



# THE HELM

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Published for members of the USCGC Duane Association

## We Return to Cape May This Year

*By Stan Barnes, President*

**A**s we proceed through 2004, (where did 2003 go), I would like to take this opportunity again to thank all of you who have bestowed your trust in me so that I may lead the association through the next few years.

I would like to take a moment to reflect back to all the fun times we have shared over the years and thank each and everyone of you for making this association what it is today. The future looks as if we will keep finding new members as some of our newer members have reached out to those they know and have had them respond. We still have a lot of people on the data base with no means of us contacting them, so if you wish, contact us, and we can give you some names that you may know and wish to contact.

This association depends on your dues to survive; so if you have not paid your 2003 – 2004 dues, please do so as soon as possible.

I have had several people from other Coast Guard organizations contact me in the last few months stating what a wonderful newsletter *The Helm* is and that our organization must be very proud. One gentleman said that we must have a real good bank account. I told him that we run on a shoestring and it is all the hard work put in by the members that keeps us going.

The engraved brick that The Duane Association purchased for the waterfront promenade at the New Coast Guard Plaza next to the USCGC *Taney* in Baltimore has been put in place. If anyone would like to go see our contribution this spring, please contact me.

August 6, 2004, is Coast Guard Day at the USCG Academy in New London, Conn. If anyone would like to join me at this event, please let me know



*An ex-Coastie reminiscing about his boot camp days at Cape May*

and I will get back to you soon with details. This is a one day event.

By the time that you read this newsletter, you should have received the reunion packet from The Atlas Inn. Please remit as soon as possible so we all can stay together. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

The ships store is open with a limited amount of items. Send in your order, and I will fill as we replenish the seabag.

SEMPER PARATUS

# USCGC Duane Association

## Cape May Reunion Sep. 30–Oct. 3, 2004

### ATLAS INN CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY PLAN OF THE DAY

#### Wednesday, September 29

1600 – 2300

Registration / ID Cards

Hospitality Room Open

Socializing

Optional Adventure

Evening meal as a group

(Location Optional)

We recommend the Ball Park Café, located at the Atlas.

#### Thursday, September 30

Registration / ID Cards in the hospitality room.

Breakfast in the Ball Park Café, at your leisure.

0900 Tee time at the Cape May Golf Course - Tom Braithwaite Challenge. Contact Tom at [tombraith@earthlink.net](mailto:tombraith@earthlink.net) for registration

Car pool to Atlantic City - 1 hour drive.

Tour 1879 Physick Estate - Details available at the Atlas or go on line.

Trolley tour of Cape May, Ferry trip to Rehoboth, Delaware factory outlet malls, schedule available at The Atlas or go on line.

Scavenger Hunt - A list of items to be found will be provided at check-in.

1700 - 2300 Welcome reception in the hospitality room.

#### Friday, October 1

Breakfast in the Ball Park Café, at your leisure

1000 Muster at the Atlas parking lot for car pool to Coast Guard Base

1100 Graduation

1230 Lunch on the base

1330 Tour the base / Visit base exchange

1700 Muster at the Atlas for the dinner / dolphin watch cruise or be at the marina by 1800

1830 Dinner cruise and Dolphin Watch

2100 Return to the Atlas

Hospitality room open.

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**Saturday, October 2**

Breakfast in the Ball Park Café,  
at your leisure

The day is open to do as  
you please. **DON'T FORGET THE  
SCAVENGER HUNT**

1630 Business meeting in the hos-  
pitality room

1830 Muster at the Officers Club  
on the base for the banquet

1830 – 1930 Cash bar

1930 Dinner served

2030 Guest speaker

2100 Raffle - It is requested that  
everyone please bring one (1) item  
for the raffle

(Scavenger Hunt Award)

2300 Return to the Atlas - The  
hospitality room will be open

**Sunday, October 3**

0730 – 1000 Breakfast in the Ball  
Park Café

1000 – 1100 Check out and fare-  
wells

**HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU TILL WE MEET  
AGAIN**

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**Jack's Joint**

We try to post PDF files of this newsletter on  
Jack's Joint Web site. You can view and down-  
load copies anytime. Jack also has lots of other  
CG stories.

Go to [www.jacksjoint.com](http://www.jacksjoint.com) and check it out.

# Duane Association Dues Structure 2004

**Active Member \$25.00** for the calendar year 2004

You will receive information about the annual Duane Association reunion, a membership card and three newsletters a year filled with Duane information and stories.

## 2004 Dues are Needed

### A Note From the President...

The Duane Association would like all of you members to please pay your 2004 dues as soon as possible and not to wait until just before the reunion. Our accounts are rather slim (\$2792.95 as of 1/12/04), and we need to replenish the ship's store and to order items for our 2004 reunion in Cape May. To do this will use up nearly \$2200.00 leaving us, as you can see, not much to work with. We will need to pay for postage for this newsletter and there are always incidentals. I do not like to ask you to do this but as I see it, we really do not have much of a choice.

Thank you in advance,

Stan

**2004 Duane Reunion Cape May, NJ  
Sept. 30 – Oct . 3, 2004  
Atlas Inn**

**Mark your calendars**

## 2004 Membership and Renewal Application USCGC Duane Association

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Years served on Duane: 19\_\_ to 19\_\_  
Rank/rate while on board \_\_\_\_\_  
Please send a check for \$25 made out to  
"USCGC Duane Association" to:

Bob Haviland, Treasurer  
7 Squirrel Hill Lane  
Hingham, MA 02043

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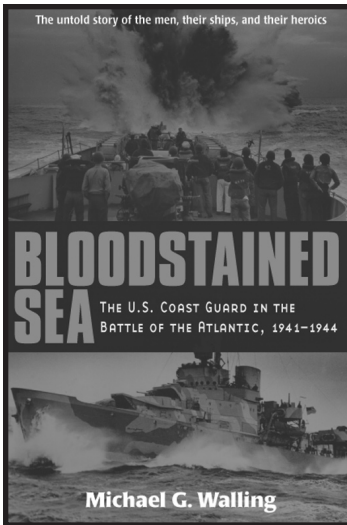
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# Book Corner

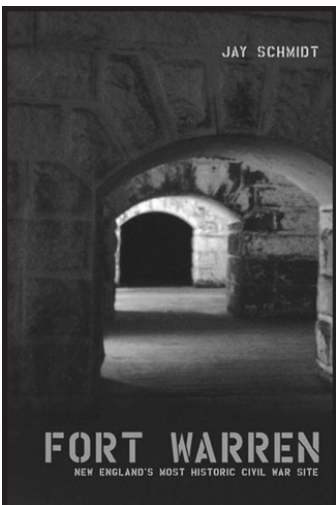


## Bloodstained Sea: The U.S. Coast Guard in the Battle of the Atlantic, 1941-1944

By Michael Walling (ex-Coast Guard officer)

Mike recounts the untold efforts of the USCG in the Atlantic and writes details and eyewitness accounts about the 327s during the battles. For the first time a book describes in vivid detail the heroic actions of the Coast Guard ships that defended Allied convoys en route through the North Atlantic to England and Russia. Mike also tells about the *Duane* and *Spencer* taking out U-175. There is also a chapter about the final duties of the Secretary class cutters. Mike gives an overview of the weather patrols, SAR missions, drug interdiction and Vietnam deployments.

This book is sure to interest all ex-327 sailors. The book is scheduled to be published in June, 2004 by McGraw-Hill. *Bloodstained Sea* will be in hard-cover, and it will retail for \$24.95.



## Fort Warren: New England's Most Historic Civil War Site

By Jay Schmidt (Duane Association secretary and newsletter publisher)

Many of you have probably visited Fort Warren on George's Island in Boston Harbor. This historic site was the setting for the *John Brown* song, the imprisonment of Mason and Slidell (Trent Affair), Alexander H. Stephens (Vice president of the Confederacy) and many famous Confederate generals. The heavily illustrated book recounts tales of executions, escapes and the famous Ghost of the Lady in Black legend.

The book is available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com) and most major bookstore chains. You can also order an autographed copy at Jay's Web site at <http://jay.schmidt.home.att.net/ft.warren/book.html>. Mention that you are an ex-*Duane* sailor, and shipping is free.

# WHALE & DOLPHIN WATCHING DINNER CRUISE

PRICE PER PERSON : INCLUDED IN HOTEL REUNION PACKAGE PRICE

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR DINNER CHOICE AS SEEN IN THE BROCHURE TO ME BEFORE  
SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2004.

	Person #1	Person #2
Broiled Flounder	_____	_____
Fried Flounder	_____	_____
Broiled Scallops	_____	_____
Fried Scallops	_____	_____
Broiled Seafood Combination (flounder, shrimp, scallops)	_____	_____
Fried Seafood Combination (flounder, shrimp, scallops)	_____	_____
Shrimp Scampi	_____	_____
Fried Shrimp	_____	_____
Fried Chicken	_____	_____
Double Petite Filet	_____	_____

Name #1:

Name #2

Phone:

E-mail:

Please send to:  
Stan Barnes / Dinner Cruise  
381 Stage Road  
Sanbornton, NH 03269

**RETURN PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2004**  
**(THIS WAS ONE OF OUR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1999 REUNION)**

# USCGC DUANE WPG/WHEC 33

## Ship's Store Order Form

Tee Shirts (Embroidered Tiger insignia)

Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

\$16.00 each

White or Navy Blue

Pocket T With round Duane Insignia \$22      Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Jersey (Round Duane Insignia)

Size: S M L XL XXL

\$32 each

Off white

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sweatshirts (Embroidered Tiger insignia)

Size: S M L XL XXL

\$24.00 each

Navy Blue or Smoke Gray

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Patches

Tiger or Search and Rescue \$8 each

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Hats (Embroidered)

Tiger Insignia (Washed gray)

\$16 each

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Duane (Blue working ballcap)

\$16 each

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Nylon windbreaker (Round gold insignia)

Size: L XL XXL

Navy blue/cotton lining

\$37

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fleece Zip Pullovers (Tiger Insignia)

Size: X XL XXL

(Royal Blue/Black collar)

\$25.00

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping \$6.00

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Stan Barnes/Storekeeper

Name:

Street:

City:

State:

ZIP:

Phone number:

E-mail:

Rate/Rank while on board:

Years on board 19\_\_ to 19\_\_

Send to: USCGC Duane Ship's Store, c/o Stan Barnes, 381 Stage Rd., Sanbornton, NH 03269



## Duane Brick has been placed

The Baltimore Waterfont Promenade has told us that the brick which the Association bought last fall has been placed in the new Coast Guard Plaza. Our engraved brick is situated in the shadow of the Taney. The plaza has become a popular tourist site.

## Crossed the Bar

Richard Clark  
George Chioreau



## Reservations For Cape May 2004

If anyone has not received a reservation form for the 2004 Reunion in Cape May, NJ Sep. 29 through Oct. 3, please contact Stan Barnes, and he will send you all the information you need to attend.

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## Calling all Golfers

By Tom Braithwaite 61-65

During the 2004 reunion at Cape May we will hold our first Duane Invitation Golf Tournament. If you are interested in playing please let me know at tombraith@earthlink.net or by regular mail at:

Tom Braithwaite  
48 Wildwood Dr  
Palmyra, VA 22963

I plan to reserve tee times for a Capt Choice format. For those that have never played this game, it is easy. We will have 2 person teams and both players hit the ball and they choose the best position and hit their next ball from that place. It goes like that for every shot so if you make a mistake you get to pickup and place your ball at where your partner hit. The score is one number for the team.

Husband and wife teams will be encouraged. For those that don't know how to get a partner don't worry we will pair you up with someone. This tournament is for fun and bragging rights only.

We will play on Thursday morning Sept 30, 2004.

Send your expression of interest to me and don't worry about being held to that. I just need a rough head count.



The 327 Memorial Placque at Curtis Bay Yards