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President’s report

February 2013

2012 was my first year as President and what an experience! You cannot appreciate what can be involved until you do it. Many thanks to Bill Collette for his hard work, insight and support throughout the year. Thanks also to all the other officers on the board for their diligence and counsel.

2012 was a year of continuous growth and change at the CGHM. We had four great additions to the team really get involved. Rich Fichter, MKCS (ret) and Frank Larder, USCG(ret), were very active in everything that went on. Frank, in addition to being a VP, also took on management of inventory records. Rich was involved in EVERYTHING, from tours to carpentry. Buck Bailey, Captain, USCG (ret) and USCGA Class of ’72, also joined and has been very involved. Al Ferioli, a USCG veteran has joined us as well. Thanks to all.

Jeremy Slavitz provided suggestions on exhibits and researched funding sources which has begun to pay dividends in 2013.

Fundraising efforts were successful this year and we added new members, while a few members chose not to renew.

We are streamlining the responses to donors, easing the workload of the Clerk and the Treasurer in this regard.

Speaking of the Secretary-Clerk, during 2013 we will be taking additional steps to relieve Francis Broadhurst, our longtime clerk, of some of the many duties he currently performs and phasing in other folks to help out. Francis has been one of the rocks that the CGHM has been built on and he deserves a break.

At the Museum, we have added an exhibit on the War of 1812, including display panels on loan from the USCG that were used aboard CGC Eagle last year. We have also revamped our Lifesaving area and redone our Icebreaker display. We will be constructing a new display for a large model built by Mike Maynard, and Jeremy applied for and we received a grant from Cape Cod 5 Foundation which funded the project. He also secured volunteer labor to help construct the display. Thanks, Jeff Pollock!

Upstairs, we have made major changes, including relocating flags, opening up partitions and improving lighting. Frank Larder and Jeremy Slavitz designed an expanded Vietnam exhibit and we are looking for support to provide some financial assistance with this project. Frank, who is a USCG combat veteran, has reached out the CVA for support as well.

Overall, I am excited about our prospects and our future, with my biggest concern being how we manage to attract younger people to become involved. We joke about it, but we, both board and volunteers, are an aging group. What will happen to the museum in the future??

Jack McGrath
Coast Guard Temporary Reserve

We have expanded our Temporary Reserve exhibit this year. Citizens from all walks of life volunteered to take on duties for the USCG that would free up active duty men for wartime duties.

Judge Galanti stood watches in Passaic New Jersey. Men patrolled piers and harbors all over the country, including major harbors like Boston and New York. Kenneth Clark, whose story follows, was another example of the men who willingly took on these assignments.
Kenneth Russell Clark

Ken Clark was born in Philadelphia on December 18, 1904, the son of a prominent family who established the second oldest lumber company in Pennsylvania. He attended private schools, then graduated from the prestigious Wharton School of Business at Penn University in 1928. Prior to the Depression, he was employed by Banker’s Trust Co. of NY, working in France. At the Paris Stock Exchange for several years.

There were many curious Americans in Paris at that time. One of the notables Ken knew was Josephine Baker, the famous African-American entertainer.

Returning to the U. S. in the early 1930’s, Ken worked at the family lumber company, but also became a stockbroker, holding a seat on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. He also started a real estate development company. He was a prominent member of the Philadelphia business community throughout his life.

By the time the United States became involved in the war in Europe in the 1940’s, Ken’s age and a disability prevented him from enlisting. However, Ken wanted to contribute in some way to the war effort, and was accepted to serve in the U. S. Coast Guard Temporary reserve. His duty was to monitor waterways - primarily in the Philadelphia vicinity and the Southern New Jersey Coast.
On the second floor, the Vietnam war exhibit has been expanded. Thanks to members of the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, we now have the hatch cover from the Point Young and a Coast Guard Ensign from the Point Welcome. Both were 82 foot patrol vessels used in Vietnam.
This year we are featuring the Revenue Cutter Service’s role in the war of 1812.
The 1812 exhibit includes a swivel blunderbuss of the type used on Revenue Cutters during the war.
The special exhibit on the Fort Mercer and Pendleton rescues was a great success. Now we have completed the transition to our 2013 exhibits.

We have rearranged the second deck and increased the Vietnam exhibit as well as opening up some areas for better viewing.

We have added a great new model of a 270’ cutter, the Campbell, by Mike Maynard (above). We also have a new exhibit devoted to icebreakers.

2013 will be a chaotic year for us, since the Town of Barnstable and the Massachusetts Historical Commission will be doing extensive work on the windows throughout the building as well as some additional exterior work. We are assured that the work will not interfere with our operations, and we are happy that the much-needed restorations are proceeding. Be sure to stop in and see what’s going on.

Jack
The work on the building included the removal of the balcony, which has been in place since 1856. It has been sent out for repair and refurbishing. All the windows will be rebuilt and reinstalled, hopefully by late May. For the first time, we will be able to open the windows in the summer for some fresh air.

Repairs for this year also included replacing flashing and repainting around the window openings.
Air Station Cape Cod completed the restoration of Hu16E 7250 and added Hu-25 2133 to the display at the gate of the Air Station. Both aircraft were prepared for display by the crew of the Air Station.

The Falcon replaced the “Goat”. HU16E7250 Flew the last USCG Albatross flight ever at Cape Cod in 1983. The Hu25 “Guardian” has now been replaced by the HC-144 “Ocean Sentry”. The Falcons will soon also be gone forever.
For several years, the Coast Guard used an old Air Force Hangar, #128, for fixed wing aircraft. Hangar 128 was recently demolished. The photo above shows seven “Goats” (HU-16E Albatross) lined up on the ramp at Cape Cod. There was not enough space at the air station for the fixed wing aircraft. The hangar was used in the 70’s and 80’s for the “Goats” and later for the HU25 Falcons. A feature popular with the maintenance crews was the heated floor (!) in the hangar.
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“Challenge Coin” $12

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REAR
Dear Friend,

As 2012 draws to a close, the board of directors and volunteers of the Coast Guard Heritage Museum can look back at a successful year. During the past twelve months the museum has accomplished a great deal, including:

- Installing a new exhibit commemorating the 60th anniversary of the heroic rescue of the crews of the *Fort Mercer* and *Pendleton* off the coast of Cape Cod.
- Offering a hands-on educational program to over 125 Cub Scouts at Camp Greenough, featuring the scouts’ creating their own model lighthouse.
- Welcoming several thousand visitors to the museum so far this season.

If you have visited the museum, you know that there are many interesting historical items on display, along with dedicated volunteers ready to tell the story of the USCG. Our constant goal is to improve the experience of visiting the CGHM. This year, we are looking for your help to move forward.

The Town of Barnstable, which owns the historic building housing the museum, has begun to make much-needed repairs and upgrades to the museum. Through grants and the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, the town is in the process of implementing the first phase of the project, which will involve rebuilding or replacement of the windows and exterior repairs to stop water infiltration through the outside walls. These steps will allow us to open windows for the first time and will prevent further water damage to interior walls. We will be open as usual from May 1 to November 1, 2013.

In conjunction with this activity, we have begun an exciting long-term initiative that will dramatically reshape the museum in future years. Working with Jeremy Slavitz of Local History and Heritage Consultants, museum directors and volunteers have taken a hard look at the way the museum shares the story of the USCG with the goal of creating a new permanent exhibit on the museum’s first floor that will give visitors a better understanding of the evolution of the USCG and its diverse 21st Century mission. Our goal is to make these upgrades during 2013, revealing the changes when we open for the season in May 2014.

Your support is crucial in our growth as a museum. We are asking for your support in completing these changes. We hope that you will consider helping to make these plans a reality. We would be happy to discuss additional giving opportunities, such as naming rights, if there is an interest.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jack McGrath, President, CGHM

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