



The Golden Legacy Program - USCGA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

"They will be given the same opportunity to embed their legacy into the rings of guardians to follow." -Nyrel Cederstrom

(started the Golden Legacy program as a cadet in 2009)

What is the Golden Legacy?

The Golden Legacy is a program that offers alumni the chance to form a special bond and lasting link with the future officers of the Coast Guard. Donated class rings are melted down and mixed with new gold to forge the class rings for the next generation of Coast Guard officers. This process will continue in perpetuity, linking the Long Blue Line with the generations to follow.

Significance of the Class Ring

The Coast Guard Academy's class ring symbolizes one's youth, pride, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to the core values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty.



Captain Ron LaBrec '89 and Lieutenant Amy LaBrec '90 at his 2/c Ring Dance in Spring of 1988.

In 2017, the program held its first ever Ring Melting Ceremony.

On September 26, 2017 alumni from the Class of 1969 and cadets for the Class of 2019 met at the fine metal refinery Pease and Curran in Rhode Island to officially melt the donated rings.



L-R: 2/C Anna Morin, 2/C Rachel Boohar, Captain Wayne R. Gronlund, 2/C Ryan Brumm, and 2/C Michaela Hepler

Golden Legacy By the Numbers

59 Rings Donated Since 2009

Classes Represented: 1949, 1954, 1955, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, [1972](#), 2001

Oldest Class: 1949

Youngest Class: 2001

"As our time honored service continues to grow, we hope so will the Golden Legacy." -
Nyrel Cederstrom

[Class of 1972 – 2020 Ring Donors](#)