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The Story of the CG Cutter Escanaba and the 100th Anniversary of the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival



U.S. Coast Guard Cutter ESCANABA in battle camouflage in undated photo. *Stories begin on Page 2* (Undated photo: From Military History of the Upper Great Lakes website.)

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Yep, that time again, another USCGPB newsletter...

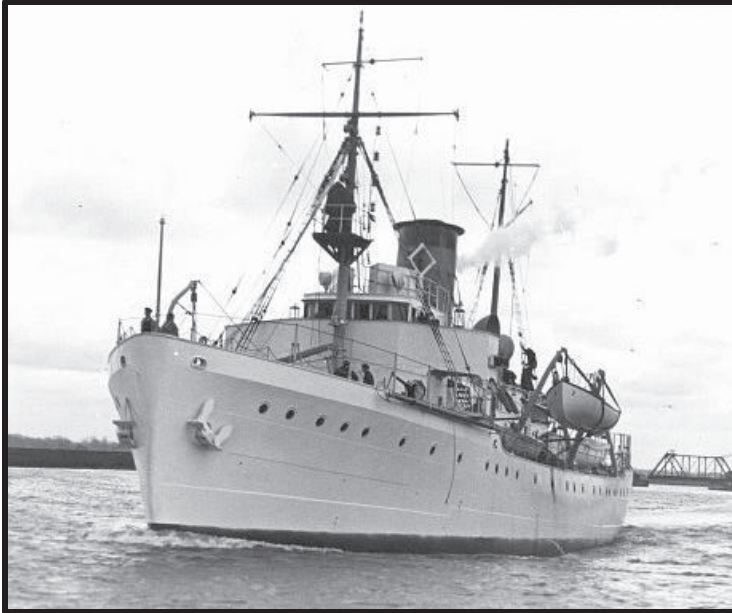
Shipmates, it is my honor to share more Coast Guard history in this issue because it bears directly on why we muster in Grand Haven each August. We stand in ranks at the Friday memorial service, vote for a Board, and march in the Saturday parade. The story behind the Cutter ESCANABA and the people of Grand Haven is extraordinary and why Grand Haven is a true **COAST GUARD CITY**. And our shipmates have been busy too around the band. I start each issue with some idea of items to include and then the flood gates open. This newsletter is 19 pages...hope you enjoy this issue and stay well, see you in Grand Haven!

Ken Hines, June 2024



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The Coast Guard Cutter Adopted by the Citizens of Grand Haven



Cutter ESCANABA in undated photo. (Historical Collection of the Great Lakes, Bowling Green University)

If you have attended the Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, MI, you already know that on Friday afternoon the annual Memorial Service is held at Escanaba Park on the waterfront. The Master of Ceremonies of the event, and sometimes other speakers that day, remind the audience that Coast Guard Cutter ESCANABA was homeported in Grand Haven before the United States entered World War II and that she was sunk on June 13, 1943, while on convoy duty as part of the Coast Guard Greenland Patrol. But here is the story you may not know but should as the CGC ESCANABA has a legacy worth learning. CCG ESCANABA was a Great Lakes Cutter with a typical multi-mission role: icebreaker, SAR, and fisheries patrol. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese on December 7, 1941, the ESCANABA was chopped to the U.S. Navy command in Boston, MA and assigned as part of the Coast Guard's Greenland Patrol in 1942.

Just after 0510 hrs. on June 13, 1943, while on North Atlantic convoy duty, the CGC ESCANABA was either struck by a German U-boat torpedo or mine that resulted in a fiery explosion. CGC Escanaba vanished below the surface by 0513 hrs. The crew from convoy escort CGC RARITAN rescued only three survivors, Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Melvin Baldwin, Seaman 1st Class Raymond O'Malley, and Executive Officer LT Robert Prause. Prause subsequently died from exposure after rescue and was buried at sea. The entire crew of 105...13 officers and 92 sailors were lost to the explosion or to rapid hypothermia.

The names of the CGC ESCANABA crew lost at sea are listed on the MIA Memorial Wall at the Cambridge American Cemetery in Cambridge, UK. S1C Ray O'Malley was from Chicago and after the war became a Chicago Police Officer and attended every Grand Haven Festival Memorial until he passed away in 2007. BM2 Baldwin passed away in 1964. One does not think of hypothermia in June, but the water temperature averages between 32 degrees and 43 degrees Fahrenheit in the Atlantic Ocean off Greenland during the summer.



"All hands at Quarters on deck" circa late 1942. (Photo by PM1 Ray Platnick, CGC Escanaba.)



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CGC ESCANABA rescuing soldiers and crew from USAT Dorchester February following a German U-boat attack on February 3, 1943 (USCG rendering)

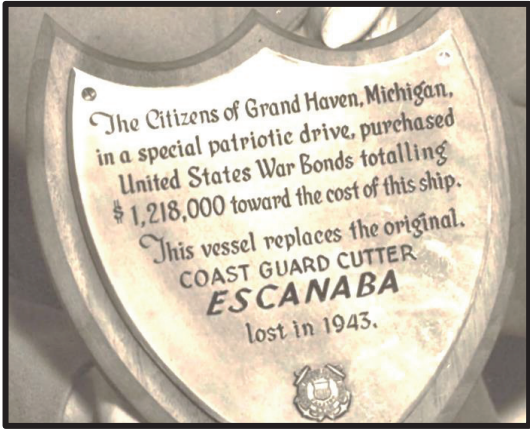
Just a few months before the loss of the CGC ESCANABA she was key to the rescue of soldiers aboard the USAT DORCHESTER that was torpedoed by a German U-boat lying in wait. Of significance, the CGC ESCANABA's XO, LT Prause put members of the crew over the side in cold water survival suits and tethered with manned lines to the ship accomplished the rescue of over 130 soldiers and crew from the USAT DORCHESTER. This was the first time a rescue swimmer technique was used.

Sadly, it would be years before rescue swimmers were integrated into seagoing USCG vessels operations.

The loss of the CGC ESCANABA with all hands except Baldwin and O'Malley shocked, stunned, and saddened Grand Haven and all those who interacted with the Cutter on the Great Lakes before the war.

A Grand Haven community effort to fund a replacement for the CGC ESCANABA and raised over \$1,000,000 in U.S. WAR BONDS.

ESCANABA was lost in June 1943 and the good people of Grand Haven did not yet know the war in Europe would last two more years before Germany surrendered in early May 1945. The second cutter to bear the name ESCANABA was not commissioned until March 1946. Today, the third Cutter continuing the legacy of the ESCANABA is WMEC ESCANABA launched in February 1987 and still in service.



**YOUTUBE LINK TO 1943 INTERVIEW
WITH CGC RARITAN CO &
SIC O'MALLEY**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2lafwCfEn4>



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GRAND HAVEN COAST GUARD FESTIVAL 100th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The Coast Guard Festival unofficially began in 1924 as a Coast Guard personnel only picnic when the local Coast Guard station held rowing competitions for those service members stationed in Grand Haven. Today the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival has become a premier event with attendance of over 350,000 people including the nation's highest ranking Coast Guard dignitaries attending from across the United States.

The focus of the annual Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival is the National Coast Guard Memorial Service honoring those who sacrificed their lives in the service of their country while fulfilling their motto "SEMPER PARATUS." Each year since the first picnic in 1924 and the first festival in 1937, Grand Haven has celebrated the heroic men and women of the United States Coast Guard with fun filled family events at the annual Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival. Grand Haven is honored by its designation as "Coast Guard City, USA" by an Act of Congress and signed by the President of the United States on November 13, 1998.

But you ask, how did the U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band build such a strong connection to the Festival? Band



USCGPB Founder
CWO Kevin Gilheany

Founder CWO2 Kevin Gilheany recently shared with the ALL-HANDS Newsletter Editor the story of our link to Grand Haven. Kevin said that he was stationed in New Orleans and getting ready to retire from the Coast Guard and wanted to commemorate the event with his family. He had

always thought about going to the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival, and this was the perfect opportunity. While preparing for the family trip, the idea came to Kevin that he should gather up a bunch of Coast Guard pipers and drummers to perform at the festival. He

reached out on FRED'S PLACE, an unofficial

Coast Guard website, seeking interest in Coast Guard pipers and drummers to form a Coast Guard pipe band. So...pipes in hand, CWO and Mrs. Gilheany and a handful of other Coasties in mismatched kilts, different brand of drums, but with enthusiasm and panache participated in the 2002 Grand Haven Festival.



Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival, August 4, 1929. (Photo: Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival Corp.)



US Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard at an Annual Coast Guard Grand Haven Memorial Service. (Undated USCG photo)





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Band President Message



President
Harry Dudley

The 80th Anniversary of D-Day has just passed. This newsletter captures some of the WWII action that Coast Guard personnel covered at great risk to themselves (as the Crew of CGC ESCANABA regrettably experienced). Search YouTube for “Coast Guard D-Day” to see some amazing videos of what the CG did on June 6, 1944.

The “Matchbox Fleet” was made up of sixty 83-foot Patrol Boats (PBs) shipped to England just before D-Day because President Roosevelt asked how those thrown into the sea during D-Day would be rescued, No one had an answer until the Coast Guard stepped up.

The 83-foot PBs were taken from various CG stations in the U.S. and shipped on freighters to the European Theater of Operations (ETO). They were called the “Matchbox Fleet” because their hulls were wood, and their engines were gasoline (a volatile combination). They formed *Rescue Squadron One* and rescued over 400 soldiers on D-Day alone (well into the thousands in the subsequent days).

Soldiers, sailors, and Marines who stormed the beaches on D-Day each made one landing and it was hell since 4,414 Allied personnel died that day (2,501 Americans). Many CG operators of the 83-foot PBs and the LCVPs, LCIs, etc. made multiple landings and approaches under fire. As a landing craft approached the beach, often the only person the German machine gunners could see was the CG Coxswain of the landing craft. Fifteen CG personnel lost their lives on D-Day which, given the number of CG personnel involved, is actually a high casualty ratio.

LCDR Walsh, with a Navy Seabee LT, and a handful of troops fooled a German officer at Cherbourg into thinking he was surrounded and, as a result, Walsh captured over 300 Germans and liberated over 50 US Paratroopers who had been captured when they landed in the wrong place the night of D-Day.

Check this video: [Historic Coverage from the D-Day Invasion | American Battle Monuments Commission \(abmc.gov\)](https://www.abmc.gov) It is a clip from a longer video depicting a Chaplain writing home about his experience with the Coast Guard on D-Day.

Grand Haven (GH) '24 is nearly here. Zoe Ann and I had planned to be there but that is not going to happen. We hope to see you in 2025. Thanks to all who will make it! Your support the Coast Guard is extremely important.

Your Board of Directors has adopted some changes to the Band Bylaws that Active members will be asked to consider and approve. We also have the election of Board of Director members coming up. Be on the lookout for the emails telling Active members how to vote. If you want to be able to vote on Band issues, you must attain “Active” status. Not only does that allow you to participate in the management of the Band, you will be helping to fulfil the Band’s primary objective of supporting the U.S. Coast Guard.



LCVP landing craft put troops ashore on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944. The LCVP at far left is from USS Samuel Chase. (USCG photo)

Thanks for your Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty! SEMPER PARATUS!

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



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Pipe Major's Call – M.L. Loudermilk



PM ML Loudermilk

I want to sincerely thank all who have participated in the recent events shown on the performance list in this newsletter. Thirty-five of our members have performed at 44 events since the January 2024 newsletter, 41 local events and three national events. A special thanks to those who contributed their time and energy to participate, coordinate and assist in the all the events.

Our next National Event is the 2024 Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival. This is a significant year for the Festival as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. On June 3, 2024, I emailed the GH Itinerary and Information to all members who have advised me they are attending. If you received the email and are not attending, please let me know. If you are attending but did not receive that email, please let me know ASAP.

Currently we have 29 members confirmed as attending the 2024 Festival, 16 pipers, four snares, two tenors, one bass, one Drum Major, one Color Guard, and four staff. We also have an additional five listed as "Maybe." If you are listed as "Maybe" please contact me ASAP and update your status.

We are investigating several other venues for next year and we may be able to attend DC's 2025 National Law Enforcement Week events if enough experienced performers are willing and able to attend and we can have a local event coordinator.

As to the status of the band, we currently have approximately 136 band members. Of those we have 54 Active Members which represents about 40% of the total membership, up from 38% last year. Of the 136 members approximately 25 are currently being review for deletion from the member roster due to inactivity. However, since the last newsletter we have added a new bass drummer. Welcome aboard Ryan Manning from D11. We also have several who have submitted applications which are currently being processed.

Based on recent concerns, to stay in compliance with the Band's by-laws and regulations we must remind everyone of the following:

- All performances and public appearances by USCGPB members, representing us in our uniforms, must be approved by the Pipe Major prior to the event.
- If you are contacted for a last-minute performance with insufficient time to submit an MRF, contact the PM by phone for a verbal approval. The MRF can be submitted later.
- Be sure you are properly uniformed in accordance with our Uniform Regulations (available on our band website.) Be very careful that any photos posted on public media of you in our uniform shows you properly dressed.

As always, we encourage you to be recruiting experienced pipers, drummers, and Color Guard in your area. By developing a local detachment, 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 can local bands, we must focus on recruiting experienced performers, not students or trainees.

While we continue growing, we must also focus on maintaining the highest musical, uniform, and deportment 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

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2024 Board of Directors Nomination Process and Election



Carol Fortier

Annual Grand Meeting - U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band Nominations for the Board of Directors and Election of Board of Directors

The U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band Annual General Meeting occurs immediately following the Enlisted Servicemember Dinner at the American Legion Hall on Friday August 2nd, 2024. This year we will meet at CG Station Grand Haven, 601 S. Harbor Drive, across the street from the CG Sector office as the Sector office is undergoing construction. During the meeting, band membership and leadership assemble to formally discuss band business, get a full accounting of finances, discuss old and new band business, and elect eight active band members to administratively lead the band as our Board for another year. Nomination and Election

Committee Chair Carol Fortier reminds all members eligible to vote that we are using the same electronic voting process used for the last two years to select the Board members. The electronic election process was added to better facilitate the BOD voting process. Regardless of you choose the electronic voting or emailing in your vote, just please do one or the other only.

As an active band member, please be on the lookout for the email inviting nominations for the Board and the subsequent election ballot message and VOTE for Board members.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Band plans to have a vendor tent in Grand Haven as a fund raiser, selling unit ball caps, T-shirts, patches, and challenge coins. Members attending, and/or their significant others, willing to help staff the tent should contact John Bishop or John Quinn.

Shipmates, in the next few weeks, please look at the band roster, find your name and double check that your contact information is correct...e.g. mailing address, phone numbers, and email addresses are accurate. If there are any changes needed, email Webmaster Mike Henry to execute the update.



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Around the Pipe Band - Quartermaster Transition



John Quinn



John "JB" Bishop

After 11 years, Quartermaster John Quinn has passed the job of purchasing, maintaining adequate inventory, distributing, and selling our various "buckles and hackles et al" to Piper John "JB" Bishop. Some of us met JB last summer in Grand Haven. JB hails from the Atlanta area and is in his third year of active participation with the USCGPB. JB has participated in two national and many more regional and local events and was awarded his Piper device at last year's AGM in Grand Haven. John Quinn will continue to serve as a Pipe Sergeant and remain active with the Band and will also assist JB during a transition period.

Members who desire uniform items should contact JB at jmb2037@gmail.com and may copy Quinn as well at ilquinn1948@gmail.com. Also, you are reminded that Grand Haven will provide another opportunity for members to purchase Band gear. Please welcome JB into his new role.

As of June 2024, JB indicated the supply locker contained:

- ◆ Only bag covers in stock are extended small.
- ◆ All sporrans in stock are silver but we might be looking at ordering more gold soon.
- ◆ One pair of hose (unless you want some gently used but you would have to guess at the size and the hygiene of the person who wore them before).
- ◆ We do have plenty of belt buckles, cloth patches (not for the bag), drone cords, challenge coins, half hackles, and some ball caps (S, M, XL).
- ◆ No Sgian Dubhs in stock.

Pricing for band members:

- ◆ Bag Covers (extend small) \$ 45
- ◆ Ball Caps (S, M, XL) \$ 15
- ◆ Belt Buckles (silver or gold) \$ 20
- ◆ Challenge Coins \$ 6
- ◆ Cloth Patches \$ 3
- ◆ Drone Cords \$ 25
- ◆ Sporrans (silver) \$135 New; \$85 Used

JB also has a couple Coast Guard Hawaiian shirts (L or XXL) and some CGPB Windbreakers (XL or 2XL). Prices are \$34.99 and \$50, respectively.

Check your Kit – if you need to order & replace equipment

USCG uniform items are available online: https://www.vanguardmil.com/pages/coast-guard-collection?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI2Na15Z7e_AIVoObjBx2img3KEAAYAiAAEgKnX_D_BwE.

Band specific items are available through QM John Bishop.



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Around the Pipe Band – British War Graves, Cape Hatteras, NC 2024



TOP: Pipe Band group before Ocracoke BWG Ceremony.

FAR LEFT: Buxton British War Graves.

CENTER: Pipe Band pipes into the Buxton British War Graves memorial ceremony playing SEMPER PARATUS.

BOTTOM CENTER: Ocracoke British War Graves.

(All photos by Joanna Young, USCGPB.)



The USCGPB participated in the 2024 British War Graves memorial service in Buxton, NC on May 9th and Ocracoke, NC on May 10th. Four pipers, three drummers, and one CGPB Color Guard member represented the band at these events. The public turnout for both memorial ceremonies was impressive as the cemeteries are geographically located in areas with little space. Every inch of that space was filled with someone watching the British Naval Attaché, the Canadian Naval Attaché, and CG Sector Wilmington Commanding Officer speak to the importance of honoring and remembering these sailors, hearing the volley of the rifle salute, the bugler playing Last Post, and our Pipe Band playing Amazing Grace.



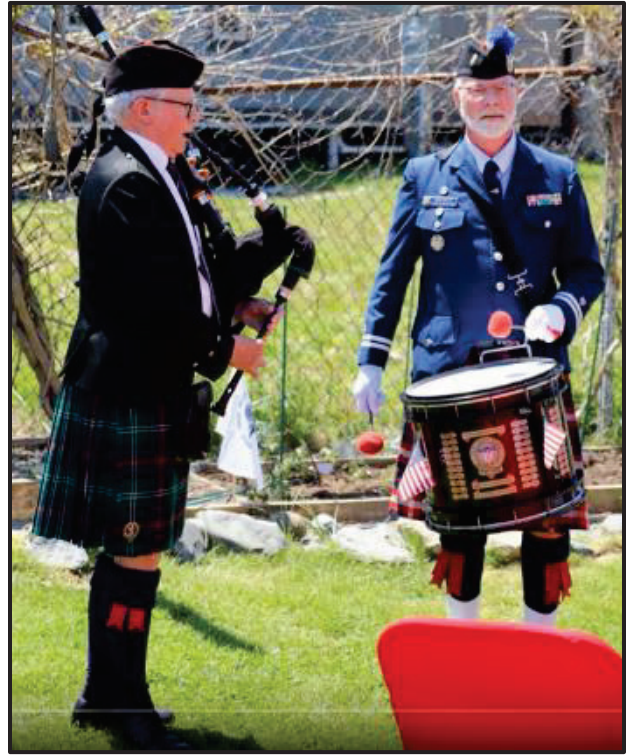
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Around the Pipe Band – End of an Era



Sector Boston CO Captain Kailie Benson, Steve Bogiages, and Lighthouse Keeper Dr. Sally Snowman. (USCG Photo)

On May 22, 2024, Dr. Sally Snowman, the last U.S. Coast Guard Lighthouse Keeper retired from service as the Keeper at the Boston Lighthouse. USCGPB tenor drummer Steve Bogiages joined Sector Boston CO CAPT Keilie Benson and Sector Boston Coasties for the retirement. Steve has been an Assistant Lighthouse Keeper and Interpreter since 2017 under Ms. Snowman. BZ!



Piper Brian Quirk, Sutherland Pipe Band, Natick, MA and Steve Bogiages perform for retiring lighthouse Keeper Dr. Sally Snowman. (USCG Photo)



Boston Lighthouse (USCG Photo)



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Around the Pipe Band - Military Etiquette



CWO Kevin Gilheany

CWO2 Kevin Gilheany, USCG (Ret)

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 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 or not we are in uniform. For example, once you arrive at

Grand Haven for the Coast Guard Festival you are representing the USCG until the moment you leave, whether you are in or out of uniform.

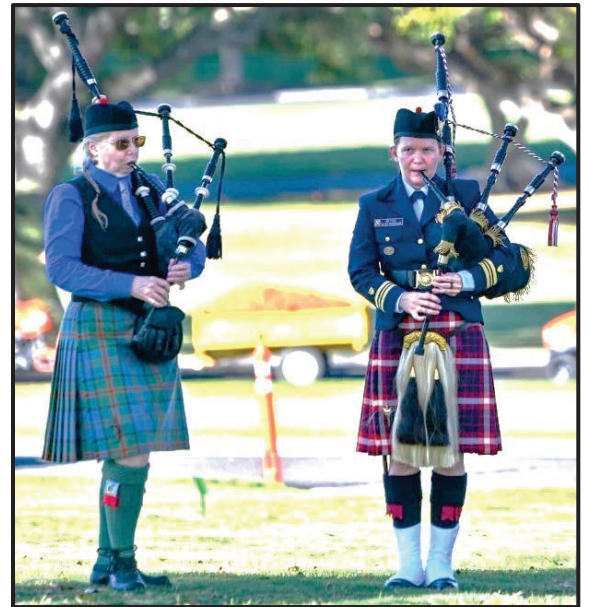
When a senior official makes his/her way towards an area where the band has assembled, it is the responsibility of the senior commissioned officer or Petty Officer present or band leaders to greet the official. Military etiquette dictates that a junior will only address a senior with the proper greeting of the day such as, “Good evening Admiral.” The junior should not extend his hand for a handshake to the senior. If the senior extends his hand for a hand shake the junior will return the handshake. 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.



LEFT: On April 4, 2024, Larry Story participated in the Annual Blue Mass drumming with the NJ State Police, other New Jersey police departments, and local Pipe & Drum bands. The Blue Mass was held this year at St. Roberts Cathedral in Freehold NJ. The Blue Mass occurs each year with 2024 marking the 22nd occasion. Larry added, “Although the band was not as large as last year, the five drummers held their own

(Photo: Alice McCobb.)



ABOVE RIGHT: Members of the Celtic Kula Pipe Band of Hawaii play the bagpipes to honor U.S. Army Cpl. Adin C. Norris Jr. during an interment ceremony held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, HI on February 23, 2024. Norris was assigned to Company K, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division when his unit sustained heavy casualties withdrawing from Taejon, South Korea. Norris was accounted for on December 5, 2022.

(Photo: USAF photo by SSGT Jonathan McElderry.)



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Around the Pipe Band – We are each a recruiter for the band.

Whenever two or more USCGPB members are together and start telling sea stories, eventually the talk turns to getting other drummers, pipers, and color guard people interested in joining our crew. And we all know how hard it is to recruit others to our band. It takes special folks like all of you who to travel at your own expense to Grand Haven, Outer Banks, Washington, DC, National Fire Academy, regionally, and locally time and again to represent the U.S. Coast Guard. So, the incentive for someone is to join a special group of women and men who represent the oldest seagoing service in the United States, to pipe and drum, and carry the Colors because it is important and fun.

Some of you may have heard that we are all recruiters when it comes to both the Coast Guard and the USCGPB. BOD member Cathie Slabaugh killed it with a great piece just published in the AUXILIARIST magazine. Many of our members are in the CGAUX, however others not, but Cathie's story of her joining the USCGPB and piping certainly must be a hit and encouragement to other Auxiliarists to give us a look and join. And we wanted to share Cathie's article with the whole band. Here is the link to the full story: [The Auxiliarist - Q1 2024 \(REV 5\) \(fliphtml5.com\)](https://www.uscgpb.org/auxiliarist-q1-2024-rev-5)

And the Atlanta Detachment of the USCGPB recently got a great write up in a local newspaper. This type of print coverage, appearances at Highland Games, Memorial Services, Veteran Events, postings on social media links, and the like not only serve as a band recruiting opportunity, more importantly we show the Coast Guard Colors and represent our service.

For a printable version of the May 2024 story The Lakeside News link is available here: <https://lakesidenews.com/digital-archives/2024-2/>

COMMUNICATION IN THE AUXILIARY

The Pipes, the Pipes were Calling... this Auxiliarist!

How one determined Auxiliarist became a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band.

By Commodore Catherine Slabaugh, AUXPA3, IPDCO 9th Central

I have spent much of my life playing musical instruments, from piano to saxophone to mountain dulcimer, but I haven't played in a musical group for many years. I very much missed the comradery, being part of a musical group means to me. While researching the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival online, I discovered the US Coast Guard Pipe Band in 2010.

"Wouldn't it be great to be a part of that group?" I thought. Recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard as an affiliated organization, the USCGPB exists for the benefit of Team Coast Guard and "...To foster and promote greater public understanding, recognition and appreciation of the history, traditions, contributions, sacrifices, roles, and missions of the men and women of the U. S. Coast Guard."

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Service of honor: The US Coast Guard Pipe Band steeped in history

From the fascinating to the remarkable, Lake Louise Harbor, "Shore Lines" - stories about people who live, work and play around the lake and the places that make the area special.

By Patricia A. Kivner

Does it have all the trappings of a traditional pipe band? Not really. The USCGPB is a unique organization that has been around since the 1950s and is more than just a band. It's a community of people who live, work and play around the lake and the places that make the area special.

For some, it's a tradition. For others, it's a passion. For many, it's a way of life. The USCGPB is a unique organization that has been around since the 1950s and is more than just a band. It's a community of people who live, work and play around the lake and the places that make the area special.

For the past 15 years, Lake Louise Harbor has served as the home of the USCGPB. A national organization with nearly 140 members, the band is a mix of pipe players, drummers, and color guard members.

The band's repertoire includes about 200 pieces, ranging from traditional Scottish folk songs such as "The Green Hills of Scotland" to modern pieces like "The Rose Tree" and "The Bonnie Blue Bird." In addition, the band performs "America the Beautiful" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

"Most of our members are retired," says Commodore Catherine Slabaugh, the band's executive director. "But we also have many active-duty members who serve in various capacities across the country and around the world."

The band's participation in the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival is a highlight of its year. This year, the band performed at the festival from September 15-17, 2023.

"It's the same way when we do large performances," he said. "And it's so amazing how we all come together and everything just flows."

For new members or a new member, CD or DVD will be sent to everyone to practice on their own. Loderwick learned to play his bagpipes and he readily admits that he is not the best player.

"We've got to have physical stations, we control our bag ca-

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



CWO Mike Henry

MIKE HENRY & WARREN WHITLEY TRIP TO WESTERN EUROPE FOR 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY INVASION.

In early June 2024, USCGPB members Mike Henry and Warren Whitley, both former firefighters had the opportunity to play and participate in Europe for the 80th Anniversary of the Invasion of Europe...better known as D-Day. Knowing Mike and Warren were part of

this adventure, the NEWSLETTER asked Mike to provide the band a sense of what the NORMANDY FREEDOM TRIP 2024 encompassed. Mike said, "This was the trip of a lifetime for me. I've went to places I've only seen on TV, or YouTube videos. I never imagined I'd be there in the flesh, much less playing Bagpipes to honor the fallen who have made the ultimate sacrifice for World over."

Their group consisted of fire department-based pipers, drummers, and firefighters from across the United States and towns in Belgium and the Netherlands. And wherever the band traveled, Mike said, "The citizens of these countries welcomed us with open arms."

The trip began in Brussels, Belgium and included visits to both military battle locations such as the site of the Battle of Waterloo, Flanders Field American Cemetery, BE; Bastogne and the Peace Woods as well as Jacks Woods, BE (made famous by the movie Band of Brothers and the battle for Bastogne); the American Cemetery in Luxembourg, the GEN Patton Memorial; Utah Beach, FR; Point du Hoc; Brécourt Manor; MAJ Richard Winters Memorial, Ste. Marie du-Mont Pegasus Bridge; Longues Sur Mer/Arromanches Area, the piper Bill Millin Statue and Memorial Ceremony at Gold Beach; Ste. Mere



Mike Henry & Warren Whitley at Utah Beach, FR.

(Photo: Courtesy of Mike Henry.)

Glise; the Normandy American Cemetery, and Omaha Beach.

Mike added that their band was selected to play the families and survivors down to the sand at Utah Beach for a re-enactment of the beach landing and a memorial service for the Naval Beach Battalion that landed there. They participated with bagpipers of the World United at the Bill Millin Statue, played for a special memorial service near the Mardasson Memorial at The Peace Woods, BE, and played



FREEDOM TRIP 2024 Pipe & Drum band with WWII veterans at MAJ Dick Winters memorial on road to Utah Beach, FR. (Photo: Courtesy of Mike Henry.)



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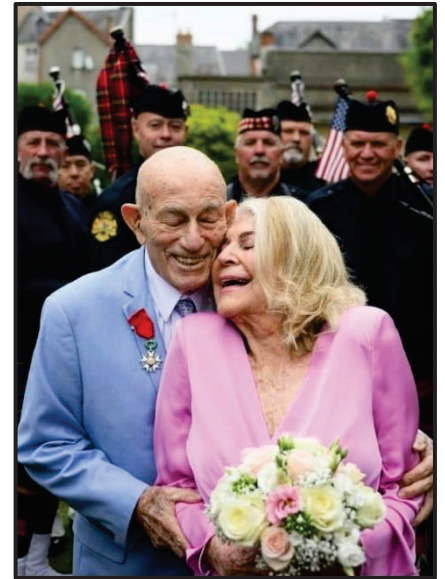
Mike Henry and WWII USN veterans at Utah Beach, FR.
(Photo: Courtesy of Mike Henry.)

for a change of command ceremony at Point du Hoc. Mike said “to top it all off, we ended up playing at the wedding of a 100-year-old veteran to his 96-year-old fiancé in Carentan, FR.”

Mike stated, “I feel confident that the celebrations & memorials will never stop even after all the veterans have

passed. The people of Normandy continue to teach this history to their kids and grandkids in a way that will never end. They truly appreciate what the Allied Forces did for them that they will never forget.

There were emotional ups and downs, some I can’t



Harold Terens and wife Jeanne Swerlin.
(Photo: Courtesy of Mike Henry.)

explain...so powerful they brought me to tears. When one comes so close to the reality of what took place during the liberation of France, Belgium, Netherlands, Italy, Luxembourg...it is sure to influence you. Dare I say, if it doesn’t, your dead inside.”



LEFT: FREEDOM TRIP 2024 Pipe & Drum Band and Fire Department Color Guard await the beginning of the landing ceremony at Utah Beach, FR. (Photo: Courtesy of Mike Henry.)



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



Piper Daniel Shane participated in the City of Lakewood, CA Fire Service Recognition Day.



Photo provided by Daniel Shane.

REMEMBER, VOTE electronically or by email for the USCGPB Board Member election.

Pipers and drummers from Missouri and Kansas played for the funeral of Independence (MO) Police Department Officer Cody Allen on March 8, 2024. Allen was killed in the line of duty attempting to protect a Jackson County (MO) Building Inspector serving a notice to a property owner. Both Allen and the Inspector were killed in the encounter. Drummer Ben Kenney and Piper Ken Hines joined the massed band represented by the Kansas City KS PD Pipe Band, Topeka (KS) PD Pipe Band, and the Kansas City KS FD Pipe Band.



Photo: Independence Police Department



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Coast Guard Festival 2024 - Preliminary Plan of the Day

Wednesday, 31 July – (Optional) Evening (Time/location TBD) – Informal practice chanters/pads rehearsal. Details provided as plans develop and provided to those who have confirmed GH participation.

Thursday, 1 August – Church of the Dunes

1200 - 1230 – By prior arrangement with the PM or DM/DS – Piper/Drummer/Color Guard auditions & new member rehearsal/tuning

1230 - 1700 – All hands, rehearsal & drills

1800 - 2000 – Cookout at Frat House (Optional)

Friday, 2 August – Church of the Dunes

0900 - 1200 - All hands, rehearsals & drills,

1200 - CG Walk of History performance, Assigned trio/quartet only, City Hall

1400 - Full dress tuning, All hands, American Legion Post parking lot

1600 - 1645 CG National Memorial Service, All hands, Escanaba Park

1700 - 1900 - CG Enlisted Dinner, American Legion Post

1900 - 2100 ± - USCGPB Annual General Meeting, All hands, CG Station Grand Haven, 601 S. Harbor Dr. (*across the street from the CG Sector office.*)

Saturday, 3 August – Church of the Dunes

0830 - 1030 - All Hands. Tuning, photo ops (Church of the Dunes)

1030 ± - Line-up for Grand Parade

1145 ± - Grand Parade

1300 ± - Boyden House lunch & performances (Last USCGPB event. Ending 1430 hrs. ±)

1900 - Concert and fireworks (Optional)

Uniform: Trops (bring raincoats as good luck against rain)

Tunes: Green Hills, Semper Paratus, Amazing Grace, Eternal Father (CG Hymn), MacRae Meadow, America the Beautiful/God Bless America, Scotland the Brave/Rowan Tree, Youngest Ancient Mariner, Highland Cathedral. Hopefully also: “Drummer’s Call” and the song –“Until the Next Time.”

Thirty-one USCGPB members notified the Pipe Major they intend to participate, but many members have not indicated their status on the Band’s website Sign Up Sheet. If you have communicated your plan to attend Grand Haven 2024, please also mark-up same on the webpage sign up form.

WWII History quiz: What were the code names for the five beaches the Allies landed on in Normandy on June 6, 1944?
BONUS – Which beachhead was the furthest east and which furthest west?

SWORD, JUNO, GOLD, OMAHA, UTAH. **BONUS:** SWORD was furthest east at Caen and Utah was furthest west near St. Mere Eglise



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USCG Pipe Band 2024 Performances to date

It has been another outstanding 2024 season of piping and drumming by our shipmates. Keep up the great work representing our United States Coast Guard.

Event	Performer(s)	Date
DC1 King Retirement, NJ	Jean Gould, Laura Neville	6-Jan-24
AUX Div. 07-2 CoW	John Quinn, Bob Miller	6-Jan-24
D17 CoW, NJ	Laura Neville	20-Jan-24
CGC Blackthorn Memorial Service, FL	ML Loudermilk	28-Jan-24
Williams Funeral, GA	Butch Teston	2-Feb-24
LE Academy Graduation, MO	Ken Hines	8-Feb-24
Suncoast Highland Games PA Booth, FL	ML Loudermilk, & 7 members	10-Feb-24
Suncoast Highland Games Perf, FL	ML Loudermilk, B. Miller, J. Quinn	10-Feb-24
Korean War Norris Repatriation, HI	Jax Bethel	23-Feb-24
Quilts of Valor, GA	Dan Wilson	27-Feb-24
SFPD Academy Graduation, CA	Joe O'Leary	29-Feb-24
SKC Irish Retirement, NJ	Jean Gould, Laura Neville	2-Mar-24
LODD IPD Officer Allen Funeral, MO	Ken Hines, Ben Kenny	8-Mar-24
NJ Law Enforcement Blue Mass, NJ	Larry Story	4-Apr-24
Bataan Commemoration, CA	Dean McFarren, Joe O'Leary	13-Apr-24
CG Academy Detachment parade, MA	John Quinn, Cathie Slabaugh	15-Apr-24
2024 PACAREA Gala, CA	Dean McFarren	19-Apr-24
USS Arizona, LCDR Conter Memorial, HI	Jax Bethel	23-Apr-24
Quilts of Valor, GA	Dan Wilson	27-Apr-24
CWO Johnson Retirement, OH	Mike & Theresa Henry	2-May-24
Roswell Nat. Day of Prayer, GA	Loudermilk, Quinn, Sloan, Wilson	2-May-24
National Fallen Firefighters Mem, MD	M. & T. Henry, Whitley, Bowers	3-May-24
LE Mem. Svc., Jefferson City, MO	Ken Hines, Ben Kenny	4-May-24
British War Graves, Buxton, NC	10 USCGPB Members	9-May-24
British War Graves, Ocracoke, NC	10 USCGPB Members	10-May-24
TN Nat. Mil. Golf Tour. TN	Jim Martin	13-May-24
MKC Landheer Retirement	Jeffrey Alexander	15-May-24
L. Sundgaard Funeral Service	Jim Martin	16-May-24
SE FL Honor Flight, FL	Coonerty, Lairson, Mylott	18-May-24
D11 Honor Flight, San Francisco, CA	Joe O'Leary	18-May-24
Memorial Marker Ceremony, GA	Butch Teston	21-May-24
Boston Light Keeper Retirement, MA	Steve Bogiages	22-May-24



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Memorial Day Service, Danville, VA	Tim Carpenter	26-May-24
Memorial Day Service, GA	Butch Teston	27-May-24
80th D-Day Remembrance Services, France	Mike Henry, Warren Whitley	28-May-24
Capt. Drey Retirement, DC	Kon Gojnycz	31-May-24
D14 CoC, HI	Jax Bethel	18-Jun-24
SFFD Chief Ryan Funeral, CA	Dean McFarren, Joe O'Leary	28-Jun-24
July 4th Parade, CA	Dean McFarren, Joe O'Leary	4-Jul-24
LE Academy Graduation ceremony, MO	Ken Hines	14-Jun-24
LODD Missouri DOC Sgt Ellzey funeral	Ken Hines	15-Jun-24
MSTC Murphy Retirement, TX	Brian Shajari	21-Jun-24
CWO Segall Funeral, TX	Brian Shajari	18-Jun-24

The Coast Guard Museum in New London, CT is on track for completion in 2026. A specific date is not yet set, but as of our last communication with the Museum leadership the ceremonial opening will not be over the Coast Guard birthday of August 4, 2026. The USCGPB has expressed the desire to participate in those events and we will keep you posted. <https://nationalcoastguardmuseum.org/>

The historical description of the actions included in this newsletter and associated with the CGG ESCANABA were obtained from open-source materials located in USCG history webpages,
to include: <https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/Area-Cutters/CGCESCANABA/History/>.

Information on the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival was obtained from open-source materials located in the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival website.
<https://tickets.coastguardfest.org/about-cgf/>.

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Forever Remembered – Cambridge American Cemetery, UK

OFFICERS & CREW OF THE CGC ESCANABA KIA ON 13 JUNE 1943:

OFFICERS:

LCDR Carl PETERSON - CO
 LT Robert PRAUSE, Jr - XO.
 LT John HUNT
 LTJG James SULLIVAN (R)
 LTJG William THOMAN
 LTJG Jesse TREADWELL (R)
 ENS Richard ARRIGHI (R)
 ENS Daniel DAVIS (R)
 ENS John CAMERON, Jr. (R)
 ENS William GARCIA (R)
 ENS Robert E. MCGEHEARTY (R)
 ENS Woodrow WILKINS (R)
 Assistant Surgeon Ralph NIX USPHS

GM1 William COREY
 CMM Layton COUNSELOR
 S1C George CZELUSNIAK (R)
 YN James DAVIS (R)
 RM1 Leonard DELSART
 OFF STW2 Warren DEYAMPERT
 QM3 Paul DODGEN
 OFF STW2 Pedro ESTOCAPIO
 CMM Clarence FARRAR
 WT2 Donald FERRIS
 RM2 Charles FOSTER
 RM1 Eugene GADEK
 F1C Lloyd GATOS
 S1C George GMEINER (R)
 SOM2 Leroy GRAHAM
 S2C Arthur HAWK (R)
 EM2 Frank HOOPER
 S1C Quirin HOSTAK (R)
 WT1 Phillip JAROUSKY
 S2C Floyd JOHNS (R)
 S1C Joseph KENNY (R)
 SOM2 Kenneth KLETZIEN
 WT2 Edward KUCIA
 RM1 Stanley KURCZ
 CBM George LARSON
 CBM Clyde LAYTON
 S1C Frederic LIETZ
 S1C Angelo LOBOSCO
 UT1 Victor LONDO
 SC1 Joseph LUCAS
 GM3 Barton McCARTHY
 SM2 Robert McCREADY (R)
 S1C Ralph McGOWAN (R)
 GM2 Theodore MENKOL
 MSC2 John MEYERS

CWT Charles MICKLE
 WT2 Malcom MOHLER
 SOM3 Sidney MORE
 RM3 Arthur NEALE (R)
 S1C Roy NILSEN, Roy (R)
 S1C Bronislaw NOWAKOWSKI
 S1C Walter O'LEARY (R)
 QM1 Hugh PALSER
 S1C Valentino PAOLELLA (R)
 COX Leo PETERSON (R)
 SC2 Forrest REDNOUR
 SK2 James RICE (R)
 SOM3 Robert ROWLAND
 RDM3 Patrick RUIDL
 CM3 Victor SALM (R)
 CBM Claud SALTER
 RM1 Kenneth SATTLER
 S1C Frank SICKLES (R)
 YN2 Clifford SKARIN (R)
 S1C Clayton SMITH
 QM1 Thomas SOMES
 S1C Joseph SOMMERS (R)
 RM2 Dwight SWANDER
 CMM Leo TESCHENDORF
 Ph.M2 William TIERNEY (R)
 MAT2 Thomas TILLETT (R)
 MAT2 Earl TYRUS (R)
 CM1 Dean WELSH
 F2C Edward WESTMORE (R)
 RDM3 Axel WIDMAN (R)
 MAT1 Samuel WILLIAMS
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