

**Press Release**

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**DATE: February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**HEADLINE: Carteret County North Carolina Designated Coast Guard Community**

On February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Rear Admiral Stephen Metruck will officially designate the County of Carteret as a Coast Guard Community. Rear Admiral Metruck is the 5<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District Commander based in Portsmouth, VA. . The Coast Guard Community program recognizes the communities that support Team Coast Guard across the nation. A community can earn the distinction of being named a "Coast Guard Community" by making special efforts to acknowledge the professional work of the Coast Guard men and women assigned to its area. Coast Guard Communities regularly reach out to Coast Guard personnel and their families and make them feel "at home at their home away from home." Since the first Life Saving Station was built on Core Banks in 1888, the citizens of Carteret County and the surrounding communities have made efforts big and small to strengthen our longstanding and enduring relationship with our "Coastie" families.

Carteret County officials and the Military Affairs Committee of Carteret Chamber of Commerce have been coordinating with Coast Guard personnel and local volunteers to plan this ceremonial event. Congressional, State and local dignitaries have been invited to participate in this momentous occasion. The afternoon's festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m and are free and open to the public. The U.S. Coast Guard will be providing a ceremonial Colors Team for this historic event. There will also be refreshments, a Coast Guard Auxiliary Awareness Booth and a 29 foot Coast Guard Boat on display for all in the community to enjoy.

**Ceremony Event Details**

**WHAT:** Designation of Carteret County as a Coast Guard Community

**WHEN:** Thursday, FEB 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 1:00 PM (1300 Hours)

**DURATION:** 1 hour

05/20/15

WHERE: Crystal Coast Civic Center, 3505 Arendell Street, Morehead City, NC

PUBLIC PARKING: At Civic Center (Please Follow Coast Guard Parking Attendants)

HOW: Reporters are welcome to attend the event

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