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## NEWS RELEASE

Who: United States Coast Guard Barnegat Light & Exercise Tiger Veteran's Organization  
What: National Wreath Laying Tribute to Victims of Sandy Hook Elementary School, Newtown, Connecticut  
Where: U.S. Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light, Long Beach Island, NJ  
When: Friday, December 21, 2012 Eastern Standard Time  
Contact: CWO Jay Greiner, CO, U.S. Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light  
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MEDIA WELCOME TO COVER WREATH LAYING  
ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE MADE BY U.S. COAST GUARD

IMMEDIATE RELEASE, National, Regional and Local

The United States Coast Guard and the Exercise Tiger National Commemorative (Veterans) Foundation to honor Sandy Hook Elementary victims with historic wreath laying on Friday, December 21, 2012.

The United States Coast Guard and the United States Exercise Tiger Commemorative Foundation will lay 26 floral bouquets into the Atlantic Ocean on Friday, at 9:30 a.m. off the coast of Long Beach Island, New Jersey.

In keeping with the Connecticut Governor Dan Malloy's request to remember the 26 shooting victims at the oneweek anniversary, the U.S. Coast Guard will perform a historic wreath laying at sea. This will be the only one of its kind at sea honoring the fallen children and teachers.

Instead of the traditional wreaths, 26 floral bouquets consisting of a single white rose surrounded by 3 pink carnations will be placed into the Atlantic Ocean on Friday, at 9:30 a.m., the time of the attack on the school. As church bells will ring 26 times across the nation, the lone U.S. Coast Guard motor life boat out of Station Barnegat Light, New Jersey, will take its precious cargo of 26 floral bouquets into the Atlantic Ocean. Coast Guardsmen along with staff of the Exercise Tiger Commemorative Foundation will ceremoniously place bouquets into the sea. Each of the bouquets will bear the name of a Sandy Hook Elementary School child or faculty member who was a victim of the Dec. 14 shooting. The U.S. Coast Guard boat will sound its klaxon 26 times, once for each victim.



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In 2007 the U.S. Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light performed a similar ceremony laying a wreath with 32 flowers on it, in memory of the Virginia Tech shooting victims.

The United States Exercise Tiger Commemorative Foundation is a national veterans' organization founded in 1989, and based in Columbia, Missouri. It is named after the WWII Battle of Tiger, a pre D-day named exercise. Its legacy is to honor veterans, the military and citizens of the United States. "In our 25 years, we've performed the wreath laying ceremony many times, but most notably the Virginia Tech attack, " stated Susan Haines, National Executive Director. "U.S. Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light has performed wreath laying for "Tiger" ceremonies since 1989, and will be the only U.S. Coast Guard boat to perform this honor on Friday for the Sandy Hook Elementary School victims," continued Haines.

In Missouri, at the U.S. Army & Navy Exercise Tiger Memorial at the Audrain County Court House, 26 identical roses will also be laid as a memorial to the victims as well.

One of the highest honors that the military can bestow is a wreath laying ceremony at sea. To that end, the U.S. Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light is acting in the highest tradition in the service with this memorial at sea.

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