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2012 Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade

By B.J. Ferguson, USCG AUX

The 2012 Savannah Saint Patrick's Day event in March was an extremely busy and very rewarding and exciting time for the USCG Pipe Band this year. Not only did the band participate in the March 17th parade, but in the days leading up to the parade, they also performed aboard the Navy ship USS WHIDBY ISLAND and at USCG Air Station in Savannah. The Savannah Saint Patrick's Day parade is the second largest such parade in the United States and an estimated crowd of one million spectators and millions of television viewers watched and listened to the Pipe Band as it marched and played over the almost three-mile parade route.



Photo by B.J. Ferguson, USCG AUX



USCG Pipe Band Merchandise

By CW03 Michael Henry, USCG (Ret)



Have you wanted to purchase merchandise with the Pipe Band logos on it? Thanks to our new member Linda Skvarla, we now have a shop on CafePress. The shop is open to members and the public so feel free to pass this on to friends and family. Click on the link or copy and paste the link

in your browser <http://www.cafepress.com/USCGPipeBand>. A link from the Pipe band Website has been added on the merchandise page. CafePress will be a work in progress as we find what is not popular items may be removed and replaced with other items. If you have suggestions on things you'd like to see, contact Linda directly. We are limited to the stock items available through CafePress so we may not be able to accommo-

date all requests. The way it works: CafePress charges a base rate for a given item and an up charge for the printing of one logo. If an item has two logos, there's an additional charge. We set a royalty level which is our profit that is added to the previous cost and shipping is added. Once we reach an established level of royalties, CafePress sends us a check. You can pay with your credit card, Amazon.com or PayPal accounts.



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Letter from the President

Hello Everyone,

Well another busy piping and drumming season is upon us and the USCGPB is gearing up for another great season of events. I hope all of you are enjoying life and looking forward to participating in some if not all of the upcoming events scheduled for our band. May is a busy month with participation in Police Week and the Vice Commandant's retirement and Change of Watch as well as the as the British War Graves Memorial. All of these events take place within a one week time span beginning on May 12th, and ending with the Change of Watch on May 18th. So, if you haven't made plans to participate in any of these events, there is still time to do so. Also, Grand Haven is just around the corner.

The band is growing by leaps and bounds and it is encouraging that so many pipers, drummers, color guard members and "Coasties" in general who just want to help out are signing up. This is a direct result of all of your tremendous efforts, dedication, and professionalism. I would also like to point out that with the growth of this band, we are always in need of additional equipment for those that are going to participate. As with any organization there is always situations where individuals can no longer participate because of family, work, health etc. The USCGPB is no exception as we have those individuals also. So, what I am asking of those individuals is that if they have any equipment (kilts, belts, sporrans, etc) that belong to the band and you are no longer using, please return this equipment so that we might reissue it to those members who are participating. Also, if you have personal equipment that you would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, I wanted to leave you with something that amplified our dedication to the U.S. Coast Guard, and as always we speak about Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. With that said, as you have heard many times, by many people that we must always uphold the highest standards of the United States Coast Guard, whom we represent. You have all heard this many times and I know that all of us strive to meet this. However, as I was putting my thoughts together for this brief letter, I wanted to give you something else to think about, ponder, or just chuckle, so here goes. Many years ago in the 1950's, the Gillette Razor had a commercial on TV that consisted of a parrot and a song. The "hook" from this commercial was: "Look Sharp, Feel Sharp, Be Sharp" not a bad motto don't you think? Anyway, something for you all to ponder. If any of you remember this commercial (with the exception of Harry Dudley), please email me at president@uscgpipeband.org and let me know.

My best to all of you,

Dave Morgan, CWO2, USCG (Ret)
President, USCGPB

Military Etiquette

By CW03 Kevin Gilheany, USCG (Ret) - Band Founder

As you all know we perform at the pleasure of the Commandant, and it is a great privilege indeed. We must continually self-police ourselves in order to ensure that we stay "squeaky clean" and are represented by all members in the most positive light. This is absolutely essential to ensure the long-term success of the band.

Some band members are "military" members and some are not. However, we are all members of a military pipe band representing one of the armed forces of the United States. Therefore, we must adhere to proper military etiquette requirements whenever we are representing the band, whether in uniform or not. For example, once you arrive at Grand Haven for a Coast Guard Festival you are representing the USCG until the moment you leave, whether you are in uniform or not.

When a senior official makes his/her way towards an area where the band has assembled, it is the responsibility of the band leaders to greet the official. Military etiquette dictates that a junior will only address a senior with the proper greeting of the day such as, "Good evening Admiral." The junior should not extend his hand for a hand shake to the senior. If the senior extends his hand for a hand shake the junior will return the hand shake. Should the senior initiate a conversation with the junior, the junior should engage in light conversation that does not concern personal, career or business issues. Remember the old Japanese proverb, "The tongue is only three inches long, yet it can kill a man six feet high." Let's be careful not to kill the band with our tongues.



USS WHIDBY ISLAND
Savannah, GA, on 16-Mar-2012
Photo by B.J. Ferguson, USCG AUX



BoD - Behind the Scenes

By LT Michael Doria, USCGR

After a long hot day of performances at Grand Haven in the hot summer days of August, attending the somewhat lengthy General Membership Meeting, casting your ballot for your candidates for Board of Directors, have you ever wondered how and what exactly does the Board of directors do. Well, I can assure you that this board of directors is a “hard working bunch” of individuals that strive for the betterment of this fine organization. As with any organization leadership (especially on that encompasses such a vast geographical area), it becomes difficult to function adequately as a leadership entity. The President and the Board of Directors have tackled this intensively these past eight months and for the first time have instituted quarterly BoD Conference calls to discuss band matters and concerns. To date two conference calls have been conducted with discussion and action taken. The following is a brief synopsis of those items.

Date: 29Jan12; **Time:** 1300-1550; **In Attendance:** Dave Morgan, M.L. Loudermilk, Kevin Richie, Mike Doria, Mike Henry and Harry Dudley
Topics Discussed: 1) Piper Recruitment; 2) Travel Funds; 3) USCGPB Merchandise; 4) BoD Discussion Board; 5) Quarterly Newsletter; 6) 2013 USCGPB Events; 7) Outline Duties of Assistant Drum Major; 8) Inventory of Pipe Band Property; 9) Members titles and Responsibilities; 10 National Police Week/National Event; & 11) BoD Conference Calls 02Apr12 1900-2100.

Date: 02Apr12; **Time:** 1900-2115; **In Attendance:** Dave Morgan, M.L. Loudermilk, Kevin Richie, Mike Doria, Mike Henry, Steve Cochran, and Harry Dudley
Topics Discussed: 1) Old News; 2) Police Week up Dates; 3) Personnel Issues; 4) Newsletter Updates; 5) Recovery of Kilts/Pipe Band Assets; 6) New Application Process; 7) Grand Haven Updates; 8) Procedures on Ordering Kilts; & 9) Presidential Inauguration

As you can see your BoD has been very active and I would like to encourage you to submit your comments or suggestions to any Board Member so that he/she might present it during a conference call for discussion/action.



Coast Guard Foundation Dinner
Honolulu, HI on 06-Apr-2012
Photo's by PA2 Patrick Kelley, USCG

Funding Committee Established

By CAPT Harry Dudley, USCG (Ret)

The Board of Directors has authorized the establishment of a “Funding Committee” to look into various ways to increase the cash flow to USCGPB with a long-term goal of being able to fund at least some of the travel costs presently being carried by Band members on their own hook. The final make-up of the Committee has not been set, but several Band members have volunteered to offer their particular skills to help move this idea forward. If you are interested in serving on the Committee or have any specific ideas on how funds might be raised, please contact Harry Dudley (harry.dudley@uscgpipeband.org) and let him know how you think you might be able to help.

The present Bylaws have some specific language regarding how we can raise funds and there are also many challenges set down by both federal and state rules regarding raising money for a non-profit such as ours. The Coast Guard will also want to know that anything we do does not create an appearance of impropriety associated with USCGPB. Please let Harry know if you have any ideas that will fit within those parameters.



50th USO Armed Force Gala & Gold Medal Dinner
New York City, NY on 07-Dec-2011
Photo by Band Photographer Nicole Tuminello, USCG AUX





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USCGC BLACKTHORN Memorial
St. Petersburg, Florida on 28-Jan-2012
Photo by PO3 Tara Molle, USCG

Welcome - New Members

By Kevin Richie, USCG AUX

The Pipe Band has been very active in the recruitment of new members in the last several months. We have eleven new members from across the country that have joined our ranks recently.

The include Warren Whitley, Andy Winz, Rita McCarthy, & Jason Wickersty as drummers in training, Tim Monahan & Mindy Rice as pipers in training, Ben Feril, Jason Wilmoth & Ivan Castro in color guard, Benjamin Feril in staff, Linda Skvarla in Café Press/staff, & Nicole Tumminello as our professional photographer.

These new members all have a wide range of abilities & talents that will make the Pipe Band stronger, as we welcome you to the Band.

USCGPB Steps Up Recruiting Efforts

By Michael Goodwin, USCG AUX

Do you remember the day you found out about the U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band? Was it by word of mouth, a website or did you meet a member?

The Band will soon start a vigorous recruiting campaign for pipers and drummers across the United States. Many districts have few or no musicians to cover the many requests the Band is receiving these days.

YNC Johnathan Eudy, a founding member of the Color Guard and an active duty recruiter out of Kansas City has developed several recruiting aids and brochures to assist with this process. We hope to be able to distribute these materials to members soon.

So, where can you find member prospectus? You can go to area pipe band meetings armed with stories of Grand Haven and Saint Patrick's Day Parades. Take an Auxiliarist with you to discuss the process of joining the Auxiliary, if they have no Coast Guard background. Attend Scottish and Celtic Events and hobnob with the musicians.

Recently I attended the 5th District Auxiliary Spring Conference and handed out over 300 information cards and met a piper of many years and a snare drummer who expressed interest in joining the Band. I then attended the NYC Tartan Day Parade Day, where I set up a recruiting booth and spoke to about forty interested musicians.

So, saddle up, step out and recruit!



5NR Spring Conference
Valley Forge, PA on 30-Mar-2012
Photo provided by Michael Goodwin, USCG AUX

USCG Pipe Band Identification Badge

By Kevin Richie, USCG AUX

Last year, a new measure was introduced to distinguish members who have participated in Pipe Band events on a regular basis. The "ID Badge" is issued to members in person who met the criteria. The current criteria is for a member to participate in one national event, or two local events per calendar year. Each badge is individually numbered, & assigned to the member, & must be returned to the band if they don't meet this criteria in the following year. The badge is be worn centered on the right pocket of either the tropical blue shirt or Service Dress Blue Coat.

The following members recently became eligible to wear the badge:
Josh O'Brien, Paul England & Deb Linder



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Past Events

Since October 2011

- *USS JOHN PIERCE Memorial Service USS YORKTOWN (CV 10), at Patriot's Point Museum - Charleston SC
- *Walk for Mental Health Public Areas - Innsbrook VA
- *MKCM Della Rocco retirement TISCOM Drill Facility - Alexandria VA
- *Guardian's Gala 2010 Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa - Hollywood FL
- *Meadowland Highland Games and Celtic Festival State Fair of VA - Doswell VA
- *Veterans Day Memorial Service Park Springs - Stone Mountain GA
- *Veterans Day Ceremony Clear Springs Elementary Clear Springs Elementary Clear Springs MD
- *Veterans Day Ceremony Eldorado County Eldorado County Veterans Memorial Sacramento CA
- *Veterans Day Ceremony Beitzel Elementary - Beitzel Elementary CA
- *Veterans Day Ceremony Carrollton 2011 Veteran Park - Carrollton GA
- *Marine Corps Ball Hawaii 2011 Aulani Disney Resort Ko - Olina HI
- *CG Auxiliary Memorial Dedication Coast Guard Island - Alameda CA
- *Captain Craig Retirement Base Sand Island - Honolulu HI
- *FL0700202 Change of Watch Cartersville Country Club - Cartersville GA
- *Pearl Harbor Memorial - San Francisco Bay Area Point Welcome CA
- *50th Armed Forces Gala & Gold Medal Dinner Marriott Marque - New York NY
- *Flotilla 0700209 Change of Watch 2011 Lake Lanier Yacht Club - Lake Lanier GA
- *Funeral for LT Murray Archambault - Providence, RI
- *Auxiliary Division 07002 Change of Watch - Marietta, GA
- *USCGC BLACKTHORN Memorial - St. Petersburg, FL
- *PSU 301 Change of Command - Cape Cod, MA
- *60th Anniversary of the SS Pendleton Rescue by CG36500 - Chatham, MA
- *D5 SR Auxiliary Training Conference - Durham, NC
- *USS WHIDBY ISLAND
- *St. Patrick's Day Parade - Savannah, GA
- *BM1 Dan Armstrong Retirement Ceremony - Cleveland, OH
- *CG6535 Memorial Service - ATC Mobile
- *USCGC STRATTON Commissioning Ceremony - Alameda, CA
- *Retirement Ceremony Deputy Sector Commander, Sector Honolulu - Honolulu, HI
- *D14 Coast Guard Foundation Dinner - Honolulu, HI

Future Events

As of 20 Apr 2012

Event	Location	Date
British War Graves Memorial	Buxton, NC	10May12
British War Graves Memorial	Ocracoke, NC	11May12
National Law Enforcement Memorial	Washington, DC	13May12
CG Headquarters	Washington, DC	14May12
Vice Commandant Sally Brice O'Hara Change of Watch	Washington, DC	18May12
CG Auxiliary Memorial Service	Grand Haven, MI	03Aug12
CG Walk of History Dedication	Grand Haven, MI	03Aug12
CG National Memorial Service	Grand Haven, MI	03Aug12
CG Enlistedmans Dinner	Grand Haven, MI	03Aug12
Annual General Meeting	Grand Haven, MI	03Aug12
CG Festival Grand Parade	Grand Haven, MI	04Aug12



USCG, Port Security Unit 301 Change of Command Cape Cod, MA on 18-Feb-2011

Photo by Band Photographer Nicole Tuminello, USCG AUX

Bulletin Board - Awards & Recognition

Since October 2011

LT Michael J. Doria, USCGR
Chairman of Joint Chief of Staff Coin



Dean McFarren, USCG AUX
CGCD11 RADM Castillo Coin



IS2 Brian Shajari, USCG
Army Achievement Medal



**Regional Coordinator
Award Coin Recipients**



GEN Martin Dempsey, USA - 18th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

SGT Dakota Meyer, USMC (Ret) - Medal of Honor Recipient

Now accepting nominations for special recognition / awards. Please submitted to the chairmen of the Awards Board
LT Michael Doria, USCGR - michael.j.doria@uscgpipeband.org NLT 31May12 to meet the AGM deadline.
Please visit our section on the website for further information: <http://www.uscgpipeband.org/awards.php>



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DO YOU KNOW, who is BMC Mike Mone, USCG (Ret)?

By BMC Michael Mone, USCG (Ret)

I was born in Dover, N.H., the fifth child of eight children in my family. My parents were Charles and Celeste (Graziani) Mone.

I first learned to play the bagpipes in 1968 while I was still in high school. I was a member of the Granite State Highlander Pipe and Drums from Dover. It was at this time that Pat Boyle, his father Barney, and his Uncle Tom all took me under their wing. I continued to play when I joined the Army with the 304th Regiment Pipe Band, part of the 76th Division out of Rochester, N.H. Pat and I were drill sergeants at the time and in our spare time; we started a small band of about eight pipers and a couple of drummers who were all part of our unit. I was honorably discharged from the Army as an E-7 at this time married Sheila Duffy, my classmate from grammar school!

I help the privilege of being the only bagpiper authorized to wear the Coast Guard uniform, modified with the kilt, in the First Coast Guard District from 1974 to my retirement in 1994. I performed for Tip O'Neil's funeral in Boston on the State House steps, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., at Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Memorial Wall, on the U.S. Coast Guard Bark "Eagle", on the USS Constitution in Boston and throughout my career, at many retirements and change of commands throughout the United States.

After my retirement from the Coast Guard in 1994, I was the first piper for the Manchester New Hampshire Ancient Order of Hibernians. I also belong to the NH Police Pipe and Drum band and the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band. I am now retired from the N.H. State Court system as a Court Security Officer. My wife Sheila and I have three wonderful grown children. Timothy is a graduate of Massachusetts Maritime Academy where he was Senior Class President. He currently works as a New Hampshire police officer. Maura is a graduate of McGill University in Montreal and attended the University of Leeds in England, where she received her Master's in Disability Studies. Our youngest Elizabeth graduated from New Hampshire Technical College with a degree in Human Services. She is currently working for the New Hampshire Administrative Office of the Courts in the Family Curt Division. Although the children are all grown and only one is still living at home, I miss their company from time to time and sometimes wish they all were living back home.



Eastern Point Light Station
Gloucester, MA on 06-Jul-1981
Photo by PA Paul Powers, USCG

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