



CG Museum agreement signed in ceremony at Union Station

In a ceremony at Union Station, New London, on February 19, 2014, the major players in the project to build a National Coast Guard Museum signed an agreement that outlines how they will cooperate and what their responsibilities will be.

Adm. Robert J. Papp Jr., the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, signed on behalf of the service, while Gov. Dannel P. Malloy signed for the state, Mayor Daryl Justin Finizio for the city and James J. Coleman, Jr. for the National Coast Guard Museum Association, Inc., which he chairs.

"The time has to come to move this forward and simply put, to get it done," Finizio said. "At long last it is happening."

Many museum supporters gathered for the ceremony. The site of the museum is a 0.49-acre lot behind the station.

The memorandum of agreement explains why the public entities and the museum association believe it is important to build a museum to educate the public about the Coast Guard's maritime heritage.



Governor Dannel Malloy joined Admiral Robert Papp, Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, Mayor Daryl Justin Finizio, and James J. Coleman, Jr., Chairman of the National Coast Guard Museum Association to sign a landmark Memorandum of Agreement confirming state's commitment to building the nation's first and only National Coast Guard Museum along New London's historic waterfront district.

The Coast Guard is the only branch of the armed forces without a national museum, it notes.

It describes how the city will give the land for the museum to the Coast Guard as a gift, and the state will spend

up to \$20 million to build a pedestrian bridge across the railroad tracks to access the museum, the new Cross Sound Ferry terminal, and the northbound Amtrak platform.

"Signing this agreement is a **significant milestone** in bringing this **world-class museum** to life. We are one major step closer to walking through the doors of an **iconic museum that will honor our Coast Guard** and the rich maritime heritage of the State of Connecticut and City of New London."

– Admiral Robert Papp, Commandant of the United States Coast Guard

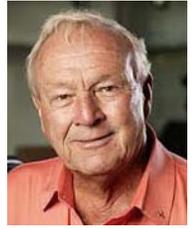
Arnold Palmer, Charlie Gibson, J.D. Power III, John Amos Join National Coast Guard Museum Association

The National Coast Guard Museum Association announced that Arnold Palmer, Charlie Gibson, J.D. Power III, and John Amos have joined the Association as honorary chairs. This world-renowned team of American business acumen, award-winning journalism and star-power will work with the Association's executive committee and board members to establish the country's first ever National Coast Guard Museum in New London, Connecticut to honor the commitment, accomplishments and sacrifices of U.S. Coast Guard men and women.

"I deeply appreciate the National Coast Guard Museum Association's continued efforts and leadership to establish a National Coast Guard Museum in New London," said Admiral Bob Papp, Commandant of the Coast Guard. "The fact that the Association is bringing onboard distinguished luminaries who have served in the Coast Guard or have a special connection to the Coast Guard is a testament to the Association's commitment to make the museum a world class venue."

"We are thrilled to have this illustrious group of former Coast Guard servicemen and renowned personalities aboard to help our efforts to build the nation's first National Coast Guard Museum," said James "Jimmy" Coleman, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Directors, National Coast Guard Museum Association. "We look forward to working with them as we endeavor to celebrate and memorialize the men and women of the nation's first life-saving service."

Legendary professional golfer **Arnold Palmer** was the first golfer to win the Masters Tournament four times and is generally regarded as one of the greatest players in the history of men's professional golf, winning 92 tournaments during his career. He enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1950 as a Yeoman and continued to serve until 1953.



As a former anchor and journalist with ABC News, **Charlie Gibson** served in the United States Coast Guard in 1966. He went on to become anchor of Good Morning America and ABC World News Tonight.



Few have influenced the automotive industry over the past 50 years more than **James David Power III**. A pioneer in customer satisfaction work, he founded J.D. Power and Associates and built it into a global brand. Power served as a commissioned officer on a Coast Guard icebreaker in the Arctic and Antarctica from 1953-1957, after which he earned his MBA from the Wharton School of Business before joining Ford Motor Company.



John Amos, best known for his popular character role of James Evans in the hit CBS sitcom "Good Times," received an Emmy nomination for his role in the epic 1977 mini-series "Roots," based on the novel written by legendary author and Coast Guardsman Alex Haley, whose namesake, USCG Cutter Alex Haley is known as "The Bulldog of the Bering" and is the largest medium endurance cutter in the Coast Guard's fleet. Amos is a veteran of the 50th Armored Division of the New Jersey National Guard and Honorary Master Chief of the United State Coast Guard and Navy.



Did you know?



Lieutenant T. James Crotty was an expert on mine recovery and served with U.S. forces in the Philippines at the start of WWII. There he carried out special demolition work during the retreat of American and

Filipino forces from Bataan to Corregidor. He then served as executive officer of USS Quail, which swept clear channels to the island and also bombarded Japanese forces on Bataan. Crotty was captured by the Imperial Japanese Army after the surrender of Corregidor in May 1942. He was one of only three Coast Guardsmen held as prisoners of war during 20th century.



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National Coast Guard Museum Association receives The Ancient Mariners' Dining In Award



Admiral Robert Papp, Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, recently honored the National Coast Guard Museum Association at The Ancient Mariners' Dining In Award at the 2014 Major Cutter CO's Conference held at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy on Wednesday, March 5, 2014. Accepting the award on behalf of the Association was John S. Johnson, Treasurer of the Association.

Admiral Papp was incredibly laudatory of our efforts to make this first and only national museum a reality in downtown New London, CT. The award is beautiful and consists of a belying pin inserted on a piece of the USCG Barque EAGLE's pin rail, mounted on a piece of handsomely varnished wood with a Cutterman's Coin imbedded in the wood.

NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM

Save the Date: Friday, May 2, 2014
Groundbreaking and Deed Transfer Ceremony
New London City Pier ~ 1:30 p.m.

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Dear USCG MUSEUM Supporter,

Our plans for the nation's first-ever national museum honoring the achievements of the United States Coast Guard are fast underway. We have met our initial fundraising goal of \$100,000 in 15 days, and have started to garner worldwide support for our efforts and have added as honorary chairs, Arnold Palmer, Charlie Gibson, JD Power III, and John Amos.

Now, we look forward to our next campaign, the "Barque EAGLE Society." Through this new effort, we hope to raise \$1,500,000 by April 30, 2014, so that we may engage architects, engineers, site planners and a museum design firm. It is with these new giving levels of \$1,000, \$5,000 and a three-year commitment of \$5,000 each year that the members of our new "Barque EAGLE Society" will help us continue the progress of making the National Coast Guard Museum a reality.

To express our gratitude for your support, we have engaged world-renowned USCG artist Tony Falcone to create an original painting of America's Tall Ship, the USCG Barque EAGLE under full sail. While sailing aboard EAGLE in 2013, Falcone was able to experience firsthand the splendor of America's tall ship, and now we're making this exclusive experience and subsequent artwork available only to "Barque EAGLE Society" donors. We believe this is an unique painting that any collector would want in their collection, and again it's our special way of saying thank you for your support.

The \$1,000 donor will receive a numbered and signed 16" x 22" glicee image on stretched canvas, and the \$5,000 donor will receive a 20" x 28" numbered and signed glicee on stretched canvas. For the \$15,000 donor, the painting will measure 30" x 42" (unframed size), and will be placed on archival paper and will be matted, framed, remarqued, numbered and signed by the artist.

It is your early donation that is vital to the initial stages of the museum. While we have a concept design in place, it is an expensive process to go from design to drawings. Your donation will allow us to engage architects and engineers and move forward with a groundbreaking ceremony on May 2, 2014. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at 860.443.4200 or online at info@coastguardmuseum.org.

Regards,

John S. Johnson
Treasurer

The National Coast Guard Association is a private non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the United States Coast Guard history and tradition.