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October Dinner Program:
An Evening With USCG Rear Admiral John Currier

In August of last year, our area’s US Coast Guard District, the Thirteenth, installed a new Commander. At that time Rear Admiral John Currier took on responsibility for Coast Guard activities in our four state Northwest area, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Hailing from Westbrook, Maine, John Currier was commissioned in the USCG in 1976 and designated a Coast Guard Aviator in 1977. His previous assignments have included duty on Cape Cod, Maine and Sitka, Alaska. He has served as Engineering Officer at Coast Guard stations Traverse City, Michigan and Astoria, Oregon. He also commanded Air Station Detroit, Michigan and served as Chief of Search and Rescue Operations, Ninth District (Great Lakes). RADM Currier also commanded Air Station Miami, the world’s busiest air-sea search and rescue unit, 2001 to 2003. He then became Pacific Area Chief of Operations, followed by Chief of Staff.

Admiral Currier was promoted to flag rank in 2005 and his most recent assignment prior to coming to the Thirteenth District was Assistant Commandant for Acquisition at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC.

A veteran aviator with over 6,000 flight hours in Coast Guard and Navy fixed and rotary wing aircraft, Admiral Currier’s various awards include the Alaska Air Command SAR Pilot of the Year and the Naval Helicopter Association SAR Aircrew of the Year, both awarded for hazardous rescue missions.

The US Coast Guard began as the Revenue Cutter Service in 1790 under the Department of the Treasury, merged with the US Life Saving Service in 1915 as a branch of the Armed Forces. It merged

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PSMHS Obituaries

Robert Abendroth passed away on August 21 at the age of 66 while visiting in San Diego. Bob had recently taken over the post of being manager of the Chandler’s Cove Maritime Exhibit at South Lake Union. He was a maritime enthusiast and an avid collector of Mercury outboard motors. His efforts have to exhibit the manicured and to have a reasonable supply of merchandise are commended.

Myrna Cole passed away on July 8th. She was well known as the First Lady of PSMHS during her husband Jim Cole’s years as President of Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society (1979-1981). Jim and Myrna were major players in the fund raising and purchase of the William Ma-

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We thank the following members who have renewed their annual membership dues at elevated levels during August 2008:

- PATRON: Miles O. Davis
- SUSTAINING: Robert Redmayne
- Captain Nicolas Jones
- Alan Graves
- Mr. & Mrs. Roy Bourlier

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The Sea Chest Coming Soon

The September issue of *The Sea Chest* will continue with the theme of deep-sea shipping. Authors include Karl House, Michael Jay Mjelde, Dr. Carl Victor Robart, Jack Wyatt and Peter Ruddle.

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