

**Tom Glynn, USN LST 289
& Jack Smith, US Army.
Laying of the 2006
Memorial Wreath**



LST 289 After The Battle

“LST’s, Their Finest Hour”
Secretary of the Navy
John Dalton, 1997



The Exercise Tiger Foundation *Presents* The Historic USCG Eastern Seaboard Wreath Tribute

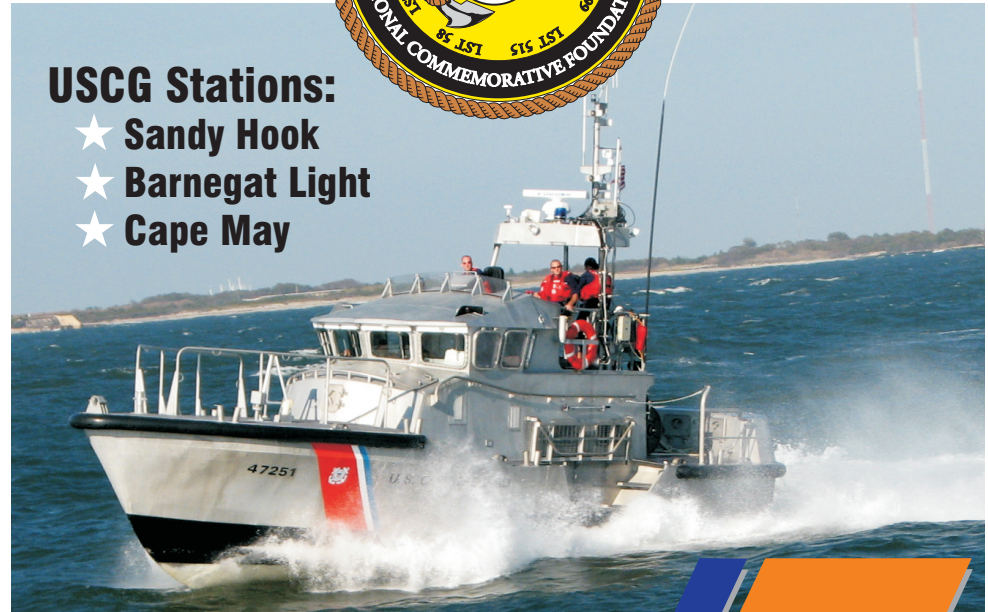
April 28th, 1944

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USCG Stations:

- ★ Sandy Hook
- ★ Barnegat Light
- ★ Cape May



The National Ceremony

*Honoring Veterans, Active Duty
Forces & Special Recognition*



★ **April 28th, 2008** ★

**United States Coast Guard Station, Cape May, NJ
The 64th Anniversary of Exercise Tiger**

Office of the Freeholder Director

Proclamation

April 28, 2008

WHEREAS, the men and women who make up America's military forces are an indispensable part of our Nation's efforts to promote democracy, peace and freedom; and

WHEREAS, The Exercise Tiger Association will honor these brave Americans at a special National Tribute on Monday, April 28, 2008 by laying 6 wreaths along the Eastern Seaboard of New Jersey, honoring the battle of Exercise Tiger during WWII and members of the US Armed Forces serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world as well as USCG Forces worldwide; and

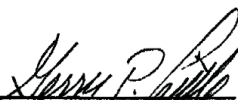
WHEREAS, US Coast Guard Stations: Sandy Hook, Barnegat Light, and Cape May will take part in an historic wreath tribute, and US Coast Guard Petty Officer BM1 Mike Fortier has performed in the highest tradition of the Armed Forces by coordinating the 2008 Tribute; and

WHEREAS, this ceremony will honor the last surviving Veterans of The Battle of "Tiger": Tom Glynn, John Lewis, Earl Thatcher, Phil Holcomb, US Navy and posthumously honor Ocean County Veterans Walter "Guns" Domanski, Sr. US Navy and John McGarigal and Jack Smith US Army; and


WHEREAS, The "Tiger" Association will further honor educators, police, citizens, and members of the NJ Submarine Veterans Association Jersey Shoe Base, Toms River for their community and public service; and

WHEREAS, a separate wreath will also honor USCG Petty Officer Nathan Bruckenthal who was killed in combat guarding the waters off Iraq, the first member of the US Coast Guard force to give his life in war since Vietnam.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH H. VICARI, DIRECTOR of the **BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**, do hereby support and stand united with the brave men and women of the United States Military, our Veterans at this wreath laying tribute and memorial service conducted in the Atlantic Ocean by the US Coast Guard and The Exercise Tiger Association.


Presented By
Freeholder Gerry P. Little




Freeholder Director
Joseph H. Vicari



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000

April 22, 2008

**GREETINGS TO ALL COMMEMORATING THE 64TH ANNIVERSARY
OF EXERCISE TIGER**

On behalf of the Department of the Navy and a grateful Nation, I join you in remembering and honoring the Sailors who made the ultimate sacrifice for America and its ideals at such a critical time in our history.

Naval battles, unlike those on land, are difficult to commemorate. The scars of battle are washed away, and visible memorials of valor exist only when the ships themselves survive. This is why the Exercise Tiger ceremony is so important. The heroes of that fateful engagement are best remembered by the voices of their surviving shipmates. Those who fought valiantly on that terrible day have grateful Americans like you to ensure that their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

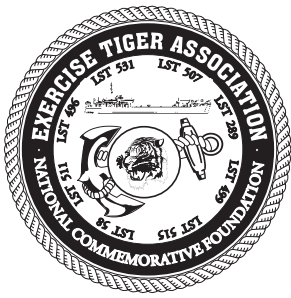
As you also pay tribute to our U.S. Naval Forces deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, you help remind the Nation that we must remember and honor their sacrifice as well. Their service and commitment today will guarantee a place of honor in the annals of American history, just as Exercise Tiger has done.

Our collective efforts to remember that sacrifice will ensure that future generations do not take our liberties for granted. Best wishes for a memorable reunion. God bless America and God bless the Exercise Tiger Association.

Sincerely,



Donald C. Winter



COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM

64th Anniversary of Exercise Tiger



*The Historic USCG Eastern Seaboard Wreath Laying to Honor / April 28th, 2008
Veterans & Active Duty Forces ~ The National Ceremony*

Sequence of Events

Arrival of Tiger Vets, Officers, Elected Officials & Guests At Ida Lewis Hall

USCG Color Guard & Honor Detail

Master Of Ceremonies

BM1 Mike Fortier, USCG, Operations Officer
USCG Station Cape May

Recognition & Remarks

Official Welcome To USCG Station Cape May
Lt. Mark E. Pesnell, USCG, Commanding Officer

Ralph Bakeley, Freeholder, Cape May County

Recognition by Admiral M.E. Landry USCG ~ Washington DC
Captain Sandra Storsz, USCG, Commanding Officer
USCG Training Center Cape May

Walter Domanski, National Executive Director, The Exercise Tiger Foundation

Jeff Van Drew ~ Senator, New Jersey, District 1

Recognition by The Secretary of The Navy Donald C. Winter
Captain Phillip Beachy, US Navy, Commanding Officer, US Naval Air Station, Lakehurst

Proclamations & Commendations

Ocean County Freeholders ~ Cape May County Freeholders
Senator Jeff Van Drew

Presentation Of Select Awards

Walter Domanski Assisted By USCG Officer

Please Note That Some Awards Will Be Presented At The Cake Reception At The NCO Club

Surviving Tiger Vets ~ Distinguished Service Awards

Tom Glynn, USN, LST 289 ~ John Lewis, USN, Commander ret.
Earl Thatcher, USN, LST 289 ~ Phil Holcomb, USN, LST 289

Maritime Law Enforcement Awards

MK2 Sean Flynn, USCG

Logistical Support Award

BM3 Dan Walto, USCG

Outstanding Teacher Awards

Phyllis A. Olex, Conackamack Middle School
Mike Beck, Our Lady Star Of The Sea Regional School

Outstanding Student Awards

Brandon Carillo ~ Christiana Ziccardi ~ Gabrielle Adams ~ Nicholas Spinosa

National Law Enforcement Award

Sgt. Dwight Payne, NJSP, Bass River Troop E

**This Concludes The Formal Portion Of Today's Ceremony
A Cake Reception Will Follow the Wreath laying At The NCO Club**

*At This Time The Official Wreath Laying Party
Will Go With USCG Officers To Board The 47' USCG Motor Lifeboat*

Remarks & Prayer Will Be Said Prior To Wreath Laying

**The Historic Eastern Seaboard Of New Jersey Wreath Tribute
2008 Wreaths Honor**

~ Exercise Tiger ~

Active Duty Forces Serving In Iraq & Afghanistan

~ALL USCG FORCES~

Petty Officer Nathan Bruckenthal USCG

Killed in Combat In Iraq

**At This Time All USCG Boats Along The Eastern Seaboard of NJ
Will Lay Wreaths Coordinated By The Cape May Boat
Via A Communications Link**

Bell Toll ~ Taps

2008 National Award Honoree's

Some Awards Have Been Given Out Prior to Today's Event

Distinguished Service Award ~ Iraq Combat Award

Demetrious Payne, Major US Army, 407th Civil Affairs Co.
Dominic Rotondo, Sgt. 3rd Infantry Div. US Army
253rd Truck Company, NJ National Guard, Cape May

WW II Service Awards

Parker Floyd, Lt. USAAF ret. 90th Bomb Group, 400 Squadron
John Beck Sr. Sgt. US Army 4th Infantry Div. (Tiger & D-Day)

US Submarine Service Award

Dan Stauruch, US Navy ret. USS Bluegill SS242

The CPO Ron McCready Award For USCG Excellence

Chief Clifford Buggs, USCG, TRACEN

Exercise Tiger Veterans ~ Posthumous Awards

John McGarigal, US Navy LST 507
Walter "Guns" Domanski, US Navy LST 496
Matthew Stabile, US Navy LST 515
Jacob Bohl, LST 507 Killed in Action 28 April 1944

Law Enforcement Awards

Sgt. James Butler, Ship Bottom PD
Officer Joe Mury, Ship Bottom PD
Officer Robert McGinnis, NYPD 28th Precinct

Journalism Awards

The Beach Haven Times
The Atlantic City Press
The SandPaper
WCAU TV 10 ~ Jersey Shore Bureau
Fox News Channel

Community Service Awards

Beach Haven Auto Stores
7-11 Corporation South Jersey Region
Aman Pasricha, Amit Patel & JR Rankin
Shoprite Stores of Ocean County
Perkins Restaurants
Wawa Stores of South Jersey

Military Community Relations Award

Virginia "Ginny" Tomlin, Dir. Veterans Affairs Cape May County

The Tiger Award For Medical Distinction

Dr. Shikar Soni, Internal Medicine
Dr. C. Penrod, Surgeon
SOCH

Distinguished Unit Awards

USCG Station Cape May ~ Host Site Of National Ceremony
USCG Station Sandy Hook
USCG Station Barnegat Light

The Major Bill Hobbs PAO Award

CWO2 Sandra Bendrosky, USCG PAO

Special Thanks To

USCG Officers & Crew,
Station Cape May
BM1 Mike Bontempo,
Station Barnegat Light
CWO Sean McGarigal,
Station Sandy Hook
The NCO Club
Patty Odarno PAO Lakehurst NAS

Wreaths Donated By

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Today's Event

April 28th, 2008

At Ida Lewis Hall~ US Coast Guard Base Cape May Hosted By USCG Station Cape May

Today's tribute and wreath laying marks the 19th straight year that the US Coast Guard has performed this honor.

What is historical and unique today is that following the official ceremony here in Ida Lewis Hall, USCG Boats from Sandy Hook and Barnegat Light Will join the 47' Motor Lifeboat from Station Cape May and all three boats will lay some 7 wreaths honoring the men & memory of the battle of Tiger as well as US troops serving in Iraq & Afghanistan and USCG Forces worldwide. A special honor will be bestowed to Petty Officer Nathan Bruckenthal USCG who was killed in combat off the coast of Iraq.

This ceremony marks the first time that

USCG Station Cape May has hosted the National Tribute. We gather to honor real American hero's both those from "Tiger" and other's, both retired and in uniform. We also honor today other deserving individuals that range from teachers like Mike Beck and Phyllis Olex to elected officials like Senator Jeff Van Drew and NJ State Trooper Dwight Payne.

It is through ceremony's and award programs like today that the legacy and Spirit Of Tiger will live on and serve as a beacon of bravery and courage of a battle fought long ago and forgotten by history.

Today, you not only learn of history but play a part in making it.

Legislator of the Year Award Senator Jeff Van Drew ~ District 1, NJ

Public Service Awards

Ralph Bakeley, Freeholder, Cape May County
Gerry Little, Freeholder, Ocean County
Gerry Thornton, Freeholder, Cape May County
Frank Malantino, Councilman, Ship Bottom NJ
Leonard Desiderio, Freeholder Cape May County
James Saxton, US Congressman

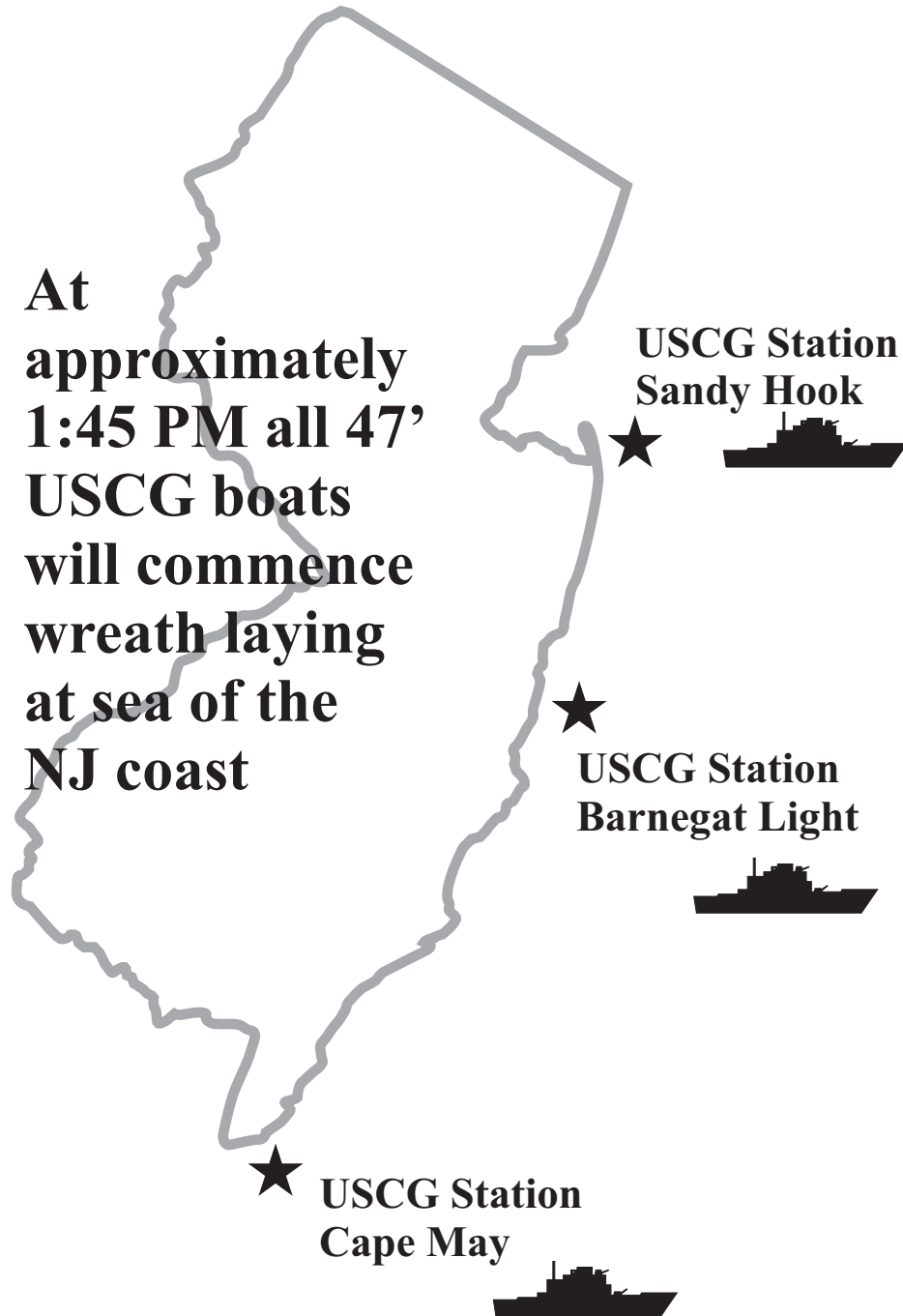
On The Cover

The 47' Motor Lifeboat from USCG Station Cape May at Flank Speed Off of Cape May while on Homeland Security Patrol. This boat will be performing the wreath laying today with the official party on board. Other USCG boats taking part today look like this one. BM1 Mike Fortier, today's MC, is one of the Coast Guard officers pictured on the vessel.

The Historic Eastern Seaboard of NJ

Wreath laying tribute to Tiger

At
approximately
1:45 PM all 47'
USCG boats
will commence
wreath laying
at sea of the
NJ coast



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A MESSAGE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE BATTLE OR EXERCISE TIGER

It is my honor and privilege to extend a warm welcome to all who have gathered to commemorate the 64th anniversary of the battle of Exercise Tiger.

On behalf of the men and women of the United States Coast Guard, I would like to express my thanks to the Tiger veterans in attendance and the families of the 749 service members who paid the ultimate price in the defense of our country during Exercise Tiger. Today we also remember those who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, especially PO Nathan Bruckenthal who lost his life April 24, 2004, while underway in the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Today's ceremonies at Station Sandy Hook, Station Barnegat Light and here at Cape May help us remember the valor and the sacrifices that these heroes made to preserve our freedom and allow us to renew our commitment to the defense of our country. Their sacrifices are not forgotten.

Semper Paratus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mary E. Landry".

MARY E. LANDRY
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard