



# U.S. COAST GUARD PIPE BAND NEWSLETTER

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## U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band participates in the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial 2012 events in Washington, D.C.

By CDR Ken Hines, USCGR (Ret.)

As the premiere maritime law enforcement agency in the United States, we sometimes forget that the United States Coast Guard shares the same excitement, and dangers, with other State, Local, and Federal law enforcement officers. 14 Coast Guard shipmates paid the ultimate sacrifice and are forever remembered at the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, DC. For this reason, and with the great assistance of D8 WR Coordinator Dan Jackson (also a member of the St. Louis County Police Department Pipes & Drums and our event intel guy), CDR Warren Whitley, Senior Chief Steve Cochran, and LT Mike Doria, your USCG Pipe Band participated for the first time in the Police Week events.



Photo by Band Photographer Nicole Tuminello, USCG AUX

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As a first time event for the USCGPB, turnout was exceptional with 20 members of the band taking time to travel and represent the Coast Guard. Monday, 14 May dawned cloudy with light to moderate rain, but the rain stopped long enough for the Pipe Major M.L. Loudermilk to lead the USCGPB in the Honor Guard/Pipe Band competition (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuKExOqBG-I&feature=youtu.be>) where we took third place. Following a quick photo opportunity in front of the US Capitol building, the Band headed to perform for an enthusiast audience of over 100 at USCG Headquarters (HQ). All, of which, was completed by 1300. The Washington DC Police Department Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) sponsors a "tent city" with beer garden (of course), and various dealers with cop bling, patches, cigars, T-shirts, etc. and this year the location was moved from near Union Station to just north of USCG HQ on 2nd Street. So, not to pass up an opportunity to pipe, we marched into tent city and piped for the FOP crowd. The long day culminated in a huge parade with more than 15 pipe bands marching from near North Capitol Street and New Jersey to the Law Enforcement Memorial. At the Law Enforcement Memorial, this year's solemn remembrance was led by the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and the NYPD Emerald Society Pipe Band. Dedicated on October 15, 1991, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial honors federal, state and local law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of our nation and its people.

Among the names listed on the memorial are the following Coast Guardsmen: Matthew Harold Baker; Edgar Allen Culbertson; Scott James Chism; Christopher Everett Ferreby; Ronald Alan Gill, Jr.; Victor A. Lamby; Craig Eric Lerner; Shaun Michael Lin; Paul Erik Perlt; Sidney C. Sanderlin; Arthur James Sanderson; Jonathan D. Scotchmer; Duane Elmer Stenbak and Vernon F. Thompson.

Next time your travels take you to Washington, DC, the *National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial* can be visited on E Street, between 4th and 5th Streets, NW. Thanks to all who participated; PB President Dave Morgan, PM ML Loudermilk, DM Michael Doria, Harry Dudley, Zoe Ann Dudley, Steve Cochran, Warren Whitley, Chet Strait, Dave and Deb Linder, Jeff Burton, Tracey Alderson, Mike Mone, Billy Ferguson, John Quinn, Bob Miller, Michael Goodwin, Nicole Tuminello, Mike Coonerty, and Ken Hines.



## Letter from the President



Greeting All,

It been quite a year and hard to believe that it is once again time to travel to Grand Haven Michigan for the Annual Coast Guard Day Celebration and Annual General Membership Meeting of the USCGPB. Many of us have been actively participating in, memorials, recruiting, funerals and ceremonies, representing the Coast Guard at these activities and I wish to thank each of you for your efforts.

Of particular note I would like to thank Steve Rogers for his hard work and effort these past several years as the Pipe Band Quartermaster. Steve did an outstanding job making certain that we all had the proper uniform items for our performances. Steve has decided to resign his position as quartermaster and he will certainly be missed. Steve, once again, thanks you for an outstanding job. Also, another sincere thank you goes out to M.L. Loudermilk in a superb job in preparing the band for the competition during police week. M.L. not only rehearsed the band, but also arranged some of the music for this completion. The band gave and outstanding performance at this event.

Our organization continues to play a significant role in representing the U.S. Coast Guard throughout the United States with our performances and as we move ahead in the coming year, I urge those of you that have not been active to come forward and get involved. I hope to see all of you in Grand Haven this year.

Look Sharp, Feel Sharp, Be Sharp,

My best to all of you,

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



Coast Guard Headquarters Performance  
Washington, DC on 14-May-2012  
Photo by Band Photographer Nicole Tuminello, USCG AUX



USCG Vice Commandant's Change of Watch / Retirement Ceremony  
Washington, DC on 18-May-2012  
Photo by Band Photographer Nicole Tuminello, USCG AUX



## From the Editor



Greetings,

As many of you know I have been involved heavily with the USCG Pipe Band dating as far back as its inception in 2001 when CWO Kevin Gilheany published a post on the internet (Fred's Place) calling for pipers and drummers to gather together in Grand Haven, MI to perform at the 2002 CG Festival. I, along with a few other members, are still very much a part of the Band today. Ever since, I answered Mr. Gilheany's request, I have sought out opportunities to help the band to grow, develop, and mature.

What makes this band unique is its make-up of musicians and performers from all around the country who perform at local, region, and national events on their own dime (taking the "hit" for travel), a few days off from work, and being away from families to do what we are all devoted to in promoting greater public recognition and awareness of the sacrifices, services and accomplishments of the men and women of the United States Coast Guard, in war and peace.

Like any successful organization, the necessity to provide information to its membership is paramount as well as increasingly complex. In order to facilitate this task, the development and implementation of an 'official' USCG Pipe Band Newsletter was approved and introduced this past quarter by the newly developed Newsletter Staff; with special assistance from YNC Johnathan Eudy and YN2 William "Billy" Bagwell (newsletter co-editors).

Your Newsletter staff has worked and will continue to work hard throughout the year in an attempt to get an accurate, updated source of information to its members on a quarterly basis. The Band's Webmaster (CWO3 Michael Henry) has created a designated Newsletter email address ([newsletter@uscgpipeband.org](mailto:newsletter@uscgpipeband.org)) so all members can contact regarding submission of USCG Pipe Band stories, photos, comments, suggestions, etc. The Board of Directors urge you to utilize this email address in assisting in making this publication a success.

Thanks and BRAVO ZULU to the Newsletter Staff for all their hard work.

SEMPER PARATUS  
M. Doria, LT, USCGR  
Newsletter Editor, USCGPB



## From the Pipe Major

Greetings,

We have had a relatively busy first half of the year, making a lot of public appearances and having much needed time performing together. More performers playing together at more events make us a better sounding band. We need to continue the improvements we are seeing in our performances and I encourage you to participate in as many events as you can.

Thanks to those who have committed to the 2012 Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival. *I ask those who have not yet signed-up to make your best, good faith effort to attend the Annual General Meeting and to participate at the events. This is our annual "homecoming", business session and social event so please do your best to attend.*

I would also like to extend my thanks to those who participated in the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade, Buxton War Graves Memorial, Washington DC Police Week events and all the pipers who represented us at the numerous solo events. We are getting great exposure and turning some high-ranking heads.

With this exposure comes the responsibility to look and sound as great as the organization we represent. Pipers and drummers, I challenge and encourage each of you to work hard at improving your performing skills. As we cannot rehearse together often, you must take personal responsibility for continuing to develop your musical abilities. It is essential that you dedicate yourself to improving your abilities, learning all of our music and attending as many performances as possible. In addition to contributing musically, we also need you to help us recruit experienced pipers and drummers.

Finally, don't forget that there is a Pipe Major Feedback form I developed as a means for all USCG Pipe Band members to give input on music, training, performance, tunes and deportment. This form is still active and I encourage you to use it to provide me with your ideas, opinions and preferences. I will have hard copies of the form at Grand Haven or you can get it by contacting me at: [bagpiper@comcast.net](mailto:bagpiper@comcast.net).

Until then...

SEMPER PARATUS  
M. L. Loudermilk, CG Combat Veteran  
Pipe Major, USCGPB





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## Board of Directors / Behind the Scenes

By Kevin Richie, USCG AUX

The Pipe Band Board of Directors has been very active in working on better communication links in order to be more proactive for the band.

Recently started for the first time in the bands history is a quarterly Board of Directors (BoD) Conference Call. This has enabled Board Members to openly discuss new topics and challenges that require solid planning with a defined next step on a real time basis. Multiple topics have been engaged and the calls have lasted on average 2.5 hours.

Some of the topics include the following:

- **Active inventory list:** We are working on a list of ALL Pipe Band owned equipment, from drums to kilts & anything else that as loaned to at Band Member. We have several new members waiting to join, who could benefit from the items being held by inactive members.
- **Pipe Band Water Bottles:** Water Bottles & Holders will become part of the uniform.
- **New Finance Committee:** This committee has been formed to explore creative new ways to help finance travel expense of the Pipe Band members.
- **Future/Current Pipe Band Events:** The Board will be looking into possible new locations for future performances. In 2012, an unprecedented three national events were planned.
- **Body Discussion Board:** Link has been developed so that a topic can be discussed by members with a thread of ALL comments on the related matter.
- **Café Press / USCGPB Merchandise:** A variety of Pipe Band merchandise is now available through the link on the Pipe Band Web Site. Part of the Proceeds will to Directly to the Band.

The Board looks forward to continue working for the good of its Members.



Lamar University - 4th of July Concert  
Port Arthur, TX on 04-July-2012  
Photo by Mr. Charles Shajari

## Funding Committee Up & Running

By CAPT Harry Dudley, USCG (Ret.)

Sometime back, a call went out for volunteers for a newly-formed, committee to look into various possibilities of gaining additional funds for USCGPB expenses. Six Band members have agreed to work on the Fund Raising Committee and they have already started outlining various options. One of the major objectives of the committee is to see if there were ways to add sufficient funds to the Band's account to allow for at least partial reimbursement of members for their travel expenses associated with attending Band events.

The committee comprises: Harry Dudley (acting Chair), Ordice Gallups, Mike Kreynus, John Quinn, Andy Winz, and Mike Doria ("visiting" member). USCG Pipe Band members who are also interested in being on the committee should contact Harry Dudley at either (360) 385-1368 or [captaindudley@cablespeed.com](mailto:captaindudley@cablespeed.com). Also, if any member has ideas about possible fund raising options, please read the Bylaws first (Sections 8.02 and 10.04 in particular) and then send your ideas to any member of the Fund Raising Committee.



National Capital Region Chief's Call to Indoc. Acceptance Dinner  
Alexandria, VA on 18-May-2012  
Photo by Band Photographer Nicole Tuminello, USCG AUX





## Our Public Affairs Coordinator... SERVICE IS HIS MOTTO!

Mr. Michael K. Goodwin is a Proud member of the USCG Pipe Band and has been since 2009. He has served on the Color Guard and has been appointed as the Band's Public Affairs Coordinator. He has written and published six articles in various Coast Guard journals and web sites. Mr. Goodwin has attended 22 Public Affairs events such as info booths, recruiting tables and Scottish Festivals. He has also attended four national and seven local USCG Pipe Band events.

Mr. Goodwin's holds a Master's of Science in Nursing Education from Excelsior College (earned in 2005). He is also the Clinical Educator, JeffSTAT, at Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals.

Michael has an impeccable volunteer service to the community and nation such as:

- Life Member, Forest View Rescue Squad, Richmond, VA
- Served on the Board of Directors as the Training Director and Public Affairs Director for twelve years and was awarded Squadsman of the Year, 1987.
- Springfield Ambulance Corps member, 2006 to present (board member at large) where he coordinates public outreach and community education.
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary member since 2008, holding the offices of FSO-PA and SO-PA
- A qualified Instructor, Program Visitor (Recreational Boating Safety Device) and Academy Admissions Program Volunteer Partner.
- Provides operational augmentation to the Emergency Medical Services at the CG Training Center Cape May, NJ Call Clinic and clinical education to the assigned Health Services Technician (HS) staff.

Mr. Goodwin truly enjoys working with the young "Coasties" at CG TRACEN Cape May, as well as the camaraderie and traditions of the Pipe Band. Michael retired from military service after a long and successful career as a Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman with the U.S. Navy from 1980-2004. As an Aviation Medical Technician he served with many rotary-wing squadrons and tours on aircraft carriers and amphibious assault ships. He is a "Centurion" with a recorded 123 "traps" (or arrested landings) onboard a carrier's flight deck. Michael's awards include the Naval Aircrew Designator, Navy and Marine Corps Combat Aircrew Wings, Fleet Marine Force Warfare Designator, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (heroic achievement), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (w/gold star), Combat Action Ribbon and various other service and campaign awards.



Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Helipad  
Philadelphia, PA on 17-Apr-2011  
Photo by Mr. Galen Kirtsher

## Solicitation for A New Quartermaster!

The U.S. Coast Guard pipe band is in need of a quartermaster and is soliciting applications of all Pipe Band members. Applicants should have the ability to prepare and maintain a concise inventory of all equipment and uniform items maintained by the USCG Pipe Band. This individual or individuals (if more than one is selected), must be willing to work with prior band members to recoup previously issued equipment and uniforms from those prior members. Applicants must also establish a strong working relationship with Alexis Malcolm (our kilt maker) to ensure that USCGPB kilts are manufactured for distribution to those members in need of one in a timely manner. Strong accounting skills are also needed in order to keep accurate records of all kilts distributed or shipped by Ms. Malcolm to individual members. Below is the official job description of the Quartermaster's duties. Please submit you applications to the Pipe Major, Mr. Andy Anderson.

**Band Quartermaster:** The Drum Major, as the Uniform Authority, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, shall appoint and oversee the Band Quartermaster. The Band Quartermaster must meet all qualifications to be a member of the Pipe Band but need not be a fully qualified piper or drummer. The Band Quartermaster shall be responsible for maintaining a close working relationship with the Drum Major with regard to the standard items and articles of Pipe Band uniforms, insignia and accoutrements as adopted by the Pipe Band, and, as appropriate, approved by the U. S. Coast Guard Pipe Band Uniform Regulations.

The Band Quartermaster will identify and establish reliable and economic sources of quality vendors for the various items and articles of Pipe Band uniforms, insignia and equipment required to outfit and equip new and existing members. The Band Quartermaster will maintain a record of all items and articles of uniform, insignia and equipment acquired or purchased by the Pipe Band, ensure that it is appropriately marked, keep records of issuance upon written receipt and ensure their return from departing Band Members. The Band Quartermaster will maintain on hand an adequate inventory of high consumption or long lead-time items in order to ensure the ability to outfit new members or replace equipment with reasonable dispatch. The Band Quartermaster will perform such additional duties as the Drum Major may direct.





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## Past Events Since April 2012

- 173rd Airborne Casper Platoon Reunion, San Francisco, CA
- MEC Christopher Pupo's Funeral/Burial Tappan, NY
- Capt Kachele Retirement, Honolulu, HI
- CWO Wayne Lake Retirement, Baltimore, MD
- Loren Emery Sr Memorial, Douglasville, GA
- Memorial Day Celebration, Atlanta, GA
- Honor Flight Badger Flight, WI, Washington, DC
- Honor Flight Savannah, GA, Washington, DC
- CCTI Springfield, Springfield, VA
- National Capital Region Chief's Call to Indoctrination Acceptance Dinner, Alexandria, VA
- Vice Commandant Sally Brice O'hara Change of Watch, Washington D.C.
- Honor Flight Dallas-Fort Worth, Washington, DC
- Honor Flight Southern Oregon, Washington, DC
- Honor Flight SE Florida AM, Washington, DC
- Honor Flight SE Florida PM, Washington, DC
- National Law Enforcement Slow Air Competition, Washington, DC
- USCG HQ, Washington, DC
- National Law Enforcement Memorial Parade, Washington, DC
- Honor Flight Tuscon, AZ, Washington, DC
- British War Graves Memorial, Buxton, NC
- Honor Flight Northern Coloroda, Washington, DC
- Honor Flight Hudson Valley, NY, Washington, DC
- Honor Flight Fort Worth, TX, Washington, DC
- Honor Flight Buffalo, NY, Washington, DC
- LT (USA) Bob Crothers memorial Bridge Dedication, New Martinsville, WV

## Future Events As of July 2012

Event	Location	Date
Lamar University July 4th Celebration	Beaumont, TX	04Jul12
Calder Place July 4th Celebration	Beaumont, TX	04Jul12
Salute to the Military	Atlanta, GA	04Jul12
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



Washington DC Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 1  
 Washington, DC on 14-May-2012  
 Photo by Band Photographer Nicole Tuminello, USCG AUX

## Awards & Recognition



**Vice Commandant Personalized Coin - VADM Sally Brice O'Hara**  
 BMCS Steve Cochran, LCDR Jeff Burton, LT Michael Doria, CAPT Harry Dudley, Zoe Ann Dudley, Michael Goodwin, CDR Ken Hines, ML Loudermilk, SCPO Timothy Monahan, CWO2 Dave Morgan, Cadet Colleen Patton, Chet Strait, PO2 Jim Taylor, Nicole Tuminello & CDR Warrant Whitley.

**National Pipe Band Competition - 3rd Place Team Award**  
 BMCS Steve Cochran, LT Michael Doria, CAPT Harry Dudley, Zoe Ann Dudley, B.J. Ferguson, CDR Ken Hines, Dave Linder, Deb Linder, M.L. Loudermilk, Bob Miller, CWO Dave Morgan, John Quinn, Chet Strait, Michael Goodwin & Nicole Tuminello

**Certificate of Appreciation - Honor Flight Oregon**  
 CDR Ken Hines, USCGR (Ret.)

**Letter of Appreciation from Commander Pacific Area - VADM Manson Brown**  
 CDR Bill Tubbs, Joe O'Leary, Dean McFarren, Spencer Grinnell

**Commanding Officer Air Station Sacramento, CA Personalized Coin**  
 CDR Bill Tubbs, USCG (Ret.)

Since July 2012



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## DO YOU KNOW...? CW03 Michael Henry, USCG (Ret)

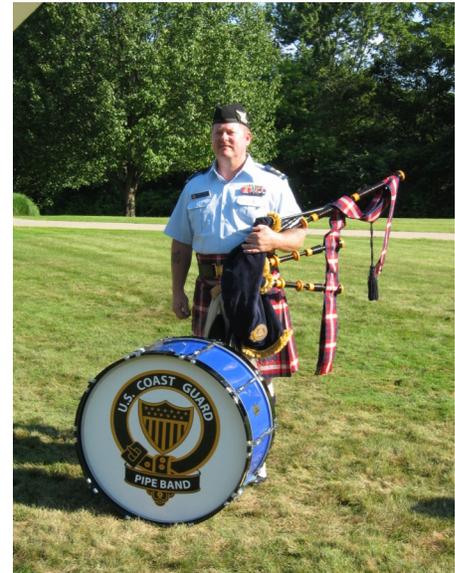
Michael Henry enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1978 and attended Basic Training at Training Center (TRACEN) Cape May, NJ. Soon thereafter, he attended Damage Controlman Class "A" School at Governors Island, NY. Michael advanced through the enlisted ranks up to Chief Petty Officer before accepting a Commission as a Chief Warrant Officer (CWO). Mr. Henry then retired from Active Duty in 2003 after obtaining the rank of CW03. Mr. Henry's assignments included the USCGC HORNBEAM (WLB 304) in Cape May, NJ, TRACEN Governors Island, NY, CG Base Gloucester City, NJ, CG Electronics Engineering Center in Wildwood Crest, NJ, CG Group St. Petersburg, FL, CG Marine Safety Office (MSO) Valdez, AK, the USCGC GENTIAN (WLB 290) in Atlantic Beach, NC, CG Station Newport, OR, CG Civil Engineering Unit (CEU) Cleveland, OH, and CG Support Center Elizabeth City, NC.

Mr. Henry's piping career started in Seminole Florida in 1983 while assigned to CG Group St. Petersburg. Shortly thereafter, he was transferred to Alaska where there were no instructors to help keep his development on track, so aside from some self-tutoring, Mr. Henry went dormant until September of 2001. It was then that he saw CWO (Ret) Kevin Gilheany's post on Fred's Place and was motivated to once again to get back on track with my studies of the Great Highland Bagpipes. Mr. Henry resumed my lessons with Michael Crawley of the 87th Cleveland Pipe Band. Mr. Crawley, a grade 1 Piper and a Grade 1 Drummer, is currently the Pipe Major of the 87th Cleveland Pipe Band, a past Lead Drummer for the Great Lakes Grade II Pipe Band and also has his own Celtic Rock Band based out of Cleveland, Ohio called Mary's Lane. Mr. Crawley tutored Michael with the music to be played for the first appearance of Coast Guard Pipers in Grand Haven in August 2002.

After his debut appearance as a charter member and subsequent plank owner of the U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band (USCGPB), Mr. Henry was transferred to Elizabeth City, NC where he continued his studies, working toward learning competition tunes for both grade IV and V. Upon Mr. Henry's retirement in 2003, he was inducted into the 87th Cleveland Pipe Band's Grade V competition Band, where he briefly competed as a solo piper. After two years in Grade V, Mr. Henry advanced to Grade IV and served as the Instructor for Grade V.

In an effort to hone his skills, Mr. Henry has attended work-shops with Mr. Robert Mathieson, former Pipe Major of The House of Edgar Shotts and Dykehead, as well as Mr. Robert Wallace, Principle of the College of Piping, Glasgow Scotland. In an effort to gain a better appreciation and understanding of the Ensemble required for successful competition Mr. Henry has attended workshops in London, Ontario Canada with world champion drummers Mike Cole (bass), Craig "Hoss" Colquhoun (bass), Jim Kilpatrick (snare), Tyler Fry and Scott Curie (Tenor). Mr. Henry continues to compete with the grade IV Band.

After serving as a Pipe Corporal for several years with the USCGPB, Mr. Henry was appointed as a Pipe Sergeant. He now currently serve as a member of the Board of Directors and fills the collateral positions Operations Officer, Webmaster and Regional Coordinator for the Ninth Coast Guard District.



Coast Guard Festival Grand Parade  
Grand Haven, MI on 04 Aug 2005  
Photo by Steve Rogers, USCG AUX

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