

COAST GUARD HERITAGE MUSEUM

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BREAKING NEWS!!

***WE NOW CAN OFFER MEMBERSHIP IN
THE CGHM. SEE APPLICATION INSIDE!***

***WE ARE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AND RELY ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS
TO KEEP US AFLOAT! CHECK THE DONATIONS PAGE IN THIS NEWSLETTER.***

The museum is closed for the season but our volunteers are busy doing all the things needed to keep a museum running until we open in May 2010.

Many of the displays have been changed around and freshened up to keep the flow of Coast Guard eras easier for our docents to show and explain to our visitors. This is still a work in progress as I speak.

Our volunteers are also completing jobs like putting our inventory into a computer program along with a hard copy for our records. With the display changing this is a very hard job and it is time consuming to keep everything correct and accurate.

We have made displays out of some old cabinets and bought some old displays that need work, keeping costs down so that the increasing utility bills we face to keep the museum functioning can be met. Plastic has been put in the windows to save energy, and where the windows are very bad, Lexan sheets have been placed covering the windows on the inside. The work of installing the Lexan was done by a crew from the town of Barnstable. The town also removed a rotted tree which was a hazard, and repaired some lights that were damaged or broken. We appreciate the town's support in helping out with labor where needed.

We have started membership this year to help keep revenue flowing and allow the museum fresh and different each year. We continue to build friends as the museum becomes more well-known through our web site, word-of-mouth and advertising. We will be starting a new volunteer program with Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands to help build up our docent and volunteer staff to perform the many jobs needed for the museum to function smoothly.

2009 was a good year and I hope to have 2010 be even better. I would like to thank our Officers, BOD, HBOD, docents, volunteers and supporters for their outstanding job keeping us alive and heading in the right direction. My hat is off to every one of you.

BZ...

Bill Collette President CGHM

EDITOR'S NOTES

Time flies!! Here it is February already. So much has been going on at the Museum that we completely missed an edition. So here is the make up edition. We have received lots of new items for display and a hard-working group of volunteers has been rearranging the exhibits and setting up new displays. When you come to visit, you will see some familiar things and much that is new. **Jack McGrath**

WE HAVE A WISH LIST!! CAN YOU HELP??

MANNEQUINS , STEEL SHELVING, 4 DRAWER FILES, A COMMERCIAL DEHUMIDIFIER, A POINT OF SERVICE HOT WATER HEATER, SMALL PORTABLE DVD PLAYERS, AND A LAPTOP PC. THANKS!

Correction

In our Spring 2009 newsletter, we wrote about CG1, an 83 footer at D-Day. Jack W. Read, who was CMoMM on CG43, points out that USCG Rescue Flotilla 1(RESFLO 1) was an all CG operation, not Navy. They were based at Poole, UK and served at the various beaches at Normandy. Thanks, Jack!

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EXHIBIT NEWS



WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR A SET OF AVIATION "GREENS" FOR SOME TIME. CAPTAIN PAUL GARRITY, USCG (RET) OF SANDWICH HEARD OF OUR NEED, AND HE HAS BROUGHT US A FULL SET OF GREENS FROM HIS TIME AS A LIEUTENANT. CAPTAIN GARRITY WAS ALSO CO OF AIR STATION CAPE COD AT ONE TIME. HE WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN THE TESTING OF THE HH-65A WHEN THE USCG FIRST ACQUIRED THE DOLPHIN. HIS UNIFORM LOOKS GREAT NEXT TO THE NEWLY EXPANDED AVIATION SECTION OF THE MUSEUM. **WE STILL NEED A HAT! IF YOU HAVE ONE YOU CAN SPARE, LET US KNOW!**

EXHIBIT NEWS

MIKE MAYNARD, OUR MOST PROLIFIC MODEL MAKER, HAS PRODUCED A COUPLE OF MASTERPIECES FOR THE MUSEUM.

THE FIRST IS A MODEL OF THE LAST NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP, WL613, WHICH WAS ALSO THE LAST LIGHTSHIP IN SERVICE. IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY, YOU CAN SEE MIKE, WHO SERVED ON THE SHIP, LOWERING A BUCKET INTO NANTUCKET SOUND.



THE SECOND ONE IS A CONSOLIDATED PB4Y WITH A LIFEBOAT UNDER THE WING AND A COMPLETE INTERIOR. AS WITH ALL OF MIKE'S MODELS, THE DETAIL IS INCREDIBLE.

MIKE IS AVAILABLE FOR COMMISSION WORK. CONTACT THE MUSEUM.

EXHIBIT NEWS



THE PRINT ABOVE IS TITLED “THE LAST FLIGHT OF THE GOAT” IT DEPICTS THE LAST EVER USCG HU-16E ALBATROSS FLIGHT OF THE 7250 AT AIR STATION CAPE COD.

THIS GREAT PAINTING WAS DONE BY BRYAN SNUFFER, A WELL-KNOWN COAST GUARD AND MILITARY ARTIST. THROUGH BRYAN’S ASSISTANCE, THE CGHM WAS ABLE TO ACQUIRE THIS PRINT, ALONG WITH THREE OTHERS, DEPICTING AN HO4-S HELICOPTER, THE SCRAMBLE OF SOME HH-52A HELOS, AND A PRINT COMMEMORATING THE TRAGIC LOSS OF CG 1705 AND IT’S CREW IN A CRASH OFF SAN DIEGO IN 2009.

BRYAN’S GREAT WORK IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.BRYANSNUFFER.COM . IF YOU ARE A FAN OF COAST GUARD AVIATION, YOU NEED TO VISIT HIS SITE. YOU WILL FIND SOMETHING YOU JUST MUST HAVE!

MUSEUM NEWS

A big change for us at the CGHM is that we can finally (!!) offer memberships. We have wanted to do this for some time, and are finally in a position to do so. The categories are listed below. By way of explanation, the way our 501(c)(3) is structured only allows the Board of Directors to vote. **PLEASE PRINT AND MAIL THE APPLICATION .**

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES & DUES

Individual – \$25 Single membership in the CGHM with all member privileges, including attending annual meeting with no voting privilege, individual admission to the museum, and a 10% gift shop discount.

Family - \$40 Same as individual, but with additional admissions to the museum for immediate family. One person may attend annual meeting with no voting privilege.

Supporting Member- \$ 100 Unlimited Museum admission & 10% discount. This is for those who want to support museum but not actively participate .

Sustaining Member - \$250 – For those who want to show a greater level of support for the museum. Unlimited admission and 10% discount apply.

Guardian: 3 donor levels – Guardians receive all benefits of membership. The Guardian category includes individual recognition at the museum. The 3 categories are:

Captain's circle: \$500+

Admiral's circle: \$1,000+

Commandant's circle \$2,500 +

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

USCG CONNECTION (IF ANY) _____

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL: ANNUAL DUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORTING | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUSTAINING | \$250 |

GUARDIAN

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> CAPTAIN'S CIRCLE | \$500+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADMIRAL'S CIRCLE | \$1,000+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMANDANT'S CIRCLE | \$2,500+ |

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CREDIT CARD: VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

CARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: MONTH _____ YEAR _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

MUSEUM NEWS

EFFORTS CONTINUE TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH CAPTAIN FRED HERZBERG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF THE FOUNDATION FOR COAST GUARD HISTORY TO COME UP WITH A PLAN OF ACTION. THE FOUNDATION (WWW.FCGH.ORG) IS INTERESTED IN THIS AS WELL. NO SINGLE GROUP CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN. WE WILL BE TRYING TO CONTACT AS MANY COAST GUARD RELATED ORGANIZATIONS AS WE CAN TO GET THEIR INPUT. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF A REUNION GROUP OR ANY OTHER CG RELATED ORGANIZATION AND WISH TO HEAR MORE, SEND US AN EMAIL OR GIVE US A CALL.

WE ARE HOPING TO ACQUIRE A FIFTH ORDER FRESNEL LENS ON LOAN FOR DISPLAY IN THE MUSEUM. IN ANTICIPATION OF THAT, WE HAVE DONE SOME REARRANGING OF THE FIRST FLOOR TO ACCOMMODATE THE LENS. IT WOULD BECOME PART OF OUR LIGHTHOUSE DISPLAY AND ADD MUCH TO OUR ABILITY TO TELL THE STORY OF LIGHTHOUSES ON CAPE COD.

THE *EASTWIND* ASSOCIATION HAS MADE A GENEROUS DONATION TO THE CGHM. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR GENEROSITY. OTHER ALUMNI GROUPS HAVE ALSO BEEN VERY GENEROUS TO US. IF YOU BELONG TO ONE, PLEASE CONSIDER US WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PRESERVE COAST GUARD HISTORY.

WE HAVE SOME NEW VOLUNTEERS CONSIDERING ASSISTING US AT THE MUSEUM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE ARE PLANNING ON PARTNERING WITH THE RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP) TO HELP US WITH OR VOLUNTEERS. THEY BRING BENEFITS TO THE VOLUNTEERS THAT INCLUDE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT. WE ARE OPEN TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY FROM MAY TO OCTOBER, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO BE OPEN SEVEN DAYS IF WE CAN MUSTER SUFFICIENT VOLUNTEER STAFF.

WE RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN A 100TH ANNIVERSARY JAMBOREE FOR THE BOY SCOUTS, WHERE WE HAD MANY INTERESTED VISITORS TO OUR DISPLAY. WE ARE HOPING TO PARTICIPATE IN ADDITIONAL EVENTS WITH THE BSA.

DISPATCHES FROM THE FLEET

NAUTICAL MUSEUM TRAVEL TIPS

For those of you who may be traveling in New England this spring or summer or some of you snow birds traveling back home to your nesting grounds up here in the north. I would like to suggest a few museums and places of interest that are some of my favorites. For those of you traveling back north I would like to recommend a couple of museums. First is the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Virginia. This museum is probably one of the largest museums on the East Coast. You will be especially impressed with Civil War Monitor exhibit. You can see the restoration and preserving of this historic vessel. For Directions and information about this great museum you can go to its web page.

<http://www.marinersmuseum.org/>



Second is the Baltimore Historic Ships Museum at Baltimore, Maryland. This is a harbor museum that has the Coast Guard Cutter Taney, the last surviving ship from Pearl Harbor. There is the WWII submarine the Torsk, the lightship Chesapeake, the Knoll Lighthouse and much more. One can take a tour of the harbor or visit the many shops and enjoy some of the great restaurants on the waterfront. You may find out more about this fun day at their web page. <http://www.historicships.org>



The next museum is Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. Although I found the entrance fee rather expensive for someone on a limited budget it may be worth the price if you are interested in 19th century sailing and nautical history. Traveling with my old shipmate, we discovered a day sailing sloop out of Mystic the Argia. This sloop is not associated with Mystic but for \$30.00 you can enjoy a three hour cruise under sail and or an evening cruise. We enjoyed it so much we took both cruises. The evening cruise is more for the young adults than family. I would suggest the best time to do Mystic and the Argia is in the fall during the week when school is in session when it is less crowded. A word of warning, reservations are a must and if the Argia does not have a full compliment, they cancel twenty minutes before sailing time. So call before you arrive. She does winter cruising in Southern waters. Here are the web pages for Mystic and the Argia.

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Mystic Seaport- <http://www.mysticseaport.org>
The sloop Argia- <http://www.vovagermystic.org>



Also in Connecticut is the Coast Guard Museum at the Academy in New London.. Being an old Coastie I could not leave this out. Since it is on a military base one has to get clearance at the main gate. Only a photo ID is needed. I found parking there a bit difficult. But a tour of the academy and museum was worth it. Check the web page for information. <http://www.uscg.mil/hg/cg092/museum/>



Next on my list is the WWII museum in Wolfeboro New Hampshire. This museum has a one of a kind air-conditioning system. You have to see to believe it. The museum has a wonderful collection of tanks and track vehicles and a great ship model collection. Many uniforms worn by men and women of the services are displayed, along with other exhibits that will please the older vet and younger generations. Here is the web page. <http://www.wrightmuseum.org>



DISPATCHES FROM THE FLEET

There is a museum which I have not visited but have been told is very good. I have no review of it but have checked the web page. It is the Old Coast Guard Museum at Virginia Beach, Virginia. Here is the web page. <http://www.oldcoastguardstation.com>



There are many lighthouses that I have visited in New England and I think these are my best three. Owls Head Light (below) is at West Penobscot Bay at the entrance of Rockland, Maine Harbor. There are fantastic views from the light. Ned Point Light in Mattapoisett, MA is a great place for a picnic. All that is left is the tower. The keepers dwelling was moved to Wings Neck. The last is Bird Island Light in Sippican Harbor, Marion, MA. Also all that is left is the tower. The island is off limits to the public and it is a bird sanctuary. Of course I am partial to the last two as my Great Grandfather was Keeper on both lights and when I was in the Coast Guard I worked on Ned Point. You may find out more about these lighthouses and most all lighthouses in New England. Log on this web page for a virtual Guide to New England Lighthouses. <http://www.lighthouse.cc>



Please check out all of the web pages as they are well done and have lots of travel information. Have any questions about my travels? Give me a shout! cgwpg33@copper.net

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The Coast Guard Heritage Museum continues its dedication to preserving the heritage of the USCG in the 1856 Custom House Building located in the village of Barnstable, MA. Our ever-changing exhibits make each visit a fresh experience. Most recently, the Lightship Sailors Association has added their exhibit to the museum.

We cover the full range of Coast Guard roles, ranging from protecting our shores, lives and property to lighthouses and lightships, from life-saving stations to rescue boats, from buoy tenders to icebreakers and weather ships and from modern aircraft to patrol boats and cutters. ***The heroic story of the Coast Guard must be told and never forgotten!*** We often work closely with the USCG, but we **DO NOT** receive funding from the Coast Guard or any other government agency.

Our attendance has increased each year. However, it is not enough to defray the rapidly rising costs of maintaining and conserving our collections as well as promoting our existence. We are entirely operated by volunteers. ***We need your help!*** Please support us by printing the form below and mailing it, along with your check made payable to the ***Coast Guard Heritage Museum***. Be sure to include your mailing address and your e-mail address so that we can send you our newsletter.

Some may wish to provide for us in their will. Consult your financial advisors to choose what best suits your personal situation. All gifts are tax-deductible. By remembering the Coast Guard Heritage Museum in your will you can continue your support for years to come.

Help support our mission so we can continue to promote the history of the USCG.



YES! I WANT TO SUPPORT THE COAST GUARD HERITAGE MUSEUM IN BARNSTABLE MASSACHUSETTS WITH MY CONTRIBUTION TO ITS ANNUAL APPEAL.

ADMIRAL'S CLUB (\$1,000)

CAPTAIN'S CLUB (\$500)

CHIEF'S CLUB (\$100)

STATION KEEPER (\$75)

LIFE-SAVERS (\$50)

SURFMEN / AVIATORS (\$10)

OTHER (\$_____)

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