

# SCOTT FISHER

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While on duty at Point Pinos, he remembers the three Coasties who rotated their 8-hour duties, 4-12, 12-8, or 8-12. Scott was the petty officer in charge of the station (boatswain mate 3<sup>rd</sup> class) and the other two were seamen. There were three beds for them in the room where we now receive visitors. The kitchen area was fully functional, where they had the luck of taking steaks and other goodies from the main station to cook. Their duties would include turning on the light from sunset to sunrise, turning on the foghorn when needed, chopping the ice plant, painting, and checking the grounds. At that time, the cypress hedge was not kept trimmed so had grown into beautiful trees. The city had agreed to mow the lawn.

Rex, a huge Belgian shepherd, stayed around the lighthouse since he was born there in 1953 and was fed by the Coasties. He had been hit by a car earlier and walked with a limp. They took him for check-ups at Fort Ord. The newspaper article tells about this mascot who died after 17 years at the lighthouse.

The handiwork on the railing into the basement was done by Scott. Some of the macramé knots he used were called turks head and basket weave. Visitors comment on the beautiful work and are glad to have a good grip on the railing.

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Lighthouse Keeper 1988-1970

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While on duty at Point Barlow, the members of the Coast Guard... 8-hour shifts, 4-12, 12-8, or 8-4. (You work the... in order of the station (positions more... and the... were... There were three beds for them in the room... The kitchen area was fully functional... of taking stacks and other goods from the... their duties would include turning on the light... on the tower when needed... and checking the ground. At that... was not kept turned so had grown into... The city had agreed to mow the lawn.

Jack, a long religion student, stayed on and the lighthouse since he... was born there in 1933 and wanted by the Coast Guard. He had been... with a car earlier and walked with a limp. They took him for check... The newspaper article talks about this man... who had after 17 years of the lighthouse.

The hardware on the railing in the basement was done by... Some of the machine knots he used were called Jack's Head... Visitor comment on the beautiful work and she... to have a good grip on the railing.

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# SCOTT FISHER Lighthouse Keeper 1885-1870

The Coast Guard sent Scott Fisher as a Relief Keeper to Lighthouse Point San Luis Obispo, and later Point San Luis Obispo. He went on to go to college at W.P.C. then to the University of California. He was a major in biochemistry and an honor student at UC.

While on duty at Point Pinos, he remembers the three Coxswains who were on duty at Point Pinos, 4-12, 12-8, or 8-12. Scott was the only one who was on duty at the station (Coxswain was 8th class) and the other two were absent. There were three beds in the room where we now receive visitors. The kitchen was fully functional when they had the look of taking steaks and other goodies from the main station to cook. Their duties would include fishing on the light and about to anchor, turning on the light when needed. At that time the ice plant, painting, and checking the grounds. At that time the coxswain was not kept turned so had grown into beautiful trees. The city had agreed to mow the lawn.

While on duty at Lighthouse Point, he stayed around the lighthouse since he was born there in 1881 and was led by the Coast Guard. He had seen all of the earlier and worked with a team. They took him for check-ups at Fort Ord. The newspaper article tells about the mascot who died after 17 years at the lighthouse.

The handbook on the calling into the lighthouse was done by Scott. Some of the mooring knots he used were called Luke knots and he had a comment on the beautiful work and the good to have a good grip on the calling.

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# Coast Guard's Mascot Is Dead

PACIFIC GROVE — Rex probably was better known than anyone else in the Monterey Coast Guard Group.

There's no question the big Belgian shepherd was senior in point of service. After 17 years and 17 days of standing watch at the Point Pinos lighthouse, Rex died last week.

The veterinarian said it was probably by a heart attack brought on by his overweight condition.

When Coast Guardsmen found him lying on the lawn in front of the lighthouse, gasping for breath, they lifted his 150-pound frame onto a stretcher and loaded him into a truck to take him to the doctor.

Rex never made it. He was dead on arrival at the veterinarian's at Ft. Ord.

Rex's service record shows he was born at the lighthouse Aug. 4, 1953.

Nobody really knows the whole story of his life because duty men kept changing through the years while Rex stayed on as light keeper.

In his younger days, of course, he ranged far and wide in search of girl friends

and chased an occasional deer or two.

Then as the fires cooled, he stayed around the lighthouse.

Rex never slept in any of the duty men's homes. His bed was always in the lighthouse. Until the last few years he made every inspection trip, tramping the quarter mile from the lighthouse down to the foghorn every hour.

Then as age began to weigh heavy on him he missed more and more of the inspection trips.

Last March, however, he took a physical exam.

"He's in perfect shape," said the vet. "Just get about 50 pounds off him."

So the Coast Guard put Rex on a diet.

But the big shepherd was far too wise to accept reduced rations. He managed to make up the difference mooching meals here and there from nearby residents.

"Too bad he never reached 20-year retirement," said a veteran Coast Guard chief petty officer.

Rex, however, probably would never have accepted

After all it was his lighthouse.

Scott Fisher – Bosin Mate, C.G., Point Pinos duty 1969-70

Scott was on duty at Point Pinos with two others. There were three beds in the kitchen. They rotated 8-hour duties: 4-12, 12-8, 8-4. Some of the time they would paint the floor and even the building, pull up ice plant, turn on the light at night and the fog horn when foggy. When doing rounds, they would check the grounds and use a clock-like thing as in the closet upstairs.

Scott said they fed the lighthouse dog, Rex. He was a Belgian Shepherd and limped because he had been hit by a car. He was always around the lighthouse.

The lighthouse was open to the public on some weekends. He remembers the beautiful cypress trees surrounding the lighthouse. They were not trimmed like a hedge as they were in earlier years. He believes the city agreed to mow the lawn.

In some of his time, maybe to stay alert at night, Scott did the "fancy work" (I thought it was called macramé.) on the railing into the basement. The top section was done in a basket weave, the next in turks heads, and the bottom part he was never pleased with. (The visitors really like it all!)

Some of Scott's other lighthouse time was spent doing relief work at Pigeon Point, Avila Beach, and Piedras Blancas.

Information gathered by Nancy McDowell with Scott Fisher on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at the lighthouse.

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DEPARTMENT OF  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 U. S. COAST GUARD  
 CG-344ISM (Rev. 4-67)

**U. S. COAST GUARD STANDARD TRAVEL ORDER  
 FOR ENLISTED PERSONNEL**

AUTHORITY

CCGD12 ETO, NO. 26-69

DATE

12 February 1969

**INSTRUCTIONS**

This form shall be used for individual transfer orders of enlisted personnel. It is not to be used for group orders. LINE UP copies so that data is transferred to appropriate spaces and is LEGIBLE. FORWARD ONE COPY TO DESTINATION UNIT. If insufficient space is provided for any entry, make note in that space and continue entry under "Supplemental Instruction" or on attached sheet. Identify continued items and attach additional sheets securely.

UNIT	LOCATION	
USCGC RESOLUTE (MEC 620)	Treasure Island, San Francisco, California	
TO (Name)	SERVICE NO.	RAVE
Scott W. FISHER	366 769	BL3

**1. PROCEED AND REPORT TO**

DESTINATION	STATION OR PLACE	NATURE OF DUTY (PCS, TD, TAG, VOINS, YALINS)	APPROX. No. of Days
a. Intermediate			
b. Intermediate			
c. Ultimate	Commander Group Monterey, Monterey, California	PCS	

UPON COMPLETION OF THIS TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DUTY RETURN TO YOUR STATION FOR RESUMPTION OF YOUR REGULAR DUTIES  
 THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES A PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION FROM San Francisco, California  
 to Monterey, California

<b>2a. RECORDS ATTACHED (Check appropriate boxes)</b>					<b>2b. DISPOSITION OF RECORDS NOT ATTACHED</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SERVICE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEALTH	<input type="checkbox"/> PAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PERSONNEL DATA CARD	Pay record to be retained by CCGD12.		

**3. AUTHORIZED TIME EN ROUTE**

TOTAL DAYS AUTHORIZED	LEAVE	PROCEED TIME	COMPENSATORY ABSENCE	TRAVEL TIME
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REPORT NOT LATER THAN		ADDRESS ON LEAVE		
Time	Date			
0700	15 February 1969			

<b>4. TRAVEL NECESSARY TO THE EXECUTION HEREOF IS REQUIRED IN THE PUBLIC INTERESTS AND IS AUTHORIZED. CHARGEABLE ACCOUNT</b>				
APPROPRIATION	SUBHEAD	COST ACCOUNT	OBJECT ACCOUNT	PROJECT NUMBER
CCGD 12	12-20-00-00	70040	211	

**5. TRAVEL IS AUTHORIZED OR DIRECTED AS INDICATED BELOW: NO TRAVEL NECESSARY**

a. FOR PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION ONLY (Including temporary duty en route): TRAVEL BY PRIVATELY OWNED CONVEYANCE IS AUTHORIZED. LICENSE NO. (See Section 4-D, Personnel Manual)

b. FOR TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DUTY ORDERS ONLY:  
 (1) Travel by privately owned conveyance is authorized and is more advantageous to the Government.  
 (2) Travel by privately owned conveyance is authorized. (Only authorized when sufficient leave to allow safe driving is granted.)

c. TRAVEL BY GOVERNMENT CONVEYANCE AS INDICATED BELOW, IF AVAILABLE, IS DIRECTED, OTHERWISE THE USE OF COMMERCIAL CARRIER IS AUTHORIZED:

Government Vessel	Government Vehicle	Government Aircraft	Class Priority Certified
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d. TRAVEL IS DIRECTED BY COMMERCIAL CARRIER ON TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS, WHEN TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS ARE AVAILABLE, OTHERWISE AT OWN EXPENSE, SUBJECT TO REIMBURSEMENT.

e. TRAVEL AT OWN EXPENSE IS AUTHORIZED. SUBJECT TO REIMBURSEMENT. (This does not authorize travel by privately owned conveyance.)

6. AUTHENTICATING SIGNATURE (Grade and title)  
*R. J. Harcourt*  
 R. J. HARCOURT, LCDR, USCG, Executive Officer

**7. DELIVERED AND DEPARTED**

TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE (Grade or rate and title)
	15 February 1969	

8. I have read and understand the above orders and the general and supplemental instructions and I have received the records and accounts as indicated.	SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER
	Scott W. Fisher SCOTT W. FISHER

Pacific Grove, California  
March 2, 1982

Mr. Scott Fisher  
2030 48th Ave.  
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Dear Mr. Scott:

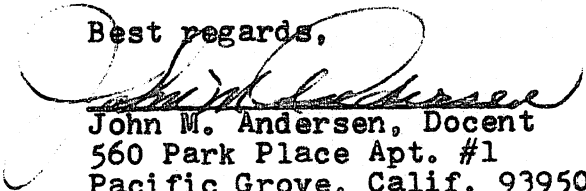
This letter is written in regard to the Point Pinos Lighthouse.

Last year when you and your wife visited the the Monterey area, you came by the lighthouse, and mentioned that you had duty there in 1971. The enclosed article about "Rex" would be around that time. If you have any knowledge about the last days of this particular dog, it would be appreciated if you would pass it on to me.

The plan is, to post this article at the lighthouse, and it should be of interest to visitors.

Hoping you can visit the Monterey area again in the near future.

Best regards,

  
John M. Andersen, Docent  
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