



Prevention of Collision At Sea

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With the passing of Veterans' Day just a few days ago, and US forces engaged in open combat and not-so-open combat in various theaters around the globe, it is never too late, too soon or too often to note the service of our veterans. As the sad but noble bromide goes, all gave some; some gave all.

Many are not aware of how many service veterans serve US Coast Guard Forces through the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 18 (1st Southern Region). "D18" stretches from William Floyd Parkway east to Montauk Point on the south and to Orient Point on the north. Our waters encompass all the bays, creeks and near-coastal waters of "Out East."

Would you be surprised to learn that over 30 percent of Division 18's members are service veterans? The table, which includes some double-counting due to service in multiple arms of the military, shows the breakdown by service:

- US Navy/Reserves - 15
- US Army/Reserves/Nat'l Guard - 11
- USCG/USCG Reserves - 6
- US Air Force/Reserves - 4
- US Air Force Reserves - 1
- US Marine Corps - 1
- Royal Naval Reserves - 1

Not surprisingly, most served in the sea-borne services but every service is represented. More than the numbers, however, they have defended their nation on the Asian, European and American continents. They have also done so on every ocean - on, above and under it - as well as flown over many a battlefield. They have trained with and often had to use or be prepared to use weapons from side arms on up, all the way to nuclear weapons, to defend us.

They have been recognized for service and valor many times, including the Navy Cross. Names and actions that have been storied

through this Nation's 20th Century history are found in the records of the veterans of USCGAux Division 18 (1SR):

The Manhattan Project, USS Saratoga, USS Wakefield's evacuation of British subjects from Singapore, USS Kitty Hawk, Polaris Submarine Forces, the Alaska Highway, the Battle of the Bulge, Leyte, Normandy, World War II, Korean Conflict, Vietnam War, Panama, Somalia, Desert Storm...

What causes someone to "re-up" in what Captain Boyton has called "the Minutemen of the 21st Century?"

Honor, respect, devotion to duty.

In the table on the right are those East Enders of Division-18 who have answered the bell, yet again.

Some, such as Van Field, have been members of USCG Forces in one form or another for over 50 years. Others, such as Bill Adam, is multi-generational - his grandfather served in the Revenue Cutter Service in the 19th century...

But, as Admiral Thad Allen has stated, we train for a simple goal:

All Threats, All Hazards, Always Ready.

BTW, if you are interested in being part of USCG Forces, email me at USCGAUX2007@aol.com or

go direct to MaryJo Cruickshank, who is in charge of new member matters, at FSO-PS@emcg.us and we will help you "get in this thing..."

Flotilla	Name	Branch(es) of Service	Years
18-02	Adam, Bill	US Coast Guard	'43-46, '50-51
18-02	Bloom, Norm	US Army Air Corp, US Air Force	'92-96, '96-98
18-02	Gregorio, Scott	US Navy, US Navy Reserves	'92-96, '96-98
18-02	Kallmeyer, Paul	US Air Force	10 yrs
18-02	Manton, John	Royal Naval Reserve, Merchant Navy	'47-'50
18-02	Marmon, Brad	US Army	'43-46/'61-69
18-02	Walter, Richard	US Navy	
18-03	Brady, Thomas	US Marine Corps	
18-03	Epperlein, Paul	US Navy Reserves	'61-69
18-03	Ettle, Robert	US Army	
18-03	George, Ralph	US Navy	
18-03	Goodman, Alan	US Navy	
18-03	Warner, Phil	US Navy, US Coast Guard Reserves	'54-58, '59-69
18-06	Adkins, Harold	US Army	'43-46
18-06	Andre', Richard	US Army National Guard	'69-75
18-06	Cruickshank, Thomas	US Army	'72-75
18-06	Field, Van	US Coast Guard Reserves	'42-46, '51-52
18-06	Frontino, Anthony	US Navy	'69-75
18-06	Furnell, Fred	US Navy	'69-73
18-06	Goodliff, John	US Army	'53-55
18-06	McCormack, Michael	US Army National Guard	'81-84
18-06	Nelson, George	US Navy	'62-70
18-06	Sandberg, George	US Navy Reserves, USCG Reserves	'66-75, '76-82
18-06	Tordahl, Edward	US Navy	'79-82
18-06	Wallace, Jay	US Army, US Air Force	'41-45, '50-53
18-08	Christianson, Dan	US Navy, US Navy Reserves	'62-'69, '69-'83
18-08	DeMeo, Roy	US Coast Guard	'40-45
18-08	Landis, Henry	US Coast Guard	
18-08	Stickle, Robert	US Naval Academy, US Navy	'61-66
18-08	Sueiro, Michael	US Army Reserves	26 yrs
18-08	Wiggin, Merlon	USAF Reserves, USAF National Guard	'58-'86
18-08	Young, Peter	US Air Force, US Army	'62-66, '66-90

Montauk Point State Park Seal Walks

Montauk Point State Park will be offering a series of walks on weekends through April to see wintering seals. A State Park naturalist will lead visitors on a 2-3 hour leisurely beach walk to an area where up to four species of seals can be observed. Along the way, there will be opportunities to see many winter birds and to explore marine geology. Binoculars recommended. Meet at the Montauk Point concession stand. Fees: \$5/Adults, \$3/children (under 18) and a \$6.00 parking fee. To make reservations or for more information, call: (631) 668-5000.

SEAL PROGRAMS WILL BE OFFERED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES:

Saturday, December 8th - 11:00 am
Saturday, December 22nd - 11:00 am

Saturday, January 5th - 10:00 am
Saturday, January 19th - 10:00 am
Monday, January 21st - Noon

Saturday, February 2nd - 9:00 am
Saturday, February 16th - 9:00 am
Monday, February 18th - 11:00 am
Saturday, February 23rd - 1:00 pm

Sunday, March 2nd - 9:00 am
Saturday, March 8th - Noon
Sunday, March 16th - 10:00 am
Saturday, March, 22nd - 1:00 pm

Saturday, April 5th - Noon
Sunday, April 13th - 8:30 am
Saturday, April 19th - 11:30 am

Dress warmly and wear comfortable footwear for hiking. We will be outdoors for 2-3 hours.

Reservations Required for All Programs (631) 668-5000

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Wed 14		2:41 AM / 0.47 ft	9:03 AM / 2.99 ft	3:34 PM / 0.32 ft	9:42 PM / 2.33 ft
Thu 15		3:18 AM / 0.56 ft	9:51 AM / 2.91 ft	4:18 PM / 0.39 ft	10:36 PM / 2.32 ft
Fri 16		4:03 AM / 0.63 ft	10:45 AM / 2.86 ft	5:10 PM / 0.41 ft	11:31 PM / 2.39 ft
Sat 17		5:06 AM / 0.68 ft	11:42 AM / 2.84 ft	6:11 PM / 0.37 ft	
Sun 18	12:27 AM / 2.53 ft	6:29 AM / 0.64 ft	12:40 PM / 2.85 ft	7:12 PM / 0.25 ft	
Mon 19	1:23 AM / 2.74 ft	7:43 AM / 0.47 ft	1:41 PM / 2.87 ft	8:08 PM / 0.08 ft	
Tue 20	2:21 AM / 3.01 ft	8:46 AM / 0.23 ft	2:43 PM / 2.92 ft	8:59 PM / -0.10 ft	
Wed 21	3:19 AM / 3.30 ft	9:43 AM / -0.02 ft	3:44 PM / 3.00 ft	9:49 PM / -0.25 ft	
Thu 22	4:14 AM / 3.58 ft	10:37 AM / -0.24 ft	4:42 PM / 3.08 ft	10:39 PM / -0.36 ft	
Fri 23	5:05 AM / 3.80 ft	11:32 AM / -0.40 ft	5:36 PM / 3.14 ft	11:31 PM / -0.41 ft	
Sat 24	5:56 AM / 3.92 ft	12:26 PM / -0.50 ft	6:28 PM / 3.14 ft		
Sun 25		12:23 AM / -0.40 ft	6:45 AM / 3.93 ft	1:19 PM / -0.52 ft	7:20 PM / 3.08 ft
Mon 26		1:16 AM / -0.34 ft	7:37 AM / 3.82 ft	2:10 PM / -0.46 ft	8:16 PM / 2.98 ft
Tue 27		2:07 AM / -0.22 ft	8:31 AM / 3.62 ft	3:01 PM / -0.33 ft	9:14 PM / 2.85 ft
Wed 28		2:59 AM / -0.05 ft	9:29 AM / 3.40 ft	3:53 PM / -0.16 ft	10:14 PM / 2.75 ft
Thu 29		3:53 AM / 0.16 ft	10:27 AM / 3.17 ft	4:48 PM / 0.01 ft	11:13 PM / 2.69 ft
Fri 30		4:51 AM / 0.36 ft	11:24 AM / 2.96 ft	5:46 PM / 0.15 ft	