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US COAST GUARD CELEBRATES 227TH BIRTHDAY WOODBINE DEDICATES COMMEMORATION TO THE LATE REAR ADMIRAL CIANCAGLINI

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that Woodbine has dedicated its commemoration of this year's Coast guard birthday to the late Coast Guard Rear Admiral David E. Ciancaglino, a native son of Woodbine who passed away early this year.

The Coast Guard is celebrating its 227rd year this **August 4th**. The history of the United States Coast Guard goes back to the Revenue Cutter Service, which was founded on **4 August 1790** as part of the Department of the Treasury.

The Borough of Woodbine is home to the United State Coast Guard Uniform Distribution Center. The mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Uniform Distribution Center (UDC) is to outfit the men and women who carry out the various functions of the Coast Guard, NOAA, and PHS.

Cape May County has been recognized as a "Coast Guard Community" and holds a County-wide celebration each May to honor and show appreciation for the Coast Guard families resident in our County. Throughout the year, local businesses offer Coast Guard discounts. Local families not only invite Coast Guard members far from home for the holidays, but also provide welcoming to Coast Guard families all year long.

This year Coast Guard community signs were placed at the main entrances to each of the 16 municipalities in the County.

Rear Admiral David E. Ciancaglino attended the Woodbine School system, Millville High, School and graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy class 1960. He retired from active duty in 1996 after 36 years as a Coast Guard officer. He attended Naval flight training and was a qualified pilot in fixed wing and rotary aircraft. Operational tours at eight USCG air stations.

In June 1989, Rear Admiral Ciancaglino became Commander of the 17th Coast Guard District and Commander of the Maritime Defense Zone Sector Alaska. He assumed responsibilities as Naval Component Commander for the newly established Alaskan Command.

In September, 1989, he was the Federal On Scene Coordinator for the Exxon Valdez oil spill until he concluded those activities in June 1992. Assigned as Assistant Chief of the Aviation branch at CG headquarters Washington, D.C. Chief operations division CG Hawaii. Deputy commander logistics command, Pacific area.

His last Coast Guard assignment was as Chief of the Office of Command, Control, Communications and Computers, responsible for the worldwide management, including involvement in all major procurements and policy decisions, of matters affecting Coast Guard C41. He also served on the Board of Trustees, U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Rear Admiral David E. Ciancaglini was awarded the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility to the Government of the United States, culminating as Chief, Office of Command, Control and Communications, U.S. Coast Guard, from 1992 to 1996. The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Rear Admiral Ciancaglini culminate a long and distinguished career in the service of his country and his dedicated contributions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard. Rear Admiral David E. Ciancaglini, was also awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the Government of the United States, The Meritorious Service Medal, CG Commendation Medal, The Air Medal, and numerous other awards.

“Admiral Ciancaglini passed away on January 24, 2017, and his ashes (along with those of his beloved wife Mona) will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery on September 7.

Pictures in Photo attached:

(left to right) Woodbine Mayor William Pikolycky, Joseph Ciancaglini, Barabara Ciancaglini Leider, and Chief Warrant Officer Robert Rusko, Assistant Manager of the US Coast Guard Uniform Distribution Center in Woodbine.