

# *Scuttlebutt*



***MILITARY SEA SERVICES MUSEUM, INC.***



***Jul/Aug 2021***



## *A message from the President*

Greetings:

Welcome to summer.

The museum continues to have an increase of visitors.

School is out, so be ever alert for our children as they enjoy the summer.

### **John Cecil**

The Museum celebrated the U S Army's 246<sup>th</sup> birthday with cake and ice cream on July 14<sup>th</sup> with 18 in attendance. Flag Day was celebrated as well (Fly it with pride and reverence).

The Museum Board or Directors needs a full time Treasurer and Event Coordinator. If interested call 863 840-3359. The Museum Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 1630 hours (430pm). The meeting is open to all members and their guests.

Have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July and join us in celebrating the USA.



The oldest and the youngest guest present, Jim Bacon (91) and Katie Strength (15) had the honor of conducting the ceremonial cake cutting for the Maritime Services Birthday Social held at the MSSM on 5/15/2021. The opening prayer was conducted by Curator Fred Carino, followed by a Remembrance Speech for military members past and present, given by President John Cecil. Tours were conducted throughout the museum before and after the official ceremony.



**Old  
Kitchen**



**Old  
Kitchen in  
Dumpster**



**New  
Kitchen**



Thanks to Fred & Chris Carino, Juan Ramirez, Tim Cannon, Glen West, Roy Fairfield, Sam Sowers, Micah Marsh & John Cecil for their many hours of toil. Also accomplished was the removal & replacement of the remaining tile flooring throughout the museum. BRAVO ZULU to all involved in this project.



During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain's rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it two days later on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

The second day of July 1776 will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed.

By a remarkable coincidence, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two signatories of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as presidents of the United States, both died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration, Jefferson even mentioning the fact. Although not a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected as president, also died on July 4, 1831, making him the third President who died on the anniversary of independence. The only U.S. president to have been born on Independence Day was Calvin Coolidge, who was born on July 4, 1872.

Wikipedia



**The United States Navy Medical Service Corps is a staff corps of the U.S. Navy, consisting of officers engaged in medical support duties, It includes healthcare scientists and researchers, comprising around 60% of its personnel, and healthcare administrators, comprising the remaining 40%. Many of the later are former enlisted hospital corpsmen, the Medical Service Corps Inservice Procurement Program being one of several routes from enlisted service to commissioned status. The Medical Service Corps has around 2,600 serving commissioned officers.**

### **Officer Specialties**

Experimental Psychology, Aerospace Physiology, Biochemistry/Toxicology, Clinical Psychology, Clinicians, Audiology, Dietetics, Education and Training, Management, Entomology, Environmental Health, Financial Management, Health Care Admin, Health Care Administrators, Health Care Facility Planning, Health Care Info Systems, Industrial Hygiene, Manpower Personnel, Material Logistics Operations Analysis, Medical Technology, Microbiology, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Patient Administration, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, Physiology, Plans Ops. and Med Intel, Podiatry, Radiation Health, Research Psychology, Social Work.

### **Enlisted Specialties**

### **Hospital Corpsmen**

Navy Corpsmen (hospital Corpsman—HM) are enlisted personnel providing routine medical services, first aid and supporting medical and dental officers at Navy and Marine facilities. Navy corpsmen are also the Marine combat unit “medics.”



## United States Coast Guard – Established 1790



**USCGC Eagle**

The United States Coast Guard is the maritime security, search and rescue, and law enforcement service branch of the United States Armed Forces and one of the country's eight uniformed services. The Coast Guard is a maritime, military, multi-mission service unique among the U.S. military branches for having a maritime law enforcement mission with jurisdiction in both domestic and international waters and a federal regulatory agency mission as part of its duties. It operates under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security during peacetime and can be transferred to the U.S. Department of the Navy under the Department of Defense by the U.S. President at any time, or by the U.S. Congress during times of war. Prior to its transfer to Homeland Security, it operated under the Department of Transportation from 1967 to 2003 and the Department of the Treasury from its inception until 1967. A congressional authority transfer has only happened once: in 1917, during World War I. When the U.S. entered World War II in December 1941, the Coast Guard had already been transferred by Franklin Roosevelt in November.



## MARATIME SERVICES MASCOT'S

**Bill** the Goat is the mascot of the United States Naval Academy. The mascot is a live goat and there is also a bronze statue of the goat in the north end zone of Navy–Marine Corps Memorial Stadium



**Chesty XV** is the mascot of the United States Marine Corps. A male English Bulldog named after Chesty Puller.

**Objee** is the beloved Mascot of the Coast Guard Academy. In 1926 the Academy selected the Black Bear as its mascot. He cooled off by napping on a block of ice.



The last live Objee died at Widmark Farms in New York on Nov 21, 2007. The deceased bear was replaced with a midshipman in costume.

July 2021

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25 MSSM Dinner	26	27 	28	29 Waves  B-Day	30	31
 <p><b>The Pledge Of Allegiance</b></p> <p>I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.</p>						

## Aug 2021

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<p>The Purple Heart is a United States Military decoration awarded in the name of the President to those wounded or killed while serving , on or after April 5, 1917, with the U.S. military. With its forerunner, the Badge of Military Merit, which took the form of a heart made of purple cloth, the Purple Heart is the oldest military award still given to U.S. military members - the only earlier award being the obsolete Fidelity Medallion. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located in New Windsor, New York</p>						

## **Nautical Lingo**

**Schooner on the Rocks:** In old Navy parlance, a schooner on the rocks was a roast of beef surrounded by boiled potatoes.

**Conning Tower:** The control center got its name from a corruption of “Cunning, and literally referred to the cunning, or cleverness of a sailing master in maneuvering his vessel.

**BO’SUN:** In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, ships were required, by law to carry three boats, and named respectively, The Boat, the Cock and the Skiff. The men in charge rated BOATSWAIN, COCKSWAIN and SKIFFSWAIN. Swain meant lover or keeper.

**Sweating the Glass:** Sweating the glass, or flogging the clock, was an old scheme by which the sand in the hourglass was hurried down by shaking it (or at a later date, the hands of the chronometer were put forward) in order to shorten the time of the watch on deck. Needless to say, the scheme was not very popular with the navigation officer.

## **MSSM Board of Directors Positions**

There are several vacancies of the Board of Directors. If you have any organizational experience, how about applying for one of these positions. Information regarding the personal qualifications can be obtained from our President, John Cecil, at the museum, or by calling him @ (863) 385-0992.

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