

The Passing of the Rings

Golden Legacy for 1972 and 2022

Golden Legacy: Class of 1972 and Class of 2022

On this Veteran's Day, we reflect on the traditions of the Long Blue Line and the special connection shared by all Coast Guard Academy alumni.

Last week, the connection between the Class of 1972 and Class of 2022 was further solidified with the Passing of the Rings ceremony. Alumni Association President, Captain Andrea Marcille '89, presented the Class of 1972 rings to Class of 2022 President, 2/c Greg Costello.

The Passing of the Rings is an important event in the Golden Legacy Program. As members of 50-year class donate their rings to be melted down and mixed with the new gold to forge the class rings for their cadet Link in the Chain class, a lasting permanent link is formed in the Long Blue Line.

We encourage you [to celebrate this ceremonial Passing of the Rings, learn about the ring donors, and hear from members of the Class of 1972 as they share their messages with the Class of 2022.](#)

[Watch the Passing of the Rings](#)

"Today we symbolically transfer some of our DNA, as a class, to you through a golden flow admixed to your class rings. But you should appreciate that this transfer is also quite real. The Class of '72 - the WHOLE Class of '72 - stands with you as you write your own history of challenges met and great achievements.

"But rest assured, the skills you learn here and the values you share with my class, as indeed with the entire Long Blue Line, will set you on the proper course to achieve great things." - RADM Robert Duncan '72

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