

## **HOWARD NEWHOFF**

**USCGC POINT GAMMON (WPB-82328) – Sep67 – Jun68**

**USCGC POINT ORIENT (WPB-82319) – Jul68 – as Relief CO**

**USCGC POINT DUME (WPB-82325) – Sep68 - as Relief CO**

### **January 6, 2019 - Howard Newhoff E-mail to Bill Carr.**

It is my belief that most people have at least one memorable advisor / mentor / leader / friend to help steer them through one or more difficult periods of their life - someone who you rely upon to help make difficult life decisions and/or get you back to a normal fulfilling life. For me, that person was Dick Bauman.

As I am a graduate of U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Dick was a most unusual choice to fill this role for me.. He graduated from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 1943,, the year that I was born. He began his career in the U.S. Merchant Marine as a mate on a Liberty cargo ship and saw action in World War II near Normandy Beach shortly after D-Day. He served in the Merchant Marine for 14 years thereafter until 1957 when he received a direct commission as an officer in the USCG.

In 1967, he was assigned to the Republic of Vietnam as CO of Division 12, Squadron One located in Da Nang. In that position, he was my boss during most of my Vietnam service while I was serving as CO of a WPB patrol boat. He retired in 1983 as Commander, Coast Guard District One in Boston. Among his career awards were the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with Combat "V" and two Meritorious Services Medals. Dick was a noted lighthouse expert and had climbed the stairs of an amazing 680 of the 740 lighthouses along the shores of the U.S. during his life. He died from cancer in 2005.

While we were both serving in Vietnam in 1967/1968, he was more to me than just my boss. It was a very difficult period of my life (besides the stress of war conditions) as my mother had died while I was there and I contracted a life threatening medical condition. Dick helped me greatly to make it through this period by showing great concern and good advice.

After Vietnam service, we were both stationed in Norfolk, VA area and he continued to provide concern, advice and companionship during a period when I was suffering from what I later believed was Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), a condition that our government back then failed to recognize as a medical condition deserving of treatment.

At a time when I seriously considered resigning from the Coast Guard and going off to an uncertain future while having to support my wife and children, he talked me out of it. It was a

right thing to do and I went on to a long and rewarding service career. This led to financial stability after my retirements from the Coast Guard in 1989 and the civilian work force in 2013.

Although Dick and I kept in contact occasionally after our Norfolk tours of duty ended in the mid 1970's, I never saw him again. But I will never forget the effect that he had on my life. Everyone at some time should have a person like Dick Bauman around him when times are tough.

#### **February 4, 2016 – Howard Newhoff E-mail to Walt Viglienzone**

...reading your comments below about which classmate stayed in Vietnam the longest, it probably wasn't me. I dug out my old service records for the first time since I retired in 1989 (a lot of dust on those records) and found I reported in country in Sep 67 and went right to POINT GAMMON, then assigned to Division 13. In Oct 67, my boat was transferred to Division 12. In May 68, I was moved off GAMMON and was assigned as Division 12 Admin Officer. I completed my tour in this position.

I do remember doing a couple of relief CO patrols during this period but I have no records and can't recall which boats they were. I left country in Sep 68 for a tour duration just short of 13 months.

#### **Golden Journeys Booklet – 2015**

My four cutter commands were: USCGC CAPE STRAIT (WPB-95308) in NYC, USCGC POINT GAMMON (WPB-82328) in Vietnam, USCGC DAUNTLESS (WMEC-624) in Miami Beach and USCGC RUSH (WHEC-723) in Alameda.

#### **Coast Guard Awards and Medals Board – List of CG Units Coming Under Hostile Fire**

**August 30, 2004**

**Encl. (16) to COMDTINST 650.25b MEDALS AND AWARDS MANUAL**

**POINT GAMMON – 12 Jan 68, 19 Apr 68 and 24 May 68**

#### **Coast Guard Action In Vietnam – Scotti - 2003 p. 176**

Early in 1968, POINT GAMMON used her mortar to rid Coastal Group 14 of a nuisance when she was called upon to knock out Viet Cong loudspeakers on the outskirts of the base, filling the night air with communist propaganda. The cutter was on the mark, as secondary explosions were observed and the night was still again. In the morning, a patrol found the destroyed public address system and two Viet Cong casualties – one dead and one wounded.

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### **January 12, 1968 – Tour Debrief Report**

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Range to the beach at this time was 500 yds and hostile fire was concentrated at a point 1500 yards over and seaward of this unit. Hostile fire continued to be fired at this unit from at least 3 separate positions on the beach as the POINT GAMMON cleared the area while continuing to fire 50cal MG using all 4 after mounts. It was estimated that several hundred rounds of ordnance were fired at this unit. It was later learned that both friendly and enemy forces had been in the area and both had probably fired at the POINT GAMMON. 1<sup>st</sup> AIR CAV forces later reported no friendly casualties resulted from the GAMMON's fire and enemy casualties were unknown. The POINT GAMMON sustained no personnel nor material casualties. 2600 rounds of 50cal MG, 13 rounds of 81mm H&E and rounds of 81mm illumination were expended by the GAMMON during the incident.

## **VIETNAM ARTIFACTS – Howard Newhoff Donation**

### **Shipment of 10/19/21**

1. One full set of fatigues (top, trousers and cap).
2. Two Squadron 1, Division 12 logo cloth patches.
3. One English-Vietnamese pocket dictionary.
4. One RVN flag 2x3 feet.
5. Two Squadron 1 logo badges.
6. Two Squadron 1 pewter belt buckles.
7. Two Squadron 1, Division 12 Zippo lighters.
8. One three ribbon Vietnam service bar.

END OF TOUR DEBRIEF

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SEPTEMBER 1967 TO SEPTEMBER 1968

USCGC POINT GAMMON (WFB 82328)

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2/11 through 14/68 - POINT GAMMON conducted H & I's for Coastal Group 14 each night of this 1F patrol on an intermittent basis throughout the night around the perimeter of the Coastal Group to harass known VC elements in the area who had attacked the outpost several times before in the preceding weeks. A total of 12 to 15 rounds of 81 MM mortar were expended with each individual firing. Total rounds expended for the four nights were 154 rds. 81 MM H/E, 40 WP, and 2 VT. Although results were unknown, the Coastal Group stated that the firings were effective in keeping the VC away from the compound and surrounding village and that no attacks were experienced during this period.

2/12/68 - On the night of 12 Feb., while preparing to conduct an H & I mission for Coastal Group 14, A USMC combined action platoon in the area (1F) requested POINT GAMMON take under fire and attempt to silence VC propaganda speakers position BT 1959. With the CAP unit spotting, this unit conducted H & I as requested expending 24 rounds of 81 MM H/E and 16 rounds of WP. Two medium size secondary explosions were observed. The CAP unit later reported that the loudspeakers had been silenced as a result of the mission and confirmed 1 VC KIA and 1 VC WIA credited to this unit.

2/25/68 - On the night of 25 Feb., 2 barges which were anchored in Sa Huynh harbor broke loose from their moorings and broached on the beach 1 1/2 miles south of Sa Huynh, an area where much tracer fire had been sighted on previous nights. The Army Transportation unit at Sa Huynh requested POINT GAMMON keep surveillance on them the following night. On that night, this unit observed a large bush fire in the vicinity of the barges that had apparently been started by unknown tracer gunfire. POINT GAMMON provided illumination and protection for the army units who were guarding the barges and relayed information to all concerned units regarding the bush fire and gunfire in the area. While illuminating the barges, small arms fire from the beach was directed at POINT GAMMON from several unknown positions. This unit was unable to return fire due to the number and proximity of friendlies around the barge.

3/15/68 - The Navy liaison spotter in Quang Tri Province contacted POINT GAMMON and requested H & I fire be directed at an area believed to be heavily fortified by the VC and with much VC activity position YD 2580. Between 2245H and 2330H, this unit expended 20 rounds of 81 MM H/E, 5 rounds of WP, and 400 rounds of 50 cal MG with unknown results.

3/22/68 - POINT GAMMON conducted H & I at the request of the NGLO in Quang Tri province position YD 5550 expending 20 rounds of 81 MM H/E, and 10 rounds of WP with unknown results.

4/2/68 - On the morning of 2 Apr., POINT GAMMON provided a blocking force during a sweep by units of Quang Ngai sector in the vicinity of BT 7529 for 9 hours. This unit boarded all sampans coming out from the beach during the sweep but found nothing suspicious. A VC force of battalion size was discovered by the sweep and artillery, gunships, and finally an air strike was called in.

4/19/68 - POINT GAMMON was informed by a spotter plane of the 12th Marines that many NVA sampans were laying nets at position YD 2680, just south of the 17th parallel. POINT GAMMON proceeded to the area at best speed but the sampans had been beached and carried into the treeline by the time this unit arrived. With the marine plane spotting, POINT GAMMON fired at bunkers in the treeline, several buildings and structures on the north bank of the Ben Hai river, and the area in the water where the fishing nets were laid. While conducting the mission, received small arms fire from the beach but suppressed the fire with 50 cal MG with no damage received. The GAMMON destroyed a large amount of NVA fishing nets, and damaged several structures and buildings. 56 rounds of 81 MM H/E, 8 rounds of WP, and 1800 rounds of 50 cal were expended.

4/20/68 - POINT GAMMON received a report from a spotter aircraft of the 12th Marines that NVA fishermen were on the beach and pulling nets out of the water in the vicinity of YD 2780, just south of the 17th parallel. The marines were unable to remain on scene due to lack of fuel, but marked the area with smoke. POINT GAMMON fired in the vicinity of the smoke but was hindered by extremely low visibility. 13 rounds of 81 MM H/E were expended with undetermined results.

4/29-30/68 - POINT GAMMON conducted daytime broadcasts from the IC/LAL border to Wunder Beach with a psyops team from the USS IWO JIMA. The sweeps were made at a range of 500 yards from the beach in an area known to have VC sympathizers. A PCF accompanied POINT GAMMON to provide gun fire support if needed. No hostile fire was encountered and people on the beach appeared to listen to the broadcasts.

5/18/68 - POINT GAMMON was informed by the U.S. Army Transportation unit at Sa Huynh that it was under attack and requested immediate assistance. This unit, coordinating with harbor control, conducted a check of the harbor, provided protection for the men guarding the fuel barges which were anchored in the harbor, and illuminated and inspected the Sa Hoi peninsula to the north. No indication of enemy activity in the vicinity of the beach or harbor was observed. 19 rounds of illumination were expended.

5/24/68 - POINT GAMMON was informed by a 3rd Marine Division unit spotter that 9 enemy were on the beach at position YD 2776, 4 miles south of the Ben Hai River. When the POINT GAMMON arrived on scene the enemy personnel had scattered into the treeline. The WEBB took the area under fire with the marines spotting. Heavy small arms fire was received from the beach and suppressed. Expended 28 rounds of 81 MM H/E, 14 rounds of WP, and 2000 rounds of 50 cal with unknown results.

5/25/68 - While conducting surfline operations on the night of 25 May a few miles south of Cua Viet, POINT GAMMON encountered a sampan 200 yards off the beach. A PCF was also conducting surfline ops coming from the other direction and he spotted the sampan too. The sampan commenced evading to the beach as this unit illuminated and the PCF attempted to cut it off before it reached the beach. The PCF then experienced a steering casualty and had to open the beach. This unit then went in while the PCF illuminated but the sampan had already been beached and the occupants had apparently fled although no movement was ever seen on the beach. However, the sampan was spotted and taken under fire by the GAMMON with M-79 grenades as well the adjacent beach area as the PCF continued illuminating. The sampan was damaged although this unit was unable to score a direct hit. 30 rounds of M-79 grenades and 8 rounds of illumination were expended.

5/25/68 - On the night of 25 May, a marine spotter on the beach reported a NVA force of unknown size dug in foxholes in the vicinity of YD 7825, and requested that the POINT GAMMON take under fire ASAP. With the marines spotting and surveying the area with spotlights and a PCF providing illumination, this unit saturated the area with mortar fire, mostly VT rounds. The spotter reported the firing very effective but could give no positive results. Expended 30 rounds of H/E mortar, 12 rounds of WP, and 19 rounds of VT.

5/27/68 - POINT GAMMON sighted 2 sampans and a large metallic object on the beach just south of the DMZ which had not been sighted before. Movement was also noted in the treeline. After being informed that there were no friendly units in the area, POINT GAMMON took the sampans and the metallic object under fire with mortar and the treeline under fire with 50 cal Machine gun. While firing the POINT GAMMON received approximately 15 rounds of what appeared to be 60 MM enemy mortar rounds from an undetermined position. However, none of the rounds landed closer than 500 yards. 43 rounds of 81 MM H/E, 2 rounds of WP, and 1000 rounds of 50 cal were expended causing heavy damage to the sampans.

USCGC POINT ORIENT (WPB 82319)

7/17/68 - On the afternoon of 17 July, POINT ORIENT observed 6 sampans come out from Then Trung An village which is 2 miles south of Wunder Beach and set nets 200 yards off the beach in a restricted area. The sampans did not respond to the ORIENT's siren or warning shots for boarding but returned to the beach. POINT ORIENT, upon reporting the incident, was ordered to destroy boats and nets if possible. Because there were so many people on the beach, it was considered unwise to open up fire so the unit's small boat was lowered in the water and the WPB pulled away. In about 15 minutes, the villagers launched another boat and the ORIENT's small boat intercepted it driving it out to the WPB. The 8 people were taken out of the sampan and the sampan was taken under fire at point blank range along with a large fishing net in it in front of the village with 50 cal machine gun and then towed until it swamped. The 8 occupants were brought back to the village by small boat and were told to warn the other villagers the consequences of fishing in the restricted area.

7/18/68 - POINT ORIENT observed 3 sampans setting nets 50 yards off the beach just north of Wunder Beach in a restricted area. The sampans disregarded the ORIENT's siren and warning shots and returned to the beach. When it became apparent the sampans would not come off the beach, the ORIENT's small boat was lowered with orders to damage the 3 sampans by using M-79 grenades and raking them with M-16 without injuring anyone in the area or firing into the village. Also they were to drop percussion grenades in the fishing nets which were still in the surfline. One sampan was damaged in this way although the other 2 could not be taken under direct fire due to people in the area.

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3/28/2019

Rainmaker Software Mail - Re: CDR Bauman



Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

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**Re: CDR Bauman**

1 message

*BILL CARR*

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Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Thu, Mar 28, 2019 at 6:47 PM

To: Howard Newhoff <caphowardn@gmail.com>

Howard - Your point about his accomplishments is taken with total respect. His advancement to RADM didn't happen in spite of himself or as a fluke.

As I said before, I will not be publishing any of this in our Class Notes or the Bulletin and I won't bandy this about in conversations with classmates.....Bill

On Thu, Mar 28, 2019 at 5:58 PM <caphowardn@gmail.com> wrote:

Bill, I really don't know really what to say. I can now understand why you feel about him the way that you do. I guess there was another side to him that I knew nothing about. If a stranger were to read both of our emails, it would be hard to believe that we were discussing the same person.

I guess that his superiors must have thought very highly of him throughout his career. He accomplished a rare event in the history of the Coast Guard: promotion to RADM without graduation from the Academy.

He's long gone now so I hope you agree that we keep his negative side between you and me.

I will get back to you in a day or two regarding your other email.

Howard

Captain Howard A Newhoff  
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**Fwd: CDR Bauman**

1 message

*BILL CARR*

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Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Thu, Mar 28, 2019 at 3:38 PM

To: Howard Newhoff <caphowardn@gmail.com>

Howard - Here is my remembrance of CDR Bauman. I am not delivering this to you in any contested fashion or to counter your experience with this man. I know from talking with several others that were under his command that CDR Bauman was most favorably remembered and considered a good leader.

Thanks for listening....its helpful to me.....Bill

P.S. I apologize for the formatting irregularities but I'm not in a position to get it all right at the moment and I wanted to get this to you as promised....

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Bill Carr** <bill@getrain.com>  
Date: Thu, Mar 28, 2019 at 3:20 PM  
Subject: CDR Bauman  
To: Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

*Bill Carr*

## Bill Carr

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**From:** Bill Carr [bill@getrain.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 09, 2018 2:58 PM  
**To:** 'bill@getrain.com'  
**Cc:** 'leshigh65@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** Vietnam Veteran Stories - an option to the telling of your Vietnam life...  
**Attachments:** Howard Newhoff & Bill Brown Project.docx

Good Afternoon Everyone.

In response to the Memorial Day remembrance attachment in the Class of 1965 Notes, Howard Newhoff sent this e-mail.

*"It came to my attention there is an author, Bill Brown, who lives in my community who is documenting individual stories of combat ops in Vietnam. He is a prolific author who has written many books of fiction.*

*His latest book is non-fiction and is called "Our Vietnam Wars" which documents the stories of 100 veterans. Each story is several pages long which he wrote based on oral conversations with each vet, either in person or over the phone. I haven't read the whole book yet but did read several stories in it. It is well written with no slant or politics involved. Just the stories of the 100 men and women who served there.*

*The one obvious thing I noticed right away was there were no Coast Guard vets included. So I contacted him... (Bill Brown)...through a mutual friend and I received the below response.*

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 07, 2018 8:38 AM  
**To:** capthowardn@gmail.com; dtlivingstoniii@aol.com; bill@getrain.com  
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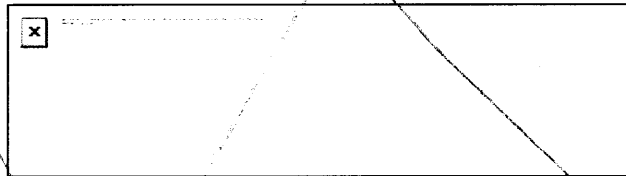
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SUBJ: REMEMBERING THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR ALL: **50 YEARS AGO IN VIETNAM**

1. Memorial Day is a solemn day when we honor the memory of those who fell in action during our nation's wars. This Memorial Day, over 50 years after the Coast Guard began combat operations in Vietnam, we pay tribute to the eight Coast Guardsmen who made the ultimate sacrifice so far from home.
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Nothing much has changed for us over the last year. After so much time at sea and a year in Vietnam, it sure is wonderful to be able to come home everynite and do things and go places with my family. I am hopeful of being accepted for post-graduate school (Oceanography) but am still waiting.

The Kanes and us are the only members of the class left in this area. If you ~~ever~~ ever get to the Norfolk area, please call and visit us.

Best wishes  
Hume and Val  
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The past few months since I returned have been wonderful for me and my family and I know the next few years will be the same. I hope you and your family will be as happy as we in the coming year.

Best wishes

Home Newhoff

NEWHOFF 67 21 DEC 1967

Dear Cdr. and Mrs. High,

I was happy as always to receive your annual Christmas card and letter along with a list of where all my classmates are now, something I've wanted for a long time. Please forgive me for being a little late this year, but the fact we are at sea over 70% of the time slows down our mail a lot.

I have been in country since 16 Sept 1967 and with the exception of Bob Offutt who arrived here last spring, Bill Kurty and I have the longest time in country and naturally, are the first to return home, something everyone here looks forward to, perhaps more than anything else. I took command of the Point Cannon 1 Oct. and thoroughly enjoy my duties in merchant time operations although I have a deep melancholy for my family (I thought you might like to have a picture of my show-off daughters).

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valere is taking everything in stride and we look forward to seeing each other around March in Hawaii when I take my R & R.

Best wishes to your whole family and congratulations on your selection to Captain

Sincerely

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Newhoff 66

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H H Newhoff