



**The Naval Order of the United States  
National Capital Commandery**

**Celebration of the US Coastguards 233<sup>rd</sup> Birthday**

**August 4<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Twenty-two members and friends of the Commandery met at Whiskey and Oysters for an informal social lunch in order to celebrate the birthday of the USCG. The weather was fine so the group ate outside, which was just as well, for when the group burst into song with such melodies as Semper Paratus, the other restaurant guests inside were not too inconvenienced or astonished.



There was a splendid cake with icing in the form of the original Revenue-Marine ensign which was flown from the original 10 cutters that came from the Tariff Act passed on August 4<sup>th</sup> 1790 after much lobbying by the Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton.

Commander John Hooper, USCG (Ret.), one time member of the National Capital Commandery but now the leading light of the Hampton Roads Commandery, was welcomed back like the Prodigal Son. He brought with him pictures and flags, and most important, a sword to cut the cake.

