

ANDY HORSEY

USCGC POINT HUDSON (WPB-82322) – Jun68 to Apr69 – Relieved Chapman

USCGC POINT WELCOME (WPB-82329) - as Relief CO – May69

December 1, 2017 Andy Horsey E-mail to Bob Christiansen

50 years ago...CO of Point Hudson for me, somewhere there (Vietnam).

Golden Journeys Booklet – 2015

...on to Vietnam where I was Commanding Officer of the PT HUDSON for 11 months and PT WELCOME for 1 month. These were my first commands and were made challenging not only because of the separation from family but some personnel issues on board.

MEMORIES OF VIETNAM

Andy Horsey

June 2021

Having served on the USCGC Ingham, at the time the largest of the Coast Guard's ocean going vessels at 327', the Arbutus and Firebush, buoy tenders serving New York harbor and vicinity, my first command was to be a Loran Station. But needs of the service demanded otherwise and my first command would be an 82 footer in Vietnam.

It was a 12 hour flight to Japan, and after a 2 hour layover, another 6 to Saigon. We could sense we were in a war zone by the airport approach, circling and then diving to touch down. The door opened to oppressive heat and a unique smell. My first in country trip was to An Thoi, site of Coast Guard Division 11 and my new patrol boat, USCGC Point Hudson. On her I had several patrols to get acquainted with my new command and the crew, relieved my classmate, Dick Chapman, and my tour began, with a trip to Cam Rahn Bay to replace a shaft (someone forgot to tell me of the Hudson's prior running aground incident).

An Thoi was an interesting setup with a Navy APL anchored out about two miles from shore and all of our 82's alongside in a nest type formation (causing us to cross the decks of several 82's just to get to ours if we were the furthest outboard). Patrols there were generally routine with boarding of junks taking up most of our time. There were a few visits to nearby villages to assist as necessary and attempt to spread good will.

Patrols were frequent, out for 4 to 5 days depending on which area we were assigned, and in for only one day, then right back out again. We did do some drilling to attempt to remain sharp, and to reduce the boredom of constant boarding. My last patrol in An Thoi was in 17 October 1968, and then the Point Hudson was reassigned to Da Nang, so we went from one monsoon area south and followed it to the next monsoon area, north. On the way north we pulled another patrol off Qui Nhon.

Da Nang was the city where our 12th division of Market Time was located. It was shore based with 82's once again nested as necessary. It seemed more active than An Thoi probably because our operating area went north to the DMZ, area 1A1. It was in that general area we observed the Battleship New Jersey firing its 16 inch guns and we fired H&I (harassment and interdiction) from just offshore. At some point I took our tiny 82' alongside looking way up to see several grizzled Navy chiefs peering way down from their battleship pedestal. Notwithstanding, our cook was able to snag some excellent ice cream from them.

I was able to meet my wife, Ann, in Hawaii in late December, 1968, and we both needed that break, me from Vietnam, and Ann a respite from our two small children, Paula and June. It took us almost a month to decide whether we could even afford it. It was worth every penny. We were broke, but happy.

Back to the grind and more adventure when the Point Hudson was asked to fire, on an emergency basis, to save an Army of the Republic of Vietnam outpost from being overrun. I am pleased to say we were successful.

We were also credited with destroying ten structures and five bunkers during that spring. One particularly memorable day involved our observing, near the DMZ, a pilot having to bail out and then being pulled from the water and transported away. We arrived on scene 5 minutes later.

Tragedy and heartbreak was there when you might least suspect it. On March 22, 1969 Chief Beeson was killed while patrolling in the Point Orient's small boat. As bad as that was, several years earlier LT Bronstrom, class of 1963 of USCGA, was killed when his 82', the Point Welcome, was mistaken for the enemy by a USA jet fighter who fired upon our vessel. Being killed in a friendly fire incident seems even more tragic. That same Point Welcome was the second 82' 1 commanded when I became its Commanding Officer in April of 1969 because the Pt Hudson went to Japan for an overhaul.

It was a challenging year away and I was delighted to get back home - ignoring the anti-war fervor that existed at the time. As good as it was to get home and prepare to move to my new duty assignment, company officer at the United States Coast Guard Academy, there was a little sad as well. Our youngest, June, 7 months old when I left for Vietnam, didn't know me when I returned. She said "whose the man's shoes", a phrase I obviously have not forgotten.



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Re: Hall of Heroes - Horsey remarks

1 message

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Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Mon, Oct 25, 2021 at 11:55 AM

To: Elizabeth Jennerwein <ejennerwein@cgaalumni.org>

Thank you!

On Mon, Oct 25, 2021 at 8:27 AM Elizabeth Jennerwein <ejennerwein@cgaalumni.org> wrote:

Good morning Bill,

I am pasting the following remarks I received from Casey Gale, the 1/c in charge of the event, who passed along the remarks and citations for Andy Horsey. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

2/c Woods: Thank you, Rear Admiral Kelly. Good afternoon. I'm 2/c Kendal Woods, and over the past couple of months, I've had the privilege of being acquainted with our first Hall of Heroes inductee, Retired Commander Andrew Horsey.

Mr. Horsey grew up and graduated from high school in the small town of Delmar, Delaware. From a young age, Mr. Horsey knew that he wanted to join the military, and this ambition landed him at the Coast Guard Academy. During his time at the Academy, he played baseball, club basketball, and was captain of the football team. On June 9, 1965, Mr. Horsey graduated from the Academy, and two days later married his now-wife, former Ann Katherine Hurley, who is here with us today offering her loving support.

During his career, he served aboard the Coast Guard Cutters INGHAM, ARBUTUS, AND FIREBUSH. From May of 1968 to June of 1969, Mr. Horsey was stationed on the POINT HUDSON and the POINT WELCOME out of Vietnam, where the 82's that he was aboard averaged 80% underway time in heavy seas. While in Vietnam, Mr. Horsey demonstrated exceptional critical decision-making abilities and directed a

rigorous board and search program that made significant impacts in support of operations against the enemy. It is this duty tour for which he is being recognized today.

After this, Mr. Horsey returned to the academy as a company officer and was selected to attend law school. He graduated with honors from the University of Miami School of Law, earning his Doctor of Law in 1973. He went on to serve in the 5th District Legal Office in 1974, then in Headquarters as the Chief of the Military Justice Division in 1977. In 1980 he became the East Coast Military Judge for a year before, returning to the 5th District as the Legal Officer for his final active-duty tour.

Mr. Horsey retired from the Coast Guard in 1985, but his servant leadership did not end there. After he and his family returned to his native state, he became the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Delaware for 2 years and then became a judicial officer in family court for another 20 years.

Mr. Horsey, you have exemplified dedication in your career and pursued excellence in so many aspects of your life, and we're honored to have you here today. Thank you for your service, and congratulations.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my honor to invite Mr. Horsey front and center for the presentation of his Hall of Heroes plaque.

Attention to citation:

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL to LIEUTENANT ANDREW T. HORSEY UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For meritorious service while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from July 1968 to May 1969. While serving as Commanding Officer of the United States Coast Guard Cutters POINT HUDSON AND POINT WELCOME, Lieutenant HORSEY pursued an aggressive counter-infiltration and board and search program in direct support of operations against the enemy. His example inspired his crews to work tirelessly to improve all aspects of friendly units ashore accounting for ten structures and five bunkers being destroyed and several enemies killed in action. His aggressive and meticulous board and search operations resulted in the detention of almost four hundred enemy suspects and draft dodgers. On one occasion, the cutter POINT HUDSON was called on to fire emergency gunfire support for an Army of the Republic of Vietnam outpost which was being overrun. His rapid and devastating response resulted in withdrawal of enemy forces and at least several enemies killed. Lieutenant HORSEY's professionalism, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.



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Hall of Gallantry

1 message

Andrew Horsey <horseyandrew@yahoo.com>
To: Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Mon, Sep 20, 2021 at 12:42 PM

Thank you for congrats call Bill. I am honored, as I know you were, to have been selected to join such a distinguished group.

Andy

Sent from my iPhone



COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

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ANDREW T. HORSEY
LIEUTENANT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the President

E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

Re: Our Conversation Yesterday

1 message

Fri, Mar 29, 2019 at 1:00 PM

Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

To: Andrew Horsey <horseyandrew@yahoo.com>

OK Andy - Thanks in advance for Bart's information. Regarding your decision not to move forward on the HoH application, I understand and respect your thoughts.

The project on becoming a cadet should somehow be a prequel to the Golden Journeys you so admirably put together. Any thoughts on how we might do something like that?

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From: Andrew Horsey <horseyandrew@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 11:05 AM

To: Bill Carr

Subject: Re: Our Conversation Yesterday

Hi Bill. I was able to recover my email from Bart so I will give that to along with any supplement I find from my notes. As to my "going to the Academy" I'll get that to you soon. As to resubmitting my experience in Vietnam, I've changed my mind and don't want you to do anything further on my behalf. As I thought it through I concluded my experience was little different than most of our classmates, and certainly not comparable to yours, and others who have been honored. I think it would serve only to water down the honor, like awarding too many trophies. I do appreciate the thought.

Andy

Sent from my iPhone

Re: Follow-up note

1 message

Andrew Horsey <horseyandrew@yahoo.com>

Wed, Nov 14, 2018 at 7:12 PM

To: dtlivingstoniii@aol.com

Cc: Paulblayney@aol.com, BobOffuttx@aol.com, Carl Helman <helman@msn.com>, Carl Josephson <floridajozy@hotmail.com>, Bill@getrain.com, chap65@verizon.net, robertchristiansen41@hotmail.com, Donna White <whtoakarabns@aol.com>, Gene Bowen <genebowen@charter.net>, bjth44@hotmail.com, Howard Newhoff <caphowardn@gmail.com>, John Schwartz <johnschwartz65@aol.com>, Kent Williams <wflagman@aol.com>, Mary Faurot <maryfaurot@gmail.com>, gmcgill@thejonesact.com, morganjlex@aol.com, whnorris65@hotmail.com, thomasrpenn@gmail.com, Priscilla Campbell <priscampbell@usfamily.net>, Robert Storch <np17.67@verizon.net>, Rod Wilburn <jrwilburn4593@bellsouth.net>, Ronald Fritz <refritz@verizon.net>, rogrufe@gmail.com, ravingpat@aol.com, Walter Viglienzzone <viglie@aol.com>, dwalton0865@gmail.com, William Blanchard <blan.consult.serv@gmail.com>

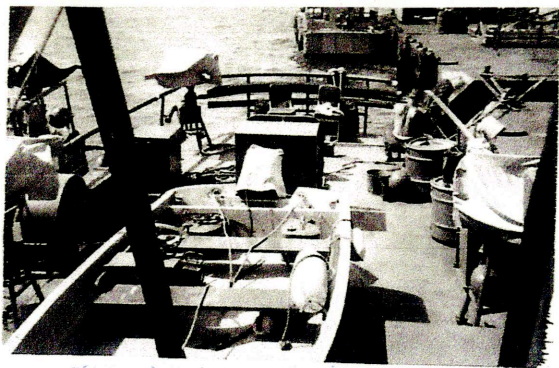
Thanks so much for your and Dick's outstanding work in putting this gathering together. The video was excellent and Walt and Bill did an admirable job expressing what many of us would have said. Particularly loved the Point Hudson closeup with the toughest crew but who could not fool NBC. Let me just say, 50 years later, I am so sorry I had to be the one who ruined your 15 minutes of fame.

Turning to more mundane matters, I did not see Dick Chapman on your list. I know he was there because I relieved him, and you know because of those cool stories you told about him.

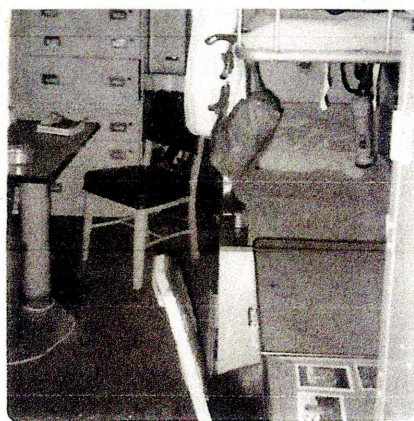
I served in div 11 in An Thoi from 8 June 1968 to 17 Oct 1968 as CO on the Point Hudson and (after a 6 day trip up to Danang) 23 Oct to about 7 April 1968 on the Pt Hudson and, relieving Jim Morgan, served as CO from 8 April 1968 to 11 May 1968 on Pt Welcome. I served my entire time in Vietnam as a CO and did not serve on a staff. I did receive the Bronze Star for my service on the cutters, and the Navy Commendation medal for service in Div 12 for period 1 July 68 to 30 July 1969, so any one serving in Div 12 during that time would have as well. As I am sure all others received, I also received letters of appreciation from the CO's in An Thoi and Danang.

Andy

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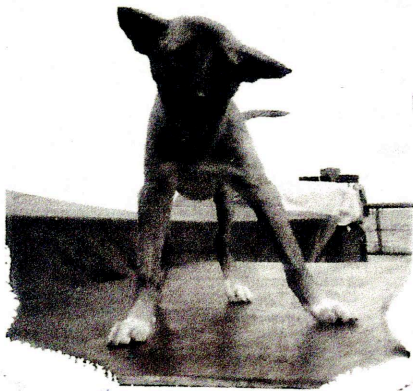
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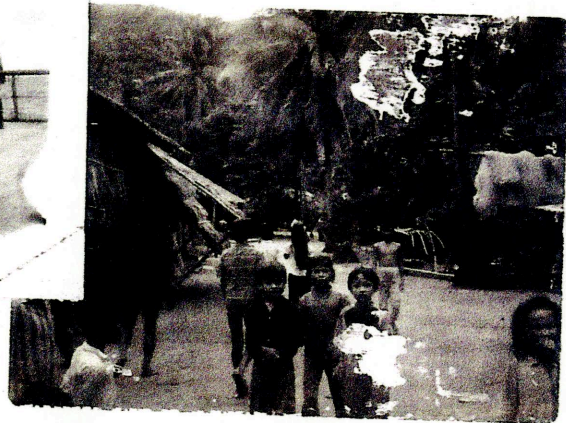
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BOARDING A "JUNK"



"Hoops"







Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Re: Mascot Story

1 message

Andrew Horsey <horseyandrew@yahoo.com>
To: Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Sun, May 9, 2021 at 8:13 AM

No, thank goodness. Our brief mascot was a mongrel we named boots.

Sent from my iPhone


On May 8, 2021, at 11:58 AM, Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com> wrote:

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From: **Bill Carr** <bill@getrain.com>
Date: Sat, May 8, 2021 at 11:48 AM
Subject: Mascot Story
To: Andrew <horseyandrew@yahoo.com>

Paul Scotti in his book "Coast Guard Action in Vietnam" tells the following story (page 173) about the PT HUDSON:

"After the PT HUDSON crew showed care for an old man in a sampan by giving him a washcloth and soap for his skin ulcers and several small boxes of dry cereal, he showed his thanks by giving them a baby crocodile, with a string wisely tied around its snout. Deciding to keep it for a mascot, they leashed it inside the small boat. That night a hideous scream ripped a seam in the quite of the iver patrol. The crocodile had gotten free, and whan a crewman stepped on deck for some fresh air the temptation of a meaty big toe was too great for young jaws to resist. The next day the amphibian was discharged from mascot duty and turned loose in the river."

Did this take place during your command?.......Bill

Le Chung – VNN Liaison

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Then there was Petty Officer First Class Le Chung of the PT HYDSON (WPB-823 – Horsey) showing his feelings by naming his sixth child, a son, Le Hudson, after the cutter.

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On 1 March 1968, she was one of several Coast Guard cutters and U.S. Navy Patrol Craft Fasts that intercepted and destroyed an enemy trawler of the coast of the Ca Mau Peninsula.^[22]

As a part of the Vietnamization Program Republic of Vietnam Navy (RVNN) crewmen were assigned for training purposes beginning in February 1969. Many close relationships developed with the American-Vietnamese crews while training together and an example was the naming of his sixth child by Petty Officer First Class Le Chung. Because he thought so much of his American counterparts, he named his son "Le Hudson" in honor of the Point Hudson.^[23]

I still volunteer for Friends of the Fallen at Dover Air Force Base. I have been doing that for 6 years and will step down after the first of the year. Typically, volunteers get two 24 hr. days per month when they are on call in case there is a Dignified Transfer (any service member killed overseas comes back through Dover) where a deceased member is returned to the US. Depending on the number of family members of the deceased that are coming and also possible children, one, two or more volunteers go in to comfort the attendees while they await going out to the flight line for the Transfer. I have done many over the years. I wish now that I had kept a log. Everyone is different and while I am saddened, I am also glad that I was able to provide some comfort.

Gene + Lynne.

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Nice chat with Gene + Lynne.

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Dear Captain High,

Thank you for the card and especially the letter and address list. Unfortunately, the address for those of us in Viet Nam is incorrect and I didn't receive your card until 3 January.

Everything is as well as can be expected with me here in Vietnam. This has been my most satisfying and rewarding assignment since I left the Academy, there is no doubt of that. However, the separation has made it difficult, as it is with everyone over here. What you have heard of the Coast Guard in Viet Nam is true. We have an extremely good reputation over here and we are being recognized. Not that the recognition is that important, but it is nice to tell someone you're in the Coast Guard without him coming back with "What's that".

Ann and the girls are settled in Oakdale, Connecticut, about 10 miles west of the Academy. They are making out just fine under the

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Yes, I hope to get PG in law. However, I realize that my chances aren't too good because of my class standing. I will stay in the Coast Guard in any case; I enjoy my work. I have asked for the Academy when I return stateside in May, and if I get it, I should be able to do some graduate work at UConn.

Thank you again for writing. It is a tremendous gesture what you do each Christmas, and the Class of '65 appreciates it.

Sincerely,
Andy Horsey

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We are home! Got home yesterday evening and went to the store and bought our turkey and all the trimmings. We are having friends from work over for Thanksgiving dinner. Then we managed to unpack before we fell into bed. A 27 hour travel time gets to be a LONG time.

Had a wonderful time, although we didn't care much for Sydney as it was much too big and congested and most of the time we felt we were in Japan (boy, they love to go to Australia! Lovely people but horrible tourists!). We stayed at the new Westin which had only opened 6 months ago, beautiful hotel, but sterile. We played tourists and checked out the Harbor and the Opera House, took the ferries to several of the smaller harbors, cruised the harbor and explored the city and shops. We were treated to a day on a 42 foot

racing sailboat which was exciting. There were times I wondered if we were going to tip all the way over.

We really started to enjoy our time in Australia when we took the train out of the city and then rented a car and drove to Hunter Valley and spent a couple of days wondering around and enjoying some of the many wonderful wineries in that area. Boy do they make great wines over there and most of them aren't being sent out of the country. Stayed in a neat villa in the Valley that turned out to be a 5 star resort. We located this place using the Internet so didn't really know what to expect. Great time!!

After taking the train back to Sydney, we checked into the Hyatt Plaza which was located on the end of the wharf so enjoyed a beautiful view of the harbor and the wharf, with all the restaurants, etc. and the Opera House. We spent the early mornings and late nights out on the veranda enjoying watching the MANY ferries, sailboats, water taxis, activities on the wharf, etc. It's

fascinating to watch as evening becomes night and lights turn on and a new life emerges while the old one slips away.

We took a day trip into the Blue Mts. and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We never do tours but were told this one was worth going on. We had an fun guide (no..Mel Gibson and Paul Hogan weren't available), only 8 of us and we went in a small 4WD van. I have the bruises to prove how much fun it was! We went on roads that I considered too narrow for a goat and forget pictures!!! All pictures were taken when we stopped as we were too busy hanging on for dear life while the van was moving! Saw beautiful scenery, petted koalas, fed wallabies, fell in love with the cutest wombats, and walked among the wild kangaroos. We went down the steepest railroad in the world and declined the skyride (no takers on that in our group!). Hated to have the day end, so much fun.

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Seafood was soooo good, but had to really spend a lot of time hunting for places that served what we wanted. Just wanted good, fresh seafood without all the sauces and rich junk that all the restaurants everywhere seem to be fixing now. We were really surprised to find much of the food is very spicy...very heavy Asian influence. Couldn't believe how long it took to find what we were looking for. After finding it though, it was excellent.

Bob and I can't believe the Olympics will be held in Sydney. It was bumper to bumper traffic on a SUNDAY morning and the shops, ferries and restaurants were constantly packed. This was the beginning of Spring and they said too early yet for tourist season, so wouldn't have wanted to be there any later! Prices are high there now and from what we were told they will more than double before the Olympics.

We had such a wonderful vacation and think it is a place everyone should see once, but get out of the city and enjoy meeting the people and seeing the beautiful scenery. The people were terrific....in a 'glad to meet ya', pull up a stool and chat' manner. In the big cities we found it to be a cross between a formal London and California beach bumming.

Thank you for all the emails while we were away. Loved coming back to them. I need to read all the jokes, yet but will save them until I have more time to share them with others. Today need to do laundry and get ready for

Thanksgiving.

Bob and I want to wish you and yours a very happy and tasty Thanksgiving. Enjoy the Macy's Day Parade and we'll be rooting for the Cowboys to win.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Bob and Gayle