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TUESDAY ★ AUGUST 23 ★ 2022
COAST GUARD FOUNDATION ALASKA AWARDS DINNER

PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING

WELCOME
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Aaron Leggett
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REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF COLORS
Rear Admiral Nathan Moore, USCG
Commander, Coast Guard District 17
United States Coast Guard Color Guard, Sector Anchorage

INVOCATION
LT Sarah Gomez-Lorraine, USN
Chaplain, Sector Anchorage

GUEST SPEAKER
Shauna Hegna
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ADMIRAL LINDA L. FAGAN
COMMANDANT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Admiral Linda L. Fagan assumed the duties as the 27th Commandant of the United States Coast Guard on June 1, 2022. As Commandant, she oversees all global Coast Guard operations and 42,000 active-duty, 7,000 reserve, and 8,700 civilian personnel, as well as the support of 21,000 Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers.

She previously served as the 32nd Vice Commandant. Prior flag assignments include Commander, Pacific Area, and Commander, Coast Guard Defense Force West; Deputy Commandant for Operations, Policy, and Capability; Commander, First Coast Guard District; and a joint assignment as Deputy Director of Operations for Headquarters, United States Northern Command.

Admiral Fagan has served on all seven continents, from the snows of Ross Island, Antarctica, to the heart of Africa, from Tokyo to Geneva, and in many ports along the way. Operational tours include Commander, Sector New York, more than 15 years as a Marine Inspector, and sea duty in USCGC Polar Star, a 399-foot heavy polar icebreaker. Staff assignments include Executive Assistant to the Commandant and Vice Commandant, and Division Chief of the Foreign and Offshore Compliance Office.

Possessing extensive interagency as well as intergovernmental experience, Admiral Fagan has worked with both the International Maritime Organization and International Labor Organization on flag state and port state issues. This work includes the development of the International Ship and Port Security Code (ISPS), and the Consolidated Maritime Labor Convention.

Admiral Fagan holds a Bachelor of Science in Marine Science degree from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, a Master of Science in Marine Affairs degree from the University of Washington, and a Master in National Resource Strategy degree from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. She has earned numerous personal and team awards during her 37 years of Coast Guard service. Admiral Fagan is the longest serving active duty Marine Safety Officer and holds the distinction of being the Coast Guard’s first-ever Gold Ancient Trident.

MASTER CHIEF HEATH B. JONES
MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COAST GUARD
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Master Chief Heath B. Jones assumed the duties of the 14th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard on May 19, 2022. Master Chief Jones is the senior enlisted member of the Coast Guard and the principal advisor to the Commandant on all enlisted personnel matters.

MCPOCG Jones is a native of Covington, Louisiana. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in August of 1995. Master Chief Jones’ previous assignments include Command Master Chief, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support; Command Master Chief, Pacific Area; Command Master Chief, Eighth Coast Guard District; Command Master Chief, Sector Hampton Roads; Officer in Charge, USCGC Sea Horse; Officer in Charge, Station Pensacola; Officer in Charge, USCGC Bollard; Officer in Charge, Station Cape Charles; Executive Petty Officer, Station Little Creek; Executive Petty Officer, USCGC Seahawk; Station New Orleans; USCGC Kanawha.

CMC Jones’s personal awards include five Meritorious Service Medals, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Command Afloat and Ashore Devices, and the permanent Cutterman, Coxswain, and Advanced Boat Forces insignia. He is the recipient of the 2012 Signalman First Class Douglas Munro Inspirational Leadership Award and the 2006 Master Chief Petty Officer Angela McShan Inspirational Leadership Award.

CMC Jones is a proud graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Academy Class 124, the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course Class 48, and he is a Keystone 18-1 Fellow. He holds both a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Management with a specialty in Human Resource Management. He also holds a Certificate of Apprenticeship as a Master Homeland Security Specialist from USMAP.

He has been married to the former Carol Ann Clarke of Folsom, Louisiana, since 1996. They are the very proud parents of son Christian, attending Graduate School at The University of New Orleans, and daughter Sidney, attending Louisiana State University Medical School in New Orleans.
Rear Admiral Nathan A. Moore
Commander, Seventeenth District
United States Coast Guard

Rear Admiral Moore assumed the duties of Commander, 17th Coast Guard District in April 2021. He is responsible for Coast Guard operations throughout Alaska, the North Pacific Ocean, the Arctic Ocean, and the Bering Sea. These operations include protecting life and property, ensuring marine safety, enforcing federal laws and treaties, protecting the marine environment, preserving living marine resources, and promoting national security.

The Coast Guard’s forces in Alaska total more than 2,500 active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary personnel, who employ 15 cutters, 52 boats, and 17 aircraft. Headquartered in Juneau, the District Commander provides operationally ready maritime forces to Coast Guard and Department of Defense Commanders for Coast Guard, joint, and interagency operations both domestically and internationally.

Rear Admiral Moore previously served as the Assistant Commandant for Engineering and Logistics (CG-4), responsible for all naval, aeronautical, civil, and industrial engineering and logistics for the Service’s 23,000 facilities, 230 ships, 1,800 boats and 200 aircraft. He was responsible for executing an annual budget of $1 billion, and leading 5,000 personnel assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters, Aviation Logistics Center, Surface Forces Logistics Center, Shore Infrastructure Logistics Center, and the Coast Guard Yard.

As a cuttermen, Rear Admiral Moore served as a Student Engineer aboard USCGC Polar Star, Engineer Officer aboard USCGC Harriet Lane, Executive Officer of USCGC Venturous, Commanding Officer aboard USCGC Resolute, and most recently Commanding Officer of USCGC Stratton.

Previous staff assignments include: Chief of the Office of Naval Engineering at Coast Guard Headquarters (CG-4S), Chief of the Officer Assignment Branch (OPM-2) at Personnel Services Center, Commanding Officer of Naval Engineering Support Unit Honolulu, and ship stability instructor at the Navy Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, Rhode Island.

Rear Admiral Moore graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering in 1992. He holds both a Masters of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Michigan and Masters of National Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower School. His military decorations include two Legions of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and the Navy Commendation Medal. He has been a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Michigan since 1999.
Aaron Leggett was born in Anchorage, is Dena’ina Athabascan, and is President/Chief of the Native Village of Eklutna. He works as the Senior Curator of Alaska History and Indigenous Cultures at the Anchorage Museum.

He has authored numerous scholarly articles and co-authored publications about the Dena’ina culture, and has worked in museums and Indigenous curation for over 15 years.

Shauna Hegna joined Koniag in 2016 and serves as President. In her role she leads Shareholder Services, governmental affairs, communications, human resources, IT, legal, governance, and the Kodiak Island operations. Prior to joining Koniag, she was the Chief Administrative Officer for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and the Vice President of Shareholder Services for Afognak Native Corporation.

Shauna holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Alaska and a graduate certificate in Alaska Native Executive Leadership from Alaska Pacific University. She was a 2017 German Marshall Memorial Fellow, a 2010 Native American Top Forty Under 40, and a 2007 recipient of Alaska’s Top Forty Under 40. Shauna enjoys giving back to her community and serves on the boards of several non-profits.

Shauna and her husband Josh have passed their love of the water and mountains to their two kids, Kai and Paxson. In the winter, you can find them skiing as a family and in the summer rafting many of Alaska’s wild and scenic rivers.
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At 6 p.m. on October 19, 2021, Coast Guard MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter 6037 launched from Cold Bay, Alaska, for a medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) of a 30-year-old man who was aboard the fishing vessel Patricia Lee. The Patricia Lee was 100 nautical miles east of Adak. The master of the Patricia Lee reported the crew member had sustained serious injuries to his pelvis after being pinned by a crab pot on deck.

District Seventeen command center personnel directed the launch of the helicopter crew from Cold Bay, while the Patricia Lee made its way toward Dutch Harbor. A Coast Guard C-130 Hercules airplane crew and an additional MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew were launched from Air Station Kodiak to provide back up.

Despite severe turbulence, snow squalls, and wind gust up to 60 knots, the crew maximized aircraft performance over the 200-mile transit to arrive on scene with 20 minutes of fuel remaining. The fishing vessel was erratically pitching and rolling in 18- to 20-foot seas, resulting in challenging hoist conditions. Pilots Lt. Cmdr. Filipowicz and Lt. Martfeld attempted to maintain position between two masts. After two attempts, the flight mechanic Petty Officer Sandberg successfully lowered rescue swimmer Petty Officer Burke to the vessel on the third try.

Petty Officer Burke managed large waves washing over the deck of the unstable vessel as he prepared the patient for the hoist. The crew successfully recovered the patient and Petty Officer Burke through the snag hazards on deck, and returned through the tempestuous weather to Dutch Harbor with four minutes of fuel to spare.

The crew’s dedication, skill, and teamwork overcame extreme obstacles for this mission, ultimately saving the patient’s life.
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