

Henry E. Plimack, USCGR (Ret), is an experienced candidate for ROA's Coast Guard Executive Committeeman position.

Among his many assignments in his decades of Coast Guard Reserve service, he has served as: Commanding Officer of six Reserve Units; CG Liaison Officer for Commander, South Atlantic Forces' six-month deployment to South America and West Africa; Director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) Public Affairs Response Cell (PARC) for the Office of the Chairman, JCS (then, General Colin Powell) during Operations Desert Shield/Storm.

In his extensive commitment to ROA, Henry has: been a two-time Chairman of the Coast Guard Affairs Committee, networking ROA leaders with committees of Congress: successfully stimulated Public Health Service (USPHS) membership and created a separate sub-committee for them.

However, he is running for this Executive Committeeman position based on his current engagement with the Coast Guard and ROA.

It is what Henry has done recently that validates his candidacy for this office.

After learning that the USS Arizona Memorial at the University of Arizona had mistakenly displayed only four Armed Services Emblems (you know which Service was overlooked), he worked with the school to create an appropriate CG emblem. He then developed and moderated a ceremony on Pearl Harbor Day 2019 to install the Coast Guard emblem alongside her sister-services. He was supported in this effort by the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, the Chief of Staff of the Eleventh Coast Guard District and a former Chief of the Coast Guard Reserve, enjoying thus the confidence of his service and achieving effective communication with senior CG leadership.

This evolution gave ROA and the Coast Guard significant exposure in the local community, especially with regard to the Coast Guard's role in WWII.

Henry developed language for the Eileen Bonner Legacy Award and Scholarship sponsored by his Department of New York to honor the memory of ROA's first-ever female president. He then ushered the acceptance through the ROA Executive Committee. This scholarship is now opening the door to recruiting medical Reservists from all Services into ROA.

For the past decade, Henry has been the Reserve voice at NATO's Public Affairs annual conference where communications with the Secretary General, his spokesperson, and the Chairman of the Military Committee regularly occur. He has continually reminded NATO leadership about the untapped surge capability of Reservists available throughout the NATO landscape. Such discussions have led to greater Reserve awareness, particularly that of our Coast Guard Reserve..

With your support, Henry can return to the ROA Executive Committee, but this time with a vote to advance the ROA and Coast Guard agenda. *Semper Paratus*, shipmates!

