

COAST GUARD CAPTAIN WES PULVER TO SPEAK AT THE FRIENDS OF FORT TRUMBULL



On Thursday, October 29, 2015, as the final speaker in the 2015 Program, the Friends of Fort Trumbull State Park announce that Captain(Ret.) Wes Pulver will be the presenter in place of the previously scheduled Admiral (Ret.) Robert J. Papp, Jr., USCG. Adm. Papp's full time assignment at the State Department in Washington, DC will not allow him to be present on that night. However, Captain Pulver has agreed to bring the message of *The Coast Guard at Fort Trumbull and Beyond* to the Fort. This lecture concludes the 2015 series entitled *Windows on the World of Fort Trumbull*- a series of programs based upon the periods in history that were significant to Fort Trumbull.

In 2010, in honor of John Hanrahan-the first President of the organization- the Friends commissioned a set of window panels by Artist and Teacher- Edward Tuccio- to enlighten visitors to the park as to what is available inside the Visitors Center. Using the window panels in the Visitors Center as a guide, June Hoyer, the Program Co-Chair, has planned presentations on the Role of the Fort throughout its history. Captain Pulver, who will discuss the history of the Coast Guard at Fort Trumbull and the proposed new Coast Guard Museum, has recently been appointed Executive Director of the National Coast Guard Museum Association.

Captain Pulver, a 1987 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy, holds a Master of Engineering degree in Operations Research and Industrial Engineering from Cornell University. For 2010-2015, he was the Coast Guard Chief of Congressional Affairs. From 2012-2015, he was also the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Barque EAGLE. Captain Pulver, who has had 28 years of distinguished service to the USCG, is honored to now lend his talents to making the National Coast Guard Museum a reality. He has said, "I am proud to be involved with a project of such importance. Bringing the story of our Coast Guard and its 225 years of service to a National audience strengthens the bond of our citizens, and strengthens the Coast Guard for generations to come."

The presentation will take place at 7 p.m. in the Conference Center at Fort Trumbull State Park, 90 Walbach St., New London. The interesting Gift Store at the Fort will be open from 6:30-7 p.m. before the meeting so that participants can view and purchase the many historically themed items. The public is invited and new members are always welcomed. Come early; seating is limited. Refreshments will follow the presentation.