



First in War, First in Peace, First in Service

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With Veterans' Day being an annual rite of passage 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. Division 18 D1SR stands in gratitude to those of us who served in the armed services and in respectful memory of those of us who have passed over the bar...

The table shows the breakdown by service:

US Navy	15
US Army	7
US Navy Reserves	4
USCG Reserves	3
USCG	3
US Air Force	4
US Army National Guard	2
US Army Reserves	1
US Army Air Corp	1
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 battle field. They have trained with and often had to use weapons from side arms on up, all the way to nuclear weapons.

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 (ISR):

The Manhattan Project,
USS Saratoga,
USS Wakefield's evacuation of British subjects from Singapore,
USS Kitty Hawk,
Polaris,
the Alaska Highway,
the Battle of the Bulge,
Leyte,
Normandy,
World War II,
Korean Conflict,
Viet Nam 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. Listed to the right are those members of division-18 who have answered the bell, yet again. Some, such as Van Field, RIP, had been members of USCG Forces in one form or another for over 50 years. Others, such as Bill Adam, are multi-generational - his grandfather served in the Revenue Cutter Service in the 19th century...

BTW, if you are interested in being part of USCG Forces, email me at JoinUSCGAux2009@aol.com or go direct to Lisa Etter, who is in charge of new members 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	
18-02 Bloom, Norm	US Army Air Corp, US Air Force	'43-46, '50-51
18-02 Gregorio, Scott	US Navy, US Navy Reserves	'92-96, '96-98
18-02 Kallmeyer, Paul	US Air Force	10 yrs
18-02 Keckeisen, Joseph	US Navy, USNR	56 '60, '60-'62
18-02 Manton, John	Royal Naval Reserve, Merchant Navy	'47-'50
18-02 Marmon, Brad	US Army	'43-46
18-02 Walter, Richard	US Navy	
18-03 Andre', Richard	US Army National Guard	'69-75
18-03 Brady, Thomas*	US Marine Corps	RIP
18-03 Epperlein, Paul	US Navy Reserves	'61-69
18-03 Eittle, 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 Bigrow, John	US Air Force	'74-78
18-06 Blevins, John	US Navy, US Navy Reserves	70-'73, '73-'76
18-06 Field, Van*	US Coast Guard Reserves	'42-46, '51-52, RIP
18-06 Fisher, Brian	US Navy, USCG	61-'65 USN, '66-'67
18-06 Fontino, Anthony	US Navy	'69-75
18-06 Furnell, Fred	US Navy	'69-73
18-06 Nelson, George	US Navy	'62-70
18-06 Sandberg, George	US Navy Reserves, USCG Reserves	'66-75, '76-82
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 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, RIP
18-08 Young, Peter	US Air Force, US Army	'62-66, '66-90
18-08 Prato, Sal	US Navy	'58-62

* In grateful memory...



by TONY SALERNO

FISHING WITH TONY

RFA AND ALLIES OFFICIALLY FILE SUIT ON SEA BASS

In a 40-page legal challenge submitted before the U.S. District Court of New Jersey on November 4, the Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA) and industry allies have officially brought legal action against the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke due to the recent recreational closure of the Atlantic recreational black sea bass fishery. The challenge contends that the recent closure is not only unprecedented for a fish whose stocks are considered rebuilt and not over fished, but that the action is also based upon "misapplication and misuse of a fatally flawed angler survey which NMFS itself has acknowledged is not to be used for this type of decision."

Filed for a dozen specifically named plaintiffs, the official complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief requested expedited consideration in hopes of reversing the six-month sea bass closure as quickly as possible on behalf all salt-water anglers and fishery dependent businesses. According to Capt. Tony Bogan, plaintiff of the United Boatmen, the recent closure of sea bass is only a part of legal equation. "This goes way behind sea bass," Bogan said of the legal argument, adding "it addresses the potential action by NMFS in the future to arbitrarily close fisheries on a whim or because of survey trends or ideology."

By closing a recreational fishery based on the fatally flawed recreational survey (MRFSS), the suit contends that the government violated numerous provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, and National Standard guidelines issued by NMFS. Additionally, it charges the defendants with ignoring countervailing information and for failure to consider less severe alternatives. "As a result of defendants' actions, and failure to comply with the law, the Plaintiffs have suffered, and will continue to suffer, immediate, substantial and irreparable harm, for which there is no adequate remedy at law, and for which they seek expedited relief."

Herb Moore, Jr., RFA co-counsel said the disregard for the spirit and intent of the Magnuson Stevens Act is one thing, but the clear disregard for the legal requirements of the federal fisheries law is something that leads him to be cautiously optimistic. "These cases are very hard to win, but I think we've got some very strong arguments,"

Tides for Moriches Inlet starting with November 11, 2009

Day	High/Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Sunrise/Sunset	Moon Time	% Moon Visible
Wed. 11	High	1:42 AM	3.0	6:34 AM	Rise 12:52 AM	36
11	Low	7:55 AM	0.2	4:36 PM	Set 1:36 PM	
11	High	1:56 PM	3.0			
11	Low	8:28 PM	-0.1			
Thur. 12	High	2:41 AM	3.2	6:35 AM	Rise 2:02 AM	25
12	Low	8:55 AM	0.1	4:35 PM	Set 2:02 PM	
12	High	2:56 PM	3.0			
12	Low	9:17 PM	-0.1			
Fri. 13	High	3:37 AM	3.3	6:36 AM	Rise 3:12 AM	16
13	Low	9:49 AM	0.0	4:35 PM	Set 2:28 PM	
13	High	3:54 PM	3.0			
13	Low	10:03 PM	-0.2			
Sat. 14	High	4:29 AM	3.5	6:37 AM	Rise 4:21 AM	9
14	Low	10:40 AM	-0.1	4:34 PM	Set 2:57 PM	
14	High	4:46 PM	3.0			
14	Low	10:48 PM	-0.2			
Sun. 15	High	5:15 AM	3.6	6:38 AM	Rise 5:30 AM	4
15	Low	11:28 AM	-0.2	4:33 PM	Set 3:29 PM	
15	High	5:34 PM	3.0			
15	Low	11:33 PM	-0.1			
Mon. 16	High	5:58 AM	3.6	6:40 AM	Rise 6:38 AM	0
16	Low	12:15 PM	-0.2	4:32 PM	Set 4:07 PM	
16	High	6:19 PM	2.9			
Tus. 17	Low	12:16 AM	-0.1	6:41 AM	Rise 7:42 AM	0
17	High	6:40 AM	3.5	4:31 PM	Set 4:52 PM	
17	Low	1:00 PM	-0.1			
17	High	7:03 PM	2.9			
Wed. 18	Low	12:59 AM	0.1	6:42 AM	Rise 8:41 AM	1
18	High	7:21 AM	3.4	4:31 PM	Set 5:43 PM	
18	Low	1:43 PM	-0.1			
18	High	7:47 PM	2.7			
Thu. 19	Low	1:40 AM	0.2	6:43 AM	Rise 9:32 AM	4
19	High	8:02 AM	3.3	4:30 PM	Set 6:39 PM	
19	Low	2:24 PM	0.0			
19	High	8:33 PM	2.6			
Fri. 20	Low	2:20 AM	0.3	6:44 AM	Rise 10:15 AM	9
20	High	8:46 AM	3.1	4:29 PM	Set 7:39 PM	
20	Low	3:04 PM	0.1			
20	High	9:22 PM	2.5			
Sat 21	Low	2:59 AM	0.4	6:45 AM	Rise 10:51 AM	15
21	High	9:33 AM	2.9	4:29 PM	Set 8:39 PM	
21	Low	3:45 PM	0.3			
21	High	10:12 PM	2.4			