
Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association Newsletter

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"Tradition — Duty — Rapport"

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Coast Guard and their families have suffered severe hardships in the Florida area as a result of hurricane Andrew. The extent of CG suffering in Louisiana is not known by the CGCVA at this writing but I did authorize \$500.00 from the Association to help the CG family victims in both Florida and Louisiana. Should anyone care to contribute to this most worthy cause you need only send your contributions to: Commandant (G-ZMA), U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20593-0001. Checks and/or money orders should be made payable to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, marked for Florida/Louisiana CG family victims. The hot line for Florida victims is 813-824-7506.

It is count down time to Reno. Yes, in just five weeks we will be convening at the Sands Regency Hotel, Reno, Nevada. Are your seabags packed? Have you made all of those square knots in your clothes stops? More importantly, have you made your reservations at the Sands Regency for 4-8 October, 1992? Remember, we have a fabulously low rate, and you will be a part of the fastest growing Coast Guard Veterans group in the United States. After all, you did serve in Combat in the Coast Guard, and we feel it is about time that you are recognized for what you did. We are really getting the message out about the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association and what you and all of the rest of us did for our Country.

On 6 & 7 August, 1992, I had the opportunity to represent the Association at the 50th Anniversary of the 1st Marine Division of the invasion of Guadalcanal. Believe me fellow members, I was treated with the utmost respect, as was the Coast Guard.

Let me share some of those highlights with you. On Thursday, 6 August, 1992, I went to the Marine Dress Parade at the Marine Barracks. This dress parade was put on especially for the 1st Marine Division. If you will recall, it is tough to beat those Marines in the Silent Manual of Arms. Yes, I used to be able to do it before I became a Pharmacist Mate.

Friday, 7 August, 1992, was a day to remember. This was the 50th Anniversary of the Invasion of Guadalcanal. Was the Coast Guard there? You're damned right we were.

After many of us were seated, the 5th, 7th, 11th and then the 1st Marine Division Veterans marched to their seats at the Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington Cemetery.

After a Band concert by the Marine Band, the Commandant of the Marine Corps spoke and introduced Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense. Secretary of Defense Cheney recognized the 1st Division as well as the other Divisions. He also spoke of the Coast Guard and of Douglas Munro and his contribution to the Invasion as well as giving his life for his country. Secretary Cheney then introduce the President of the United States. It was a distinct honor to be present and represent the Association at such a memorable Anniversary.

I would also like to share a few comments that I heard from some of the Marines. One of the 1st Division Marines I met was on the Higgins Boat with Douglas Munro. He said, "He not only saved my life, but he must have saved at least 200 other Marine's lives". While we were waiting for the various Marine Divisions to enter the seating area, there was a Bird Colonel Marine with two (2) purple hearts sitting behind me. He saw my cap, the CGCVA Cap, introduced himself, as I did, and he said, "We certainly can not do it without the Coast Guard".

FROM THE PRESIDENT (Con't)

Then after the program was over and everyone was milling around, this gentleman came up to me and said, "I sure am glad the Coast Guard was in charge of the HUNTER LIGGETT. Those Coast Guardsmen operating those Higgins Boats took us right up to the beach. Those other services would sometimes leave us in 2, 3, and 4 feet of water." I did not know the man so I asked him his name. It was Senator John H. Chafee of Rhode Island.

I was able to get a proclamation from the Governor of Ohio, proclaiming 4 August, 1992 as Coast Guard Day in the State of Ohio. As well as receiving an official Proclamation I received a notice that the Coast Guard flag flew over the Capitol of the State of Ohio on 4 August, 1992.

I guess that pretty well covers what has been happening with some of the things I have been doing on behalf of our Association. Of course, I could not be doing any of this without the support of all of the officers and directors. These people are doing a tremendous job behind the scenes.

Vince Stauffer and Pat Denney have done a great job of tying up loose ends for Reno. Of course, Vince got the Reno ball rolling and it is up to all members to keep the Reno ball rolling.

Dick Ahrens has been a most helpful adviser and I call on him frequently for help and advice.

Evelyn and I are looking forward to seeing each of you in Reno.

Semper Paratus,

Dick Stent, National President

CGCVA AUXILIARY

Effective 16 July 1988 a CGCVA Auxiliary was created providing for the membership of spouses of members in good standing. While this was initially intended for "wives" Desert Storm has brought about husband members, or at least the potential for husbands. In any event, the Auxiliary has helped the CGCVA in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

This year in Reno new officers will be considered in accordance with the CGCVA Auxiliary by-laws. Edith Courter has been nominated for President.

All wives, girl friends, mother-in-laws and other female relatives of CGCVA members and guests are invited to the CGCVA Auxiliary Luncheon, Tuesday, October 6th, 1992 at Noon. Tickets at \$12.00 per person will be offered at CGCVA registration, Sands Hotel. A representative from the US Veterans Administration will be on hand to discuss Veterans' Benefits.

We're planning on yet' another great reunion in Reno.

Hope to see you there,

Marylou Herbert

NEW MEMBERS

ABBOTT, Melvin - ANDROSCOGGIN - Dick Stent
 ALDRICH, Irvin L. - MINNETONKA W-67 - Self
 ALTON, George P. - ARIADNE/WHITE LUPINE/FS-268/USS PC-469 - Herb Reith
 ANDERSON, Arnold J. - COR CAROLI AK-91/LOWE/BARATARIA/KUKUI - Michael Opsitnik
 ANDERSON, John - CG DIV 12, RVN - The Association
 ANDERSON, Robert, Jr. - Reverend - INGHAM/GEN MEIGS/SUSSEX - Oregon Veterans News
 ARMSTRONG, Winfield J. - OSSIPEE/MOJAVE - Dick Stent
 AVILA, James P. - HIBISCUS/BALSAM/PLANETREE/DUANE/YAMACRAW - Jim Bunch
 BASS, Roger D. - PSU-301 Desert Storm - Herb Reith
 BAUMAN, Richard A. Rear Admiral - RON ONE- Danang - Dick Ahrens
 BECK, Craig M.S. - BARATARIA/CASTLEROCK - Vince Stauffer
 BENNETT, Kenneth R. - SHELIAC/CAMBRIA - CG Retiree Newsletter
 BERNARDI, Ferdinand - WWII - The Association
 BIERNACKI, Edward - RESFLO-1 - Self
 BISSONNETTE, Kenneth R. - PSU-301 Desert Storm - Roger Grinnell
 BOCK, George H. - RACINE - Adam Maliski
 BOOLE, Francis H. - RAMSDEN - Nick Nicholson
 BORS, Walter L. - USS SPAR/MOJAVE - Richard Stent
 BOYER, Charles G. - Vietnam - The Association
 BOYLAN, Coleman D. Sr. - USS RHODES - Herb Reith
 BRENNAN, Dennis M. - TANEY/RON THREE - Harold F. Tripp Jr.
 BROWN, Norman - USS STEROPE AK-96 - Dr. Edgar Booth
 BROWN, William J. - USS MIGHT/USS GEN GORDON - self
 BRYANT, Ralph L. - HUNTER LIGGETT - Self
 BRYCE, Robert H. - MODOC - Richard Stent
 BUNCH, Worley A. - WAKEFIELD - C. J. Bud Dahl
 BUNN, Donald E. - Vietnam - Commodore Bill Hoover
 BURGESS, Alger F. - GUTHRIE/CHELAN/ALGONQUIN - CG Retiree Newsletter
 CANFIELD, James J. - Vietnam - CG Retiree Newsletter
 CAVANAUGH, Thomas D. - USS MIGHT/USS GEN WM. H. GORDON - Frank Dina
 CHIZEK, Ralph K. - WWII/KOREA - Ira Beal
 D'AGOSTINO, Richard R. - PSU-301 - Herb Reith
 DAZZO, Joseph S. - Herb Reith
 DE BERNARDINIS, Eugene J. - NORTHLAND - Al Courter
 DORSEY, Ralph M. - COR CAROLI AK-91 - Arnold J. Anderson
 DUGGAN, Richard C. - AQUARIUS - Lawrence Coleman
 DUNBAR, Ted M. - CALLAWAY - Richard Stent
 FAGAN, John E. - LEONARD WOOD/USS PASCO PF-6 - CG Retiree Newsletter
 FARIA, Walter J. - RUSH - Robert Hawkins
 FIRMATURE, Luke J. - USS MINTAKA - Stan Anderson
 FORD, Alvin - WWII - CG Retiree Newsletter
 FREETHY, Luther - WWII - The Association
 FREIE, John H. - FINCH/RICHEY/RONONE - DANANG - CG Retiree Newsletter
 GARRICK, Albert R. - PT GARNET/PT DIVIDE - 13th District Retiree Newsletter
 GREGORY, Marshall G. III - Vietnam - The Association
 HAHN, E. Clark - MURZIM AK-95/LT 229 - Pat Panzerino
 HALL, Harold E. - USS RAMSDEN - Self
 HANS, David T. - Desert Storm - Herb Reith
 HOGG, Robert - MC MEIGS AP-116 - Bob Peters
 JACKSON, William R. - GEN. WM. H. GORDON -AP-117 - Frank Dina
 JENSEN, Ralph L. - FS-391/SWIFTSURE/FIR - Capt. Al Grantham
 JOHNSON, Ernest L. R. - Vietnam - Bobbie Johnson & 13th Dist. Retiree Newsletter
 JUDD, Ralph W. - CON SON Loran, RVN - Self
 KAARSTAD, Gerald D. - KOINER - Bill O'Neill
 KIVIOR, Al J. - WWII - The Association
 LA BREE, Billy B. - CALLAWAY - Dick Stent
 LADUT, JR. Pat - PSU-301 - CG Reservist Magazine
 LOVELL, Lewis F. - NEMESIS/CEPHEUS/ANDROSCOGGIN/ROCKAWAY - Al Grantham
 MALIK, Casimir M. - MOJAVE/ADM W. CAPPS - Dick Stent
 MAXWELL, Vern E. - SPENCER/BIG HORN/DAVENPORT - The Association

NEW MEMBERS (Continued)

MC CLENDON, Richard W. - THETIS/GEN WM. WEIGEL/LCI(L) 319 - CG Retiree Newsletter
MOORE, Harry W. - NORTHLAND - Al Courter
MUNTZNER, Eugene C. - ARTHUR MIDDLETON APA-25 - Herb Reith
MUZZY, James S. - C.O. OF MILLS/ARGO/GREENSBORO/GENERAL SCOTT - CG Retiree Newsletter
NELSON, Wm. C. - TANEY '41 at Peral - THE ASSOCIATION
NICHOLSON, Leonard L. III - HOWARD D. CROW/CHAUTAUQUA - CG Retiree Newsletter
NIELSEN, William J. - CG DIV ii, IV CORP/CG ACT. Saigon - Vince Stauffer
NOLAN, James P. - LST-24/NAVY #934/LE HARVE - Emmett S. Knapton, Jr.
O'BRIEN, Esmonde F. - CAVALIER - Self
O'MALLEY, Raymond F. - FREDERICK LEE/SPENCER/ESCANABA (Survivor)/TAHOMA - RADM Arnold Sobel
OSTENSEN, John - ICARUS/USS PERT PG-95/USS RANDALL/USS GEN. HODGES - Walter D. Bryle
OXENGER, Robert - ADM. E. W. EBERLE - CG Retiree Newsletter
PELTIER, Jon R. - MINNETONKA - 13th District Newsletter
PETER, Lloyd E. - WAKEFIELD/83417/BRECKINRIDGE/NAVY 1503 - Jack W. Read
PLACENCIA, Michael W. - RONONE DIV-13/PT GLOVER - Richard McCulley
POLAND, Clarence Jr. - NORTHLAND/WAKEFIELD - Al Courter
PORPER, Robert B. - HAMILTON (Survivor)/SEBAGO/BELMONT/MUSKOGEE/ARTHUR MIDDLETON/BANGOR -
William D. Lewis
PRINCE, Francis - SPENCER - Joined 1919 - trained Douglas Munro - worked with Elliot Ness- self
PROUSE, Lewis O. - BROWNSVILLE PF-10/ TAMPA - self
RABKIN, Norman - SPENCER/CAMPBELL - Harold Rogers/Quentin Walsh
REDMOND, Thomas P. - LST-327 - Herb Reith
RENNER, Robert L. - USS SHEBOYGAN PF-57 - Henry J. Stone
RIDLEY, Jack K. - ARMY MANNING DET - Pacific - CG Retiree Newsletter
SHIPLEY, Theodore - USS RICKETS - 13th District Retiree Newsletter
SMITH, William L. - USS POOLE/GEN WM. MITCHELL/GEN RANDAL - Frank Dina
STANTON, Carl V. - USS KIRKPATRICK - The Association
STITES, John C. - PT YOUNG/PT MARONE - CG Retiree Newsletter
STOKES, Herbert A. Jr. - MOJAVE -W-47 - Dick Stent
THOMAS, James P. -San Juan Chemical Warfare - self
THUROW, Donald J. - TANEY - Harold Wade
TODD, Frederick E. - KEY WEST PF-17 - Vinny Positan
TRIOLI, Salvatore A. - MERRILL - Herb Reith
UPHOLT, Gerald H. - GRESHAM - Mike Opsitnik
VEATH, Olaf O. - INGHAM - Jim Bunch
VIDAL, John H. - HAIDA/PF-8/MORRIS - Thomas Duffy
WADE, Harold D. - USS MERRILL - Herb Reith
WAESCHE, Russell R., RADM - MOJAVE/CAMP - Jim Bunch
WAGNER, Austin C. VADM - CAMPBELL/RHODES - Richard Novotny
WATSON, Mark P. - Operation Just Cause - CG Retiree Newsletter
WIDMAN, Ralph W. - LST 603 - Dick Stent
WILLIAMS, Charles D. - Vietnam - CG Retiree Newsletter
WILLIAMS, Harvey V., Jr. - USS BONNIE/USS CAHOONE/USS CAMBRIA - self
YOUNG, Wayne N. - ONONADAGA (Rolling "O")/YP-397/NORTHLAND - Al Courter

ASSOCIATION OF GUNNER'S MATES - USCG - USN

Russ Brewer has called our attention to, "Association Of Gunner's Mates", P.O. Box 247, Hammond, IN 46325. The First Blast will be held at the U. S. Naval Gunnery School, Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Ill, Saturday, 9/26/92. As true gunner's mates, they ask that you bring your wife or girlfriend, but not both. It doesn't matter what "College of Cuckoo Cannon Cockers" you attended, all gunner's mates, regular, reserve, etc. are welcome.

If you joined the service prior to your 17th birthday, you may want to contact:
Veterans of Underage Military Service, Inc., 3444 Walker Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042.
Allan C. Stover is the Commander and Founder and he is a former Coastie.

MUNRO INVITATIONS /EVENTS

On Saturday, September 26, 1992 at 2:00PM CGCVA Commodore Bill Hoover and CGCVA Member John Stamford will place a wreath at the Douglas Munro Statue, across from the Administration Building, USCG Base, Cape May, NJ. All CGCVA Members and Wives are welcome to attend. For further information you may wish to call Petty Officer Veronica Cady, 609-884-6914.

On Sunday, September 27, 1992 at 1:00PM, CGCVA Vice President Pat Denney will place a wreath at the Douglas Munro gravesite in Cle Elum, Washington. CGCVA Members and Wives are welcome to attend. CGCVA Member and Lieutenant Commander Frank Prince, one of Munro's former Officers and one of the people that trained young Douglas Munro, will also be present. Frank joined the CG in 1919 and retired in 1950. It was aboard SPENCER that Frank was asked to take Munro, Raymond Evans and about ten other young apprentice seamen under his wing. Frank was a "Warrant Gunner" at the time and apparently Frank did an excellent job since Raymond J. Evans was later awarded the Navy Cross.

Douglas Munro was Canadian born but his family settled in Cle Elum, Washington. Doug grew up with Micke (pronounced Mike) Cooley and Mike indicates that the two were always together in their youth. The boys earned extra money by delivering coal to homes in the area. They had only one wheelbarrow between them.

Douglas Munro distinguished himself in high school as a drum major. It was in 1938 or 1939 that Munro joined the USCG.

September 27th, 1992 marks the 50th anniversary of Munro's death. Munro was in charge of the landing craft that evacuated 500 besieged marines from the beaches of Guadalcanal. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. The citation read in part: "By his outstanding leadership, expert planning, and dauntless devotion to duty, he and his courageous comrades undoubtedly saved the lives of many who otherwise would have perished."

A lesser known fact is that "Chesty" Puller, then a major, was one of the officers that Munro's group evacuated. Rumor has it that the Marines add to their nightly prayers, "Good night Chesty Puller, you fighting SOB". Douglas Munro deserves no less.

A photo of Munro with memorabilia in Reno together with a photo of Micke Cooley. Cooley raises the flag every day over Munro's grave.

Board of Directors Member Vince Stauffer and Vice President Pat Denney have repaired the Munro gravesite area, refurbished the flag pole and on behalf of the Association placed a 20 x 32 inch polished Georgia Grey granite marker at Munro's grave with the notation of date and "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association".

Commodore Bill Hoover is the first CGCVA President. Bill served in Point Orient, Point Dume and Point Gammon, RVN, Squadron One. John Stamford served in USS PRUDENT, LST767, USS KLUCKITAT and CGC MOHAWK. John publishes the U.S.S. MOHAWK CG-W-78 Newsletter, 1533 Wales Ave., Baldwin NY 11510, phone 516-223-1467.

LT Pat Denney served in RONONE, RVN. Vince Stauffer served in ARTHUR MIDDLETON, with TIGHT REIGN and various other ships and stations.

The Association will be well represented on the East and West Coasts at the MUNRO ceremonies.

"God of our Fathers, known of old-
Lord of our far-flung battle line-
Beneath Whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine-
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget-lest we forget!"

From "Recession" by Rudyard Kipling

Edward A. Doherty, married to Clara, died in March of this year. Ed served in CAYUGA, ESCANABA and FALGOUT, as Electricians Mate and was a CEM prior to leaving the USCG shortly after WWII. It was so great seeing Ed and Clara at the 1990 Baltimore Reunion. I believe it was Ed that told me, "Whenever four Irishmen are together you'll always find a fifth."

Billy J. Lowery died in July, 1992. Billy served in DILIGENCE and was a Boatswain Mate while in the Coast Guard.

Vernon W. Scones, married to Betty, died in 1991. Vernon was a Gunners Mate and served in OGDEN.

Commander James L. Webb, USCG (Retired), married to Patricia, died in July, 1992. Jim served as a CG aviator and served in Southeast Asia during 1966. He, Ron Stenzel and Don Aites brought a C-123 to Bangkok, Thailand as support of Operation TIGHT REIGN. They immediately had the planes extra fuel tanks painted in Thai, "Sorry about that, Chief", or "C - H - I - Dooey". The TV program "Get Smart" was playing at the time and the painting on the CG plane made a great hit with the local people. On one of myn trips that I made with Jim to Con Son, Vietnam, we were caught in a cross wind and it looked like the C-123 (a big glider that some-one put engines on) wasn't going to make it but we had great pilots and it was sat down, without even the benefit of a wind sock, between two huge sand dunes on a makeshift runway. Jim told lots of great stories of humor, and I think the best was his "Tiger" story.

While we grieve for those who have crossed the bar we must also be thankful for the time that we have shared happy events with them.

COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Published by the CGCVA at Medina, Ohio for the benefit of members of our Association. Baker Herbert, Editor and responsible for the content of the publication. Association address: 6858 Lafayette Road, Medina, OH 44256, phone 216-725-6527.

It has been my great pleasure to have worked with the Newsletter for a few years and also as your treasurer for a few years with a tour as Secretary and Acting Secretary. Your comments are greatly appreciated and I thank all of you that have paid yourdues and kept the organization afloat. Herb Reith has prepared the labels for the newsletter, submitted articles and come up with some splendid advice. Thanks, Herb. Jim Bunch has put me on a true course many many times. Thanks, Jim for your help. My wife Marylou and my mother-in-law Bess (84 and going strong) affix the labels to the newsletter and answer many many phone calls. Thanks, Ladies.

Having been arround since our inception in 1985 I have no intention of leaving the scene. We will have a new administration, elected in Reno, new ideas and hopefully members who will be able to help out. We have grown so very much. If you can help in any way, please drop us a line or let either the President, Vice President or Board Members know what you will be able to do for 'us.

It's no secret we need a good Editor of this Newsletter and a proofreader. We need more help with membership records and an information center.

Thanks, and Semper Paratus,

Baker (first name) Herbert (last name) aka Baker "The Breaker" (that's code, not bones).

RENO AGENDA

SANDS HOTEL, 345 N. Arlington Ave., Reno, Nevada 89501 - phone 1-800-648-3553 for Reservations

OCTOBER

4th & 5th - Noon to 6:00PM - Register in the Cornation Room on the Mezzanine Floor
SUN/MON Reunion Chairman Vince Stauffer has arranged for CGCVA sponsored cocktails during registration.

PLEASE --- WHEN REGISTERING, PURCHASE YOUR LUNCHEON AND/OR DINNER TICKETS BY PRESENTING CASH ONLY IN THE EXACT AMOUNT TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICIAL.

6th Noon - Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon - cost \$12.00 per person

TUES Noon - CGCVA Luncheon - cost \$15.00 per person

1:00PM - CGCVA Business Meeting - current membership card required

1. Elections
2. By-laws review and discussion of changes - including addition of combat veterans of other services as Associate Members and CG personnel serving in wartime who earn area ribbon
3. Normandy Monument
4. Appointments - 1992-94
5. 1994 Reunion location and coordination of 50th Anniversary of WWII for Coast Guard Participation
6. Other business

7th 6:00PM - No host cocktail hour

WED 7:00PM - Banquet (Awards Dinner)

1. Post colors (U. S. Navy Color Guard with USCG Ensign)
2. Blessing and remembrance of shipmates deceased
3. Special introductions
4. Dinner
5. Address by Vice Admiral Thomas R. Sargent III, USCG (Ret)
6. President's comments and awards
7. Installation of newly elected and/or appointed officers
8. WWII - Greenland - CWO4 Ira Beal, USCG (Ret)

8th Check-out & goodbyes

THURS

During the reunion, Al Courter will have special raffle tickets available, benefits going towards a Coast Guard monument in Normandy, France. Items included are: a one year membership in the Players Club; a video tape of the Coast Guard and 1000 CGCVA calling cards with your name imprinted.

AIR TRAVEL - V.I.P. 1-800-926-5554 - Peg Fitz. Tours are offered by Gray Line Motorcoach and include R1 - Virginia City - 5 Hours @16.00 per adult and \$11.00 per child, AARP card holders receive a \$2.00 discount. R-3 - Virginia City/Lake Tahoe, 8½ hours, pass through Carson City, lunch at Harveys Hotel and Casino, price includes lunch and is \$35.00 per adult, \$25.00 per child. AARP card holders receive a \$5.00 discount. Groups of 15 or more receive a 10% discount and groups over 25 receive a 20% discount as well as a private motor coach. Again, contact Peg Fitz at V.I.P. Travel and make arrangements through PEG. Same thing for golfing.

Those that booked air travel with V.I.P. were happy to find that when price reductions came through they saved big bucks. Some savings were about \$250.00 per couple. We didn't get our 40 tickets (20 tickets booked to date) through V.I.P. hence were unable to donate a free ticket to a member who couldn't have made the reunion otherwise. (We have at least one such member). The Association would like to thank those that chose V.I.P. and if we use them in 1994 maybe by then they can do something special for us.

DRESS - All events except dinner on the 7th - casual

BANQUET - Men - coat & tie

Ladies - appropriate

MEMORABILIA - the CGCVA has arranged for a secure Memorabilia Room. Please bring items of interest to be displayed. A continuous TV for VCR's will be available for CG Type films.

PRE REGISTRATIONS - RENO

AARON, Morris & Velma - USS WAKEFIELD AP-21
 ** AHRENS, Richard & Carolyn - CG ACTIVITIES, VIETNAM, SQUADRON ONE, TUPELO/BRAMBLE/SUNDEW
 ALBRIGHT, Lee - USS GENERAL ROBERT L. HOWZE
 ALTON, George P. & Patricia - FS and PCs
 ANDERSON, Stan & Annabelle - MINTAKA, SEQUOIA, GEN. WM. MITCHELL, TANEY/CHAUTAUQUA/NORTHWIND
 AVILA, James P. & Augustine - PLANETREE, BALSAM, OJIBWA, COWSLIP, BASSWOOD/DUANE/YAMACRAW
 BAER, John & Rose Marie - CORVETTES - USS HASTE
 BAGLEY, John W. - LST-166
 BARKER, Jack - USCGC MORGENTHAU
 BEAL, Ira & Jacqueline - NORTHLAND
 BELL, Noel - SQUADRON ONE/PONTCHARTRAIN/BURTON ISLAND/MINNETONKA CHICAGO '85
 * BENOIT, Gil "Frenchy" - PT BANKS CHICAGO '85
 BLOMSTROM, William C. & Lee - RONONE, DIV 12 - 1965
 BOCK, George H. & Vivian - USS RACINE PF-100
 BRADLEY, Arthur C. - NORTHWIND
 BRYLE, Walter D. & Elaine - USS CAMBRIA/USS NOURMAHAL/ICARUS
 BURGERT, Harold C. & Audrey - USS MERRILL DE-392
 BURKE, Ed & Nancy - ESCANABA W-64
 PALFREY, Kennard & Jean - MORGENTHAU
 CAMERON, W. T. - USS HOQUIAM (PF-5)
 CAVERLY, William O. - MINNETONKA/KLAMATH
 CHIZEK, Ralph K. & Naomi - AP's 114 through 119
 CLAWSON, James & Ellen - USS GLENDALE PF-36/USS MILLEDGEVILLE PF-94
 CORELLA, Paul & Faye - APA-12
 COURTER, Al & Edith - NORTHLAND W-49
 CUENCA, Frank L. & Alma - LST-18
 CURRAN, John E. & Barbara - RON ONE DIV 12 - PT ELLIS
 DEHNERT, Herbert A. & Kathryn - USS WAKEFIELD
 DREUER, Allen F. & Hilda - USS SANDUSKY/ USS GEN ROBERT HOWZE
 DUFFY, Tom & Florence - PF 29 & PF-8
 EVANS, D. Paul & June - PT COMFORT
 EWALDT, Paul - PT MAST, CGC ALERT - CHICAGO '85
 FLOOD, Andrew W. -
 FORD, Alvin "Rocky" & Mildred - TAMPA - W-48
 FRANKS, Dick & Judy - PT GLOVER
 GATTO, Duane & Geraldine - RONONE
 GILES, John E. & Naomi - USS CAVALIER/CGC CHAMPLAIN/PONTCHARTRAIN/UNIMAK/CHAUTAUQUA
 GLOEGGLER, Frank & Florence - USS LST 27/WOODBINE/CGAR #'s 6 & 7
 GNEGY, John E. - RONONE/BRECKENRIDGE/RACINE CHICAGO '85
 GRANTHAM, Albert D. & Pearl - MORGENTHAU/LANSING (WDE-488)
 GULICK, Joseph & Norma - EL PASO PF-41
 HART, Arthur F. & Emma - LST #166/MODOC
 HELLERS, Bob & Betty - ELD/RONONE
 HERBERT, Baker & Marylou - ESCANABA W-64/TIGHT REIGN
 HERBERT, Harry & Peggy - USS LUCE/USS HOUSTON
 HOLOUBEK, Joseph E. & Mary - USS NORTHLAND
 HUGHES, David & Ann - LST-795
 HUEPERS, George & Virginia - LST 760/LST-789
 HUTCHINS, C. M. & Marge - USS ADM C. F. HUGHES - APA-124/CAYUGA
 HUYLER, Charles & Eleanor - MORGENTHAU MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
 LEWIS, Francis & Beady - USS LEONARD WOOD/USS BARNETT/AMPHIBS
 LEWIS, William D. - HAMILTON
 LIMING, William & Margaret "Mickey" - CAMPBELL/CHINCOTEAGUE/PUSAN LOR STA
 MADURA, R. W. - RONONE CHICAGO '85
 MALISKI, Adam F. & Mary Jo - BAYFIELD/READING/MOHAWK

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MANHARD, Gordon M. & Ruth - USS KEY WEST/USS HUNTER LIGGETT
MALISKI, Adam F. & Mary Jo - BAYFIELD APA-37/READING PF66/MOHAWK W-78
MARTINA, Nicholas - USS HOWARD D. CROW DE-252
MAXEY, Ernest T. - USS GEN W. H. GORDON AP-117
MC CARTIN, John H. & Mary - NORTHLAND
MC CORMICK, Donald R. & Erlene - PT GRACE/PT WHITE
MC CUE, Norman - NORTHLAND/YEATON/SPRUCE/AMBROSE LS
MC LENDON, Frederick D. & Marjorie - USS TAMPA/SEABAGO/UNALGA/
MURPHY, John J. & Adeline - USS SANDUSKY/USS GEN BREWSTER
NOVOTNY, Richard R. & Chrystal - USS LEOPOLD DE-319/USS JOYCE
OLIVER, Frank & Judy - RONONE
O'NEILL, William S. & Linda - TIN CAN SAILOR & SE ASIA
OTT, William & Corliss - NORTHLAND
PANZARINO, Pat - USS MURZIM
PEARSE, John & Joyce - TAMPA/FS 195/FS-199/GEN. BREWSTER
PETERSON, Charles R. & Jeanne - USS MERRILL/USCGC COMANCHE
PETERSON, Otto V. & Frances - TANEY (Pearl 12/7/41)/ USS GEN MUIR
PFEIFER, Jack & Betty - USS LST 22
PINKSTON, Bert & Gladys & Kent - USS BAYONNE PF-21/MARITA/SELLSTROM/CHARLOTTESVILLE/GULFPORT
PLACENCIA, Mike - RONONE DIV13, Cat Lo
PORPER, Robert B. Sr - ALEXANDER HAMILTON/USS MUSKOGEE PF-49
POTTER, C. J. - USS BURLINGTON PF-51
PRICE, John E. & Ruth - 83304 - Ruth was a SPAR, WWII
PROUSE, Lewis O. & Marie - TAMPA/NIKE/BROWNSVILLE PF-10
PULLEN, Ray & Kay - RONONE DIV-13
RAMSEY, Patrick E. & Shirley - RONONE DA NANG
READ, Jack W. & Cecilia - 83464 (RESFLO-1)
REITH, Herb - MERRILL
RIVERA, James E. & Doris - WINNEBAGO
RYAN, John G. - RONONE
SARGENT, Thomas R. & Lucy - SANDUSKY/MODOC/TIGHT REIGH - VICE COMMANDANT, USCG (VICE ADM-RET)
SCHAEFER, Harley & Charlotte - USS HUGH L. SCOTT AP-136
SCHNEIDER, E. (Duke) & Vivian - PSWD/ELDS RVN/CAMPBELL/MCLANE/BALSAM/MINNETONKA
SMITH, Don - CGC RUSH (RONTHREE)
SMITH, Marshall W. & Catherine - PT LOMAS/DEPENDABLE/IRIS/KUKUI
SOBEL, Arnold I. - ERIDANUS AK-92 (RADM, USCGR-RET)
STAUFFER, Vince & Betty - ARTHUR MIDDLETON/TIGHT REIGN, SE ASIA - BETTY SPAR WWII
STONE, Clinton & Ruth - USS CARSON CITY PF-50
SWIFT, Edward M. & Betty - USCGC CONIFER/USS LST 68
SYRCLE, William H. & Alberta - TANEY/ELD#2 RVN
THOMPSON, Glenn O. & Jean - HERMES/LST-166/MINNETONKA/CG AVIATION (REAR ADMIRAL RET)
VIGILANTE, Joe & Jean - USS MINTAKA
WEDDEL, John W. & Marjorie - ARMY MANNING DETACHMENT - Y-3/ FS-354/USS CAVALIER
WEINLAND, Lester C. - NORTHLAND/ARUNDEL
WEINSTEIN, S. Herbert - AQUARIUS/FS-271/LST-381/CAMP LeJEUNE
WISCHEMANN, D. L. & Hazel - USS LST-18

PRESIDENT RICHARD E. STENT, JR. & Evelyn - MODOC
VICE PRESIDENT PAT DENNEY - RONONE

* Member, Board of Directors
** Chairman, Board of Directors

SCOTTI, Paul & Liz - PT DUME - CHICAGO '85 - HISTORIAN, CGCVA

COAST GUARD REUNIONS AT RENO - CONCURRENT

USS KEY WEST - PF-17 - ARTHUR, Jack
BARNHILL, Ernest & Marion
DESMARAIS, Eugene
FIORINO, Louis & Elaine
FREDSBO, Edmond
HUNTER, Ralph & Melba
KING, William
LA FOREST, Jim & Theresa
LUSITANA, Leo and Florette
MANTINEO, George
MANHARD, Gordon & Ruth
POLOWSKI, Alexander & Dorothy
POSITAN, Vince & Ruth - Coordinator
TOMASEK, Carl & Janice
WEILER, Harold & Emilie

USS NORTHLAND - W-49 - M/M BARNELL, Joseph A.
BEAL, Ira & Jackie
M/M BYCZYNSKI, Florian
COURTER, Albert F & Edith - Coordinator
M/M DeBERARDINIS, Eugene
HEALEY, Phillip H.
M/M HOLOUBEK, Joseph
MARGRAVE, Harold R.
M/M MC CUE, Norman
ORWEILOR, John G. & Mary
M/M OTT, William
M/M SWANEY, Robert E.

USS TAMPA - W-48 FORD, Alvin (Rocky) and Mildred
MC LENDON, Frederick and Marjorie - Coordinator
PEARSE, John and Joyce
PROUSE, Lewis O. and Marie and RUSCH, Joseph & Mrs.

COAST GUARD ARMY MANNING DETACHMENT

John Wedell will be present with wife Marjorie. John would like to connect with as many Army Manning Detachment personnel as possible.

REUNIONS ELSEWHERE

BIBB Shipmates Association - Oct 1-2-3, 1992 - Cape May, New Jersey - Richard C. Olson, 574 Wyoming Ave., Maywood, NJ 07607.

USS/USCGC GLACIER ASSOC. - proposed 1992 reunion. Contact B- Brady, P.O. Box 6104, Salem, OR 97304-0104

USS GULFPORT (PF-20) - Sept. 16-20, Clarion Hotel, Cincinnati, OH. Arthur B. Noonan, 590 Hawthorne St., Covington, KY 41014 (606) 581-6423.

USS MOJAVE (CGC) - Contact Orris W. Hoff, Rt. 3, Box 320, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080 (816) 987-2904.

USCGC INGHAM (W-35) Oct 19-23, 1992, Patroits Point, SC - Cliff Thornberry, 2427 Drew Valley Road NE., Atlanta, GA 30319. (404) 636-3956.

...“MONUMENTS WILL WEATHER’ WITH TIME, BUT THE ACTIONS OF THOSE WHO SERVED AND THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH THEY STOOD WILL NEVER FADE, SO LONG AS WE REMEMBER.”

PRESENTED TO THE PEOPLE OF ICELAND IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF THE CAPTAINS AND CREWS OF THE FISHING BOATS *FREYJA*, *HAKI*, AND *ALDA* DURING WORLD WAR II. ON JANUARY 29, 1942, THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD CUTTER *ALEXANDER HAMILTON* WAS TORPEDOED BY A GERMAN U-BOAT, ABANDONED, AND LATER SANK. FOUR LIFEBOATS WERE LAUNCHED CARRYING EIGHTY-THREE MEN, INCLUDING THE WOUNDED. HIGH SEAS SWAMPED ONE BOAT, CAPSIZED ANOTHER, AND THREW THE MEN INTO THE FRIGID WATERS. THE CREWS OF THE THREE FISHING BOATS, WITHOUT THOUGHTS FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY, IMMEDIATELY MOVED TO RESCUE THE FLOUNDERING SEAMEN.

THE HEROIC ACTS OF THE ICELANDIC CREWS PLACED THEIR VESSELS IN HARM’S WAY AND PUT THEIR LIVES IN JEOPARDY WHILE ALL AROUND THE ACTIONS OF WAR CONTINUED. THEIR UNSELFISH WILLINGNESS TO ENDANGER THEMSELVES WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN RESCUING THE OCCUPANTS OF ALL FOUR BOATS, SAVING INNUMERABLE LIVES.

PRESENTED BY THE SURVIVORS OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD CUTTER

ALEXANDER HAMILTON

JANUARY 29, 1942 - FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY - JANUARY 29, 1992

RENO MEMORABILIA

CGCVA Member Thomas Jamerson sent us an original photo of the TANEY, Officers and Crew, taken Coast Guard Day, 1937, Honolulu, Hawaii. Mr. Clifford J. Shorer donated this great picture to the CGCVA. Herb Reith has suggested that we copy the photo and place one photo aboard INGHAM at Patriots Point and one aboard TANEY in Baltimore. Good idea, Herb.

NORTHLAND Reunion, September 1991 VCR.

ALWAYS READY VCR - These video tapes may be ordered by calling MPI Home Video at 800-323-0442 or 708-687-7881. Al Courter has arranged a special price for CGCVA members of \$16.00 plus postage. Please tell them when you order that you are a member of the CGCVA or you will be paying \$29.00 + shipping. Thanks, Al.

CG Aircraft photos sent in by Mrs. Priscilla Johnson (widow of Aviator Vaino Johnson). Greenland operations and before. Thanks Mrs. Johnson.

Many, many more items and many items will be brought in.

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CGCVA History Book. - - As of 8/25/92, we have 127 book orders. We need 300 to have this book published. What's in the book: History of the Coast Guard in combat, WWII through Desert Storm with a mention of our WWI Member, Edward Kincaide. Hundreds of rare photographs. Personal war stories - yours - and if you don't write them they will be lost forever. Your biographies. Maps and charts (for our quartermaster members). Association roster and index.

What do you need to do: Sit right down and write your biography in 200 words or less. If you go over the 200 word limit it will cost you 15¢ per word. Try and find a photo of yourself, during the Coast Guard service and now. Use the below coupon to order. We will have a DESA book and the FRANKLIN book on display in Reno. If we don't get enough orders the publication will be cancelled and that will be a shame. Hopefully this project will get off the ground by January, 1993. This book is something that we can pass on to our children and grandchildren with pride. DO IT NOW.

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ELECTION/RE-ELECTION - BIOGRAPHIES

President - HERB REITH - Withdrawn.

President - RICHARD E. STENT, JR. - USCG 2/2/42, Manhattan Beach, Pharmacist Mate 3/C aboard MODOC until July, 1945. B.A. Ohio State, graduate student Bacteriology. Regional Manager Pharmaceuticals until retirement. Joined CGCVA 1989. Submitted design for 1990 USCG Bi-centennial Medal, worked to have medal struck, presented USCG Streamer to Ohio Veterans of Vietnam War which is currently carried in parades, presented USCG Bi-centennial Medal to Bob Hope, 8/4/91 together with honorary Life Membership to CGCVA. Attended Reunions of TAMPA, 50th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor, USCG State of Coast Guard Speech by Commandant, corresponded with Alex Haley Family on behalf of CGCVA, attended MODOC reunion as crew member and as representative of CGCVA, attended USS MOJAVE reunion, attended USS CALLAWAY reunion and 50th anniversary of invasion of Guadalcanal, all as representative of CGCVA. If elected or appointed will attend DESA reunion at New London Conn. Oct. 30th 1992, 10th Anniversary of the Vietnam Wall, Spars 50th Anniversary 19-21 November, 1992 in Washington, D.C. Currently the Ohio State University Band plays "Semper Paratus" at home games and the flag of the USCG is flown over the Ohio State Capitol in Columbus on Coast Guard Day.

Vice President - PATRICK T. DENNEY - USCG 1949 at age 15, held ratings of Seaman Apprentice through CPO through 1965, appointed Warrant Officer in 1965 and served through Chief Warrant Officer until 1970, appointed Lieutenant in 1970 and retired in 1975. Served in Viet Nam as Repair Officer for CG Squadron One, Division II, 1967-68. Currently employed in the Marine Industry and was an advisor to the Shaw of Iran concerning the training of their Naval Personnel. Currently Vice President and if elected will work with the President and Board of Directors for the betterment of the Association. Worked with Reunion Chairman Vince Stauffer on the Reno Reunion which work continues.

Member of the Board, 8 year Member - RICHARD R. NOVOTNY - USCG 9/3/42, no boot camp. Anti-sabotage duty. September, 1943, DE Training, plankowner USS LEOPOLD DE-319. QM striker, Convoy duty, ship torpedoed while engaged in battle with surfaced German Submarine. Rescued by USS JOYCE DE-317 with 27 others. Hospitalized USN Hospital, Londonderry, No. Ireland. Medical discharge 1945. Joined CGCVA 1 July, 1989. Enjoyed representing CGCVA at Veterans Memorial, Titusville, Florida. Retired Banker. Held various offices in U.S. Power Squadron and Coast Guard Auxiliary, Past President Navy League Council, Charter President of a local Rotary Club. Married to Chrystal 49 great years. If elected I will continue the work of honoring the USCG and our Coast Guard Veterans.

Treasurer - ALBERT F. COURTER - USCG December, 1939, Ellis Island Boot Camp. Transferred from Apprentice Seaman to Fireman Striker and promoted to CMOMM, USCG. Served in MOHAWK, NORTHLAND, PLANETREE, FS-199, F-74 and GENERAL GREENE. Navy Reserve for 5 years following WWII and then in the CG Reserve having served for a total of 29 years, including Regular, retiring as a CWO4. Married to Edith for fifty years, 3 children and ten grandchildren. If elected will maintain Association records and funds in accordance with by-laws.

Noniminations are welcomed from the floor at the Reunion in Reno.

Elections, according to the by-laws are by a "show of hands".

COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

1. Being mindful of the traditions, duties and purposes of the United States Coast Guard, our duty to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, and believing that through social association and mutual acquaintance we may further perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, assist their widows and orphans, assist honorably {discharged} or retired Coast Guard Combat Veterans, promote and enhance the image and posture of the United States Coast Guard, therefore we do associate ourselves together and declare the following Articles to be the Constitution and By Laws of the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association.

2. This Association has assumed the responsibility of maintaining the gravesite, located in Cle Elum, Washington, of Signalman First Class Douglas A. Munro, USCG, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

CONSTITUTION

We, past and present Officers and Enlisted members of the United States Coast Guard, believing in our right to form an association consistent with the precepts outlined in the Preamble above, do hereby declare the formation of such an association to be known as the "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association."

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION

This association formed under the authority of the foregoing Constitution will be organized as provided hereinafter:

(1) **NAME:** This Association shall be called the "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association," hereinafter referred to as the "Association."

(2) **HEADQUARTERS:** There is no permanent Headquarters. Headquarters shall rotate to such place as the elected President shall designate.

(3) **ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:** The Association shall be governed by a President, Vice Presi-

dent, Secretary and Treasurer and a Board of Directors consisting of five members.

(4) **TERM OF OFFICE:** Officers, except for the Secretary { and Treasurer,} shall be nominated and elected by a "show of hands" at each regular reunion{/convention} of the members. Due to the necessity {of having} the President, {Secretary and Treasurer} in constant contact, taking into consideration places of {residences, compatibility and the needs of the Association} the Secretary {and Treasurer} shall be appointed by the President. No {elected} officer shall succeed him/herself in any office {to which elected} more than one time. The term of office of the elected officers shall commence at the reunion at which elected and be for a period of two years, except for the members of the Board of Directors which is covered in Article IV(e)(3) below. In the event of a vacancy caused by resignation, illness, death or removal for "cause", a replacement shall be appointed by the President to complete the term of that member. {If the office of President becomes vacant the Vice President shall succeed to the Presidency.}

(5) **PURPOSE:** The primary purpose of this Association shall be to foster good fellowship, social activities and to accomplish the programs as outlined in the Preamble.

(6) **AUXILIARY:** Effective 16 July 1988, there shall be an Auxiliary providing for the membership of spouses of members in good standing, such Auxiliary to provide their own organization and By-Laws.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP:

1. Membership in this Association shall be limited to:

(a) Active duty members, retired members and honorably discharged former members of the United States Coast Guard who served in, or provided direct support to combat situations recognized by an appropriate military award while serving as a member of the United States Coast Guard.

(b) The widow or widower of those listed in (a) above shall be considered members and shall be dues free without voting privilege. These members shall not hold office.

(c) The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, if not otherwise eligible, shall be recog-

nized as an Honorary member without voting privilege.

(d) Associate Membership status is permitted for people who are presently in, served in, or retired from the United States Coast Guard who meet the combat criteria while in the service of another Armed Force (United States or foreign). Members of the United States Public Health Service who served as members of a United States Coast Guard Combat Command shall be eligible for this membership status.

ARTICLE III - DUES

1. Dues shall be ~~ten dollars~~ (\$10.00) per year.

2. Dues are considered due and payable at biennial {intervals commencing 2 years from the month of initial membership. Dues notices shall be sent out at least 60 days in advance of the date of the renewal date by the Treasurer. Members not responding to the dues notice shall be sent an overdue notice approximately 30 days after renewal date.} Members not responding to an overdue notice may be dropped from the active member rolls. Any member dropped from the active rolls may be reinstated by submitting the necessary dues and applications.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

1. Officers of this Association named in Article I are vested with authority and charged to perform duties as follows:

(a) PRESIDENT:

(1) Has overall responsibility for conducting the official business of the Association and it shall be the President's duty to give careful attention to the work of the Association, and to carry into effect the policies determined upon by the majority of the membership. The President shall:

(2) Call meetings {and reunions/conventions} at such time and place as the Board of Directors determines necessary and to preside at and determine the order of business.

(3) Have authority to direct the functions of {all} committees appointed by the President.

(4) Review and sign newsletters to the membership. Newsletters shall be prepared and distributed to the membership on a quarterly basis.

(5) Make commitments and expenditures within the limitations prescribed by these By-Laws.

(6) Authorize all checks signed by the Treasurer.

(7) The fiscal records of the Association shall be audited by a committee appointed by the President at least every other year, or when ordered by the President. A written report on the outcome of the audit will be submitted by the Chairman of the Audit Committee to the President and read at the next regular meeting for acceptance by the membership.

(b) VICE PRESIDENT shall:

(1) Shall be the first assistant to the President in all affairs concerning the Association.

(2) Shall automatically assume the office of President should the office become vacant for any reason.

(3) In the absence of the President at any official or social function, shall perform the duties of the President as outlined in these By-laws.

(c) SECRETARY shall:

(1) Assist the President in conducting of official business.

(2) Give notice to the membership of the time and place for holding reunions.

(3) Maintain all Association files and records other than fiscal.

(4) Prepare and distribute to the membership a Newsletter when directed by the President.

(e) TREASURER shall:

(1) Institute and maintain an accurate fiscal record of the Association, account for any monies received from whatever source and deposit them into the Association's authorized account(s) at the earliest reasonable time.

(2) Prepare all drafts against the Association funds for settling Association debts, as authorized by the President and in accordance with these By-Laws.

(c) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(1) The Board shall consist of not less than five (5) members.

(2) The immediate past President of the Association shall be seated as a member of the Board and shall be replaced by the immediate past President.

(3) Of the four elected Board members, one shall serve for a period of eight (8) years, one for a period of six (6) years, one for a period of four (4) years and one for a period of (2) years. The member serving for the two year term shall also serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

(4) The Board sh

all direct the President as to the frequency and location of {reunion/conventions}.

(5) The Board of Directors shall meet at the discretion of the Chairman. These meetings may be person to person, via telephone conference or by correspondence.

(6) Approve all expenditures of Association funds in amounts of \$1,000.00 or more.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

(1) Standing committees shall be appointed by the President, but shall not exceed the tenure of the President's term in office.

(2) The Chairperson of all committees shall be designated by the President. The Chairperson shall appoint members to serve on his/her committee.

ARTICLE VI - VOTING

Regular members, in good standing, in attendance at properly assembled Association reunions shall be eligible to vote on matters limited to Association business.

ARTICLE VII - BY-LAWS

Changes: A request for change in the By-Laws may be submitted by any member in good standing. Requests for changes must be submitted to the Board of Directors at least six months prior to a regularly scheduled {reunion/convention.} A change is defined as any alteration that materially affects the intent and/or meaning of the Article being considered. Corrections to the By-Laws that change neither the meaning nor the intent of the Article under consideration will be determined by the Association officers. Notice of such changes and/or corrections will be presented, and voted on by members in attendance, at the next regular Association reunion.

ADOPTED, July, 1986, Reno, Nevada
CORRECTED/AMENDED, July, 1988,

Reno, Nevada

CORRECTED/AMENDED, July, 1990, Baltimore, Maryland

APPROVED, Board of Directors, 8-9 December, 1990. Reno, Nevada

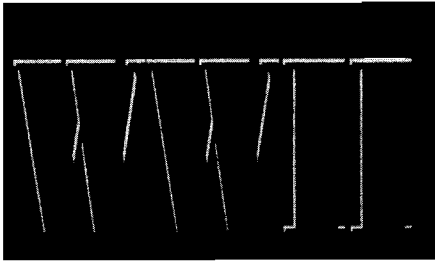
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Proposed amendments :

Article 1, section 4 (Terms of Office) changes the position of Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position. Reason is to ensure continuity to an office that handles a large bulk of the day-to-day operations. Same section also adds the term *elected* in the portion relating to succession of officers. In addition the part relating to a vacancy in office states that the replacement shall be appointed by the President. Wording added that, even though implied but not stated in the C&BL, the Vice President shall succeed to the Presidency if that office becomes vacant.

Article III, section 2 (Dues) is changed to reflect what is actually being done regarding renewal of membership. The association originally was formed as an association of Vietnam veterans with the idea of having a reunion every 2 years and dues would be due and payable at the reunion. In actuality, since opening the association to veterans of all eras and soliciting new members throughout the year we have in fact been sending dues notices out on the second anniversary of becoming a member. This also has the side effect of spreading out the Treasurer's job all during the year instead of bunching the notices out all at one time of year.

General changes/updates. Originally the association was as described above. As the membership has grown with the opening of membership and the resultant Coast Guard ships and units actually making our biennial gatherings their reunions I have changed references to reunion to reunion/conventions which more truly reflects what the reunion/conventions have become. See Article IV, section 2 for a typical change.



Pacific war

The first major amphibious invasion involved all U.S. sea services, Allies

The first major amphibious invasion of the Pacific war involved all of America's sea services working with Allied warships from Australia and New Zealand.

Allied leaders capitalized on Japan's loss of four large fleet carriers at the battle of Midway, taking the offensive while the enemy was weak.

Simultaneous landings

Simultaneous landings were made on several islands of the Solomons chain. A carrier group provided air cover for the initial landings while a cruiser and destroyer force screened the vulnerable transports.

The Solomon Islands run to the south beginning approximately five degrees below the equator in two parallel lines. Two principle islands at the southern end of the chain were to be assaulted.

The island of Tulagi, a provincial capital, had an excellent harbor and several small towns.

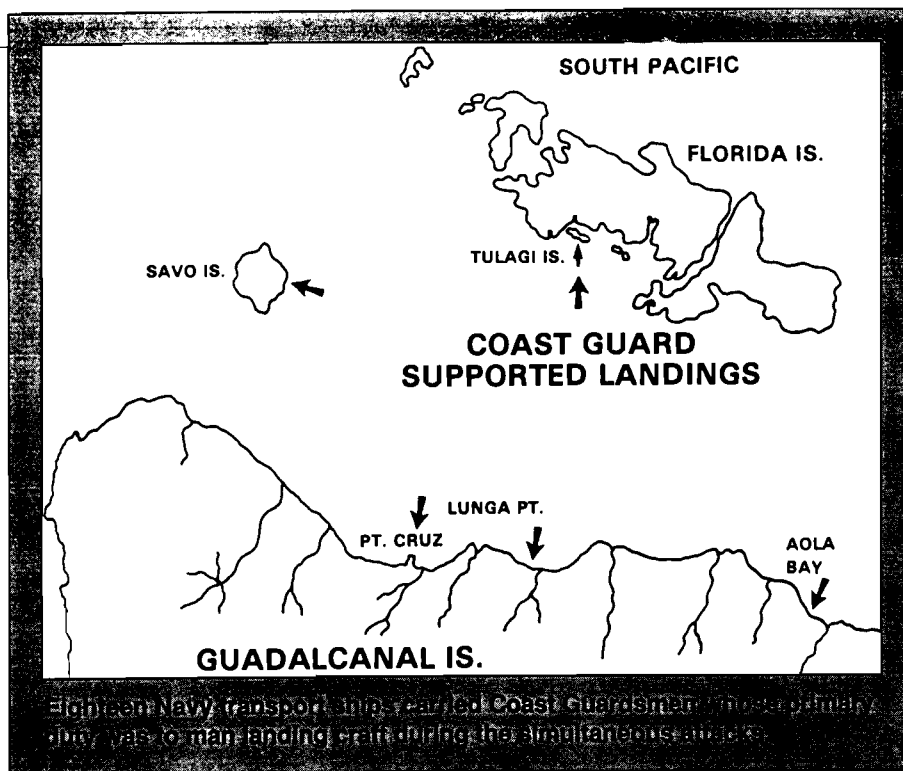
The second major target island, Guadalcanal, was added to the assault when reconnaissance indicated that the Japanese were building an airfield there.

Guadalcanal

Both sides considered Guadalcanal to be vital. Guadalcanal was a rugged, inhospitable island in a strategically important position. Japan had taken the island from Great Britain earlier in the year. The airfields that the Japanese were building would threaten the Allied New Hebrides and New Caledonia. The Japanese could



Landing parties were deployed from Coast Guard-manned Navy transports during the amphibious invasions of the war in the Pacific.



not be allowed to complete the airfields; Allied possession of the islands was essential.

The Allies assigned 19,546 Marines to land and take back the islands. Initially, the assault on the Solomon Islands was planned for the fall of 1942. The date was moved up after the naval victories during the Coral Sea and Midway battles.

CG landing crews

The Navy, augmented by hundreds of Coast Guardsmen, delivered the men of the 1st Marine Division to their objective. The Coast Guard-manned transport *Hunter Liggett* was one of 22 naval transports in the simultaneous attacks on Tulagi and Guadalcanal.

Eighteen other transports — including *Aquarius*, *Arthur Middleton*, *Bayfield*, *Calloway*, *Cambria*, *Cavalier*, *Centaurus*, *George F. Elliott*, *Joseph T. Dickman*, *Leonard Wood* and *Monticello* — carried Coast Guardsmen whose primary duty was to man landing craft.

Most of the Coast Guard landing craft crews came from coastal lifesaving stations. They were among the most experienced smallboat handlers in government service and the only group skilled in heavy-surf work.

A number of these men had never been more than a few miles from their coastal birthplaces. Most were surprised when they were called for duty in faraway places.

The *Hunter Liggett* operated as the amphibious force command post afloat until the beaches were secured. As the command ship, the *Hunter Liggett* carried headquarters, support and special-weapons troops for landing after the beachhead was secured.

Its boats were dispatched to other ships for the initial landings.

Landing craft were in short supply. Each boat had to run in to the beach, unload and travel back out to the transport ships for another load of troops and equipment. Each landing boat had a crew of three. Their primary goal was to deliver large numbers of troops ashore.

The fighting on some areas of the beach was particularly desperate. The Coast Guard assisted wherever possible: digging their own machine gun nests, manning artillery and fighting with the Marines. In fact, several Coast Guardsmen were decorated for heroic actions.

For example, Coxswain Daniel J. Tarr was awarded the Silver Star Medal for conspicuous gallantry during the initial landings on Tulagi.

Approximately 11,000 Marines went ashore the first day. A Coast Guard beachmaster and about 40 Coast Guardsmen supervised boat landings, unloading, repair and salvage ashore.

Supply landings

Supply landings went so quickly that materials began to pile up on the beaches. Unloading had to be halted until the confusion over transporting material inland could be corrected. A special unit of 25 Coast Guardsmen under Coast Guard LCDR Dwight H. Dexter landed to lend mobility to the forces ashore. They set up a naval operating base at Lunga Point in the center of the beachhead.

The unit's landing craft became a special assault fleet, carrying small groups of Marines along the coast. Several members of this unit distinguished themselves in combat, including Signalman 1st Class Douglas Munro.

Munro led a withdrawal by landing craft of Marines trapped on an exposed beach Sept. 27, 1942. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Japanese opposition

Opposition to the landings came principally from Japanese high-altitude bombers. They made no hits but also escaped unscathed. Approximately 2,000 Japanese troops withdrew into the jungles for a protracted fight.

Japanese aircraft and reinforcements came from nearby islands. On the morning of the second day, 17 heavy bombers made a low altitude attack on the troop transports. All were shot down. Anti-aircraft fire from the *Hunter Liggett* downed four of the attackers while protecting the ship from damage.

The transport *George F. Elliott* was not so lucky: A crippled Japanese bomber crashed into the deck.

The resulting fire could not be controlled and the *Elliott* eventually

The 535-foot *Hunter Liggett*, built in 1922, carried 35 landing boats and two tank lighters with a crew of 51 officers and 634 enlisted men.

sank. Surviving officers and crewmen were divided up among the other transports.

The *Hunter Liggett* took 330 men on board from the stricken transport, other ships evacuated the rest.

Savo Island battle

Early on the morning of Aug. 9, a Japanese cruiser and destroyer force fought a pitched battle with the Allied cruiser and destroyer screening force near Savo, a small island north of Guadalcanal.

The U.S. supporting aircraft carrier task force had begun to fall back. When the Japanese attack came, the carriers were too far away to help, leaving only destroyers and cruisers to meet the Japanese attack.

Five Japanese heavy cruisers and additional screening destroyers had raced toward the beachhead when they learned of the landing.

Gunfire and torpedoes tore into the heavy ships of the U.S. force during the early morning attack.

By morning the U.S. Navy had lost the cruisers *Quincy*, *Vincennes* and *Astoria*, and the destroyer *Ralph Talbot* was also severely damaged.

The Australian Navy lost the cruiser *Canberra* while the Japanese Navy only received minor damage to three cruisers.

Still, none of the transports were damaged.

But, with no air support, they had to withdraw after only partially unloading. Called the Battle of Savo Island, the action was one of the worst defeats ever dealt the U.S. Navy.

The transports withdraw early

The invasion transports saw the gunfire in the distance and halted unloading to maneuver, awaiting the outcome. They were blacked out, steaming between rain squalls, hoping for the best as the action ended.

The Japanese force had become



disorganized and, apprehensive of American air attack, withdrew without assaulting the vulnerable transports.

Taking a chance on the enemy returning, the transports moved in and continued unloading as fast as they could. By 4 a.m. on the fourth day, all of the troops and about half of the supplies had been landed from the transports and freighters offshore.

The Marines had four days of ammunition for their weapons and 37 days of food.

The enemy responded to the American assault by landing more than a thousand troops on Guadalcanal. Both sides poured in reinforcements, with neither side able to gain an overwhelming advantage.

Both used their forces to the best advantage: U.S. forces controlled the air by day; Japanese forces controlled the sea by night.

American aircraft operated from a hastily-constructed landing strip on shore called Henderson Field, named for a Marine pilot hero of the Battle of Midway. They came to control the daytime skies.

Japanese surface warships initially ruled the seas around the island at night. They ran small convoys of warships loaded with troops and supplies down from the north and were back out of air range by morning. Allied ships ran in to deliver supplies by day.

Five more major naval battles and numerous smaller engagements were fought in the waters surround-

ing Guadalcanal. So many ships of both sides were sunk in one area that it became known as Iron Bottom Sound. Only gradually did the U.S. Navy come to control the sea around the island.

Fighting took place on Guadalcanal — in the air above and in the waters offshore — for 26 weeks. Navy, Coast Guard and Marine units continued to fight until the last Japanese resistance ended Feb. 8, 1943. Guadalcanal proved to be the turning point in American and Allied fortunes in the Pacific.

— Kevin Foster

Landing craft

Three types of landing craft carried troops ashore. The smallest and most numerous were "Higgins boats," named for the builder.

They were hard chine plywood craft with two machine gun tubs forward and a coxswain position aft. Troops rode in a well in the center but had to exit over the side of the boat.

A modified version fitted with an armored ramp, the landing craft personnel or LCP(R), was also widely used. The ramp allowed the men easier access in and out via the ramp.

Tanks, trucks and other large cargo was landed aboard large ungainly craft called tank lighters.

— Kevin Foster

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Dues		13,814.00
Donations:	Misc.	32.00
	Patriots Point	332.00
	Desert Storm	25.00
	DE Memorial	105.00
	Normandy Monument	250.00
	Douglas Munro	105.00
		849.00
Sale of Clothing		2,407.06
Bank Interest		449.61
Advertisement, Newsletters		399.00
Reno Reunion, Food sales		183.00
		<u>18,101.67</u>
	Total Receipts	

EXPENDITURES 12/1/90 through 8/24/92

Purchase of Clothing	1,550.33
Stamps/Postage	1,462.20
Shipping Clothing/phone calls	555.00
Bank Service Charges	214.28
Newsletter printing/mailing	8,024.46
Officers Travel Expenses	4,957.88
Patriots Point	487.00
Publications	103.78
Awards	105.91
Conte Memorial	100.00
Insurance	423.00
DE Memorial, New London, Conn.	150.00
CG Veterans Memorials	195.00
Secretary/Treasurer/Label computer expenses	1,057.51
Reunion Expenses	1,259.10
Logo Pins	824.34
Veterans Fruit Baskets	100.00
Douglas Munro Gravesite	1,227.18
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Balance, 8/24/92 - - - Checking-	\$3,128.63
Petty cash on hand as of 8/24/92-	42.47

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CGCVA records will be on hand in Reno and may be examined by any member of the CGCVA.

Charles G. Derderian, CGCVA, former MoMM3/C, LST 759 knew we needed an AMPHIB story so he graciously sent in this story.

Aboard the LST 759 in the Pacific--"There was this nude blonde, see, and when we land at Okinawa, she is standing there, right on the beach, like she is waiting for us." "No! No! She is dark-haired, see, and she is wearing a sarong, and when she sees the ships coming in, she starts to run away." "You're telling it all wrong! She isn't wearing anything, just a little something here and there, maybe, but she is blonde all right, because I remember she waves to..."

Everything has happened to the crew of the LST 759, from fires at sea, exploding hand grenades, and a one-man crime wave, to seeing women on beachheads. Her crew can't get over the strange doings aboard.

"This ain't a ship, it's the greatest show on earth!" "Tell 'em about the Ripper!" "Yeah--if we ever catch that rat, we'll keel-haul him!"

It began several months ago, while the ship was tied to the pier at Pearl Harbor. At chow time everyone was discussing the latest activities of the Ripper--"Stole another hundred bucks last night!" "What's the good to lock your locker? He picks any lock--you gotta have it with you all the time!" "Oh, if we ever catch that guy--one time he'll slip, one time!"

The ship's radio broadcasting an official news bulletin blared out: "And the Navy announced today the sinking by the enemy of two of our mine sweepers and the LST 759." "Hey--that--that's us!" someone in the crew said, looking around dazedly. First thoughts were to ease the worries of families back home who must all have been notified of the false report. Actually, it was another LST, the 749 which had been lost.

There were frantic phone calls to the Intelligence Office and the Operations Office, and the Welfare Office, and the Red Cross at Pearl Harbor, and all possible means were taken to allow the crew to reassure their loved ones. Typical letters received by the ship's company afterwards from parents, sisters and sweethearts were saved and re-read. "Pop wrote he tore the notice out of the paper 'cause he didn't want Mom to see till he was sure.' "

"My girl, June, wrote this, listen: 'When dad told me, things got sort of blurred, and there was an awful ringing in my ears. I think that night everything you ever did or said came back to me'."

Some one got the idea, then, to call the ship the Flying Dutchman after the legend of the sea about the old sailing vessel, The Flying Dutchman, which went down with all hands, but is still seen as a ghost ship by sailors all over the world.

The Pharmacist's Mate, Jack Deafenbauch, of South Bend, Ind., was commissioned to paint the Dutchman--with wings, handlebar mustachios, and holding a seidel of beer--on the aftergun turret. Jack had always dabbled with paints, and had done portraits of several of the crew. "No portrait I ever did looked like the person except one of my mother," he moaned. "I'll draw a flying Dutchman, and he'll maybe look like Pesagus, or even Peter Pan."

The job took five days, and was done under constant surveillance of the entire crew. It was so satisfactory that as soon as the paint is available, a Flying Dutchess is to adorn the companion turret.

With the exception of the hated Ripper, whose thefts of money and valuables continued, the Flying Dutchman proceeded without incident for a short while. Each day the bulletin-board carried a new warning to the Ripper, describing lavish punishments on apprehension, and signed by the crew.

Then the ship joined a giant task force, headed for the invasion of Okinawa. The Fifth Division of Marines was aboard, hundreds strong, and the Dutchman was laden with their fighting equipment, ammunition, gas masks, and amphib tanks.

A CASUAL MARINE. A day before reaching the beachhead, a Marine came up topside apologetically, and coralled one of the crew. "I--I dunno if I'm supposed to report this or not, but there's a fire down below!" Below, ammunition was stacked three feet high! All hands, including the skipper raced to man fire hose, and the blaze was finally knocked down,

but the Dutchman had a case of jitters.

"Some of them Marines was new--this was their first show. They was all laughing and carrying on, but the old ones--the ones who's gone in before--they was scared." "The Japs had a forty-foot wall built up on the beach, and the guys knew they had to scale that before they got in. The old birds, they was plenty quiet."

One of the crew remembered a letter he'd written home, about the tenseness of that last day before making the beachhead. "A life could be but a bit of dust in the palm of an open hand. Should a breeze pass by, it would take that bit of dust and the palm would be empty."

VARIED THOUGHTS. The Dutchman had the jitters, the fire had made the men edgy, small talk was clipped, without pattern....A marine had wrecked his dad's car one night. He was kissing his girl, and the car went off the road--you know how it is. Snow...it's so damn infernal hot out here...wow, wouldn't you love some good old guaranteed U. S. snow, cold, and wet and white all over everything.

Then at 5 A.M. on invasion morning, the Dutchman hit a mine. The fire watch at the time, on the deck laden three feet high with ammunition, said he wasn't even nervous. "I figured it couldn't be anything much. I started to sew up a hole in my pants in the dark. I wasn't nervous at all. Later, I found I'd sewed my pants to my shorts!" It was a dead mine, or the 759 would really be a ghost ship, but again everyone was edgy. Just off the beach, the Dutchman let down the ramp, and the Marines rode out to battle in their amphib tanks. Some of the crew threw packs of gum and cigarettes to the Marine buddies they'd made during the trip as the tanks pushed off.

An explosion in the bow stunned all hands again--a hand grenade had gone off aboard ship! No serious damage was done, but the Dutchman was throbbing at the temples. "Some of the guys was looped to the eyeballs with excitement. That's how come all those girl stories." "Looped, hell! I tell you there was a girl on the beach waiting for us--a beautiful naked girl..." "That's right, that's right, there was a girl and I saw her! Only she wasn't naked. A little bit she had on hear, and maybe right here...."

Anchored off the beach on D plus two day, the Dutchman was settling down again. Even the Ripper had made no new forays. There was ice cream at evening chow, and all hands were calm and content, when a Jap plane came overhead. "You never saw a crew so mad in your life, and the thing they were madder about than anything else was that they had to leave their ice cream to shoot at a plane!" But the Dutchman laid to the topside and manned his guns and shot down the plane.

Now the Dutchman argues over two things: Was there a girl on the beach at Okinawa? And what should they do to the Ripper once they catch him?

CGCVA MEMBER Tom Robson, 1925 Parkside Ave., Burbank, CA 91506 (818) 848-7956 announces:

USS LST 23 Reunion - October 26-29, 1992, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Robert F. Yost, USCG (Ret), wrote Navy Times, Mail Call, July 20th, 1992 urging that all Active and Retired and former USCG Personnel write:

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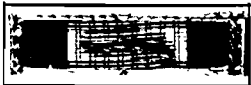
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*** Attention U.S. Coast Guard Vietnam Veterans ***

For those of you who are not aware the RVN GALLANTRY CROSS W/PALM UNIT CITATION was awarded to all American servicemen and women who served in Vietnam. In addition, the RVN CIVIC ACTIONS UNIT CITATION was also awarded to most units that participated in the "Medical Civil Actions" program (Ever do any MEDCAPS?). It took me about 6 months and a few dozen phone calls and a lot of headaches to nail down this one. Also the secretary of the Navy awarded the "MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION ribbon (Navy/Marine) to Task Force 115 which included C.G. Squadron 3. The two RVN awards are ribbons with a gold frame and are worn in the fruit salad (Army wears them separate) and have a full size medal counterpart.

Below are the description paragraphs of these three awards taken from "Medals, Military and Civilian of the United States" (Brothick/Britton). Illustrations from various sources.

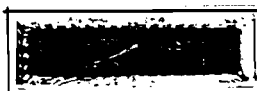


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August 26, 1992

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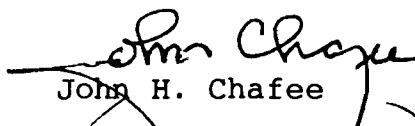
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