

The FOUNDATION for COAST GUARD HISTORY
A Nonstock, Nonprofit Corporation
Organized in the State of Connecticut: 15 November 2001
and
Filed as such: December 07, 2001

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(Authoritative Legal Entity Identifier/Business Entity Register)

Federal EIN: 26-0024207
501(c)(3) Federal Tax Exempt

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 29, 2025

The Foundation for Coast Guard History (FCGH) Annual Meeting was called to order by the Board of Regents Chair via Zoom on July 29, 2025, at 1900 EDT.

Notice of the meeting had been sent to the membership by ordinary United States Mail on July 3, 2024. See Exhibit A.

Noting that the Provisional Bylaws do not specify a quorum for the Annual Meeting, and in view of Provisional Bylaws Article X, Section 1 (Robert's Rules of Order as authority where Bylaws are silent), the Chair declared a quorum present by virtue of Sections 3.4 and 40:2 sub (2) of Robert's Rules, 12th Edition, as follows, in relevant parts:

"In a mass meeting, or in a regular or properly called meeting of an organization whose bylaws do not prescribe a quorum and whose membership is loosely determined...there is no minimum number of members who must be present for the valid transaction of business or - as it is usually expressed - the quorum consists of those who attend the meeting."

and

"In organizations such as...some societies in which there are no ...effective annual dues, and the register of members is not generally reliable as a list of the bona-fide members, the quorum at any regular or properly called meeting consists of those who attend."

Exhibit B is a copy of the agenda generally followed.

Noting no reported errors or omissions to the minutes of the Annual Meeting conducted on July 30, 2024, which minutes were posted on the Foundation's website as of July 3, 2025, said minutes stand as approved by the membership.

1. Thereupon, the Chair presented his report:

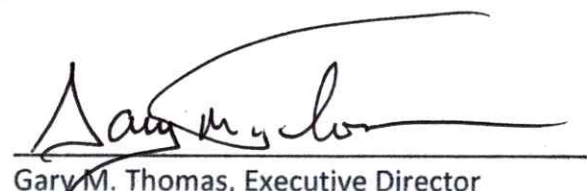
- a. The Foundation's required Annual Report to the State of Connecticut was filed for 2024. The next Annual Report is due in December.
- b. At its request, the Foundation received an Internal Revenue Service "Affirmation (of tax exempt status) Letter" on May 29, 2025. See Exhibit C. This can be used to assure donors that their contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible. Meanwhile, the original tax-exemption letters are not yet corrected on the IRS website listing of 501(c)(3) organizations. This is despite efforts of at least three IRS agents with whom the Foundation has been in contact during the past 12 months. If the website listing is not corrected by Labor Day, the Foundation will engage with the Constituent Services Representative, U.S. House of Representatives , Second District of Ohio, in continuing efforts to secure correction of the IRS Website.
- c. The Foundation is working to create a word-searchable index of The Cutter articles dating back to the beginning of the publication (71 issues). This is in connection with the Foundation's project to digitize and make available in limited fashion all past issues of The Cutter. A first draft (38 pages) has been completed to the extent the past issues have been digitized.
- d. Regarding the membership list, the Foundation expects to engage in a focused effort to obtain email addresses for as many members as possible. One purpose of the effort is to permit email notices, e.g. Notices of Annual Meeting, to be sent via email rather than ordinary U.S. Mail. The cost of mailing the notice of this Annual Meeting was approximately \$198.00.
- e. As to the bylaws, the Foundation received no suggestions or proposed amendments to the Provisional Bylaws adopted at the 2024 Annual Meeting. It has been decided to hold final approval of the Provisional Bylaws, with or without amendments, until the 2026 Annual Meeting. The Chair did mention that next year's Annual Meeting will include election of Regents for the next two-year term.
- f. The Chair reported that the Evening Reports program has been paused until the Foundation is confident that it has enough presenters with enough material ready, to reliably assure a regular schedule of programming. The Executive Director added that it would appear a good inventory of both presenters and programs is close to being achieved.
- g. The Chair reminded that the officer positions of Secretary and Treasurer remain open. Neither position requires a Regent to fill it. In the meantime, the Chair remains Acting Secretary, and the Executive Director remains Acting Treasurer.

- h. The Chair acknowledged receipt of correspondence from two members, both of which inquiries will be followed up on: (1) Memorial(s) to USCG WWII 83-footers; and (2) USCGC Tampa Purple Heart Project.
2. The Executive Director then presented his report. See Exhibit D (complete slide deck) at slides 7-13. This report included a Treasurer's Report. See Exhibit D at slides D-8 and 9.
 3. Standing Committee on Artifact Procurement. Through committee deliberations and negotiation, the Foundation secured purchase of a rare glass plate negative of Nantucket Life-Saving Service Keeper Thomas F. Sandsbury c. 1870-1890s. See Exhibit E.
 4. The Cutter. Deadline for the next issue is September 15, 2025. As always, articles are solicited. Questions should be directed to Rob Ayer, Editor: springs57@comcast.net.
 5. Historian's Office: Brief discussion of whether or how passage of Reconciliation Bill and FD 2028 might impact billets, presumably for the better.
 6. Old Business. Provisional Bylaws matter tabled until next Annual Meeting.
 7. New Business. Nothing requiring action by the full membership presented.
 8. There being no further business brought to the floor, the Annual Meeting adjourned at approximately 2015 EDT.

NOTE: The next Annual Meeting of the Foundation will convene via Zoom on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 1900 EDT.



J. Timothy Riker
Chair, Board of Regents



Gary M. Thomas, Executive Director

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

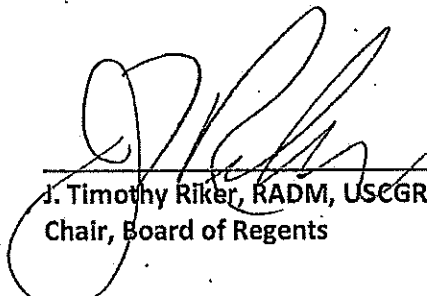
All Members please take notice that the Foundation will conduct its Annual Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, July 29, 2024, commencing at 7:00 o'clock P.M. EDT.

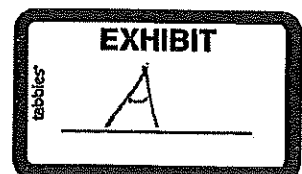
Zoom link information will be posted on the Foundation's website (www.fcgh.org) on Friday, July 25, 2025.

An agenda will be also be posted on the Foundation's website the same day.

Meanwhile, the July 30, 2024, Annual Meeting Minutes are available now on the Foundation's website.

If any questions, please feel free to call (513) 621-2888 for further information, or email jtriker@jtrikerlaw.com.

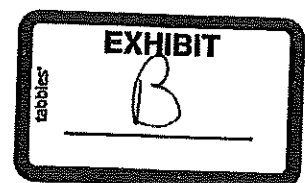

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Agenda (cont.)



3. Report of Officers/Standing Committee (cont.)

b. Executive Director/Acting Treasurer

1. Accounts and Finances
 - 1.a CD.
2. Membership rolls
3. Microsoft 365 set up
4. Website
5. Reconciliation Comments –email to S. Plankey.
6. Annual Awards Program.
7. Community accessible calendar

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CINCINNATI OH 45227-3386

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MAY 29 2025

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Employer ID number: 26-0024207
Form 990 required: YES



Dear Taxpayer:

We're responding to your request dated May 16, 2025, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in July 2014, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

We also show you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If you're required to file a return, you must file one of the following by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your annual accounting period:

- Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
- Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

According to IRC Section 6033(j), if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for 3 consecutive years, we'll revoke your tax-exempt status on the due date of the 3rd required return or notice.

You can get IRS forms or publications you need from our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.,

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local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific time).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Ms. Hanks

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Operations Manager - AMP03

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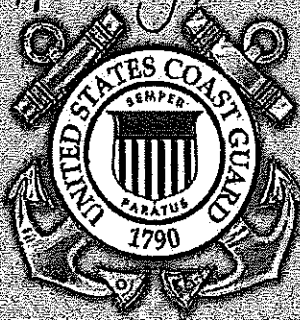
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Foundation For Coast Guard History

Annual Meeting

July 29, 2025

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EXHIBIT

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Call To Order



- Chair Calls the Meeting to Order
- Meeting Administration
 - The meeting is being recorded. If you have a concern about being recorded, please drop off now, and you can view the recording on our YouTube channel.
 - Members will be muted during a presentation.
 - Use "Raise Hand" or the chat function to request to be recognized.

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Chair's Remarks



- FCGH Chairman, RADM Tim Riker, USCG (Ret.)

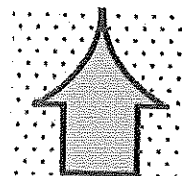
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Executive Director's Report & Acting Treasurer's



- FCGH Executive Director, CDR Gary M. Thomas, USCG (Ret.)

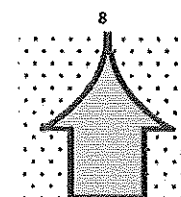




Financial Position

Account	7/29/25	2024 (Closeout)	2023 (Closeout)	2022 (Closeout)
PayPal	\$10,766.15	\$11,997.97	\$11,494.80	\$10,736.33
PNC Business Checking	\$28,869.52	\$22,325.43	\$24,646.43	\$22,302.47
Investments	\$753.60	\$712.75	\$653.25	\$636.66
Total:	\$40,389.27	\$35,036.15	\$36,794.48	\$33,675.46

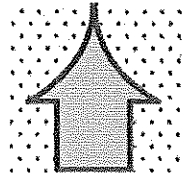
- All tax reporting requirements have been fulfilled for 2024
 - All filings are done electronically; We file an e990
- Continue to work with the IRS to ensure correct incorporation documents are added to the IRS website.
- Of the General Funds, the following directed donations exist:
 - \$197 marked for a SPAR grant
 - \$10,000 marked for writing grants and costs



Annual Budget



Line Item	Cost
The Cutter Printing	\$3,300.00
Mailing	\$600.00
Postal Permit	\$350.00
Insurance	
Petri Models	\$1,676.04
Website Maintenance	\$1,500.00
Total	\$7,426.04
Expected New Costs	
Petri Model Storage (annual)	\$2,520.00

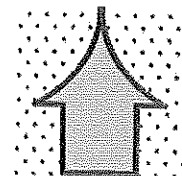




Membership Numbers

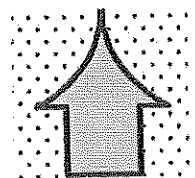
	Current	2024
Total	261	270
Life	93 (+ 4 installment)	96
Current*	137	169

- We do not have a membership Chair at this time.
 - (A regent is acting membership Chair)
- *Membership list to be scrubbed for those in arrears (27).



Executive Director's Report (cont.)

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- Website redesign/demo (<https://fcgh.boldlayout.dev>)
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Accomplishments

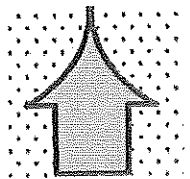


2024

- Three *The Cutter* Editions Published in 2024
- Recognized Ancient Aviator
- Purchases and donations to the Coast Guard
- Grants – Loran Research & *Into the Ice* Movie Proposal
- Continued Speaker's Bureau
- Support to the Historian's Office with lessons learned briefing to the USCG Deputy Commandant for Operations.

2025

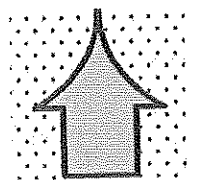
- Two editions of *The Cutter* were published and mailed.
- *Into the Ice* Movie Proposal Update
- Recognized Ancient Aviators and Ancient Mariner.
- Website overhaul
- Digitize past issues *The Cutter* (two of the 71 issues remain to be digitized)
 - Draft of a word-searchable Index of past *The Cutter* articles and notes created
- Continued Speaker's Bureau



Accomplishments (cont.)



- Facebook Engagement
 - Daily posting (Bob Desh)
 - Followers – 9652
 - New Followers added last month – 332



Standing Committee on Artifact Procurement



- Captain Bob Desh, USCG (Ret.)

Editor, *The Cutter*

- Captain Rob Ayer, USCG (Ret.), Ph.D.



USCG Historian's Comments



- Mark Mollan, Acting Chief Historian, United States Coast Guard

Look Ahead



- Support the Coast Guard Historian's office with research into the history of the Coast Guard's post-WWII conflicts and lessons learned.
- Deployment of the new website
 - Deployment of *The Cutter* past issues (limited access)
 - Deployment of a word-searchable Index to past *The Cutter* articles and notes.
- Support the Coast Guard Historian's office in the search for the USCGC Tampa.
- Discussions with the potential author to publish a new book.
- Consider turning the series of *The Long Blue Line* (TLBL) articles into a book.
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Other Business



Motion to Adjourn



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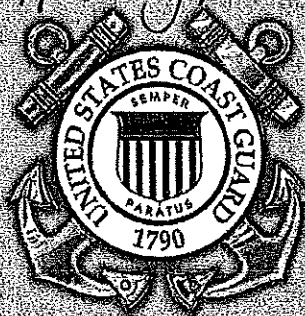
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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FCGH Mtg Follow-up: Capt. Thomas Sandsbury Negative and CG CS Targeted Collecting List

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 11:34:12 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Contrades, Stanley K CIV (USA)

To: Executive Director, Foundation For Coast Guard History

CC: Mollan, Mark C CIV (USA), CAPT Bob Desh USCG (Ret.), RADM Tim Riker USCG (Ret.)

Aloha, Gary,

That's terrific news, appreciate the follow-up and the Foundation's support (and you're on vacation no less)! I think it would be great to have a nice print from the negative...the plate itself is a wonderful piece, but a print would add to the display in the exhibit.

Mahalo nui loa!

Stan

Stanley K. Contrades CIV
CG Collections Manager
CG Heritage Office (CG-0924)
CG Historian's Office (CG-09242)
(MS Teams/DIPS) 206-815-5018
stanley.k.contrades@uscg.mil

From: Executive Director, Foundation For Coast Guard History <ExecDir@fcgh.org>

Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 3:38 PM

To: Contrades, Stanley K CIV (USA) <Stanley.K.Contrades@uscg.mil>

Cc: Mollan, Mark C CIV (USA) <Mark.C.Mollan@uscg.mil>; CAPT Bob Desh USCG (Ret.)

<robertdesh1973@gmail.com>; RADM Tim Riker USCG (Ret.) <jtriker@jtrikerlaw.com>

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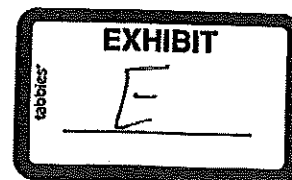
James got back to me and we are good to go with the purchase. I will receive it when I get back to the Chesapeake area for the summer on June 5th.

Do you want me to see if I can get a quality print of the negative before I drop the item off to you for accession into the collection? I don't know if the Public Affairs folks have anything to make prints with nowadays, or if they are all digital.

Just let me know,

Gary

History Becomes Real When You Participate
CDR Gary M. Thomas, USCG (Retired)



Executive Director
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On May 20, 2025, at 17:31, Contrades, Stanley K CIV (USA)
<Stanley.K.Contrades@uscg.mil> wrote:

Aloha Gary,

Please see the email content below for the particulars on the glass negative and POC details discussed during tonight's meeting. The extracts are from an email trail between James Brundage, NCGM Director of Exhibits and Design, and the dealer's POC, Mr. Claflin.

Also, attached please find the latest version of our Targeted Collecting List (and would you please share it with April Killian).

Thank you once again for the Foundation's support of the collection, it matters!

Mahalo nui loa!
Stan

Stanley K. Contrades CIV
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-----cut line-----

POC for the negative:
James W. Claflin

I would like to sell it and could offer it to the Coast Guard for a discounted price as I usually do. I could offer it for \$280 plus \$10 toward postage.

Kenrick A. Claflin & Son
1227 Pleasant Street
Worcester, MA. 01602
508-792-6627
www.LighthouseAntiques.net

1. 13314. (glass plate negative) **Nantucket Life-Saving Service Keeper Thomas F. Sandsbury c.1870-1890's**. Possibly by E.B. Robinson, Nantucket. This extremely rare view provides great detail of Nantucket Life-Saving Service Captain Thomas Sandsbury. View is a studio portrait, done on the island, probably by Photographer E.B. Sandsbury and is unusually clear and close. Before his appointment as the first Keeper at the Maddaket Life-Saving Station in 1891, Sandsbury was a volunteer for one of the Massachusetts Humane Society lifeboats on the island. On March 31, 1879, a violent storm swept across Nantucket Sound, bringing powerful winds, freezing rain, snow and heavy fog. By dawn on April 1, more than 68 vessels lay wrecked or disabled around the island. Nantucket's volunteer lifesavers would soon find themselves participating in the largest rescue effort in the island's history. Struggling through treacherous seas, Captain Thomas F. Sandsbury and his crew of volunteer lifesavers rowed a Massachusetts Humane Society surfboat steadily towards the first of the wrecks, the schooner John W. Hall. Pounded by the sea throughout the night, her hull had begun to break apart, filling with icy water as her crew fled to the rigging. Sandsbury and his crew rapidly pulled alongside. The crew scrambled aboard the surfboat, which took them to the safety of the shore. Going back into the storm, Sandsbury and his crew made for the schooner Emma J. Edwards. She was rolling from side to side as the sea crashed over her. Her masts thrashed the water with each turn, making it impossible to get near her. A sole survivor was visible. He was rescued by George E. Coffin, who jumped from the surfboat to the schooner, with a line around his waist to prevent him from being swept away. Sandsbury and his crew continued to move from wreck to wreck, looking for survivors. Their efforts were mirrored by other volunteers around the island. For 32 consecutive hours, Sandsbury and his crew heroically endured the hardships of the storm, rescuing more than a dozen mariners. By the time the storm began to break, Nantucket's volunteer lifesavers had rescued more than 40 mariners. The courage of Sandsbury and his crew was recognized by the U.S. Congress with a gold medal presented to Sandsbury and silver medals to each of the crew. [rescue description courtesy Nantucket Shipwreck and Life-Saving Museum] Sandsbury died "from disease contracted in line of duty" [most likely exposure] on February 21, 1903. There are very few views of Nantucket Keepers and this is an early, crystal clear image. Large clear image measures 5" x 8" and is quite close providing great detail. Includes one print made from this glass plate

negative. Rare image. (VG). \$324.

