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The CGC Ida Lewis stands guard near the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, Sept. 19.



# CY 2002: BY THE NUMBERS

Lives saved 3,661  
SAR cases 36,763  
Marijuana 45,558 pounds seized  
Cocaine 109,399 pounds seized  
Migrants 4,703 interdicted

## Supporting Homeland Security

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  - 3,600 air patrols
  - 10,000 vessel boardings
- Escorted 6,000 vessels
- Maintained more than 115 security zones
- Instituted and enhanced new initiatives such as MSSTs and the Sea Marshals
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## UP FRONT

### HISTORIC SIGNINGS

*Above:* Members of Congress applaud as President Bush rises from signing legislation that creates a new Department of Homeland Security Nov. 25.

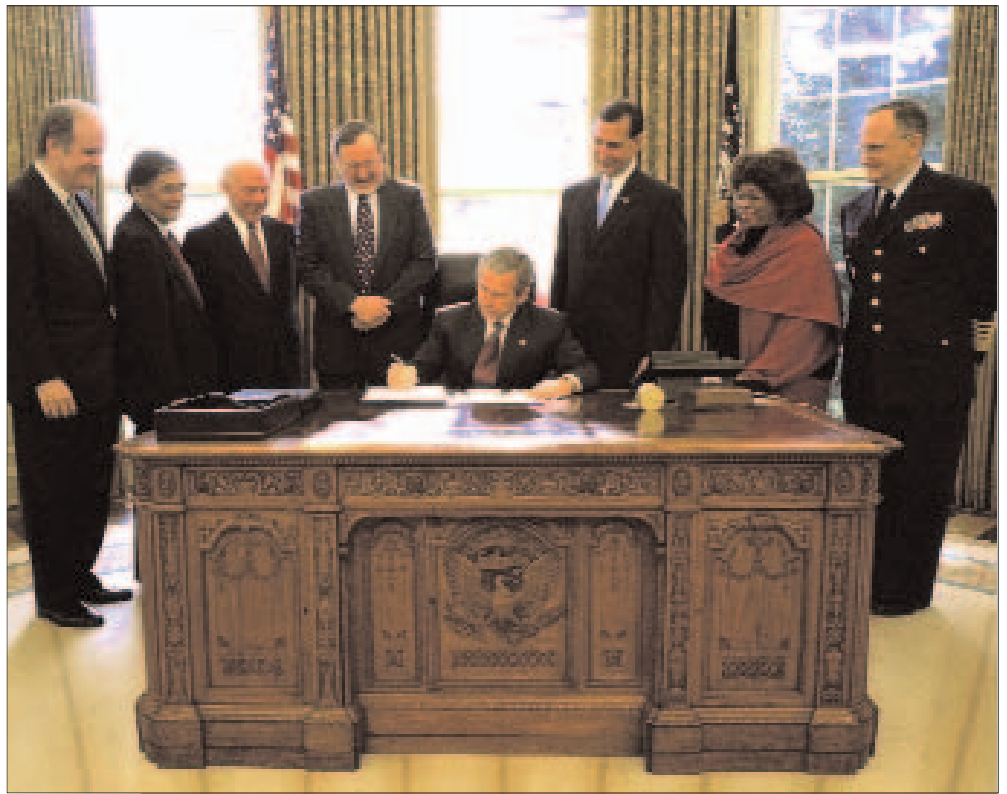
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*Inset:* President Bush signs the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 in the Oval Office Nov. 25. Among those witnessing the signing are Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, 2nd from left, and Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Thomas H. Collins, far right.

WHITE HOUSE PHOTO



# UP FRONT



**Watch for a special feature on the new Homeland Security Department in the January issue of the Coast Guard Magazine.**

**TECTING  
HOMELAND**

[www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/cb/magazine.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/cb/magazine.htm)

**O**n November 25, President Bush signed the Homeland Security Act of 2002. At a ceremony just prior, he signed the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, designed to increase security at U.S. seaports. It mandates comprehensive security plans for all U.S. ports and incorporates a Coast Guard authorization bill that will help ensure that the service has sufficient personnel and capital resources to meet greater demands placed on the service since Sept. 11.

In signing the bills, President Bush stated:

“The Homeland Security Act of 2002 takes the next critical steps in defending our country. The continuing threat of terrorism, the threat of mass murder on our own soil will be met with a unified, effective response.

“Dozens of agencies charged with homeland security will now be located within one Cabinet department with the mandate and legal authority to protect our people. America will be better able to respond to any future attacks, to reduce our vulnerability and, most important, prevent the terrorists from taking innocent American lives.

“The Department of Homeland Security will have nearly 170,000 employees, dedicated professionals who will wake up each morning with the overriding duty of protecting their fellow citizens. As federal workers, they have rights, and those rights will be fully protected. And I'm grateful that the Congress listened to my concerns and retained the authority of the president to put the right people in the right place at the right time in the defense of our country.”

Story from [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

# INTRODUCTION

By PA1 Jacquelyn Zettles, G-IPA

# The Year

2002 has faded into the pages of history. However, like none before it, this year has moved the Coast Guard into a direction that rewards its past as its legacy continues and its future unfolds in a new world.

**RIGHT:** Past and present together during a daily staff briefing at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C., April 9. Adm. James M. Loy would later pass the duties and responsibilities of commandant to Vice Commandant Thomas H. Collins.

**BOTTOM:** Coast Guard members from Atlantic Area units stand in a joint service formation during a Sept. 11 commemorative ceremony in Norfolk, Va., on the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks.



“The great thing in this world is not so much where we are as in what direction we are moving. To reach our goals, we must sail with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail and not drift or be at anchor.”

These words from Oliver Wendell Holmes characterize the Coast Guard during the past year. For indeed, the service has sailed forward.

As 2001 closed, the nation and even the world was still reacting to the events of Sept. 11, 2001. But, as the days ebbed on, life began to take on a feel of normalcy again. January ushered in news of the New England Patriots beating the St. Louis Rams, and movie fans were hard-pressed to wait patiently for the likes of Harry Potter and Frodo Baggins to appear once again on the big-screen.

Popular culture took on its familiar face, but still the fiber of America’s existence would be forever changed. And the Coast Guard reflected those changes.



**ON GUARD:** Crewmen from the CGC Adak patrol New York Harbor Aug. 22.



The familiar presence of the Coast Guard was evident in traditional missions. In the midst of change, ice was broken, oil spills were cleaned up, buoys were still replaced, and life-saving rescues continued.

Underneath, the fiber of the Coast Guard changed. Homeland security moved to the forefront of the Service's responsibilities. New units, such as the Maritime Safety and Security Teams, were commissioned as the nation's frontline defense against terrorist attacks in U.S. ports. In addition, Port Security Units deployed into areas such as Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and the Persian Gulf to support operations like Southern Watch and Operation Enduring Freedom.

As President Bush's proposed Department of Homeland Security comes closer to becoming a reality, and as the Deepwater Project begins to take form, a contagious buzz has swept through the workforce of the Service. The Coast Guard is in the midst of a period that will shape its future and reward its past. If, as Holmes said, the great thing in this world is in what direction we are moving, then 2003 and the years yet to follow should be promising for the Coast Guard.

**OVAL OFFICE:** Former Coast Guard commandants and the present commandant, Adm. Thomas H. Collins, gather for a photo with President George W. Bush, Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta and Director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge in the Oval Office. From left to right are J. William Kime, Ridge, Paul Yost, Robert Kramek, Mineta, Bush, James Loy, Collins, James Gracey.







## Ice, Ice, Baby

AMT2 Chris Collins looks out the cockpit windows of his C-130 Hercules as the aircraft is towed to a de-icing area at St. Johns International Airport in St. Johns, Canada, April 16. Collins is one of a 13-member Coast Guard International Ice Patrol team flying missions from the eastern coast of Newfoundland in search of icebergs in North Atlantic shipping lanes.

AP Photo



# WINTER







## Deep Freeze

During Operation Deep Freeze 2002, the 399-foot CGC Polar Star breaks an ice path for supply ships in McMurdo Sound in Antarctica. Supply ships must offload their cargo during the months of January and February to ensure the extensive program of research activities can be conducted and the facilities in the area remain operational year-round.

USCG Photo

**Jan. 2** The Navy and Coast Guard announced the reassignment of all 13 Cyclone-Class Navy Patrol Coastal ships to the Coast Guard in support of Operation Noble Eagle, America's homeland security effort.

**Jan. 7** A Coast Guard rescue aircrew assigned to OPBAT (Operation Bahamas and Turks and Caicos) helped the Bahamian Police rescue a group of 81 Haitian migrants who became stranded on Little Inagua Island after their boat ran aground.

**Jan. 18** A Coast Guard boarding team investigating a shrimp boat that ran aground in the Laguna Madre in Port Isabel, Texas, found an abandoned boat with more than \$7 million worth of marijuana aboard. The team seized about 8,975 pounds of marijuana during the search.







## Launching Pad

The CGC Oak hits the icy waters of Lake Michigan for the first time Jan. 26. The cutter is the 11th of the Juniper Class Seagoing Buoy Tenders to be launched at the Marinette Marine Facility in Marinette, Wis. The wife of Representative Henry Brown of South Carolina was the ship's sponsor. The Oak eventually arrived at its homeport of Charleston, S.C. Photo by PA2 Paul Roszkowski 9th District

**Jan. 24** The Coast Guard held a memorial service in Galveston, Texas, to remember the 23 crewmembers of the Galveston-based CGC Blackthorn who lost their lives in a 1980 collision in Tampa Bay, Fla. During the traditional "two-bell" service, each crewmember's name was read from the crew's list while a ship's bell tolled twice in their memory. The service was conducted aboard the CGC Harry Claiborne, a 175-foot buoy tender stationed in Galveston.

**Jan. 25** Aids to Navigation Team St. Petersburg, Fla., with the assistance of an Air Station Clearwater, Fla., HH-60 "Jayhawk" helicopter, lowered a new light onto the 154-year old Egmont Key Lighthouse. Because of the light's weight, raising it from land would have been unsafe and would have caused damage to the new light.



## Flight check

As the blades begin to turn, AMT1 Jim Boger performs checkoff procedures while the pilot and co-pilot start the engines of their Dolphin helicopter before taking off from Air Station Los Angeles.

AP Photo

## What Remains

With the Oak Island lighthouse at rear, BM1 Jake Carawan takes a break from searching through the ashes of the Oak Island Coast Guard Station on Oak Island, N.C. Fire destroyed the 10,741-square foot building in February. The station was completed in 1992 at a cost of \$3.5 million. The cause of the fire was not determined.

AP Photo









## Light the Way

While underway off the coast of Long Beach, Calif., a boarding team member from the CGC Alert climbs a Jacob's ladder to the main deck of the freighter Dole Ecuador to search and secure the ship before it arrived at the Port of Los Angeles.

AP Photo

**Jan. 31** The CGC Nantucket repatriated 27 Cuban migrants to Bahia de Cabañas, Cuba. The migrants and two suspected smugglers were intercepted by the CGC Metompkin and CGC Nantucket after the Coast Guard received word that a fishing boat located a 29-foot go-fast boat disabled 16 miles southwest of Key West, Fla. The migrants, 15 men, eight women, three boys and a girl, were embarked on the cutters, and the suspected smugglers and their vessel were transferred to U.S. Border Patrol agents.

**Feb. 8** The Coast Guard hosted representatives from the Canadian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Russian coast guards in San Francisco at a meeting of the North Pacific Heads of Coast Guard Agencies Technical Experts Group. Members of the group joined together in preparing a joint resolution condemning terrorism and stressing the need for continued cooperation and vigilance in the area of maritime security.

## Providing Security

Petty Officer 2nd Class Timothy Frazier, a member of Ft. Eustis, Va.-based Port Security Unit 305, stands duty outside the Navy Fleet Hospital in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Detainees from the war on terror are treated at the hospital. PSU 305 deployed to Cuba in January to provide security for both water and shoreside operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Photo by PA1 Megan Casey,  
1st District

**Feb. 12** The commander of the 17th Coast Guard District signed an agreement with the Russian Federal Border Service to continue joint cooperative efforts this year to protect valuable fish stocks from illegal fishing operations in the Bering Sea and North Pacific Ocean.

**Feb. 24** A Coast Guard C-130 aircraft from Air Station Clearwater, Fla., a Navy VC-8 helicopter and the Coast Guard San Juan Rescue Center teamed up to rescue four people from a liferaft in the Caribbean Sea. The people were transferred to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads in Puerto Rico. The survivors were located 125 nautical miles south of St. Croix, British Virgin Islands.

**Feb. 25** The crew of a rescue helicopter from Air Station New Orleans airlifted an elderly woman who suffered a broken hip in a fall aboard the cruise ship Inspiration, 170 miles southeast of New Orleans in the Gulf of Mexico.





## SPOTLIGHT

President George W. Bush visited Coast Guard units during a trip to Portland, Maine, Jan. 25. During his visit, the president commended the Coast Guard as part of a speech addressing homeland security.

“I saw how the Coast Guard has responded after 9/11, and I know how important the Coast Guard is for the safety and security and the well-being of our American citizens.

“This is a fine group of people who don’t get nearly as much appreciation from the American people as they should. And I’m here today to say thanks on behalf of all the citizens who appreciate the long hours you put in, the daring rescues you accomplish and the fine service you provide to our country. Oh, yes, we’re on guard in America.”

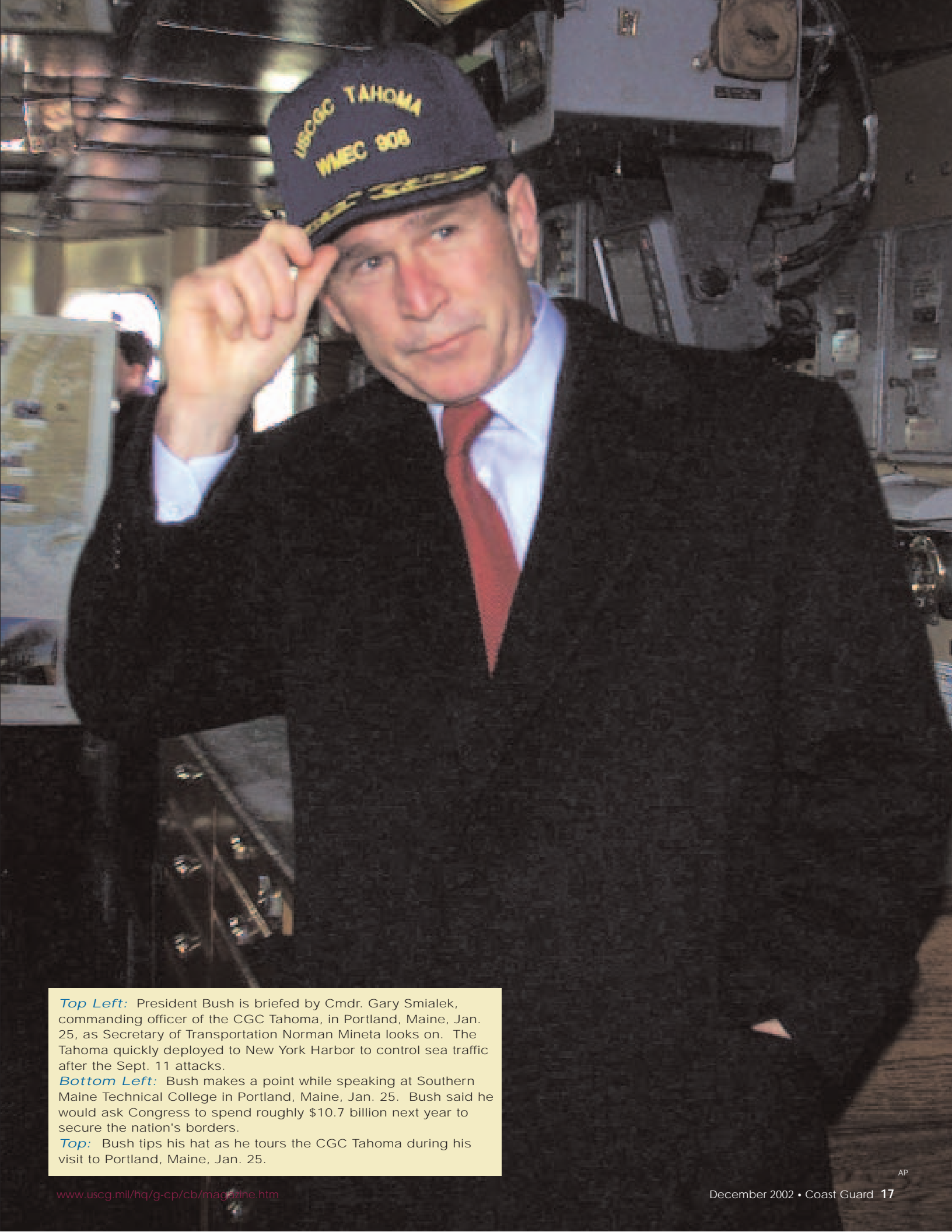
With those words, President Bush personally thanked the Coast Guard for performing its mission so capably.

# Bush’s Salute

President Bush visits Coast Guard units in Portland, Maine, to discuss homeland security and personally thank the men and women of the Coast Guard for performing their missions so capably following Sept. 11.







**Top Left:** President Bush is briefed by Cmdr. Gary Smialek, commanding officer of the CGC Tahoma, in Portland, Maine, Jan. 25, as Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta looks on. The Tahoma quickly deployed to New York Harbor to control sea traffic after the Sept. 11 attacks.

**Bottom Left:** Bush makes a point while speaking at Southern Maine Technical College in Portland, Maine, Jan. 25. Bush said he would ask Congress to spend roughly \$10.7 billion next year to secure the nation's borders.

**Top:** Bush tips his hat as he tours the CGC Tahoma during his visit to Portland, Maine, Jan. 25.

# Hats Off!

The celebration begins as newly commissioned Coast Guard ensigns toss their hats after graduating from the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., May 22. After four years of military and academic studies these young men and women will now report to their first units as commissioned officers.

Photo by Telfair Brown, G-IPA-1



# SPRING

A group of people, likely a crew or team, are captured in a moment of celebration. They are wearing white uniforms and have their arms raised in the air. Numerous white hats are flying through the air, suggesting a hat-throwing ceremony. The background shows a clear blue sky, trees, and a building, indicating an outdoor setting. The overall mood is joyful and energetic.







## Plane Down

Response crews from Station Seattle respond to a Boeing 307 Stratoliner plane crash just off West Seattle in Elliott Bay in Seattle March 28. The plane made a forced landing due to a loss of power to all four engines during a test flight. The four people aboard were rescued.

Photo by PA2 Sarah Foster-Snell, Dist. 13

**March 12** — The Coast Guard Academy Rifle Team qualified for the NCAA Rifle Championships held at Murray State University, Murray, Ky., March 15-16. Each year, more than 300 collegiate rifle teams compete for eight invitations to the championships. This was the first invitation received by the academy team.

**March 15** — Station Point Allerton and the Hull Lifesaving Museum teamed up to host the Centennial commemoration of Joshua James at the museum in Boston March 19. James was a member of the Life-Saving Service, precursor to today's Coast Guard. He was credited with saving hundreds of lives. March 19 marks the 100th anniversary of his death at age 75.

**March 18** — A local man, his two children and their dog were saved after Coast Guard rescuers located them near a cabin at Point Bridget in Berners Bay, 36 miles north of Juneau, Alaska. The Lundborgs traveled to the cabin to drop off supplies for an upcoming excursion when they had problems with their boat.



# Showing Off

The Coast Guard helped kick off Fleet Week in New York Harbor May 22. Fleet Week is a celebration that brings ships from around the world to New York City to honor the men and women serving in the U.S. military.

**Far left:** Seaman Blair Wells secures a line on the mizzen mast onboard the CGC Eagle during the Fleet Week parade of ships in New York. Photo by PA3 Mike Hvozda, PADET New York

**Top:** An armed small boat crew patrols the Hudson River while providing security for naval vessels passing through New York Harbor. Photo by PA1 Tom Sperduto, PADET New York

**Bottom:** A Coast Guard cadet aboard the CGC Eagle participates in rendering honors to a passing Navy ship in New York Harbor. Photo by PA3 Mike Hvozda, PADET New York

**May 1** — Investigators from MSO Hampton Roads, Va., conducted a pollution investigation and oversaw a clean-up operation for the wreckage of a fire that swept through the Colonial Beach Yacht Center. Station St. Inigoes received the initial request for help and sent two small boats to support the King George County Sheriff's Office. The CGC James Rankin also assisted by supplying local fire units with fire fighting equipment.





## Remembering Sept. 11

BM1 David Bittle and BM1 Matthew Schalich, from the Atlantic Strike Team, sign their names on the last beam of the World Trade Center before it is removed in a New York ceremony May 23.

Photo by PA1 Tom Sperduto, PADET New York



## Beginning Again

Auxiliarist Robert “Bob” Hanford, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse keeper, stands outside the lighthouse in Port Huron, Mich., April 22. Officials are preparing the lighthouse for public tours, the first appointments accepted since the Coast Guard declared it off-limits after the Sept. 11 attacks. Public tours began May 1 at the 86-foot high tower, owned by the Coast Guard.

AP Photo







## Welcome Home

GM3 Michael Gordon greets his wife and daughter in San Pedro, Calif, April 9, after a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf in the aftermath of Sept. 11. Gordon served as a reservist with Port Security Unit 311's Detachment Echo. The deployment was in support of force protection for naval ships engaged in Operations Enduring Freedom and Southern Watch. PSU 311 spent more than 1,500 hours underway to safeguard more than 60 ships from the United States and allied countries.

Photo by CWO4 Lance Jones, PADET Los Angeles

**April 8** — The Coast Guard hosted the Fifth District aids-to-navigation conference in Yorktown, Va., which included participation from every unit in the ATON field from North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey. The week-long conference culminated with the ATON Olympics where members tested their skills in competition against members from other units.

**April 9** — The CGC Madrona, one of America's oldest warships, was decommissioned at Base Charleston, S.C. When commissioned, the Madrona was assigned to Miami and was an active participant in World War II. In 1984, the cutter underwent renovation at the Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay, Md. The Madrona remained there for five-and-a-half years until the ship returned to service in Charleston, S.C.

## Dry Land!

A member of the Hawaiian Humane Society holds the dog Hokget, May 2. The dog spent 24 days alone on an abandoned fuel tanker. A Coast Guard C-130 crew spotted the dog while on a mission to determine if the tanker posed an environmental threat. The crew dropped food to the dog on the deck of the ship.

AP Photo





## Training in progress

AVT1 Rick Gallant of Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod inspects the helicopter landing pad at Mass General Hospital during a practice drill April 12 in Boston, Mass. The crew, Lt. Cmdr. Bill Rypka, Lt. Tim Pasek and Gallant, land at the hospital frequently with injured mariners.

Photo by PA1 Tom Spurduto, PADET New York



# SPOTLIGHT

After 38 years as a commissioned officer, Coast Guard Commandant Adm. James M. Loy bid farewell to the service he led into the new millennium and ushered in the Service's new Commandant, Adm. Thomas H. Collins.

In his acceptance speech, Collins paid tribute to Loy's four-year legacy. He said, "Loy's emphasis on restoring readiness and shaping the future of our organization, and his strategic vision of what the future will be, have made all the difference in ensuring the preeminence of the Coast Guard as America's maritime guardian, both before and after that infamous day in September of last year.

"Much of what Adm. Loy has done will remain as a lasting legacy, like an established river of clear, bright water. But even the course of the mightiest river changes over time."

For Loy, that change meant a step forward within the Department of Transportation. He was appointed to

# New Leadership

Adm. Thomas H. Collins relieves Adm. James M. Loy as Coast Guard Commandant in a change of command ceremony held at Ft. McNair in Washington D.C., May 30.



TELFAR BROWN, G-IPA-1

*Above:* Commandant-select Vice Adm. Thomas H. Collins (left) takes notes while Adm. James M. Loy, Coast Guard Commandant, presides over the daily staff briefing April 9 at Coast Guard headquarters in Washington D.C.

*Below:* Former Commandant James M. Loy shakes hands with the newly appointed Commandant Thomas H. Collins at the change of command May 30.



PAT HARRY CRAFT, III, G-IPA-1



PA1 HARRY CRAFT, III, G-IPA-1

*Above:* The new Commandant, Thomas H. Collins, salutes during the change of command ceremony May 30 in Washington D.C. *Below:* Collins meets the "Green Monster" of Fenway Park at Boston prior to throwing the first pitch for the Coast Guard Appreciation Day game Sept. 28. Collins was born in Massachusetts and grew up watching the Red Sox.

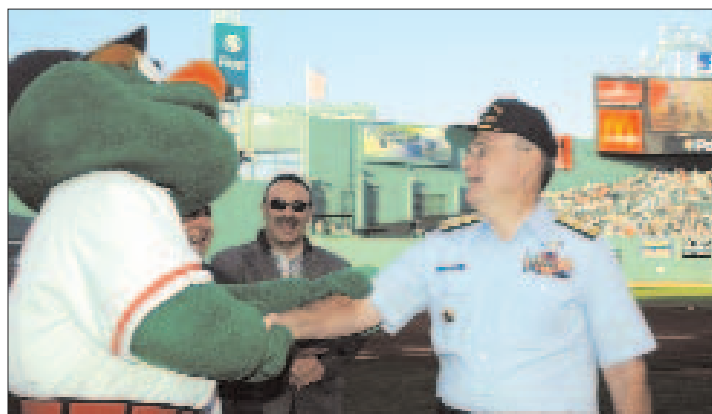
under secretary for transportation security and chief operating officer of the Transportation Security Administration.

The same changing tide that led Loy to his new position is the same tide that led Collins to assume the duties of Coast Guard Commandant.

As Commandant, Collins faces many challenges unseen by previous Commandants. As the 21st century starts, the requirements of the Coast Guard continue to grow. National security has been brought to the forefront of the service's missions since Sept. 11, 2001, and greater port safety and security demands have continued to extend the Coast Guard's arm of responsibility. In addition, Collins came into the position just as the Deepwater contract was being finalized. He signed the largest contract ever awarded by the Coast Guard, with an estimated \$17 billion being spent over a 20-year period.

In his speech Collins said, "We are in the midst of a very difficult time of tribulation. In this environment, we must be vigilant. But we need not be afraid. We must move ahead in a direction that will help to ensure our nation's security, and so restore safety and confidence to the American people."

Collins' new direction will focus on readiness,



PA1 MEGAN CASEY, 1ST DIST.

stewardship and people. He said the Coast Guard must continue to improve its readiness, strengthen its stewardship of public trust and remain loyal to its people while inspiring their loyalty to the service.

"It will take new thinking and innovative action to get that job done well," he said. "As we proceed through the next few years, our thoughts and our actions must prepare us to step into harm's way on behalf of a nation in crisis. We have a unique set of competencies and capabilities to bring to bear in these difficult times. We must not fail to do so."



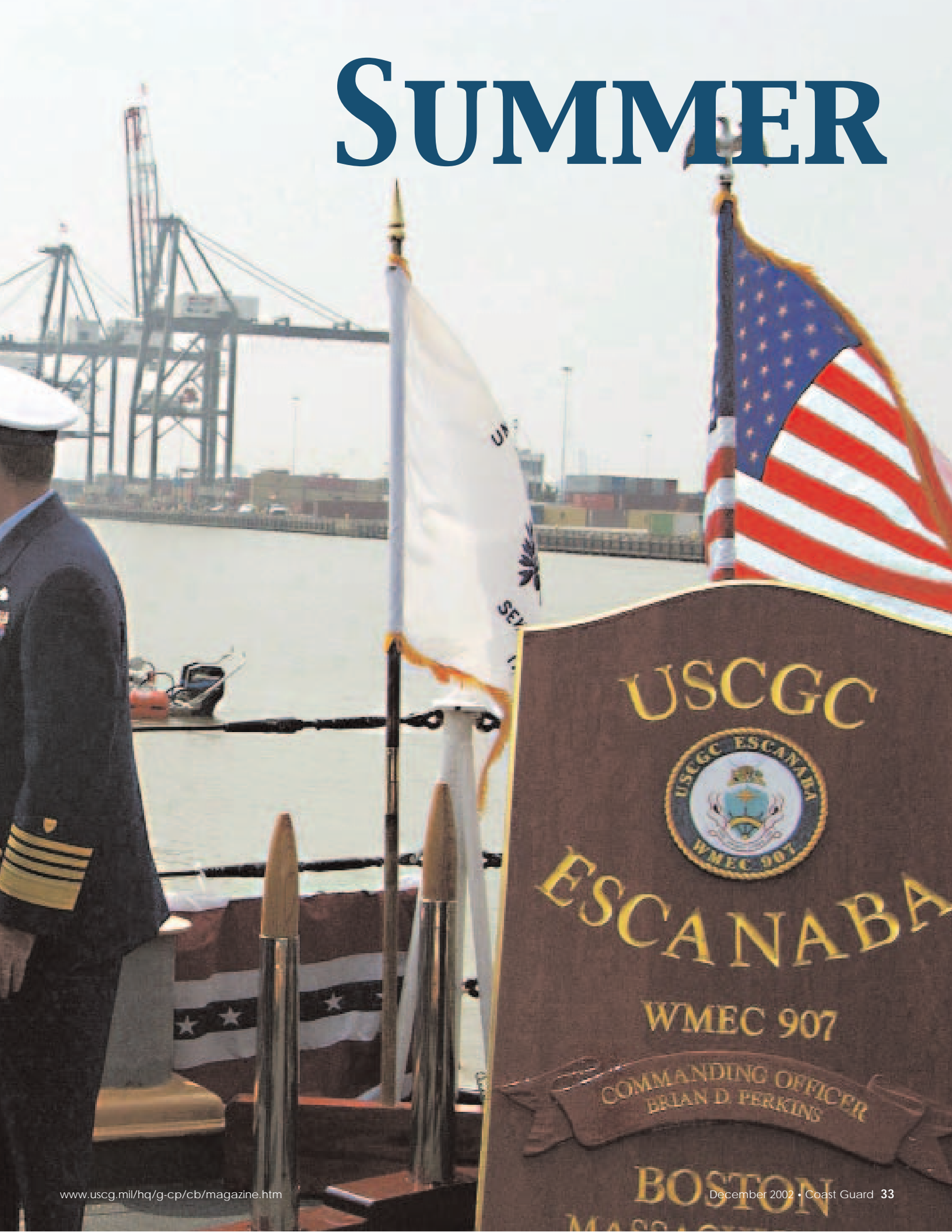
## Thumbs Up

President George W. Bush, with Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta and Coast Guard Commandant, Adm. Thomas H. Collins, gives the thumbs up to a Coast Guard boat crew providing security during his visit to the CGC Escanaba in Port Elizabeth, N.J., in June.

Photo by PA1 Tom Sperduto, PADET New York



# SUMMER







## No-Look Rescue

PS2 Kevin Post grabs a scared Johnny Dudek, 3, of Wall Township, N.J., from another petty officer after rescuing the child from a sinking vessel in Horseshoe Cove in Sandy Hook, N.J. The vessel began sinking after running aground.

Photo by PA1 Tom Sperduto, PADET New York

**June 5** A boarding team from the CGC Manta seized 2,000 pounds of illegally caught red snapper during the boarding of a fishing boat 50 miles south of Galveston, Texas. The vessel, crew, and catch were brought into Galveston for further investigation.

**June 5** The CGC Maui stopped a 46-foot boat 25 miles east of Miami and discovered approximately 900 pounds of cocaine. The Maui transferred three suspected drug smugglers and the contraband to the U.S. Customs Service in Miami.

**June 12** The Coast Guard hosted a multi-agency, homeland security field exercise entitled "Port Rio Grande," on Coast Guard Island in Alameda, Calif. The exercise tested interoperability, procedures and equipment.







## Hightailing It

A Coast Guard C-130 from Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii, sits on a runway that is hidden by the lush greenery on Palmyra Island in the Pacific. The aircraft was parked there for about five hours, as the crew delivered a group of Army and Navy technicians to the island to clear old explosives.

Photo by AVT2 Charles Cunningham, Air Station Barbers Point

**June 17** The Coast Guard escorted the 416-foot British cargo ship Scan Germania into port after crewmembers discovered 17 stowaways aboard the ship on its journey from the Dominican Republic to Mobile, Ala. The Coast Guard transferred custody of the stowaways to Immigration and Naturalization Service officials upon arrival in Mobile.

**June 25** A Coast Guard helicopter crew safely guided an aircraft pilot and his five passengers to a safe landing on a Kupreanof Island beach 25-miles northwest of Petersburg, Alaska.

**July 9** A Coast Guard law enforcement team from Station Mayport, Fla., assisted in the rescue and detention of an illegal migrant believed to be a Ukrainian citizen. The suspect reportedly jumped off the freighter Kamchatskiy Proliv as the ship departed the Port of Jacksonville. The team turned the man over to U.S. Border Patrol agents in Mayport.

## Lighthouse Ahead

A Coast Guard boat glides slowly toward the base of the Fairport Harbor West Breakwater Lighthouse. The Coast Guard is donating Lake Erie lighthouses to local agencies as part of its lighthouse restoration project.

AP Photo



## Blessed Ship

Archbishop Oscar Lipscomb blesses the CGC Eagle from a charter boat in Mobile Bay, Ala. The Eagle was arriving to attend the Parade of Sail, the highlight of a four-day Fourth of July event called "Sail Mobile: A Salute to the Sea."

AP Photo



## New Addition

Two members of the Coast Guard's first Maritime Safety and Security Team in Seattle stand at attention during morning muster June 24. MSSTs are domestic mobile units that possess specialized capabilities to perform a wide spectrum of port safety and security operations.

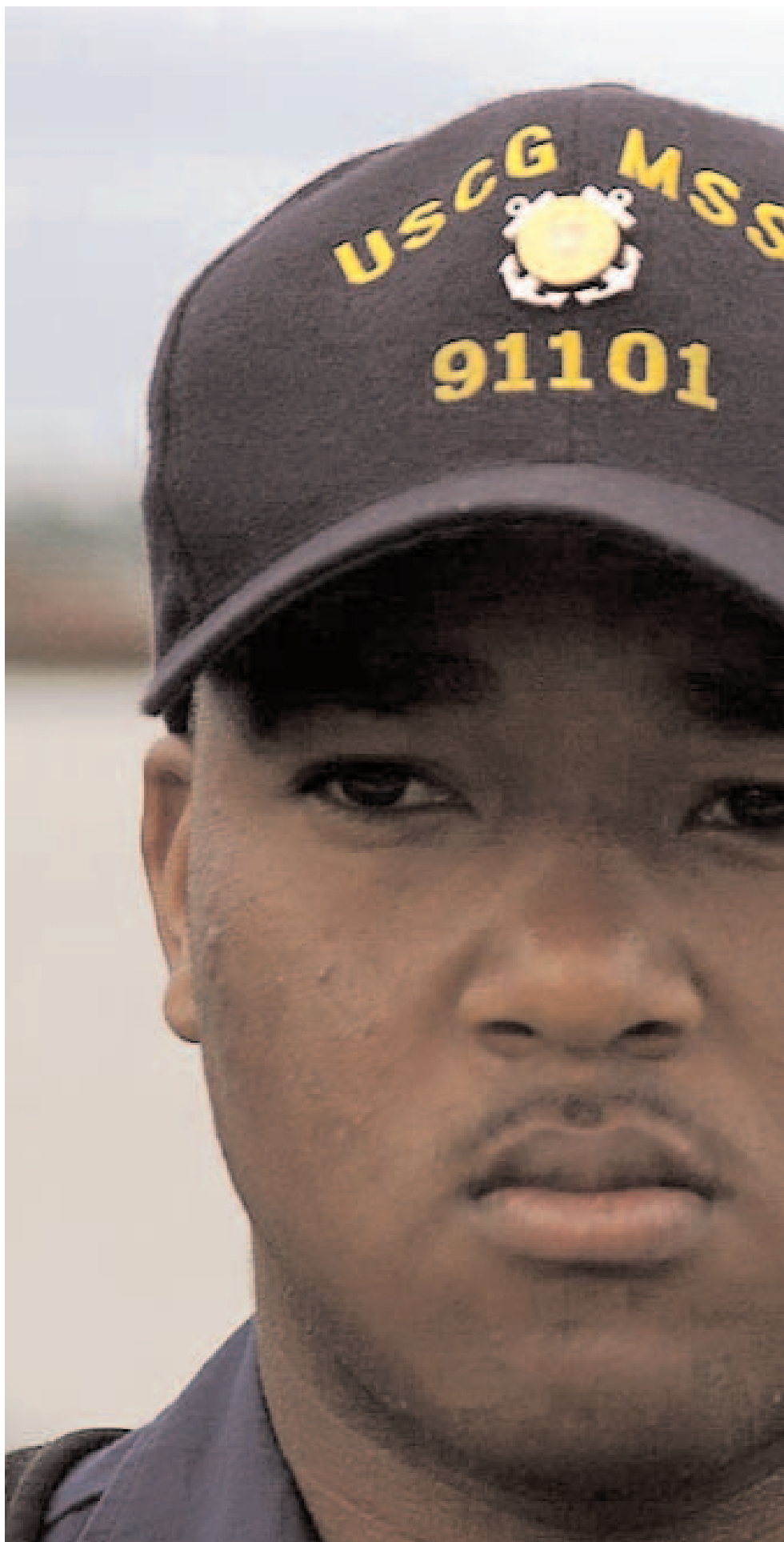
Photo by PA3 Scott Whitney, Lantarea

**July 16** A boarding team from the CGC Naushon terminated the voyage of a fishing boat near Ketchikan, Alaska, when they discovered the boat's master was allegedly under the influence of alcohol. The team escorted the man to shore and turned him over to Alaska State Troopers.

**July 21** The crew of the CGC Anacapa helped rescue a humpback whale that was tangled in a crab pot line in Frederick Sound near Petersburg, Alaska.

**July 29** A helicopter crew from Air Station Houston rescued an injured sailor off a U.S. Navy ship about 80 miles off the coast of Freeport, Texas.

**July 30** A Coast Guard C-130 and a rescue helicopter from Air Station Barbers Point in Hawaii worked together to rescue a kayaker 188 miles south of Honolulu.







## Hero's Award

Auxiliarist Henry Chandler, vice commander of Flotilla 4-10 in Baton Rouge, La., takes a look at the AFRAS (Association for Rescue at Sea) Silver Medal award he received at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., Nov. 13. Chandler is the first person to earn the award. He received the award for rescuing an elderly couple from their van after it slid down an embankment and into a lake. At Chandler's side is his wife, Valerie.

Photo by PA1 Harry Craft, G-IPA

**Aug. 4** The Coast Guard celebrated its 212th birthday with Coast Guard Band concerts throughout the Washington, D.C., area.

**Aug. 13** The crews of the CGC Mustang and a rescue helicopter from Air Station Sitka, Alaska, combined to rescue an injured hiker from the beach in Dundas Bay on Icy Strait, about 80 miles west of Juneau.

**Aug. 15** The Coast Guard, Random House Children's Books, and First Book teamed up to distribute 200,000 books to children from low-income families through the First Book National Book Bank in Seattle.

**Aug. 29** The crew of Coast Guard Station Lake Worth Inlet intercepted six Cuban migrants after a patrolling U.S. Customs Service aircraft spotted the migrants one mile offshore from Lake Worth, Fla.





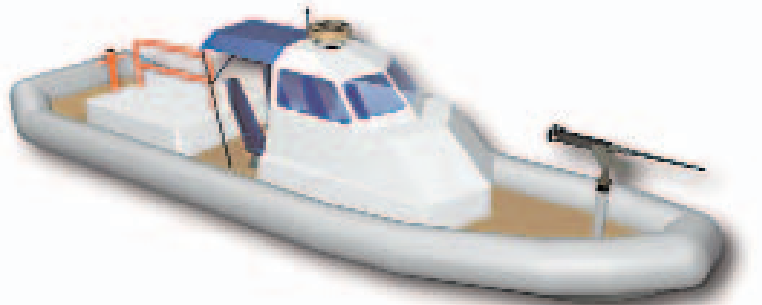
# SPOTLIGHT

On June 25, Deputy Secretary of Transportation Michael Jackson, joined by Coast Guard Commandant Thomas H. Collins, announced the award of a landmark contract valued at \$11.04 billion for a fleet of new ships and aircraft, plus improved command and control systems, to meet the service's homeland security and other mission needs. In addition, the contract includes \$5.91 billion for operating, maintenance, and sustainment costs for a value of \$16.95 billion. The contract was awarded to Integrated Coast Guard Systems (ICGS), a joint venture established by Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman.

Known as the 'Deepwater Program,' the ICGS award is the largest ever for the Coast

# Deepwater

With the awarding of this contract, the Coast Guard took a major step toward enhancing its ability to safeguard America.







**TEAMING UP:** Dr. Vance Coffman, CEO of Lockheed Martin, Adm. Thomas H. Collins, Coast Guard Commandant, and Dr. Ronald Sugar, COO of Northrop Grumman, join hands after the signing ceremony awarding Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman the Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater System contract June 25.

Guard. It calls for the delivery of the first ships and planes - and upgrades to some existing vessels - within the next five years. This is the first time the Coast Guard has bundled procurement of several types of ships, aircraft and other equipment into an integrated procurement program.

The contract may extend up to 30 years. Deepwater will involve the acquisition of up to 91 ships, 35 fixed-wing aircraft, 34 helicopters, 76 unmanned surveillance aircraft, and the upgrade of 49 existing cutters and 93 helicopters in addition to systems for communications, surveillance and command and control.

"The tragic events of September 11 changed the world as we know it. Homeland security, now more than ever, is a mission where we must succeed," said Collins. "As the leader in maritime homeland defense, the Coast Guard must have the most capable ships, aircraft, sensors and communications technology available to protect our nation and carry out our many missions. The Deepwater Program will give us the necessary tools to create an effective, layered defense of our nation's maritime interests."

The vessels and aircraft included in the ICGS procurement project make up the Coast Guard's primary multi-mission coastal and offshore fleet. This includes larger Coast Guard cutters and aircraft which serve as the backbone of many missions including drug and illegal migrant interdiction, fisheries enforcement, pollu-

tion patrols, homeland security patrols, boardings and inspections. Command, control and communications systems will be designed not only to integrate operations of the new ships and planes, but also improve coordination of all Coast Guard operations, as well as with other Federal agencies and the Department of Defense.

Of 39 similar navy and coast guard fleets surveyed in the world, the Coast Guard's fleet is the 37th oldest. The Coast Guard's twelve 1960's era Hamilton class cutters are among the service's aging fleet slated for replacement under the Deepwater contract.

The new ships and planes are coming at an opportune time for the Coast Guard. In addition to increased homeland security responsibilities which involve "pushing our borders back" to protect our ports, waterways, and coastlines, the Coast Guard still has many missions vital to the nation's physical, economic and environmental security. Primary duties include: search and rescue, maritime emergency response, military operations, anti-drug patrols, illegal migrant interdiction, and fisheries enforcement.

The Coast Guard's Deepwater Program that led to the ICGS contract has been in development for five years. The ICGS contract does not include smaller rescue and patrol boats, buoy tenders and workboats, ice-breakers, or shore side facilities.

[Story from www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)

## In Remembrance

BM2 Charles Wells, from Station Sandy Hook, N.J., and his father FDNY Deputy Chief Charles R. Wells, mourn the loss of a family member at Ground Zero in New York City during a Sept. 11 remembrance service. Wells lost his uncle Lt. Robert Regan, of FDNY Ladder 118, in the terrorist attacks.

Photo by PA1 Tom Sperduto, PADET New York



# FALL









## Listen Up

BM1 Philip Laroche, a company commander at Basic Training Center in Cape May, N.J., checks his recruits during a Manual of Arms drill in October. Recruits learn the 16-count Manual of Arms and practice regularly. Some of the recruits earn special awards for proficiency achievement during training.

Photo by PA2 William Barry, PADET Atlantic City

**Sept. 10** Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta recognized members of the Coast Guard for their bravery, dedication and teamwork throughout the past 12 months by presenting them with the new Transportation 9-11 Medal during a ceremony in Alameda, Calif. The new medal was created to honor employees of the Department of Transportation and private citizens for meritorious service and achievement in response to the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

**Sept. 11** The crew of a Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point helicopter, with assistance from a Hawaii County Fire Department helicopter, rescued an unconscious 56-year-old man about three miles north of Mahukona Harbor in Hawaii. The man was reported overdue by his wife after he failed to return from a snorkeling trip. The man was located on land, under a tree and on the rocks with his kayak.





## Child Care

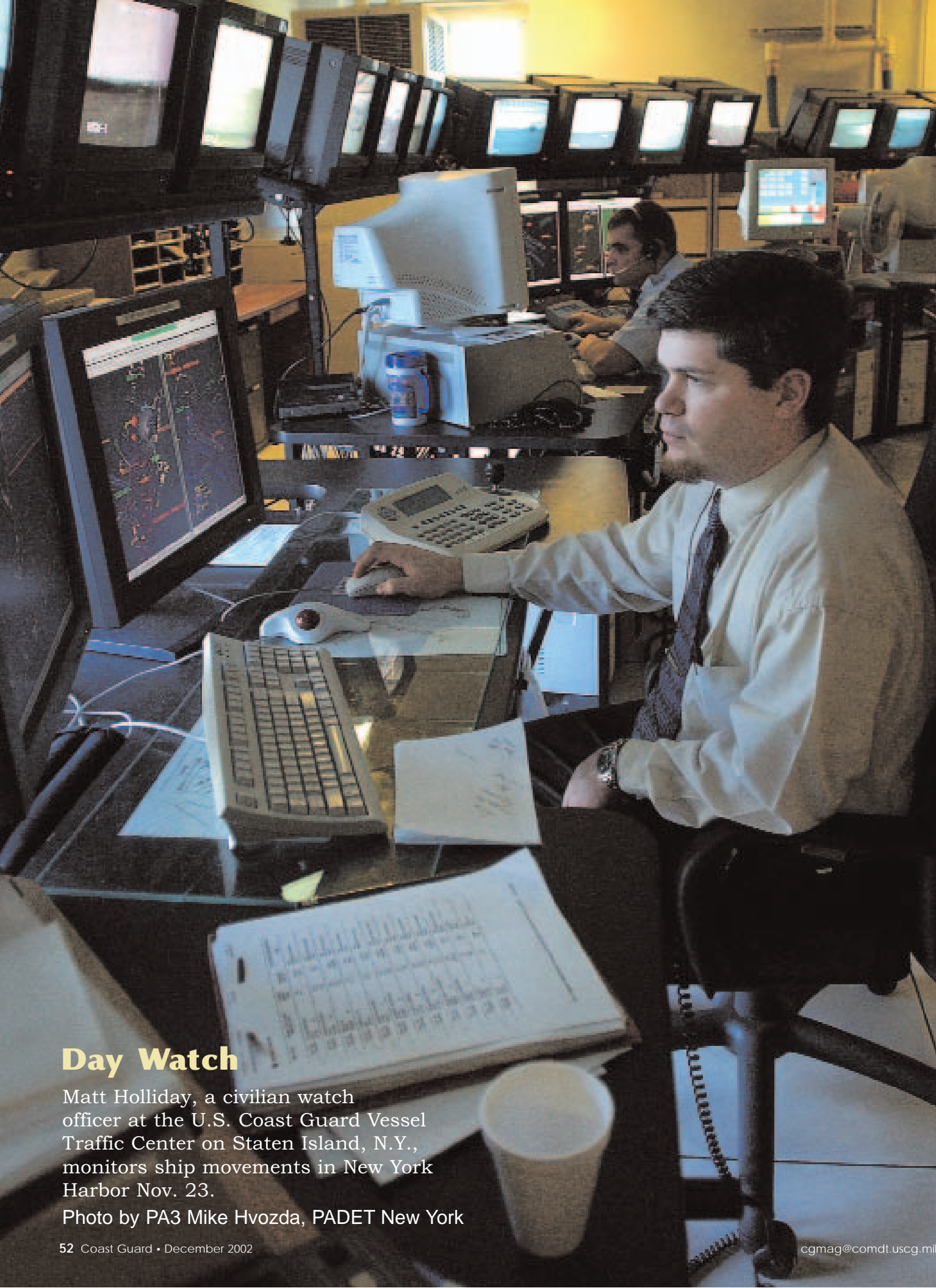
A crewmember of the CGC Legare greets and cares for a child migrant who was rescued by the cutter's crew off the coast of Miami.

Coast Guard Photo

**Sept. 17** The Coast Guard honored historian William Wilkinson, director emeritus of the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Va., with the Meritorious Public Service Award in Philadelphia Sept. 17. The award was presented by Rear Adm. Kevin Eldridge, Assistant Commandant for Governmental and Public Affairs. Wilkinson was recognized for his decades of work supporting the Coast Guard's history program.

**Sept. 20** Members of the U.S. Coast Guard, Canadian coast guard, State of Alaska and other state and provincial government agencies participated in a combined oil spill and wildlife protection training and exercise in Ketchikan, Alaska. The weeklong event combined oil spill response training and wildlife protection and cleaning in an international oil spill scenario.

**Sept. 24** Adm. Thomas H. Collins, Coast Guard Commandant, announced the award of a \$611 million contract to General Dynamics for the production, deployment and support of "Rescue 21," a modernization of the National Distress and Response System. Rescue 21 will be the nation's primary maritime "911" system for coastal waters of the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Puerto Rico, and navigable rivers and lakes within the country.



## Day Watch

Matt Holliday, a civilian watch officer at the U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Center on Staten Island, N.Y., monitors ship movements in New York Harbor Nov. 23.

Photo by PA3 Mike Hvozda, PADET New York



## Practice Fire

Coast Guard port security units  
conduct flare training at  
Camp Lejeune, N.C., Oct. 19.

Photo by PA3 Scott Whitney,  
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## Guarding NYC

A member of the new Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Teams stands guard on New York Harbor. The MSSTs are new units created in direct response to the terrorist acts of Sept. 11, 2001.

Photo by PA1 Tom Sperduto,  
PADET New York

**Sept. 29** The Coast Guard celebrated the 60th anniversary of the CGC *Storis*. The *Storis* is the oldest commissioned cutter in the Coast Guard's fleet.

**Oct. 3** A Coast Guard rescue crew from Station Georgetown, S.C., rescued a 43-year-old Florida man about 42 miles southeast of Little River Inlet, S.C. Terry Watson, of Homosassa Spring, Fla., was believed to have been at sea for more than two months. He was reportedly suffering from dehydration, delusion and shock.

**Oct. 6** A Coast Guard helicopter crew from Air Station Houston airlifted a child who had been injured in a car accident on Highway 90 in Raywood, Texas. The crew flew the child to Hermann Memorial Hospital in Houston.

**Nov. 1** Adm. Thomas H. Collins, Coast Guard Commandant, appointed senior executive Frances Fragos-Townsend as the Service's first Assistant Commandant for Intelligence.



## Paint By Number

Seaman Sara Rosato (l) and Seaman Jennifer Lanham paint the Coast Guard racing stripe on a 41-foot rescue boat at Station New York.  
Photo by PA3 Mike Hvozda, PADET New York





## High Maintenance

MK2 Scott Galvin from Station Burlington eases down a tower with a lantern in Alburgh, Vt., as BM1 Kevin Erwin pays out the line from above. The lantern was moved to nearby Windmill Point Light in an effort to relight the shores of Lake Champlain with historical lighthouses.

Photo by PA3 Mike Hvozda, PADET New York

# SPOTLIGHT

The master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard is the most senior enlisted member of the Coast Guard and is the principal advisor to the Commandant in matters concerning all members of the Coast Guard family. The MCPOCG serves as a living example of the Coast Guard's core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty.

A new watch began when the ninth MCPOCG, Frank A. Welch, assumed the duties of this position from Vince Patton at a change of watch ceremony at TISCOM in Alexandria, Va., Oct. 10.

During the last four years, Patton served as the advisor to Adm. James M. Loy, 21st Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Patton retired from the Coast Guard Oct. 12 in a ceremony at Cape May, N.J. He left the service to become a seminary student at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif. He also works as an adjunct professor at the University of California Berkeley.

During the change of watch ceremony, Patton told Welch that the MCPOCG should be a light to the Commandant and the people of the Coast Guard. He said Welch's "visionary leadership and understanding and what he

# Change At Top

MCPOCG Vince Patton relinquished his position to Master Chief Frank A. Welch in a change of watch ceremony at Coast Guard Telecommunications and Systems Command in Alexandria, Va., Oct. 10.



*Top:* MCPOCG Vince Patton conducts the Coast Guard Band at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. The concert celebrated the Coast Guard's birthday.

*Bottom:* Master Chief Frank A. Welch salutes MCPOCG Vince Patton while relieving Patton of his position. Adm. Thomas H. Collins, Coast Guard Commandant, oversees the change of watch.





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can and will do for our organization will make the successes of our Coast Guard even better and will be a great complement to Adm. Collins.”

When Welch addressed Patton he said, “I salute you master chief, with both pride and honor for your dedication and your professionalism, and I wish you the very best of the best in your future.”

In addition, Welch said it was an honor to stand before the crowd at the ceremony as the ninth master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard, an honor that he could never adequately express in words. He added that he pledges to express the honor through actions — positive actions that will prove to enlighten and empower our entire workforce for one common goal: “to be the very best of everything that we do as people of this unequalled nation that we proudly call home.”

Welch comes to his new position as MCPOCG from his last duty station as Officer in Charge of the CGC Sockeye, homeported in Bodega Bay, Calif.

**Above:** The newly appointed MCPOCG Frank A. Welch returns a salute to the Coast Guard master chiefs in attendance at the change of watch ceremony at TISCOM Oct. 10.

**Below:** Welch and Patton embrace after Welch officially accepts his new position as MCPOCG.



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**CELEBRATION** Coast Guard personnel stand guard on the East River in New York City during a fireworks display July 4.