I enlisted in November 1942 at age 16 and never got caught but had to change a few records later that showed I was a year older than I actually was. I wonder how many are still around that went through boot camp at Catalina Island?

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Vietnam veterans attended the ceremonies in Washington, D.C. during the 2007 Veteran's Day weekend. Bill arranged for permits through the U.S. Park Service for tent space near the Vietnam Monument and Robert Macleod made phone calls for information about obtaining a tent. He was able to contact Lieutenant Tim Sommella, USCG, at Coast Guard Headquarters who located a suitable tent through the Army Morale and Welfare office at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Tim provided generous and near constant personal support throughout the event, using his personal vehicle and time to transport the equipment and other vital items necessary for the success of the event.

For the parade scheduled for Saturday, November 10th. Bill kept his fingers crossed that enough Coast Guardsmen would show up to form a good-sized parade marching unit. Actually, marching probably isn't the correct word. Let's just say he hoped enough folks would be willing to "walk" (more like waddling) in the Coast Guard veterans group. Getting them to actually march would have been about as easy as herding cats.



(Above) Washington, D.C. Headquarters for the Coast Guard Vietnam contingent.

(Left) Organizer Bill Wells proclaims the Red Roof Inn as USCG Station Chinatown.

The event was not only for Coast Guard Vietnam veterans; it was for all Coast Guard veterans. It was Bill's intent to have current and former Coast Guardsmen and women join with the Vietnam vets in the milestone commemoration. To accomplish this, he was able to solicit the generous support of many active and former Coast Guardsmen.

The Coast Guard Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association (CWOA) made a monetary contribution early on and offered its national office as a reception site. The offer came from their executive director, LCDR Ed Swift, USCG (retired). The Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association Washington, D.C. Chapter, under the leadership of MCPO Mark Allen, provided several volunteers and there were many other officer and enlisted folks who helped out throughout the weekend.



CGCVA members at the first Association-sponsored seminar regarding Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. The kick-off included a special Veterans' Day Service: Honoring the Past and Remembering Today.

New CGCVA member LT Tim Sommella, a patrol boat captain during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom arranged for a 10' x 10' tent, a table and chairs and the Coast Guard's Washington, D.C., Recruiting Office showed up at the tent site with bags and bags of "swag" that was eagerly grabbed up by the attending vets.

Vietnam Memorial 25th Anniversary



(Left) A 10' x 10' tent was obtained for the weekend by new CGCVA member LT Tim Sommella and it was set up near the Vietnam Memorial on the Washington, D.C. Mall. The tent provided a welcome rest stop for many of the visiting USCG Vietnam veterans and others.



Ginny and Taylor Lapham relax after a full day of activities.

On the advice of retired Coast Guard Captain Paul Peak, USCG, Bill contacted Meeting Solutions which managed the hotel reservations and got the attending Vietnam veterans a very reasonable room rate at the Chinatown Red Roof Inn. The hotel was close to a Metro stop and to the various activities and restaurants. Meeting Solutions



Tommy Bowden, Terry Graviss, and Jerry Goff are caught exchanging lies, make that sea stories

booked thirty-nine rooms and since some “doubled-up” more participants were present. Conveniently located inside the hotel was the Irish Channel Restaurant & Pub and, as you can well imagine, it became the headquarters for many strategic planning sessions for the group. The Irish Channel manager was so pleased with the booming (bar) business provided by the Coasties, she cordoned off a section of the restaurant Saturday evening for the group and provided several hors-d'ouvers at no charge and waived the usual room fee.

The weekend's activities got underway on Friday when the first installment of an Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom Seminar Series licked off at USCG Headquarters with a Coast Guard Veterans' Day

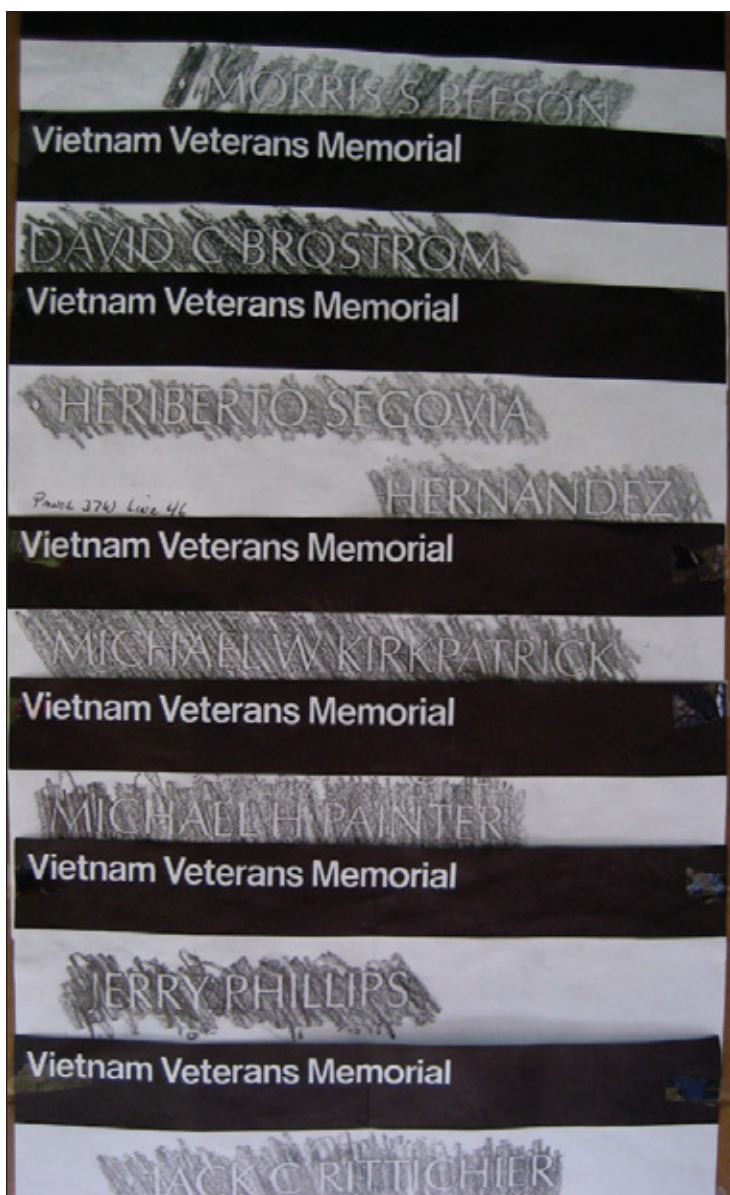
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Service: Honoring the Past and Remembering Today.

The seminar series was the brainchild of Lieutenant Tim Sommella, and is sponsored by the CGCVA. At this session, special guests included Bill Wells, CGCVA Past National President Ed Swift, and Dr. Bill Thiesen, the Atlantic Area Historian. Also attending were CGCVA Immediate Past President Gil “Frenchy” Benoit and CGCVA member Steve “Pete” Petersen, who had driven in from Texas. MCPOCG Charles “Skip” Bowen attended and presented his challenge coins to several of the visitors. Master Chief Bowen promised to use his influence in helping “get the word out” to the Coast Guard units in the Persian Gulf about



Three CGCVA past Presidents Ed Swift, Joe Kleinpeter, and Gil “Frenchy” Benoit” at the Irish Channel Pub.



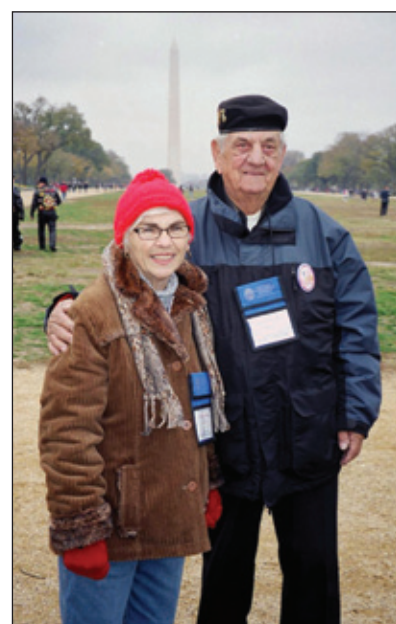
Rubbings of the seven Coast Guardsmen whose names are on the Vietnam Memorial.



A POW-MIA bracelet with the name of Jack C. Ritticheir left at the Vietnam memorial.



John Williams



Ginger & Tommy Bowden



Squadron One members ready to march in the November 10th Parade.

the CGCVA.

The Red Roof Inn, because of its name which mirrors the red roofs of Coast Guard Stations, quickly became dubbed “Coast Guard Station Chinatown.” Attending veterans began arriving on Friday and several checked into the Red Roof Inn while others checked into other hotels in the Greater Washington, D.C., area or stayed with friends and relatives.

At the request of Bill Wells, Ed Swift ordered a large wreath, adorned with dozens of red, white and blue flowers and a wreath reading ‘COAST GUARD VIETNAM VETERANS’. The wreath was transported to the CWOA National Office in Washington, D.C. where it was stored for two nights in a climate-controlled environment.

SATURDAY MORNING SET-UP

Saturday morning began early for many folks. A work crew of volunteers met near the Vietnam Wall at 0630 to set up the tent in the designated area. The tent, even without directions in the bag was set up in quick time and then festooned with posters representing scenes for vessels and people in Vietnam, banners and flags. This raising of a tent just north of The Wall marked the first time the Coast Guard was represented in this manner for Veterans Day in Washington. It was an over-

Squadron One Attendees

Gil Benoit	CGC Point Banks
Charles R. Bevel	Divisions 11, 12 and 13
Ted Buxton	Divisions 12 and 13
Joe Cooley	CGC Point Glover
David B. Crawford	CGC Point Garnet
Fred Dailey	CGC Point Glover
Robert T. Dreeke	CGC Point Glover
John H. Freie	Division 12
Jerry Goff	CGC Point Banks
Jim Greaves	CGC Point Orient
Butch Hampton	CGC Point Dume
Tom Hogan	CGC's Point Clear and Point White
Benford Hughey	CGC's Point Comfort and Point Banks
Joseph Kleinpeter	Division 13
Arnold Lapham	CGC Point Grey
Robert F. MacLeod	CGC Point Grey
Bill Ross	CGC Point Orient
Michael Rothchild	CGC Point Garnet
Joseph Schuck	CGC's Point Clear and Point Comfort
David Spencer	Divisions 11 and 13
Mike Voges	CGC Point Mast
George Watson	Division 12
William R. Wells	CGC's Point Dume and Point Glover
Dan West	Division 12
John Williams	CGC Point Gammon
David Zwick	CGC Point Garnet

cast and chilly morning so the crew remaining at the tent quickly found the Red Cross tent (next door) and got some hot coffee. The others hiked across the Mall, past the Washington Monument (and the 1,000 American flags set up near it) until arriving at the parade's assembly point on the Mall at 7th and Jefferson Streets. There, all manner of floats and vehicles were staged, all sporting patriotic and military colors and themes. Signs were posted across an expansive lawn, each with the names of several parade units indicating the staging locations for those groups. Luckily, the "Coast Guard Vietnam Veterans" sign was located near a refreshment kiosk, the only one open in the area, and it had lots of freshly brewed hot coffee. Needless to say, they did a brisk business in the brisk weather.

As the gray day slowly brightened, the Coast Guard Vietnam veterans found their way to the formation site and with about an hour to go before the scheduled step-off time, project coordinator Bill Wells and Ed Swift coordinated group photos of the Squadron One and Squadron Three members, plus other photos of everyone planning to march in the Coast Guard formation. The sights of the parade and those assembled was a first for many and being co-mingled with so many veterans group instilled a greater sense of pride that all took the steps to be part of this historic event. The Coast Guard's participation in this parade was a first as well. The Coast Guard had not formed as an officially registered veterans unit for the Veterans Day parade in decades. There was supposed to be an Opening Ceremony at 10:00 a.m., but because of the distance from the podium and the crowd we could not hear it.

Squadron Three Attendees

Thomas Barrett	CGC Chase
Wayne E. Caldwell	CGC Chase
Irv R. Cote	CGC Halfmoon
Clarence Croxall	CGC Chase
Bill DeMarco	CGC Yakutat
Robert V. Fuchs	CGC Chase
Jerry P. Gaca	CGC Chase
Terry Graviss	CGC Mellon
Michael Hastings	CGC Chase
Gerald K. Hill	CGC Chase
Ray Houttekier	CGC Chase
Mike Johnson	CGC Bibb
Robert Klugman	CGC Ingham
Norm LeMoine	CGC Bibb
Peter Levine	CGC Chase
Donald R. Lincoln	CGC Wachusett
Bob Marzen	CGC Spencer
Les Parritt	CGC's Chase and Barataria
Rick Poole	CGC Barataria
Alan Ricker	CGC Chase
Bill Ross	CGC Halfmoon
Gary Sherman	CGC Castle Rock
Mike Truex	CGC Campbell
Dave Williams	CGC Sebago
Christopher Wood	CGC Chase
Rodney Young	CGC Chase



Members of Squadron Three

Vietnam Memorial 25th Anniversary

THE PARADE

The step-off time of 1100 arrived but it was quite a wait until the Coasties (near the back of the parade) were able to begin. Ahead of them were a myriad of Vietnam veterans groups as well as Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) units from most of the states. Also included in the procession was a tractor trailer cab painted “In honor of all who served past and present” with a POW flag; a Corvette with the Twin Towers painted on its hood and the message “Never Forget,” and a variety of floats touting the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Monument and Agent Orange Awareness. One of the most remarkable floats was a “live” statue. This statue had three live soldiers dressed in Vietnam Era uniforms and colored bronze to represent the “Three Soldiers” statue near the Wall. The Coast Guard contingent was led by a banner

carried by two former crewmen of the *USCGC Chase*. Behind them the U. S. Ensign, carried by BMC Tom Hogan, USCG (retired) and the Coast Guard Standard carried by recently returned OIF veteran BMC Thomas “Toby” Guyer, USCG. The idea of was to show unity over the decades of Coast Guard veterans and that the young will carry on in the future. The combination of active, retired and former Coast Guardsmen symbolized the ongoing spirit of the Coast Guard.

The parade route itself only had one turn, a left from 7th Street onto Constitution Avenue. In the right corner of that intersection was a small group of protesters but they were greatly outnumbered by the thousands of patriotic folks on the sidewalks, waving American flags and cheering the veterans. The group preceding the Coast Guard in the parade, while making



CGCVA member Butch Hampton and his wife, Kim, watch the parade from Constitution Avenue.



(Above) Coast Guard paraders stopped on Constitution Avenue about halfway through the parade route. The group received cheers from spectators throughout the parade route, and even some hugs and kisses along the way.



A customized Corvette displays a patriotic theme.



One trucking company painted several of its cabs and included one in the Saturday parade.



One of several patriotic floats in the parade.

“My sincere thanks go out to Bill Wells for setting in motion the call for Coast Guard Vietnam veterans to pay due respect to their memorial, and secondly to our PNP Ed Swift for getting the word out through the QD Log.

The occasion, though solemn at times, and rightly so, did have some outstanding highlights such as our marching salute to some protestors and the camaraderie in the common room (Red Roof Inn bar). To those who attended, I thank you as one shipmate to another and to those who couldn't make it, you missed a great occasion.”

-- Tommy Bowden



Following the parade, marchers signed the log book at the Coast Guard tent and picked up souvenirs.

Other Attendees

Thad Allen	USCG (Active)
Tommy Bowden	Vietnam ELD-1
Dwight Burrige	Operation Desert Storm
Michael DeRosa	LORAN
Timothy Hackett	USCG (Retired)
Brian Lefebvre	USCG (Active)
Brian Painter	USCG (Active)
Bob Pawlowski	USCG (Retired)
Stephen Petersen	Vietnam ELD-4
Ed Swift	Operation Desert Storm
Joseph J. Vealencis	Adak OIF
Arthur R. Whittum	LORAN Udorn & Conson

their left turn, gave the protesters a single-finger salute in unison, much to the delight of the onlookers and police. The Coasties were only too happy to offer the protesters the same salute as they made their turn. All in the spirit of the U. S. Constitution which lay in the National Archives only yards away from the scene.

The Coast Guard Clinic sent a volunteer contingent to assist where and when needed. The band of health services technicians led by HSC Jillynda Williams was supported by HS2 Jason McGuire, HS3 Sarah Hanson, SK3 Michael Melley, and YN3 Alexandra Neiderer.

Marching, well walking, some limping, down Constitution Avenue, the Coasties were greeted by CGCVA member Jack Reid who was standing on the sidewalk. With a little urging, the 85-year-old veteran of the Normandy Invasion joined the ranks and continued with the group for the rest of the parade. Jack was the oldest Coastie in the group while 19-year-old HS3 Sarah Hanson was the youngest. Sarah, along with HS2 Luke Thompson and YN3 Ali Neiderer, were among the active-duty Coasties marching with the group. A total of 87 folks were in the Coast Guard unit, the great majority of them Vietnam veterans... quite a difference from the Coast Guard participation from years earlier.

At more than one point in the parade, young ladies along the sidewalks, ran out to hug and kiss the marchers. Of course in the Coast Guard group's case, some of the marchers ran into the crowd to hug and kiss the ladies... what a surprise! Overall, the public was surprised but pleased to see the Coast Guard participating.

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Some remarked it was long overdue.

At the parade's end, there was a mad rush for the portable toilets, then nearly everyone strolled to the Coast Guard tent. Recruiters from the Washington, D.C. office had been standing watch there during the parade and provided all the veterans with a variety of Coast Guard recruiting promotional items. Armed with some Coast Guard "swag", folks signed the Log Book provided by Bill Wells and spoke with marchers from other Vietnam groups. Many opted to go to The Wall even though there were hundreds of folks standing in line there. The remainder of the day was spent reminiscing and seeing the sights of downtown Washington.

SATURDAY EVENING SOCIAL GATHERING

At 1830, the Irish Channel Pub inside the Red Roof Inn played host to the Coast Guard Vietnam contingent and several active-duty Coasties. A special guest was Vice Admiral Wayne E. Caldwell, USCG (Ret.) who had served as commanding officer of *USCGC Chase* in Vietnam. Several USCGC Chase Association members were in attendance and they had invited VADM Caldwell and his wife Suzanne to the reception.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11 VETERANS DAY

From the clouds and gloom of Saturday, Sunday turned into a sunny and beautiful day as if to honor those who had served the years of conflict and warm not only our bones but our hearts.

The watch was reset on the tent near The Wall about 0830 Sunday. There were small groups of people who wandered by and for the second day LCDR Terry Gravis, USCG (retired) manned the tent. He looked over the area and steadily and quietly pressed people to take home quantities of recruiting items, the collector's buttons made for the event and brochures prepared to tell, in brief, the Coast Guard's Vietnam story. There were others whom assisted at the tent throughout the day.

About noon, Admiral Thad Allen, Coast Guard Commandant, arrived to extend wishes and to answer questions. Shortly after his arrival, Rear Admiral Clifford Pearson, USCG and MCPOCG Charles Bowen, USCG, arrived from the annual Arlington Cemetery acknowledgement of Veterans' Day. Admiral Allen spent nearly an hour answering questions about the Coast Guard having photos taken with the older Coast Guardsmen. Unfortunately, Admiral Allen could not delay longer as his presence was needed in California in connection with an oil spill situation. However, Rear Admiral Pearson and Master Chief Bowen remained for the re-ded-



USCG Commandant and CGCVA member ADM Thad Allen with Vietnam veterans at the Coast Guard tent.



MCPO Mark Allen (left) chats with MCPO-CG Skip Bowen at the Coast Guard tent while a USCG Vietnam veterans signs the log book.

"The gathering of Vietnam Coasties in Washington, D.C. was heartwarming. I once again felt humbled at the turn-out. We are, and will continue to be, Always Ready for our fallen comrades, and for each other. Fair winds!"

— Robert MacLeod

ication of The Wall beginning at 1300.

The highlight for Coast Guardsmen at the Wall was the wreath laying. HSC Brian Painter, USCG, the son of Coast Guardsman EN1 Michael Painter who's name is inscribed on the Wall, became the first Coast Guard family member to present a wreath to all Coast Guardsmen killed in Vietnam. Needless to say it was an emotional event. We owe gratitude to Master Chief Bowen for making it possible for Brian Painter to travel from Kodiak, Alaska, for this honor. There were several at the event who had served with Brian's father in Vietnam. On the walk to The Wall hushed applause and subdued voices were heard in praise of the Coast Guard. Many other veterans groups, as well as individuals, welcomed the Coast Guard and acknowledged the Coast Guard's Vietnam service.

In the late afternoon, the same fine cadre of volunteers, including SK1 Wayne Thomas, USCG, (retired) and SK1 Bob Pawlowski, USCG, (retired), helped pack up the remaining gear and strike and bag the tent (no instructions needed this time either). We cannot say enough about the crewmembers of the Cutter Chase Association. They went all out in personal and financial support and assistance throughout the event.

Many left for home that afternoon and others hung around until the next day. That last night we all decommissioned Coast Guard Station Chinatown. We all will remember the good time, the rebinding of old friendships and the making of new ones. Those attending the event left with a sense of purpose to continue to tell the Coast Guard story in whatever way we may.

The event began out from anger brought on by the atmosphere of ambivalence but was made to diminish by the outpouring of personal and monetary support shown and given

"The Coast Guard's mission in Vietnam was an important one that tested the service's personnel and assets. It was a mission in which the Coast Guard performed admirably and one that provided a model for future such operations. Lessons learned from the Coast Guard's mission in Vietnam will continue to be relevant as long as the Service plays a major role in littoral combat operations."

*-- William H. Thiesen
Atlantic Area Historian*



(Left) VADM Wayne E. Caldwell, USCG (Ret.), a previous USCGC Chase commanding officer, and his wife, Suzanne, were the special guests of the Chase Association shipmates. Admiral Caldwell spoke to the crowd at a reception courtesy of the Irish Channel Pub & Restaurant.



Chiefs of today and yesteryear.

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Bill Wells, Gil Benoit and Steve Petersen



Pointing to LT Jack C. Rittichier's name on the Wall.



HSC Brian Painter, presents the USCG Wreath in memory of his father, Michael, one of the seven Coast Guardsmen killed in Vietnam.

"I have been going to The Wall for the past 24 years... going in my own mind, but not in body. Finally, after a 3,800 mile road trip, I attended the 25th Anniversary of The Wall. There are not enough adjectives to describe the emotions one feels while viewing this hallowed place. The 58,256 names are our brothers and sisters, including our seven fellow Coast Guard shipmates. I honor and salute them all."

-- Steve (Pete) Petersen

by so many people. It is the hope that future veterans will carry on the work began here. The aim of Lieutenant Tim Sommella and his peers, is to create a knowledge base of present service in areas of conflict and to have that history preserved.

To all who gave their best during this event, we wish to say Thank You for your support. It was in the finest tradition of the Service's motto: Semper Paratus.

Volunteers manning the tent on Saturday November 10;

BMC Jon Ostrowski, USCG, YN1 Michael Franson, USCG, OT (officer in training) Carl McLaughlin, and LCDR Christopher Hollingshead.

On Sunday, the tent was manned by many of the same people who helped set up the tent on Saturday morning. With reluctance, the tent came down in the afternoon. The gear packed and stowed and most went their separate ways. We will meet again in the future. One aim of the event achieved was to show people with combined effort an event such as this is possible. We hope in the future to have a greater participation of veterans of all those other conflicts that have gone unrecognized.

To this end, several are beginning to establish a small fund to pay prizes for essays on the Coast Guard's involvement in conflicts from 1965 to the present. It is the hope these scholarly essays will help promote a greater sense of pride in all of the Coast Guard's service in conflicts.

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Editor's Note: This story was penned by project coordinator Bill Wells and myself. Although photo credits were not provided on each picture, I wish to thank Steve Petersen, Gil Benoit, Mare Swift, Bill Wells, and Rodney Young who contributed photos to augment those shot by myself. Our webmaster, Bill Wells, has asked that CDs of photos be sent to him. He will create a web site and include them in album form on the CGCVA website. This truly was a memorable event and I was honored to be involved in it. I extend thanks to the organizations and persons who contributed their time and energy to help make this 25th anniversary celebration one to remember for those Coast Guard Vietnam veterans who attended. I hope this QD Log issue will be enjoyed by all USCG Vietnam veterans whether they were able to attend the anniversary celebration in Washington, D.C. or not. Semper Paratus!

Veterans' Day Ceremony at Coast Guard Monument, Arlington National Cemetery



Some of the Coast Guard Vietnam veterans who stayed in town after the Vietnam Monument's 25th Anniversary to attend the Coast Guard Veterans' Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.



Members of the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard



(Left) CGCVA Immediate PNP Gil "Frenchy" Benoit with Coast Guard Vice Commandant VADM Vivian Crea. VADM Crea was the keynote speaker at the annual Coast Guard Veterans' Day ceremony.



CGCVA PNPs Gil Benoit, Ed Swift and Joe Kleinpeter at the Coast Guard Monument at Arlington National Cemetery.



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Coast Guard Vietnam Veterans



1965 - 1975

Cover of the pamphlet Bill Wells created for the 25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial. It describes the various USCG duties during the Vietnam War.

Medicare/TRICARE Payment Fix On Tap?

Everybody in Congress agrees that they need to act to stop the 9.9% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments to doctors that current law will impose as of January 1, 2008. But as usual, they're not all on the same page.

Democratic leaders want a two-year fix. Republican leaders want a one-year fix. A one-year fix is cheaper and doesn't require as many painful budget trade-offs. But it also means we'd be back again with the same problem at the end of next year.

Unfortunately, however a deal is worked out — assuming one is worked out — it probably won't come until shortly before Christmas. That's because the continuing appropriations arguments between Congress and the Administration have delayed almost all of the year's most important funding decisions until the very end of the year.

The Defense Appropriations Act has been signed into law, but the appropriations bills for all other federal departments are wrapped up in budgetary wrangling and veto threats. And Congress won't even return from the Thanksgiving recess until December 3rd.

In all likelihood, most of the appropriations bills will have to be wrapped into some kind of year-end omnibus appropriations bill that would also include the Medicare/TRICARE payment fix. But the president also has threatened to veto any such omnibus package.

One option now being considered by congressional leaders is to simply split the difference with the president on all of the various disputed funding levels.

In the end, government leaders of both parties and both branches of government have an obligation to get past the politics and get the nation's business done — on the various appropriations bills and the crucial Medicare/TRICARE payment issue.

A longer-term fix on the doctor payments would be preferred, but the only truly essential thing at this eleventh hour is to get something done to reverse the cuts before the end of the year.

Older Americans and military beneficiaries deserve better than this annual threat of budget-driven cuts that would deter more doctors from seeing them.

Military Officers Association of America

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Blue/black, or white, gold lettered CGCVA with logo, full back. One size fits all. Plain visor **\$12.00** With senior officer scrambled eggs on visor. **\$16.00**. Add **\$3.00** and up to six gold letters will be sewn on the back of your cap. Example: "SWIFTY"

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BOOKS

"Coast Guard Navy of WWII" by William Knight. **\$21.00**. "Coast Guard Action in Vietnam" by CGCVA member Paul Scotti **\$21.00**. "Coast Guard In World War One" by CGCVA member CAPT Alex Larzelere **\$32.00**. Coast Guard Combat Veterans, Turner Publishing **\$36.00**. "Always Ready - Today's U.S. Coast Guard" by Bonner and Bonner **\$16.00**. "The Coast Guard At War, Vietnam 1965-1975" by CAPT Alex Larzelere **\$42.00**. "A WWII Sailor's Journey" by T.J. Piemonte **\$12.00**.



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USCG Emblem, Dept of Homeland Security Emblem and U.S. Flag Emblem. **\$2.50** each.



PATCHES

CGCVA, ROONE, CON-SON, ELD-Eagle, Sattahip, Market Time, Squadron Three, and CG-TAC. Each one is **\$5.00**. Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club **\$6.00**. Small CGCVA **\$3.00**.

Note: There are some slight price increases due to USPS rate increases.

Hello Everyone,

As you may or may not know, since the CGCVA changed its convention schedule back to every two years (vice every 18 months), we voted to increase CGCVA Auxiliary dues to \$15.00 (from \$10.00) so please make a note of this and submit your dues on time. Thank you.

After the Burlingame, CA convention, Pat and I took our time returning back East. We looked for gold, did some visiting, etc. We didn't get rich so don't call for a hand-out... Ha! After a couple of months we arrived home to an atrocious looking yard and two rental houses coming empty at the same time. it was miserably hot so we couldn't work outside but I've been busy ever since.

On the trip home, Pat became much worse. Now he is

better but still not doing very well. Due to his health we didn't plan to attend the 25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial and reunion for Vietnam veterans.

On October 30th I spoke with Auxiliary Secretary Jane Maxwell who said she had suffered with shingles for several months. Auxiliary Vice President Rene O'Connell is suffering with sinus problems. Rene and Terry recently visited their one and only (8 month old) granddaughter. I also spoke with Mare Swift, a previous Auxiliary VP. Mare and Ed also visited their grandson. Unfortunately, both Rene and Mare's grandkids live so far away, the grandparents won't get to spoil them as most of us do.

Christmas isn't very far off so here's wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season. We all have much to be thankful for, no matter what we have lost or how little we have. Remember and pray for our troops deployed overseas who won't be home for the holidays. Until next time!

Shirley Ramsey

Let Your Name Live On

For years, the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association has been operating from day-to day through the collection of dues and contributions of our members. The time has come for us to be more concerned about the future. Will you consider naming the CGCVA in your will? Any help in the form of cash, stocks, or life insurance policies will help assure the future of the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association. It can be as easy as using one of these sample forms of bequest:

(Whatever is left after other bequests have been granted.) "All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, including real estate and personal property, I give, devise and bequeath to the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, a Corporation created under the laws of the State of Ohio, located at (give the current designated Administrative Office or Headquarters address)."

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, a Corporation created under the laws of the State of Ohio, located at (give the current designated Administrative Office or Headquarters address), _____% of my estate."

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, a Corporation created under the laws of the State of Ohio, located at (give the current designated Administrative Office or Headquarters address), the sum of _____ for the (Name a specific fund), the principle of which shall remain in perpetuity."

**Remember: The CGCVA is a Non-Profit Association.
All donations are tax-deductible.**

From the President

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Real Grass...Real Heroes

This is a book by baseball player Dom DiMaggio that chronicles baseball's historic 1941 season. In that season Joe DiMaggio hit in fifty-six consecutive games, Ted Williams batted .406, and Lefty Grove won his 300th game. War loomed large in 1941 and became a reality for Americans when Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japan. A number of major league ballplayers entered the armed forces. Two All Star Games, instead of one, were played in the 1942 to raise money. The first game was played in New York at the Polo Grounds, the second game took place the next day in Cleveland. The second game matched American Leaguers against major leaguers in the military. I found this Coast Guard gem in the narrative: The pregame show was just as good as the game, maybe better. In a star-spangled production, tanks and jeeps were on display, a precision drill team of Marines showed its skills, and sailors and Coast Guardsmen formed a huge white "V for victory" at home plate. The two games raised \$100,000 for baseballs and bats for servicemen, an enormous sum of money then, and \$60,000 for Army and Navy welfare agencies to help America's war widows and orphans.

Enjoy life...it's an adventure. Until next time...

Paul Scotti



Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

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(Above) A large crowd of Vietnam veterans and guests attended the 25th Anniversary ceremony on Veterans' Day 2007 at the Vietnam Memorial (The Wall). (Inset) HSC Brian Painter, an active duty Coast Guardsman stationed in Alaska, presented the USCG Wreath during the ceremony. Brian's father, Michael, was one of the seven Coast Guardsmen killed in Vietnam.

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