

NEWS FROM THE WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER – 12/4/02

It's been a busy fall season for those of us in the Nation's Capital. In observance of the 9/11 anniversary, the chapter made "remembrance ribbons" and gave them out to Headquarters staff. We also provided free copies of the "Helping America Cope" book for parents.

We were very excited to see the SPARs in town for their 60th anniversary reunion in October. Coast Guard World War II women veterans came from all over the country for this event. The chapter invited a group of them to HQ for lunch and a chapter meeting. They may no longer be young, but they are sure young at heart! At least one promptly joined the CGEA!

Uniform Exchange II was a big hit again, raising funds for the CPOA Memorial Fund and donated uniforms for the CGJROTC program at the MAST Academy in Miami.

The 4th annual Flags Across America event at Arlington National Cemetery was an overwhelming success! Over 170 Coasties and family members turned out on a sunny Saturday morning to place flags on Coast Guard graves for Veterans Day and to hear the history of some of the individuals buried there.

As service to the Headquarters community, the chapter sponsored a TRICARE brief to update staff on recent changes. We also co-hosted (along with the CWOA) a breakfast for all HQ enlisted personnel attending the Professional Development Day organized by CMC Skip Bowen.

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(pictures to be sent separately)

Thanksgiving: Continuing our tradition, turkeys are being delivered to the Southwest Community House for Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. Thanks to MCPO John Rector for providing the wheels!