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ALL HANDS ON DECK

U.S. Coast Guard navigates rough waters amidst government shutdown

> By Chantelle Meyer SIUSLAW NEWS

s a recent Coast Guard City, we made a commitment to support our Station Siuslaw River," said Florence Mayor Joe Henry. "I respect our Coast Guard and I respect what they do, and not just because I have needed them on the water before. We have rough waters out here, and they are always there."

The Coast Guard's motto is Semper Paratus - Always Ready. It is a motto Coast Guardsmen continue to follow even without the promise of pay. Like many other federal workers - and unlike other branches of the 15, will not come through without bills would provide continuing apmilitary - the U.S. Coast Guard is emergency measures getting passed either on furlough or working without pay until the U.S. federal government shutdown ends. This impacts over 41,000 active duty Coast Guard members, 6,200 reservists and 8,500 civilian personnel.

The current shutdown began Dec. 22, 2018, as of today surpassing the Guard Act of 2019," introduced in rents, utilities, child care and more," previous longest shutdown in American history. The Coast Guard was Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley. While ble and unacceptable, and we need able to pay members on Jan. 1, but both are still in committee and not to make sure our military members the next payment, scheduled for Jan. expected to pass this weekend, the feel secure in their daily lives while



by the U.S. House or Senate.

introduced their own bills to fund in effect. the Coast Guard, the "Pay our Coast Guard Parity Act," introduced in ing their lives to keep Oregon's the house by Oregon's Rep. Peter coasts safe, yet are stressing over DeFazio, and the "Pay Our Coast missed payments on mortgages, the Senate by Sen. John Thune and Merkley said. "This is irresponsi-

propriations to the U.S. Coast Guard for any period during which interim Both chambers of Congress have or full-year appropriations are not

"Coast Guard members are risk-

U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River, along with the nation's other Coast Guard units, continues to function despite the federal government shutdown.

they're protecting our nation."

A press release from the senator's office referenced the Coast Guard's efforts in responding to and investigating the capsizing of the commercial fishing vessel Mary B II, which led to the deaths of three fishermen at the entrance of Yaquina Bay in Newport, Ore., Tuesday night.

According to the bill, the appropriations would provide pay and allowances for members of the Coast Guard, civilian employees and contractors; the payment of a death gratuity, funeral travel and the temporary continuation of the basic allowance for housing for dependents of members of the Coast Guard dying on active duty; and retired pay. The act would remain in place until the enactment of specified Coast Guard appropriations legislation.

"President Trump and his Mara-Lago cronies may not have trouble 'adjusting' if they miss a paycheck, but for thousands of Oregon families, a paycheck means a mortgage payment, childcare, or a medical bill," DeFazio said. "More than 1,200 active duty Coast Guard personnel and reservists stationed in Oregon are currently working without pay or furloughed



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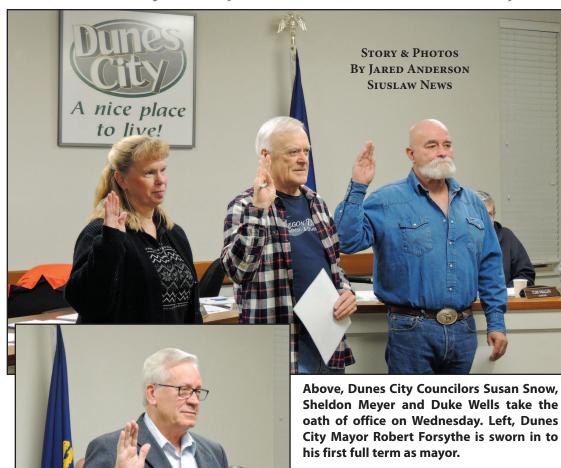
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Members of the city council sworn in Wednesday



On Jan. 9, Dunes City issued the oath of office to councilors Susan Snow, Duke Wells and Sheldon Meyer on Wednesday, along with the swearing in of Mayor Robert Forsythe. All members had served in their positions previously and ran unopposed in the 2018 election.

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'Strength of county' relayed in State of the County Address

Bozievich delivers update on decade's progress

By Mark BRENNAN SIUSLAW NEWS

"Lane County is strong."

That was the opening statement and the main message Lane County Commissioner Jay Bozievich shared with residents in the State of the County Address he delivered on Jan. 7 at Harris Hall



Western Lane County **Commissioner Jay** Bozievich

in the Lane County Public Service Building in downtown Eugene. Bozievich is the county commissioner for District 1, western Lane County.

He began his address by highlighting some of the issues that commissioners had been successfully working on during 2018, including the overall improvement in many of the situations the county has faced during the last decade.

"Not too long ago, Lane County was dealing with the two-fold problem of the 2008 recession

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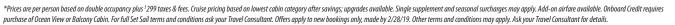
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