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He talked about Station Siuslaw River and its performance in recent reviews and inspections.

"You knocked it out of the park. Absolutely impressive," Mullen said. "You perform not only to standard, but to the highest standard. ... A job well done."

Tregoning and his wife Amy, along with children Jon and Berkley, have served at Station

Siuslaw River since 2015.

"The last three years have brought us many successes and some struggles, and through it all we've experienced them together as a family — whether that be as a sector, as a community or as a unit," Tregoning said.

Mullen highlighted some of the station's accomplishments in that time.

"Over the last three years as a station, you have completed over 550 law enforcement

boardings, 85 search and rescue cases and were responsible for saving and assisting an impressive 129 lives and over \$5.5 million worth of property.

"To the crew, and now my shipmates of Station Siuslaw River, I accept this challenge to lead you with a high level of pride and professionalism that we will adhere to as team Siuslaw. ... We will stand the watch with pride, professionalism and dignity. We have a duty to the people we serve, and their lives depend on us. We owe them the very best. We will do everything we can as a team to continue our commitment to excellence."

**— Senior Chief Jay Nilles
Officer in Charge of Station Siuslaw River**

itary Museum, Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist Deborah Heldt Cordone and community members also helped make Florence the 24th Coast Guard City in August 2017.

"Things are done better when working as a team — the sum of all parts are greater than the whole," Mullen said. "For the people here in Florence, you should be extremely proud and thankful that we have these men and women standing in watch to make sure you are safe."

Tregoning addressed thanks to the City of Florence, local emergency response organizations, veteran and civic groups and community partners. He also thanked Coast Guard Aux-

iliary Flotilla 52 for its constant support of Station Siuslaw River and its personnel.

"Family is where I'd like to focus my remarks today," Tregon-


ism." "I know you're ready for command, and congratulations," Mullen said. "You'll find that command is the most challenging assignment. You're at the varsity level now. ..."

"Command will hit you when you ask the question, and there are crickets and big eyes looking at you. You'll go, 'What do we do?' And you'll turn to see everyone looking at you. See, it is you that will hold that answer. It is you that the members of Station Siuslaw River are going to turn to. It is you that will be expected to make those tough choices. Command will be the most frustrating, the most exhilarating, most fun, most — insert your own word. You won't know what that word is yet until you sit in the seat."

At that point in the ceremony Tregoning read his orders relieving him of duties at Station Siuslaw River and Nilles read his orders to accept the command.

"To the crew, and now my shipmates of Station Siuslaw River, I accept this challenge to lead you with a high level of pride and professionalism that we will adhere to as team Siuslaw," Nilles said. "Together as a team, we will work to continue to strengthen relationships within the City of Florence, the community and our partner agencies. We will stand the watch with pride, professionalism and dignity."

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ty. There are people walking around Florence today talking and enjoying the Oregon coast because your willingness and professionalism to go out and answer the call," he said.

These actions happened due to the team at Station Siuslaw River, Mullen said, as well as the man at the helm, Tregoning.

In that three years, Tregoning was instrumental in drawing Sector North Bend's attention to infrastructure needs at the station. His partnerships and friendships with the City of Florence, Oregon Coast Mil-



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<p>Tuesdays</p> <p>Yoga for Pain Management & Easeful Body Sponsored by PeaceHealth Peace Harbor 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free and drop-ins welcome Lane Community College Florence Center</p> <p>Florence Farmers Market 3 to 7 p.m. Open to public Kingwood and Bay streets</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>Points of Grace Community Acupuncture Experience relief from pain and stress 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations appreciated 1845 Highway 126</p> <p>Weekdays</p> <p>Therapeutic Yoga at the Yachats Commons Various times each day Donations accepted Yachats Commons Email altruh444@gmail.com for info</p> <p>June 2</p> <p>21st annual Fore Kids! Golf Classic Fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration required</p>	<p>Ocean Dunes Golf Links</p> <p>36th annual Elliott Fun Bass Tournament Presented by the Florence Siuslaw Lions Club Darlings Marina and RV Resort 541-997-8108</p> <p>Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library Book Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to public Siuslaw Public Library</p> <p>June 3</p> <p>36th annual Elliott Fun Bass Tournament Presented by the Florence Siuslaw Lions Club Darlings Marina and RV Resort 541-997-8108</p> <p>Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library Book Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to public Siuslaw Public Library</p> <p>June 4</p> <p>FOR Environmental Team Florence ORganizes 4 p.m. Open to public Siuslaw Public Library</p> <p>Port of Siuslaw Budget Meeting 6 p.m. Open to public</p>	<p>Port of Siuslaw Office, 100 Harbor St.</p> <p>Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Open to Public Siuslaw SWCD Office 1775 Laurel Way, Ste #4</p> <p>Siuslaw School District Band Concert 7 p.m. Open to public Florence Events Center</p> <p>June 5</p> <p>Florence Startup Happy Hour 5 to 7 p.m. Open to public Beachcomber Pub</p> <p>Florence Big Wave Open Mic Night 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Open to public FRAA Art Center</p> <p>Siuslaw School District Choir Concert 7 p.m. Open to public Florence Events Center</p> <p>June 7</p> <p>Non-Profit Fair 10 a.m. to noon Open to public Shorewood Senior Living</p> <p>2018 Endowment Book Presentation With librarian Kevin Mittge</p>	<p>1 to 2 p.m. Open to public Siuslaw Public Library</p> <p>Florence Public Works Open House 2 to 6 p.m. Open to public 2675 Kingwood St.</p> <p>CROW Business After Hours Florence Area Chamber of Commerce 5 to 7 p.m. CROW Center for the Performing Arts 3120 Highway 101</p> <p>Coastal Fitness Spring Show Performance 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets required Florence Events Center</p> <p>June 8</p> <p>Coastal Woman Veterans June luncheon 11:30 a.m. Open to women veterans and their guests Jerry's Place RSVP to ncoughlan@aol.com</p> <p>"A Nice Family Gathering" Presented by Last Resort Players 7 p.m. Tickets required Florence Events Center</p> <p>June 9</p> <p>2nd Saturday Gallery Tour 3 to 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Open to public Historic Old Town and Uptown Florence 2ndsaturdaygallerytour.com</p> <p>"A Nice Family Gathering" Presented by Last Resort Players 7 p.m. Tickets required Florence Events Center</p> <p>June 10</p> <p>End of Life Options in Oregon Discussion sponsored by End Choices 1 p.m. Open to public Siuslaw Public Library Endchoices.com</p> <p>"A Nice Family Gathering" Presented by Last Resort Players 2 p.m. Tickets required Florence Events Center</p> <p>"Meanwhile The Earth" Poetry by Stacie Smith Sponsored by the Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences 2 p.m. \$5 donation suggested Yachats Commons</p> <p>Visit rivercal.org for more calendar events.</p>
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