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FRIDAY ★ APRIL 17, 2026 ★ HOLLYWOOD

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PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

WELCOME

Reggie Rivers
Master of Ceremonies

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Tom Allegretti
Chairman
Coast Guard Foundation

2026 HONOREE

Bud Darr
President and CEO
Cruise Lines International Association

DINNER

2026 COAST GUARD FOUNDATION AWARD PRESENTATION

Air Station Borinquen and Sector San Juan

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Susan Ludwig
President
Coast Guard Foundation

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

MCPOCG Heath B. Jones, USCG (Ret.)
14th Master Chief Petty Officer
of the Coast Guard

AFTER PARTY

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HONOREE

CHARLES “BUD” DARR

PRESIDENT & CEO, CRUISE LINES INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION



Charles “Bud” Darr is President and CEO of Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), the global trade association that represents an expansive community of the world’s most prestigious ocean, river, and specialty cruise lines; a highly trained and certified travel agent community; and a widespread network of stakeholders, including ports and destinations, ship development, suppliers, and business services.

As President and CEO, Darr is responsible for leading the organization’s work as the leading authority and voice of the industry across the association’s five operating regions, including North America, Europe, the United Kingdom and Ireland, Australasia, and Brazil.

Darr was announced in December 2024 as president and CEO of CLIA effective 3 February 2025 — returning to CLIA, having previously held the post of Senior Vice President of Technical and Regulatory Affairs from 2010 to 2017. Prior to his return to CLIA, Darr served as Executive Vice President, Maritime Policy and Government Affairs, at MSC Group for more than seven years. During his accomplished career in maritime, he has also held positions within the U.S. Coast Guard, including Deputy Chief of Maritime & International Law, and he has served in the U.S. Navy, Merchant Marine, and Coast Guard.

A highly respected figure in the maritime world, Darr’s leadership of CLIA comes at an important time for the industry as the cruise sector builds on a strong and responsible growth trajectory in support of its 2050 sustainability targets. He has exceptional maritime experience and over the course of his career has built outstanding relationships across the global cruise industry and with related trade, equipment, ports, shipbuilders, and service providers.

Darr has extensive experience across the broader maritime community, including through his involvement with the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), BIMCO, UK Chamber of Shipping, Liberian Shipowners Council, SEA-LNG, Society for Gas as Marine Fuel, World Shipping Council, IMO World Maritime University, Cruise Safety and Sustainability Forum, and the Seamen’s Church Institute (SCI).

He began his education in Submarine Nuclear Engineering and later obtained his formal undergraduate education at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. During his service with the U.S. Coast Guard, he studied law at the George Washington University Law School.



2026 EVENTS SCHEDULE

NY/NJ SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, MAY 4 | 7 AM | SOUTH SHORE GOLF COURSE, STATEN ISLAND

SALUTE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN SEATTLE

TUESDAY, MAY 12 | 6 PM | SEATTLE MARRIOTT WATERFRONT

WASHINGTON D.C. SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, MAY 18 | 7 AM | ARMY NAVY COUNTRY CLUB, FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

SALUTE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN OUR NATION’S CAPITAL

TUESDAY, JUNE 9 | 6:30 PM | NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM, WASHINGTON, DC

SALUTE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN HAWAII

FRIDAY, JULY 24 | 5:30 PM | HO’OKUPU CENTER, HONOLULU

SALUTE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN ALASKA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 | 6 PM | THE HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK, ANCHORAGE

SALUTE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 6:30 PM | THE QUEEN MARY, LONG BEACH

SALUTE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN NEW YORK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 | 6 PM | THE LIGHTHOUSE AT PIER 61, NEW YORK CITY

SALUTE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN TEXAS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | 6 PM | MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOUSTON

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**COAST GUARD FOUNDATION
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AWARDEE

AIR STATION BORINQUEN AND SECTOR SAN JUAN

On the evening of January 9, 2026, a Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen MH60 Jayhawk helicopter crew demonstrated exceptional airmanship, judgment, and operational excellence during the successful rescue of a 68-year-old male surfer who had been stranded off the coast of Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, for nearly 30 hours.

The case began after Coast Guard Sector San Juan received a notification from an Airbnb host reporting the individual had not returned after 24 hours. Following confirmation from the man's daughter that the man was unaccounted for, Coast Guard search and rescue specialists promptly issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast for boaters in the area to be on the lookout, and launched a coordinated, multiagency search effort.

Despite nighttime conditions, low visibility, and hazardous sea states, the crew of an Air Station Borinquen MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter conducted an exhaustive search of the shoreline and offshore waters north of Aguadilla. During the search, the helicopter crew sighted an individual matching the missing man's description stranded on rocks outside Surfer's Beach.

The survivor's location was inaccessible by foot or boat due to surrounding reefs, rocky terrain, and sea conditions. Demonstrating superior coordination and technical precision, the aircrew safely pulled the man to safety using the helicopter's rescue hoist system and brought him aboard the helicopter without injury.

The successful rescue was the result of seamless coordination by Coast Guard Sector San Juan, Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen, the U.S. Border Patrol, the Puerto Rico



Police Department, the Puerto Rico Police Joint Forces of Rapid Action (FURA), the Aguadilla Municipal Office of Emergency and Disaster Management, and the Puerto Rico Emergency and Disaster Bureau.

This nighttime rescue reflects great credit upon the aircrew and involved agencies, exemplifying the U.S. Coast Guard's unwavering commitment to saving lives at sea.

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TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE TESTIMONIAL



“Coast Guard aviation is a tight knit group and the rescue swimmer brotherhood even more so. It hits all of us hard whenever we lose a service member, and losing one in the line of duty is particularly impactful, whether or not we personally knew the member.

“I have been in this situation. I lost my best friend to an aviation mishap early in my career and I can tell you firsthand that being able to attend a memorial to say goodbye — to formally honor the service of a comrade, to take some time to reflect on your friendship and your shared service, and to be able to commune with the fallen’s loved ones — is extremely important, both for the grieving process and for allowing us to pick back up and continue on with the mission.

“Despite how important all that is, without the help of the Coast Guard Foundation it would have been cost prohibitive for these members. Your generosity is the only way our rescue swimmers were able to make it to the memorial to honor (AST2) Tyler (Jaggers)’s service and provide comfort to his family.

“As a member of our Air Station Atlantic City leadership, I can’t tell you how meaningful it is that our rescue swimmers felt supported during this time. Their appreciation is palpable. We ask a lot of these young men and women. Tyler’s sacrifice is a sobering reminder of how much they put on the line each and every day in the service of their country. The Coast Guard Foundation’s generosity was a crucial demonstration that their service is deeply appreciated. They also saw first-hand the honor and support that would be provided to their own friends and families should they ever fall. All of this is precisely what will allow them to be ready the next time the call comes in.”

■ CDR DAN CROWLEY, USCG

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER, USCG AIR STATION ATLANTIC CITY



COAST GUARD FOUNDATION SUPPORT FOR THE COAST GUARD

YOUR IMPACT IN 2025

In 2025, the Coast Guard Foundation supported Coast Guard members and families across a range of areas, from emergency and tragedy assistance to education, professional development, and morale and wellness programs.

■ EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

Education remained a cornerstone of the Foundation's work. In 2025, \$925,000 in scholarships were awarded to 255 Coast Guard dependent children, with individual awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Funding supported students pursuing college degrees as well as technical and trade school pathways, reducing financial stress and allowing students to focus on academic and career goals.

Children of Fallen Heroes received additional, sustained support.

Eleven surviving children were awarded Fallen Heroes scholarships and booster grants, ensuring access to enrichment opportunities such as after-school and summer programs, and scholarships that cover 100% of tuition and expenses for college and trade school at the institution of their choice.

At the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the Foundation supported academic and athletic programs, waterfront activities, and a fueling station for student-athletes. Partnerships with Academy leadership also enabled projects that reinforced leadership development and the service's core values. Through the generosity of a Coast Guard Foundation donor, a capable power boat was donated to support cadet maritime training and sailing programs.

The Foundation invested in professional growth across the service. Workforce development programs provided classes and materials to 349 Coast Guard members pursuing captains' licenses and professional credentials, supporting both mission readiness and transitions to civilian careers. An additional 133 grants helped members offset the cost of off-duty education.

223 spouses received \$1,000 and \$2,000 grants to pursue higher education, professional development, and earn professional certifications; these investments strengthened household stability and expanded long-term career opportunities.

The Foundation also supported Coast Guard K9 teams, funding care for working service dogs and specialized training for handlers, recognizing the operational importance of these teams and the unique bond they share.

■ BUILDING MORALE AND WELLNESS

To support Coast Guard families, the Foundation awarded more than \$416,000 in youth enrichment grants to 921 Coast Guard children, helping fund summer camps and access to technology for online learning and enrichment. These opportunities promoted confidence, skill-building, and social connection during the summer break.

Across the service, the Foundation invested more than \$1.4 million in 247 national morale and wellness projects, supporting physical and mental health for members stationed at sea and in remote locations. Community-building events such as Coast Guard Day celebrations and holiday gatherings strengthened unit cohesion and family support networks.

The Foundation also played a key role in celebrating service milestones. Partnerships with local commissioning committees helped bring the commissioning ceremonies of four new fast response cutters to fruition. Each cutter received a grant to establish a morale

account, and additional funding supported morale projects across the fast response cutter fleet.

In partnership with the Coast Guard Chaplain's office, the Foundation supported a national effort to strengthen relationships and resilience across the service. In 2025, the Foundation funded 58 chaplain-led programs that reached more than 7,100 Coast Guard members and family members that created meaningful moments of connection, reflection, and support at units around the country. From suicide prevention training and marriage enrichment to unit-based resiliency experiences and spiritual fitness events, these programs met people where they serve and live.

■ SUPPORT DURING TIMES OF CRISIS AND LOSS

As natural disasters affected Coast Guard communities across the country, the Foundation provided \$40,000 in emergency relief to 17 Coast Guard members and their families whose homes were damaged or destroyed by flooding and wildfires. Disasters included a glacial dam burst in Juneau, flooding in the Pacific Northwest, and wildfires in California.

The Foundation provided tragedy assistance to 21 Coast Guard families following the death of a Coast Guard member or immediate family member. Members who were critically injured or managing chronic illness also received financial support to aid in recovery, and long-term assistance continued for families of Fallen Heroes to honor their service and sacrifice.

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We also extend our congratulations to Bud Darr on being honored at tonight's event for his outstanding dedication and service to the maritime community.



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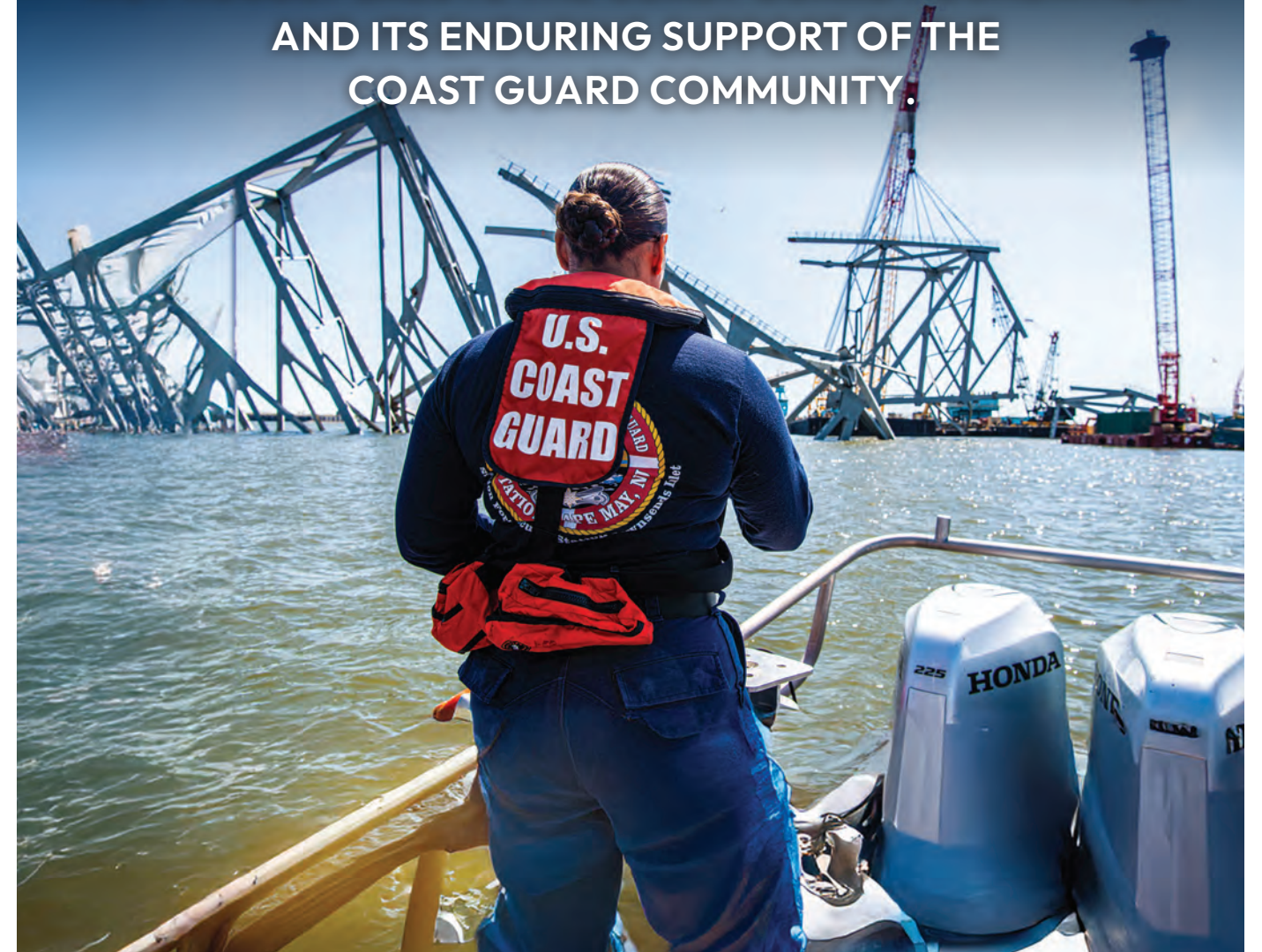
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Since our founding in 1969, we've provided more than \$122 million in services to Coast Guard members and their families. The Coast Guard Foundation ensures Coast Guard members are always ready, and their families are taken care of while their loved ones serve our country.

Thanks to our generous partners, the Coast Guard Foundation has:

- Funded \$54 million in education initiatives, helping thousands within the Coast Guard community — members, spouses, and children — achieve their dreams of higher education
- Awarded more than 20,450 grants to Coast Guard members for college tuition or professional training, enhancing their duties and setting them up for success after their service ends
- Invested \$32 million in fitness and wellness services for Coast Guard members' physical and mental health
- Provided \$6.2 million in direct support for families who have suffered the tragic loss of a loved one or needed critical support during natural disasters and emergencies

The brave members of the Coast Guard sacrifice so much to serve our nation. The Coast Guard Foundation is committed to providing them and their families the resources they need to build resilience throughout their lives when it's needed most.

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