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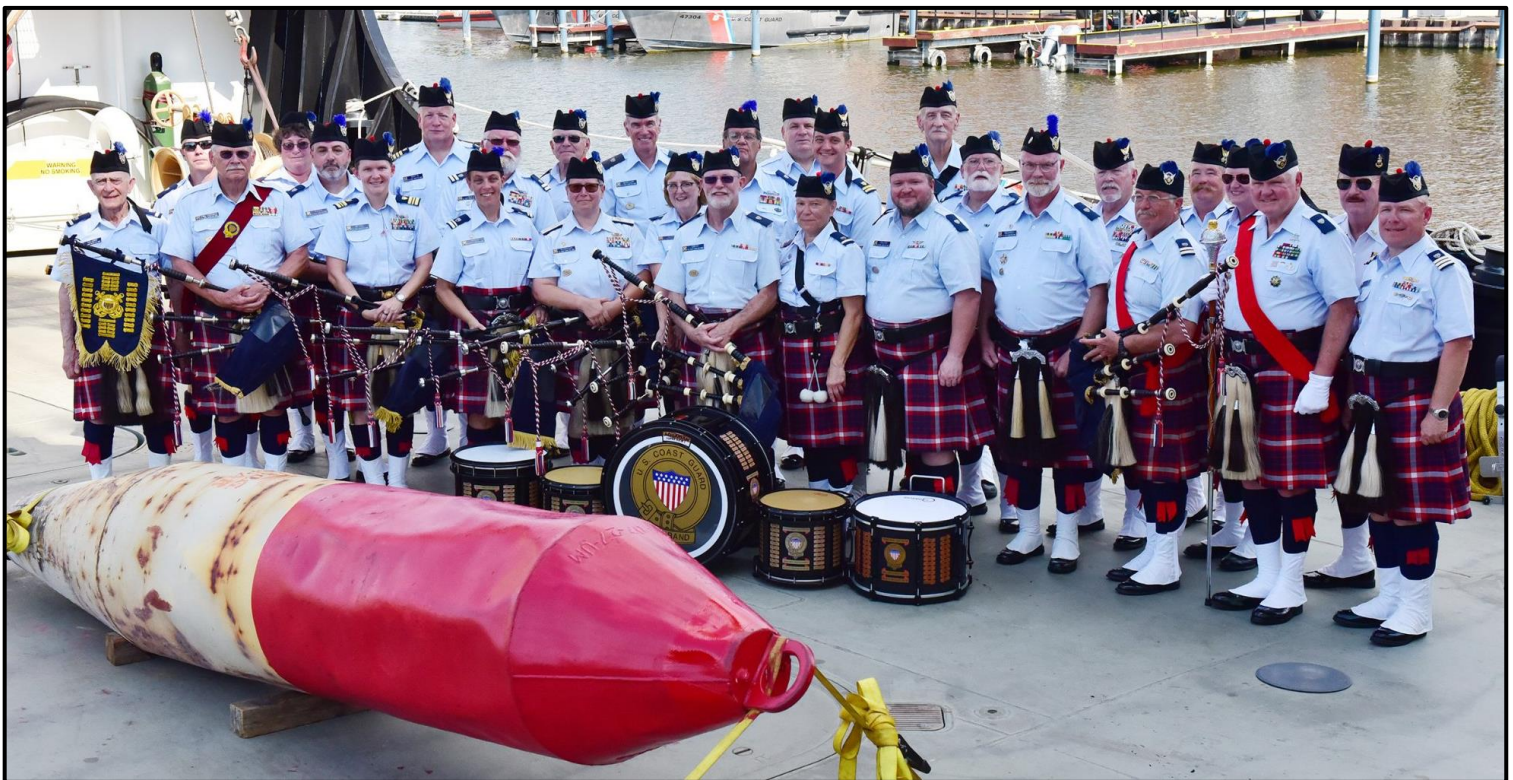
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Grand Haven 2022 – 20th Anniversary of First U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band Performance



Your U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band on the buoy deck of CGC SPAR following the 2022 Coast Guard Memorial Service in Escanaba Park, Grand Haven, Michigan 5 August 2022. See accompanying story and photos below. (Photo: PAC John Masson, AIRSTA Traverse City)

Like Lazarus, the USCGPB NEWSLETTER returns

Shipmates, it has been a while since a band newsletter has hit the net and I missed the information contained within. So, with the concurrence of the Band Board of Directors and Band Public Affairs Officer, I will work to put out at least two editions annually with the hope to have a quarterly product. Despite all gathering for the performances and annual meeting in Grand Haven, there is so much more that goes on throughout the year and where the newsletter can fill some knowledge gaps about the activities and events our shipmates participate in and what's coming up. All contributions from membership are both welcome and encouraged. I hope you enjoy this edition and all the best for a safe and prosperous 2023! - *Ken Hines, January 2023*



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A Great Time in Grand Haven - 2022

20th Anniversary of the first U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band Performance at Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival

Our USCGPB had great, but hot and sunny weather for the 2022 Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival as 29 band and color guard members again made the trip to Michigan for the Festival. August 2022 marked the 20th anniversary of the original USCGPB founded by CWO Kevin Gilheany, USCG (Ret) performing in Grand Haven in



CWO Kevin Gilheany

mismatched kilts, mixed brands of drums, but a passion to create a pipe & drum band from all aspects of the Coast Guard family to represent the U.S. Coast Guard. **Mission Accomplished!**

In 20 years, our band has performed at hundreds of events as a group and in solo acts. August in Grand Haven is the center of gravity for the band as a national event, along with our performances at the British War Graves ceremonies in May. But our band's reach includes St. Patrick Day parades in New York City and Savannah, GA, Coast Guard HQ performances, National Police Week in Washington, DC, countless change of commands and retirements, and the solemn ceremonies that accompany the line of duty death of a military service member, law enforcement officer, firefighter, or EMS worker and the burial rites of a military veteran.

The next 20 years and beyond are exciting to imagine the shipmates we will add to the band and the places we will perform.



Female members of the USCGPB pose for a photo on the buoy deck of CGC SPAR with retired USCG ADM Joanna Nunan (center) immediately following the National Coast Guard Memorial Service, 2022. Nunan was the first commanding officer of the CGC SPAR.



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From the Band President – Captain Harry Dudley



Thanks to Ken Hines and those who contributed to this Newsletter. We have missed this form of communications with our members, and I really appreciate the effort to make it happen. It helps maintain the Band's camaraderie. If you have a contribution to the next one, please let Ken know.

In my '21-'22 Annual Report I noted that members supported the Coast Guard in an outstanding manner despite many challenges. Those who performed at or supported events provided invaluable service to the Coast Guard. We send Headquarters information about Band events, so your efforts are known at senior levels. There will be coverage of Grand Haven (GH) '22 elsewhere in this Newsletter and it was the 20th time the Band participated. To those who attended, I extend my personal thanks! Zoe Ann and I wish we could have been there with you on that significant occasion.

The Band first performed at GH on 2 August 2002 and was incorporated on 6 Sep 2002. Ever since, members have faithfully fulfilled the mandate set in our Bylaws to support the Coast Guard. Our members truly reflect Coast Guard Core Values: Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.

To all new members: WELCOME! I anticipate active participation from all of you. This all-volunteer Band could not support the Coast Guard (and thus, the Nation) without members who put time and money into being active. Active participation includes not just performing but, for those who can't personally be at an event, there are ways to directly support those who can. Administrative support is key to keeping the Band on track and able to perform.

Our website is an excellent source of information about the Band. All members should consult it for information about our history and future. Our Webmaster, Michael Henry, is due infinite thanks for the work he has (and will) put in to maintain that site.

Changes to our Bylaws went into effect on 24 May 2022 and we can now solicit the public for funds to support our activities. Work is underway developing policies and procedures to implement that process to help cover expenses that, until now, have been covered by members. Cathie Slabaugh and the Finance Committee will be working with the BoD to make that happen. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who helped update our Bylaws and are developing our Policies & Procedures Manual so we can continue to move in a positive direction.

As 2023 unfolds, I know that USCGPB will continue to support the Coast Guard Family. I look forward to working with all of you to ensure that happens in the best possible way. Members who participate at national or local events or help with administrative duties are the reason we can support the Coast Guard as we do. Your "Devotion to Duty" makes me very proud to be your President.

Harry Dudley, President, U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band

Reminder: The President Report, Pipe Major, and Treasurer Reports, Minutes, and other AGM documents are posted on the Band website.

<http://www.uscgpipeband.org>



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Pipe Major's Call – M.L. Loudermilk



My sincere thanks to all who participated in the 2022 events. We had a great turn-out of members for the British Was Graves and Grand Haven Festival. A special thanks those who contributed their time and energy to coordinate and assist in these events.

The 2022 Grand Haven Festival was unique as we not only celebrated our 20th appearance there but also celebrated the band's 20th birthday. The band members attending received both commemorative USCGPB challenge coins and Tee shirts. I would like to thank all our members who have participated in these National Events as well as Local Events across the nation throughout the year.

As to the state of the band, currently we have around 150 members. Since the 2021 AGM we have added about 13 new members plus several who have applications being processed. We currently have 50 Active Members which represents 33% of the band. We also have an influx of new members who are piping/drumming trainees or who haven't had the time or a chance to participate yet.

Our 2022/23 performance statistics shows that since 2 Jul 2021, we have had 50 members perform at 106 local events and nine National Events. As we play numerous performances at many of these events this represents more than 300 performances.

Looking back at 2022 performances, it should be noted that we have had several violations of band By-laws and uniform regulations. These include performing without event approval, performing solo without being authorized as a solo performer and numerous uniform violations. Please understand that violations of our By-Laws, Uniform Regulations or procedures could result in loss of our authorizations and agreements with the U.S. Coast Guard and/or jeopardize our corporate status.

Everyone should have received my email concerning scheduled and proposed 2023 National events. If not, please contact me. In summary, you can calendar the usual OBX, Buxton & Ocracoke and Grand Haven events. We may be able to do DC's National Law Enforcement Week event if enough experienced performers are willing and able to attend and we can get a coordinator to set it up.

We encourage you to be recruiting experienced pipers, drummers, and Color Guard in your area. By developing local detachments, you can rehearse together and perform locally as a small group or mini band. As the USCGPB cannot routinely teach pipers, drummers and color guard, as local bands can do, we need to focus on recruiting experienced performers, not students.

We are blessed being able to pipe, drum and participate, not just in a pipe band, but a special band, representing the Coast Guard, the military, and our country. Unlike many civilian and street bands we cannot afford to appear amateurish in our music, unorganized in our department or sloppy in our appearance. Always remember, we represent the U.S. Coast Guard and how we look, and sound reflects on the image of the Coast Guard. Work hard to keep our standards high.

While we continue growing in number, we must focus on maintaining the highest musical, uniform and department standards possible. Please rededicate yourself to improving your skills. We've got a great thing going here. Let's keep it going and growing.

Semper,
ML Loudermilk, Pipe Major, U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band

**Check the webpage & sign up for
2023 events ASAP**



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Treasurer Report – Commodore Cathie Slabaugh



Thanks to a \$10,000 donation by the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival, the band ended 2022 with a balance of \$32,491.03.

The Finance Committee presented a fundraising plan to the board in the fall, which they approved. More details will be rolled out by spring, so be on the lookout!

Cathie Slabaugh, Treasurer, U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band

UPCOMING NATIONAL USCGPB EVENTS...SIGN UP ON BAND WEBPAGE ASAP

- *11 May 2023 - British War Graves, Buxton, NC*
- *12 May 2023 - British War Graves, Ocracoke, NC*
- *4-5 Aug 2023 - Coast Guard Festival, Grand Haven, MI*
- *Tentative: 13-14 May 2023 - National Law Enforcement Memorial Service & Parade, Washington, DC*

Hey pipers, drummer, color guard shipmates... haven't been to the Grand Haven Coast Festival in a few years? Make plans now to participate this August 2023, we'd love to see you again, play some tunes, and share sea-stories!

Check your Kit... now is the time to order & replace equipment.

USCG uniform items are available online: https://www.vanguardmil.com/pages/coast-guard-collection?gclid=EAlalQobChMI2Na15Z7e_AIVoObjBx2lmg3KEAAYAiAAEgKnX_D_BwE.

Band specific items are available through QM John Quinn.

As a reminder, the USCGPB Uniform Regulations (USCGPBINST M1020.6) and instructions for the Mission Request Form (MRF) are posted on the Band's website. If you have a question about submitting MRF, contact your Regional Coordinator or PM Loudermilk.



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Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival - 2022

While arriving, seeing shipmates, and meeting new ones, band practice, and performances in Grand Haven are pretty much unchanged in the last 20 years and there remains that sense of expectation and fun we all have showcasing our pipe and drum band each August in Michigan. Will it rain at practice, will we make our band on the march turns without bunching up, did everyone bring rain capes are just a few of the annual questions we ponder upon arrival. The Church of the Dunes has been our band home for 20 years and they remain excellent hosts providing us their parking lot, the important head facilities, and a practice location on those rainy days. Decidedly there is comfort and enjoyment of the routine Grand Haven offers our band. We all have our favorite parts of the few days each August we spend as shipmates in Grand Haven and below are some photos from the 2022 event, courtesy of PAO Todd Wilkinson.



ABOVE: It doesn't take long for PM Loudermilk to have the pipes and drums set and starting to practice the tunes and entry/exit for the Friday Memorial Service. It was a hot couple of days and the shade of the trees was a big help.

LEFT: The Church of the Dunes offers a lot of open parking space to practice marching.



BOTTOM: The local American Legion Hall hosts the community following the Memorial Service with a chicken dinner. But most importantly, their shady parking lot is the final staging location for the band for tuning and a final kit check before walking across the street to perform in the Memorial Service. Band members relax before getting the call to attention from the PM to form up.



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Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival - 2022

The National Memorial Service at Escanaba Park is always a moving and solemn service that our band is honored to be asked to participate in each year. With a backdrop of Coast Guard Cutters and often a Canadian Coast Guard ship, the service remembers current Coasties lost in the line of duty and the WWII crew of CGC ESCANABA struck by either a torpedo or mine in the early morning of 13 June 1943, while serving as a convoy escort in the North Atlantic. Cutter ESCANABA suffered a fiery explosion and sank within minutes, leaving only two survivors and one body out of her 105-man crew to be found on the surface by rescuers. Until just a few years ago until he passed away, Cutter ESCANABA survivor Seaman 1st Class Raymond O'Malley Jr, a retired Chicago police officer attended every Memorial service. His son now attends in his father's place.



USCGPB members stand easy during the 2022 National Memorial Service.



D9 USCG Commander, RADM Michael Johnson presents USCGPB members with recognition of annual band participation at the Coast Guard Festival.



Medallion present to USCGPB members prior to Festival parade.



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Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival - 2022



On the march heading up the hill to the Reviewing Stand.



A great end to a great couple of days in Grand Haven...the Boyden House final performances before concluding the 20th year of the U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band participation at the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival.





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Out and About...Interesting Adventures by Our Band Shipmates

Cooking up some great Sea Stories – Piper John Quinn’s USCGAUX mission onboard the USCGC KIMBALL Patrol 4 FEB – 4 APR 2022 – Pipe Sergeant & Chef John Quinn

Many of the USCGPB members are active participants in the USCG Auxiliary and actively support the two CGAUX principal missions of promoting recreational boating safety and force augmentation in support of the active-duty Coast Guard. After years of filling in for active-duty Coast Guard Culinary Specialist (CS) as a AUXCA (Culinary Assistant) at Boat Station Tybee Island, GA, John Quinn was selected to join the crew of the Legend Class USCG Cutter KIMBALL in Honolulu for an underway transit to San Diego followed by a Maritime Security/Law Enforcement (LE) patrol south off the coast of Baja Mexico and Central America. These 60 days underway and return to San Diego resulted in offloading detainees from drug-running craft along with their contraband of 11,300 pounds of cocaine and more than 4,000 pounds of marijuana worth with a street value of more than \$223 million.

The primary focus of the patrol aboard the KIMBALL was a LE patrol targeting illegal drug operations in the waters off the Pacific coast of Central America. The KIMBALL is 418 feet long and can carry a crew anywhere from 111 – 150 Coasties depending on the mission. KIMBALL carried three cutter boats, an H-65 helicopter, and a pair of small unmanned aerial surveillance (sUAS) aircraft to support the mission. KIMBALL also coordinated with two other USCG cutters and a Canadian Naval vessel. This meant that the KIMBALL’s existing crew was augmented by the helo crew, the sUAS crew, and members of the Coast Guard’s crack Maritime Security Response Team (MSRT), and others with specialized training.

Life underway on a cutter runs 24/7 and the crew stand their watches around the clock and underway, the galley provides breakfast, lunch, and supper along with midnight rations (midrats) for the benefit of those coming off the late watch, as well as those coming on watch to work through the remainder of the night. Midrats is a bit different meal service. Rather than serving the entire crew, those needing meals run anywhere from 30 to 50, depending on the crew activity at the time. The hour is late, and the work is challenging. Fortunately, the menu is more flexible and tends to lean toward the comfort food end of the spectrum. An attempt is made to use leftovers from regular meal service to avoid waste, but the challenge is to make the meal new and appealing every time. A hot tasty meal, a smile, and a friendly word or two can be a difference maker.

There is a place for everyone in the AUXCA Program. While some prior culinary experience can be beneficial knocking out your qualifications, most important is an interest in food and a desire to support our young men and women in the Coast Guard. The greatest reward is working alongside and getting to know the exceptional young men and women who are the promise of are future and make the Coast Guard great!



Top: John putting finishing touches on pastry.
Bottom: John piping on the flight deck. (Photos provided by John Quinn)



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National Fallen Firefighters Memorial – Emmitsburg, MD

On 8-9 October 2022, USCGPB members Captain James Martin (USCG Ret), Captain Warren Whitley (USCGR Ret), CDR Ken Hines (USCGR Ret), and CWO Mike Henry (USCG Ret) participated in the 41st annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial service on the campus of the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Pipers and drummers from across the United States provided the music for the Candlelight Vigil on Saturday evening 8 October and played the honor and color guards into and out of the Honor Ceremony on Sunday, 9 October.



The Memorial ceremony is moving to May 6th & 7th, 2023 if you are interested in participating, watch for further information from CWO Mike Henry.



The various Fire Department pipes & drums play the Color and Honor Guards into the Honor ceremony on Sunday, 9 Oct 2022. (Photo: National Fallen Firefighter Memorial staff)



ABOVE: The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial is located on the campus of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. (Photo: National Fallen Firefighter Memorial staff)



LEFT: CWO Henry, CDR Hines, CAPT Whitley, and CAPT Martin prior the Candlelight Vigil. (Photo: National Fallen Firefighter Memorial staff)



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Around the Pipe Band

80th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, 7 Dec 2021

Piper & OPS Boss LCDR Jacqueline Bethel joined other pipers in Honolulu for ceremonies remembering 7 December 1941. (Photos provided by LCDR Bethel)



Two WWII “Rosie the Rivetter” Ladies at the USS NEVADA memorial with LCDR Bethel and Honolulu area pipe band members.



Ceremony Pipe and Drum band members from Honolulu on the main deck of the USS MISSOURI.



USCGPB OPS Boss LCDR Jacqueline Bethel with WWII Rosie the Rivetter veterans Mae Krier (L) and Marian Wynn (R).



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USCG Pipe Band Awards & Recognition

Event	Award	Citation	Recipients
2022 Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival	USCGPB 20 th Anniversary Challenge Coin		2022 USCGPB Grand Haven performers
2021 Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival	USCG Meritorious Team Commendation		2021 USCGPB Grand Haven performers
2022 USCGPB Annual Grand Meeting	PM Piper Performance Award		Jim Martin
2022 USCGPB Annual Grand Meeting	PM Drummer Performance Award		Ben Kenney
2022 USCGPB Annual Grand Meeting	Band Performance Award		Bob Miller
2022 USCGPB Annual Grand Meeting	Band Badges		Barbara Sloan, Jim Martin, & Jax Bethel

August 2022 – Congratulations to Barbara Sloan, Lacey Hudec, Jim Martin, Jax Bethel, and John Bishop who achieved “Piper” status.

July 2022 - Congratulations to Robert Kumpf, LT Matt Fann, and Chris Ware on their appointments as the new Awards Committee. Thanks go out to LT Michael Doria, BJ Ferguson, LCDR Bill Tubbs, and CWO Dave Morgan for all their hard work as the past members of this committee.

July 2022 - Congratulations on the appointment of COL Butch Teston as an Assistant Drum Major joining ADM's CAPT Harry Dudley, LT Mike Doria, and Nathan Gardner.

May 2022 - Congratulations to YN2 Jeffery Alexander, who won First Place in the MWPBA Solo Competition in Grade IV for the Terry McHugh Solo Finals in Chicago.

May 2022 - As a result of the changes to the band By-Laws, CWO Michael Henry is officially recognized as the USCGPB Webmaster.



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USCG Pipe Band Performances since 2022 Grand Haven

Fall is typically a busy time for solo and small band events associated with 9-11 remembrances and Veterans Day ceremonies...2022 was no exception. Bravo Zulu to all who represented our band at events.

Royal Air Force Cadet Memorial	Mesa Memorial Cemetery	13 Nov 2022
Georgia Chapter of Club Managers Assn of America,	Installation of new officers	13 Nov 2022
Celebration of Life for WWII Veteran John W. Nolan	VFW 10555 Panama City Beach, FL	13 Nov 2022
Veterans Day Remembrance	City of Flowery Branch	11 Nov 2022
Kelly Mills Elementary, Veterans Day Celebration	Cummings, GA	11 Nov 2022
Veterans Day Celebration VFW Post 2692	Mount Holly Veterans' Park &	11 Nov 2022
Veterans Remembrance – Memorial	University of Missouri, Columbia	11 Nov 2022
Quilts of Valor	Presbyterian Village, CPQ of Athens, GA	11 Nov 2022
Quilts of Valor	Franklin Grove Clubhouse, CPQ of Athens, GA	11 Nov 2022
Quilts of Valor	Orchard Senior Living, CPQ of Athens, GA	11 Nov 2022
Honor Flight South Florida	Palm Beach International Airport	5 Nov 2022
USCG Cyber Command Reserve Force Change of Command	Washington, DC	22 Oct 2022
Funeral Service for Firefighter Damien Sorrells	Newman, GA	19 Oct 2022
9th Western D-Train Fall conference	Hilton Lisle/Naperville, IL	15 Oct 2022
National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Candlelight Vigil	NETC, Emmitsburg, MD	8 Oct 2022
National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service	NETC, Emmitsburg, MD	9 Oct 2022
Funeral for YN3 George Saylor USCG	Lakeview Memorial Park	21 Sep 2022
District 7 D-Train	Orlando, FL	16 Sep 2022
Funeral for Demorest Firefighter	Cornelia, GA	14 Sep 2022
Patriot Day Ceremony	University of Missouri, Columbia	11 Sep 2022
9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, Mission BBQ	Brookfield, WI	11 Sep 2022
9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, Mission BBQ	Parma, OH	11 Sep 2022
9/11 Remembrance Ceremony	City Hall, Avondale Estates, GA	11 Sep 2022
Patriot Day Celebration, American Legion Post 33	Beaumont, TX	10 Sep 2022
Salute to Heroes	Beaumont, TX	8 Sep 2022
Quilts of Valor, Oconee Veterans Memorial	Watkinsville, GA	13 Aug 2022

Recruit a new piper or drummer!



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U.S. Coast Guard Museum – New London, CT

Construction Begins on National Coast Guard Museum

The keel-laying ceremony for the National Coast Guard Museum occurred on 19 August 2022 in New London, CT officiated by USCG Commandant ADM Fagan. Phase 1 of construction has started with bulkhead and fill to extend the Thames River bulkhead. The multi-floor museum will reflect the missions of the USCG curated in three themed areas of *Safety, Security, and Stewardship* explored through the following five story lines: *Defenders of the Nation, Enforcers of the Seas, Lifesavers Around the Globe, Champions of Commerce, and Protectors of the Environment*. Museum programming with these story lines is being developed through a thoughtful planning process. The Coast Guard story will be showcased in various galleries, exhibits, and immersive and tactile experiences that bring to life the heroism, bravery, and devotion to duty of those who serve.



For more information: <https://www.coastguardmuseum.org/>

The crew of the CGC KIMBALL and Pipe Sgt John Quinn...somewhere in the Pacific Ocean.
Fair Winds & Following Seas until the next USCGPB Newsletter.



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