

Good evening, Madame Mayor, Commissioners and members at the dais:

Thank you so much for your support and sponsorship for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the opening of the Inlet to the Atlantic. It was a very special day.

We would also like to give a big thank you to the following folks that helped to make this such a wonderful event:

Public Works: Mike Reals and his crew were extremely valuable in helping with logistics to make the event run smoothly. Tora Parker, Terry Martin, Henry Duhart, Larry Owens, and Jerome Scott set up the tents, tables and chairs, and provided help throughout the day. Once the event concluded, all was packed up and removed quickly.

Morgan Reynolds-media support and advertising

Donna Qvarnstrom of Little Jim's and Cobb's Landing, and 2nd Street Bistro- Provided the burgers and hot dogs

Freedom Boats-provided food and water

BM1 Ray Martin with the US Coast Guard -provided the logistics and three boats including boat at anchor for the blessing

St Andrew's Episcopal Church- Reverend Ellis Brust did blessing on Coast Guard vessel

Notre Dame Church- Father Yves Geffrard did blessing at flag presentation

Tri-County Automotive and Towing – provided the very prominent flag on the inlet

Westwood High Honor Guard- presentation of the colors at inlet

Elks Lodge and Sunrise Kiwanis: volunteer labor for the BBQ

Sea Scouts- flag ceremony at prayer breakfast

Pastor Pinkie Hendley delivered the prayer at the breakfast

All residents and boaters that participated in this joyous occasion

It was so rewarding to see the response from our volunteers and the community and we, as a committee, really appreciated all the help. It could not have been done without their support.

From the committee: Jean Ellen Wilson, Ann and Don Spaeth, Crystal and Matt Samuel, Herb Bopp, Justin Beard, Marian O'Leary, Linda Hudson, Selina and Larry Winter, Rhonda Blakey and Charlie Hayek