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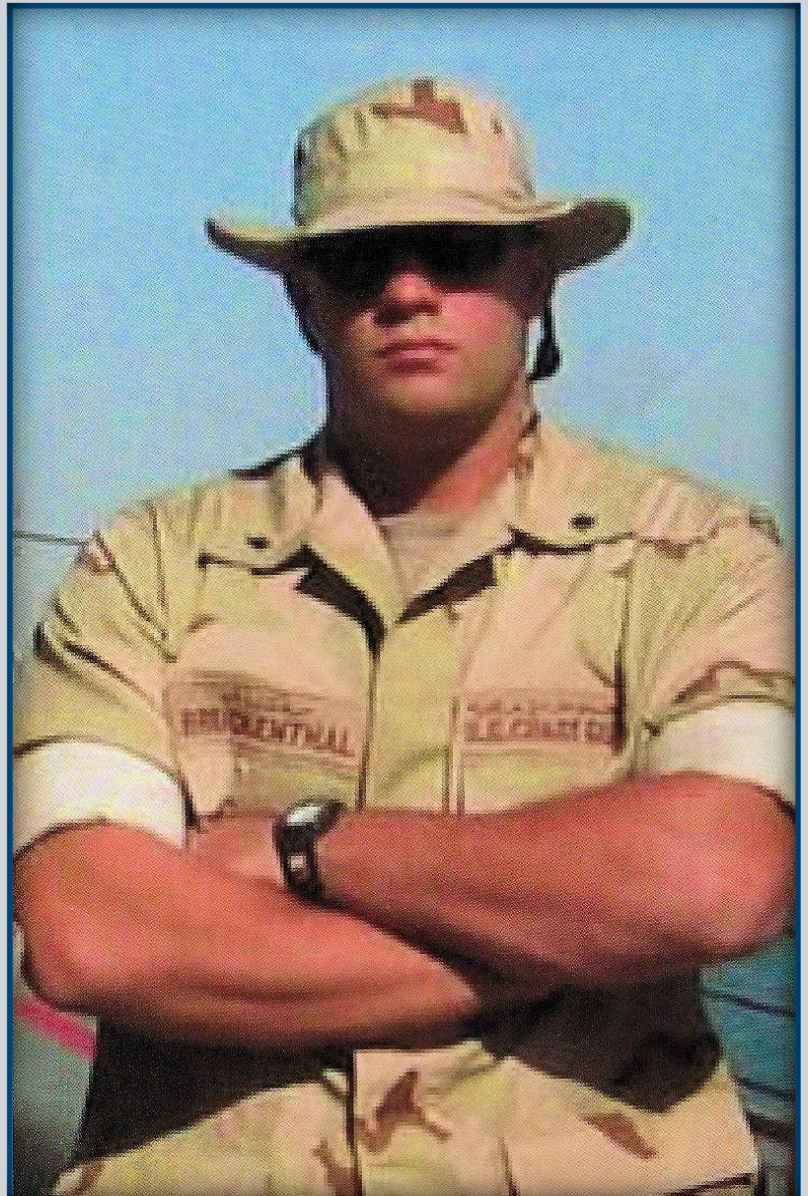
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TWO NEW FAST RESPONSE CUTTERS COMMISSIONED (WPC 1127 & WPC 1128)

The Coast Guard has commissioned two new Sentinel Class Fast Response Cutters (FRC) in honor of Coast Guard heroes. WPC-1127 was commissioned as **USCGC RICHARD SNYDER**, named for BM1 Richard Snyder whose heroic actions during WWII earned him a Silver Star.

WPC-1128's namesake is DC3 Nathan Bruckenthal, (pictured right) the first Coast Guardsman killed in action since the Vietnam War and posthumously awarded the Bronze Star with Combat Distinguishing Device. **USCGC NATHAN BRUCKENTHAL** is the most recent delivery of the Coast Guard's next generation of patrol boat. Bollinger Shipyards will deliver a total of 58 FRCs, considered to be a "game changer" for the Coast Guard's surface fleet.



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FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

STEPHEN PETERSEN. USCG (Ret.)

Ahoy Shipmates,



I recently started attending a Wednesday breakfast for veterans at a local restaurant in Beeville TX. During one of the meetings it was brought to the attention of the group that a large sign has been discovered in the rear of a recently sold car dealership. The sign was from the Naval Air Station Chase Field that was closed in the early 90’s due to budget cuts. Knowing the importance of the sign, our group put in motion a plan to restore the sign and display it for all to see. The local veterans memorial park seemed like a proper place to honor all that served during the Air Station’s existence. Through a combined effort with the City Council, local businesses and volunteers, the sign was refurbished and installed for the 242nd Independence Day celebration. During the dedication, it was noted that four of the graduates that earned their Naval wings at the station went on to become astronauts. Also over many of the pilots trained at Chase Field, flew Naval aircraft in the skies of SE Asia. (cont’d page 3)



FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The presentation and installation of the Naval Air Station Chase Field sign is what can be accomplished when you are organized and have a group of veterans that have a clear goal. Bravo Zero to those veterans that made it happen.

//s// Steve



The hat that is pictured is presented to the Silver Ancient Mariner recognizing the earliest person with the most sea time and having a minimum of 10 years at sea and the permanent Cutterman Insignia.



President Steve Petersen and Silver Ancient Mariner BMCM Mathew J. Coppola attending Fleet Week at the Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale, FL ,VFW Post 1966.

FROM THE NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

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During the Vietnam War, only naval officers and senior enlisted men who were in command of small craft were authorized to wear USN Small Craft Insignia (SCI). Other enlisted personnel were never given the opportunity to wear insignia to denote their crewman experience operating small craft in Vietnamese waters.

A group of Vietnam veterans petitioned the Navy and in 2005, The Navy's Board of Decorations and Medals, The Navy Uniform Board and the Assistant for Legislative Matters for the Chief of Naval Operations authorized Vietnam Combatant-Craft Crewman (VCCC) Insignia. This is a "commemorative" insignia for the veterans who served in Task Forces 115, 116 and 117 during the Vietnam war. It is authorized for non-uniform wear by Navy PCF crewmen and USCG Crewmen assigned to Coast Guard WPBs attached to Squadron One / Coastal Divisions 11, An Thoi; 12, Danang and 13, Cat Lo during the period 30 July

1965 through 1 December 1970. The Insignia is approved using the "honor system" by crewmen of the 82' WPBs. Our thanks to Taylor Lapham, LM for bringing this to our attention.

The insignia may be purchased here:

<http://www.mrfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/MRFAGearLocker2017WEBCORRECT6212018.pdf>



**LIFE MEMBERS:
WHERE'S YOUR EMAIL
ADDRESS?**

We've completed a survey of the Association's records and were surprised by the statistics that were discovered.

Of the 725 Life Members, only around 30% of those members have submitted their email address. Now this does include approximately 350 of our great WWII members, who might not be computer savvy, but that leaves over 375 Life Members who have not given the Association their email address.

We cannot stress enough that we need your email address., so we can notify you of events in your area and share other Association information to keep you informed about what's going on.

Please submit your contact email address to cgcva@comcast.net.

If you don't do email, it's no problem. Simply

send us an email address of your family member, so we can make contact, in case something important comes up.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

~ Gary Sherman



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AUXILIARY NEWS

REUNION 2019

Our 2019 Reunion is quickly arriving and will be held in beautiful Charleston, South Carolina at the North Charleston Marriott. Once again the Auxiliary has planned a Silent Auction. I'm requesting your help by asking you to donate some really creative items for everyone to bid on. Remember, all funds raised by the Silent Auction go to the CGCVA operating Fund.

Please email to jmiller@lptribe.net or complete the below Auction Form below. You can either email, fax (619-478-2125) or mail it to 8 Crestwood Rd. Boulevard, CA 91905. To make sure I receive your donation, please ensure you receive an email confirmation of receipt.

Don't forget to renew your CGCVA Auxiliary membership by completing the form below and forward it to CGCVA Auxiliary Treasurer, Mimi Placencia, 9804 Iroquois Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93312. ~ Javaughn



**Javaughn Miller
Auxiliary President**

COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

Membership Type: Auxiliary _____ Associate _____ New _____ Renewal _____ Returning _____

Two-year membership May 20, 20____ to May 20, 20____

Name: _____ Date: _____ Email: _____

Phone: (Cell) _____ (Home) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Dues: \$15 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 of members of the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association in good standing.

Associate Membership Qualification: 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 or (661) 444-0186

2019 CGCVA Convention / Reunion Silent Auction Item Registration Form

Description of Item: _____

Name of Person Supplying Item: _____

Value: _____ Minimum Bid: _____

Send this form to: Javaughn Miller via email at: jmiller@lptribe.net, or fax: (619) 478-2125 or mail it to me at: 8 Crestwood Road, Boulevard, CA 91905 ~ Thanks!!

AUXILIARY NEWS

NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY

Hello CGCVA members, Auxiliary, family, CG personnel and friends!

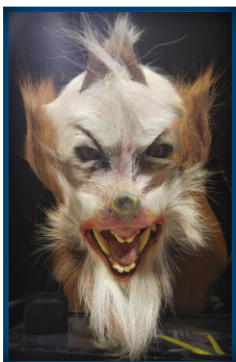
Did you know that our nation celebrates a National Lighthouse Day? We do, or we are able to, on August 7th of each year.

On August 7, 1789, Congress passed an Act for the establishment and support of lighthouses, beacons, buoys and public piers. The following year, on August 4, 1790, the Revenue Cutter Service was established, thereby forming the birth of the future U. S. Coast Guard, as you know. In July, 1939, two of the oldest government maritime services were combined in—the U. S. Coast Guard and the U. S. Lighthouse Service. In honor of the 200th Anniversary of the establishment of the first federal lighthouse, Congress designated August 7th as National Lighthouse Day, right on the heels of August 4th, Coast Guard Day. This recognition has encouraged communities and citizen groups to dedicate themselves to the preservation of these historic structures. As part of the anniversary, lighthouses (where feasible) are open to the public for an opportunity to visit the grounds of these historic sites and learn about some of the Coast Guard Lighthouses such as “Charleston Light”, a great attraction at the upcoming CGCVA reunion, this coming year in April, 2019.

The Historic District of Charleston represents the evolution of events important to U. S. Maritime history from 1895-1962. The Sullivan’s Island Lighthouse was commissioned 55 years ago on June 15, 1962 as the last major lighthouse to be built in the U. S., replacing the original Charleston harbor light (also know as the Morris Island Lighthouse), which was built in 1876.

Its unique triangular shape, interior elevator and aluminum siding distinguish it from more traditional lighthouses. I hope that you can take the time to make it to the reunion and visit this really neat part of Coast Guard history. That is of course in addition to the camaraderie, fellowship and great times to be had at the upcoming reunion. A visit to the lighthouse and historic district will be awesome!

As a Navy veteran myself, but more so, as a grateful American citizen and spouse of a CG veteran, I have a special place in my heart for all military veterans, committed people that chose to volunteer, serve and sacrifice a part of their lives to serve our great country. And I want to send a special thank you to those of you that served and sacrificed a part of your life that made you eligible to become an esteemed CGCVA member! You continue to be an inspiration for so many of us. Thank you!! I also want to thank our ladies and members of the Auxiliary for your continued support and behind the scenes work that goes on to support our vets and the CGCVA.



CHIEU HOI’S TRAVELS

We look forward to showing you some of Chieu Hoi’s recent travels and visits to places like USCG San Diego Sector Chief’s Mess, the Veteran’s Day Parade in Palm Springs and the president’s Marine One Helicopter.

JAVAUGN MILLER

CGCVA Auxiliary President

CGCVA Mascot Chieu Hoi

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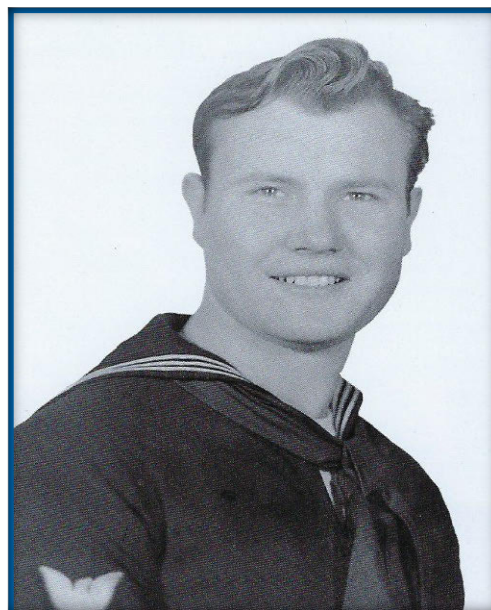
USCGC Richard Snyder

The Coast Guard commissioned *USCGC Richard Snyder (WPC 1127)* on April 20, 2018 at Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. Like all Fast Response Cutters, these ships are named after enlisted Coast Guardsmen who have demonstrated extraordinary acts of courage and sacrifice, whether performed in conflicts abroad or in missions at home.

Richard Thomas Snyder was born in Clyde, Ohio, and was working as a welder in nearby Freemont when he learned of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The next week, he filed his application to join the United States Coast Guard. He was 22 days past his 19th birthday.

Snyder training as a boatswain's mate and in early 1943 was transferred to the South Pacific. In April he began sailing on a U.S. Navy tank landing ship, USS LST 168, for the Navy's 7th Amphibious Force. He advanced to Boatswain's Mate First Class before transferring to the Navy's Beach Party No. 6, out of New Guinea.

In order for the Allies to liberate the Philippines, they needed to recapture Geelvink Bay, whose



BM1 Richard Snyder

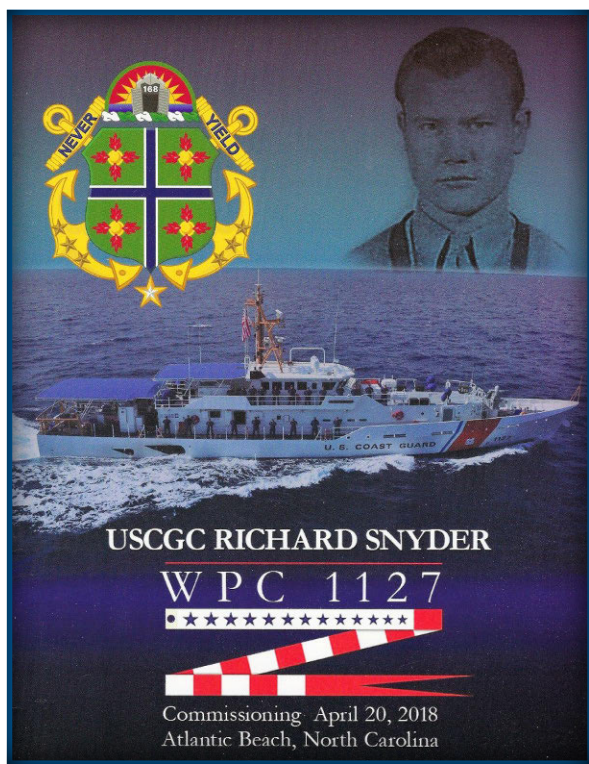
airfields and sheltered harbors dominated the rest of the Dutch New Guinea.

The entrance to Geelvink Bay is controlled from Biak Island. The Japanese Supreme War Council knew this, and had committed 11,000 Imperial troops two years earlier to fortify and defend the island. To recapture the island, Snyder and the rest of the 7th Amphibious Force found themselves steaming toward western Dutch New Guinea in May 1944, carrying 12,000 Allied soldiers in the holds of their ships. Everything would depend on the speedy capture of Biak Island.



On May 27, Beach Party No. 6 was working to land the first waves of the U.S. Army's 41st Division on Green Beach at Biak Island. As the party arrived ashore, its members were ambushed by Japanese forces in nearby camouflaged cave entrances. With his shipmates' lives in peril and the landing in jeopardy, Snyder left cover, picked up grenades as well as an unfamiliar weapon, moved toward the cliffs where the Japanese were concealed and proceeded to silence the enemy's fire.

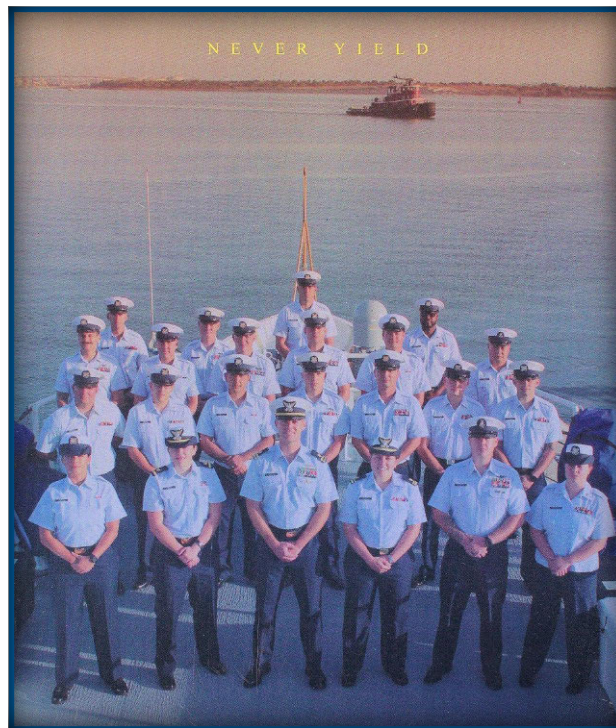
BM1 Snyder was awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity.



Snyder was promoted to Chief Boatswain's Mate and served with the 7th Amphibious force for the rest of the war. Writing in support of his and another Coast Guardsman, Snyder's Navy supervisor, LCDR John Avery, commented to their Coast Guard superiors, "I highly recommend that both of these men for promotion, and that my beach party reach additional Coast Guard personnel of the same caliber."

Snyder was not one for celebration; when asked about arrangements for the ceremony to present him

with the Silver Star, he requested that none be made. He asked the War Department to mail the medal to his home address in Ohio. He also earned a Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign



**CREW OF
USCGC RICHARD SNYDER WPC 1127**

Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with six battle stars and the Philippine Liberation Medal. At the war's close, he returned home to the United States to resume his trade as a welder.

Snyder's gallantry, intrepidity and quiet professionalism serves as a testimony to the high callings of bravery, duty and resourcefulness that every Coast Guardsman seeks to honor.



BMC Snyder's earned ribbons



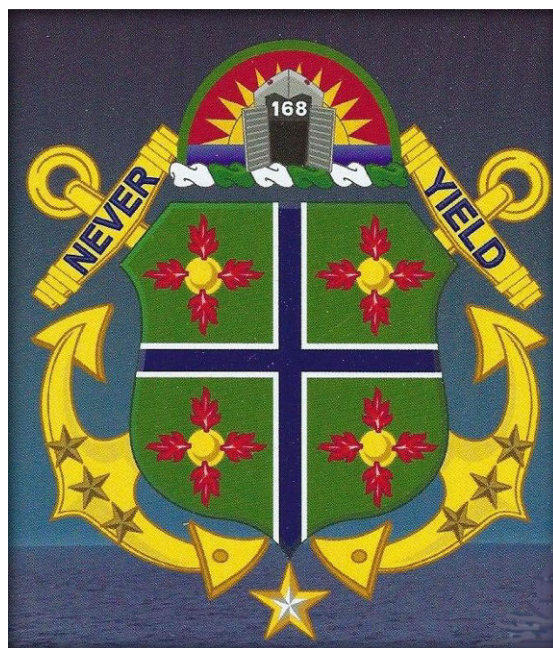
Commanding Officer Lieutenant Andrew Sherwood Norberg receiving CGCVA plaque from life member and national trustee, Bruce Bruni

Lieutenant Andrew Norberg, the commanding officer of *USCGC Richard Snyder* is a 2008 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy and has served aboard *USCGC Alex Haley (WMEC 39)*, and the *USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62)*, sailing with the 7th Fleet. He also commanded *USCGC Nantucket (WPB 1316)*, the final commanding officer before



41st Infantry Division insignia

its decommissioning at Atlantic Beach, North Carolina in March 2017. He is the first commanding officer of *USCGC Richard Snyder*, also homeported at Atlantic Beach. The cutter's executive officer is LTJG Lindsey Duplessis Lesniak, a 2015 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy



USCGC Richard Snyder crest

The commissioning ceremony was held at Atlantic Beach, NC on a chilly April 20, 2018 and was officiated by then VADM, Karl Schultz, now the Commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard. RADM Meredith Austin, Commander Fifth District was also present.

LCOL Maurice Marshal, executive officer of the 41st Infantry Bridge Combat Team (BCT), which traces its lineage back to the 41st Infantry Division, was also in attendance. BM1 Snyder served with the 41st Infantry when he earned is Silver Star. The 41st's insignia, the sundown, is incorporated into CGC Richard Snyder's crest, seen above.

USCGC NATHAN BRUCKENTHAL

On July 25, 2018, the Coast Guard commissioned the 28th Fast Response Cutter, CGC NATHAN BRUCKENTHAL (WPC 1128) at Alexandria, VA. This new cutter will be assigned to Atlantic Beach, NC and serving the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Fifth District, from South Carolina to New Jersey, an area of 156,000 square miles of ocean.

The cutter's namesake is DC3 Nathan Bruckenthal who was killed on April 24, 2004 at the age of 23 years, while conducting a maritime intercept operation in the Northern Arabian Gulf, the first Coast Guardsman killed in action since the Vietnam War ended in 1975.



DC3 Nathan Bruckenthal

DC3 Bruckenthal had been a member of the Coast Guard's elite Tactical Law Enforcement Team (TACLET) South before being deployed to Southwest Asia in 2003. During that tour, his team was part of a joint boarding team effort with Australian Marines and USN Explosive Ordnance personnel. Intercepting a tug and barge, they captured many automatic weapons and sixty sea mines and took the Iraqi military personnel prisoner.

In 2004, Bruckenthal volunteered for a second tour, arriving in country in March and assigned to the training team of LEDET 403.

On April 24, at 1700 hours, he was aboard a RHIB as part of a Maritime Interdiction Team, conducting training in proper boarding techniques for US Navy personnel from the USS FIREBOLT.



Khawr al Amyra Oil Terminal

They were operating in the vicinity of the Khawr al Amyra Oil Terminal (KAAOT) when at least ten dhow fishing boats were observed approaching the restricted waters that surround the oil terminal. Most of the dhows turned away when challenged by the Navy, but Bruckenthal noticed one smaller dhow that hadn't heeded the warnings and was proceeding toward the oil platform, refusing to alter its course in spite of the challenges and threats.



Typical fishing dhow found in the Arabian Gulf

As the boarding team’s RHIB approached the dhows, it quickly turned toward the RHIB and blew up, flipping the RHIB and killing two Navy petty officers, PO1 Michael Pernaselli and PO2 Christopher Watts. The massive wave of debris had struck Bruckenthal, who was closest to the dhow received much of the blast and died later that day. The four other team members, including Coast Guardsman, BM3 Ruggerio, were badly injured.



DC3 Bruckenthal (left) and BM3 Ruggerio (right)

As a result of the blast, the KAAOT and the Al Basarah oil terminal were on high alert. Sixteen minutes later, two other dhows were fired on as they approached those terminals and exploded leading analysts to theorize that the coordinated attacks were an effort to disrupt Iraq’s

infrastructure.

USS FIREBOLT continues to be one of the ten coastal patrol boats that are part of the Fifth Fleet, headquartered in Manama, Bahrain. The FIREBOLT’s crew pass homage each day to those killed that fateful day, with their names and photos posted throughout the ship.



USS FIREBOLT (PC-10)

Nathan Bruckenthal was born in Stoney Brook, New York, on Long Island in 1979. Interest in the naval military life, he joined his high school’s NJROTC and later enlisted into the U.S .Coast Guard in 1999. He initially served aboard CGC Point Wells, operating out of Montauk, New York before attending Damage Controlman “A” school in Yorktown.



Tactical Law Enforcement Badge

Following “A” school, Bruckenthal was transferred to Station Neah Bay, Washington. He later extended his enlistment to become a member of the elite Tactical Law Enforcement Team. Operating out of Miami, he quickly honed his maritime law enforcement skills, earning a reputation as an excellent boarding team member, participating in numerous drug seizures and migrant interdictions. Known for his professionalism and courage in tough situations, he was one of the first Coast Guardsmen assigned to the forces operating in the northern Arabian Gulf.

For his bravery. DC3 Bruckenthal was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star with Combat Distinguishing Device and the Purple Heart.



Nate Bruckenthal served his community as well as his nation. While at Station Neah Bay, which is located on the Makah Native American Reservation, Bruckenthal volunteered as a police officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician and was the Reservation’s high school assistant football coach.

The coast of arms above, is for CGC NATHAN BRUCKENTHAL. The shield is the same shape as the USS FIREBOLT seal, the vessel on which

Nathan Served as part of the Coast Guard’s Patrol Forces Southwest Asia. The crossed bolts harken back to the arms of the USS FIREBOLT and here represent the time when Petty Officer Bruckenthal, detected and maneuvered to interdict the small fishing dhow proceeding toward the oil terminal. The eagle is an American symbol and also appears on the seal of New York, the home state of Nathan Bruckenthal. The surrounding lozenge contains the colors of the Bronze Star ribbon, alluding to the medal awarded to him. The wavy is a traditional symbol for water and here alludes to safeguarding life and liberty on the high seas.

The crest’s wreath/torse adopts the first named metal and color from the shield and blazon. The crossed swords replicate the supporter swords from the USS FIREBOLT’s seal. The axe and sledge hammer are stylized after the damage control insignia, emphasizing Bruckenthal’s love of firefighting. The Maltese cross (stylized to resemble many firefighter emblems) combined with the heart represent the Purple Heart Bruckenthal was posthumously awarded for having gallantly given his life for his country.

At the time of his death, his wife was three months pregnant. His daughter is now 13 years of age and served as the Maid of Honor at the CGC NATE BRUCKENTHAL commissioning ceremony.

	<u>FRC</u>	<u>110</u>
Length Overall	154 feet	110 feet
Beam	25 feet	21 feet
Draft	9.5 feet	7.3 feet
Displacement (full load)	353 long tons	165 long tons
Maximum speed	28+ knots	26+ knots
Range	2,950 nm	1,853 nm
Endurance	5 days	5 days
Crew	24	18

THE FAST RESPONSE CUTTER

In September 2008, Bollinger Shipyards, was awarded its first contract, worth \$88 million to construct the Coast Guard's new Sentinel Class Fast Response Cutter (FRC). Delivery of the first FRC (WPC-1101), commissioned as USCGC BERNARD C. WEBBER took place in 2012. Since then a total of twenty eight have been delivered, of the total fifty eight cutters expected to be built by Bollinger.

Bollinger Shipyards currently operates ten ISO 9001 certified shipyards, strategically located through south Louisiana with direct access to the Gulf of Mexico. The vessels that are being produced for the Coast Guard are arriving nearly discrepancy free, with each successive cutter being better than the last.

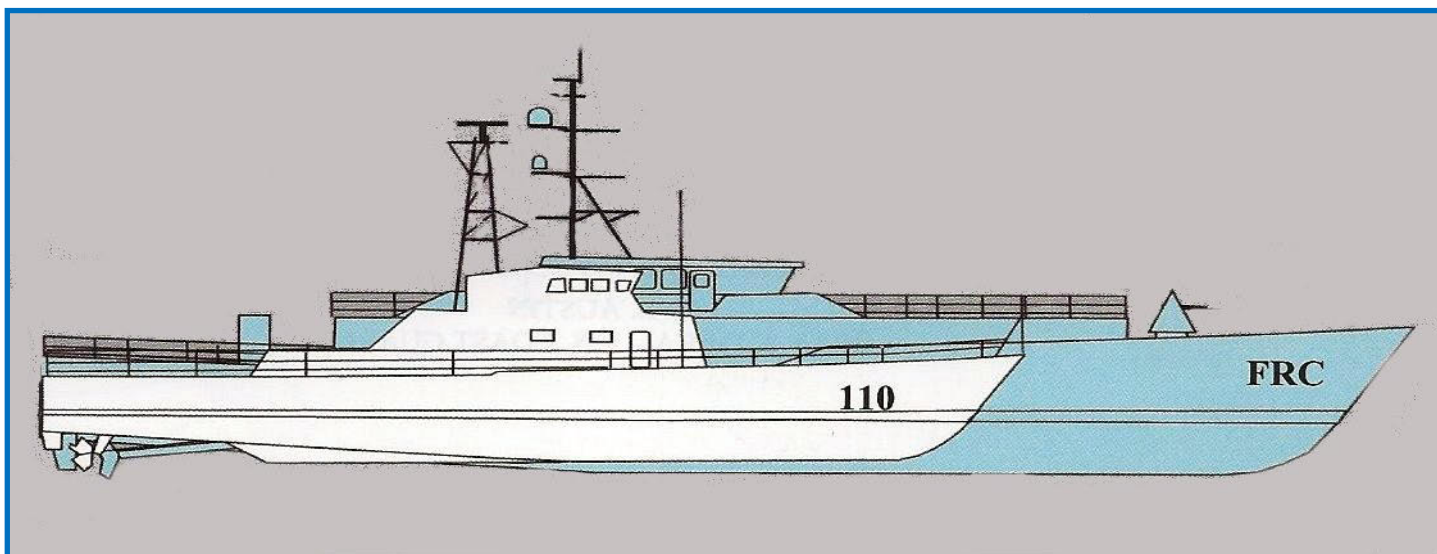
The FRC is 154 feet in length with a beam of 25 feet, and displaces 353 long tons, while drawing 9.5 feet of water. Two, 20-cylinder MTU Tier II marine diesel engines power the twin fixed-pitch propellers generating 4,300kW of power to achieve speeds of more than 28 knots and its bow thruster generates 75kW of power. It can range 2,950 nautical miles, with a five-day endurance while providing accommodations for a mixed gender of 24 crewmembers.

L3 communications developed a robust communications package for the FRC, providing the advanced onboard Integrated C4ISR system (command, control, communication, computer, intelligence and reconnaissance) that will allow the FRC to detect threats at a greater distance and interoperate with other existing and future units of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense.

The Mk 38 Mod 2 Machine Gun System (MGS) installed on the forward bow deck can house a remotely controlled Bushmaster 25mm chain-fed autocannon. The gun can fire up to 180 rounds per minute. The firing is optimized by Toplite electro-optical fire control system. The boat is also armed with four crew-served .50-calibre machine guns.

The large, stable platform of the FRC provides a safer cutter boat launch and recovery in heavy seas from the stern boat ramp.

The quality of the FRC will allow it to serve the Coast Guard well for many years to come and is a welcomed addition to today's multi-missioned fleet of aging cutters.





CGCVA MEMBER RECENTLY PROMOTED TO SENIOR CHIEF

Seen here on the left in ODUs is CGCVA member, and recently promoted, Senior Chief Adam Mowbray. Mowbray is standing with Command Master Chief Rob Turpin during Turbin's recent retirement ceremony at CG Sector San Diego. Turbin was presented with a shadow box displaying the awards that recognize his many years of dedicated service to the nation.

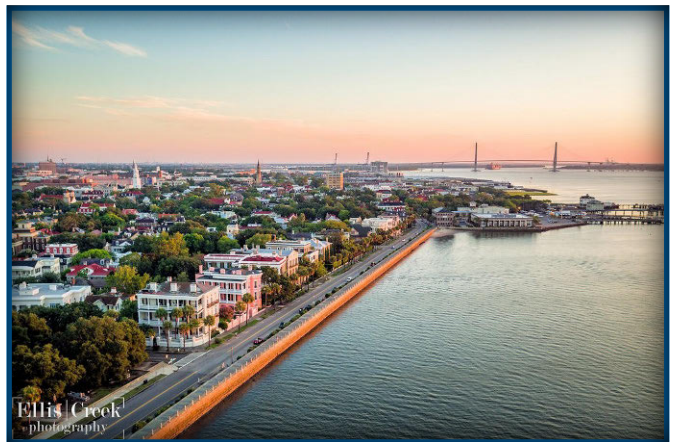
It should be noted that Senior Chief Mowbray played a major role in recruiting 12 new members for the Association at the 2017 Convention/Reunion in San Diego. Bravo Zulu, Senior Chief, on your well deserved promotion.



Guard Combat Veterans Association Reunion 2019 rate.

You can request your copy of the Charleston Official Visitors Guide that will provide pages of activities, restaurants, tours and other attractions guaranteed to keep you busy during the off hours. It can be obtained through their website at:

<https://www.charlestoncvb.com/visitors-guide>



Also available on line is Frommers review of Charleston, which can be found at:

<https://www.frommers.com/destinations/charleston>

There are approximately eight months left until the next CGCVA reunion is Charleston, SC. Members have already started to submit their reservations ensuring that they will have the opportunity to attend at the reduced reunion prices of \$135/night, at the North Charleston Marriot Hotel, a significantly less rate than the surrounding hotels.

In the following pages you will find the forms for reserving your space too. However, the hotel rooms are reserved through the hotel reservation phone number, or the CGCVA webpage. When calling, make sure that you ASK for the Coast

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

REUNION / CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

April 15—18, 2019

**THE NORTH CHARLESTON
MARRIOTT HOTEL**

4770 Goer Ave
North Charleston, SC 29406
Reservations: 1-888-236-2427

Code: **CGAA OR CGAB**

For the online registration,
go to the CGCVA webpage

(<http://www.coastguardcombatvets.org>)

and click on the Convention Registration Button



Make sure that you ask for the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association Reunion 2019 rate.

Room Rates: (Single or Double occupancy) \$135.00

Fees to register, luncheons and banquets are shown on the following page. After selection of the activities you wish to attend, fill in the corresponding amounts and total them. Send this page and the reservation form with your Luncheon/Awards Banquet and meal selections along with your check.

(Payable to CGCVA) to:

Mike Placencia
9804 Iroquois Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93313-5323
Phone: (661) 401-0609

Email: cgmaterchief22@hotmail.com

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Cell) (_____) _____ (Home) (_____) _____

Email address: _____

Arrival Date / Time: _____

Name(s) to appear on Badge(s): _____

Vessel / Unit: _____

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

CGCVA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

<u>Early Registration:</u>	Cost	How Many	Total Amount
Received by March 8, 2019	\$25.00/person	X _____	= _____
<u>Late Registration:</u>			
Received after March 8, 2019	\$40.00/person	X _____	= _____

Monday, April 15, 2019

Registration and Opening Ceremony

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Open Day to take advantage of the many tours offered throughout the Charleston area, visit the shopping district along Kings Street and enjoy a fantastic dinner at one of the many fine Charleston restaurants. Check out the official Charleston tourism website at: <http://www.charleston-sc.gov/index.aspx?NID=184>. If you are still undecided upon arrival in Charleston, there will be a more comprehensive list of things to do included with your registration pack.

LUNCHEON AND AWARDS BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

CGCVA Business Meeting / Luncheon (CGCVA Members only)

\$25.00 / person X _____ people = \$ _____

Poultry: _____ Beef: _____ (Note if you have dietary requirements, advise Mike Placencia)

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Auxiliary Friendship Luncheon (Open to all)

\$25.00 / person X _____ people = \$ _____

Poultry: _____ Beef: _____ (Note if you have dietary requirements, advise Mike Placencia)

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Cocktail Hour (5:00 p.m. with Cash Bar); Awards Banquet (6:00 p.m.)

\$55.00 / person X _____ people = \$ _____

Indicate: Poultry: _____ Beef: _____ Fish: _____

(Note if you have dietary requirements, advise Mike Placencia)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR ALL THE ABOVE ITEMS: \$ _____

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

2019 Reunion / Convention Itinerary

NORTH CHARLESTON MARRIOTT HOTEL

4770 Goer Ave

North Charleston, SC 29406

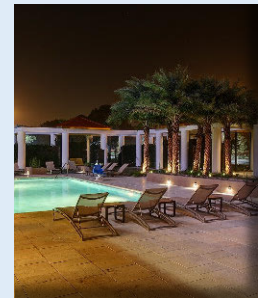


Sunday, April 14

4:00 p.m. CGCVA
Officers /
Trustees Board Meeting CGCVA
Planning Committee Meeting

Monday, April 15

9:00 a.m. Registration and Hospitality
Room opens
4:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony
5:00 p.m. CG Vietnam Veterans 50th
Anniversary Commemoration



Tuesday, April 16

9:00 a.m. Registration and Hospitality
Room opens
(Free day to take advantage of
what Charleston has to offer
tourists)



Wednesday, April 17

9:00 a.m. Registration and Hospitality
Room opens
11:30 a.m. CGCVA Business Meeting and Luncheon
11:30 a.m. Auxiliary Friendship Luncheon

Thursday, April 18

9:00 a.m. Hospitality Room opens
5:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour (cash bar),
Hospitality Room closed
6:00 p.m. Awards Banquet
Hospitality Room reopens after
Awards Banquet

Friday, April 19

Check Out. We wish you a safe journey
home

NOTE:

Upon arrival at the
North Charleston
Marriott Hotel, be
sure to
check the times of
the events as they are
subject to change

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

General Information for Members and Visiting Associations

Please wear your nametag at all times while in the Hospitality Room, you will not be served without it. There are special discounts throughout the hotel for those wearing their nametags. If you registered early, your ship/station/group name will be added to the nametag if you have indicated it. This will make it easier to be recognized and attract others to speak up and get acquainted.



If your visiting group desires a separate meeting room and luncheon, please contact Mike Placencia and he will attempt to make arrangements with the hotel to meet your needs. However, be advised that it is unlikely that the hotel will be able to provide a different menu item from that being served to the CGCVA without an increase in cost. Please make this request known prior to arrival to the hotel in order for Mike Placencia to coordinate the request with the hotel. Mike can be contacted at: (661) 401-0609 or at:

cgmasterchief22@hotmail.com

Remember, all guests are encouraged to attend the CGCVA Auxiliary Friendship Luncheon. We have attempted to make this event comfortable for you so that you will feel welcomed to our convention and reunion. If we have overlooked anything, please let us know.

Extending Your Stay at the North Charleston Marriott

The hotel is offering the same reservation rates for three days prior to and three days after the convention. Please tell the hotel when making your reservation that you intend to take advantage of this offer.

Refund Policy

Requests for refunds, will be honored for some or all payments, for compelling reasons if received by March 15, 2019. Refund requests after that date may be honored after the convention, subject to the availability of funds after all convention expenses are paid. Registration fees are NOT refundable. This is due to the expenditure of monies for necessary and contracted convention items and services.

Makes checks payable to the CGCVA

Please help the committee by making your reservation as early as possible after May 14, 2018. We must provide a headcount in advance. It takes much time and effort negotiating to get the best deals possible so that everything is in place when you arrive. Please help us by filling out the preceding forms and sending them with your check, payable to the CGCVA, to Mike Placencia as early as possible.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration. ~ *The Convention Committee*

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES:

CHANGE: #1

Notice is hereby given to the membership that a proposal has been made to amend Article VII Awards, to add Para. 3, the *Donald Kneip Award for Distinguished Service to the Association*.

Background: The Donald Kneip Award for Distinguished Service to the Association was created in 2011 by then National President, Paul Scotti, LM, as a way to honor a member for his/her exceptional service to the Association. This award was conceived by Paul Scotti, who also created the criteria for the award.

All succeeding national presidents have continued to select and present this award and its importance is considered worthy of making the award an official part of the Association’s bylaws.

The proposed Bylaws amendment shall read as follows:

3. The National President shall select, or at his option, may choose not to select, an annual recipient of the Association’s highest individual award for distinguished service, to be further known as the Donald Kneip Award for Distinguished Service to the Association. The National President, at his sole discretion, shall select the recipient with, or without input or recommendations from the officers, the board of trustees, or the membership.

The award shall be presented to the recipient at the Association’s reunion/convention, when practical, or at a location convenient to the recipient and the National President, as may be agreed.

This award is intended to be the highest recognition of service to the association, and the award, when presented at the reunion/convention, shall take place at the finale of the association’s banquet ceremony.

~ Submitted by: **G. Sherman, NS/T**

CHANGE: #2

Notice is hereby given that a proposal has been made to amend Article VII Awards, Para. 1 and Para. 1a. to provide flexibility to the award selection committee, in selecting the candidate for receiving the CGCVA Coast Guard Person of the Year award.

In some years, three (3) candidates for the award may not be available. If there are less than three (3) candidates, the award committee may, if in agreement, select from the list of candidates provided by the USCG Medals and Awards Bureau.

At their discretion, the committee should have the option to select a candidate from any prior year if the actions of the individual are considered exceptionally noteworthy for recognition. In this case, the candidate should not be overlooked based solely upon the date that the heroic action occurred.

The actual bylaw language should be amended as follows:

In para. 1, in the second sentence, where it says” The selection will be made from a list of 3 candidates” insert the words “if available.”.

In para. 1a, at the end of the first sentence, where it ends with.....nominated for a Coast Guard award during the period 1 JAN to 31 DEC of the previous year,. add “however, the awards committee, at their discretion, may consider a candidate from any previous year”. ~ Submitted by: **G. Sherman, NS/T**



NOTICE OF PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES:

CHANGE: #3

Under Article III, Dues. Paragraph 2, Life Membership, the Bylaws require that the “National Treasurer deposit Life Membership monies into a “Restricted Fund” called the Life Membership Account, which will be held in reserve at \$35 for each living life member.

Apparently, this requirement was not followed for many years, resulting in the \$35 figure becoming antiquated. When I became National Treasurer in 2011, there was an operating checking account and a savings account, with the Life Membership dues being primarily placed into the operating checking account. These monies were used to help in covering operating deficits during the non-reunion years, where income relied primarily on the biennial membership dues payments. The \$35 times the number of life members only represents approximately \$25,000, which is less than half of the Association’s current Vanguard account balance and is no longer sustainable for covering the operational costs.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the last paragraph in Section 2 be revised to read:

“Life Members shall not be subject to further levies. The National Treasurer shall deposit Life Membership monies into the Association’s investment accounts, when practical from an operational or fiscal standpoint. Restricted donations shall be deposited into the operational checking account or into a long-term investment account, as directed by the donor. The operational checking account shall be the primary account for the meeting operational costs. When necessary to meet emergent operational costs, and after advising the National President of the intent, withdrawals from the investment account shall be authorized for transfer into the operational checking account.”

~ Submitted by: **G. Sherman, NS/T**



(L to R) PNP Michael Placencia, Captain Anthony Ceraolo (Commander, CG Sector San Francisco), Captain Paul Flynn (Commanding Officer, CG Training Center Petaluma) and Trustee Bill Figone. They were there to honor the recent graduates of the Chief Petty Officer Academy. The Association was a proud sponsor of Class 245 and Reserve Class 48. Captain Ceraolo and Captain Flynn are former CO's of Patrol Forces Southwest Asia, Bahrain and are CGCVA Members.



Coxswain qualification badge

HISTORIC SHIPS IN BALTIMORE BEGINS EFFORTS TO RAISE MATCHING FUNDS FOR USCGC TANEY

Mr. Paul Cora, curator for the Historic Ships of Baltimore, has contacted the CGCVA to make us aware of their efforts to begin seeking matching funds to help drydock the USCGC Taney in order to perform hull maintenance on this historic ship to ensure its seaworthiness. The National Park Service has authorized a \$152,000 matching grant to Historic Ships of Baltimore for their Historic Vessels and Collections Department with the purpose of drydocking and the preservation of the CGCVA Honorary Life Member USCGC Taney.

On May 1, 1935, USCGC Taney began its more than 50 years of continuous service to our country in wartime and peace. She entered World War II on December 7, 1941, with her presence at Pearl Harbor defending Honolulu against the Japanese and is the lone surviving ship of that historic event. She protected Allied convoys

Baltimore, MD.



USCGC TANEY as she looks today in Baltimore Harbor



USCGC TANEY in 1944 as Flagship of the US Atlantic Fleet's Task Force 66

transiting the Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea and fought off Kamikazes at Okinawa. During the Vietnam War, USCGC Taney took part in Operation Market Time 1969-70.

In between her wartime deployments, USCGC Taney saved lives and property and enforced maritime laws throughout her career from 1930 to the 1980s. Today she is a museum vessel and memorial to the men and women who have served in the U.S. Coast Guard, located in

This Go Fund Me campaign is working directly with Historic Ships in Baltimore which manages the preservation and display of USCGC TANEY. For information about this project go to:

<http://www.historicships.org/TaneyHull>



Sandblasting the hull USCGC TANEY

Let's keep the USCGC Taney memorial in "seaworthy" condition so that future generations can visit and experience this Coast Guard vessel first hand.

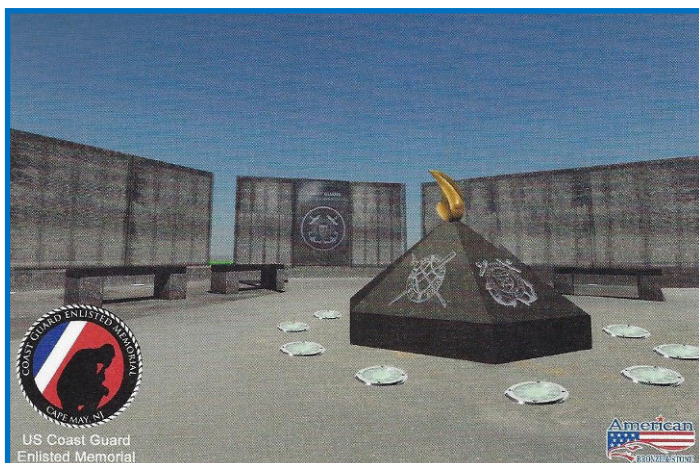
Campaign and service medals that are authorized for CGCVA membership



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

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.



COAST GUARD ENLISTED MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC.

May all see who paid the price, so all shall see what price was paid.

The Coast Guard Enlisted Memorial Foundation is a nonprofit organization created to plan, design and build a fitting memorial that will represent the immense sacrifice of over 1500 Coast Guard enlisted men and women who lost their lives in performance of Coast Guard missions.

Please help us to honor these dedicated individuals

With donations from supporters such as you, we can build this symbol of devotion.

You can donate from our website:

www.CGEMF.org

Or send a check to:

Coast Guard Enlisted Memorial Foundation
PO Box 476
Cape May, NJ 08204

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By registering, you will be kept informed of the latest scuttlebutt, including:

- Quarterly Newsletters
- Upcoming Events
- Major Milestones in the design and construction phases
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Now is the time for ALL Coast Guard personnel – active, reserve, retired, civilian, auxiliary and family – **"To Bring Coast Guard History to Life!"**

Visit CoastGuardMuseum.org to register today!



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(From left to right) Trustee Bruce Bruni, Past President Ed Swift, National President Steve Petersen and National Vice President Terry O'Connell at the CGC NATHAN BRUCKENTHAL commissioning July 25, 2018

National President Steve Petersen and National Vice President Terry O'Connell have been on a road-trip from Texas to Missouri to Virginia and Michigan on behalf of the CGCVA, at their own expense.

Here they met up with Trustee Bruce Bruni and PNP Ed Swift at the USCGC NATHAN BRUCKENTHAL commissioning ceremony in Alexandria, VA on April 26, 2018.

Steve and Terry's next stop was the Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, Michigan., being held August 4th. Steve and Terry brought Kay and Rene along to help keep their car between the white lines.

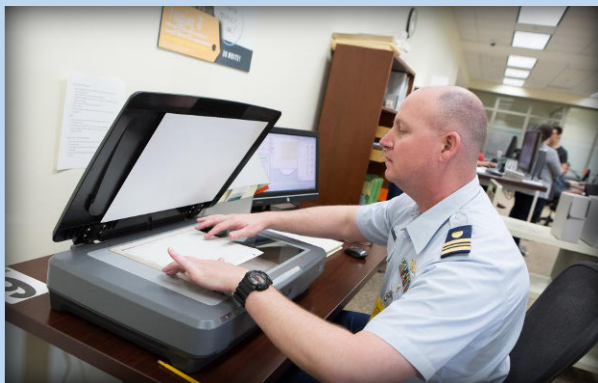
LOGBOOK SCAN-A-THON at THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

By Gary Sherman

On April 25, 2018 my former shipmate (Richard Brown, CWO, USCG (Ret). and I hopped a commuter train and headed down to the National Archives in Washington, DC for their “Logbook Scan-a-Thon” that was being held in the research department of the Archives. This effort is for the “Coast Guard in Vietnam project.”



We had the privilege of scanning our former ship’s smooth log, into the Archives. The USCGC Castle Rock was deployed to Vietnam in 1971 and we were able to scan a couple months of its deployment logbook into the archives, to make it accessible digitally for future generations.



Joining us was CGCVA members LT. Emily Brockway and LCDR Donald Flusche and Iraq Veteran Craig Cruz who came down that day to help with the process of scanning all U. S. Coast Guard Vietnam records into the Archives system.



We barely “scratched the surface”, so if you’d like to participate in your own “Scan-A-Thon” to help get your unit’s records into the Archives system, please contact:

innovationhub@nara.gov and make an appointment to come down and scan some Coast Guard records. Keep in mind this is a highly secure area so you’ll need ID to gain entry into the research area.



NOTICES AND ASSOCIATION NEWS

BOOT CAMP AWARDS:

At each graduating boot camp ceremony at Training Center Cape May, the recruit earning the physical fitness award is presented with the Jack Campbell Physical Fitness Award which includes a certificate and a CGCVA watch. This award is named in honor of PNP Jack Campbell and has been a continuing award for many years. The following are the previous award winners:

SN ALAN N. MC CAY, Anchorage, AK, Quebec 195 to Station Quillayute River, La Push, WA.

FA KYLE A. DUVALL, Cleveland, OH, Romeo 195, to Station Charlevoix, MI.

SN STEPHEN J. LAWRENCE, Cleveland, OH, Sierra 195, to Base Charleston, N. Charleston, SC.

SA ROBERT A. WOMBLE, Wilmington, NC, Tango 195, to Training Center Cape May.

SA KEEGAN J. O'LEARY, Miami-North, FL, Uniform 195 to Station Brunswick, GA

SN LARRY ROMERO III, Houston, TX, Victor 195 to Station Brunswick, GA.

FN CHRIS A. SAN NICOLAS, San Francisco, CA, Whiskey 195 to Station Bodega Bay, CA

SN ISAC N. QUILANTAN, Los Angeles, CA, Xray 195 to CGC Midgett, Seattle, WA

SN THEODORE NOAH S. KIRKBRIDE, San Diego, CA, Yankee 195 to Station Maui, Wailuku, HI

FN TAMARCUS J. DAISE, St. Petersburg, FL, Zulu 195 to CGC Spencer, Boston, MA.

SN DANIEL F. FENDIUS, Savannah, GA, Alfa 196, to Ari Station Clearwater, FL.

FN STEELER W. WRIGHT, Mobile, AL, Bravo 196 to MFPU Kings Bay, GA.

SN KATIE SUE LEGESQUE, Seatac, WA, Charlie 196 to CGC Mellon, Seattle, WA.

SN KALANI I. BEAVER, Honolulu, HI, Delta 196 to Sector, San Diego, CA

SN JOSHUA E. ESCALERA CHAVES, San Juan, PR, Echo 196 to CGC Viligant, Patrick AFT, FL

SN MARIA R. SOSA, Albuquerque, NM, Foxtrot 196 to Recruiting Office San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

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 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:

Daniel Cinquars ~ John Garofolo ~ Melvin L. Sellers ~ David Powell ~ Hugh J., Sharpe ~ Sidney Tartarkin

Ron Gillette ~ Mark Skibba ~ Dave Meadows ~ Michael A. Johnson ~ Timothy Mowbray ~ James Warwick

Bradley Bohnsack ~ Herbert Cohen ~ Carmond C. Fitzgerald ~ Armond Lisle ~ George Pasero ~ Brian Dudley

Steve and Kay Petersen IMO Perry Smith, DVM, USA

In honor of their shipmate Warren Chase, donation by:

Richard Brown, Gaby Keen, Paul Little, Richard Parker, John Liss and Tim Green

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.

Rogue Cutter *James Madison* and the Coast Guard's first POWs

William H. Thiesen, Ph.D.

Coast Guard Atlantic Area Historian

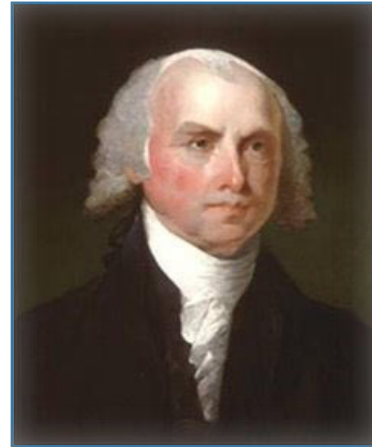
A Revenue Cutter cannot be expressly fitted and employed for the purpose of cruising against an enemy except under the 98th Section of the collection law in which case the Cutter must be placed under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy. — Treasury Secretary Albert Gallatin, December 28, 1812

In the above quote, Secretary Albert Gallatin wrote to Boston's customs collector regarding the proper use of revenue cutters. This letter was likely in response to the case of the rogue cutter *James Madison*. In August 1812, the *Madison* set sail on a cruise out of Savannah in consort with two privateers to capture British merchantmen. It would be her last cruise.



An artist's rendering of the cutter *James Madison*. (Coast Guard Collection)

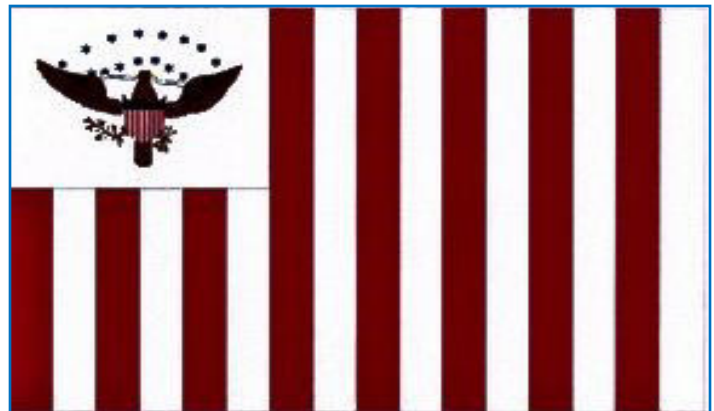
On June 26, 1807, the Treasury Department had authorized the Baltimore customs collector to build the cutter *James Madison*. Measuring eighty-six feet in length and twenty-two feet wide, the cutter served out of Baltimore during 1808 and, in January 1809, she sailed from Baltimore to take up station at Savannah, Georgia. Nearly two years later, in December 1811, George Brooks received his



President James Madison, namesake of Savannah's revenue cutter. (Library of Virginia, Richmond)

commission as revenue cutter master and took command of the cutter. He had received a commission as her first mate a year earlier.

On Thursday, June 25, 1812, a week after President James Madison declared war on Great Britain, his namesake cutter began a cruise to capture enemy merchant vessels.



*United States Revenue Marine
Wartime Variant Ensign 1815*

A facsimile of the Revenue Cutter Service ensign flown during the War of 1812. (Coast Guard Collection)

On July 5, the *Madison* detained the British schooner *Wade* at Amelia Island, in Spanish Florida, after her capture by U.S. Navy gunboats. Before the war, Amelia Island had been a center for smugglers bringing illegal cargoes into the United States. *Wade's* cargo included pineapples, 20,000 dollars in specie and live turtles, considered a delicacy at the time. In the War of 1812, Federal vessels received prize money for captured enemy vessels and their cargo. *Wade* proved the first of several enemy merchantmen to line the pockets of Captain Brooks and his men.

On Friday, July 17, Captain Brooks announced he would set sail from Charleston to capture more British ships. Cutter *Madison* departed Charleston and chased six "unprotected" British merchantmen sailing up the East Coast from Jamaica. On July 23, Brooks' cutter took the 300-ton British brig *Shamrock* after an eight-hour chase. Carrying six guns and a crew of sixteen officers and men, *Shamrock* was bound from London to Amelia



A painting by Peter Rindlisbacher of the Cutter *James Madison* capturing the British merchantman *Shamrock*. (Coast Guard Collection)

Island with a cargo of arms and ammunition. On August 1, Brooks and the *Madison* also captured the Spanish brig *Santa Rosa* near Amelia Island and brought her into Savannah for adjudication.

In August, Brooks got word of a large British convoy sailing off the coast bound from Jamaica. On Thursday, the 13th, he set sail with privateers *Paul Jones* and *Spencer* and on the 21st, he located the fleet. According to newspaper reports, the

revenue cutter "cut out" two merchantmen and sent the captured ships into port. It seemed the *Madison* and her men were destined for greater glory, but these prize ships would be the last of *James Madison's* captures.

On Thursday, August 22, Brooks' luck finally ran out. He attacked the convoy at night and mistook the 32-gun frigate HMS *Barbadoes* for a large merchantman. According to reports, Brooks ordered his gunners to fire several cannon into the enemy ship and attempted to board the British frigate. After realizing his error, Brooks altered course and sailed off with the frigate in pursuit. The cutter jettisoned two cannon and, after several hours, appeared to make good her escape until the wind died and becalmed her. The British frigate's captain, Thomas Huskinson, deployed oared barges to tow his larger warship, which caught-up to the cutter. At a standstill and greatly outgunned, Brooks had no choice but to strike his colors and surrender. A second British escort vessel, the 64-gun ship-of-the-line HMS *Polyphemus*, sent a prize crew of twenty men to sail the *Madison*. Meanwhile, the cuttermen were shipped back to the two British warships.

On October 7, 1812, the Royal Navy formally designated the *James Madison's* captured crew as "prisoners of war" (POWs). They were among 90 American cuttermen captured during the war. The British paroled Captain Brooks and his junior officers several weeks after their capture. In late November, the British placed all of *Madison's* officers on board the cartel brig *Diamond*, which sailed under the white flag for New York. According to the *New York Evening Post*, "Among the prisoners arrived at New York, Tuesday, November 24, 1812, by Cartel Brig *Diamond*, are Captain Brooks and his officers of the Revenue Cutter *Madison* of Savannah." As part of their parole, the officers were sworn not to engage in military action against British forces. No record exists of George Brooks serving again as an officer during the war or afterward.

James Madison's enlisted men fared worse than her officers did. Four enlisted men were sent to Boston and nine were held at the military prison located on Melville Island at Halifax, Nova Scotia. The rest were sent to England and kept on prison ships at Chatham. Four cuttermen considered black slaves were captured with *Madison* as well as three men described as "mulatto," who were likely

freedmen, and sent to England as POWs. Of the latter group, fifteen-year-old Beloner Pault of Savannah is the youngest POW in the history of the Coast Guard.

Regarding the conditions found on British prison ships, an American Navy POW recounted that, “Here were two hundred and fifty men, emaciated by a system of starvation, cooped up in a small space, with only an aperture of about two feet square to admit the air, and with ballast stones for our beds!” On May 28, 1813, *Madison* seaman,

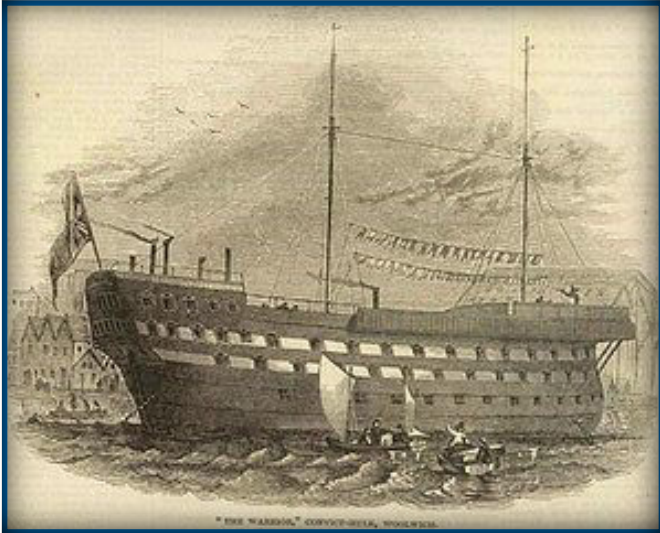


Illustration of a British prison ship or hulk similar to those that held American POWs during the War of 1812. (National Archives of the United Kingdom)

John Barber, became the first cutterman in Coast Guard history to die in captivity. He perished on board the British hospital ship *Le Pregase* at Chatham.

HMS *Barbadoes*'s captain, Thomas Huskinson, had noted *James Madison*'s fast sailing qualities. However, the Royal Navy surveyed the *James Madison* at a dockyard in October and pronounced her unfit for naval service. On June 16, 1813, the ex-*James Madison* was sold to the 2nd Earl of Belmore of Enniskillen, Northern Ireland. The earl converted her into an armed yacht and renamed her *Osprey*. After the end of the War of 1812, Secretary Albert Gallatin wrote the customs collector in New York regarding the construction of new schooner-rigged vessels to replace cutters, such as the *James Madison*, which were lost in the war.

Captain George Brooks and his men had sailed revenue cutter *James Madison* in a high stakes gamble against the Royal Navy. Brooks beat the odds for a time, but his luck finally ran out. He also sacrificed the freedom of his enlisted crewmembers, one of whom paid the ultimate price in England's



Painting of the ex-*James Madison* after her sale to the 2nd Earl Belmore and the former cutter's conversion to the armed yacht *Osprey*. (From the collection of John Armar Lowry-Corry, 8th Earl Belmore)

ghastly prison-ship system. Captain Brooks and his men were members of the long blue line, who went down in history as the Service's first POWs.



Photograph of living history interpreters in vintage-style revenue cutter uniforms during the War of 1812. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Walter Shinn.

A SEA STORY

In the spring edition of the QD Log, there was a request for “Sea Stories”. Now I served three years in the Coast Guard during WWII, but I was only at sea once.

In late 1943, I, along with 29 other CG members set sail from Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. We sailed on the Maritime Service Ship SS ROBIN WENTLY. I am fully of the opinion that this rust old bucket of bolts and plates dated back to WWI, however, it’s mission now was to deliver us to Hawaii.



C2-S Cargo Ship similar to SS ROBIN WENTLY

On the first night, shortly after that ship cleared Fallon Islands, we were served a meal of quite greasy pork chops. It was said that much of a first night meal was standard on all ships, to give personnel on board a motion sickness test. If so, it worked.

We were quartered somewhere in the lower bowels of the ROBIN WENTLY, in double bunks. Somehow I, a lowly RM3/c, have been given a lower bunk. Just above me was Joe Grazulis, RM2/c, a veteran of small boat patrols on the Atlantic.

As we began to experience the roll of the open sea, the man in the upper berth, just opposite ours, leaned over and deposited his evening share of greasy pork chops on the deck. Joe, leaning over his

bunk said, “Hey Brown, do you get seasick?” I replied, “I don’t know Joe, this is my first time that I’ve ever been at sea.” He chuckled and said, “Go get a mop and bucket and clean up that mess, and if you don’t get seasick, you never will.”

As he outranked me, I took off, found a mop and pail, and came back and swapped the deck down to where it was cleaner than it had been before the unfortunate eruption. And Joe was right, I have sailed on many cruise ships, some large and some small, but all subject to some kind of sea-generated motion. I have also been on aircraft, through some pretty severe turbulence and never had any discomfort. I credit all to Joe’s advice! I suppose it could be said that as far as motion sickness goes, I was forever after “SEMPER PARATUS”.

Submitted by James L. Brown, USCG WWII Vet.

SEA STORIES

The Sea Story column on this page is a new feature for the Quarterdeck Log. For those of us who haven’t attended the reunions, this is a perfect opportunity for you to send in your sea stories. We will print them if they meet the following criteria:

1. The must be short. We are not looking for “War and Peace”, just a paragraph or two of something that happened to you or a shipmate while serving in the U.S. Coast Guard.
2. There cannot be any profanity or inappropriate material.
3. And unlike fairytales that start with “Once upon a time”, your sea story must NOT start with this is no \$#!+.

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WEBSITE NEWS

Some may have found it difficult to open the website. Unfortunately, our web provider, Webs.com, was having severe server problems. However, as of this printing, the website is back up and running.

If anyone has suggestions for the website, please let me know by emailing me at cgcva@comcast.net "Attention Webmaster".

~ Thank you, **Richard Ames, Webmaster**

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS PARADE

High Ridge, MO has scheduled a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans" parade for October 13, 2018. Contact Richard Hogan, Jr. if interested in attending at 314-560-1402 or email at richardhoganjr@charter.net. The parade routes is approximately one mile. If you need to ride during the parade, please contact Rich. There will be free food and other items. Come to High Ridge and be welcomed home. ~ **Richard Hogan, Small Stores Mgr**

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

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This application **MUST** be accompanied by a copy of your discharge (both sides if applicable); or a copy of your DD-214; or a copy of your DD-215; or a copy of NAV/CG-523; or a copy of your letter(s) of awards; or a copy of some "official" documentation that states your participation in or your direct support of a combat situation. You may get a certified statement from a former shipmate who is a member of the CGCVA in "Good Standing" stating that you served with him or her on a particular ship or station during a particular period of time.

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