

# GENERAL NEWS

## MILITARY HERITAGE CHRONICLES —

# USCG Station Siuslaw River



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Special to the Siuslaw News

It has been several years since I first wrote about our local U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River, and it's time to update that story for a variety of reasons.

Today, the City of Florence is being named a "Coast Guard City," only one of three in Oregon and one of 24 across the nation.

It is an honor for our community to be recognized in this way by the United States Coast Guard for the special efforts that we have proven for showing the appreciation for our own "Coasties" here in Florence.

Today's honor will be bestowed on our community, by none other than Rear Admiral David Throop, Commander of Coast Guard 13th District. In conjunction with that ceremony, Station Siuslaw River will be holding an open house later today and open its doors for the public to see what they do and meet the crew.

U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River was established Dec. 14, 1917, when Capt. Theodore Roberge from the Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment was appointed as the "Keeper" of Station Siuslaw River. By March 1918, the Station had a full crew consisting of five men from Florence and three men from other local towns.

Today, Station Siuslaw River serves as one of seven lifeboat stations in Oregon whose primary mission is to provide search and rescue to commercial mariners, recreational boaters and surfers.

But that's not all they do. They also escort fishing vessels across the bar; provide marine environmental protection; conduct fisheries conservation enforcement; tow distressed vessels; and enforce boating regulations.

Celebrating 100 years in Florence this year, the Station has been autonomous since 1917, with the exception of a brief period following Clinton-era budget cuts.

The local Station does this with an average compliment of 34 personnel, whose length of duty at this station can range from six-months to two years, depending on rank and service rating.

In addition, they are augmented by an Auxiliary Detachment, Flotilla 52, filled with volunteers who help with station duties as well as perform safety inspections on vessels. The station is equipped

with two 47-foot motor life boats, which are the most active vessels, and one 29-foot response boat, which often does double duty by also performing in parades and public displays.

The current Officer in Charge is Master Chief Tim Tregoning, who just celebrated his advancement in March of this year, at the Oregon Coast Military Heritage Museum.

While many of us may only see our USCG neighbors in parades or in practice on the Siuslaw River, they are far more active than that: over the past four years they have conducted 153 search and rescue cases with 17 lives saved and 313 lives assisted.

A notable search and rescue case was the rescue of the fishing vessel Pacific Rose in March, who broke down off of Heceta Head. A 47-foot Motor Lifeboat (MLB) responded and towed the disabled boat through 10- to 12-foot seas and 30kts of wind back to the Siuslaw River bar, where two MLBs worked together to get the fishing vessel and all three of her crew to safety at the Port of Siuslaw.

A more recent case included the search and rescue of a disabled recreational vessel that drifted over a shoal and quickly became extremely in danger as it approached the rocks.

A 29-foot Response Boat-Small II (RB-S II) responded and quickly took the disabled vessel into tow and navigated through the narrow channels

and shifting sandbars. The recreational vessel and all four souls aboard were returned to safety at the Port of Siuslaw boat ramp.

Some people may have misnomers about the U.S. Coast Guard — such as it is not an armed-service like the US Army or USMC.

In reality, the motor life boats are armed with fire-power, as well as personnel trained and armed with side-arms and who sometimes participate in drug enforcement actions; the USCG chopper which we see regularly flying the friendly skies over Florence is based out of North Bend not Florence — although they perform regular training exercises together.

And even though our Coastguard men and women may not serve in harm's way overseas in some conflict, they serve the waters off our coast to keep us from harm's way by putting themselves on the line. Be sure to thank our local Coastguard men and women when you see them in our community.

The museum just unveiled a new United States Coast Guard display and the community is invited to join us Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to check it out.

To learn more about military heritage in general, visit the Oregon Coast Military Heritage Museum website at [www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com](http://www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com).

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## BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF WESTERN LANE COUNTY

Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County has an immediate opening for Teen Center Unit Director.

Duties and responsibilities include developing, directing and managing overall daily operations of the Teen Center Unit, with a focus on a comprehensive, outcome-driven program and service delivery. Also supervises and trains staff, handles personnel issues, manages facility, develops and manages a budget, actively engages and supports a Unit Advisory Council, and manages community relations, volunteers, and membership administration.

**Applicant should have:**

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## Community garage sale set for Rods 'N' Rhodies weekend

Florence will become a bargain hunter's paradise from Friday, Sept. 8, through Sunday, Sept. 10, during its fifth-annual Community-wide Garage Sale.

Dozens of private homes, neighborhoods, gated communities and retail outlets will open their doors to adventurous shoppers.

To participate as an official sale site, sellers pay \$20 to be included in a map of all participating locations published and delivered to subscribers of the Siuslaw News in its

Wednesday, Sept. 6 edition. Extra copies will be available at the Siuslaw News and on its website, as well as at the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce.

Deadline for inclusion in the map and directory is 5 p.m. Aug. 31. Participating sites also receive a 15-word description of their offerings, two official Community-wide Garage Sale signs, guidelines on how and where to post them, along with a tip sheet on how to have a successful sale.

Fees can be paid in person at the Siuslaw News, 148 Maple St., or by mail at P.O. Box 10 in

Florence. "Area residents and visitors can pick up the handy guide and cruise the bargain trail to see dozens of commercial and private sales all over town from Friday through Sunday," said Chamber Executive Director Bettina Hannigan. "Smart shoppers are always looking for bargains and the Community-wide Garage Sale is a fun way for the entire area to clean out their garages, spare rooms, or storage units and re-home their treasures while they make a little money too."

The event coincides with the 10th annual Rods 'n' Rhodies

invitational hot rod and classic car weekend. Rods 'n' Rhodies is hosted by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Three Rivers Casino Resort.

Events take place all around town.

For more information on how to participate in the Community-wide Garage Sale, contact the Siuslaw News at 541-902-3526 or visit [www.TheSiuslawNews.com](http://www.TheSiuslawNews.com), or contact the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce at 541-997-3128 or visit [events@FlorenceChamber.com](http://events@FlorenceChamber.com).

## CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS

\$9 | \$8 Senior/Student/Military | \$7.50 Matinees Before 2 | \$7 Child | \$6.50 Members | Performing Arts: \$19/\$15/\$10

AUGUST 18 - 24	FRI 18	SAT 19	SUN 20	MON 21	TUE 22	WED 23	THU 24
<b>ANNABELLE: CREATION</b> R 109 MIN - "A professional jitters-fest, made with deep-seated esteem for the genre rather than cynicism about a box-office sure thing."	1:30 PM 4:05 PM 6:40 PM 9:10 PM	1:30 PM 6:40 PM 9:10 PM	1:00 PM 3:35 PM 6:10 PM 8:35 PM	4:05 PM 6:40 PM 9:10 PM	1:30 PM 4:05 PM 6:40 PM 9:10 PM	1:30 PM 4:05 PM 9:35 PM	4:05 PM 6:40 PM 9:10 PM
<b>THE HITMAN'S BODYGUARD</b> R 118 MIN - "As close to a live-action cartoon as you're likely to get this year...in the hands of helmer Patrick Hughes - and more importantly, owing to the chemistry of stars Samuel L. Jackson and Ryan Reynolds - it makes for a delightfully ridiculous screwball action comedy." Variety	1:20 PM 3:55 PM 6:30 PM 9:05 PM	1:20 PM 3:55 PM 6:30 PM 9:05 PM	12:50 PM 3:25 PM 6:00 PM 8:40 PM	3:55 PM 6:30 PM 9:05 PM	1:20 PM 6:30 PM 9:05 PM	1:20 PM 3:55 PM 6:30 PM 9:05 PM	1:20 PM 3:55 PM 6:30 PM 9:05 PM
<b>LOGAN LUCKY</b> - Channing Tatum, Daniel Craig PG-13 119 MIN - "This is a brilliantly constructed, whip-smart, and laugh-out-loud-funny romp from a filmmaker whose precision and craft is nearly unparalleled. It's hard to think of a movie this year that has been as singularly delightful, one that, with each passing moment, reveals something charming or odd or real."	1:10 PM 3:45 PM 6:20 PM 8:55 PM	1:10 PM 3:45 PM 6:20 PM 8:55 PM	12:40 PM 3:15 PM 5:50 PM 8:25 PM	3:45 PM 6:20 PM 8:55 PM	1:10 PM 3:45 PM 6:20 PM 8:55 PM	1:10 PM 3:45 PM 6:20 PM 8:55 PM	1:10 PM 3:45 PM 6:30 PM 9:30 PM
<b>MAUDIE</b> - Sally Hawkins, Ethan Hawke PG-13 115 MIN - "One of the most beautiful and life-affirming and uplifting movies of the year."	1:00 PM 6:25 PM	1:00 PM 6:25 PM	12:30 PM	6:25 PM	1:00 PM 6:25 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM
<b>WONDER WOMAN</b> PG-13 141 MIN - "Wonder Woman ranks as one of the few great [super-hero movies]." The Wrap	3:30 PM 8:55 PM	3:30 PM 8:55 PM	3:00 PM 8:15 PM	3:30 PM 8:55 PM	3:30 PM 8:55 PM	3:30 PM 8:55 PM	3:30 PM 9:05 PM
<b>Events &amp; Performing Arts:</b>	FRI 18	SAT 19	SUN 20	MON 21	TUE 22	WED 23	THU 24
<b>I AM THE BLUES</b> NR 106 MIN - Take a musical journey through the Louisiana Bayou, the Mississippi Delta and the North Mississippi Hill Country.		4:05 PM	5:55 PM			6:25 PM	
<b>THE WATCHMAN'S CANOE</b> 120 MIN - Filmed on the Southern OR Coast! Writer/Producer/Director Barri Chase in person							12:00 PM 6:30 PM

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