

On April 14th, Chiefs from around District 1 assembled at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy for a day of professional development. An institution of excellence whose mission is to produce leaders of character to serve in tomorrow's Coast Guard, the Academy is a mystery to most in the Enlisted community. Most Enlisted will go their entire careers having never visited the Academy much less observe any of its history or traditions. The Regimental Review is one of those traditions and on this Day a Review was held in honor of the Service's Chief Warrant Officers, Chief Petty Officers, and Enlisted workforce.

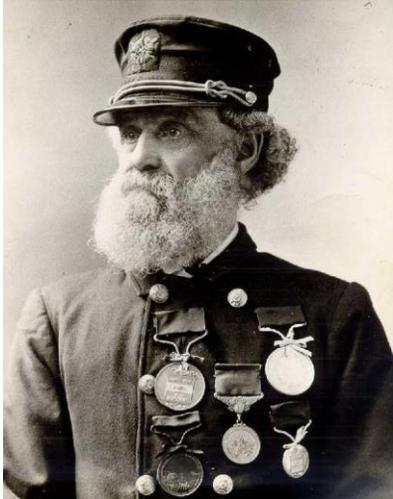
Regimental Reviews are one of the oldest cadet traditions, demonstrating pride in military heritage. Each Fall and Spring, the Corps of Cadets drill on Washington Parade Ground, honoring leadership within the Coast Guard community, leaders within the Academy, and



distinguished citizens whose contributions enrich the missions of the Coast Guard and the development of its future leaders. Specific to the Enlisted community are the Chiefs and the role they play in shaping the technical proficiency of the Service's junior officers and polishing the development of their leadership style whose foundation is formed within the walls of the Coast Guard Academy and its military developmental programs. The foundation of the professional relationship between the Junior Officer and the Chief is formed within Chase Hall at the Academy through eight Company Chiefs, each of whom is charged with being a positive senior Enlisted role model helping to build trust, respect, and

understanding of the CPO Mess and Enlisted Corps among other duties alongside their Company Officer counterparts.

The day brought over 80 Chiefs, Senior Chiefs, and Master Chiefs from around District 1 as far north as Portland, ME and from Messes in Cape Cod & Boston, MA, Newport, RI, and Long Island Sound. Assembling in the Munro Hall Chief's Mess, the busy day's agenda kicked off with breakfast courtesy of the visiting Messes and the Chiefs recently graduated from the Chief Petty Officer Academy going through the tradition of Indoctrination to the Mess (Chief's Call to Indoctrination (CCTI)). CCTI, like the cadets' Regimental Review, while in no way similar in execution or duration, is a tradition we all hold tight to. This assembly of Chiefs from all different ratings, career positions, and job descriptions allows for structured networking opportunities unique to the Chief position and fosters the bond within the Mess and promotes the ever-present motto within the Enlisted workforce of "Ask the Chief." Warrant Officers, who previously served as Indoctrinated Chiefs, joined the group, bringing with them the experience of their seniority within the organization and their specialty.



One of the greatest resources onboard the Academy is not only the Museum itself, but the knowledge and passion of its curator, Jen Gaudio. For years, she has made it her mission to pass on the stories of our Service's past. Although the museum is housed aboard the Academy, she has a special place in her heart for the Chiefs. On this day, she excitedly broke out artifacts known to be part of the history of the Chief in the Coast Guard, and other lesser-known artifacts that linked the audience to the human aspects of those who

came before us. Of course, no VIP tour would be complete without seeing, or being given the opportunity to hold under a watchful eye, the medals of one of the Lifesaving Service's most famous heroes, Joshua James. Although the position of Chief did not exist within the Lifesaving Service, Joshua James most certainly captures the image of what a Chief would have looked like back



in those days, and he diligently carried out the mission of training and leading those who served under him. Cutlasses, photos from World War II of landing craft, medivacs, sunken U-boats, and old uniforms



connect today's technical experts to missions and wartime firefights our Service has not seen for some time, but have not forgotten.

Representing the Enlisted workforce among the group was Master

Chief Jason Griffin, Command Master Chief for the First Coast Guard District in June 2016, where he serves as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader, providing advice to the District Commander relating to any issues, policies, and initiatives. Also present was Master Chief Dave Isherwood, USCG (Retired). Dave Isherwood serves as the Region Two Advisor of the Chief Petty Officers Association. Mr. Isherwood, through his continued service, promotes unity and moral of the enlisted community; works to assist members and dependents in need of urgent assistance; supports the aims and goals of the CPO Academy; is continuously involved in community affairs throughout Connecticut; and keeps senior leadership and those he serves informed of Coast Guard matters. Representing the Warrant community was Chief Warrant Officer Thomas Huffman. The Chief Warrant Officer's role is to provide oversight and attention to improving proficiency which will ensure a solid foundation for today's missions are essential to building the force to meet tomorrow's challenges. Mr. Huffman is also the President of the Long Island Sound Chapter of the Chief Warrant Officers Association. Mr. Huffman leads his local Warrant Officers to strive for service to each other and has works diligently to bring out the best in its members by instilling personal, professional, and patriotic pride. Petty Officer Mike Lewis, President of the Coast Guard Enlisted Association, was also present for the afternoon. Most recently, the local USCGA Chapter of the Enlisted Association, grew from 3 members to over 51 and raised and donated over \$10,000 dollars to Coast Guard members and their families around the country. Local President, Petty Officer Nicholas Saporito, along with Petty Officer Lewis, dedicate their time to the enlisted community by promoting professional advancement through responsible leadership, supporting command policies and functions, being active in community affairs, and aiding those in need. Their contributions to the service and well-being of the enlisted workforce prepare the community to face the challenges of the future ahead.