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Rear Admiral Sandra Stosz, USCG Superintendent, United States Coast Guard Academy 15 MOHEGAN AVE NEW LONDON, CT 06320-8100

Dear RADM Stosz,

On behalf of the leadership of the Friends of Fort Trumbull State Park (FoFTSP), we were delighted with the help that the Coast Guard Academy cadets provided at a recent Fort Trumbull Civil War Trust event. As you may recall, Fort Trumbull was at one time home of the Academy. It was wonderful to have so many hard working cadets present and working on this project. Please convene our thanks to each of them. I believe that Cadet 3/c Matthew A. Martin was one point of contact and had a list of CG participants. Fort Trumbull Park Supervisor, Jonathan Lincoln in coordination with Tom Tyler, showed great leadership in assigning key state workers to provide guidance. Without these state workers, the volunteer effort would have been misdirected. This effort leveraged donations from the Friends of Fort Trumbull (FoFT) used for purchasing \$1,500 in materials and many volunteered hours for coordination and extensive labor. This effort was, however, small in comparison to the incredible effort by the cadets of the Coast Guard Academy who were always ready and at their best selflessly sacrificing a beautiful liberty day for helping out the local community. By my estimates, there was more than 670 hours of labor donated or more than \$19,000 contributing to this historical state park. Cadet efforts were critical to the upkeep of this wonderful state park that is available for all of our citizens and visitors. We would love to have your group return, next year. Thank you, again.

Sincerely,

G. Clifford Carter, Ph.D., Class of '67 (Go Bears) President, FoFTSP Visit Friends of Fort Trumbull at <u>www.fortfriends.org</u> and visit Fort Trumbull site at <u>www.ct.gov/deep/forttrumbull</u>

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