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Welcome to the 40th Annual Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association Convention

Greetings and welcome to the 40th Annual CPOA Convention and my first! My first as National Convention Committee Chairman, that is! It has been an exciting and eventful year spent planning for convention. It also has been one a year of learning new things, something Master Chiefs are not always good at. One thing I have learned is that retirement (what's that?) is a lot of work; another is that Houston is now a non-smoking city. I hope that I've enough other lessons that this year's convention will be as fun and productive as those that have come before.

May you find Houston, and Texas, hospitality everything it claims to be. Houston is the fourth largest city in the United States. I would love to say it is filled with small town charm, but no, Houston is, indeed, a big city. It is home to more than 2 million people, NASA, the largest medical complex in the world and one of the largest ports. I hope that you have a chance to experience some of the many things that Houston has to offer during your stay.

Please take mental notes during the week and complete the convention questionnaire. It is through these responses we endeavor to make our Conventions better, and trust me, we, no, I, can use the feedback to make my second convention even better!

I hope that you enjoy this Convention and many more to come.

MCPO Tim Sheffler (Ret.)
National Convention Chairman

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Ever mindful of:

- the traditions, duties and purpose of the United States Coast Guard,
- Our duty to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America,
- Our responsibility to assist and save distressed seaman and others,
- Our responsibility in the enforcement of the laws of our Country, and

Believing that through association and mutual acquaintance, the Chief Petty Officers of the United States Coast Guard may:

- best advance their professional abilities,
- Enhance their value, loyalty and devotion to God, Country and service in which they serve,
- Promote its unity and morale, domestically and militarily, through responsible leadership,
- In respect for those who have gone before us, and as a guide for those who follow.



Admiral Thad W. Allen

Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard



Admiral Thad W. Allen assumed the duties of the 23rd Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard on May 25th, 2006. To many, he is considered "The Face of the Coast Guard."



Admiral Allen leads the largest component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), comprised of about 40,150 men and women on Active Duty, 7,000 civilians, 8,000 Reservists and 34,000 volunteer Auxiliarists. The Coast Guard is America's oldest continuous seagoing service and is a Federal law enforcement agency as well as a branch of the armed forces. The Coast Guard serves the American people by saving lives and property at sea; ensuring the safety of thousands of professional mariners and millions of recreational and commercial vessels; protecting our ports and maritime infrastructure from terrorism, securing our borders, maintaining aids to navigation, responding to natural disasters, defending our Nation, conducting humanitarian operations, protecting our marine environment, and keeping shipping routes in the Arctic and Great Lakes open and clear of hazards.

Admiral Allen is known for his leadership in times of crises and his tremendous ability to effect change in an ever-changing world. Nowhere was this more evident than in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, when he served as the Principal Federal Official for response and recovery operations, while also serving as the Coast Guard Chief of Staff. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, he was responsible for leading Coast Guard forces as Commander of the Atlantic Area and U.S. Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic.

In his thirty eight years of service, Admiral Allen has held operational command both at sea and ashore, conducting missions to support the maritime safety, security and environmental stewardship interests of the Nation. As a Flag Officer, he commanded the Seventh Coast Guard District, where he directed all operations in the Southeastern United States and Caribbean. He served aboard cutters *Androscoggin* and *Gallatin* and commanded the *Citrus*. He wore a dual hat as Commanding Officer of Group Long Island Sound and Captain of the Port, and he commanded Group Atlantic City and Long-Range Aids to Navigation (LORAN) Station Lampang, Thailand. Today, Admiral Allen is leading the Coast Guard through significant modernization to better organize, train, equip, and deploy our men and women to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

Admiral Allen graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1971, and holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the George Washington University, and received their Alumni Achievement Award in 2006. He also holds a Master of Science degree from the Sloan School of Management of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. In 2007, Admiral Allen was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science from the National Graduate School.

Among his many personal awards, Admiral Allen was the first recipient of the Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal and has been awarded three Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medals and the Legion of Merit.

He is a native of Tucson, Arizona and the son of retired Coast Guard Chief Damage Controlman Clyde and Mrs. Wilma Allen. Admiral Allen and his wife, Pam, have three children and two grandchildren.

Welcome to Houston Texas

To know it is to love it!

- Houston, with 2.14 million residents in mid-2006, is the fourth most populous city in the United States, trailing only New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.
- The 10-county Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) has a population of 5.54 million, ranking sixth nationally.

- The Houston City Statistical Area (CSA) covers 12,476 square miles, an area larger than Maryland (12,297 square miles).
- The Houston (MSA) covers 10,062 square miles, an area slightly smaller than Maryland but larger than Massachusetts (9,241 square miles).

- More than 34.4 million people visited the greater Houston area in 2006.

- Thirteen of the 2006 Fortune 100 Fastest Growing Companies are headquartered in the Houston metropolitan area.

- The Houston Airport System consists of three airports: George Bush Intercontinental Airport; William P. Hobby Airport and Ellington Field
- \$24 billion economic impact for the Houston economy
- 4th largest multi-airport system in the country
- 6th largest multi-airport system in the world

- ▶ The Port of Houston is ranked first in the United States in foreign waterborne tonnage.
- ▶ Second in the U.S. in total tonnage,
- ▶ Tenth in the world in total tonnage.
- ▶ A total of 211.7 million tons of cargo moved through the Port of Houston in 2006.
- ▶ A total of 7,548 vessel calls were recorded at the Port of Houston during the year 2006.





Houston Facts (continued)



- Texas Medical Center (TMC) with 46 member institutions is the largest medical complex in the world.
- The complex includes 13 renowned hospitals and two specialty institutions, two medical schools, four nursing schools and schools of dentistry, public health, pharmacy and virtually all health-related careers.
- In 2007, approximately 5.5 million patient visits were made to the TMC

- NASA/Johnson Space Center (named for Lyndon B. Johnson) is the training facility for all of America's astronauts.
- Johnson Space Center is the control point for U.S. human space flight activities, with responsibilities for the Space Shuttle and Space Station programs.
- In 1969, "Houston" was the first word spoken from the moon. The Apollo 11 mission established a place in history for the city when astronaut Neil Armstrong spoke the now-famous line, "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."
- While NASA maintains 11 major U.S. installations, including its Washington, D.C., headquarters, Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston is the largest.

- Houston provides the opportunities and conveniences found in large cities, but is more affordable than many small cities.
- Houston's housing costs are 28 percent below the nationwide average and 48 percent below the large-metro average.
- Houston's grocery prices are 25 percent below the major metro average, the lowest within this group.
- Utility costs in Houston are 4 percent below the major metro average.
- Transportation costs are 6 percent below the average.
- Healthcare costs are 9 percent below the average.
- Costs for miscellaneous goods and services in Houston are 13 percent below the average.

- Houston averages only 18.0 days per year with temperatures of 32°F or less and 99.6 days with high temperatures of 90°F or more. Temperatures rarely reach 100°F.
- Houston's growing season averages 300 days. The normal frost-free period extends from Feb. 14 to Dec. 11.
- Houston has had only 14 measurable snowfalls since 1939.
- A statistically average year contains 90.3 "clear" days, concentrated in October and November; 114.5 "partly cloudy" days, typical of June through September; and 160.3 "cloudy" days, common in December through May.
- Prevailing wind in Houston is south-southeasterly at a mean speed of 7.7 mph.



Rear Admiral Joel R. Whitehead

Commander, Eighth Coast Guard
District



Rear Adm. Joel Whitehead is presently serving as Commander of the Eighth Coast Guard District and Commander of Task Force 189.8, headquartered in New Orleans. As District Commander, Rear Adm. Whitehead is responsible for U.S. Coast Guard operations covering 26 states, more than 1,200 miles of coastline and 10,300 miles of inland waterways from Florida to Mexico and including the entire navigable lengths of the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, and Tennessee River systems. A native of Newport News, Va., Rear Adm. Whitehead graduated from Walsingham Academy in Williamsburg, Va., in 1971 and from the United States Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science degree in History and Government. Rear Adm. Whitehead holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the State University of New York at Albany and from 1996-1997 was a National Security Fellow at

the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. He also completed *Seminar XXI*, a year-long Washington, D.C., based program in foreign politics and international relations sponsored by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Rear Adm. Whitehead has served in a variety of operational and policy tours during his career. His most recent assignment was Assistant Commandant for Governmental and Public Affairs in Washington, D.C. From 2001 to 2003 he served as the Chief of Staff and second in command of the Eighth Coast Guard District in New Orleans. Other assignments have included Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Office, Boston/Captain of the Port of Boston from 1999 to 2001, and Chief of Strategic Planning for the U.S. Coast Guard in Washington, D.C., from 1997 to 1999 where his team developed the Coast Guard's strategic vision, *Coast Guard 2020*. Other tours of duty have included Deputy Group Commander of Group Woods Hole, Mass., from 1993 to 1996, and Program Reviewer in the Office of the Chief of Staff in Washington, D.C., from 1991 to 1993 where he was responsible for program oversight and budget development for almost one-third of the Coast Guard's operating budget. He also served in the Port Safety and Security Division at Coast Guard Headquarters and in 1989 was detailed as a marine safety advisor to the Federal On-Scene Coordinator in Valdez, Alaska during the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. As a junior officer, he served on the 378' high endurance cutter *Morgenthau* in New York, at the Marine Inspection Office, New York, and as Executive Officer of Marine Safety Office, Albany, N.Y., where he was Alternate Captain of the Port during the first "Superfund" cleanup in the nation's history.

From 1996 to 1999, Rear Adm. Whitehead was a Director of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association. He served from 1999 – 2003 as a member and in his final year as Chairman of the Alumni Executive Council at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, which represents more than 20,000 alumni in 120 nations.



Charles W. Bowen
Tenth Master Chief Petty Officer
of the United States Coast Guard



Master Chief Charles W. Bowen was last assigned as the Officer in Charge of Coast Guard Station Marathon. After attending basic training at Cape May, NJ in 1978, his first duty station was to a patrol boat, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter **POINT SWIFT** in Clearwater, Fl. From there he was assigned to Coast Guard **Station Marathon** in the Florida Keys just in time for the Mariel, Cuba boatlift in 1980. A subsequent assignment at **Station Fort Pierce**, Fl was followed by another patrol boat, this time the newly commissioned U.S. Coast Guard Cutter **FARALLON**, out of Miami. From South Florida he traveled to the Mid-Atlantic seaboard to join the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter **POINT ARENA** as the Executive Petty Officer. Upon advancing to Chief Petty Officer he was assigned as the Officer in Charge of **Station New Haven**, CT in June 1990. Following a successful tour at New Haven, he was transferred to **Station Sand Key** in Clearwater Beach, Fl in 1994. In 1997, it was back to the Northeast where he was assigned as the Officer in Charge of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter **POINT TURNER** in Newport, RI until her decommissioning in April 1998. During May, 1998 he was assigned as the Officer in Charge of U.S. Coast Guard Cutter **HAMMERHEAD**, based in Woods Hole, MA and the first of the High Tech 87 foot Patrol Boats on the East Coast. From 1999 to 2001 Master Chief Bowen served as the District Seven **Command Master Chief**. In May 2002, Master Chief Bowen graduated with distinction from the **United States Army Sergeants Major Academy**. While at the Academy, he was selected as one of the few non-Army students ever to serve as a class Vice President. Upon graduation, he was awarded the prestigious, "William G. Bainbridge Chair of Ethics Award." From June 2002 to June 2004 Master Chief Bowen served as the **Command Master Chief of Headquarters' Units**. In addition to those duties, he also served as the **Interim Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard** from July 2002 through October 2002.

Master Chief Bowen's personal awards include four Meritorious Service Medals with "O" device, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals with "O" device, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals with "O" device, Commandant's Letter of Commendation, six Meritorious Team Commendation Awards with "O" device, two Coast Guard Unit Commendations with "O" device, seven Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendations with "O" device, and the Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon with two stars.

Master Chief Bowen's educational accomplishments include a **Bachelor of Science Degree**, "Magna Cum Laude" from Excelsior College and a **Master of Business Administration** "Summa Cum Laude" from Touro University International.

Master Chief Bowen is married to the former Janet Kay Cartwright of Norfolk, VA. They have four children, Mason, Joshua, Joseph, and Kristen. His son Mason is currently on active duty in the Coast Guard.

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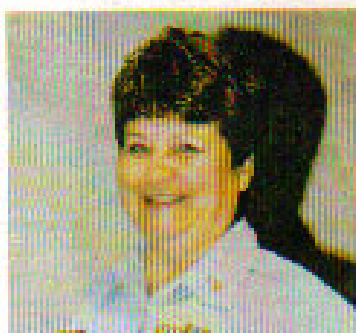


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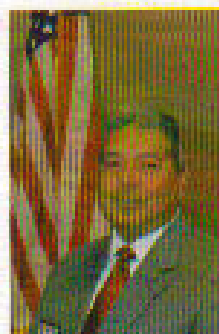
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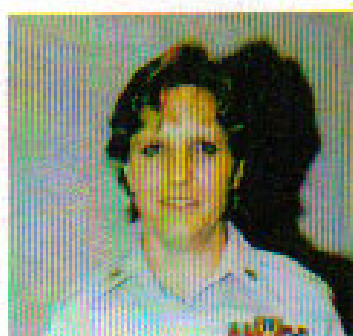
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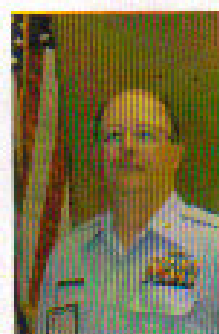
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2000	Aug 2001	BM1 Keith Endicott (Pro-tem)
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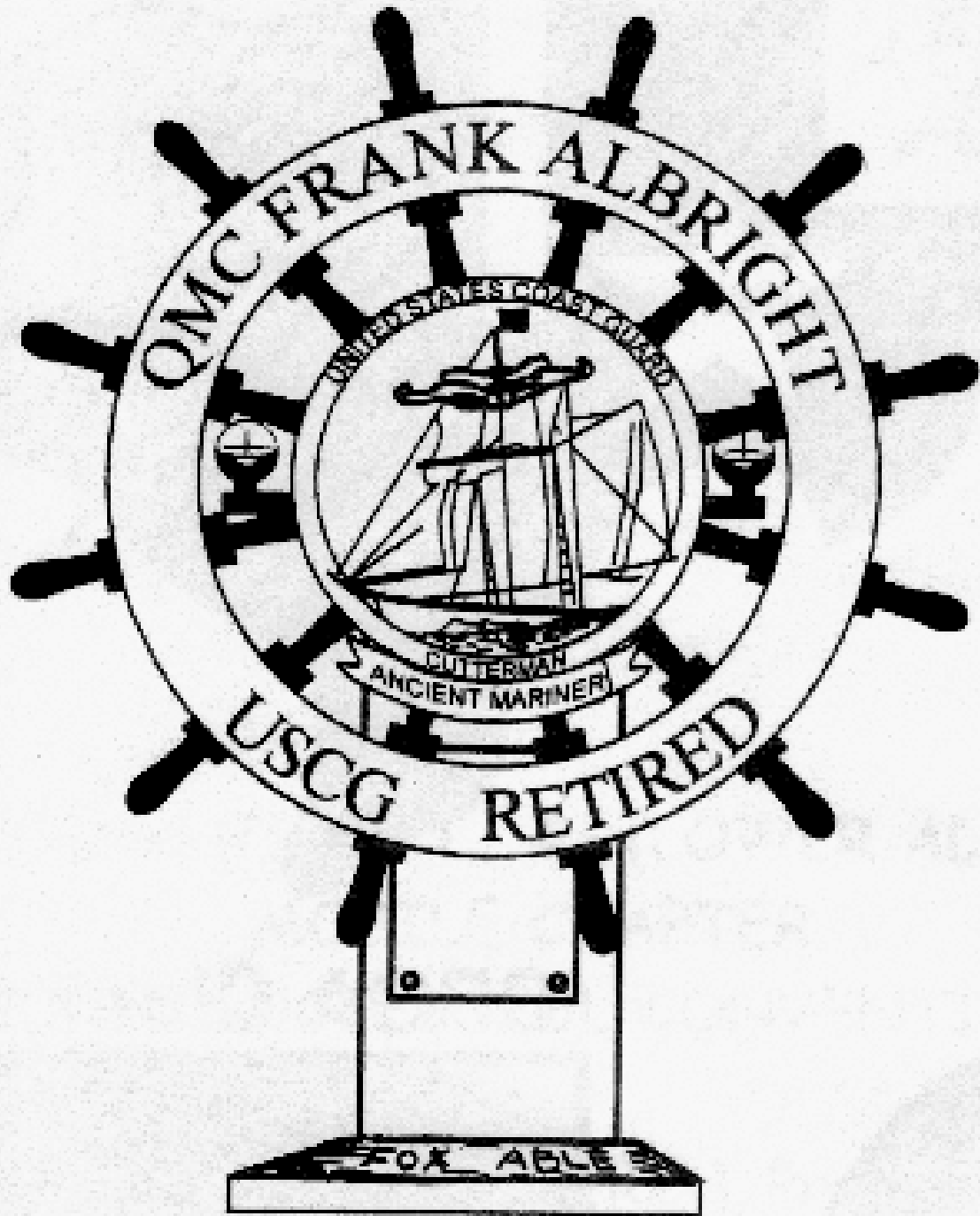
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Today in History

18 August

- 1941-Coast Guard charged by Congress with enforcing a law to protect war-lanes in Alaskan waters.
- 1983- Hurricane Alicia came ashore at Houston, Texas. Coast Guard units responded to calls for assistance.

19 August

- 1898-About 8 p.m. the keeper of life-saving station was notified by one of the crew of a quarantine boat that cries for help were heard coming from the channel opposite the station. The crew immediately launched the surfboat and pulled into the darkness. As they proceeded they heard the cries for help and pulled in their direction until they found a boat capsized and one man clinging to her bottom. They hauled him in and he informed them that he and three others were returning from a hunting trip in the sloop, *Jennie*, when she capsized in a sudden squall. The other men were rescued by the yawl from the quarantine station. When she capsized the anchor went overboard, securely anchoring her; consequently the keeper decided not to attempt to right her until morning. At daylight the surfmen returned to her, righted and bailed her out.
- 1994- Operation Able Vigil commenced during a massive influx of Cuban migrants fleeing Cuba. It was the "largest joint peace-time operation" in Coast Guard history, according to then-commandant, ADM Robert Kramek.

20 August

- 1898-The American schooner, *Rouse Simmons* had her cargo shift to starboard, giving her a heavy list and forcing her covering board up so she leaked badly. She was sighted by the station lookout coming around the SE point of North Manitou Island. The surfboat was launched and pulled out to her. She had 4 feet of water in her hold, and was leaking too fast for her crew to keep her afloat much longer. She was anchored on the advice of the keeper and the station crew rigged out her booms to port. The pumps were then manned by all hands, spouts rigged to discharge the water overboard, and after 4 hours of work she was freed and on an even keel.
- 1984-A fire broke out in a stateroom aboard the 506-foot cruise ship *Scandinavian Sea* while the vessel was five miles off the Florida coast. The 744 passengers were mustered on the weather decks while the cruise ship's captain headed his vessel towards Port Canaveral. Coast Guardsmen from CGCs *Diligence*, *Reliance* and *Steadfast*; Stations Port Canaveral and Ponce De Leon Inlet; MSO Jacksonville; Group Mayport; the Gulf and Atlantic Strike Teams were ordered to Port Canaveral to help extinguish the blaze while a small boat from Station Port Canaveral got underway to escort the cruise ship to port. Local fire fighters also took part and ultimately over 150 Coast Guardsmen participated. It still took two days to extinguish the fire. One crewman and one passenger were killed and the vessel suffered extensive fire damage.

21 August

- 1968-CGC *Point Verde* reported that she had received a call from the Chevron Oil Company in Venice, Louisiana, reporting that an oil rig, approximately 25 miles east of Grant Isle, Louisiana, had a blowout and was on fire. The exact number of persons on board the rig at this time was unknown. Two Coast Guard helicopters and CGC *Point Sal* were dispatched. Several private vessels and oil company helicopters were already on the scene. A CG helicopter transported three injured persons to the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in New Orleans and several oil company helicopters transported persons to other hospitals. The Coast Guard helicopter returned to the scene and along with *Point Sal*, a 53-footer, and another CG helicopter conducted a search for persons in the water. The number of persons on board was determined to be 33 with 23 definitely accounted for, five confirmed missing, and five reported accounted for, but not confirmed. Two people were known dead with 12 having been hospitalized.
- 1972-VTS San Francisco went on-line as the nation's first Vessel Traffic Service. Originally called a Vessel Traffic System, the VTS evolved from the experimental San Francisco Harbor Advisory Radar project and became an official Coast Guard function when the Ports and Waterways Safety Act became law in 1972.

Today in History

22 August

- 1816-The cutter *Active*, under the command of Revenue Captain Steven White and acting under orders of the Collector at Baltimore, took possession of the Spanish brig *Servia*, recently departed from Baltimore, which was anchored in the Patuxent River. The *Servia* had been captured by an American privateer and *Active* was ordered to arrest the *Servia* and return it to Baltimore for examination.
- 1898- The America schooner, *Vandalin*, stranded about four miles north-by-west from the station and the crew went to her assistance. Upon their arrival they found that the schooner's crew had carried out an anchor so they manned the windlass and after one-half hour of hard heaving, succeeded in releasing her. They piloted her into deep water, then returned to station.
- 1944- The Liberty ship SS *Alexander V. Frazer*, named for the "first" commandant of the Revenue Cutter Service, was launched.
- 1994- The Coast Guard icebreaker CGC *Polar Sea* and the CCCS *Louis S. Ste Laurent* became the first "North American surface ships" to reach the North Pole. An HH-65A from Aviation Training Center Mobile, detached to the *Polar Sea*, became the first U.S. (and also Coast Guard) helicopter to reach the pole as well.

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