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JUNE DINNER PROGRAM:
COAST GUARD COMBAT OPERATIONS ON D-DAY:
A LOCAL LIVING HISTORY STORY

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Local Living History Story

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By appropriate historical coincidence, our Society June 6th dinner meeting falls on the 63rd anniversary of the famous World War II D-Day invasion of Europe at Normandy, France. To observe this famous event, maritime researcher and historian Tracy White will reveal some personal and local historical connections with this major wartime maritime event that occurred in 1944.

In narrative as well as wartime and contemporary photos, Tracy’s presentation will tell the story of retired Coast Guard Captain Earl McAuliffe of Bellevue. McAuliffe, as a young Lieutenant (j.g.), was the skipper of an LCI (Landing Craft Infantry) off Omaha Beach at Normandy on D-Day. Now 86 years old, Earl will also comment personally on his D-Day service as well as participation in prior landings asskipper of the LCI 95 in the Mediterranean Theater of combat operations.

To provide a complete D-Day context, Tracy will include the story of last year’s discovery in Lake Union of one of the sixty 83-foot patrol boats of Coast Guard Rescue Flotilla 1 at Normandy and its two known connections with this major wartime maritime event.

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Surviving crewmen, S3C Wilfred “Bud” Eberhart and Lt. (j.g.) Art Lehne, both of whom live currently in Illinois. While Eberhart was reunited with his D-Day boat during ceremonies last year, Lehne was only recently located. However both WWII Coast Guard veterans will be reunited with “their” wartime patrol boat in Seattle on Saturday May 19 at Lake Union Park during Armed Forces Day ceremonies, co-sponsored by Combatant Craft of America and the Society.

Join us on June 6 at the Swedish Cultural Center for this fascinating story of Coast Guard combat operations during WWII, and meet and thank retired Captain Earl McAuliffe for his D-Day service and more than three decade-long military career.

Armed Forces Day Weekend Event Reminder

As mentioned in the June program announcement, World War II Coast Guard D-Day veterans Capt. Earl McAuliffe, former Lt. (j.g.) Art Lehne and S3C Wilfred “Bud” Eberhart will be honored on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 19, during ceremonies at 10 a.m. at the Historic Ships Wharf Plaza at Lake Union Park. The event will also feature exhibits of historic and modern Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force patrol and rescue boats as well as veterans gatherings open to the public.

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A member who makes a donation will be thanked for their gift and will be provided with a receipt. If a member does not wish to receive a receipt, they must indicate at the time of their donation that they wish to remain anonymous.

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