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National Coast Guard Museum Association, Inc.

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MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT

Richard J. Grahn

Each Veterans Day, we take a moment to thank the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) who put their lives on the line to keep us safe. As the National Coast Guard Museum Association (NCGMA) continues to develop the exhibits and galleries for the National Coast Guard Museum (Museum), we think about the courage and sacrifices our veterans made. We have much to be grateful for, and **building a Museum in honor of USCG veterans is an incredible way to show our Nation's gratitude and tell their incredible stories.**

Recently, the USCG responded heroically in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico after a series of devastating hurricanes ravaged communities and left thousands stranded in rising floodwaters or without power. Read on Page 3 how the USCG rescued families and worked to restore infrastructure. Like this story, the role of the exceptional mission of the USCG as lifesavers will be on display at the Museum.

Thanks to a grant from the Richard Lounsbery Foundation in support of the Museum Education Initiative, we are developing an innovative design that enhances our Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) educational initiatives. Learn more in the story to the right.

Progress is also being made on the design, permitting and pre-construction efforts as shown on page 6. We have retained the environmental consultants, engineers, and architects to perform the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. The formal scoping process that began in the spring is being completed and the NEPA findings are expected by the end of 2017. This triggers the process for the issuance of permits from local, state and Federal entities at which time the next phase of construction design moves forward.

While contributions are being received for the design and construction of the project and progress is being made, a major Capital Campaign will be launched in early 2018.

Once more, thank you to all the veterans who put themselves in harm's way for the sake of our freedom.

Semper Paratus,

Richard J. Grahn

Museum Awarded Grant to Create Interactive Visitor Experience

Museum Education Initiative (MEI) to inspire young visitors to become tomorrow's critical thinkers, problem solvers, innovators and future leaders of our Nation

The Richard Loundsbery Foundation recently awarded NCGMA a $75,000 grant to further their mission to invest in novel projects and forward thinking ideas that strengthen our children's performance in the STEM disciplines. The NCGMA launched our MEI to provide the blueprint for an enlightened visitor experience through STEM learning objectives and interactive exhibits that will be integrated into the building and exhibit design. THE MEI is creating exhibit plans to immerse students into the broad range of the many USCG maritime operations. Young visitors will leave the Museum with new insights into the important and exciting role of the USCG as a leader in innovation.

MEI committee members from across the Nation include USCG historians, exhibit designers and subject matter experts. They are working together through a series of workshops, expert panels and community forums to design learning experiences in three areas of exploration:

- **Becoming a Virtual Shipmate in the USCG**
- **Simulating Coast Guard qualification goals**
- **Enhancing the Primary and Secondary School Curricula**

Members of the committee include:

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Gary Thomas	CDR USCG (Ret.)

SEMPER PARATUS

HELPING COMMUNITIES AFTER DEVASTATING HURRICANES

(Headlines and stories as reported in the news over the past few months)

Hurricane season is still underway, and the USCG has been hard at work evacuating stranded families, reclaiming ports, and helping communities in need. Altogether, the USCG saved 11,219 lives during and after Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

When Hurricane Harvey slammed into Texas as a Category 4 storm, Houston bore the brunt of the damage. Widespread flooding left countless families and businesses without power as the waters started to rise. As an example of the National response, the USCG deployed Sector Ohio Valley—headquartered in Louisville, KY—to supplement search and rescue operations throughout flooded Houston subdivisions.

Rescue missions continued across Florida after Hurricane Irma flooded Jacksonville and left large swaths of the state without power. The USCG faced the additional challenge of responding to the thousands of boats that washed up on Florida shores—potentially leaking dangerous pollutants or presenting obstacles to navigation.

The U.S. Coast Guard rescuing a family and their pets in Jacksonville following Hurricane Irma. Photo: USCG.

Coast Guard Air Station Houston responds to search and rescue requests after Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Texas, Aug. 27, 2017. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Johanna Strickland.

Partnering with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the USCG coordinated efforts to remove and contain more than 1,100 disabled boats adrift or stranded in the Florida Keys.

In Puerto Rico, Hurricane Maria left the overwhelming majority of the state without power or clean water. The USCG crews delivered food and supplies to communities in dire need of aid and rescued those left stranded by mudslides and washed-out roads during the height of the storm. When the storm capsized a boat off the coast of the island, the USCG braved 20-foot seas and 120 mph winds to rescue a woman and two children who were adrift.

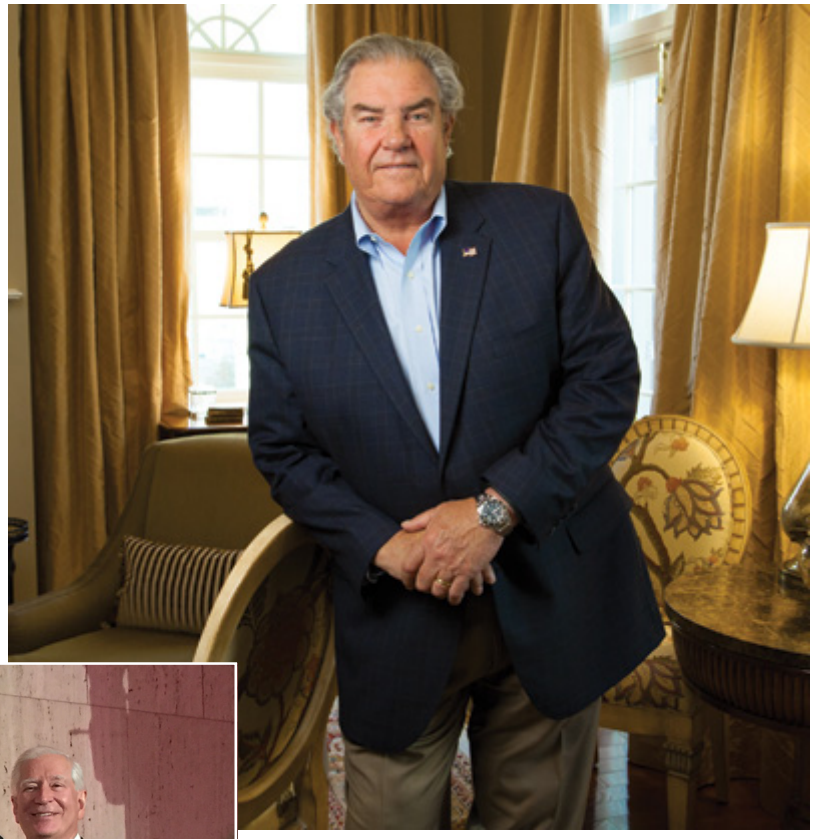
These stories of heroism and bravery—and others from the past 227 years of Coast Guard service—will be told in the Museum.

INVESTING IN THE NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM –

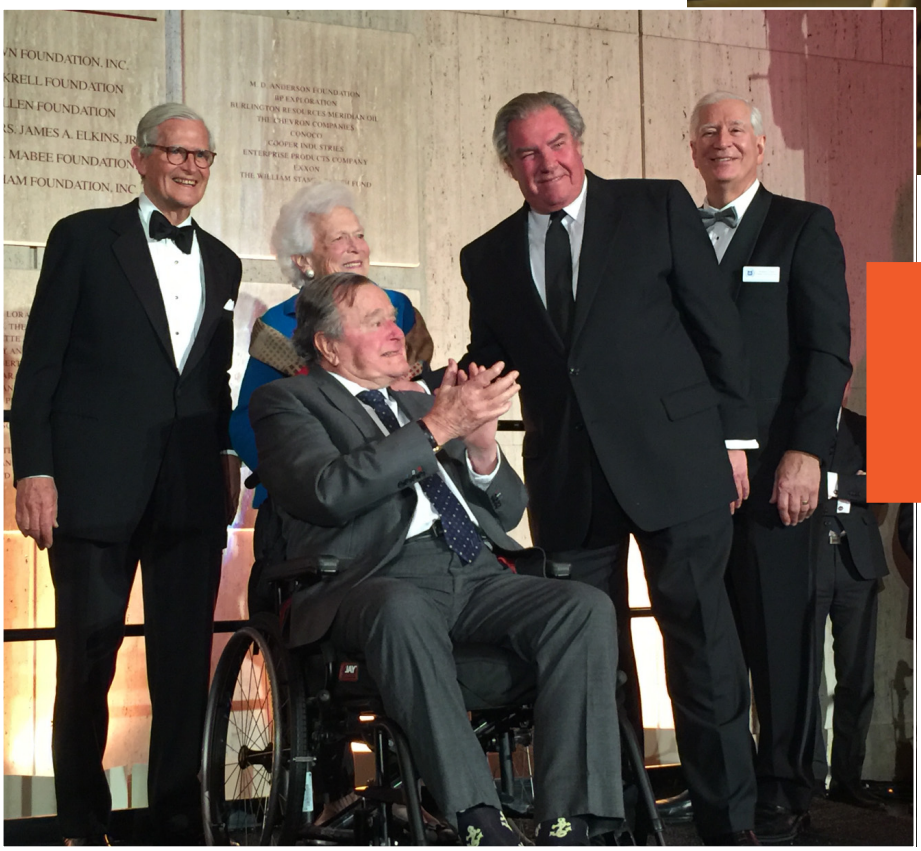
RECOGNIZING DONALD T. "BOYSIE" BOLLINGER

Progress on the National Coast Guard Museum would not be possible without the generosity and commitment of lead donors like Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger. Throughout his life, Bollinger has been a tireless advocate for our servicemen and women. His contributions to the United States Coast Guard Foundation and the National World War II Museum ensure the legacy of those who serve will always be preserved.

A native of Lockport, LA and a graduate of the University of Louisiana in Lafayette, Bollinger has long been a champion for his community. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Bollinger worked with the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Bring New Orleans Back Commission to help neighborhoods and businesses rebuild.



Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger



Left to right: NCGMA Chairman James J. Coleman, Jr., Barbara Bush, President George H. W. Bush, Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger and NCGMA President & CEO Richard J. Grahn.

WWII Gallery made possible with a gift from Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger

Given his lifelong advocacy for our armed forces and commitment to philanthropy, the NCGMA was humbled and honored by Bollinger's $1 Million gift. In recognition of Bollinger's contribution, the Museum's World War II Gallery, which will showcase the bravery of our Coast Guard men and women during this critical era, will be named in his honor. The first renderings of the gallery are being unveiled in November at a special ceremony in New Orleans.

BUILDING THE NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM –

ONE GIFT, ONE PLANK AT A TIME

DID YOU KNOW THE NCGMA ACCEPTS GIFTS OF STOCK

Now is a great time to make a gift of stock because the market is currently at high levels. Here are the top three reasons people give with stock:

1. You can utilize appreciated assets instead of cash on hand.
2. You experience significant tax savings.
3. You can possibly give more than with a cash gift and feel great knowing you are helping to honor the veterans and men and women of the USCG.

To make a gift please contact **Suzanne Simpson** at **860-443-4200** for instructions on how you can transfer stock or securities from your brokerage or investment account to the National Coast Guard Museum Association, Inc.

BECOME A PLANKOWNER TODAY

The National Coast Guard Museum Plankowner program keeps growing. Thanks to the leadership and promotion by MCPOCG Vincent W. Patton, Ed.D., USCG (Ret.), a Board Member of the NCGMA, more than 450 Plankowners have answered the call and pledged their support.

Visit www.CoastGuardMuseum.org/Plankowner to join the crew!

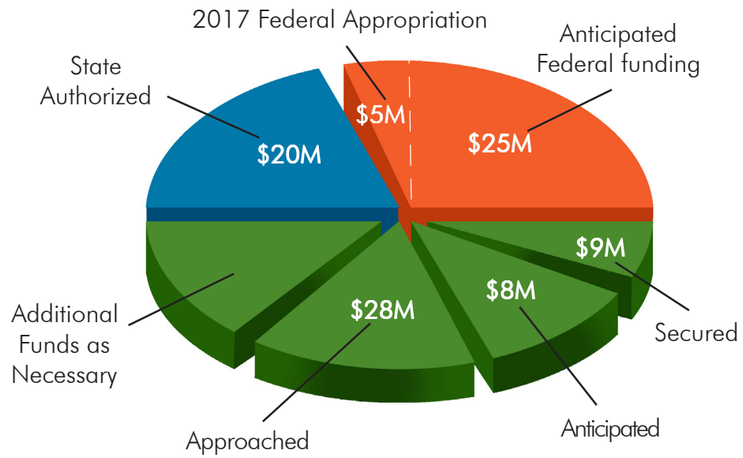
Plankowner artwork by Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Schon Russell.

"I became a plankowner of our National Coast Guard Museum because I want to ensure the Coasties who went before us get recognized for their contributions and sacrifices to our Nation, the Coast Guard, and our shipmates."

MCPO Mark H. Allen (Ret.)
Fort Washington, MD

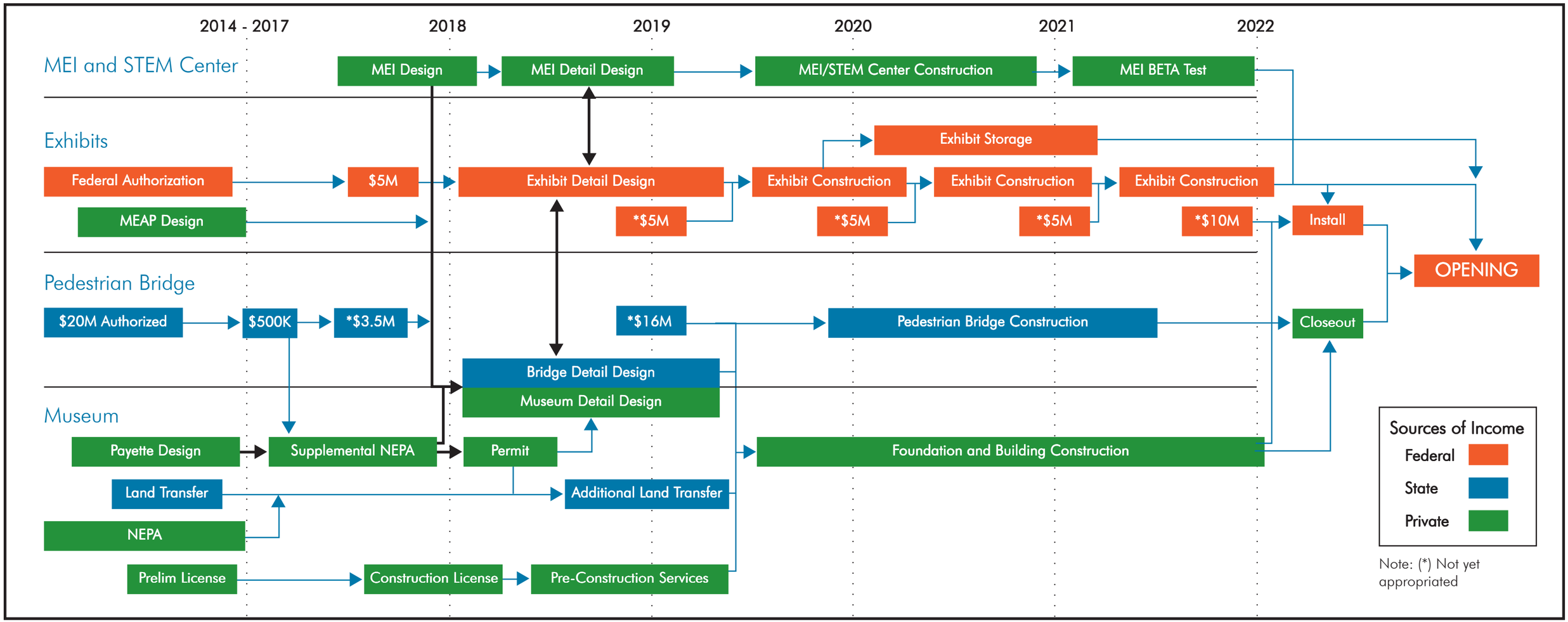
MUSEUM CRITICAL PATH & DESIGN UPDATE

As a public/private partnership the *When the Most is Expected* Capital Campaign will leverage the anticipated Federal and State of Connecticut commitments, to raise private philanthropic contributions.



MUSEUM PROJECT MILESTONES

- $9 million raised to date for initial design, permitting and pre-construction efforts.
- Environmental consultants, engineers, and architects hired to perform the Supplemental Environmental Assessment to update the 2014 National Environmental Policy Act **(NEPA)** analysis.
- Museum Exhibit Advisory Panel **(MEAP)** focuses insights to the design of and subject matter for the exhibits and other critical museum elements.
- Museum Education Initiative **(MEI)** provides a blueprint for an engaging visitor experience incorporating the learning objectives and education programming components associated with **STEM** within the museum, related exhibits, and experiential design elements.



NCGMA WELCOMES CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The NCGMA expanded its community relations and fundraising capacity by bringing on board Danielle Degnan as Chief Development Officer. Degnan brings a history of building strong partnerships with corporations, foundations, and individuals throughout our region.

"We are thrilled to have Danielle join our crew," said CAPT Wes Pulver (USCG Ret.), Executive Director of the NCGMA. "Her expertise and vision will help us launch a capital campaign and build awareness for the Museum."

Prior to joining the NCGMA, Degnan served for seven years as Director of Development and Community Relations at the Salvation Army of Massachusetts where she led a team responsible for raising over $20M a year.

"It's an honor to join the team," said Degnan. "I am inspired to raise the capital needed to build this Museum in honor of the veterans and servicemembers of the Coast Guard."

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Mark your calendars for **November 28, 2017**, when the National Coast Guard Museum kicks off the charitable season with **#GivingTuesday**. Join donors worldwide in showing your commitment to giving back.

We'll be highlighting your stories and reasons for giving all day long, so don't miss your chance to join the movement.

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MISSION

The mission of the National Coast Museum Association, Inc. is to educate the public about the evolution of the maritime and military history of the United States Coast Guard and its contributions to America by designing, constructing, and developing programming for a National Museum.