

Farr

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February. He said he will now be overseeing Operations Ashore under Sector Delaware Bay, commanding and executing many of the 11 statutory missions performed by the Coast Guard. Farr said the primary missions at Cape May include Search and Rescue (SAR), law enforcement of recreational and commercial vessels as well as Port, Waterways and Coastal Security (PWCS). He said PWCS consists of escorting ferries and visiting terminals for high-capacity passenger vessels like the Cape May-Lewes Ferry.

Farr attended the Officer Candidate School (OCS) in New London, Conn. Before joining the Coast Guard in August 2004, he received a

Bachelor's Degree in computer science from Middle Tennessee State University. "People kind of look at me silly when I tell them I have a degree in computer science and they ask me if I'll use it in the Coast Guard and I say 'no'. I found my calling operationally - I like the law enforcement aspect, homeland security...some say you can make more on the outside but I've always had a commitment to service and that's what brings a lot of people in the military."

Although Farr has been on the Cape May Training Center, as part of his initial Coast Guard detail in the Ceremonial Honor Guard, he never trained there as a recruit. He said he became familiar with the base during visits, but needed to become

familiar with the surrounding waterways before assuming his new position. Between his stint in the Honor Guard and the 5th District Command Center, Farr was stationed for three years in Seattle, Wash., with the 13th USCG District where he took part in numerous PWCS missions because of the high ferry traffic in the Maritime Transportation System.

"(Cape May) is my fourth unit within eight years," he said. "I like the station aspect, love the mission - it's very operational day to day. My focus and career path has put within operations ashore and this is a good spot for me."

Farr said as commanding officer, every six months he will need to put in a minimum of 40 hours aboard the

station's small boats, such as the Response Boat - Medium (RBM), to remain certified and to be familiar with the work and operations of the crew. Farr said he has no problem with the requirement.

"It's great - if you're having a bad day in the office, you can just go out on patrol," he said.

Farr said he and his family will be living in the on-base housing, which makes for a very simple and convenient commute. He said his wife, Erin, and two children seem to be enjoying the atmosphere so far and are all looking forward to their time in Cape May.

"The wife likes that I don't have to drive so far for work," he said. "They've got a lot of activities for the kids on

the weekends. We've already been prepped for the winter - how it changes. But, so far it's been good."

Farr said he received a warm welcome during the Change of Command ceremony, as nearly 200 people were in attendance.

"It went smooth, had a great attendance," he said. "It's always good to have the other units for support to bring the new officer in."

Farr said he plans to make a career out of the Coast Guard and expects to have more than 20 years in the service when he retires. He said he plans to stick around Cape May for a while, but will gladly take any detail the Coast Guard assigns him in the future, especially one with leadership opportunities.

Out-going commander

Murphy said after a nice chunk of leave time, he will be going to the Training Center in Yorktown, Va., as the Assistant School Chief for the Command Center. He said he will always remember and cherish his time at Training Center Cape May.

"It was an outstanding tour and a phenomenal place," Murphy said. "The crew - they were just unbelievable people. I'd love to go back there and take another position one day."

He said he was grateful he had the opportunity to thank his fellow staff, family and friends at the Change of Command ceremony for their support.

"I did my best not to forget anyone," he said.

Book

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A native of Florida, Murphy-Lupo graduated from the University of Florida's College of Journalism. She also studied at the University of Colorado on a Gannett Foundation grant.

For three years, she co-authored the original edition of "The Insiders' Guide to Boca Raton & the Palm Beaches." Murphy-Lupo was a writer and columnist for the Palm Beach Daily News from 2000-2008. Her feature articles and photographs have appeared in Palm Beach Illustrated, The Miami Herald, Sun-Sentinel, Culture, Quality Cities, Boca Raton News, and many other publications. She is the author of Off the Record with Charles Cello, a biography now in production.

She said when a publishing company she had written

for in the past, Globe Pequot Press, found out she summered in New Jersey they asked her to write a travel book. She and her husband, Gerard Lupo, who joined her on much of the New Jersey voyage, divide their time between Montville, N.J., and West Palm Beach, Fla. She started writing and exploring the state in June 2011 and finished in October, which she considers to be quite a feat.

While most think of the state as just North and South Jersey, Day Trips from New Jersey divides up the relatively small geographic area into six regions: Gateway, The Skylands, The Shore, Greater Atlantic City, The Southern Shore and the Delaware River Region.

"I looked at it from the point of view of someone who has lived here and someone who would be just visiting," she said. "I wanted to do it a bet-

ter way than just north, south, east and west."

The 304-page travel guide doesn't stay within the confines of New Jersey either, as it takes you briefly across state lines into Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware. The Southern Shore section focuses on Cape May, plus day trips to Lewes and Rehoboth Beach, Del. via the Cape May-Lewes Ferry.

In her book, Murphy-Lupo describes Cape May as an almost magical place and said she has been there many times in her life. She said she always enjoys coming back.

"As you ride along the boulevard by the ocean, grand homes in pristine condition remind you of the way aesthetics and craftsmanship once ruled everyday lifestyles. Pastels and vivid floral hues dot the streets, where rooflines tinker with gravity and tickle your imagination,"

she says in the travel book. "The city is highly organized and abundantly well-prepared to show you around - from historic walking tours, to themed trolley routes, sightseeing cruises, shopping and whale and dolphin watching excursions."

As for the sights in the Cape May area, Murphy-Lupo suggests places like Cape May Stage, Cape May Point State Park and the Cape May Point Lighthouse, while she recommends dining at the Peter Shields Inn, Lucky Bones Backwater Grille, The Washington Inn and many more. She found shopping to be quite easy with the convenience of all the little shops nestled together on the Washington Street Mall. As for lodging, she mentions several of Cape May's famous hotels and B&Bs like Congress Hall, Angel of the Sea, The Virginia Hotel and

more.

She includes other barrier islands like Stone Harbor, Avalon and Sea Isle City in her Southern Shore section while in the Greater Atlantic City region, areas from Brigantine to Longport are the focus, along with nearby islands like Ocean City. The Skylands covers the north-central and northwest sections of the state while The Shore explores Monmouth and Ocean Counties, stretching from Sandy Hook to Holgate. Finally, the Delaware River Region section covers Trenton, Princeton and Philadelphia. For every region and town she mentions, Murphy-Lupo picks out some personal favorite venues and sites, telling visitors where to eat, where to shop and what to visit.

"A lot of people born and raised in New Jersey think

they know everything there is to know about it," she said. "But there's so much people don't realize. My husband is from Newark and he was surprised by a lot of the information."

Murphy-Lupo said she thinks New Jersey is the perfect place for day trip adventures because of the close proximity of everything within it.

"Everything is New Jersey is pretty much within a three-hour drive - it makes day trips easy," she said.

Day Trips from New Jersey: Getaway Ideas for the Local Traveler can be found on Amazon.com, BarnsandNoble.com along with numerous other websites that sell paperback publications.

Surrey

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it to a couple of newlyweds for a little jaunt around Cape May. Daily, however, it would sit in front of the Whimsical Mermaid with the mermaid on the seat, a quirky, whimsical way of drawing attention to their business. To the Reismans, it wasn't the dol-

lar loss that troubled them, but that someone would take their surrey in the first place. Their letter ended with "... (we) would love to have our surrey back. No hard feelings. Please..."

On Monday, Steve called the Star and Wave to stop the letter from going to print. He had good news.

George Seville, the postal carrier who delivers to the Whimsical Mermaid, had spotted the surrey a few blocks away sitting in a driveway. Steve called the police who visited the house where new renters had just moved in. They saw the surrey in the driveway but had no idea of its history or ownership. Apparently, young people staying there previously

"borrowed" the surrey and rode it around, and when they left town, failed to return it to where they got it.

According to Steve Reisman, both Seville and the local UPS driver knew the surrey and the fact that it was missing, but Seville was the one who found it first.

Lt. Chuck Lear of the Cape May Police Department said bicycles are often the tar-

get of a opportunity - that someone will take a bike that is not their own, use it, and drop it on someone's lawn. Additionally, he said it's often the case that an owner diligently looking for his or her stolen bike will spot it somewhere.

"What's bizarre about this is the person who had (the surrey) dumped on their prop-

erty didn't even call us," Lear said.

Lear encourages citizens to call the police when they find something unusual or hazardous to call the police department. Sometimes even low hanging branches that are obstructing signs can become a public safety hazard.

"Call on those things too," Lear said.

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from being overwhelmed with police costs. Mahaney said citizens can expect the same level of police service at a price affordable to everyone. Cape May police cover West Cape May and Cape May Point under an inter-local agreement for police services.

The contract covers rank and file police officers and sergeants, but not superior officers, which includes one lieutenant, one captain and the police chief. City council also approved a contract with Police Chief Diane Sorantino, which will also expire Dec. 31, 2014.

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