

## **DAVE FAUROT**

**USCGC POINT MARONE (WPB-82331) – Mar68 to Jun68 – Relieved by Viglienzone  
Navy Unit Commendation – 1 Jun 68 to 31 Dec 68**

**USCGC POINT SLOCUM (WPB-82313)  
Navy Unit Commendation – 1 Jan 69 to 30 Jun 69**

### **November 5, 2018 – Charleston, SC – Vietnam WPB Commanding Officer Reunion**

The last time I (Tom Livingston) remember seeing Dave was early 1967 and it was about 1 mile from where we are here in downtown Charleston. He was CO of the Cape Morgan at the CG Base we will visit tomorrow afternoon and I was home on leave about 1 hour inland from Charleston. We arranged to meet for lunch. I still remember parts of the conversation when he, having never lived in the south before, was suffering from culture shock.

That was not the ACTUAL last time I saw him as I have come to discover because of our research preparing for this event. Dave was on staff in Division 13 while I was CO of the PT SLOCUM. While in port I surely saw him, played volleyball or basketball with him. But I don't remember him there. So, I thought it was just possible that I didn't run into him.

That is until I got involved in the Coast Guard Vietnam ships log scanning project at the National Archives in DC. The logs of the PT SLOCUM for September 13, 1968 reads: "22:30 Ltjg David A. Faurot 7614 USCG reported aboard as acting CO."

I was headed for Bangkok on R&R and Dave was my relief skipper. He made one five-day patrol in the Delta (6H). He found targets all day every day - structures, people, fishing nets and he blasted them all. He expended more ammo in 5 days than I did in 5 months. He rendezvoused with the INGHAM (with Bob Brunette aboard) twice to take on more ammo and with another 82 to reload the ammo boxes. At one point while he was bombing structures, he received return automatic weapons fire. He suppressed it with 50 cal. And then pulled out of range of the AK's and proceeded to wipe out the area with everything he had.

The entire patrol should be written up as a good 65 action story that included joint small boat operations with the PT MARONE (of which Dave had previously been the CO). The operation was under the direct command of the Division 13 Commander, who at some point transferred to the PT SLOCUM for the ride back to Cat Lo. Surely, I was briefed by Dave when I met them at the dock upon their return. I have no recollection.

Dave was relieved as CO of SLOCUM by Walt Viglienzone and then served as DIV 13 Readiness until he rotated back to CONUS Jan/Feb 1969. Dave probably went on R&R before the DIV 13

Readiness assignment.

### **March 2, 2021 – Bill Carr E-mail to Mary Faurot**

...We have talked in the not-too-distant past about Dave and his tour in Vietnam. You were thinking about what to do with his sword and other military items and resolved to keep everything in the family - if I remember correctly.

I am in the process of putting together a sort of Scrapbook of the individual Vietnam theatre experiences of 1965 classmates - memories of significant instances of combat as well as more routine operations that might keep coming back to one's mind over the years. My plan is to have this Scrapbook ready for the Reunion this year after which I am talking with the Academy museum about donating to them.

The idea is to have a collection of "in-the-trenches" experiences as a source of information in case, on down the road, some cadets might want to do a capstone project, or something similar, on what it was like to be a young Coast Guard officer in combat "back in the days."

... I found only one reference to Dave in a letter I wrote to my wife on April 18, 1968. I was in Cat Lo for a short time in transit to take command of another gunboat:

"...Dave Faurot, Carl Helman, Chris Christianson, Bob Stephan, Denny Kurtz, John Schwartz, Paul Blaney and I are here in Cat Lo from the class. I played basketball with Dave yesterday afternoon for about one hour...."

### **April 2, 2018 – Walt Viglienzzone E-mail**

...Dec 68/Jan 69, Carl Helman relieved me on PT MARONE and I took DIV 13 OPS and Dave Faurot was DIV 13 READINESS – followed by John Schwartz.

... Dave Faurot probably was relieved of 82 command in Cat Lo DIV 13 by CGA 66er or Bill Bradford (QM via OCS). OCS XO John Weintraub thinks Dave may have been PT MARONE CO before me. Dave was on R&R when I arrived.

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

Dave ... commanded a patrol boat in Vietnam at the mouth of the Mekong River.

### **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 MARONE – 29 Jun 68**