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#SSES Honors Veterans

Story by Wren Meyers

SSES honors Veterans is more than just a hashtag on our Social Media platforms. South Shore Elder Services honors Veterans by acting as the Hub for the Veterans Administration (VA) Veteran Directed Care program. This program features 15 of the 25 Aging Services Access Points (ASAPs) across the Commonwealth who are the Spokes who coordinate care for Veterans in their homes. With this program, older Veterans can design a care program in their homes in consonance with their primary care physician.

SSES also honors Veterans through our primary mission to provide care for older adults and people with disabilities, as well as providing services and supports for caregivers. Family members and caregivers can discover the breadth of our services through our Information, Outreach and Referral staff. Whether you're looking for care in the home through Home Care or Senior Care Options, a home delivered meal through our Nutrition Staff or a discussion with our Options Counselors who provide insight into programs and services available for Caregivers and others in the Community, you can find a solution.

Our commitment to honoring Veterans extends beyond the 11 cities and towns that we serve. We honor Veterans through consistent engagement with the Veteran Services Officers in our towns and with the Department of Veterans Services (DVS). The DVS advocates for Veterans and their families in the Commonwealth. An important aspect of this mission is to work closely with the VA in the administration of healthcare for our Veterans. This includes providing oversight for the Soldiers' Homes in Chelsea and Holyoke. These two Homes are large facilities designed and built nearly 70 years ago to accommodate the long-term healthcare needs of World War II Veterans.

The Baker Administration recognized the need to modernize the aging facility and has advanced a Bond Bill - An Act Financing the Reconstruction of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke. This bill provides for a Bond of \$400M for reconstruction of a large facility in Holyoke. The VA will provide a 65% grant reimbursement if the scope and design documents are received by August 1st. The Senate has added provisions to the bill that include \$200M for regional geographic equity and accessibility as well as possible new Small Homes Design facilities for Veterans.



WWII Veteran SGT Joseph Shiner is honored by Senator Walter Timilty at the SSES Annual Meeting

This bill will be voted on in the Senate as this article goes to press.

We believe the Holyoke facility must be modernized but more importantly, the Commonwealth's program for long-term care of Veterans must reflect advances in technology and care standards, as well as changing demographics for Veterans. Advocates from the Dignity Alliance Massachusetts has prepared a policy statement on the Holyoke Soldiers' Home; <https://dignityalliancema.org/2021/04/14/policy-holyoke-soldiers-home/> The Disabled American Veterans Department of Massachusetts recommends that the State build upon the lessons of the pandemic and take a long term perspective on care for Veterans. Here is their site with their policy testimony. <https://www.davma.org/>

The VA is committed to providing home and community based services as a major part of long-term care for Veterans, as well as moving to using adult day health services, and providing regional assisted living facilities close to the Veterans caregivers. They have also moved to a Small Homes Design model that emphasizes private rooms based around a community with shared interests and

concerns. These have included areas for women Veterans, Veterans of color and those who have Traumatic Brain Injury or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Caring for older adults with Home and Community Based Services is the best option for optimal care in the least restrictive setting. Home Care supports families and caregivers as they manage their care for their loved ones. An important resource for caregivers is the Mass Home Care website that provides a handy tool to find your local ASAP. <http://masshomecare.info/wp/find-an-asap-aaa-near-you/> Use this option to get information, referrals and guidance on care for older adults and people with disabilities.

For more information on the ASAPs that support caregivers, older adults and people with disabilities all across the Commonwealth, use these resources from the Mass Gov website : <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/aging-services-access-points-asap>

So, #SSESHonorsVeterans is more than a hashtag for @SouthShoreElder. It's a reflection of our commitment to our mission.

Wren Meyers is the Chief Strategy Officer for South Shore Elder Services and a retired Marine.

Congratulations!

Courtesy of the 102nd Intelligence Facebook



Congratulations to Senior Master Sgt. Calvin S. Melvin for being awarded the 102nd Intelligence Wing Annual 2020 Safety Award! Col. Sean D. Riley, Commander of the 102nd Intelligence Wing, presented the award to Senior Master Sgt. Melvin, the Operations Superintendent for the 212th Engineering Installation Squadron 'For Outstanding And Distinctive Performance Contributing To The Unit's Mishap Prevention Program'.



Congratulations to 102nd Comptroller Flight member, newly promoted Staff Sgt. David Williams, who not only got promoted to Staff Sergeant in February, but also won Wing Warrior of the Week at his deployed location and then went on to win the AFCENT/FM Rotational Award Winner for the months of October 2020 - April 2021 as the best Finance Customer Service Technician in the Combatant Command! Fantastic job Sgt. Williams - keep up the fantastic work and keep making us proud!



Staff Sgt. Patrice LaPierre, 102nd Logistics Readiness Flight member, was recently coined by Maj. Gen. Randall Reed, Third Air Force commander, for his outstanding contributions during his deployment. As a junior NCO, LaPierre managed a \$30 million vehicle fleet and guided 22 members with more than 450 vehicles spanning 5 locations across Europe and austere locations in Africa. Congratulations on your outstanding achievement Sgt. LaPierre!



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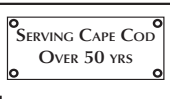
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Commander's Column

Captain Scott E. Langum
Commanding Officer, USCG Air Station Cape Cod

“Looking Towards Our Future by Honoring Our Past – Part 3”

Commander's Note: I again would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mrs. Patricia “Pat” Garrity for her work researching and writing this history. Mrs. Garrity currently serves as a Vice President and a docent at the Coast Guard Heritage Museum (CGHM) in Barnstable Village, MA. The CGHM has officially opened an exhibit commemorating Air Station Cape Cod’s 50th Anniversary standing the watch at Joint Base Cape Cod. The CGHM is still operating with a reduced schedule for COVID-19 measures, but looking forward to the relaxed COVID guidelines this summer. Please visit the CGHM’s website to learn more about how they honor the Coast Guard’s rich history in New England. <https://coastguardheritagemuseum.org>

Editor's Note: This is the third and final article in our series celebrating Air Station Cape Cod. Our history, as the Coast Guard’s longest continuously operating aviation unit, reaches back 95 years to a single borrowed aircraft, the impossible task of Prohibition enforcement and the foresight of one man. This is the latest installment in the long and storied history of Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod. May there be many more chapters to come.

Consolidation to Cape Cod



U.S.Coast Guard Cape Cod Air Station from Praeger- Kavanaugh-Waterbury engineering/architects drawings dated 1966. Artist unknown

On 29 August, 1970 the Coast Guard combined its Salem, MA and Quonset Point, RI air operation assets to the grounds of the Massachusetts Military Reservation on Cape Cod. Otis Air Force Base had started as a landing field for the Army’s Camp Edwards. It was named after Massachusetts Air National Guard Lt. Frank “Jesse” Otis, a pilot, flight surgeon and eminent Boston City Hospital surgeon who had been killed on January 11, 1937 when his Douglas O-64A crashed while on a cross country training mission. Built in 1938, during the Depression and covering 200,000 acres, until 1973, Otis was the largest Aerospace Defense Command base in the world, and is the only base to be named for a doctor. A reconfiguration of boundaries in 1977 established the Coast Guard Air Station as a separate entity from Camp Edwards and the Otis Air National Guard Base.

Original Coast Guard base assets consisted of HH-3F Pelicans and HU-16E Albatrosses, as well as HH-52A Sea Guard helicopters. The HH-52’s were removed in the early 1980’s, leaving only the HH-3F helicopter in service. That aircraft was replaced in the early 90’s by the HH-60 Jayhawk which is still in service today. During the station’s first twenty years of operation, crews from Air Station Cape Cod saved approximately 2,400 lives, including 37 from the sinking Russian ship Komsomolets Kirgizzii in March 1987. For their heroics, the crews of the three helicopters were invited to the White House for a Rose Garden ceremony where they were personally thanked by President Ronald Reagan.

As the only CG air station in the northeast, and with a very large area of responsibility (from the Canadian border to the north to NJ to the south) Air Station Cape Cod performs



Sikorsky HH-3F Pelican entered service in 1967. Its twin turbine (max speed 142 knots) medium range (650 NM) amphibious specifications extended CG offshore search and rescue capabilities. This helicopter type was transferred from Salem to Cape Cod in 1970.

Photo: coastguard.dodive.mil

search and rescue operations at a greater rate than average. With its proximity to Stellwagen and George’s Banks its mission includes ensuring the safety of marine animals as well as the fishermen who make their livelihood at sea.

Coast Guard environmental responsibilities were tested on December 15, 1976 when the Liberian oil tanker Argo Merchant grounded off Nantucket carrying 7.3 million gallons of fuel oil. Four Coast Guard cutters were on scene, but deteriorating weather and heavy seas prevented removal of the cargo before the hull began to buckle. Two Air Station Cape Cod HH-3F helicopters were sent on-scene to monitor the situation, and watched as the tanker was wrenched in two causing the largest oil spill in American waters up to that time. The Argo accident and 14 more tanker accidents in or near American waters over the next 10 weeks caused great concern about vessel construction, leading to a large tanker safety movement.

On February 18, 1979 HH-3F Pelican #1432 crashed at sea while engaged in a medical evacuation of an injured 47 year old seaman from a Japanese fishing vessel Kaisei Maeu #18 located 180 miles southeast of Cape Cod. The helicopter performed an emergency landing on the water but was quickly swamped by the high seas. Those killed in the accident: LCDR James Stiles (Aircraft commander); Capt. G. Richard Burge (Canadian Forces Exchange Co-Pilot); Petty Officer 2nd Class John Tait (Avionics/Navigator) and Petty Officer 2nd Class Bruce Kaehler (Hospital Corpsman). One crewmember survived the rollover. This has been the only aviation fatality experienced by Air Station Cape Cod during its fifty years of existence.



Memorial to HH-3F Pelican #1432 which crashed at sea while engaged in a medical evacuation of an injured seaman from a Japanese fishing vessel Kaisei Maeu #18 located 180 miles southeast of Cape Cod on February 18, 1979. Those killed in the accident: LCDR James Stiles (Aircraft commander); Capt. G. Richard Burge (Canadian Forces Exchange Co-Pilot); Petty Officer 2nd Class John Tait (Avionics/Navigator) and Petty Officer 2nd Class Bruce Kaehler (Hospital Corpsman).

HH-25 Guardians (aka The Falcon) reached the base in 1982, which resulted in the retirement for the much-loved HU-16 Albatross (aka The Goat). The last one, CG-7250 was noted as the last fixed-wing amphibious aircraft in US inventory when it was retired on March 10, 1983. Today it is proudly on display at the entrance to the Air Station. On September 23, 2014, the Falcon was retired as well, and added to the entrance display. Both aircraft serve as proud reminders of our aviation heritage as Guardians of the North Atlantic.

On February 13, 1991, in response to oil rigs purposely set on fire during the first Persian Gulf War, two Falcon (HU-25A) crews from Air Station Cape Cod, equipped with AIREYE technology, were sent to Saudi Arabia to track and map the resulting massive oil spill, logging 314 hours on 80 missions in the war zone. They were accompanied in flight by two C-130 aircraft from Air Station Clearwater carrying spare parts and deployment packages.

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Guarding the entrance to Air Station Cape Cod are the last operational HU-16 (#7250) and a retired HU-25. The HU-16 had an incredible potential range of 2100 miles and 14 hours flight time, due to main tank fuel capacity and additional 295 gallon wing float drop tanks. It was unquestionably an excellent search vehicle, and resulted in many times when ‘possible’ was re-defined.

Photo: US Coast Guard

VETERANS SPOTLIGHT

Colonel Jack Donovan , US Marine Corps & US Army

by Wayne Soares
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An absolute honor to be able to interview Colonel Jack Donovan whose length of service to his country encompassed (26) years – two in the United States Marine Corps. and twenty four in the United States Army. Although Colonel Donovan has an immensely impressive military resume (he held several high-profile leadership positions after the Vietnam War, including Commander Detachment 2 – Joint Task Force Full Accounting), he preferred, in humble fashion to tell about his experiences only if it highlighted and focused on the actions and duties of the fellow soldiers he served with. Some are first-hand experiences while others are stories (powerful and heartbreaking) from close and trusted colleagues.

We begin in Thanh Liet, at a Vietnamese Prison where he accompanied, then Senator John Kerry, to conduct a spontaneous inspection of the prison to see if any American POW's were being held. This had been approved by Vietnamese senior government officials. "The prison commandant refused...Senator Kerry was equally persistent that he was going in...it was a 2 ½ hour standoff but because of Kerry's persistence, we got in...didn't find any POW's but used that to my advantage, used it as leverage in future situations" he recalled.

Colonel Donovan spoke of admiration for many soldiers in Vietnam, including the late Senator John McCain and 4-Star General John Vessey Jr. whom he described as "a man with great stature...polite, reserved... a true gentleman who could get the job done." His stories continued, "there were two street kids, orphans that I would see all the time...never saw them without a smile on their face...sold gum, candy...one of my friends took a liking to them...last name was 'Waters'...the kids called him 'Ong Nuoc' (Mr. Waters) he got to know them really well...wanted to buy them a bike...the kids wanted the money so they could go to a local orphanage and pay for an education...I took them to a clothing store and bought them some clothes...Americans weren't supposed to be nice...the soldier who initially met the kids was leaving... I wanted to bring the kids to the airport to say goodbye...I found out the government had arrested the kids because they got too close to us...they painted a very bad picture of the American soldier...used my connections to get in front of some very influential people and told one of them

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On October 31, 1991 during an extremely severe winter storm, USCGC Tamaroa rescued four of five Air National Guard crewmen from an ANG H-60 that had ditched south of Long Island due to fuel exhaustion (the fifth crewman, a pararescue jumper, was never found). Tamaroa had been attempting to rescue the crew of the sailing vessel Satori the previous day when the cutter was diverted to assist the Air National Guard aircrew. The Tamaroa was awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation and the events were chronicled in the Sebastian Junger book *The Perfect Storm* and the subsequent 2000 movie starring George Clooney.

On October 31, 1999 Egypt Air Flight 990 crashed about 60 miles southeast of Nantucket. Coast Guard units, including CGCs Monomoy, Spencer, Reliance, Bainbridge Island, Juniper, Point Highland, Hammerhead, a HC-130 from Air Station Elizabeth City, and an HH-60 (Jayhawk) from Air Station Cape Cod searched unsuccessfully for any survivors. All 217 persons on board were killed in the crash. Coast Guard units then assisted in the recovery effort.

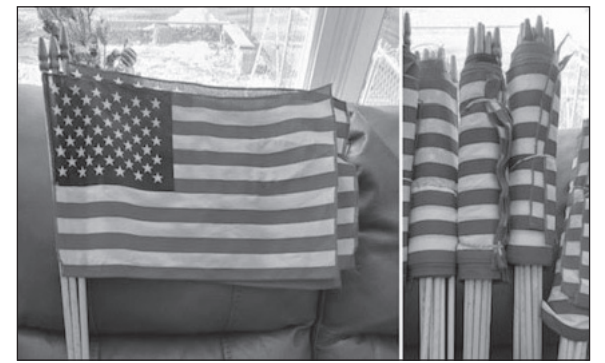
During the 2010 time frame, the Air Station transitioned to the MH-60 that are still in use today. Currently, the full aircraft complement includes 3 EADS HC-144A Ocean

straight out that this will never happen again...said if anything happened to those kids I would come back and take appropriate action." His icy stare told me he wasn't bluffing in the least.

At A Luoi in the Ashau Valley, Colonel Donovan shared this. "I brought my team there...during the war, lots of combat...one of my soldiers, Mike Eagle began trying to converse with the local kids...gave them candy...at night, the kids would show up and Mike started singing nursery rymes... 'Old Macdonald' that type of thing...more kids started showing up, then more kids...then one night, there were no more kids...stopped showing up...Vietnamese Government shut it down...never wanted Americans to be shown in a good light" he remembered. "Had a bad memory from A Luoi...brought a bomb ordinance man with me...I wanted the local kids to be educated on how dangerous bombs and explosives were...get them to stay away...one afternoon, we heard a loud explosion...we ran to it...a young boy had been playing with a live bomb and it exploded, killing him." Colonel Donovan had also been heading missions on body recovery, digging and sifting with his team to find remains of U.S. Soldiers. He headed to a crash site where a plane had gone down. "A young American man in his late 20's had somehow received approval to be part of our recovery team, looking for his father...prepared him as best I could...told him that this is going to be an emotional day...if we find a bone fragment or a piece of uniform, that's not necessarily your father...if you want to take a break, we can go pray, talk cry or whatever...it was a really emotional day for me personally...I said to the young man that when he returned back to the United States, to tell people there what our guys are doing over here, what these guys are like that are searching for your dad." Another powerful story was conveyed to him by a fellow soldier. "Admiral John McCain (the late Senator's father) was Commander of Pacific Command...had just received an important briefing at The Pentagon on POW's in a Vietnamese prison camp and asked the officer giving it 'is my son Johnny in that camp?' The reply was no...Admiral McCain said 'let's go in anyway' meaning it was about saving American lives, not just his son." When asked about his service to his country, Colonel Donovan replied, "with one minor exception, I loved every minute of it... I was in special units with great people." Colonel Jack Donovan, thank you for your service to our great country.

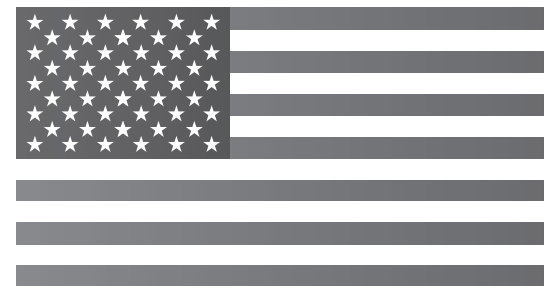
Sentry, fixed wing aircraft for medium range surveillance missions, and 3 Sikorsky MH-60 Jayhawks, medium range multi-mission, twin-engine helicopters used for search and rescue, law enforcement and marine protection missions. It is the only Coast Guard Aviation facility in the northeast, with responsibilities for waters from New Jersey and the Canadian border. Currently, there are about 187 personnel attached to the base.

The physical entity of what was originally known as Otis Air Force Base has evolved over time to its current designation as Joint Base Cape Cod which encompasses all resident commands, state, and federal entities on the Base. Those commands include but are not limited to: USCG Base Cape Cod; USCG Electronic Support Detachment; USCG Maritime Safety and Security Team Cape Cod; USCG Northeast Regional Fisheries Training Center; USCG Air Station Cape Cod; USCG Port Security Unit 301 Cape Cod; MA ANG 102nd Intelligence Wing; 6th Space Warning Squadron, MA ARNG HQ Camp Edwards; MA ARNG Regional Training Institute, and . Other entities located on the base property include CG Auxiliary Cape Cod; Barnstable County Sheriff's Office and the Joint Base Cape Cod Fire Department.



I was wondering if anyone had any interest in or a need for American Flags. They're 12" x 18" and have been flown at the Bourne National Cemetery in the Flags for Vets program. We have purchased new replacement flags and need to get rid of approximately 22-23 thousand. You can have a hundred or thousands if you like. The flags are stored in Pocasset, Ma. You can contact Chris for flags at: ChrisChiocca@yahoo.com

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GATHERING OF PREVIOUS COMMANDING OFFICERS OF AIR STATION CAPE COD

Taken at an Air Station Reunion in early 1990's. Left to right: ADM Louis Zumstein (USCG Ret); CAPT Paul Garrity; CAPT Charles Mayes (USCG Ret); CAPT Willie Clark; CAPT Richard Buttrick (USCG); CAPT Robert Powers (USCG); CAPT George Seamans (USCG Ret).

Note: CAPT Charles Mayes was the first Commanding Officer of the new Air Station Cape Cod after it moved from Salem in 1970.

MAGICALLY DELICIOUS! *Bowling to celebrate St. Patty's Day*

Story & photos by: Mike Camire

So maybe somewhere in me there's a little bit of a mad scientist lurking. After coordinating and running successful Turkey and Jingle Bowls for the a couple of years I hatched a plan to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with yet another wild and crazy night of bowling. Mission accomplished. Yes it was a year in the making but after finally getting a date set up and waiting for proper virus protocols to be in place to make it safe, WE ROLLED our way to the infamous pot of gold.

The saying goes better late than never, so on April 2nd three teams showed up in green regalia to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and reconnect with their bowling buddies. The teams changed their names for Green Day; the Masked Crusaders became Celtic Pride, the Wolf Pack became the Blarney Stones and the Pinheads, that fun loving bunch morphed into the Drop Kick Murphys. The teams squared off and faced some epic challenges like bowling with the green gator, holding a huge box of Luck Charms, half blinded, bumper bowling, dressing up as a fancy leprechaun, holding a head of cabbage and on and on it goes. Mayhem on the lanes with the end goal being to find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Well not exactly. Speaking of gold, a key factor in all this was to collect gold

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coins for completing the "challenges" that would ultimately add points/pins to your bowling score. Now that's a challenge worth fighting for, is it not? The three teams certainly thought so as they battled to a feverish pitch. The Celtic Pride team was made up of Jimbo "Gotta be the Shoes" Mayou, Tom "Turkey"



Magically Delicious! Tom Barnes of the "Celtic Pride" tests his sweet tooth and bowling skills in the Leprechaun Launch celebrating Saint Patrick's Day



Fun times at C Side Bowling! (L-R) front row - Ethan Crabtree, Mike Camire, Joe Fraher, 2nd row kneeling - Doug Foley and Tom Barnes, back row - Mike O'Brien, Nick Johnson, Jimbo Mayou, Cliff Jaeger and Don Dwyer.

Photo by: Connie Carmen

Barnes and Cliff "Jägermeister" Jaeger, The Drop Kick Murphys had Joe "Strikes" Maher, Doug "Machine Gun" Foley and Mike "Trips" O'Brien. The Blarney Stones team featured Don "Dynamite" Dwyer, Ethan "Bulldog" Crabtree and Nick "The Traveler" Johnson.

The Leprechaun was not in so jolly of a mood so he mandated that there would be no handicap scoring, it would be straight up scores to capture the coveted Leprechaun Nut Cracker. Added in of course would be the gold reward coins earned for solving the Green Guy's crazy challenges. So on to the lanes they went to find the pot of gold that would lead them to victory in the Leprechaun Launch. The Drop Kick Murphys jumped out to an early lead as they finished the 1st string with a top score of 472. Joe "Strikes" Fraher did not show any mercy on the Leprechaun as he had an amazing game high score of 156. He had 3 strikes and 4 spares while Mike "Trips" added a solid 121, he had 5 spares. Enhancing their score was another 140 points in gold coins, not a bad start at all. The other two teams were just a bit behind as the Celtic Pride came in 2nd with 423 and the Blarney Stones were right on their heels with a 412. Tom "Turkey" (2 strikes, 2 spares) had the top score for his team with a team high 97, Jimbo had a 92 and Cliff had an 84, good scores considering the format. The Pride had 150 points in gold coins and the Stones had 140, so all three teams were very close in the challenges. The Blarney Stones were led by Don "Dynamite" (2 strikes, 2 spares) who had a team high 114, Ethan "Bulldog" had an 87 and Nick "The Traveler" added a 71 as they stayed close to the top two teams.

The second and final string would decide the winner who would take home the Leprechaun trophy. The Drop Kick Murphys were in the lead with a 49 pin lead and sitting pretty. Round two featured new challenges and everyone certainly gave it their all as the Leprechaun reached into his bag of tricks to confuse and confound the bowlers. As evidenced by the raw scores, he succeeded but to some extent so did the bowlers. The Celtic Pride came out on top with a raw score of 315, the Drop Kick Murphys had 313 and the Blarney Stones had 312. So it couldn't have been much closer. The question now was would



A year plus in the making. The masked Crusaders aptly named "Celtic Pride" for our Base Cape Cod St. Paddy's Day Leprechaun Launch (belated of course) bowling event - rallied in the second string to take first place, beating out the Drop Kick Murphy's (Pinheads) and the Blarney Stone (Wolf Pack), we all had a blast and it was MAGICALLY DELICIOUS. Note: I sat this one out but "coached the boys up."

the Murphys 49 pin lead hold up against the bonus gold coins that were earned? Jimbo "Gotta be the Shoes" (4 spares) had the top score for the Celtic Pride with a team high 120, Cliff "Jägermeister" had a 103 and Tom "Turkey" had a 92. The Drop Kick Murphy's again were led by stud bowler Joe "Strikes" Fraher (1 spare, 3 strikes) who had a game high 128, Mike "Trips" O'Brien had a 99 and Doug "Machine Gun" Foley added an 86. The Blarney Stones stayed afloat as emerging star Don "Dynamite" Dwyer (4 spares, 2 strikes) had a team high 121, Nick "Traveler" Johnson had a 95 and Ethan "Bulldog" Crabtree had an 86. Then there was the matter of the challenge coins.

The Drop Kick Murphys collected a respectable amount to build up their lead as they garnered 190 extra points in coins. The Blarney Stones just could not keep up that pace, although they did collect another 110 points. But on this night the luck of the Irish fell squarely at the feet of the Celtic Pride. The rainbow led them right to the

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The Wolves are the Leaders of the Pack

The Wolf Pack hangs onto 1st place in the Base Cape Cod Spring Bowling League

Story & photos by: Mike Camire

We are just about at the midway point of the season and the Wolf Pack and the Masked Crusaders are in a dog fight for the top spot in the bowling league. The Wolf Pack continued on their hot streak in Week 2 as they swept four points from the I Can't Believe It's Not Gutter (ICBING) bowlers. Chuck "Alpha Dog" Williams (2 spares, 3 strikes) led the way with a game high 142, Don "Dynamite" Dwyer added a 110 and Ethan "Bulldog" Crabtree had a 107 as they had a total adjusted pin fall of 705. ICBING were led by Jason "All the Way" Alpert who had a team high 105. The ICB's hung in there missing out on a point by just 13 pins, losing 705-692. Jason "All The Way" Alpert had a team high 105 for ICBING. In game two the Wolves were howling again as their 689 score easily outpointed ICBING by 48 pins, led by the game high score of Don "Dynamite" (3 spares, 3 strikes) who rolled a solid 151, Ethan backed him up with a 132. Top score for ICBING was Jason who had a 92 while Bethany "BThang" Cardinal had an 81. The Pack poured it on in game three to complete the sweep as their 3rd string score was their best of the night – a 714. Don again had the high score with a 145, Chuck "Alpha Dog" added a 135 and Nick "The Traveler" Johnson added a 97.

While the Pack was barking the Masked Crusaders kept pace with a four point sweep of the pesky Pin Heads. These teams bring out the best in each other and always have a good time doing it. The first game was very close as the Masked Crusaders did just enough to grab a ten pin win, 567 – 557. Tom "Turkey" Barnes (2 spares, 4 strikes) led the way with team high 165 and Mike "Coach" Camire added a 138. Tom finished strong as he had a Turkey; 3 straight strikes in the 8th, 9th and 10th frames. The Pin Heads' Joe "Strikes" Fraher (3 spares, 4 strikes) just nipped Tom for game high with a top score of 168 while Mike "Trips" Obrien added a 144. Not much changed in game two as the Crusaders again won by a mere ten pins, this time the score was 525 to 515. Leading the way this time was Cliff "Jägermeister" Jaeger (5 spares, 2 strikes), who had a solid 154 while Mike "C" had a 117. Mike "Trips" had the top score for his team with a 138 and Joe "Strikes" had a 136. The Crusaders were up 2-0 but the scores were so close that if the Pin Heads could win game three and win by more than twenty pins they could salvage a 2-2 split on the night. The Crusaders weren't about to let that happen as they had their best game of the night led by Tom "Turkey" who had a game high 177, "Coach" Mike added a 132 and Cliff had a 122 as they completed the four point sweep. Tom certainly had the hot hand as he had 6 spares and 4

Week 5 Standings (Through 4/21)	
	POINTS
Wolf Pack	12
Masked Crusaders	11
Fireballers	4
Pin Heads	3
Can't Believe it's not Gutter!	2

strikes. He missed a "clean game" by one frame, failing to mark in only the 4th frame. He again had a blistering finish as he put up another Turkey in the 8th, 9th and 10th frames; he even added a spare for good measure in the 10th. Mike "Trips" had a team high 135 while Doug "Machine Gun" Foley added a 98 for the Pin Heads. The score was not close as the Crusaders had 582 to 494 for the Pin Heads. The final tally for the fourth point was 1,674 – 1,566.

The Fireballers picked up some needed points in Week 3 as they took 3-4 points from the Pin Heads led by Walt "The Chief" Stecchi and his son Nick "The Hammer." Walt had the top scores for his team in the 1st and 3rd games as he had scores of 140 and 177. Nick had the top score in the 2nd game as he had a 145. In his 3rd game Walt had 5 spares and 3 strikes; in Nick's 2nd game he had 2 spares and 3 strikes. As he does on most nights, Joe "Strikes" Fraher led the Pin Heads with stellar games of 141, 161 and 150, a 150 average on the night, way to go Joe! The Pin Heads did manage to get a point on the night as they edged out the Fireballers by nine pins to win the 2nd game.

In Week 3 the Wolf Pack stayed hot with another four point sweep of I Can't Believe It's Not Gutter" as Ethan "Bulldog" Crabtree led the way with an average score of 147. His 2nd game score of 181 was the game high score of the match and kept them comfortably in 1st place.

In the final matches of the month the I Can't Believe It's Not Gutter (ICBING) earned their first points of the year as they split 2-2 with The Pin Heads. The Pin Heads took Game one by 16 pins, prevailing 524 to 508 for ICBING. Joe "Strikes" Fraher had the top score for the Pin Heads with a 136, Mike "Trips" O'Brien added a 133 and Doug "Machine Gun" Foley had a 110. ICBING were led by Jacqui "Jax" De Grace with a 97. Jason "All The Way" Alpert added a 97. He caught fire (1 spare, 4 strikes) in the 2nd game putting up a game high 155 as they took the point 578 to 529 for the Pin Heads. Jason started out great with three straight strikes for a Turkey to pave the way to his team's first point win of the season. "Jax" added an 87 as did John "Monsta" Cardinal. Despite the loss, Mike "Trips" had a 148 while Joe "Strikes" (4 spares, 2 strikes) had a game high 159. The 3rd game was a real battle, a close one



We believe! Jason "All The Way Jay" Alpert of I Can't Believe It's Not Gutter rolled a team high 155 in a recent match against the Pinheads as they outpointed them 578-529.

to boot, the Pin Heads just barely nipped ICBING, winning by just 3 pins. It gave the Pin Heads a 2 point night, but the total pin fall for the night went to ICBING as the grabbed another point, winning by 1,625 to 1,595.

The other match up featured the two top teams, the first place Wolf Pack (12 points) who held a five point lead on the Masked Crusaders (7 points). The Crusaders were looking to make up some ground and make up ground they did as they stunned the Wolf Pack with a four point sweep of their own. Game one was close but the Crusaders closed it out with a 564 to 539 score. Cliff "Jägermeister" Jaeger led the way with a game high 148, Jimbo "Gotta be the Shoes" Mayou had a 139 and Tom "Turkey" Barnes had a 131. Top dog for the Pack was Don "Dynamite" Dwyer who had a 143. The Crusaders poured it on in game 2 as Jimbo had a game high 184, with 6 spares and 4 strikes. After an open frame in the 4th, Jimbo made seven straight marks to lead his team to victory, 661 to 528. Tom "Turkey" had a 157 and Cliff had a 124. The Pack got good scores from Terry "Downtown" Brown who had a 126 as did Don "Dynamite." The 3rd string was more of the same as Jimbo (5 spares, 2 strikes) led the way with a game high 170 while Cliff added a 136. The final score was 571 for the Crusaders to 548 for the Wolf Pack. Don "Dynamite" (1 spare, 4 strikes) led the Pack with a team high 140 while Chuck "Alpha Dog" Williams had a 117. The over-all pin fall was Crusaders 1,746 to 1,615 for the Wolf Pack. It left the Wolf Pack clinging on to 1st place by just one point heading into the final days of April. So the second half of the season should prove to be very interesting as the teams battle it out for seeding in the playoffs!



Ain't no mountain high enough! The new world record holders, Air Station Cape Cod (L-R, standing): AST3 Brendan Kiley, AST1 Christopher Moore, AST1 Justin Munk, AST2 Michael Kelly, AST2 Brian Notheis, AST3 Jonathan Stamper (L-R kneeling) ASTC David Kroll and AST3 Reece Williams. Photo by: PA2 Amanda Wyrick

WORLD RECORD BREAKERS

By PA2 Amanda Wyrick

A team of 8 Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod Aviation Survival Technicians (rescue swimmers), set out to beat the Guinness Book of World Records by climbing the height of Mount Everest (29,028 feet) for time on the versa climber. The prior record holders were from the Royal Air Force firefighters with a time of 1:56:08 on April 27, 2004. Almost exactly 17 years later this crew set the NEW world record with a time of 1:26:20

BRAVO ZULU!



Coast Guard rescues 5 fishermen from burning vessel 85 miles east of Cape Cod

BOSTON — The Coast Guard rescued five mariners from a vessel fire 85 miles east of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, Friday, April 30th.

At approximately 5 p.m. Coast Guard First District watchstanders received an EPIRB notification from the 100-foot trawler Nobska.

Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod crews were launched and when they arrived on scene the bow and wheelhouse of the vessel were engulfed in flames and all five Nobska crew members were on the stern. The air crew directed them into the water where they were safely hoisted and transported back to shore. No injuries were reported.

A Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, Massachusetts, MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew, and HC-144 Hercules crew responded.

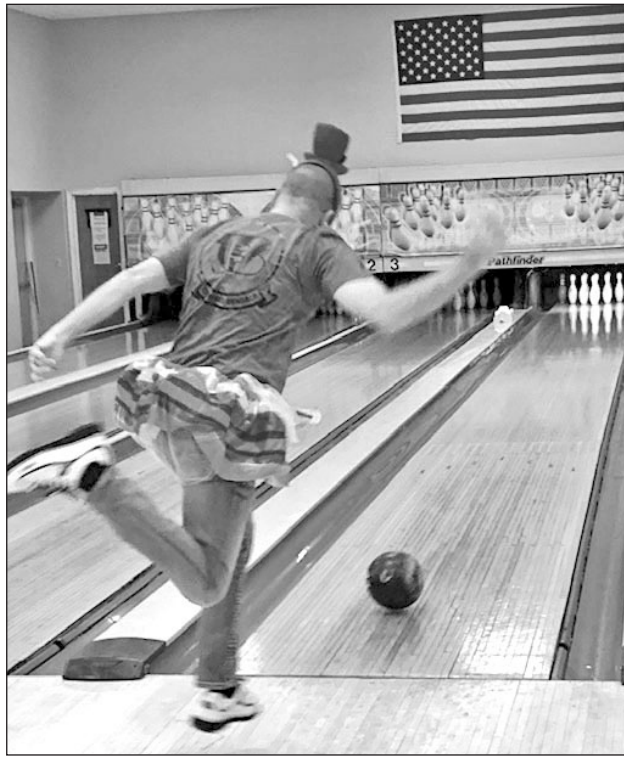
Weather on scene was 25 mph winds with six-foot seas.

Magically Delicious

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pot of gold as they amassed an incredible 330 bonus points in extra coins! How did this happen? As luck would have it, on the random challenges that were drawn from the cup as the string was ending the Pride drew the challenge that multiplied their coins based on strikes/spares made and knocking down the green pins. The green pins were also randomly inserted by the pin setter. These sequences led to the stars (Lucky Charms?) aligning and became a force multiplier as the Pride racked up bonus points at an incredible rate. It all happened in the tenth and FINAL frame, Tom “Turkey” started it all off with 2 strikes, next up was Cliff “Jägermeister” who up to this point, was not having such a great game. But he unloaded in the 10th with THREE straight strikes, a Turkey that gobbled up more coins than their little pot of gold could hold! Jimbo “Gotta be the Shoes” finished off the comeback with yet a couple more marks and green pin slayings. 330 gold coin points was more than enough to push them over the top and surge ahead of the Murphys and the Stones. The Celtic Pride finished with a whopping score of 1,068, the Drop Kick Murphys had 975 and the Blarney Stones had 874. Victory for the Celtic Pride seem assured. Ah but wait, the sneaky Leprechaun had one more trick in his bag. The bowling was over, but the fun and games were not. He marched everyone over to the corn hole boards where additional points could be earned by tossing bean bags (Leprechaun ones of course). Could any team possibly catch up to the Celtic Pride? The answer was no, the Blarney Stones had the top score with 50 points led by the eagle eye of Ethan “Bulldog” Crabtree who scored 25. The Celtic Pride added on another 20 points and the Drop Kick Murphys could only manage 15, perhaps they were too tired from hurling their bowling balls or maybe it was from lifting a few too many pints of ale? Only the Leprechaun knows for sure. The final totals were Pride 1,088, Murphy’s 990 and Stones 874.

Epilogue: To me the best part of the whole night was after the “competition” was over, everyone was having such a great time they stayed and just kept on bowling. I sat back in my chair just taking it all in, I had not bowled all night, since I was the “Leprechaun.” So encouraged by the roaring crowd they talked me into throwing a few down the lane. I was tired and kind of worn out, but of course I relented and jumped into the fray with my green spirited friends. If you don’t follow along with our bowling stories



Formal wear? The Blarney Stones Nick Johnson bowls in style for the Leprechaun Launch

you probably don’t know I’m a hacker. I’m certainly not going to be on the pro bowlers’ tour any time soon. I have fun, I do my best but bowling is not my sport. Anyway on this night I also stumbled onto the pot of gold as I had the FIRST “clean” game of my illustrious career. A clean game means you get a mark, a strike or a spare in EVERY single frame. Something I’ve never even come close to achieving. To confirm my hacker status, yes I started out with a strike and a spare and then promptly launched a gutter ball, diminishing my potential score, on the 2nd ball I saved my bacon with a spare, clean game was still alive! After another couple of spares, I reaffirmed my hacker status by following up another spare with a ONE pin fall. The Leprechaun was now messing with me. In the 7th and 8th spares I managed two more spares and it started to sink in, I’m heading into the 9th frame with a clean game. Evil thoughts creeped into my psyche (no doubt from the Little Green Guy), man I’m going to blow this. But I had a ruckus crowd cheering me on and in the 9th frame I nailed a strike. Now I’m thinking, if I can just manage a spare in this frame, I’m going on the wall of fame for having a clean



Captured! The Lucky Leprechaun (Doug Foley) was apprehended at the C Side Lanes, did they find his pot of gold?

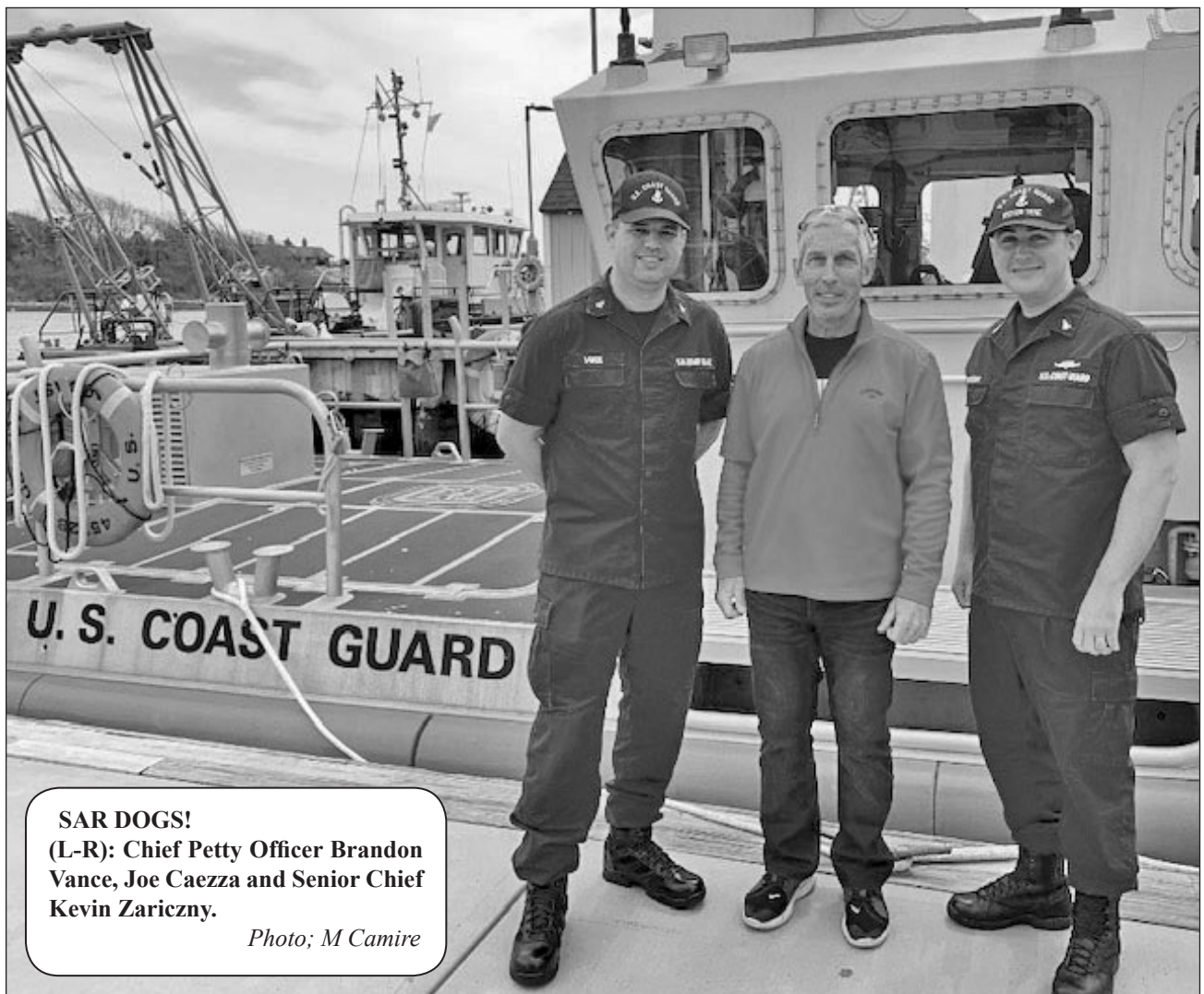
game. Could it really be me doing this? So out comes the new rack of pins for the 10th and final frame and karma is on my side because the head pin randomly inserted of course is a GREEN (lucky?) pin. The crowd of hoodlums noticed it shouted out, your gonna make this Mike! All I was thinking was just get a spare, and so I rolled... BOOM it was a strike, I got a big celebratory cheer from the crowd like I had just bowled a perfect game, well for me it was. The pressure was off, I had my clean game. But I had two more bowls to roll, as luck would have it I came up with two more strikes! Just a magical game for me on such a special and fun night. I finished with my highest game ever, a 192 and in true “Hacker” fashion if I had not gutter balled that one spare and thrown a one on another spare I would have been well over the 200 mark. But hey they didn’t build Rome in one night, now did they?

Most of all what I’ll remember about this night is not my game or my score, or the Celtic Pride’s big win. I will remember the good friends who were having such a good time they stuck around and helped make this a night that was Magically Delicious!

PAYING IT FORWARD:

By Mike Camire and Brandon Vance

Last year early in the boating season two off duty Coast Guard Chiefs stationed at Sector Southeastern New England were cruising in their private boat when they came to the rescue of Joe “Jet Ski” Caezza. Joe had become disabled in his personal water craft in Vineyard Sound and was taking on water and in danger of sinking. They brought Joe safely on board their boat and towed his personal water craft back to the dock for much needed repairs. I ended up writing a story about it for the paper. The story went over really big with Joe and his family, it was a very happy ending to a potentially dangerous situation and needless to say Joe was very grateful to the two Coastguardsmen for going above and beyond the call of duty, even when they weren’t ON DUTY! Joe wanted to do something special for his two “Heroes” so I helped Joe pick out a Coast Guard Challenge Coin Coaster set which he wanted to present to his two new friends. Then Covid-19 settled in. Almost a year later Joe called me and said he would love to try and get together with his two new “Boat Rescue Buddies” - Chief Brandon Vance and Senior Chief Kevin Zariczny and deliver them the coins and a heartfelt thanks. With the help of Master Chief Maria D’Angelo, the Command Master Chief for Sector Southeastern New England, she set up a visit at Woods Hole so Joe could thank them properly. So on April 28th we all met for lunch at the Sector and the three of them had a chance to spend some time together, reminisce about the day they met (how well it ended) and how thankful Joe was for their help that day and for their service to our country. Joe being a lifelong U.S. Postal Service employee, now retired, knows about what a commitment it is to devote your life to a demanding career. Not only did the guys have lunch, Joe was thrilled to get a grand tour of the Sector, including the grounds and a good look at the numerous Coast Guard boats and Cutters that reside there. Joe thoroughly enjoyed the tour, had a great lunch and was very impressed with the facilities, particularly with the communications center with its high technology and search and rescue tools (computers) that he was able to observe. We wrapped up the day with a photo op down by the Coast Guard small boats and Joe presented



SAR DOGS!
(L-R): Chief Petty Officer Brandon Vance, Joe Caezza and Senior Chief Kevin Zariczny.

Photo: M Camire

them with their coins, in typical Coast Guard fashion, they were humble, professional and said no gift was necessary. But they gladly accepted the coins, understanding it was a token of appreciation from a very appreciative “Rescuee.”

Senior Chief Kevin Zariczny is an Operations Specialist and a Native of Gloucester, Rhode Island; he has 17 years of service. He is currently serving as the Command Center Supervisor at CG Sector Southeastern New England where he manages a staff of 30 personnel. He is responsible for the training and communications programs and oversees all Coast Guard incident responses from Manomet Pt, MA

to Watch Hill, RI. Operations Specialist Chief Brandon Vance is a native of Chesapeake, VA and has four years of service in the Air Force and 16 years in the Coast Guard. He currently serves as a Command Duty Officer at Sector Southeastern New England where he oversees Coast Guard responses to incidents throughout Southeastern New England and Rhode Island. Chief Vance is departing this summer to assume the duties of Command Center Supervisor at Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound in New Haven, CT.

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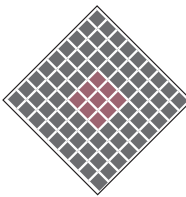
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