

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association Newsletter

"Tradition -- Duty -- Rapport"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Coast Guard Bicentennial Medal was slowed down somewhat by Representative Richard Lehman of California but our Director of Legislative Affairs, Jon Uithol was bird-dogging this and reports that thanks to Richard Stent, Jr. and crew, the Bill is now on tract. This medal should be available this summer if all goes well.

Baltimore is building. As of now we have 155 members indicating their intention to attend, 131 of these at the Marriott Inner Harbor (this includes 30 plus from the KEY WEST). Fantastic and more reports are being received daily. Most of our members want to visit the EAGLE while 77 have indicated their desire to tour the CG Yard. 40 members want to view the Vietnam Wall. I would like to see our members "car pooling" if possible and it looks like Thursday, July 19th would be the best day for this. Since ninety percent of us are travelling by automobile or RV, I would ask that we share the ride to places like the Vietnam Wall, Arlington and the Naval Academy. We will have appropriate signups for these activities and will have maps of the Washington DC and Baltimore/Annapolis areas.

In order to move along with our business meeting on Friday, July 20th, I will establish committees. Those members who would like to submit Resolutions should do so with the appropriate committee. This information will be forthcoming and will include a nominating committee. Please think about who you would like to serve our growing Association as President and Secretary/Treasurer.

We have a tentative schedule but this will not be firmed up until I meet with the Baltimore Bicentennial Committee in April and also with the Commandant's Staff, also in April. Information will be sent out as soon as we can formulate it.

The Board of Directors have authorized clothing items and a price list is included in this Newsletter. The "T" shirts, caps and sweatshirts will make you proud of the CGCVA. They are first class. We are working on patches, decals and bumper stickers but are a bit below our capital authorization at this point.

I have received many very good opinions on our logo pin. Jack Carnila has gone international with our beautiful design. Francis Kay in the Virgin Islands, Malieliefa Salanoa in Samoa and George Simon in Canada will be wearing our pin. Most of our States are covered also. We have arrived.

Our invitations are out for the U. S. Senator and U.S. Representative that have helped the Coast Guard the most since our last reunion. We are waiting for Washington to give us the green light for the Coast Guard Person to be honored at our banquet.

The membership has made my job easy with the great amount of help given in recruiting and getting the word out. I especially appreciate the research done by retired MCPO James Bunch on the Korean War which resulted in an apology by General R. G. Stilwell. Master Chief Petty Officer Bunch has also suggested a by-laws change to add our Congressional Medal of Honor Winner Douglas Albert Munro as a (posthumous) Honor Member Emeritus. This will be brought to the floor at our Reunion.

I would ask that each of you utilize the attached, "NEWS RELEASE", and send it to your local newspaper and/or radio station, perhaps appear on TV if you can arrange it, and give the Coast Guard the publicity that we deserve in our Bicentennial Year.

Semper Paratus,

Bob Maywell, Nat'l President

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- Wed. July 18th - Arrive Baltimore
Register with Reunion Committee at Marriott Inner Harbor
Register as driver and destination, local sightseeing
Register as passenger and destination desired, local sightseeing
- Thurs. July 19th-AM Depart for local sightseeing in area.
- 10:30AM - Doctor Marty Davis will have a program on the Coast Guard which includes Manhattan Beach, DE duty and other aspects of the CG during WWII - Marriott Inner Harbor
- PM - Other programs with films/video, etc. (to be announced) in Marriott Inner Harbor
- 1800 - Combat Vets Cocktail Party - Marriott Inner Harbor Members and their families
- Friday July 20th-0900 - EAGLE arrives Baltimore Inner Harbor
- Tours of EAGLE and other CG Vessels
- 1200 - Business Meeting, CGCVA
Admission by Membership card only and tickets for lunch - information to follow on tickets
Election of Officers for 1991-92
- Auxiliary Events to be announced
- Saturday, July 21st - 1030 Baltimore opening of Bicentennial Celebration
USCG Yard, Curtis Bay Tour - details to be announced
- 1800 - Dinner and Installation of Officers following dinner (Tickets for dinner required).
- Sunday
- AM - Newly elected Officers Meeting
- Baltimore has many events planned for Sunday including USCG demonstrations involving rescue.
- PM - Wreath laying ceremony by CGCVA
- Baltimore Bicentennial concludes with dedication of Lightship CHESAPEAKE as a National Landmark.

A final schedule will be forwarded prior to our Reunion and after details are finalized with the USCG and the City of Baltimore Bicentennial Celebration Committee.

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APRIL, 1990

NEWS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION WILL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, CELEBRATE THE COAST GUARD BICENTENNIAL FROM JULY 18-23, 1990. THE US COAST GUARD WAS ESTABLISHED AUGUST 4TH, 1790 AND IS THE OLDEST CONTINUOUS US MILITARY SEA SERVICE. VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE COAST GUARD DURING WWI, WWII, THE KOREAN CONFLICT, VIETNAM, GRANADA, THE PERSIAN GULF, THE RUM AND DRUG WARS AND CARIBBEAN CONFLICTS WILL BE IN MARYLAND FOR THE ASSOCIATION'S BI-ANNUAL RE-UNION.

DURING WWI, THE COAST GUARD PERFORMED MOSTLY CONVOY AND PATROL DUTY BETWEEN THE US AND EUROPE AND SUSTAINED THE HIGHEST LOSS OF LIFE PERCENTAGEWISE OF ANY OF THE US ARMED FORCES. WWII SAW THE COAST GUARD MANNING NAVY AND ARMY SHIPS, IN ADDITION TO THEIR OWN CUTTERS, WORLDWIDE, HANDLING LANDING CRAFT AT THE HOTTEST BEACHES IN THE WAR AND UP UNTIL 1943 SINKING ALL OF THE ENEMY SUBS CREDITED TO US FORCES IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC. THE COAST GUARD FLEW ANTI-SUBMARINE PATROL AND RESCUE MISSIONS ALSO.

EXPLOSIVE HANDLING, AIDS TO NAVIGATION, LORAN, WEATHER PATROL, AIR SEA RESCUE AND THE TRAINING OF KOREAN NAVAL FORCES WERE SOME OF THE COAST GUARD'S ASSIGNMENTS IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT.

DURING THE VIETNAM WAR THE COAST GUARD MANNED 82 FOOT PATROL BOATS IN THE MARKET-TIME OPERATION AND SHIPS WERE ADDED TO THIS PROGRAM. THE COAST GUARD ESTABLISHED LORAN-C NAVIGATIONAL STATIONS IN VIETNAM AND THAILAND. SOME COAST GUARD PILOTS FLEW RESCUE MISSIONS WITH THE US AIR FORCE.

WHILE IN BALTIMORE, THE COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS WILL LAY A MEMORIAL WREATH FOR THOSE COAST GUARD PERSONNEL KILLED IN COMBAT SINCE 1790, VISIT ARLINGTON CEMETERY, THE VIETNAM WALL, THE COAST GUARD YARD AT CURTIS BAY AND FORT MC HENRY. THE TALL SHIP EAGLE, A COAST GUARD TRAINING VESSEL, WILL BE IN BALTIMORE, AS WILL THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY BAND TO HELP WITH THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

RELEASED BY: Bob Maxwell
BOB MAXWELL, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

The sending of dues for the 91/92 period is greatly appreciated. Handling money in Baltimore will be difficult at best, especially cash. Before CG retirement I carried a .45 cal. colt in my briefcase with money but that is frowned on today and I'm not that good with a penknife anymore. In fact, I've found out why time goes so much faster for me today. It is because it takes me twice as long to do anything. I put on a necktie after unbuttoning the collar buttons, put on the tie, find that it is on backwards, go through the process all over (naturally I've already buttoned the collar back before the discovery) and thats how it goes.

Many phone calls on Jim Lambert's letter about opening up the CGCVA to any person who has served in the USCG. Jim is very Gung Ho about our Association, he did call and write concerning his suggestion and I discussed this with the President and the Chairman of our Board. The feeling was that the by-laws stand as is until changed at a reunion, as provided. Many of our members belong because we are an Association of combat veterans and from the readings I am receiving the majority want us to stay exactly that way. It will be up to a simple majority of members in good standing to change the by-laws at any future reunion. The Officers of the Association realize full well that this is an Association of all of the members and the wishes of the majority must prevail.

We have on hand the following items of clothing:

CAPS, baseball type, full back, blue with gold lettering "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association"	\$10.00
CAPS, same as above, senior officer scrambled eggs	12.00
CAPS, same as above, flag officer scrambled eggs	13.00
SHIRT, "T", blue collar and blue sleeve trim, with royal blue CGCVA LOGO, sizes small, medium, large & x-large XX large, add \$2.00	7.50
SWEATSHIRT, white with royal blue CGCVA LOGO, small, medium, large and X-large we can obtain XX-large with order of 6 or more, add \$2.50 each	17.00
All clothing items are made in USA - ball cap is the old fashioned full cap, adjustable vs. the summer mesh type	
PINS, Logo (2 for \$7.00 to same person/location)	4.00

All prices include 4th class mailing from Medina, Ohio. Please don't send cash in the mail. Make check payable to Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association.

I am excited about Baltimore and meeting many of our great membership. This has been a fantastic job. You guys are the world's best sailors and fliers. My tour with CGCVA has been a trip back to WWI through Vietnam. Thanks for the memories.

Baker the "breaker"

NEW MEMBERS

Arnold A. Adams - HERMES
 Edgar P. Alexander - MAHONING/GORDON
 Norman G. Andersen, DIONE/MONOMOY
 Harry W. Bischoff - RHODES
 Vee P. Brown - DIONE
 Arthur F. Burger - H.D.CROWE
 Wilbur J. Cameron
 Harold Casselman - PT. BANKS
 Charles A. Chalone, Jr. - LST25/LST381
 Helmer Christensen -FP&FS-366
 Andrew L. Cowley, Jr. - SAGEBRUSH
 Clarence J. Dahl - LCI(L)91/LCI(L)321
 Kent C. Danner - USS ORANGE/CHAUTAUQUA/GEN GEO RANDALL
 Joseph A. Dedec - SPENCER/JOYCE/CHELSEA
 James F. Dekas - KEY WEST/WAKEFIELD
 Frank A. Dina - GRESHAM/GEN GORDON
 Anthony DiEuliis - RUSH/COASTAL PICKETS 6ND
 Allen E. Dube - DIONE
 Albert V. Ebel
 Robert W. Elliott - GEN R. L.HOWZE
 Robert E. Engle - RANDALL/COR-CAROLI/PAMILICO
 Dale D. Femrite - DAPHNE/R.L. HOWZE
 John J. Fleming - DIONE/EUGENE
 Eugene B. Floyd - GRESHAM/McLANE/PT KENNEDY
 Robert T. Franzago - 83470/BARBERRY/LST832
 Sam J. Furioso - RESFLOG 83514
 Michael F. Gallant - BIBB
 Walter W. Gorr - PT.JEFFERSON
 Vincent C. Grueter - WWII
 Thomas Hansen - 83400/CHAUTAUQUA
 Francis J. Henika - WWII
 Warren E. James - MISTLETOE/EUGENE/LANSING/SPENCER/INGHAM
 Silvio Jiamachello - YEATON/RUSH
 Robert L. Kastner - GRAND ISLAND/MODOC
 Phillip L. Kenney - PETTIT
 Herbert L. Kinard -
 Audrey G. Johosky - Widow, James E.
 Harry I. King - DIV13 VIETNAM
 Preston L. Knox - SEBAGO
 Robert B. Long, Jr. - MERRILL/CAMPBELL
 Adam F. Maliski - MOHAWK
 John C. McKinney - MOHAWK
 Frederick D. McLendon - UNALGA/TAMPA
 Robert E. Melvin - ARTHUR MIDDLETON/SM. WEIGEL
 Bernard L. Mestayer - TAMPA/FS176/FS202/CGR353
 John F. Newland - ONODAGA
 Manuel M. Oliveira - ALATOK/WAKEFIELD/BIGHORN/VANCE
 Calvin J. Potter - BURLINGTON
 Paul M. Pritchard - MOHAWK/ANEMONE/CENTAURUS/LILAC/FORSYTH
 Johsph L. Purvis - CGC83363/MERRILL
 John Queen -
 Francis G. Rosemond - CGC CALUMET/KALAMAZOO
 Albert F. Salter - ANNAPOLIS/LOWE
 Frederick W. Schwalm - GENERAL HOWZE
 George M. Seal - OWSACO/HALF MOON
 Charles F. Slavin - PT LOMAS
 Richard J. Souza - ESCANABA/BIBB
 Oscar F. Swansfeger - WAKEFIELD/RHODES

NEW MEMBERS (Con't)

Harold W. Swiekatowski
Sam J. Vazzano - LONG BEACH
William A. Warner - 83473-CGRESFLOT
Sidney H. Weinstein - FS271/CAMP LEJEUNE
Richard D. Witler - RACINE
William H. Wolf, Jr. - PT WELCOME
Leslie L. Wright - ETAMIN
Glen H. Youngquist - GENERAL HOWZE

Some corrections to our address newsletter. Vince Satuffer did not serve in ARK but he did put some time in on a Boston Whaler with a coxswain named Johah. Add MOHAWK to John Stamford. Add Vietnam to Ashby F. Andrews and change Al Grahtham to Al Grantham.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING AND/OR CAMPING: The Marriott Inner Harbor has parking facilities but if height is a worry you may want to call them for height restrictions. For overnight facilities it is suggested that you write to Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association, One East Pratt St., Plaza Level, Baltimore, MD 21202 or call 301-659-7300.

MARRIOTT RESERVATIONS: If you want to stay at the MARRIOTT INNER HARBOR and haven't received a reservation envelope, please write for one: CGCVA, 6858 Lafayette Road Medina, OH 44256.

TRANSPORTATION TO MARRIOTT FROM AIRPORT: Baltimore/Washington International Airport is approximately ten miles from the Marriott Inner Harbor. Taxi service is about \$12.00 while limo service is \$5.00 per person.

AMTRAK STATION: Amtrak is about twelve blocks from Marriott Inner Harbor.

SHARING ACCOMODATIONS: Noel Bell, one of the original 15 members who met in Chicago in 1985, would like to share a room. If anyone is interested in sharing a room with Noel, please call him at 213-398-0774.

SECURE ROOM FOR MEMORABILIA: We have some items on hand to place in this room at the Marriott Inner Harbor. Anthony Kopke has sent in materials which include maps and how to order models of CG Cutters and CG Boats. Charles Breivogel has forwarded for display U. S. Coast Guard Magazines from June and August, 1940. The August issue contains all Cutters on active duty and their homeports. The Coast Guard was celebrating 150 years in that issue also. Roderic Mac Donald is bringing currency of the WWII era and photos. Andrew Cowley sends a Dominican Republic Memorial Patch (yet another conflict involving the Coast Guard). Some great sea stories and skits written by Bill Wright will be on display. Everyone that travelled across country by train should read Bill's, "Troop Train".

LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE: John Bagley has placed ads in the San Francisco newspaper concerning CGCVA and John Hudlow placed an article in the Chattanooga News-Free Press and suggested a national news release.

OTHER REUNIONS: In addition to the Grand Haven, Michigan Festival, August 5th, 1990 the USS CAVALIER (APA-37) will have a reunion September 9-11 at Las Vegas, NV. Herb Cohen, 4151 Sanderling Cir. #346, Las Vegas, NV 89103, 702-873-7941 is handling this. USCG Boot Camp, Battle Creek, contact Russell W. Brewer, Westville Estates, Lot 3, Westville, IN 46391.

LOCATOR: Ann E. McCarthy is attempting to locate Winston Arnold Sampson, last known residence Boston, MA. Sampson served in USS HILBERT from 1944-46. If you know where Sampson is located, please notify Ann E. McCarthy (and Sampson) at 26 Vernon Street Tewksbury, MA 01876

1942 was a bleak year for the United States. Following our disaster at Pearl Harbor we suffered major setbacks by our loss of the Philippine Islands, Wake Island and, for the first time since the war of 1812, foreign troops were occupying American soil in the Aleutian Islands. In addition, not only the United States but her allies had suffered crushing losses of major naval vessels to the Imperial Japanese Navy in the Pacific Ocean and the Java Sea.

What was needed was something dramatic to turn around the glum mood of the American people by showing that not only were we not on the brink of defeat, but that we were in fact alive and kicking "like hell." The invasion of Guadalcanal was that something.

The campaign to take Guadalcanal was a joint venture of all of the then existing American Armed Forces, the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Out of this effort would emerge a man who would be recognized as a hero to all four of the services. His name was Douglas A. Munro, a Signalmans First Class of the United States Coast Guard.

Guadalcanal is a mountainous island 25 miles wide and 90 miles long. It was to be bitterly contested by the naval, ground and air forces of Japan and the United States. The conflict lasted almost six months. During that period of time the waters surrounding Guadalcanal were the arena for six major naval engagements and more than 50 ship-to-ship and air-sea fights.

It was scarcely six months after we were shaken out of our complacency by the events of the previous 7 December. Our armed forces were still small in number compared to the Axis Powers. All of the U.S. Forces consisted of small cadres of regulars supplemented by Reserve and National Guard units and filled out with mostly recent enlistees and inducted personnel, all green and inexperienced.

Twenty-three large transports would be required but the Navy did not have enough officers and men to man, not only the transports themselves, but the numerous landing barges hanging from the davits of the ships.

The Navy turned to the Coast Guard, which by executive order had come under operational command of the Navy in mid-1941, and plucked experienced men who manned the life-saving stations which ringed the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coastlines as well as the Great Lakes. These men were experts in getting small craft through heavy surf and so they began to be assigned in increasing numbers to the transports and became responsible to man and operate a large number of the Higgins landing barges.

One Navy transport, the USS Hunter Liggett (APA14) was manned completely by the Coast Guard under the command of CDR Louis W. Perkins, USCG. Men of the Coast Guard were embarked on 18 of the other 22 transports under Navy command, their primary duty being to man and operate the landing craft.

Assault troops consisting of mainly the First Marine Division were assembling at New Zealand. A Task Force left San Diego on 1 July 1942 with the Second Marine Division aboard five transports. Other ships departed from Pearl Harbor a few days later and on 22 July transports carrying the First Marine Division departed Wellington, NZ.

Among the war ships which were to take part were the carriers Wasp, Saratoga and Enterprise along with the battleship North Carolina. All the parts came together on 26 July about 400 miles south of the Fiji Islands, and then training began in earnest at Koro Iland in Fiji group.

Pre invasion preparations were conducted by shorebased Navy and Army Air Force planes based at Efate, Tongatabu, the Fijis, Samoa and Noumea. They were divided into seven groups and assigned to search vast areas of the ocean conducting search and antisubmarine patrols ahead of the fleet steaming toward its objective, Guadalcanal.

One week before the invasion, air attacks began against Japanese forces on Tulagi as well as Guadalcanal. To say that our forces were stretched to the limit would be the understatement of the century. Virtually every ship, plane and man would be scraped up and assigned to this, the first step on our long road to Tokyo.

A Man For All Services (con't)

D-day, 7 August, dawned with the task force approaching the island. At 0645 the transports dropped anchor 9,000 yards off shore and began lowering the landing boats and debarking the marines. In the previous hours Guadalcanal had been subject to bombardment from dive bombers from our carriers and from the warships standing off shore.

All firing from off shore and from aircraft ceased at 0900 and at 0913 the ramps dropped from the first landing barges and the Marines stormed ashore. The initial landings were accomplished with comparative ease. What was not known was that the enemy had retired to the hills away from the beaches and was relatively safe from the pre-invasion bombardment.

The Hunter Liggett, to which Munro was assigned, was one of the largest transports in the Amphibious Force. She had 35 landing barges and two tank lighters aboard. She carried a Coast Guard crew of 634 enlisted and 51 officers.

The Marines assigned to Hunter Liggett were special troops consisting of special weapons, support and headquarters troops and were not involved in the initial landings. The Hunter Liggett's landing craft therefore were assigned to other vessels to carry troops ashore who were assigned to the first waves. Coast Guardsmen assigned to other transports along with their Navy counterparts took their landing barges in and discharged equipment and troops in wave after wave.

The fight continued to rage for possession of Guadalcanal and the Hunter Liggett's landing craft were everywhere, landing troops and supplies and picking up survivors from the transport USS George F. Elliott, and the cruisers USS Vincennes, Astoria and Quincy which had been sunk by enemy action. At one time the Hunter Liggett had 686 American survivors and three wounded Japanese prisoners on board.

On 20 September, as the battle heated up, Munro volunteered to search for the crew of a bomber whose plane was shot down off of Savo Island. The story about this event was reported by SGT James W. Hurlbutt, a Marine Corps combat correspondent, and released to the press by the Navy Department on 14 October. It told of Munro's first heroic act in the Solomons. Munro, Hurlbutt and three others set out in a small boat to search for the plane's crew. After Munro and his party were out of effective radio range of the Hunter Liggett, and unknown to Munro, the plane's survivors had been picked up by a flying boat.

As reported by Hurlbutt, Munro and his crew braved intense machine-gun fire from a Japanese landing party in an attempt to locate the U.S. airmen and continued the search until he felt that there was no longer a chance of finding any survivors.

One week later, on 27 September, Munro and the 10 landing boats under his command were ordered to put ashore a detachment of Marines from the First Marine Division at Point Cruz. The landing mission was successfully accomplished and Munro and his band of little boats reported to the seaplane tender USS Ballard to await further orders.

The newly landed marines were fighting along the Matanikau River when heavy and unexpected enemy opposition threatened to annihilate the American Forces. It soon became necessary to plan for an evacuation of the beleaguered Marines. Marine Sergeant Raysbrook sighted the seaplane tender standing off shore and in full view of the Japanese signaled the tender of their predicament.

Munro volunteered to lead five of his boats to the beach in an attempt to rescue the trapped Marines. As he neared the beach the intense enemy fire became apparent and Munro knew that drastic action would be required if the almost five hundred Marines were to be successfully evacuated.

The Marine holding party on the beach was in the most danger as their buddies scrambled aboard the landing boats. Munro realized that they must have some sort of protection, so he proceeded to move his boat into a position that would in effect cause it to be placed between the Japanese and the Marine beachhead acting as a gunfire shield.

When the perilous job of evacuation was almost complete, Munro was mortally wounded. But the other men on his boat, including two who were also wounded, stayed in position until all of the Marines were aboard and the five boats cleared the beach. They then headed back to the Ballard and as Munro was being lifted aboard the Ballard he asked, "Did they get off?" Assured that the troops were safe, Munro died, a smile lighting his face.

The Navy recommended that Munro be posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was so honored as his citation reads:

"For extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry in action above and beyond the call of duty as Officer-in-Charge of a group of Higgins boats, engaged in the evacuation of Battalion of Marines trapped by enemy forces at Point Cruz, Guadalcanal, on September 27, 1942. After making preliminary plans for the evacuation of nearly 500 beleaguered Marines, Munro, under constant risk of his life, daringly led five of his small craft toward the shore. As he closed the beach, he signaled the others to land, and then in order to draw the enemy's fire and protect the heavily loaded boats, he valiantly placed his craft with its two small guns as a shield between the beachhead and the Japanese. When the perilous task of evacuation was nearly completed, Munro was killed by enemy fire, but his crew, two of whom were wounded, carried on until the last boat was loaded and cleared the beach. By his outstanding leadership, expert planning, and dauntless devotion to duty, he and his comrades undoubtedly saved the lives of many who otherwise would have perished. He gallantly gave up his life in defense of his country".

The U. S. Navy, in recognition of his gallant sacrifice named a new destroyer escort after him. The USS Douglas A. Munro was commissioned 11 July 1944 and went on to distinguish itself in both WWII and the Korean War.

After the Douglas A. Munro was decommissioned and struck from the Naval Ship Register in the mid-1970's the Coast Guard named one of its newest and most modern cutters the USCGC Douglas A. Munro (WHEC724). The cutter's home port in Honolulu, Hawaii, The Spirit of Douglas A. Munro lives on today in the cutter's motto, which is: "Honoring the past by serving the present."

The First Marine Division honored Munro for years by having his mother as a guest of honor at all of their reunions until her death just a few years ago.

Douglas A. Munro, truly a man honored by all services. His service aboard a Coast Guard-manned ship, his attempt to rescue downed airmen and his supreme sacrifice in saving the lives of so many Marines make him unique among the members of all branches of service, including his own, the United States Coast Guard.

Herb Reith is an Association Member and the article about Douglas A. Munro appeared in the DESA NEWS, July-August, 1989. Herb helps with our membership list and labels and he has considerable knowledge about the Coast Guard.

We are saddened by the death of James W. Kidney, CWO, USCG (Ret). Jim served in HUNTER LIGGETT during WWII. His last address was Reno, NV.

March 9th, 1944, USS LEOPOLD (CGM) torpedoed off Iceland with 161 loss of lives.

March 15th, 1941, CGC ACACIA sunk by submarine off Hati.

March 27, 1943 CG-85006 exploded off Ambrose Light, 9 lost.

Merchants offer 200 year logo

The Community Relations branch in Headquarters has developed the following list of vendors who are selling products displaying the Bicentennial logo. This list is not intended to endorse or promote a corporation or their specific products. Instead, it's hoped that the list will help Coast Guard people provide information on the availability of such items.

Ceramics and glassware

Americana Art China Company
Ms. Vaunda Gorby
356 E. Maryland
P.O. Box 310
Sebring, Ohio 44672
(216) 938-6135

China plates, porcelain mugs, vases

Cherished Collectics
Ms. Kay Homoly
1379 Kitchener Drive
Muskegon, MI 49444
(616) 753-2555

Bicentennial calendars

ClassiColor Imprints
BMCM John De Luca, USCG (Ret)
Route 2, Box 294
Buchanan, TN 38222
(901) 644-9108

USCGA motor vehicle license plates

Commonwealth of Virginia
Honorable Howard E. Copeland
House of Delegates
909 Glenrock Rd.
Norfolk, Virginia 23502

Medallions

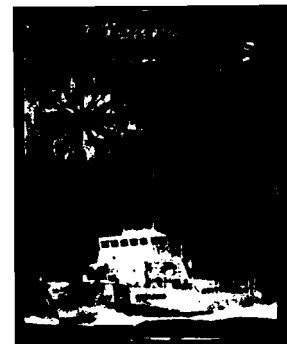
Complete 3 Dimensional Service
Mr. Maxwell Ross
3061-J East La Jolla St.
Anaheim, CA 92806
(714) 632-5750

Belt buckles

RMC G. R. Craig, USCG
USCG Group Detroit
Foot of Mt. Elliot Avenue
Detroit, MI 48207-4380

Stationery & note paper

Coast Guard Officers' Wives Club
c/o Mrs. Margaret I. Egan



Building 110 - Box 9
Governors Island, NY 10004

Flashlights, knives and athletic clothing

EKA Incorporated
Mr. Earle Kinlaw Jr., President
554 Medlock Rd, Suite 201
Decatur, GA 30030
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1512 Drumcliffe Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
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Towels

Ms. Marie Gutjahr
353 E. 56th Street
New York, NY 10022
(212) 755-7062

Porcelain plates

The Hamilton Group
Ms. Betty J. Crawford
Assoc. Proj. Mgr Product
Development
9550 Regency Square Blvd.
P.O. Box 2567
Jacksonville, FL 32252-0008
(904) 723-6000

Mugs, coasters, glassware

Hanover Hall, Inc.
Mr. Daniel Knapp
P.O. Box 1682
5810-F Mooretown Road
Williamsburg, VA 23187
(804) 565-3448

Custom products

H.M. Products
Mr. Harry Maso
P.O. Box 25105
San Mateo, Ca 94402
(415) 571-8825

Patches for shirts

Ms. Sharon Ann Ieronimo
98-500 Koaauka Loop #23C
Aiea, HI 96701
(808) 486-9855

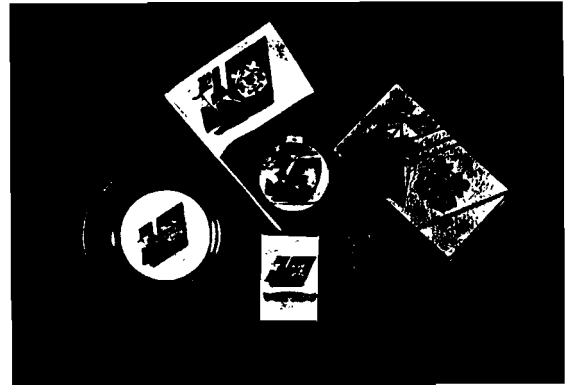
Framed Bicentennial logo

Kandu Industries, Inc.
Mr. Ted Friedman, Facility Administrator
1373 S. Lincoln Ave.
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 842-3190

Medallion light for trophies and automobiles

Kenda Enterprises
Mr. Ken Washington
3708 Endsley Place
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
(301) 952-9412

Key chains, 3-inch



bronze medallion, cassette, custom products

Knot World, Ltd.
Mr. Charles Haywood, President
900 Commonwealth Place, Suite 100
Virginia Beach, VA 23464
(804) 467-KNOT

Shirts, plaques, bumper stickers

Lasting Impressions
Ms. Ginger Zarske
58 NW Cedar Ct
Warrenton, OR 97146

Bicentennial poster clocks

Lock City Craftman
Mr. Peter M. Stutz
P.O. Box 812
Lockport, NY 14094
(716) 694-3244

Glassware and plastics

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Fairfax Station, VA 22039
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