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## 2019 CGCVA REUNION CHARLESTON MISSION ACCOMPLISHED WITH GREAT SUCCESS

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## FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

### COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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Shipmates,

WOW!! If you missed the Charleston Convention and Reunion you surely missed the boat. Thanks to the Reunion Planners, Gary Sherman, Mike Placencia and Bruce Bruni for a reunion that will go down

in the books. The hotel and city were a great location and with the large number attending, great comradeship was experienced by all. The hard work, commitment, and attention to detail resulted in a fabulous reunion. Thank you to all that made this possible. In addition, your confidence in re-electing Terry, Gary and me has sparked us to remain on course and continue to move our Association forward.

After departing from the Charleston Reunion, Terry, Rene, Kay and I drove up the coast and followed the Outer Banks. We stopped in Morehead City and visited the Sector and Cutters *BRUCKENTHAL* and *SNYDER*. Then on to Cape Hatteras Station where we were well received. Next, Bodie Island Lighthouse and Coast Guard Station. Surplus Quarterdeck Log issues were distributed as we traveled to Cape May. Three ferry rides later, we finally arrived for the Cape May Enlisted Memorial Dedication which proved to be an outstanding event.

The Enlisted Memorial was long in the making, starting in 2011. Through the efforts of many, and our own CGCVA member, Tom Dougherty, the Enlisted Memorial Foundation President, eight years of work were now completed. Saturday brought clear skies after a day of snotty weather. The wind and chill were still an issue, but we all endured.

In attendance, other than Terry and myself with our wives, were CGCVA members Vice Commandant Admiral Charles Ray, former Commandant Admiral Thad Allen, George Hamilton, Michael Niles, John Seubert, Tom Dougherty, and most were accompanied by spouses. Our presence at the ceremony was recognized by the Commandant, Vice Commandant, MCPOCG, and Retired





## FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Admiral Thad Allen.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Harborview Club where we received recognition by being presented a framed picture of the Memorial. It was an honor to receive this gift and represent our Association. The Memorial erected on the parade grounds is a tribute to all that gave their lives while on active duty. The 1500 names that are carved in the granite panels represent their sacrifice, including the five lost during the Vietnam War that were on the panel shown on the right.



Bravo Zulu to Tom Dougherty for his accomplishments, and the great seats reserved for our members. Having Tom as our Training Center liaison and representative is a real asset to our Association.

Big blocks and small line,

~ Steve



L-R Commandant Carl Schultz,  
NP Steve Petersen,  
Memorial Foundation  
President, Tom Dougherty,  
Vice Commandant, Charles Ray



## FROM THE NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

The adjournment of the 2019 CGCVA reunion signaled one of the best gatherings in recent years. Charleston proved to be a perfect host city that allowed access by more than 170 veterans, spouses, family and friends. The camaraderie that we enjoyed was topped only by the trust that the voting membership placed in Steve Petersen, Gary Sherman and me to continue on as National President, National Secretary/Treasurer and National Vice President respectively. We also recognized the Trustees who stepped forward to help balance the inner workings of the Association.

The fiscal soundness of our Association was bolstered by Gary Sherman's successful Life Member fundraising campaign, the generous

donations by the denizens of the "complimentary" hospitality room bar, a record breaking silent auction (Thank you Ladies) and, lest we forget our infamous honorary member, Chieu Hoi who cajoled Phil Kies into donating a record \$1000 for the privilege of taking care of our mascot for the two years until we meet again.



Thank you to all members who made our reunion a memorable success and Semper Paratus to all.

~ Terry



**NP Steve Petersen and NVP Terry O'Connell paid a surprise visit to *CGC NATHAN BRUCKENTHAL* and *CGC RICHARD SNYDER* at Sector Morehead City, NC, on their way to TRACEN Cape May for the Enlisted Memorial dedication ceremony.**

Another great Terry tale about the "capture" of Chieu Hoi. Terry's imagination kept not only the attention of CGCVA members, but that of the hotel staff and even the USAF "Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association, aka "River Rats", all Vietnam veterans whose reunion preceded ours. Terry was rewarded by this group for his humorous tale of valor in saving the treed Vietnamese woman from Chieu Hoi with a few adult beverages.





## FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY / TREASURER

### WHAT A REUNION!!!

Your Association “packed the house” in Charleston, North Carolina, with 150 attendees at the banquet. What a great time and a terrific group of Coast Guardsmen, their wives, friends and family.

This reunion was so successful, personally and financially due to the outstanding work of individuals who spent so much time and energy to make this happen.

Of special note was our CGCVA Auxiliary, led by Javaughn Miller and her officers, Bev Johnson and Mimi Placencia and all of the Auxiliary members who decorated the rooms, filled our tables with healthy snacks and made the Hospitality Room a fantastic place to gather.

The two members who also deserve special recognition are the two-man bartending team of Phil Kies and Wayne Miller. These two stood the day watch, the evening watch and the night watch, manning the bar every second of every day. Just an outstanding performance by Phil and Wayne to keep the drinks flowing and the ice cabinets full. They deserve a special salute from all who attended and typify the spirit of the CGCVA and the Reunion Committee thanks them for their efforts and support.

And speaking of the Reunion Committee, Bruce

Bruni and Mike Placencia took charge and made this event happen. Bruce found the hotel and brought it to the Reunion Committee’s attention,

and it was a “home run” with a beautiful setting, good food and

a great, affordable event. Bruce deserves a BZ for knowing what we needed and made that happen. Mike Placencia, in addition to handling so many details, was the “Master of Ceremonies” at the business luncheon and banquet, and did an outstanding, professional job at the microphone.

All in all, a great experience and success. If you haven’t been to a CGCVA reunion, you should consider attending the next one in 2021, and bringing some “sea stories” with you. We are looking for another great “destination location” for the event, somewhere that you want to have a reason to visit.

Thank you to all who attended and made this happen!

**Semper Paratus!**

**Gary Sherman**

National Secretary/Treasurer



## CROSSED THE BAR

Frederick J. Grady

Warren Moore, Jr.

Arthur J. Goodwin

Edward A. Kelly, Jr.

Wallace E. Shipp

Wesley G. Borchert

Daniel Galena

W. E. “Bud” Richardson

Robert Kastner

Gordon Gillette

Richard T. Weinand

David J. Dalzell

Angel Aviles

Robert F. Taylor, Jr.

John F. Stevens



## WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBER	SHIP/UNIT IN COMBAT ZONE	CONFLICT	SPONSOR
James Testor	CGC PT Lomas	RVN	
Charles Mosher	CGC PT Grey	RVN	Roger Beving
Harold Leiby	CGC Campbell	RVN	
Neil Holmdahl	PSU 311	KOR	RADM Seward
James M. Gooch	CGC Morgenthau	OSW	
Michael Beshears	PSU 308	OSW	
Dennis Hammer	CGC Halfmoon	RVN	Dennis Auger
Scott Reed	CG RAID Team	GWOT	
Joseph X. Schuck	CGC PT Clear / PT Comfort	RVN	
Harry W. Darling	SQDN 1, Division 13	RVN	
Donald Anderson	CGC Garnet / CGC Mast	RVN	
Robert F. McCoy	CGC Klamath	RVN	
Alan Wentzell	PSU 301-2	DST	Larry Jones
Patrick O'Rourke	CGC Marone	RVN	
Ronald Tompkins	CGC Owasco	RVN	JJ O'Neil
James L. Hart	CGC Minnetonka	RVN	
Michael J. Doria	PSU 301	GWOT	
William Lamson	CGC Sherman	RVN	
Thomas O'Neill, Jr.	PSU 301-2	DST	
Mark D. Sullivan	PSU 302-2	DST	
William G. Ioven	PSU 301	GWOT	
Harry Toler	CGC PT Cypress	RVN	
Michael J. Dreier	CG LEDET 5G	DST	
Harold Tripp, Jr.	CGC Sherman	RVN	
Charles J. Hughes	CGC Hamilton	RVN	
Robert F. Hatcher	CGC Sherman	RVN	Richard Ames
Harold B. Cole	CGC Bibb	RVN	Stephen Hines
John A. Arrington	CGC Sherman	RVN	



## WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Ship/Unit	Conflict	Sponsor
William Chappelle	PSU 308	GWOT	Bruce Bruni
Richard J. Eldred	Division 12	RVN	
William Femia, Jr.	CGC Chase	RVN	
Thomas M. Fox	CGC Hamilton	RVN	
Michael W. Grossman	CGC Mellon	RVN	
Gaby L. Keen	CGC Castle Rock	RVN	Gary Sherman
Paul M. Martin	CGC Hamilton	RVN	
Roy S. Mooney	CGC Sherman	RVN	Gaby Keen
Robert J. Grassino	PSU 308 / 307	GWOT	
Herbert G. Lawler	CGC PT Comfort	RVN	

## CGCVA PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD—JANUARY 15 TO MAY 3, 2019

RECRUIT COMPANY	NAME	STATION ASSIGNMENT
Victor 196	Alexander Etheridge	Station Tillamook Bay
Whiskey 196	Dylan Wasylychyn	Station Colorado River—Engineering
X-Ray 196	Marina Baer	CGC Kimball
Yankee 196	Natasha Skaggs	Station Coos Bay
Zebra 196	Jhonael Ramos-Ortiz	Sector San Juan Engineering / Support Division
Alpha 197	Logan Ballarche	CGC Douglas Munro
Bravo 197	Marc-Kris Calilan	TRACEN Petaluma—CMAA
Charlie 197	Brady Deckert	CGC Hamilton (S)
Delta 197	Zachary Reichenbach	Station St. Clair Shores
Echo 197	Katherine Dolan	OS “A” School
Foxtrot 197	Martin Cade-Ambeau	CGC Kiska
Gulf 197	Benjamin Walters	CGC Mellon



## BOOSTER CLUB AND MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

### QUARTERDECK 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 or more to the QD Log Booster Club each year, it would pay for all the expenses that go into printing and mailing the magazine. Donations can be sent to the Administrative Office (marked in the “memo” section of your check 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 that we have the best association 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 Booster club:

**Thanks to all who have become QD Log Booster club members so far!**

**All contributions are appreciated!**

**And remember, these contributions are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)19.**

#### **NEW TO THE QDL BOOSTER CLUB**

Michael A. Johnson in memory of Rich Radle; Jill Lachman in memory of RMCM Mike Lachman; Chris Wood in memory of CGC Chase RVN crew Herbert Cohen; Edward Hludzinski; Thomas Sutters; and shipmates that have crossed the bar; Rex Wessling; Gene Costill in memory of Robert Michael Placencia in memory of Angel Aviles; Costill ~ USS J. T. Dickman;



The above campaign and service medals are authorized for CGCVA membership and are shown from top left to bottom right.:

Navy Expeditionary Medal, \* China Service Medal \* American Campaign Medal (must have at least one 5/16 bronze battle star) \* Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal \* European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal \* Korea Service Medal \*

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal \* Vietnam Service Medal \* Southwest Asia Service Medal \* Kosovo Campaign Medal \* Afghanistan Campaign Medal \* Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal \* Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal \* Korea Defense Service Medal.

Unfortunately, there will be future world conflicts that will add to this list.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

The 2019 CGCVA reunion was an exceptional event, with more attendees than has been experienced for many years. Additionally, we had a good Auxiliary attendance as well. The luncheon featured Elizabeth Bellingham from the Charleston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution who provided remarks about Charleston's history and places to visit to experience the southern charm that this majestic city is noted for.



**Javaughn Miller, Auxiliary luncheon keynote speaker Elizabeth Bellingham, Mimi Placencia, Betty Schambeau, Beverly Johnson**



**Auxiliary National President Javaughn Miller**

The elections of the Auxiliary was held, with Beverley Johnson elected as Vice President, Mimi Placencia as Secretary/Treasurer and me for a second term as President.

There were many hands that assisted in setting up the hospitality room and I thank each for their willingness to help, but especially I appreciate the assistance provided by Kay Petersen, Betty Schambeau, Mimi Placencia, Jessica Lapham, Barbara Weeks and Jeannie Bruni.

The silent auction was also successful, earning \$1,517.00. I also want to thank each of those individuals who donated items for the auction. The proceeds from this event help pay for those little things that make the reunion so much fun.

I look forward to the next reunion in 2021 and hope to see you there.

### COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER APPLICATION

Membership Type: Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_ Associate: \_\_\_\_\_ New: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ Returning: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Two-year membership: From May 20 \_\_\_\_\_ to May 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues:** \$15.00 for two-year membership. Make check or money order payable to: CGCVA Auxiliary Association

**Mail to:** Mimi Placencia, National Secretary / Treasurer, 9804 Iroquois Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93312

**Auxiliary Membership Qualifications:** Family members of a Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association member in good standing.

**Associate Membership Qualifications:** All other interested parties. Associate membership is a non-voting membership.

**For additional information, please contact:** Mimi Placencia (Auxiliary Secretary / Treasurer) at [mimiplacencia@hotmail.com](mailto:mimiplacencia@hotmail.com) or at (661) 444-0186.



## 2019 CGCVA REUNION CHARLESTON

The 2019 reunion in Charleston, SC, was one of the most successful events in recent years. The Reunion Committee, comprised of Gary Sherman, Mike Placencia and Bruce Bruni, worked diligently in identifying the ideal location, at the perfect time of year for tourism and at the best prices. They nailed it with the selection of the North Charleston Marriott Hotel.

The hospitality room was established in the Reflections Room, a 2537 square foot room, surrounded on three sides by glass and adjacent to the outdoor patios and pool, offering sunlight through the day and evening. Open from 0900 to 2200 each day, members were able to meet old friends and swap sea stories while enjoying snacks and beverages. Special thanks to Phil Kies and Wayne Miller for their dedication in manning the bar for many hours during the week., expertly meet-



**Phil Kies and his trophy, Chieu Hoi. Thank you Phil for your generous donation of \$1000 during the bidding process and thanks to Michael Johnson for his “encouragement” in urging you on. I think Mike is pretty relieved that you wanted to take Chieu Hoi home.**



**Attendees of the Auxiliary luncheon held in the Reflections hospitality room**

ing the needs of thirsty patrons. The patios offered comfortable chairs and firepits for late evening small group conversations. The Auxiliary luncheon was also held in this room that had ample space to display the many items donated for the silent auction.

The crews of *CGC HAMILTON*, WHEC 715 that deployed to Vietnam in 1969-70 and Port Security Unit 301-1 that deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Desert Storm operations were also in attendance.



**CGC HAMILTON WESTPAC crew 1969-70**

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The weather was perfect, with plenty of sunshine and comfortable temperatures. With a good number of first time attendees, everyone had sufficient opportunity to see the historic sites of the beautiful city with its southern charm and to experience the outstanding fare at the many great places to eat. Everyone enjoyed themselves and with promises made to attend the next reunion in 2021.

The CGCVA business luncheon held on Wednesday was honored to have the Vice



**Admiral Charles Ray, Vice Commandant  
USCG and Past National President  
Michael Placencia**

Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Charles Ray, as the guest speaker. In addition, Captain John Reed, Commander, Sector Charleston and Captain Clinton Carlson, a 1990 graduate of The Citadel and former Commodore of Patrol Forces Southwest Asia (PATFORSWA) and a member of the CGCVA, were in attendance. MCPOCG Jason Vanderhaden was the keynote speaker for the awards banquet.

The election of officers at the business luncheon resulted in the following: Steve Petersen reelected



**MCPOCG Jason Vanderhaden keynote  
speaker at the awards banquet**



**Captain Clinton Carlson with Past National  
President Michael Placencia**

as President and Terry O'Connell as Vice President. Butch Hampton and Bruni elected as Trustees for a four-year term.

The Auxiliary officer election results saw Javaughn Miller reelected as President and Beverly Johnson as Vice President, along with Mimi Placencia as Secretary/Treasurer.

Congratulations to everyone.



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**Officers of the Auxiliary are (L to R)  
Javaughn Miller, President;  
Beverly Johnson, Vice President and  
Mimi Placencia, Secretary/Treasurer**



**CDR Michael Smith, USCG (ret), Executive  
Director of the Grand Haven Festival receiving  
his CGCVA Distinguished Service Award**



**Newly elected CGCVA Officers from right to  
left: Steve Petersen, Terry O'Connell, Bruce  
Bruni, Gary Sherman, Frenchy Benoit and  
Butch Hampton**

Commander Michael Smith, USCG (ret), Executive Director of the Grand Haven Festival was presented with the CGCVA Distinguished Service Award for his tireless efforts at making the



**Swifty receiving recognition from CDR Smith  
for his work with the Grand Haven Festival.  
Swifty will need a bigger "I love me" wall.**

Coast Guard Festival a huge success each summer.

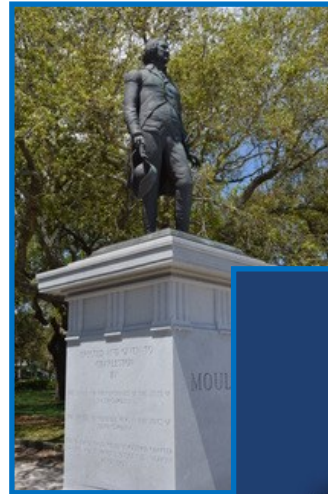
Other recipients of the CGCVA Distinguished Service Awards for 2019 were Phil Kies, Michael Johnson, Michael Placencia and Bruce Bruni.

VP Terry O'Connell was awarded the "Don Kneip" Award, the highest award for outstanding service.



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Several cadets from The Citadel were invited to attend the awards banquet, including one who recently completed his four-year tour with the Coast Guard.



City of Charleston  
Flag



you then. Tell  
your shipmates,  
too.



Toby and Betty  
Schambeau

The reunion concluded at the end of Thursday evening with a few people staying on for a few more extra days to continue visiting Charleston's many great sites. Efforts are already underway for planning the next 2021 reunion at one of several locations recommended by the membership. We hope to see





# COVER STORY



**Phil Kies donated \$1,000 for the honor of  
having Chieu Hoi until 2021**

**Letter of appreciation given to Shane Graves for his great assistance with the final touches for the reunion as the “man on the ground” in Charleston.**



**CGCVA Distinguished Service Award  
given to Michael Johnson**



**Port Security Unit 301 personnel that deployed with the first and second PSU 301 groups to Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia in support of Desert Shield/Storm operations 1990-91.**



**VP Terry O'Connell receiving Donald Kneip  
Award from President Steve Petersen with  
Rene O'Connell looking on.**



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**Letters of appreciation to Mimi Placencia, Betty Johnson and Jessica Lapham Harrison**



**Frenchy Benoit and Swede Johnson**



**Michael Johnson winner of the 50/50 split of \$995 which he so graciously shared with a Citadel cadet**



**Paul Scoti**



**Mr. and Mrs. Steve Watts**



**Right: Butch Hampton doing his share for supporting the 50/50 split**

**Left: CGCVA & Auxiliary officers addressing last minute details on Sunday afternoon**





## COVER STORY



**Bill and Jackie  
Held with  
Mimi and Mike  
Placencia**



**Always Ready  
Bartenders Phil Kies  
and Wayne Miller**



**Taylor Lapham and  
Dick Walton,  
reunited after 51 years**



**Robert MacLeod**



**Russ Weeks and  
Paul Duffin**



**Bob LeClair and Bruce Bruni CGC  
HAMILTON shipmates 1970-71**

**WELCOME  
COAST GUARD  
COMBAT VETERANS  
REUNION**

### THE WALL THAT HEALS 2019 TOUR



The new Wall That Heals exhibit will be touring selected cities of the nation and features a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The mobile Education Center that gives visitors a better understanding of the legacy of The Wall and educates about the impact of the Vietnam War. Check out the Wall That Heals weblink at [www.vvmf.org/2019-twth-tour](http://www.vvmf.org/2019-twth-tour) for tour schedules and dates. See the video that is linked in the yellow box to the right on their website.

### USS SERPENS BOOK IN PROGRESS

To note the 75th Anniversary of the loss of the Coast Guard-manned USS *SERPENS* (AK-97) on 29 January 2020, a book is being written and is nearing completion by noted author and former Naval Intelligence Officer Douglas E. Campbell. He is looking for any personal letters and photos sent from the crew to family and friends that he can add to the stories already in the draft. He may be contacted at 39 Talamore Drive,

Southern Pines, NC 29397 or [dcamp@AOL.com](mailto:dcamp@AOL.com). All original items will be returned. Co-author of the book will be Robert G. Breen, CGCVA, Honored Associate Member whose father Gerald C. Breen was one of the Coast Guardsmen that went down with the ship that tragic night.

### BROWN'S THIRD BOOK ABOUT THE VIETNAM VETERAN'S WAR EXPERIENCE COMING SOON

Author Bill Brown has completed his second book about Vietnam veterans and received great feedback from readers, fellow veterans, wives and children, often commenting how the books brought families together. The books described the veteran's service in Vietnam and what the veteran had to deal with after returning home and were credited for bringing families together. Now Bill Brown is looking to complete a third book and is looking for the assistance of Vietnam veterans for their stories.

Brown is requesting that you inquire of friends, neighbors and other veterans, some that you might have served with, asking that they might want their stories told, too. He can be contacted through email at [OVWS333@gmail.com](mailto:OVWS333@gmail.com). Brown is willing to reach out to reluctant veterans if you provide the individual's contact information, to encourage them to share their story.

The Vietnam generation is slowly passing as did the WWII veterans. Today's younger generations, also known as Generations Y and Z have little idea of what the Vietnam War was about. Don't allow your story and that of other veterans go untold. Preserve them for future generations. Contact Bill Brown today.



### COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR A VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

Story By LCPL Ashley Gomez, USMC, Marine Corps Installations East

Community members and leaders gathered alongside service members and Vietnam War veterans at the Onslow Vietnam Veterans Memorial Saturday. The ceremony, part of Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, served to remember the service members who fought and gave their lives on behalf of the American people during the second longest conflict in our county's history.

"I am truly honored and humbled to represent Camp Lejeune in this ceremony to commemorate those veterans who fought in Vietnam," said Col. Scott Baldwin, deputy commander, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. "It is a place that plays a central role in our history and our country's story in a time that includes one of the most painful and challenging eras we have ever endured as a nation."

More than 58,000 Americans lost their lives in the brutal conflict and another 200,000 were wounded. The war, which spanned more than 16 years of U.S. involvement, left the American people

divided.

For many Vietnam War veterans the ceremony was an opportunity to pay tribute to their fallen comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice and to reflect on their own, personal sacrifices.

Vietnam veteran Michael Carr held back tears as he reflected on his 10 years of service. "I have two friends that are on this wall," Carr said.

Veterans of the Vietnam War felt they returned to an America who did not want them, from a war the American people did not understand. Those service members in attendance, who answered the nation's call in a controversial time of turmoil, were remembered that day as heroes.

Veterans from Rolling Thunder Chapter NC-5 echoed the names of 38 North Carolinians who are prisoners of war or missing in action. The 38 individuals are service members who never returned home and were never accounted for.

"Lots of things that we have now that maybe some folks take for granted are because of the sacrifices Vietnam veterans made," said Joe Fore, president for Rolling Thunder Chapter NC-5. He said the sacrifices made from those who came before him have paved the way for other service members.



**Retired U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class, Michael E. Carr, left, Vietnam Veteran Association Chapter 654 president, and retired U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class, Floyd C. Hampton, right, Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association service officer, stand at attention during the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day Ceremony at the Onslow Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Lejeune Memorial Gardens, Jacksonville, North Carolina, April 27, 2019.**



## NEWS AND NOTICES

### USCGC CAMPBELL REUNION HELD IN SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

Shipmates, this is a short summary of the events of the *USCGC CAMPBELL* 2019 South Portland reunion.

We started arriving at the Merry Manor Best Western hotel on Sunday, May 5. A goodly number ended up having dinner at the Maine Table Restaurant on the premises. Early on Monday morning, twenty of us went over to the Portland waterfront to greet the Campbell as she came in off patrol for replenishment and to allow us to mingle with the crew. We held a ceremony on the flight deck to present the 2018 Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY) with our appreciation check and a lifetime membership in the Campbell Association. The rest of the day was spent preparing for the reunion. In the evening, we had our Meet and Greet dinner at the hotel (prime rib and stuffed haddock). The CO of the *CGC CAMPBELL* (CDR McDonnell) broke bread with us and said a few words. We also had a four-man color guard from the CG base and they stayed for dinner as our guests. The "Happy Hour" cash open bar was comped by the hotel management.

Tuesday, we were up and out by 0900 with a trolley tour of the Portland area with a stop at the Portland waterfront for lunch. After lunch, we boarded a large cruiser for tour of Casco Bay. We returned to the hotel and were cut loose to have dinner on our own.

On Wednesday, we were again up early for a 0900 departure to the Coast Guard base in South Portland. We were given a nice tour of the facilities and all of the Coasties were very friendly and helpful. After this stop, we went to a Pizzeria/Restaurant in town for a lunch buffet. Afterwards, we visited the Maine Military Museum for an interesting tour of all the artifacts in that facility. Our next stop was at the Coast Guard exchange

where our group picked up anything that had a CG logo on it. We then had to hurry back to the hotel to have our business meeting. Elections were held and our new officers are: Bill Degnan, President; Jack Meyer, Vice President; Bob Dell, Secretary/Treasurer; and John Chittock, Member at Large. The next order of business was our banquet. It went really well with a choice of a Lobster Bake or Prime Rib. The "Happy Hour" was comped for us by the McCallister Tug Co., the company that assisted *CGC CAMPBELL* into the dock on Monday morning.

We had a pleasant hospitality room in which we spent a lot of our free time. The hotel arranged for our group to have our breakfasts served there. The ship's store did a fair business with shirts, hats, cutter pins, Campbell license plate holders, and had various pins and patches available.

It seems a good time was had by all with clear skies and smooth sailing for all of us Hooligans.

Regards, ~ Bob Dell



### JAMES DOAK WALKER

APRIL 17, 1933 —  
JANUARY 9, 2019

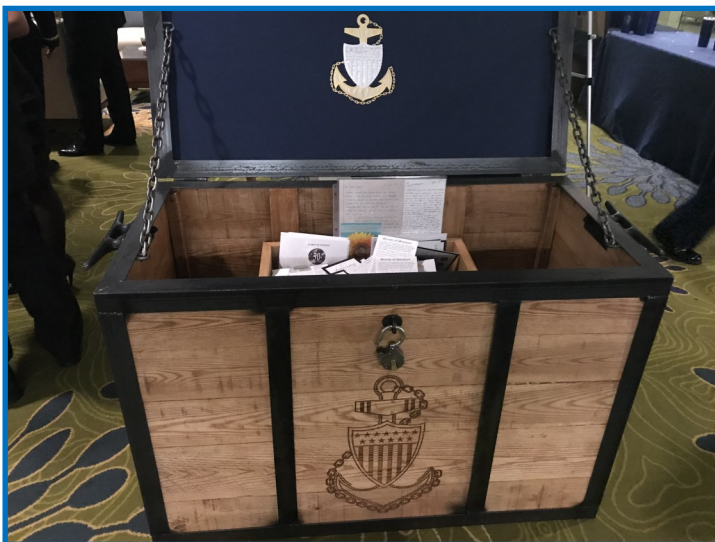
James Doak Walker, retired Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer, CGCVA member and a long time Juneau resident, crossed the bar Sunday, January 6, 2019, in the care of his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Jayme Sullivan, and his daughter Lori Scott and son-in-law, Joe Rice. A Vietnam veteran, Doak was also a member of the Alaska and Bering Sea Patrol Veterans Association and organized many "all Coast Guard" reunions in Reno and Las Vegas.

## FROM PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT ED "SWIFTY" SWIFT



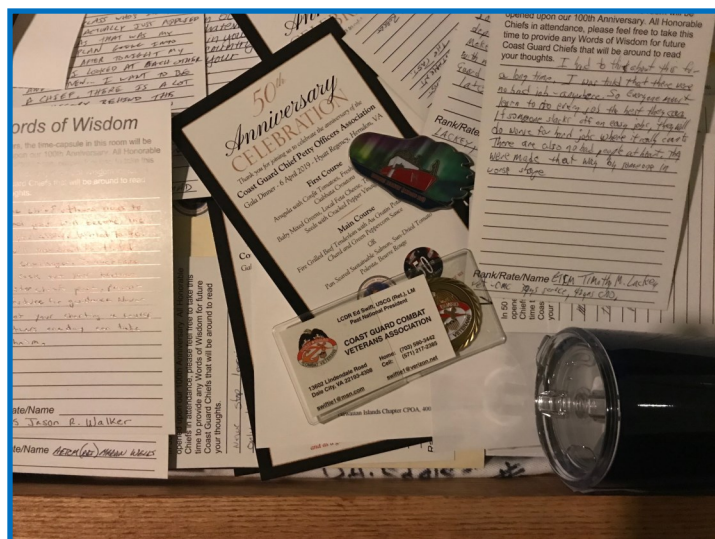
Mare and I attended the CPOA 50th Anniversary Gala last night. What a great turnout and fabulous event! ADM Thad Allen was the keynote speaker. They had an impressive ice sculpture in the lobby. It was about six feet high. There was also a very

decorative 3-tier cake and had a large wooden box built as a time capsule. I put in one of the CGCVA coins along with my CGCVA business card. The capsule is now sealed and will be kept at the CPOA national office until the Coast Guard Museum is finished, then that will be its home. It will be opened on the CPOA's 100th anniversary. We sat with CDR Mike Smith from the Grand Haven committee and VADM Sandra Stotze. Sandy and I reminisced about our time together as ITs in the 9th District back in 1990-91. She was



**CPOA Time Capsule**

the CO of the Katmai Bay then. We had a great time. ~ Swifty



**CGCVA coin in the CPOA Time Capsule**

**Photo left: The six foot high cake celebrating 50 years of the CPOA**



### BLUE WATER NAVY APPEAL FOR HERBICIDE EXPOSURE BENEFITS

Many Vietnam War Navy veterans have argued that they were exposed to herbicides even though they were involved in offshore operations. That argument includes Coast Guard personnel who served with Squadron Three and other Coast Guard units that were operating in “blue water” during the war.

In May 2011, the Health and Medicine Division of the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine released their report “Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans and Agent Orange Exposure.” The report concluded that “the committee was unable to state with certainty whether Blue Water Navy personnel were or were not exposed to Agent Orange.” As a result, the VA has balked at giving equal consideration to the “Blue Water” naval forces for service connected disabilities related to herbicide use as the forces ashore have received.

On April 1, 2019, the Board of Veterans’ Appeals lifted a stay that prevented any decisions on such Blue Water Navy appeals for Navy personnel who did not set foot in Vietnam or serve aboard ships that operated on the inland waterways or Vietnam anytime between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975. The stay was in response to the *Procopio vs. Wilkie* lawsuit and had been in place since last October. The lawsuit contends that the zone for considering exposure to herbicides should extend to the 12 nautical miles of territorial seas of Vietnam. However, the Department of Justice was granted a 30-day extension by the Supreme Court to determine the impact of the ruling on other court cases. Advocates are not overly concerned by this delay, calling it a typical legal maneuver and not a serious threat to providing relief to those affected.

Persons seeking disability status must show on a factual basis that they were exposed to herbicides during military service to receive disability compensation for diseases related to Agent Orange exposure. Claims will be decided on a case by case basis.

The VA recognizes 15 diseases associated with Agent Orange exposure to include Hodgkin’s disease, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, early-onset peripheral neuropathy, porphyria cutanea tarda, prostate cancer, respiratory cancers, soft-tissue sarcoma, chloracne, type-2 diabetes mellitus, light chain amyloidosis, ischemic heart disease, chronic B-cell leukemias, Parkinson’s disease and spina bifida in offspring of veterans. Consideration is now being given for hypertension and bladder cancer.

The only exception to this are Blue Water Veterans with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma that may be granted service connection without showing inland waterway service or that they set foot in Vietnam. The VA already recognizes non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma as related to service in Vietnam or the waters offshore of Vietnam during the Vietnam War era.

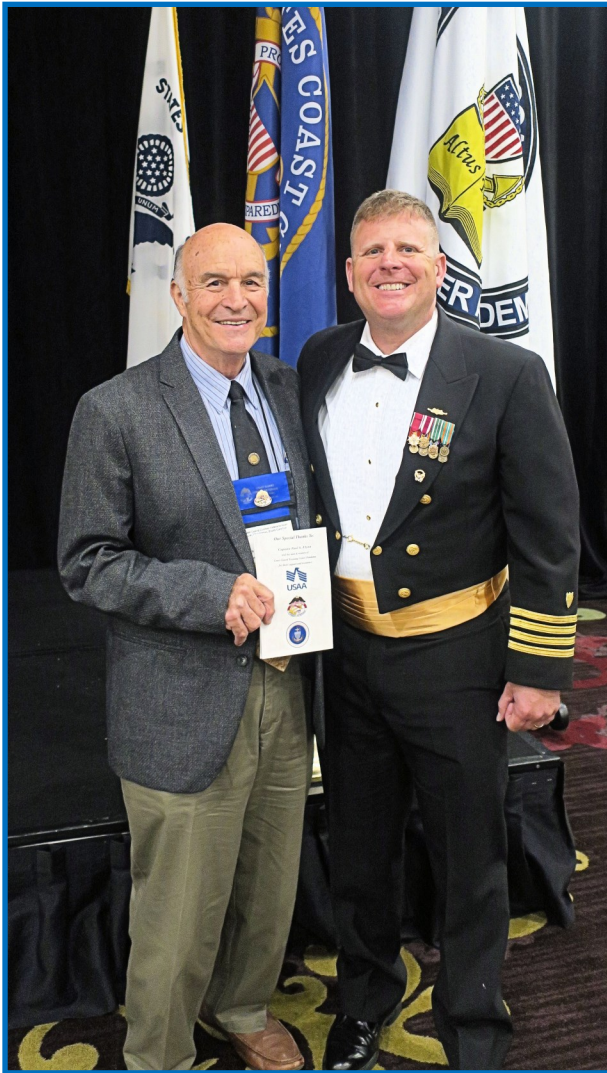
Surviving spouses, dependent children and dependent parents of Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange and died as a result of diseases related to Agent Orange exposure may be entitled to survival benefits. Benefits include:

- A full range of medical benefits
- Disability compensation—Monthly payments for diseases related to Agent Orange exposure
- Other benefits—Home loans, vocational rehabilitation, education and more

The VA can help determine Agent Orange exposure or qualifying service in Vietnam after filing a claim for compensation benefits.

### CGCVA REPRESENTED AT THE RECENT CPO ACADEMY GRADUATION

CGCVA life member Walt Viglienzone, CAPT, USCG (ret), and his wife, Dianne and son, Paul were honored to be invited to attend the Coast Guard's CPO Academy April 26th graduation dinner in Petaluma, CA, to represent the CGCVA. 72 Active Duty and 32 Reservist Chief Petty Officers graduated, but only one that Walt met was



LM Walt Viglienzone with CAPT Gregory Burg, USCG at the CPO Academy dinner

CGCVA eligible. The Chief was on his way back to the Persian Gulf for a second tour with PATFORSWA. Walt informed him of the current policy of not charging Active Duty personnel membership dues and pointed him to the CGCVA website for more information and application for membership.

Captain Gregory Burg was the keynote speaker at the graduation dinner and provided the graduates with three key points for being a Chief.

- Even if the Chief's advice is not taken for the action decided, it is still valuable. Never stop giving it.
- Chiefs and families are often viewed as "superhuman." Junior enlisted and spouses often don't realize that you have the same challenges as they, as well as the burden of leadership. And finally:
- At some point there will come a time when you will need to choose what is right over what is easy. Be Semper Paratus.





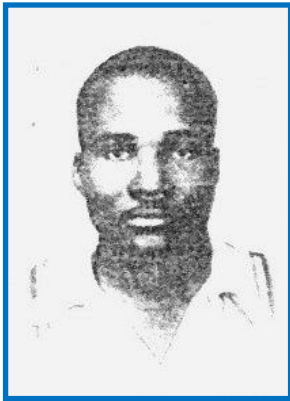
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### NEW CUTTER TO BE NAMED AFTER HEROIC WWII RESCUE SWIMMER

BY WILLIAM THIESEN

*"... his courageous disregard for his own personal safety in a situation of grave peril was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."*

- Navy & Marine Corps Medal citation,  
Officer's Steward 2/c  
Warren T. Deyampert



**Warren Traveous  
Deyampert**

African American Petty Officer Warren Traveous Deyampert served in the U.S. Coast Guard in early World War II. It was a time when the U.S. military barred African-Americans from the officer ranks and limited them to junior enlisted or food service

ratings. Deyampert was a heroic Coast Guardsmen with great loyalty for his cutter and shipmates. This fact seems surprising given the second-class status African-Americans held in the service at the start of the war.

Born in Alabama, Deyampert moved to Pittsburgh while in high school and enlisted in the Coast Guard at age 19, five months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. During his time in the Coast Guard, Deyampert served on only one cutter, the Escanaba. He came aboard in August 1941 and, over the next two years, he advanced rapidly from a third-class mess attendant to second class officer's steward.

With heavy seas and icy water, the North Atlantic seems an impossible place to save lives.

Nevertheless, the challenge of rescuing as many men as possible motivated Escanaba's crew to develop a system of tethered rescue swimmers equipped with parachute harnesses and leash lines as well as rubber dry suits that insulated the swimmers from the cold water. Three of the cutter's crew volunteered to serve the hazardous duty of rescue swimmer, including Deyampert.

Deyampert and his fellow rescue swimmers drilled frequently, so they and their supporting deck crews could work in heavy seas and blackout conditions. In early February 1943, Deyampert and the others had a chance to put their skills to the test. At the time, *ESCANABA* served as an escort for the three-ship convoy, SG-19, bound from St. Johns, Newfoundland, to southwest Greenland. Weather conditions during the convoy's first few days proved horrendous as they usually did in the North Atlantic winter. The average air temperature measured well below freezing, the seas were heavy, and the wind-driven spray formed layers of ice on *ESCANABA*'s decks and superstructure.



**CGC ESCANABA IN WARTIME  
CAMOFLAGE COLORS**

At 1 a.m., Feb. 3, the enemy submarine *U-223* torpedoed the convoy vessel and U.S. Army transport, *DORCHESTER*, that carried over 900 troops, civilian contractors and crew. Within 20 minutes, the transport slipped beneath the waves sending surviving passengers and crew into lifeboats or the icy water.

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By the time *ESCANABA* arrived on scene, *DORCHESTER* had already begun its descent into the abyss. The seas were smooth due to a heavy oil slick and the wind was light. *Dorchester's* life preservers were equipped with blinking red lights to help rescuers locate floating victims at night. These lights dotted the water's surface into the distant darkness.

During the war, the service required cutters to observe blackout conditions during nighttime operations. Hence, *ESCANABA's* crew began preparations to deploy the rescue swimmers in advance to minimize confusion in the dark. As *ESCANABA* steamed to the scene of *DORCHESTER's* sinking, the rescue swimmers donned their exposure suits and the deck crews made lines ready for hauling helpless survivors aboard. Sea ladders and heaving lines were made ready and a cargo net dropped over the side.

Once on scene, *ESCANABA* located its first group of floating survivors, stopped and drifted toward them. Some of the men were clinging to doughnut rafts, while others remained afloat using life preservers. The victims suffered from severe shock and hypothermia and could not climb the sea ladders or the cargo net. In fact, they were incapable of grasping a line used to haul them on board the cutter. Clad in his dry suit and secured to *ESCANABA* by a line, Deyampert swam out to the floating victims and life rafts. He checked for signs of life and secured victims to a line, so the deck crews could pull the survivors up to the cutter. Even though many victims appeared frozen to death, 38 out of 50 that appeared dead were frozen but still alive. The swimmers got the floating victims to the

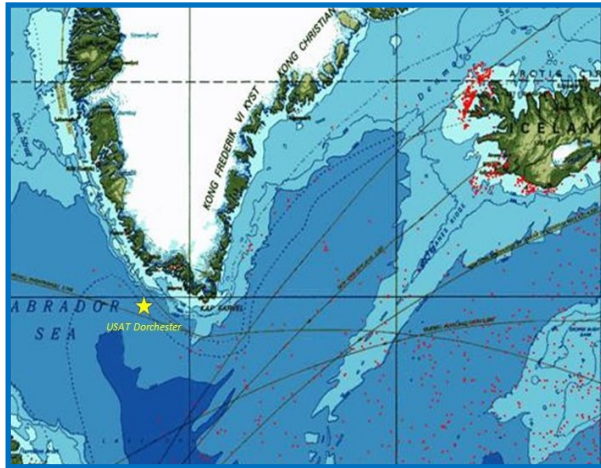
cutter immediately saving time and saving more lives. Thus, *ESCANABA* could reach more victims before exposure froze them to death.

Selflessly, Deyampert remained in the icy water nearly four hours. Pulling rafts in close to the cutter and securing them with lines from *ESCANABA*, the

officers' steward was often in danger of being crushed between life rafts and the cutter's side. He kept helpless survivors afloat until they could be secured with a line and hauled aboard the cutter. He also swam under the fantail of the maneuvering cutter to keep floating victims away from the suction of *ESCANABA's* propeller. All

the while, he disregarded the danger to himself trying to save as many lives as possible.

In the end, *ESCANABA's* tethered rescue swimmer system proved more effective in recovering survivors than any other method. After eight hours of rescue operations, the cutter had saved 133 survivors, more than any other method.



***CGC ESCANABA* rescuing  
*DORCHESTER* survivors**



## FEATURED ARTICLES



However, the glow of success proved short-lived. In June, Escanaba joined cutters *STARIS* and *RARITAN* to escort a convoy bound from Greenland to Newfoundland. At 5 a.m., Sunday, June 13, *CGC*



**Devanpert's father, Joseph Devanpert, receives the Navy and Marine Corps Medal from a Coast Guard officer near Mobile, Ala. (U.S. Coast Guard)**

*ESCANABA* fell victim to a catastrophic explosion, believed by many the result of a torpedo. The cutter

sank in minutes, taking Deyampert and 100 of his shipmates down with it. Only two Coast Guardsmen survived the sinking.

Despite his secondary status in a segregated service, Deyampert placed the needs of others before his own and played a key role in the rescue of well over 100 *Dorchester* survivors. For his heroic service, Deyampert posthumously received the Navy & Marine Corps Medal and Purple Heart Medal. Soon, the U.S. Coast Guard will name a Fast Response Cutter in his honor. Deyampert was a selfless and courageous Coast Guardsman who embodied the service's core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty.

### USAT DORCHESTER

*US ARMY TRANSPORT DORCHESTER* (Master Hans Jorgen Danielsen) was struck on the starboard side in the machinery spaces. The explosion stopped the engines and the vessel swung to starboard, losing way. Six blasts from the whistle indicated to the rest of convoy that the *DORCHESTER* was hit. Her complement of seven officers, 123 crewmen, 23 armed guards (the ship was armed with one 4inch, one 3inch and four 20mm guns) and 751 troops and civilian passengers began to abandon ship three minutes after the hit. Three of the 14 lifeboats had been damaged by the explosion, the crew managed only to launch two more overcrowded boats and 33 men left with rafts, but many men evidently did not realize the seriousness of the situation, stayed aboard and went down with the ship, which sank 30 minutes later. 675 lives were lost but three officers, 25 crewmen, 44 civilian workers, three Danish citizens, twelve armed guards, seven US Coast Guard personnel and 135 US Army personnel.

Four Army Chaplains that died in the attack were award the Medal of Honor for giving up their life jackets to those who had none.

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### Patrol Forces, Southwest Asia (PATFORSWA)—Large Coast Guard unit outside the United States

William H. Thiesen, Historian  
Coast Guard Atlantic Area

Naval operations supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) began with the U.S. Navy in the summer of 2002. The Navy drew on its plans for combat operations in Iraq and, in September 2002, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) requested U.S. Coast Guard support for combat operations.

Preparations for Coast Guard deployment moved quickly. In October, the Service's Atlantic Area Command (LANTAREA), headquartered in Portsmouth, Virginia, created a deployable detachment to oversee personnel, supply and maintenance needs for patrol boat operations in the Arabian Gulf. It designated this shore detachment Patrol Forces, Southwest Asia (PATFORSWA). LANTAREA assigned LCDR John McKinley as officer-in-charge for PATFORSWA and, based on their maintenance records, selected the four 110-foot "Island"-Class patrol boats (WPBs) *Adak*, *Aquidneck*, *Baranof* and *Wrangell*.

To prepare PATFORSWA members for deployment, LANTAREA built the PATFORSWA staff around a core group of the seventeen-member crew from the 110-foot cutter *Sapelo*. LANTAREA drew from over 20 subsidiary commands to assemble a PATFORSWA staff numbering over 50 members. This shore-side support staff would also include engineers from the Mobile Support Unit (MSU), a Reserve unit organized to support the patrol boats.

By November, LCDR McKinley led an advance team to the Arabian Gulf to determine the support facilities available in the host country. The Navy's forces were located at the port city of Manama, Bahrain, mainly at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain requiring PATFORSWA staff to locate their base of operations in that area. NSA Bahrain held a variety of Navy posts necessary to PATFORSWA operations, including NAVCENT, the U.S. Fifth Fleet, and Destroyer Squadron 50 (DESRON 50), the operational command for Coast Guard cutters forces.

In early 2003, an advance team arrived in Bahrain to set-up PATFORSWA. On January 15, LCDR McKinley touched down while executive officer, LT Greg Magee, and the rest of the staff members arrived within a week. McKinley met with the staff of Task Force 55 and DESRON 50 with which the cutters would operate. PATFORSWA's command staff arranged for housing, transportation, communications, computer connectivity, workspace and all other support functions. They would face plenty of challenges with summertime temperatures averaging well over 100 degrees Fahrenheit and



Manama, Bahrain



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periodic sandstorms that deposited brown grit on all exposed surfaces.



**Coast Guardsmen endure a sandstorm during Operation Iraqi Freedom. (U.S. Coast Guard)**

To support operations, the PATFORSWA staff arranged housing and a base of operations. The advance team leased a compound that had housed a Coast Guard Port Security Unit a year earlier. The support crew also modified the compound to house all of its personnel in case of heightened security requirements. PATFORSWA members also equipped the compound with berthing, a lounge area, parking for its trailers, offices for each department, sandbags for force protection, and camouflage netting to provide shade from the sun. Equipment housed on base included eight MSU trailers, small arms, a portable armory, a spare cutter engine and chemical, biological and radiation (CBR) detection and decontamination equipment. PATFORSWA's WPBs would dock at a pier located at the Mina Salman port facility, a 10-minute drive from the compound.

By the end of February 2003, most PATFORSWA staff members participating in OIF had arrived in Bahrain. The main body touched down on February 26, including four WPB crews; four Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) members assigned to each cutter; and the main

contingent of support staff for PATFORSWA's Bahrain base. The MSU Baltimore members also arrived after shipping their support trailers full of parts, tools and equipment.

As PATFORSWA stood-up operations, the detachment's mission conformed to realities on the ground. The crew from *Sapelo*, originally intended to serve as a relief for individuals on board deployed cutters, were not needed in that role. LCDR McKinley became a full time liaison officer to DESRON 50 and LT Magee became assistant operations officer for DESRON 50 in addition to their duties as PATFORSWA's commander and executive officer. The Navy tasked PATFORSWA with supporting two Navy 170-foot *Cyclone*-Class patrol craft due to their similarity to Coast Guard patrol boats. In addition, PATFORSWA began 24-hour force protection at its compound. U.S. naval forces could only occupy a 400-meter stretch of their pier's 900-meter length, so vessel shifting also became a regular task for the WPB crews.

After the patrol boats arrived, the work tempo accelerated. The 110s appeared in Bahrain having



**Heavy-lift crane loading 110-foot patrol boat *Adak* onto Motor Vessel *Industrial Challenger* in Portsmouth, VA. (U.S. Coast Guard)**

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ridden Motor Vessel *INDUSTRIAL CHALLENGER* for about 35 days from Portsmouth, Virginia. On March 5, a heavy-lift crane off-loaded the cutters taking only six hours to set them in the water. The cutter crews conducted sea trials for two days, stowed stores on board the patrol boats on March 8. On March 9, *ADAK* and *AQUIDNECK* deployed to the Northern Arabian Gulf followed by *BARANOF* and *WRANGELL* on March 12. On March 19, Operation Iraqi Freedom combat operations commenced and PATFORSWA's cutters served as the Coalition's workhorses in boarding, escort and force protection duties. PATFORSWA's units proved so successful that WPBs *MONOMOY* and *MAUI* joined the flotilla in May 2004 bringing the number of 110s in the Arabian Gulf to six.



**110-foot patrol boat *ADAK* interdicts a local dhow in the Northern Arabian Gulf.  
(U.S. Coast Guard)**

PATFORSWA is the Coast Guard's largest unit outside the United States comprising six WPB crews, a relief crew for key personnel, and shore-side support units. In 2010, a 12-member Maritime Engagement Team (MET) joined PATFORSWA. It conducts law enforcement training for vessel and shore-side personnel associated with partner nations in the region and Coalition-nation vessels. PATFORSWA also supports the Advanced Interdiction Team, a 12-person detachment comprised of Coast Guard Maritime Security

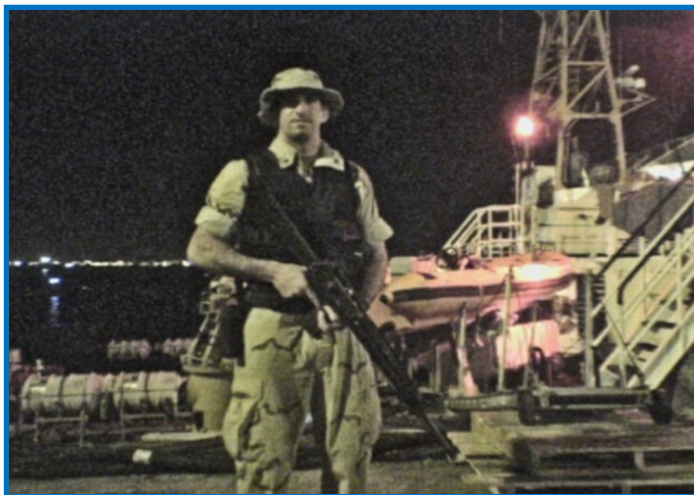
Response Team (MSRT) personnel. In addition, PATFORSWA operates a forward base at the Kuwait Naval Base, providing support and assistance when cutters arrive there.

Today, PATFORSWA supports Operation



**A Coast Guard LEDET performing boarding operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf.  
(U.S. Coast Guard)**

Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve, provides maritime humanitarian presence on the seas, supports the Navy's Fifth Fleet, and forms strong ties with partner nations throughout the Arabian Gulf region.



**Night-time force protection duty at the PATFORSWA compound.  
(U.S. Coast Guard)**



### TALES FROM THE SHIP NO ONE WANTED USCGC CASTLE ROCK (WHEC 383)

During the Vietnam War, the *USCGC CASTLE ROCK* was one of the many ships that were transferred over to the South Vietnamese Navy. During the transfer (in 1971) some of both crews (our USCG personnel and RVN Navy) were aboard for training and the transfer of knowledge on how to run and maintain the ship.

One thing we found out quickly during our replenishment at sea process was that the South Vietnamese did not like the five-inch rounds for the 5" mount. They really liked the three-inch rounds a lot better. The five-inch rounds weighed about thirty pounds and the South Vietnamese sailors weighed about ninety-pounds, so they had to lift one-third of their body weight every time they picked up or moved a round versus the fifteen pound 3" rounds.

As an ETN1 I had no official station for replenishment. So, for the first ordinance replenishment I went down to the lower magazine to help my shipmate, FT2 Mike Atkins, to stow and secure the replacement ordinance. The lower magazine was located at the bottom of the ship. It is the last compartment between the ship and Davy Jones's Locker.

We were storing high explosive ordinance with Mike, when I heard, "Look out below!" Then I heard bang, clang, bang, bang, thud. Then I saw this five inch round rolling toward me, so I instinctively pick up my foot and put it down gently on top of this five inch round to stop it from rolling. I looked at Mike and said, "What should we do with it now?" He said in a rather calm voice, that the five-inch round under my foot was highly unstable and could "blow up at any time, and should be thrown over the side!"

I said, "Tell you what Mike, I will carry this topside, throw it over the side and then "I am not coming back!"



From then on you could find me sitting on the guide wire holding on to the Ensign staff on the fantail of the quarterdeck. My reasoning was that if the ship blew up, I would be thrown over the side, hopefully in one piece!

ETN1 Paul Balmer  
*USCGC Castle Rock*

*CGC CASTLE ROCK WHEC 383*

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# Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

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