

WORLD WAR II AT POINT PINOS

Pacific Grove's beaches, from which civilians were banned during the war, were patrolled primarily at night. The Coast Guard Beach Patrol worked four-hour shifts reporting suspicious activity by telephone to headquarters while enforcing blackout rules.

The first coastal artillery at Point Pinos was actually fake using telephone poles as the gun barrels good enough to fool an offshore enemy until the real thing became available.



In June of 1942, two German submarines landed agents on the East Coast of the United States. They were quickly captured but the potential for further landings led to the founding of the Coast Guard Beach Patrol in July 1942.



In the fall of 1942, the use of horses was approved for the Coast Guard Beach Patrol. A year later over 3,000 horses were patrolling the East and West Coast beaches. The horses were furnished by the Army Remount Service which was then in the process of transforming the calvary into mechanized units.