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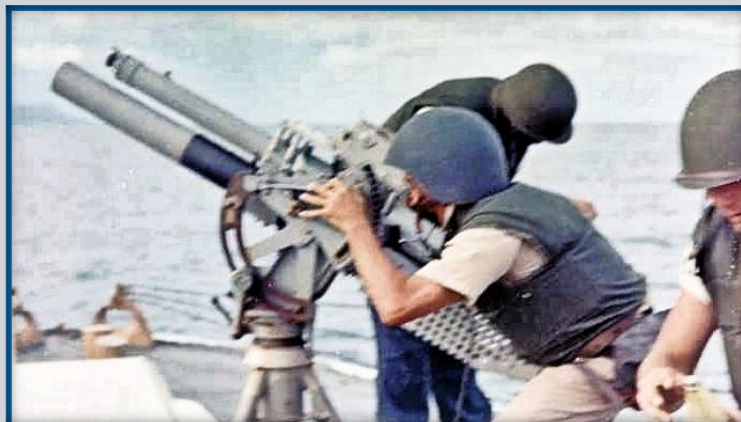
COMMEMORATING COAST GUARD SERVICE IN VIETNAM MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO AND REMEMBERING THE COAST GUARDSMEN WHO GAVE ALL IN SERVICE TO THE NATION

On April 29, 1965, Coast Guard Squadron One was formed following President Johnson's signing a Memorandum for the President that authorized the U.S. Coast Guard to assist U.S. Naval Forces operating off the coast of South Vietnam to prevent seaborne infiltration by communist forces of North Vietnam. President Johnson stated that the Coast Guard's operating forces are "well-suited" for the mission. Squadron One (RONONE) consisted of 26 "Point" class 82 foot patrol boats, with 47 officers and 198 enlisted. During the five years of RONONE's operations, these patrol craft designed for search and rescue and law enforcement, cruised more than four million miles, inspected over 280,000 vessels and were operational approximately 80 percent of their time in theater. (Cont'd page 9)



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Crew of the cutter Point Comfort firing a mortar, An Thoi, 1965 (USCG)

FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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Greetings Mates:

As we start our journey for a new year, we must look back at 2018, a very busy year for many members of our Association. It has been members like you that have participated in the numerous nationwide events and accomplishments that are too many to name, but this is what had transpired in 2018. Bravo Zulu to all that continue to make our Association what it is today.



1. The Welcome Home Vietnam Vets event in Barnegat, NJ.
2. Presentation of a framed *CGC Hernandez* poster to a newly refurbished lobby at PSU312, San Francisco, CA.
3. Presented the Jack Campbell Physical Fitness Watch Award to two senior cadets at the CG Academy Parent’s Weekend, New London, CT, and to recruits at TRACEN, Cape May, NJ.
4. Attended change of command for Commandant ADM Shultz and Vice Commandant VADM Ray, along with that of MCPO Vanderhaden as the 13th MCPOCG.
5. Change of command for 17th District Commander RADM Bell at CGHQ, Washington, D.C.
6. Participated in the USCG Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.
7. Participated in the Logbook Scan-a-thon project for Vietnam era *CGC Castle Rock*, Washington, D.C.
8. Attended four Fast Response Cutter receptions and commissionings for crew plaque and book presentations, *CGC Gerczak*, Honolulu, HI; *CGC Snyder*, Atlantic Beach, NC; *CGC Rednour*, Long Beach, CA and *CGC Bruckenthal*, Arlington, VA.
9. Attended graduation dinner for newly advanced CPOs, Bay Area, San Francisco, CA.

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10. Presented *CGC Horsley* framed poster to CPO Mess, San Francisco, CA.
11. Participated in numerous Change of Command ceremonies and Veterans Day parades nationwide.
12. Sponsored several combined classes of the CG CPO Leadership Academy, Petaluma, CA.
13. Donated more than 25 USCG flashes and photographs for a USCG shadowbox at Memorial Day/Veterans Day, VFW Post 10047, Las Vegas, NV.
14. National President and Vice President attended the CG Festival at Grand Haven, MI.
15. Presented framed Honorary Member Certificate to MCPOCG Vanderhaden, Grand Haven, MI.
16. Participated in the SM1 Douglas Munro Commemoration and wreath presentation at Cle Elum, WA.
17. Involved with the issuance of pin awards to CG Academy classmates that were 82' cutter COs during the Vietnam War.
18. Served as Parade Grand Marshall, Manchester, GA, presenting Vietnam 50th Commemoration Award pins.
19. Attended annual Commandant's Ball, Washington, D.C.
20. Presented framed Honorary Member Certificate to Commandant ADM Schultz, Washington, DC.
21. Attended 30th Anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial at State Capitol, Sacramento, CA.
22. Participated in Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies aboard *CGC Taney*, Baltimore, MD.
23. CGCVA member, CDR Mike Hart, USCG (ret), inducted into the KY Veterans Hall of Fame, Lexington, KY.
24. Identified, negotiated and signed contract for North Charleston Marriott Hotel for 2019 CGCVA Reunion.
25. Established the Life Membership Challenge Project.
26. Established an on-line website capability for donations and registration payments.
27. Upgraded computer software at the Association's Administrative office for enhancing membership data.
28. Change of watch for the Quarterdeck Log editors.
29. Forwarded CGCVA recruitment packages to PATFORSWA units operating in the Middle East and all 37 CG Sectors throughout the U.S. and Guam.
30. Made a Go Fund Me \$500.00 donation to *CGC Taney* for their hull preservation project.
31. Purchased watches and graduation ceremony awards for presentation to graduates of the CG Academy and TRACEN Cape May.



Proposed Coast Guard Enlisted Memorial designed to honor the more than 1,500 Coast Guard enlisted personnel who lost their lives in their performance of Coast Guard missions. See CGEMF.org to donate for funding this symbol of devotion to duty.

FROM THE NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

We're looking forward to packing our bags and planning a road trip to Charleston to attend the 2019 CGCVA Reunion. The CGCVA membership is drawn together every two years to enjoy the camaraderie of old friends and former shipmates, all of whom share the special bond of a Coast Guard combat veteran. We reminisce about our exploits of long-ago activity far from home; we mourn so many members who have crossed the bar; we question the validity of many questionable sea stories and, we enjoy the experiences to be found in a city we may have never visited.

An important function of the reunion will be the Wednesday Business Meeting Luncheon where a discussion of the state of the Association will be presented by our President and our Secretary/Treasurer. Following that will be the nomination and election of the slate of officers and trustees. Our By-Laws require the election of a National President, National Vice President and National Secretary/Treasurer. Also, two of our Trustees are completing the end of their terms and their positions will be offered for consideration. This would be a

great time for any of our regular members to either consider running for an office or consider a member who you think would contribute to the growth and continued successes of the Association. All but one of the aforementioned office holders are Vietnam Veterans. Each of us are getting on in years and, in my opinion, the future successes of the Association lie in the hands of our member veterans of subsequent conflicts. The nominating committee will be milling about smartly at the reunion, please let them know if you would like to run for office or you would like to nominate another member.

Our Auxiliary Officers will also be holding their elections during their luncheon, also on Wednesday. Their National President, National Vice President and National Secretary/Treasurer office holders will also be determined by an election. We look forward to seeing you all in Charleston.



CROSSED THE BAR

LEROY LAYTON
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COLIN J. WOODBURY, LM
HAROLD F. MAYBECK, LM

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RICHARD RADLE
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NEW MEMBERS

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DALE R. HARRISON
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FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY / TREASURER

ATTENTION ALL “SNOWBIRDS” AND “WINTER TEXANS”

If you are one of those members who avoids cold weather by heading South at the end of the year, then head back North in the Spring, you may not receive your Quarterdeck Log at the appropriate location.

The Quarterdeck Log publication dates are **February 1st, May 1st, August 1st and November 1st.**

If you are doing your semi-annual relocation, please keep these dates in mind, and if your relocation happens any time just before, or just after these publication dates, all you have to do is send us an email and tell us that you are vacationing for the winter months. We'll change your address, so the next issue of the Quarterdeck Log will come to the right location. Simply email cgcva@comcast.net and indicate “Change address to “City/State”, effective XX/XX/XXXX. We can't keep track of your changing residential locations during each winter/summer season, but we can quickly change your address so you'll get the Quarterdeck Log in your mailbox!

EMAIL, EMAIL, EMAIL

Please provide us with your email address. I can't tell you how many times we've gotten a member's Quarterdeck Log that came back to us. Often the member's phone is disconnected or there's no voicemail function to leave a message. If we can't reach you by mail or by phone, we have no choice but to stop sending your Quarterdeck Log until you contact us months or even years later. Email allows us to do so much to keep you in touch with the Association and let you know what's going on, both locally and nationally! Also, if you change internet service providers (ISP), let us know so we can send your email so it reaches you in a timely manner. It saves your Association time and mailing

costs.

LIFE MEMBER CHALLENGE

In September, the Life members were asked to consider a contribution to the Association, as a restricted donation, to be invested in our Vanguard mutual fund account. This fundraising event was held for two reasons: 1) For many years, the life member dues were “dirt” cheap, way below that of other veteran's organizations. 2) Our Operation's manual convinced us that we couldn't invest our savings in anything but very conservative investments. The result of this was a savings account that stopped growing and started decreasing, even when the stock market was soaring. This situation was not effective in offsetting operating costs, especially during the non-reunion years when income was significantly reduced. Although the reunions have been profitable, it was not enough to offset the prior year's operational losses.

Many of our Life Members have stood up and dug deep to make a one-time or monthly donations to the Association's Life Membership Challenge and it has been a success. The Life Member Challenge is not over and we are hoping to get more Life members to participate, but all of us need to thank those many Life members who have generously contributed, to help put the Association on a much better financial footing.

For those who have contributed, we say “**THANK YOU SO MUCH!**”!

Semper Paratus!

Gary Sherman
National Secretary/Treasurer



AUXILIARY NEWS

Three months until the Reunion!

Hello esteemed CGCVA members, Auxiliary, family friends and supporters! I hope you and your family had a Happy Holidays, Christmas, and New Year's.

The Christmas season is a special time of year for so many of us. A bit of stress, but wonderful love, lights and cheer in the air, and I am a bit disappointed when it's over each year. But that is replaced by us being blessed with another year under our belts, and looking forward to see what 2019 brings us. We are super excited that this is a CGCVA reunion year! For many it is difficult to make the trek. But to us the extra effort is so worth the camaraderie, friendship, sea stories and fellowship that the reunion brings. Several of our esteemed officers and members put in a lot of effort behind the scenes to put on a great reunion for us. We hope that you can make it!

Wayne, Chieu Hoi and I are also looking forward to our upcoming reunion being in Charleston. It is a beautiful city with lots of things to enjoy, and as you know, the Silent Auction is a huge fund raiser for the Association. So far I've only received confirmation of six donations, so please get them in as soon as possible and use the form below to identify the items that you intend to donate for the reunion and for the benefit of the CGCVA to offset the reunion costs.



Javaughn Miller
Auxiliary President

DONATING ITEMS FOR THE REUNION

Please email your donation forms to jmiller@lptribe.net or complete the Auction Form below and fax it to (619-478-2125 or mail it to 8 Crestwood Road, Boulevard CA. 91905. To make sure I received your donation, please ensure you receive an email confirmation or like receipt back from me. Don't forget, if you didn't renew your membership last reunion or want to renew early you can use the Membership Application below and mail in you money to our Auxiliary Treasurer, Mimi Placencia at 9804 Iroquois Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93312. Chieu Hoi, Wayne and I look forward to seeing you in Charleston!!!

~ *Javaughn*

Silent Auction Item Registration Form

Description of Item: _____

Name : _____

Email Address: _____

Value: _____

Minimum Bid: _____

Please email this form to Javaughn Miller at: jmiller@lptribe.net, Fax 619-478-2125 or Mail to:

8 Crestwood Rd., Boulevard, CA 91905

Please ensure you receive an email confirmation of receipt.

AUXILIARY NEWS

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 or at (661) 444-0186.

LIFE MEMBER CHALLENGE

In September 2018, the following Life Members have challenged their Life Member shipmates, stations or units to meet or exceed their recent donation to the Association's Vanguard account, as a restricted donation. We have had a decent response and we appreciate each individual who has contributed. Below are the latest contributors to the Life Member Challenge since the last QDL publication:

LIFE MEMBER

RICHARD POOLE

JOHN G. GAIDA

MARVIN BLATTEL

PHILLIP KIES

ROBERT CLINK

MAURICE STOPA

CHALLENGE

USCGC BARATARIA (WHEC 381)

OSWEGO STATION (NY)

USCGC CASTLE ROCK (WHEC 383)

ALL SHIPS & STATIONS

LORAN STATION PUSAN, KOREA

USCGC YAKUTAT (WHEC 380)

Please consider these friendly challenges to other Life Members who served on ships, units or stations listed above. Please answer the challenge by making your donation to:

CGCVA, Attn: LMC, P.O. Box 777, Havre de Grace, MD 21078

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

ROBERT HEATER
STEPHEN VAN RENSSSELARE
ROBERT ZIEHM
PAUL EWALDT
MAURICE STOPA
NICHOLAS ROSSI
JAMES WILLSON

HERBERT COHEN
JOSEPH RONDEAU IMO BIBB SHIPMATES
CHARLOTTE BART IMO JACK CAMPBELL & BAKER
HERBERT



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.

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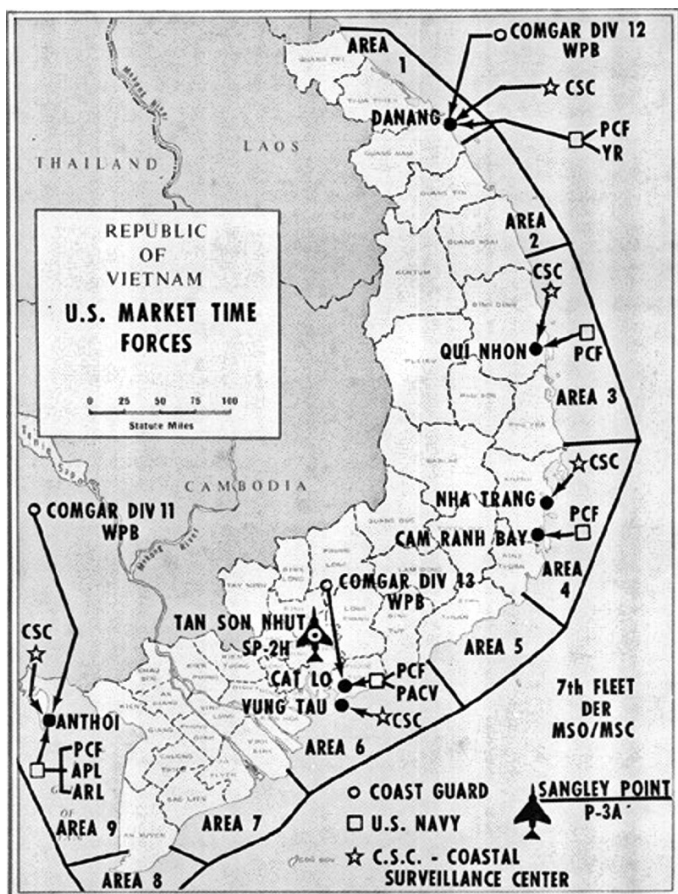
In February 1965, the Vung Ro Bay Incident came about after an Army helicopter observed a North Vietnamese trawler camouflaged as an island steaming south toward Vung Ro Bay. After five days of action by the Republic of Vietnam Navy (RVN), the trawler was captured and sunk with exceptionally large amounts of weaponry and ammunition on board. It was clearly apparent that the North Vietnamese were attempting to supply communist forces in South Vietnam through the use of junks, sampans and other watercraft.⁽¹⁾

Having doubts about the capabilities of the RVN, General Westmoreland requested assistance from the U.S. Navy to initiate the interdiction of

running 30 to 40 miles out to sea. Shallow draft Navy PCFs and Coast Guard WPBs patrolled the inner one-third of each area while larger, deeper draft vessels of the Navy and Coast Guard (WHECSs) covered the outer two-thirds.⁽²⁾

The Coast Guard, often thought by many to be only used to secure America's coastline, played a significant role in securing 1,200 miles of the coastline of South Vietnam with its 60,000 junks and sampans.⁽⁵⁾

The rules of engagement that Market Time forces operated under permitted the interdiction, boarding and searching of any vessel, regardless of size and national flag, other than warships, that were operating within three miles of the coastline.⁽³⁾ Three to twelve miles from shore allowed for demanding the identification and intention of any vessel, except for warships. Only South Vietnamese flagged vessels found outside of the twelve mile limit could be stopped, boarded and searched.⁽⁴⁾



enemy supplies, also called Operation Market Time. Nine patrol areas were designated from the DMZ to the Cambodian border for the operation. Varying in size, each area measured 80 by 120 miles wide and



WPBs of RONONE at Subic Bay, Philippines

The first month of RONONE's operation proved very successful, with crews of Division 11 performing more than 4,800 man-hours in boarding more than 1,100 junks and sampans, inspecting more than 4,000 Vietnamese watercraft in their

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effort to carry out the assigned mission, “Stop Sea Infiltration of Weapons and Supplies to the Viet Cong”. WPBs often gave emergency support to Special Forces’ camps, transported personnel, evacuated wounded, supported SEALs and RECON units and provided naval gunfire support.⁵

As the enemy changed their delivery tactics in supplying communist forces in the south, Coast Guard and Navy crews did likewise. Rather than attempting to interdict enemy crews as they entered South Vietnam waters, Coast Guard and Navy formed a picket line along the shoreline, covering the area with radar and when a target appeared in a restricted area, they would attack as the enemy approached their drop off points. This tactic was highly successful, stopping the enemy’s smuggling of wartime material cold within a year.⁵

In February 1968, the NVA again changed tactics, attempting to run four large trawlers southward simultaneously, hoping that one or more would break through to resupply their forces in the south. Three were destroyed and the fourth retreated. This was the last attempt of seaborne trafficking of supplies by the enemy that then decided to rely on smaller sampans for future resupply operations.⁵

During the period May 27, 1965 and August 15, 1970, Squadron One saw approximately 4,000 Coast Guardsmen man the 26 cutters of the squadron. They cruised 4,215,116 miles and boarded 236,396 vessels, while detaining 10,286 persons. While conducting 4,461 naval gunfire missions, they damaged or destroyed 1,811 enemy vessels and killed or wounded 1,232 enemy personnel. (*Coast Guard Action in Vietnam—Paul C. Scotti*)

Squadron One’s successes were noted by the Department of the Navy and in early 1967, the Navy again requested Coast Guard support for Vietnam interdiction and fire support operations. Squadron Three (RONTHREE) was formed at Pearl Harbor, with five high endurance cutters ranging in

size from 255 to 378 feet being assigned to patrol the waters off the coast of Vietnam. These cutters were able to keep their white instead of the gray color that the WPBs were painted and was quickly named the “White Ghost” by the Viet Cong.

In May 1967, *CGC Barataria (WHEC-381)* fired the squadron’s first shots in a naval gunfire support mission, with 6,000 more conducted during the remaining years of the war.



USCGC Barataria (WHEC 381)

Market Time operations were notably successful in stopping the supplies of men and equipment by the North Vietnamese Army (NVA). The following February 1968, the largest naval engagement of the Vietnam War took place when Coast Guard cutters *CGC Winona* and *CGC Androscoggin* engaged and destroyed enemy trawlers with the assistance of Coast Guard and Navy patrol boats. Another trawler was driven off by *CGC Minnetonka*. This forced the NVA to rely on the Ho Chi Minh Trail with its often difficult terrain to transport supplies over an extraordinary long distance to deliver them into the deep southern areas of South Vietnam.⁵

Shortly after arriving in Vietnam, *CGC Rush* and an Australian destroyer joined forces to aid in the relief of a small Special Forces camp at Song Ong Doc that was being overrun by Viet Cong forces. The cutter initiated a naval gunfire support mission, killing 64 of the enemy and driving off the remaining attackers.

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Coast Guard aviators volunteered to fly combat search and rescue and support missions with its pilots participating in the Coast Guard—Air Force Aviator Exchange Program. Two Coast Guard C-130 pilots took part in the program, while the rest of the aviators were HH-3 helicopter pilots. In the spring of 1968, the first of many Coast Guard aviators were assigned to the Air Force's 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Da Nang. The heroic performance of these pilots



(L to R) LT Jack Rittichier, LT Lance Eagan, LCDR Lonnie Mixon

resulted in a number of honors and awards, including four Silver Star Medals, 15 Distinguish Flying Crosses and 86 Air Medals.

The Coast Guard built and manned Long Range Aids to Navigation (LORAN) stations allowing mariners and aviators to accurately fix their positions. LORAN's original purpose was to provide electronic aids to mariners and aviators in areas where surface aids were nonexistent, waters relatively uncharted, or skies frequently overcast, allowing for near pin-point accuracy of bombing

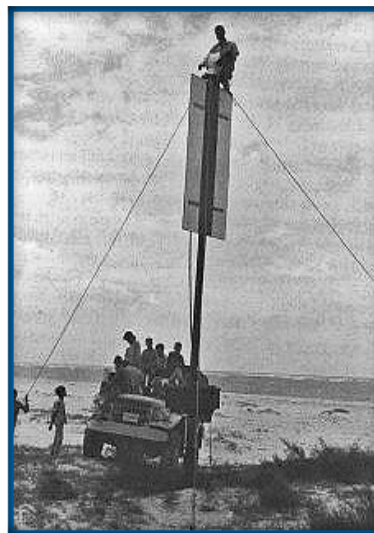
missions. Under Operation "Tight Reign," LORAN



An aerial photograph of the LORAN station located at Tan My in Vietnam. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

stations were established at Con Son Island and Tan My in Vietnam; and at Lampang, Sattahip and Udorn in Thailand. Tight Reign continued until April 29, 1975, a day before the fall of South Vietnam, when the station at Con Son Island discontinued operations.⁶

To ensure safe navigation along the South Vietnam coastline and inland water ways, Coast Guard buoy tenders were engaged with the installation, placement and maintenance of the necessary aids to navigation.



A Coast Guard aids-to-navigation expert works on a range marker for ship navigation in Vietnam. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

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Port Security and Waterways Details and Explosives Loading Detachments (ELDs) also proved important to the war effort. On Aug. 4, 1965, the U.S. Military Assistance Command in Vietnam requested a Coast Guard Port Security Officer for the Port of Saigon and two Coast Guard ELDs. The Coast Guard sent the officer to Saigon and two ELDs, assigning one to Nha Be and the second to Cam Ranh Bay. These ELDs were highly trained in explosives handling, firefighting, port security, and small boat operations and maintenance. The ELDs were authorized to do anything necessary to enforce regulations. ELD personnel also taught U.S. Army and Vietnamese personnel in small boat operation, port firefighting, pier inspection, and proper cargo handling and storage.⁶



Coast Guard Explosive Loading Detachment

Many Coast Guard personnel donated their off-duty time to benefit the Vietnamese people through civic action programs. Crews of Squadron One provided educational and medical services to inhabitants of the various islands that they had adopted during their patrols, embracing the humanitarian mission of the Coast Guard. Squadron Three corpsman often provided medical assistance



Chief Boatswain's Mate C. C. Gardner of the Coast Guard Cutter *Point Mast* gives a package of pencils, paper, candy, and plastic toys to a young Vietnamese girl during the cutter's civic action visit to Hon Nam Du Island.

to villagers. Coast Guardsmen from all squadrons offered clothing, toiletries, toys, candy and friendship to orphaned Vietnamese children during Christmas time, countering the propaganda of the communist Viet Cong and promote a better understanding of the South Vietnamese government and [USAID](#) rural development programs.

Vietnamization of the war began with the turnover of supplies and equipment to South Vietnamese military forces. This effort included the training of the Vietnamese to effectively use the equipment that they were receiving. This was to be a gradual turnover, with the first phase occurring on 01 February 1969 with the transfer of 25 smaller U.S. Navy vessels and the reporting of Vietnamese naval (RVN) officers aboard the WPBs for training.

The first transfer of Squadron One cutters occurred at the RVN Base in Saigon during joint decommissioning and commissioning ceremonies



Turnover of an 82' Coast Guard cutter to the RVN

held 16 May 1969 by the Coast Guard and the RVN. *Point Garnet* and *Point League* were the first cutters transferred.³

Guard crews trained their Vietnamese counterparts in operating and maintaining the equipment that they were to receive. As Squadron One completed the training of the RVN crews for the cutters they were to be assigned, the cutters were transferred to the RVN. With the turnover of *Point Cypress* and *Point Marone* to the South Vietnamese navy on 15 August 1970, Squadron One and its remaining division, Division 13, were decommissioned.

Squadron One made significant contributions to the success of Operation Market Time by forcing the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese forces to rely on the difficult Ho Chi Minh Trail for resupplying forces in the south.

The last enemy trawler was destroyed by *CGC Rush* and *CGC Morgenthau* on 21 December 1971. Squadron Three was disestablished on 31 January 1972. The LORAN station at Con Son and Tan My were disestablished the following year on 22 January 1973 as was the Senior Coast Guard

Officer Vietnam position on 5 February 1973. The last Coast Guard personnel in Vietnam left for the United States on 5 May 1973.

Approximately 8,000 Coast Guardsmen served in Vietnam.¹ Eight Coast Guardsmen paid the




ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War and never will be forgotten by those that served with them, nor by the Coast Guard men and women who continue the service's tradition.


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Unit and service awards earned by Coast Guard forces in Vietnam

 Presidential Unit Citation (Navy) was awarded for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance to units participating in Operation Sealords for the period 18 October to 5 December 1968, including Squadron One cutters *Point Cypress*, *Point White*, *Point Grace*, *Point Young*, *Point Comfort*, *Point Mast*, *Point Marone*, *Point Caution*, and *Point Partridge*.

 Navy Unit Commendation was awarded for exceptionally meritorious service to the United States Navy Coastal Surveillance Force (Task Force 115), which included the administrative staff of Squadron One and Division 11 for service during period 1 January 1967 to 31 March 1968; Division 12, 1 January to 28 February 1967; and Division 13, 1 January to 10 May 1967.

 Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation was awarded for meritorious service to units of the United States Navy Coastal Surveillance Force (Task Force 115), which included the following Squadron One cutters: *Point White*, *Point Arden*, *Point Dume*, *Point Glover*, *Point Jefferson*, *Point Kennedy*, *Point Young*, *Point Partridge*, *Point Caution*, *Point Welcome*, *Point Banks*, *Point Lomas*, *Point Grace*, *Point Mast*, *Point Grey*, *Point Orient*, *Point Cypress*, and *Point Marone*.

 Vietnam Service Medal is a personal service award, it is permissible and customary under Coast Guard regulations for cutters to display service awards on the port and starboard bridge wings. Squadron One cutters were entitled to display the VSM by virtue of having served in Vietnam for more than thirty days during the eligibility period of 15 November 1961 to 30 April 1975.



Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm awarded to all MACV units by South Vietnam. Because U.S. Navy units serving in Vietnam were subordinate to MACV, this included all Coast Guard Squadron One cutters.



Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal was an award of South Vietnam for those individuals who served in Vietnam for a period of at least six months. Although it was a personal award, Coast Guard regulations permitted its display on a cutter's port and starboard bridge wings since Squadron One's cutters served during the eligibility period of 1 March 1961 to 28 March 1973.

U.S. COAST GUARD IN VIETNAM WAR, 1965 - 1973

THEY DIED THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE IN PEACE

ENC MORRIS S. BEESON - LTJG DAVID C. BROSTROM - FN HERIBERTO S. HERNANDEZ
 LTJG MICHAEL W. KIRKPATRICK - EN1 MICHAEL H. FAINTER - ENG JERRY PHILLIPS - LT JACK C. RITTSCHER

OVER 4,000 USCG MEN SERVED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AFLOAT, ASHORE AND AIRBORNE, IN OPERATIONS MARKET TIME AND TIGHT REIGN, COMMAND AND SUPPORT, AND SPECIAL COMBAT OPERATIONS.

OPERATION MARKET TIME, COASTAL SURVEILLANCE FORCE, TASK FORCE 115

USCG VESSELS OPERATED ALONG THE ENTIRE COAST OF SOUTH VIETNAM. OPERATIONS INCLUDED INTERDICTION OF ENEMY SUPPLY VESSELS - NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORTING LAND OPERATIONS - SUPPORT OF USCG PATROL BOATS AND U.S. NAVY SWIFT BOATS - JOINT AMPHIBIOUS COMBAT OPERATIONS WITH U.S. NAVY SEAL TEAMS, AND U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES MOBILE STRIKE TEAMS - HUMANITARIAN MEDICAL AND CIVIL ACTION AID TO VIETNAM VILLAGES - TRAINING OF SOUTH VIETNAM NAVY.

IN-COUNTRY OPERATIONS

OPERATION TIGHT REIGN INSTALLED AND OPERATED FIVE LORAN-C STATIONS - COASTAL COMMAND CENTERS OPERATED IN-SHORE PATROL BOATS - BUOY TENDERS AND A-TON DETAILS INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED AIDS TO NAVIGATION - OTHER DETAILS INCLUDED PORT SECURITY, EXPLOSIVE LOADING, AND MERCHANT MARINE - USCG PILOTS IN USAF COMBAT AIR RESCUE SQUADRONS, AND USCG AIR LOGISTICS TO LORAN STATIONS.

COMMAND AND SUPPORT

USCG ACTIVITIES VIETNAM, SAIGON - TASK FORCE 115, CAM RAHN BAY - USCG SOUTHEAST SECTION (LORAN), BANGKOK, THAILAND - USCG COMMANDER, SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES (SQUADRON THREE WHEECS, U.S. NAVY MARKET TIME DESTROYERS, AND CRUISER-DESTROYER REPRESENTATIVE)

SQUADRON - ONE 25 - 32* WPB'S 1965 - 1970*	VESSELS	SQUADRON - THREE 30 WHEECS 1967 - 1972	
<p><u>DIVISION-II, ANTHOI, PHU QUOC IS</u></p> <p>POINT BANKS POINT CLAR POINT COMFORT POINT GARNET POINT GLOVER POINT GREY POINT MARONE POINT MAST POINT YOUNG</p> <p><u>DIVISION-12, DANANG</u></p> <p>POINT ARDEN POINT CAUTION POINT DUME POINT ELLIS POINT GAMMON POINT LOMAS POINT ORIENT POINT WELCOME</p> <p><u>DIVISION-13, CAT LO, VUNG TAU</u></p> <p>POINT CYPRESS POINT HUDSON POINT JEFFERSON POINT KENNEDY POINT LEAGUE POINT PARTRIDGE POINT SLOCUM POINT WHITE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">255'</p> <p>ANDROSCOGGIN W-48 KLAWATH W-66 MENDOTA W-69 MINNITONKA W-67 OWASCO W-39 PONTCHARTRAIN W-70 SEBAGO W-42 WACHSLETT W-44 WINNEBAGO W-40 WINOKA W-65</p> <p style="text-align: center;">311'</p> <p>BARATARIA W-381 BEIJING STRAIT *** W-382 CASTLE ROCK * W-383 COOK INLET * W-384 GRESHAM W-387 HALF MOON W-378 YAKUTAT **, W-380</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SQUADRON - TWO 1972</p> <p>ARSECON * W-374 CHINCOTEAGUE * W-375 MCCULLOCH * W-386</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">327'</p> <p>BIBB W-31 CAMPBELL W-32 DUANE W-33 INGHAM W-35 SPENCER W-36 TANEY W-37</p> <p style="text-align: center;">378'</p> <p>CHASE W-710 DALLAS W-716 HAMILTON W-715 MELLON W-717 MORGENTHAU W-722 RUSH W-723 SHERMAN W-720</p> <p>BUOYTENDERS AND SUPPORT SHIPS 1966 - 1972</p> <p>BASSWOOD WLB-388 BLACKHAW WLB-390 IRONWOOD WLB-397 PLANETREE WLB-307 NETTLE WAK-169</p>	

NOTES
 * VESSELS TURNED OVER TO SOUTH VIETNAM NAVY
 ** TWO DEPLOYMENTS

SHORE UNITS

LORAN-C OPERATION TIGHT REIGN, 1966 - 1973

COASTAL COMMAND CENTERS, SQUADRON-ONE	SOUTHEAST ASIA SECTION, BANGKOK, THAILAND STATIONS
DIV-12 (NORTH) DANANG	LAMPANG, THAILAND TAN MY, VIETNAM
DIV-11 (SOUTH) ANTHOI, PHU QUOC IS	SATTAHP, THAILAND CON SON IS, VIETNAM
DIV-13 (MIDDLE) CAT LO, VUNG TAU	UDORN, THAILAND

U.S. COAST GUARD IN VIETNAM:
 AIDS-TO-NAVIGATION, MERCHANT MARINE, EXPLOSIVE LOADING, PORT SECURITY & WATERWAYS.

AIR UNITS

USCG AUGMENTED USAF COMBAT AEROSPACE RESCUE & RECOVERY SQUADRONS
 31ST ARRS CLARK R.P. 37TH ARRS DANANG 39TH ARRS TUY HOA

DEDICATED BY COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSN.
 2004

CGCVA Plaque at the CG Academy

COVER STORY

REMEMBERING COAST GUARDSMEN WHO GAVE THEIR ALL MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO IN VIETNAM

Written by RADM Peter Gautier, USCG, submitted by Walt Viglienzzone, LM and CO of CGC Point Marone

On Veterans Day 2018, America commemorated 100 years since the armistice ended World War I. The 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month continues to be remembered throughout the world as the day the Great War ended that took the lives of more than 16 million people, ten million of which were military casualties. Although America recognizes the military service of Americans that have served in each of the five Armed Services on Veterans Day, we do take time to remember those who have fallen in battle in the various wars of our nation on Memorial Day. It has been more than 50 years after the Coast Guard began combat operations in Vietnam, we pay tribute to the eight Coast Guardsmen who made the ultimate sacrifice so far from home.



LTJG David Charles Brostrom while a cadet at the Coast Guard Academy

On 29 April 1965, President Lyndon Johnson committed the Coast Guard to combat operations in Vietnam, carrying on the Coast Guard's tradition of serving our nation during all its conflicts, for the next decade. That service to the nation came at a high cost.

A tragic friendly fire incident early in the war took the first lives, LTJG David Charles Brostrom, commanding *CGC Point Welcome*, and his shipmate, EN2 Jerry Phillips, on 11 August 1966.

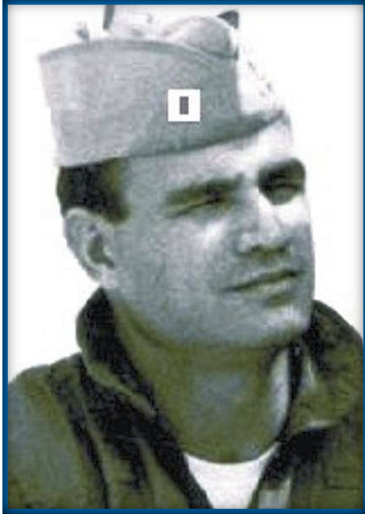


EN2 Jerry Phillips

Two other Coast Guardsmen fell in combat 51 years ago. While serving as an exchange pilot with the U.S. Air Force's 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, LT Jack Columbus Rittichier was killed while piloting a rescue mission with his Air Force crew on 9 June 1968. LT Rittichier was killed in a search and rescue attempt of a downed aviator. He was listed as missing in action until his remains were recovered in Laos and repatriated to

COVER STORY

the United States on 14 February 2003. LT Rittichier was the Coast Guard's only MIA during the Vietnam War.



**LT Jack C.
Rittichier**

FN Herriberto Segovia Hernandez was killed during small boat operations on 5 December 1968, while serving aboard *CGC Point Cypress*.



FN Heriberto Segovia Hernandez

Three Coast Guardsmen were killed in action in 1969. ENC Morris Sampson Beeson, Chief Engineman aboard *CGC Point Orient*, during a

boarding mission on 22 March 1969.



ENC Morris Sampson Beeson

On 9 August 1969, a mortar exploded aboard *CGC Point Arden*, killing both the cutter's Executive Officer, LTJG Michael Ward Kirkpatrick and his shipmate, EN1 Michael Harris Painter.



**LTJG Michael Ward
Kirkpatrick**

**EN1 Michael Harris
Painter**



COVER STORY



ENC Leonard Earl Outlaw

ENC Leonard Earl Outlaw served as Chief Engineman aboard *CGC Basewood*. On 24 March 1972, he collapsed from a heart attack as his buoy tender returned to port at Cam Rahn Bay, Republic of South Vietnam.

All eight names are inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., with Outlaw's name added in 2016.

Today, we honor their memory and their loss while in service to our country. Inscribed on the Coast Guard Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the Coast Guard Academy are the words: "They Died That Others Might Live in Peace", a fitting epitaph to their selfless sacrifice in service to our nation.

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BOSTON WHALER INCIDENT

By CWO Ralph C. Howland, USCG (ret)

Bernie Webber and I were a couple of plank owners, being amongst the first Coast Guardsmen to serve in Vietnam. We arrived on 20 Jul 1965, after being marshalled at Subic Bay, Republic of Philippines. Bernie, Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Dick Baker and I were the three warrants attached to RONONE, Division 12 staff. Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Richard Knapp was our skipper who was very well liked and was levelheaded.

One evening in January of 1966, LCDR Knapp was requested to be present for an I Corps joint conference in the City of Da Nang. It was decided the safest and fastest way to travel to the meeting would be by boat. The roads would take much longer and were not secure, especially at night. The area just beyond where our LST and the repair barge were docked were subjected to howitzer fire from

"Charlie" at any time, plus the occasional sniper fire.

"Secure" was a word very loosely used and it did not mean too much. The Viet Cong would often commandeer a neiperhut and set up a mortar launcher inside the hut. They would fire the mortar



LCDR Knapp on the right

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LCDR Knapp coming ashore to commission RONONE in 1965 for Operation Market Time

right through the thatched roof, which made it a challenge to locate because the launching was not noisy.

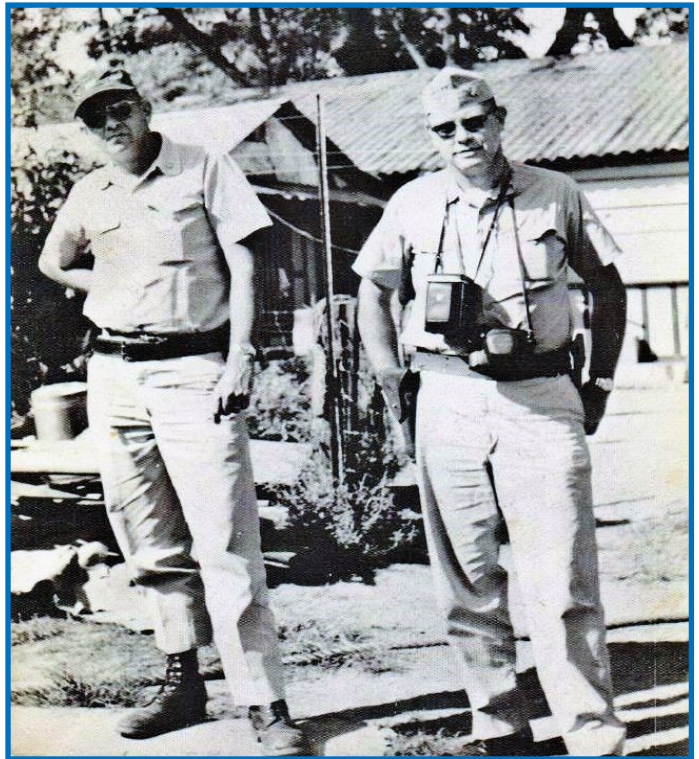
During the day, the flash of the mortar was very difficult to detect since most of it was contained inside the hut. Unless you were looking down from the sky when it was fired, you would not see it. Even the spotter planes had difficulty seeing the flashes. To make matters more difficult, the Viet Cong would fire off just a half-dozen rounds and then relocate to another hut. Like any wartime situation, one's life was endangered by this tactic.

Because of the concerns involved to avoid taking fire during the crossing, the decision to go by boat that night became the obvious choice. Lcdr Knapp solicited volunteers to accompany him. The three warrants just happened to be closest and all volunteered. Our Division 12 equivalent of a "Captain's Gig" was the 14 foot Boston Whaler, which was used for the trip. We proceeded across the harbor to the Han River, which runs south from the harbor and separates the City of Da Nang from its west bank and from the Tien Sha peninsula. Rugged mountains surrounded this large harbor,

ideal for berthing and docking.

We traveled south for a couple of miles to the Da Nang landing, arriving when it was still daylight. The conference lasted from about 20:00 to 22:00 and now was dark as we headed back to the "Monkey Mountain" area, going north along the Han River. It was a "pitch black" night with no moon. We proceeded up the middle of the river when suddenly a volley of rifle fire came toward us from the eastern river bank, followed immediately by a similar response from the opposite shoreline.

At first, we thought we were being ambushed from both sides. Lcdr Knapp shouts, "Bernie, crank it wide open," to which Bernie replied, "It is already Commander!" The enemy was firing at each other, and not us. To everyone's surprise, we realize we haven't taken a single hit. Of course, we all



Located at the Da Nang civilian dry dock are BOSN2 Bernie Webber (left) and ELC4 Ralph Howland (right)

FEATURED ARTICLES

know that the Boston Whaler does not offer any protection from gun fire, but it got us back safely!!!

The photo on the preceding page is of me with CWO Bernie Webber, which was taken at the civilian dry dock located at the old French enterprise, which had been left from the days of the French colonization. Bernie and I were to take photos of a damaged screw on one of the 82' boats. A major concern for this effort was that this dry dock had several poisonous snakes to deal with while we were performing this task. Bernie was watching my back while I was in the dry dock taking pictures.

I can say this, Bernie was considered a hero by many, including myself. To me, he was one of the nicest, most honest man that I ever had the pleasure

of serving with in the U.S. Coast Guard. The Station Chatham hero in the rescue of crewmembers from *SS Pendleton*, as told by the Disney movie "Finest Hours", was a World War II and Vietnam veteran. ~ CWO Ralph C. Howland, USCG.



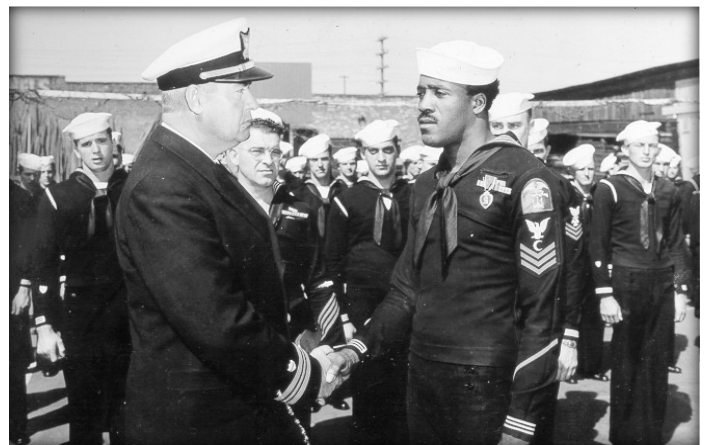
Bernie Webber
1928—2009

NOTICES AND ASSOCIATION NEWS

CG PURPLE HEART INITIATIVE

The **Coast Guard Purple Heart Initiative**, sponsored by the Hampton Roads Chief Petty Officers' Association (CPOA), seeks to recognize the sacrifices and preserve the history of U.S. Coast Guard heroes who were awarded the Purple Heart.

The **Purple Heart Initiative** website lists all Coast Guard Purple Heart medal recipients at <http://cgpurpleheart.org/>, which you will also find a link to on the CGCVA website. Please share this information with those whose family members had served in the Coast Guard and were wounded in combat operations and awarded the medal where they can see their loved one's name. If there are Coast Guard personnel who were awarded the Purple Heart, but are not listed on this site, let the leadership of the CGCVA know.



Petty Officer First Class Clarence W. Dabney, Ship's Cook first class, of Atlanta, is presented with a Purple Heart for wounds inflicted on board a Coast Guard manned LST in the Southwest Pacific. Lt. Cmdr. W. H. Maybaum, Commanding Officer, makes the presentation. Two of his shipmates were killed when [Japanese] bombers dropped their 'eggs.'
~ Courtesy of the USCG Historian

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COAST GUARD PURPLE HEART MEDAL WALL OF HONOR ~ Dr. Wm Thiesen, Ph.D

Coast Guard personnel have served in combat operations since the Service's founding in 1790. However, their wartime sacrifices have received little recognition and remain largely unknown. The Purple Heart Medal Wall of Honor will help fill the historical gap and recognize the sacrifices made by these Coast Guard heroes and their families. It is proposed that this honor wall display be installed in the public spaces available at the Coast Guard's Douglas A. Munro Headquarters Building.

From the beginning, this project has been sustained and supported by Coast Guard chief petty officers. It started with Master Chief Michael Aviles, who visited New York's privately funded National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in September 2010. That memorial included thousands of military honorees, but listed only one Coast Guardsman, DC3 Nathan Bruckenthal. Dismayed by the discrepancy, he began his own research and uncovered hundreds of Coast Guardsmen who served in combat, died or suffer wounds, and received the Purple Heart Medal.

The Purple Heart Medal Wall of Honor would raise awareness of Coast Guard men and women in three ways.

- The Wall of Honor exhibit would recognize those approximately 2,000 Coast Guardsmen who fought and died or were wounded in combat by listing the men's names by conflict, and date and location of the combat action.
- In addition, information gathered through this project could also be published on the web and shared with the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and upcoming National Coast Guard Museum, perhaps even Coast Guard training stations.

Lastly, the information gathered will be used for commemorative events and ceremonies, including

Veterans Day, or any other Coast Guard events memorializing the sacrifices of combat veterans and their families.

The impact of the Purple Heart initiative:

- Recognizes the sacrifices of our combat veterans and their families.
- Provides vital information to the Service, its veterans and their families.
- Preserves Coast Guard history, especially for Coast Guard personnel who died or suffered in combat action.
- Provides positive public relations impact through a complete Purple Heart Medal database and public recognitions and displays.

*Editors' note: The **Purple Heart Initiative** is sponsored by the Hampton Roads Chapter of the U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA), a not for profit, war veterans designated 501(c)(19). Donations can be made through the **Purple Heart Initiative** website using PayPal or credit card.*

AMAZON SMILE—BENEFITTING COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

By M W. Housefield, PS1 (ret.)

Every time you buy something through Amazon, please consider supporting Coast Guard Mutual Assistance. There is no cost to you and Amazon will contribute a small portion of the purchase price to the charity you select.

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100% DISABLED VETERANS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR SPACE “A” TRAVEL

DOD Instruction 4515.13 Change 3 (13 August 2018) Policy update in regards to the newly signed: “John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”. This act provided eligibility for Veterans with a Permanent Service-connected Disability Rated as Total to compete for travel aboard Space-available passenger transportation, using surplus aircraft capacity. Space Available Travel Priority of Category VI (6) Authorized veterans with a permanent service-connected disability rated as total, traveling in the Continental United States (CONUS) or directly between the CONUS and Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa (Guam and American Samoa travelers may transit Hawaii or Alaska); or traveling within Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands Space Available Travel is permitted, provided all space-required passengers and cargo have been accommodated. Space Available transportation is allowed on a non-interference basis only. DoD aircraft, including training missions, will not be scheduled or sized to accommodate the movement of passengers on a space-available basis. Space-available transportation will not be used for personal gain or for a business enterprise. No additional funds may be used or flight hours performed to provide transportation under the space-available travel program. Documentation Requirements and Eligibility: Veterans with a permanent service-connected disability rated as total, must have a DD Form 2765, “Department of Defense/Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (TAN).” Travelers should contact their local Passenger Terminal for further details and review travel.

~ Aleks Morosky
National Legislative Director
Military Order of the Purple
the Purple Heart



The above photo was taken at the Coast Guard Academy and is of three Academy classmates and football teammates that were visiting the Coast Guard Combat Veteran’s plaque behind the Academy Chapel, on October 11th, 2018, for the Coast Guard Academy’s Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony.

It is now 50 years after the 1968 Tet offensive. With the nation now honoring military service during that period, the plaque listing all Coast Guard units that served in Vietnam has even more significance.

From left to right are Andy Horsey (*CGC Point Hudson* and *CGC Point Welcome*), Bob Christiansen (*CGC Point Glover*) and Walt Viglienzzone (*CGC Point Marone*), were all commanding officers of those 82’ers in Squadron One, Vietnam.

These same three Coast Guard veterans were teammates on the 1963 undefeated football team, coached by football great, Otto Graham. The Coast Guard Academy “Bears” also played in the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, FL, and the 1963 team is the first one honored to be in the Coast Guard Academy Athletic Hall of Fame!

~ Walt Viglienzzone, USCG (ret)

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THE ROSIE NETWORK

Are you a small business owner? Are you in need of assistance to start and/or grow your business? If so, learn about The Rosie Network and how this organization helps currently active duty, non-active duty, retired, veterans of the Armed Forces and National Guard, and their spouses of at no cost.

The Rosie Network (TRN) serves military spouses, transitioning service members and veterans around the globe. We serve all branches of the military, National Guard and Coast Guard. Our mission is to strengthen military families to raise themselves out of financial distress through the most fundamental of American activities: starting and growing their own businesses. Families served are at all stages in the development process, from concept and initial start-up to growth and expansion.

Using a personalized approach, TRN provides no-cost training, resources and mentorship, in addition to the nation's largest nonprofit searchable platform marketing to American consumers. When successful, our service members and their families gain financial success and stability. Compounding this benefit, veteran entrepreneurs are 10 times more likely to hire other veterans and military spouses, creating jobs and stoking an economic engine capable of supporting an ever-expanding pool of veterans and their families.

There is NO cost to joining TRN. Military family small business owners are given a complete business profile page - including a shopping cart, photo gallery, testimonials and more – by simply verifying military affiliation.

If you are serving OR have served in the Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Coast

Guard, you are eligible to create a business profile page and take advantage of all services provided by TRN at no cost. If you are married to any of the above, you are also eligible! Remember, active-duty, non active-duty and retired service members and their spouses are welcome!

TRN is committed to the success of our nation's military family-owned businesses in every stage of development. By providing American consumers and corporations a way to locate verified veteran and military spouse-owned businesses, TRN bridges the gap between the 70 percent of consumers preferring to Buy Veteran and your business! Our mission expands beyond just listing your business – we provide no cost networking, training, mentorship and more! The better question would be: "Why wouldn't I join?"

For more information check out the Rosie Network at www.therosienetwork.org.



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On Dec. 9th, at the annual Washington, D.C. USCG Retiree Holiday Party, Coast Guard Commandant ADM Karl Schultz was presented a CGCVA Honorary Member certificate by CGCVA members in attendance.

(Left to right) Vice Commandant ADM Charles Ray, CGCVA Past National President LCDR Ed Swift (Ret.), ADM Thad Allen (Ret.), ADM Karl Schultz, ADM Robert Papp (Ret.), CGCVA Chaplain MCPO-CG Vince Patton (Ret.), and MCPO-CG Jason Vanderhaden.

(photo by MCPO-CGR Mark Allen (Ret.))

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SUBJ: COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION (CGCVA) NATIONAL CONVENTION

A. Military Assignments and Authorized Absences, COMDTINST M1000.8 (series)

1. The CGCVA will hold their biennial National Convention from 15-18 April 2019 at the North Charleston Marriott Hotel, 4700 Goer Avenue, North Charleston, South Carolina 29406.

2. REF (A), Article 2.A.10, authorizes commands to issue permissive orders for members interested in attending.

3. The CGCVA is critically important to our service. Participation is instrumental in keeping alive the memories of our fallen heroes and recognizing current heroic deeds, domestic and abroad, of the men and women of the United States Coast Guard.

4. For more information, contact MCPO (ret) Michael Placencia, CGCVA Convention Coordinator, at cgmaterchief22@hotmail.com. Convention information will be posted on the CGCVA website at: www.coastguardcombatvets.org.

5. MCPOCG Jason M. Vanderhaden, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, sends.

6. Internet release is authorized.

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COAST GUARD VET'S HOBBY GOES NAUTICAL

As told to reporter Eric Englund

In the backyard of a property on Ridgeway Street in Barnegat Township sit two pieces of maritime history: a U.S. Coast Guard utility boat from the 1950s and a vintage Barnegat Bay garvey. The vessels are pet projects of Tony Kopke, a Manahawkin resident who served in the Coast Guard from 1967 to 1973. He later worked for the state Division of Fish and Wildlife, from which he retired.



CGCVA member Tony Kopke with his restored 40 foot UTL

“Boats have been part of my life since I was a little kid,” said Kopke. “My uncle had a home by the Manasquan River.”

Kopke said that the Coast Guard boat was constructed in 1959. The solid steel vessel, which reached speeds of up to 20 mph, is 40 feet long and weighing seven tons.

Kopke said that the boats were decommissioned in the 1980s. He purchased the vessel from a salvage yard in the Great Lakes for approximately \$20,000.

Kopke has had the boat in the water a few times, but it has been in drydock after sustaining damage from Hurricane Sandy.

He also owns a 19 foot Ben Garvey, also called a “Garvey”, which was built 1962 by Jack Cranmer in a steel, Quonset Hut style building located in Tuckerton, NJ. Kopke had to replace 40 to 50 percent of the mahogany decking.

Kopke found the Garvey at a marina in Tuckahoe, NJ in 1977. “It’s a speed Garvey, and it can get up to 60 mph,” he said. “It is made of cedar,



Tony Kopke's rebuilt 1962 "Garvey"

has a fiberglass coat and a mahogany deck.” He thinks that the boat probably had a 250 hp engine.

According to Kopke, he has owned the boat for more than forty years, but it has yet to touch water. “With work and my hobbies, I never got around to that,” he said. “It’s been kept in a number of storage places over the years, but now I am making progress and hopefully soon I can get it out there.”

If it finally gets in the water, Kopke said he probably won’t race it.

“But I’ll be looking to watch the races, “ he said. “They have races all summer in the area, and it’s a great way to spend the day.”

2019 CGCVA REUNION AT A GLANCE

WHERE: Charleston, South Carolina

WHEN: April 15 through 18, 2019

HOTEL: The North Charleston Marriott Hotel

Redesigned hotel with 280 rooms, full restaurant and bar on premises, close to the airport, complimentary parking and only nine miles to Historic Charleston. Check the hotel webpage for a full list of amenities. The hotel is close to the Tanger Outlet Mall with complimentary shuttle service. Plenty of dining options too.

COMPLIMENTARY AIRPORT SHUTTLE: 0500 to 2300 Call [**\(843\) 747-1900**](tel:8437471900) for pickup

NORTH CHARLESTON AMTRACK—The station is located 1.4 miles away. Call for pickup.

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS: March 8, 2019

HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS: March 18, 2019

PLANNING IN PROGRESS

(Check the CGCVA website for periodic updates)

Vice Commandant and CGCVA member, Admiral Charles Ray invited to be the Awards Keynote Speaker

MCPO Jason Vanderhaden invited to speak at the Business Meeting

50th Commemorative Anniversary Ceremony for Vietnam Veterans

Acknowledging Coast Guard Patrol Forces Southwest Asia (PATFORSWA) Veterans

Acknowledging Coast Guard Port Security Unit (PSU) Veterans

Silent Auction

Chieu Hoi Auction

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



For the online registration,
go to the CGCVA webpage

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

and click on the Convention Registration Button

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

**If you have special needs that must be addressed email Gary Sherman at:
CGCVA@comcast.net**

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.

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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: \$ _____

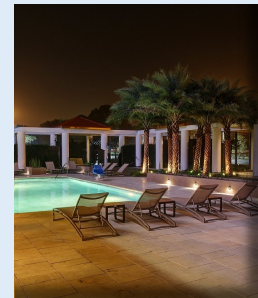
Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

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

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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 now, do not delay. We must provide a headcount in advance. It takes to ensure that everything is in place when you arrive. Please help us by filling out the forms on the preceding pages and send them with your check, payable to the CGCVA, to Mike Placencia as quickly as possible.

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

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Please email Rich at:
richardhoganjr@charter.net

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CGCVA GOLF SHIRT: With embroidered CGCVA on left breast: S, M, L, XL, \$27.50, XXL \$31.00 Only available in Navy Blue (Free Shipping)

PATCHES: CGCVA (small) \$4.00, CGCVA (large) \$5.00, RONONE, CON-SON, ELD—Eagle, Market Time, Squadron Three, USCG LORSTA Sattahip, Thailand, ELD CG Vietnam \$5.00 each, Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club \$6.00

CGCVA BASEBALL CAP: Blue/black, gold lettering with CGCVA logo, Full back, comes in two sizes: SM/MED (6-7/8 to 7-1/4) and L/XL (7-3/8 to 7-5/8) Please specify size. \$25.00

CGCVA GARRISON CAP: (Must specify size) Fore'n aft cap with embroidered CGCVA color logo and in white lettering "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association. \$27.50

CGCVA CHALLENGE COIN: CGCVA logo on obverse, U.S. Coast Guard logo on reverse. \$12.00

CGCVA 8" OVAL WINDOW STICKER: Vinyl and will stick to your car, boat, motor home or just about anything. \$6.00

USCG ACTION IN VIETNAM: by Paul Scotti, PNP, LM. A great history of the U.S. Coast Guard's participation in the Vietnam War. \$22.00



Firm Designing National Coast Guard Museum Wins 2019 AIA Architecture Firm Award

The National Coast Guard Museum Association congratulates [Payette](#) on being chosen for the [American Institute of Architects' Architecture Firm Award](#), the pre-eminent honor bestowed to a firm by the AIA each year. The Boston company "is known in the industry for its technical expertise and research, as well as its predilection for pragmatic, high-performance architecture that prioritizes design" according to the award announcement. For more information see www.coastguardmuseum.org.



Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Print Clearly)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: ____ Suffix: _____
Street: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____
Telephones:(Cell) _____ (Home) _____ (O) _____
DOB: _____ Email: _____ Sponsored by: _____

For those with a second address, please provide that address below. This is to ensure proper delivery of the *Quarterdeck Log* magazine and other Association materials

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When are you at this address (dates)? _____

MILITARY INFORMATION

Branch: _____ Dates of Service (From): _____ To: _____

For broken or other service affiliation:

Branch: _____ Dates of Service (From): _____ To: _____

Grade, Rank, or Rate at Present, Discharge, or Retirement: _____

Ships, Duty Stations of Combat theatre(s): _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

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.

Dues: **\$40.00 for 2 Years**
Make check or Money Orders payable to:
CGCOMVETS or CGCVA

Send application and payment to:
Gary Sherman (CGCVA Secretary/Treasurer)
P O Box 777
Havre de Grace, MD 21078

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please! Look at the Exp. Date on your label
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