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Honoring & Remembering Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival 100th Anniversary



Members of the USCG Pipe Band perform on the aft deck of the Canadian Coast Guard Ship (CCGS) *Samuel Risley* following the Coast Guard Festival Memorial Service. The *Samuel Risley* is a Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker and buoy tender assigned to the Great Lakes area within the Canadian Coast Guard Central & Arctic Region. (Photo by Todd Wilkinson)



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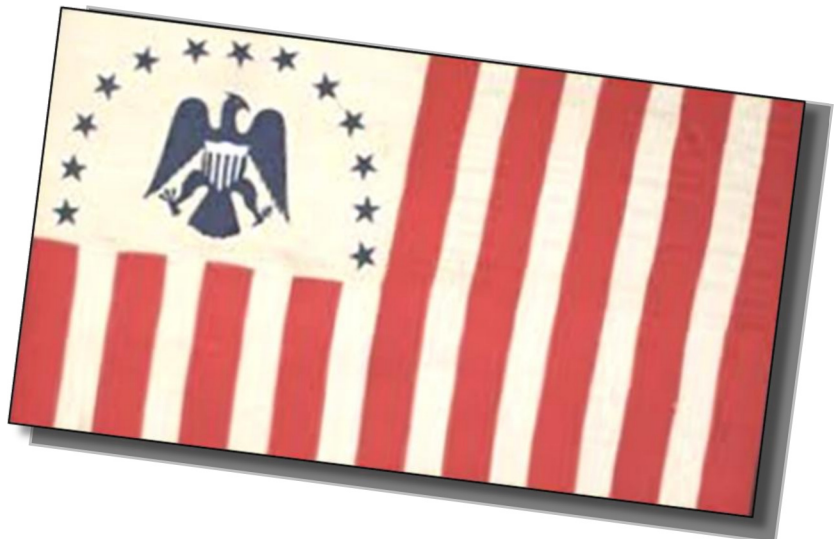
Dang, another year in the books and time for another band newsletter.

Shipmates, it was a fun-filled 2024 for our band, especially being able to participate in the 100th anniversary of the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival with a larger than normal turnout of parade entries and folks along the parade route. This edition of the band newsletter has important information for the crew. Thanks to all who contributed content for this edition. Hope you enjoy this issue, feel free to share, and stay well!

Ken Hines, January 2025

Grand Haven 2024 ... 100 years of a Coast Guard Festival

Grand Haven, MI August 2024 was a special place for all things U.S. Coast Guard as 2024 marked the 100th anniversary of what started as a Coast Guard only picnic at the local Coast Guard station with rowing competitions for those service members stationed in Grand Haven. Flash forward from 1924, and 2024 to witness the respect, admiration, and love for the Coast Guard which pulses through the community. One hundred years of anything is a big deal and Grand Haven's Festival was no exception. The Escanaba Park Memorial Service featured Coast Guard Commandant ADM Linda Fagan making her first trip to Grand Haven. The Saturday parade had more dignitaries and escort cars than the Church of the Dunes staging area could hold. The parade even welcomed the Anheuser Busch Clydesdale hitch team. Look for band photos a couple of pages further back in the newsletter. Mark your calendars now for the 2025 Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival and the 235th birthday of the commissioning of **U.S. Revenue Cutter Service** and predecessor of the U.S. Coast Guard.



U.S. Revenue Cutter Ensign

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Band President Message



President
Harry Dudley

Another great USCGPB Newsletter! Thanks Ken, Jeanne and all those who contributed. Given the length of this edition, I will keep my column short.

Grand Haven (GH) '25 is coming up. We hope to see you there. Thanks to all who are already working on the planning! Please put this important mission on your calendar. Your support of the Coast Guard by participating in Band events is in keeping with Coast Guard Core Values.

Your Board of Directors adopted some changes to the Band Bylaws. Per our Bylaws, Active Members were asked to consider and approve them. Of our 55 Active Members, 42 voted and all the amendments were approved. They will go into effect on 02/28/25.

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.

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

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

Treasurer Report



Cathie Slabaugh

Band Treasure Cathie Slabaugh reports as of January 1, 2025, the band has a bank balance of \$40,051.97

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

**Check the webpage & sign up
for 2025 events ASAP**



Pipe Major's Call – M.L. Loudermilk



PM ML Loudermilk

Most of what I need to share with the band is located elsewhere in this newsletter, so I encourage you to read all of the information and articles. A big thanks to Ken Hines for assembling and publishing these newsletters. I also want to sincerely thank all who have contributed their time and energy to participate, coordinate and assist in recent events. From June through December 2024, 35 of our members have participated in the 39 performances shown on the "Performances to Date" list.

The list of potential 2025 National Events include:

- National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service: May 2 - 4, 2025
- British War Graves Service: Buxton, NC, May 8, 2025
- British War Graves Services: Ocracoke, NC, May 9, 2025
- National Law Enforcement Week Services: May 13 & 14, 2025
- Grand Haven Cost Guard Festival: August 1 & 2, 2025

More detailed information about these National Events is posted in this newsletter and on the band website's "Event Sign Up Page" under "Event Descriptions 2025". As always, our participation in these performances is contingent on a sufficient number of USCGPB performers committing to attend. All USCGPB members are to visit the website and review the events, then go to the "Event Sign Up Page" and complete the form for every event - "Yes" "No" or "Maybe." **IT IS INCUMBENT ON EVERY USCGPB MEMBER TO COMPLETE A SIGNUP FORM WHETHER YOU CAN ATTEND OR NOT.**

As to the status of the band, we currently have approximately 130 band members with 55 Active Members which represents about 42% of the total membership, up from 38% last year. Of the 130 members approximately 24 are currently being reviewed for deletion from the member roster due to inactivity.

Due to recent issues, we must remind all members that in order to stay in compliance with the Band By-laws and regulations you must comply with 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.

We must continue to 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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The Coast Guard Pipe Band Kit ... A balance of service and tradition



DM Andy Anderson in an undated photo out in front, Grand Haven CG Festival (USCGPB photo)

The USCGPB Uniform Regulations (USCGPBINST M1020.6 – series) were updated on July 12, 2024 and constitute the specific guidance that all Band members are required to follow with regard to uniforms, appearance (including grooming), and deportment. The updated version is posted on the Band website in the Member Area under “Uniforms.”

Some highlights from those regs include: Band members are not allowed to wear a USCGPB uniform at any event not approved by the PM. Band members are not to appear in public wearing any combination of uniform items that are not specifically provided for in the USCGPB Uniform Regs unless authorized by the Uniform Prescribing Official for a given event (PM).

Any member of the Band may make a proposal regarding uniforms to the Uniform Board (DM, PM, and QM) for consideration. If

Band members fail to follow our uniform regs (including grooming standards), they put the Band at risk of having the Commandant rescind our “affiliated” status and permission to use the term “U.S. Coast Guard” in our name. That would effectively end the USCGPB.

USCGPB Policy Guidance on Wearing the Uniform

"When called upon to provide USCG decedent services, USCG Pipe Band players will perform in uniform. When called upon to perform in support of an ‘armed services’ funeral or memorial event, the USCG Pipe Band player will perform in uniform. When a USCG Pipe Band player is called upon to provide funeral and or memorial services for former military non-Coast Guard decedents, the USCG Pipe Band uniform is authorized. When a USCG Pipe Band player is called upon to provide funeral and or memorial services for non-military non-Coast Guard decedents, the USCG Pipe Band uniform may be authorized on individual merit. Please check with the Pipe Major for authorization. In any event, and at no time will a USCG Pipe Band player solicit or accept compensation while performing in a USCG Pipe Band uniform. As non-acceptance of a gratuity may be perceived as inappropriate, if and when offered, accept on behalf of the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band and indicate that the "donation" will be used to further US COAST GUARD ACADEMY Cadet Piper studies."

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=EAlalQobChMI2Na15Z7e_AIVoObjBx2Img3KEAAYAiAAEgKnX_D_BwE.

Band specific items are available through QM John Bishop.



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AUXMU now authorized for the Coast Guard Pipe Band



DM Kevin Conquest

AUXMU Program Now Open to Pipers and Drummers!

Shipmates, we have exciting news for Auxiliarists: the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Musician (AUXMU) Program is now officially open to pipers and drummers. This is a great step forward that recognizes the unique contributions of our musical traditions to the Coast Guard and its Auxiliary. The Auxiliary Musician Program has been underway for a decade and part of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's public affairs mission. Members of the AUXMU program are qualified and authorized to perform at official Coast Guard ceremonies, public events, parades, and other special occasions, helping to promote the Coast Guard's missions and foster goodwill within the community.

Historically, the AUXMU program has only included classical/symphonic instrumentalists and vocalists. Over the past six years, a small team from USCGPB consulted with the A-Directorate of the Auxiliary, the Army School of Bagpipes and Highland Drumming in Scotland, and the US Coast Guard Band to build a similar qualification system for what we do. The result is a three-level PQS that allows USCGPB Auxiliarists to qualify their way up to AUXMU1, similar to other Auxiliary musicians.

The benefits of joining AUXMU as a Piping or Drumming Member include:

- Broader opportunities: Expand your performance reach beyond pipe band events into official Coast Guard ceremonies and community outreach initiatives.
- Professional development: As a certified AUXMU member, you'll be part of a network of talented musicians, with opportunities to refine your skills and gain recognition.
- Strengthen the Mission: Represent the Coast Guard and Auxiliary with pride, using your music to connect with the public and honor traditions.

How to Join:

The AUXMU program requires participants to meet certain qualifications. For pipers and drummers, this includes:

- Membership in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- Demonstrated musical proficiency, assessed through an audition or review process.
- Commitment to supporting the Coast Guard's mission through music.

Interested members should contact our AUXMU QEs for USCGPB: Pipe Major Loudermilk for pipes and Drum Major Conquest or Paul England for drumming. All candidates will begin at the AUXMU3 level.

Coast Guard History Question: What were the five U.S. Government agencies that when merged created our existing U.S. Coast Guard? You get extra credit if you know the year this first occurred?

(Googling, WIKIPEDIA, and phoning a friend is not cricket...besides we give you the answers on page 8).



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At the October 15, 2024 meeting of AUX Flotilla 29, Lake Lanier, GA, a special presentation was made to the ATL-DET of the USCG Pipe Band by Rich Adams, FSO-NS, FSO-MT. The Adams family inherited a Spanish bagpipe, a "Gaita Asturiana" from his wife's family who were from Spain.



(L to R) FSO-NS Rich Adams, USCGPB PM ML Loudermilk, John Quinn, and Barbara Sloan.
(Photo provided by ML Loudermilk)

Knowing our connection to bagpipes, the Adams family donated the pipes to the USCGPB. At the flotilla meeting, to receive the gift on behalf of the band, was PM M. L. Loudermilk, PS John Quinn, and Piper Barbara Sloan.

Mr. Adams also provided a brief history of these particular pipes as follows: "The instrument is from Galicia, Spain and was donated to you and the band by my wife's parents Wigberto & Irene Vivas who lived in Spain. The Gaita was used in 1976 for the great annual pilgrimage that takes place to the tomb of the Apostle Saint James. This is an ancient journey and Gaitas are used as instruments during this tradition. This is one of the oldest religious pilgrimages known in Europe."



The "Gaita Asturiana", Spanish bagpipe donated to USCGPB.
(Photo provided by ML Loudermilk)

The Gaita is a family of single-droned bagpipes native to the autonomous communities of Principality of Asturias and Cantabria on the northern coast of Spain and played across Portugal, Asturias and Northern Zamora. The Gaita has only two reeded pipes, the chanter and one bass drone. A similar set of these pipes is on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and described as a mouth-blown bagpipe made of boxwood with a melodic pipe and one drone.



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WWII Merchant Marine returned home for burial after 80 years as unknown



Piper Ken Hines and Drummer Ben Kenney provided music for the homecoming and burial of WWII U.S. Merchant Marine sailor Elvis Nelson Spotts on November 9, 2024. Spotts was killed in February 1944 while working onboard the SS Cape Isabel at Betio Island, off the coast of Tarawa Atoll in the South Pacific. A small group of distant relatives and people from Missouri paid tribute to the 18-year-old Merchant Marine as he was laid to rest alongside his parents at Wesley Chapel Cemetery near Armstrong, MO 80 years after his death. Wiper Spotts



was originally buried in the U.S. Marine Cemetery on Betio Island as an unknown and his remains were located in 2017 and identified in 2018. U.S. Navy RADM Michael Poots, CO of the Navy Undersea Warfighting Development Center Groton, CT was the senior officer present representing the U.S. Navy along with officers and enlisted sailors from the Operational Support Unit Kansas City, US Coast Guard Pipe Band, and Missouri Army National Guard who conducted the burial ceremony with full military honors.

Top: RADM Michael Van Poots, USN officers and enlisted members of U.S. Navy Operational Support Center, Kansas City carry Wiper Spotts casket for burial. (Photos: KMBC-TV)

Bottom: USCGPB Piper Ken Hines and Drummer Ben Kenney participated in the burial ceremony. (Photos: KMBC-TV)

Coast Guard History Answers -

In 1915 the **U.S. Revenue Cutter Service** and the **U.S. Life-Saving Service** merged to form the U.S. Coast Guard.

And in 1939 the **U.S. Lighthouse Service** was brought into the U.S. Coast Guard.

The remaining two agencies that became part of the U.S. Coast Guard in 1946 were the **Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation** and the **Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection**.



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Around the Pipe Band – Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival 2024



Top: USCG Ceremonial Color Guard and crew from Station Grand Haven at the annual CGC Escanaba Memorial Service. (Photo by Todd Wilkinson)

Bottom: USCGPB in formation at annual memorial service. (Photo by Todd Wilkinson)





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Top: USCGPB members enjoy a relaxing chanter and drum pad practice session. (Photo by Todd Wilkinson)

Below: One of the highlights of the days gathered in Grand Haven is the performance during the Enlisted Persons Dinner at the American Legion Post. Always a crowd favorite. (Photo by Todd Wilkinson)





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Around the Pipe Band – Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival 2024

Right: USCGPB members RADM Eric Jones and PM ML Loudermilk take a moment to chat after receiving the 100th CG Festival medallion. (Photo by Todd Wilkinson)



Below: The launch of the USCGPB SWAG tent at the Festival near the American Legion Post was a big success. USCGPB piper Cathie Slabaugh plays at the pop-up tent. (Photo by Todd Wilkinson)





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Members of the USCGPB ATL-Detachment performing at the D7 Flotilla 29 Change of Watch on 12/7/2024. From L to R, PM ML Loudermilk, John (JB) Bishop, Bob Miller, Mike Grest, Davide Oberg, Greg McKellar, and John Quinn. (Photo courtesy of ML Loudermilk)



Left: USCGPB members PM ML Loudermilk, Bob Miller, John Quinn, Tom Goldman, and Don Saba man the USCGPB recruiting booth for the first time in February 2024 at the Sun Coast Highland Games in Palmetto, FL. (Photo courtesy of ML Loudermilk)



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Left: The USCGPB recruiting and information booth was back at the Sun Coast Highland Games again in 2025 as a number of interested people stopped by to learn more about our band. From L to R – John Quinn, ML Loudermilk, Bob Miller, and Butch Teston. (Photo courtesy of ML Loudermilk.)

Right/Below: USCGPB Tenor drummer Steve Bogiages while on duty at the Hospital Point light in Beverly, MA had the opportunity to chat with D1 Commander RADM Michael Platt. Steve says he had the chance to provide the RADM a brief history of the USCG Pipe Band and they exchanged challenge coins.



USCG 1st District Commander Challenge Coin front & back. (Photos courtesy of Steve Bogiages.)



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The above map was an unscientific attempt to plot the geographic locations of our band members as indicated by the gold triangle (piper or drummer), yellow/orange circle (band staff), and blue box (color guard members). It is highly likely I missed someone, hence my caveat for “unscientific”. But the visual does provide a good graphic of how vast our band empire extends. (Hines)



Right: Daniel Shane practices the pipes on the 87-foot CG Cutter Narwhal homeported in Corona del Mar, CA September 2024. (Photo courtesy of Daniel Shane)



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

The inauguration of the President of the United States only comes around every four years and having the opportunity to participate in the ceremonies to honor the new President is even fewer and far between. USCGPB band members Mike Henry, Jack Mylott, and Michael Coonerty are associated with fire and police bands across the United States and were invited to play as members of the Florida Firefighters Pipes & Drums based in Palm Beach, FL for the historic inauguration parade of President Trump.

Getting selected among all the groups hoping to participate was the first challenge, and they were chosen to march and perform in the parade. The band consisted of 50 pipers and 10 drummers with seven others filling the Color Guard, Drum Majors, and Banner Carriers spots. Everything was all set for the parade until the cold weather threw a wrench into the works, and the parade participants would be culled from 52 parade entries to **seven** and perform at the Capital One Arena in downtown Washington, DC instead of parading. The Florida Firefighters P&D made the cut. And just like our own home pipe and drum bands, the Florida Firefighters Pipes & Drums were able to adjust, adapt, and present a three-minute performance in the Arena for President Trump, gathered dignitaries, and guests that was a once in a life-time event.









Top: Florida Firefighters Pipes & Drums band patch for the event.

Bottom: USCGPB members (L-R) Jack Mylott, Mike Henry, and Michael Coonerty kitted out at the Capital One Arena prior to performing for the President of the United States on Inauguration Day 2025. (Photos courtesy of Mike Henry)



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USCG Pipe Band Awards & Recognition

Event	Award	Citation	Recipients
2024 Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival 100th Anniversary	USCGPB 100 th Anniversary Medallion		2024 USCGPB Grand Haven performers
Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival	USCG Auxiliary Commendation		Todd Wilkinson Kevin Conquest
2024 USCGPB Annual General Meeting	PM Piper Performance Award		John Quinn
2024 USCGPB Annual General Meeting	PM Drummer Performance Award		Warren Whitley
2024 USCGPB Annual General Meeting	Band Performance Award		Ken Hines
2024 USCGPB Annual General Meeting	Band Badges		Mike Herring

Welcome aboard to RADM Eric Jones and Mike Hudec making their first appearance with the band at the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival.

Shipmates, should you have any change of status with the band or change your home address, email, or telephone number, please email the Band Webmaster Mike Henry to update your information. And if you have not reviewed your information on the band roster, double check that your contact information is correct. If there are any changes needed, email Webmaster Mike Henry to execute the update.



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USCG Pipe Band 2024 Performances June to December

Event	Performer(s)	Date
Masson Retirement Ceremony	Mike Henry	06/20/24
Chatham Rotary Field of Honor, VA	Tim Carpenter	06/29/24
CWO4 Rieman Retirement, TX	Brian Shajari	07/03/24
Danville Rotary Field of Honor	Tim Carpenter	07/04/24
July 4th Parade	Dean McFarren, Joe O'Leary	07/04/24
DMC Independence Day Celebration	Butch Teston	07/07/24
GH Memorial Service	27 Members	08/02/24
GH Samuel Risley Performance	23 Members	08/02/24
GH EM Dinner	25 Members	08/02/24
GH Walk of History	Bishop, Miller, Slabaugh, Story	08/02/24
GH PA Tent, Staff	Wilkinson, M. Hudec, L. Hudec, Bowers	08/02/24
GH PA Tent Performance	Cathie Slabaugh	08/02/24
GH Grand Parade	25 USCGPB members	08/03/24
GH Boyden House	19 USCGPB Members	08/03/24
Ohio ALR POW/MIA Ride	Mike Henry	08/10/24
BMC Taylor Retirement	Jean Gould, Laura Neville	08/23/24
SRFD 9-11 Ceremony. CA	Dean McFarren, Joe O'Leary	09/11/24
University of Missouri 9-11 Patriot's Day	Ken Hines	09/11/24
Blakenship Funeral, VA	Tim Carpenter	09/20/24
POW/MIA Day Ceremony, FL	Jim Martin	09/20/24
POW MIA Ceremony, CA	Dean McFarren	09/20/24
CGAUX Memorial, CA	Dean McFarren	09/21/24
Quilts of Valor, GA	Dan Wilson	09/21/24
Robert Bulk Sr. Internment	Mike Henry	10/04/24
Eberle Memorial Service, VA	Tim Carpenter	10/18/24
Eberle Funeral, VA	Tim Carpenter	10/21/24
Veterans Memorial Markers, GA	Butch Teston	10/22/24
LETI Academy Graduation, MO	Ken Hines	10/24/24
Army Ranger Assn, GA	Butch Teston	11/02/24

Know someone who might be interested in joining the USCG Pipe Band? Share this newsletter with them and let's get them signed up and onboard.



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School Veterans Day Program, GA	Butch Teston	11/08/24
Cherokee G.C. Toys for Tots, GA	Butch Teston	11/09/24
Spotts Merchant Marine Funeral. MO	Ken Hines, Ben Kenney	11/09/24
DAR Veterans Program, GA	Bob Miller	11/09/24
Univ of Missouri Vet's Day Ceremony, MO	Ken Hines, Ben Kenney	11/11/24
Reunion Veterans Day Dinner, GA	M.L. Loudermilk	11/11/24
Mills Elementary. School Veterans. Program	Bob Miller	11/11/24
Univ of North Georgia Vet's Day Ceremony	Butch Teston	11/11/24
Quilts of Valor, GA	Dan Wilson	11/11/24
Flotilla 29, CoW, Buford, GA	7 Atlanta Detachment Members	12/07/24

Provisional USCGPB 2025 National Event Details

British War Graves Services – North Carolina Outer Banks, one in Buxton, NC, near the Hatteras Lighthouse and the second on Ocracoke Island, NC.

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 – Afternoon/evening rehearsals. Locations to be determined.

Thursday, May 8, 2025 – Buxton, NC. Not strenuous and only requires a short march in formation.
Hatteras Lighthouse – After BWG service. Informal Performance of tunes of our choosing.

Friday, May 9, 2025 – Ocracoke Island, NC. We board a Ferry early to the island and meet near the grave sites.

National Law Enforcement Week Events - Washington DC, (TENTATIVE, based on member participation commitments and scheduled events.)

Rehearsal, Tuesday, May 13, 2025- Rehearsal on Joint Airbase Anacostia Bowling (JAAB). Times TBD.

Wednesday, May 14, 2015 - There are several options available to us for performances:

- **Slow Aire Pipe Band Competition (or Arlington National Cemetery Performance).**
Early morning. The Slow Aire Competition is combined with the NLEW Color Guard Competitions, usually on the west side of the U.S. Capitol.
- **WWII Memorial** – After the competition, a coach ride to the WWII Memorial.
- **Vietnam Memorial** – Either a coach ride or casual walking on paved park trails, no marching.
- **Korean Memorial** – Casual walking on paved park trails, no marching.



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- **Fraternal Order of Police “Tent City”** – A coach ride from the Lincoln Memorial to the tent city site where we perform and can eat, drink, shop and rest for two hours or so.
- **Memorial Service Parade** – A “relatively” short parade (usually around 8 to 10 blocks) to the National Law Enforcement Memorial .
- **Memorial Service** – A tediously long service, standing in place, playing along with the other bands on most tunes, “Air Piping” along with those we don’t play.

Note: The NLEW/DC events will only be scheduled if sufficient experienced performers commit to attend and FOP “tent city” is operating and invites us to perform.

2025 Coast Guard Festival, Grand Haven, MI

The following is a tentative schedule of the anticipated events, dates/times and locations of USCGPB performances:

Wednesday, July 30, 2025 – (Optional) Evening (Time/location TBD) – Informal practice chanters/pads rehearsal.

Thursday, July 31, 2025 – (All events at the Church of the Dunes)
1400 – 1830 – All hands, rehearsal & drills

Friday, Aug 1, 2025 –
0900 - 1200 - All hands. Rehearsals & drills (Church of the Dunes)
1200 – CG Walk of History (Assigned trio/quartet, City Hall)
1400 – Full dress tuning (All hands. American Legion Post parking lot)
1600 – C.G. National Memorial Svc. (All hands, Escanaba Park)
1700 - 1900 - CG Enlisted Dinner (American Legion Post)
1900 - 2100 ± - USCGPB Annual General Meeting (All hands, CG Sector Field Office)

Saturday, August 2, 2025 – (Church of the Dunes)
0830 - 1030 - All Hands. Tuning, photo ops
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)

National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service - Emmitsburg, MD, May 2 - 4, 2025

This event is not a USCGPB band event as the USCGPB does not perform there as a band. Individual USCGPB members join other pipers/drummers to play in massed bands. Please contact PS Mike Henry for details.



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Building friendships and sharing sea stories at Grand Haven



USCGPB alongside for crew photo following a performance onboard Canadian Cutter Samuel Risley at Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival 2024. (Photo by Todd Wilkinson)

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