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National Coast Guard Museum

1,000,000 reasons to celebrate!

The National Coast Guard Museum Association, Inc. is thrilled to announce that it has reached its first \$1 million in fundraising to support the planning, construction, and programming of the nation's first and only National Coast Guard Museum to be built in downtown New London, Connecticut.

With the recent donation of \$1,980 by Howard Slotnick, treasurer and chairman emeritus of the National Maritime Historical Society, along with other notable contributions including \$150,000 by New Orleans resident Jimmy Coleman and corporate donations by the Kirby Corporation, Houston, Dime Bank, Norwich, Connecticut and Saybrook Point Inn & Spa, Old Saybrook, Connecticut, the Association is well on its way to supporting the design, engineering, programming, and development of exhibits for the Museum.



Jimmy Coleman, Jr., President, National Coast Guard Museum Association.

Grassroots efforts such as the Barque Eagle Society and Search and Rescue Circle have been among the biggest diving forces of the Museum's fundraising campaign to date.

"Thank you to Howard Slotnick and all of our individual donors and corporate contributors for their

pledges of support," said John S. Johnson, Treasurer of the National Coast Guard Museum Association. "It's through their leadership and philanthropy that we continue to make strides in our efforts to construct a living tribute to our brave US Coast Guard men and women."

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John Johnson, Treasurer, National Coast Guard Museum Association

"Leading the Way"

Prospect, CT artist captures beauty and majesty of America's tall ship, the United States Coast Guard Barque EAGLE at sea



*James J. Coleman, Jr.,
Chairman of the National
Coast Guard Museum Association*

The National Coast Guard Museum Association recently unveiled a stunning portrait of the United States Coast Guard Barque EAGLE created on canvas by famed Coast Guard artist Tony Falcone of Prospect, Connecticut. The impressive masterpiece, which is called "Leading The Way," boldly depicts America's tall ship and the United States Coast Guard Academy's cadet training vessel leaning starboard, slicing forward through sparkling, sapphire-blue, southern Atlantic seas toward the viewer. The commanding portrait (30" x 42" oil on linen) was unveiled Thursday, July 10, 2014 by former US Coast Guard Commandant Robert Papp and the artist Tony Falcone to members of the Association's "Barque Eagle Society" at the New York Yacht Club Harbour Court in Newport, Rhode Island.



"This is a magnificent portrait of America's tall ship – one that speaks volumes to Tony Falcone's artistic talent and the United States Coast Guard's heroic mission to protecting our waters," said John Johnson, Treasurer of the National Coast Guard Museum Association. "We're thrilled with the attention to detail,

and adore the uniqueness of the painting as it captures Barque EAGLE's prominence and stature under full sail heading into open waters."



Artist Falcone's intention with this non-traditional depiction of Eagle is to portray a sense of grace, power and leadership. Not only does the composition capture the feeling of pride the artist experienced while sailing as a guest of Captain Wes Pulver last summer from Jacksonville to Bermuda, but "Leading the Way" exemplifies the US Coast Guard's role as it moves forward to build the National Coast Guard Museum in downtown New London, Connecticut and expand its leadership role in America's future.

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First 100 to be immortalized in New London

The National Coast Guard Museum Association achieved its initial goal of raising \$100,000 within less than 15 days through a 100-day local fundraising campaign called the "First 100," which was launched last summer to generate initial funds for the development, programming and marketing of the new museum. Donald A. Kimball, a retired World War II Coast Guard veteran from Stonington, Connecticut, was the 100th donor, and will be honored, along with the other First 100 contributors, with a commemorative installation. Renderings of the plaques, designed by Gallagher Design, are shown below.



Mashantucket Pequot Tribe Dedicates Fireworks in Honor of the National Coast Guard Museum

For the last 22 Years the Mashantucket Pequot Fireworks Extravaganza sponsored by Foxwoods has graced the skies of the Thames River in conjunction with the Annual Sailfest weekend. It is a show that annually attracts over 300,000 viewers to experience a truly spectacular fireworks extravaganza.

This year the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe proudly dedicated the fireworks extravaganza to the National Coast Guard Museum and the men and women of the Coast Guard that serve our country. "We know that the United States Coast Guard has been such an important part in protecting our country that we feel it only proper to recognize all they do for us as Americans," stated Chairman Rodney A. Butler.



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Papp's on board...



Retired Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., distinguished former commandant of the United States Coast Guard, has joined the effort to build the National Coast Guard Museum in downtown New London, Connecticut.

"Admiral Papp has been instrumental in getting our museum project off the ground, and I'm honored to be working with him to honor our brave men and women of the Coast Guard," said Jimmy Coleman. "It is through his passion for the Coast Guard and his devotion to the men and women under his command that is helping to bring the National Coast Guard Museum to reality in New London, and respectfully celebrate our nation's life-saving service, protectors of the sea and environment, and defenders of our maritime borders."

Admiral Papp, who retired from the U.S. Coast Guard in May 2014 after a stellar thirty-nine-year career, was also recently appointed to serve as U.S. Special Representative for the Arctic. In this position, which reports directly to the Secretary of State, he will work with federal lawmakers, the Arctic Council and Alaskan officials on issues related to maritime law, security and shipping. With his strong understanding of the Arctic environment and his success in spearheading the development of the Coast Guard's Arctic strategy, Admiral Papp will bring years of invaluable wisdom and expertise to his new position as U.S. Special Representative.

As Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, Admiral Robert Papp Jr. led the largest component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), comprised of 42,000 active duty, 8,200 Reserve, 8,000 civilian and 31,000 volunteer

Auxiliarists. He also navigated a difficult budget environment to recapitalize the Coast Guard's fleet, working with Congress to secure funding to complete five of eight National Security Cutters and to refurbish and restore the Polar Star heavy icebreaker to service.

During his distinguished career in the Coast Guard, Admiral Papp Jr. was Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area, where he was operational commander for all U.S. Coast Guard missions within the eastern half of the world and provided support to the Department of Defense; as the Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard and Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Headquarters; as Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, with responsibilities for Coast Guard missions on the Great Lakes and Northern Border; and as Director of Reserve and Training.

Admiral Papp Jr. also served in six Coast Guard Cutters, commanding four of them: RED BEECH, PAPA W, FORWARD, and the training Barque EAGLE, and served as commander of a task unit during Operation ABLE MANNER off the coast of Haiti in 1994, enforcing United Nations Sanctions. Additionally, his task unit augmented U.S. Naval Forces during Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY.

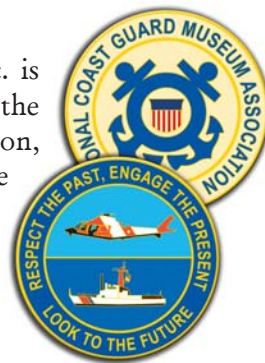
Admiral Papp Jr. graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1975. He holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College and a Master of Science in Management from Salve Regina College. He is also the 13th Gold Ancient Mariner of the Coast Guard, an honorary position held by an officer with over ten years of cumulative sea duty who has held the qualification as a Cutterman longer than any other officer.



Join the Search & Rescue Circle

Join the mission today!

The National Coast Guard Museum Association, Inc. is proud to announce a new group of special donors called the "Search & Rescue Circle." Through a \$250 donation, members of the new "Search & Rescue Circle" will receive a limited edition coin commemorating the National Coast Guard Museum. This die struck hard enamel challenge coin will come in a finished walnut presentation box and is sure to become a cherished memento. Help make the dream a reality. Join the CIRCLE today!



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