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Next Meeting is

**10:30 AM - Saturday – 16 Nov 2024**

At

Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee  
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

[Google Maps](#)

## Meeting Minutes for Oct 12, 2024 Grand Strand Scale Modelers



### *A Modern Greek Epic* Andrew Raisis

October's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, Oct 12th. There were **13** members in attendance.

- **Rick called the meeting to order:**
  - Rick welcomed all members and asked if anyone had pressing issues to add to the meeting's agenda.
  - Meeting Focus:
    - Demonstrations: Jordan in November for Scribing, John Davis on Netting in Jan 2025
    - Missing Members & Personal Concerns. Joe should be back with us soon!!
    - GSSM Welcomes "Gabe" – Chad Volentine's son who is starting "the habit". Quick, give him all the shelf-queens!!! ;)

- Nominations for GSSM Officers was discussed for a second time. It was without objections:
  - Rick retains GSSM Presidency
  - Phil retains Treasurer
  - Chaz – has nominated Jason Boggans for GSSM VP
  - Rick discussed the possibility of a Secretary position for the newsletter but nothing was firmed up....
- GSSM Treasury was recorded at **\$3731.47** on the meeting's date. A vote was taken to allot up to \$500 for the W,W&W trip (Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>) for the purchase of some appropriate kits for the BeachCon 25 Raffle. A group of members would be taking the trip so it was left in the hands of appropriate parties.
- IPMS Nationals – Richmond Virginia – was discussed. Apparently somebody jumped the gun on hotels for the IPMS Rate..... It is unknown if this will open up to more rooms going forward but it was yet and other SNAFU. Another discussion pertained to the length of awards presentation. More to come on this....I'm sure.
- **BeachCon 2025**
  - Rick is calling for raffle donations (again). Aircraft are needed as the donation of kits were primarily armor.
  - A count of unused 2024 medals was provided to Phil:
    - Gold: 22
    - Silver: 28
    - Bronze: 44
  - Chaz is refining new artwork for the Acrylic Trophies.
  - The BeachCon 2025 Committee was established. Meetings to be held at the library on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Presently the committee members include Mike, Phil, Rick, Jordan, and Chaz.
  - Earl will pick up new hats for the Award Maids.....
- **Other Items**
  - January's (2025) Group Build was between "**Go Army**" and "**Go Figure**". A vote was taken and "**Go Army**" was selected. Note: There is more on Group Builds later in the Newsletter.

## New & Ongoing Business:

**GSSM Scheduling:** (Note....ALL dates are subject to change due to events or library availability.)

Nov 2024	<i>Jordan Matejcek</i>	<i>Scribing</i>	How to...best practices, tips & tricks!!
Dec 2024	<i>GSSM</i>	<i>Christmas Party</i>	This is the annual Christmas Party & White Elephant event!!
Jan 2025	<i>GSSM John Davis</i>	<i>Go Army Group Build &amp; NASCAR Window Nets</i>	Get your realism mojo on!!
2025	<i>Andrew Raisis</i>	<i>Grow Them Trees!</i>	Andrew has agreed to show us all how he makes those fascinating diorama trees. Hopefully, MiniArt will have scale racoons, squirrels, and birds soon....
2025	<i>Scott Vanetten</i>	<i>Dry Brushing</i>	It's all in the wrist!!
2025	<i>Dayne Taylor</i>	<i>Water Effects</i>	I'm sure it'd be a splashing success!!!



We ARE looking or demonstrations for 2024 & 2025!!

Canopy Polishing	Best methods and how to!! You can polish the floors too....
Masking Techniques	Tape, masking fluid, other mediums, and techniques
Weathering	Too general so we would break it up into specific demos.
Figure Painting	Maybe we can get Calvin Tan to drop by....
Vacuum Forming Items	Especially canopies....
Using YouTube for Modeling	Techniques, Tips, & Research. If you're not using it....you SHOULD!
Using Foam Board	Ah, so THAT's why Lowes & Home Depot have that stuff..... Using a good foam cutter .
Making Waves	Ok, how to make water.....and you wonder why we would use the Foam Board demo first....
Adding Electronics to your build.	Andrew has the Ins & Outs!!!



## *For the Records*

### *Group Builds*

The January Group Build is “**Go Army**”: Anything US Army - Tanks, planes, soldiers....etc

It was, however, brought to my attention that some members do not “know” from where the Group Build suggestions originate. Back in May/June 2023 we were in the midst of counting our stashes and voting on a list of Group Builds topics. We have been slowly working through that list with the addition of the “Shelf Queen / Shelf of Doom” group build from January 2023.

The list of suggested Group Builds AND the resulting votes are reposted at the end (after contests) of this newsletter. Please take a minute and re-familiarize yourself with the results.

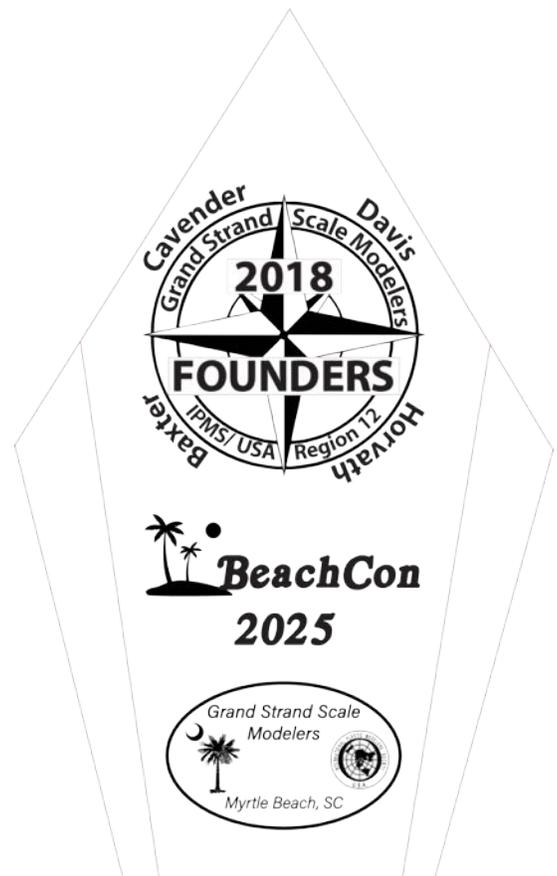
### *New Founder's Trophy*

In December of 2023, GSSM members also took a vote pertaining to the redesign of the BeachCon Founder's Trophy. The result was 9 to 2 vote to proceed with a redesign. The following was published in December 2023's GSSM Newsletter:

#### **Issue # 3: Founder's Trophy Redesign (Effective BeachCon 2025)**

Change the existing “Founder's Trophy” from Rick Davis/Best USMC to a reflect all four GSSM founders (J Baxter, P Cavender, R Davis, & Herb Horvath) and reassess the appropriate implementation of the trophy for each BeachCon Contest as deemed by GSSM President & Vice President.

The new Founder's Trophy is depicted here.... I believe we're tied to Best USMC for 2025 but we can change this for subsequent years. Two themes....perhaps?



***BeachCon 25's Show Theme "Pacific Rim" Trophy Artwork***

Another trophy requiring artwork for 2025's BeachCon is that of the Theme Trophy: "***The Pacific Rim***"!

***We Won't Get Fooled Again!***

Though it may seem cumbersome to many, the reason why your emails are hidden (BBC) in any broadcast is to insulate us all from the possibility of system/email viruses from using those groupings and sending malicious emails from one of our own members.....and I have seen a couple. That being said, however, seems we're up against a new game....or rather an old one.

A word of warning...GSSM officers will **NEVER** ask you to make a payment on their behalf unless it has been discussed in person or via phone communications. There has been some really good phishing going on so keep this in mind!! Call one of us first before you do anything!

***Speaking of eMails:***

A request went out for you to respond to the VP to be included in broadcast emails. VERY few of you have responded. Please do so.....or you may be dropped from the list. There is a reason.....

***Ho....Ho....Ho!!***

It's THAT time of year....blah, blah, blah..... The ***GSSM Christmas Party*** is upon us! Start making those cookies and other tasty treats!! We need sign-ups for the event and don't forget the White Elephant Gift Swap.



## Show & Tell



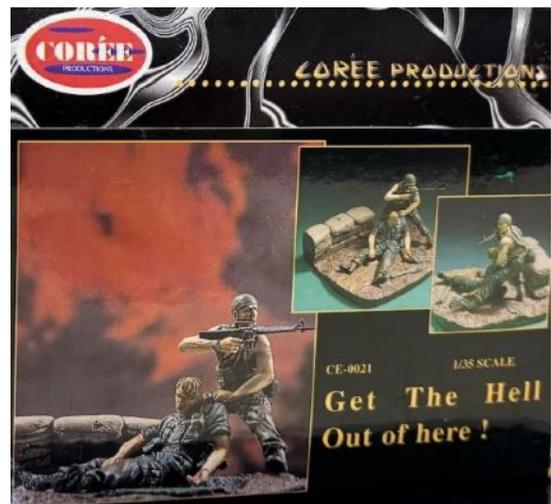
Mr Cavender is first up today with his 1/35<sup>th</sup> Hobby Boss LAV300 90mm Cockerill Gun in Philippine Marine markings. With a 6 cyl Diesel and a 90mm gun, it gets great gas mileage (I'm sure) and has a nice "punch"!!

You can find his IPMS/USA Review [here](#).



Course, Herb's guys could have used Phil's LAV300.... Heavily under fire, Herb's Vietnam vignette has all the markings of a bad day. Adding in the palm tree and other terrain items, it almost feels like you're there!

Nice one Herb!!





Andrew Raisis has spent a great deal of time and effort in the research and and construction of his "A Modern Greek Epic" involving the airborne battle, and ramming, of an Italian CANT Z.1007 by Greek Second Lieutenant (Hipsominagos) Marinos Mitrallexis operating a PZL P.24.

For his gallantry, Mitrallexis received Greece's Cross of Valour (displayed here). This was Greece's highest honor and he was the only Greek airman to receive this award during the war.

Andrew spent a lot of time scratch-building the old Supermodel C.R.D.A Cant Z1007 bis. kit of many decades. He built the rudder section to depict the damage caused by the encounter. IBG's PZL P.24g was utilized in the depiction of Mitrallexis' aircraft.

His complete write up will be posted into an appropriate section on GSSM's website. Look for it soon!!



Greek stamp depicting the exploits of Mitrallexis on the 2nd of November 1940.

Mitrallexis survived the war with a confirmed five aerial victories.



Blasting us again from the past..... Earl brought in a USAF “MATS” relic! Monogram’s 1/144<sup>th</sup> C-121 Constellation. It’s heading to New York as a museum piece as well!! If you remember MATS....you’re old!!

Earl said that he still needed to fix a few details....like adding the windscreen, but I think they were just flying it “old school”! Hope they wore their sheepskins.



Chad Volentine brings us a collection of a specific fighter pilot; Gabby Gabreski.

Gabby flew the P-47D during WWII, the F-86 during Korea, and the F-100 toward the end of his remarkable service career.

Both P-47 and F-86F are a dual set from Academy as the F-100F goes all the way back to those AMT/ERTL days.

Gabreski was credited with the destruction of 34½ aircraft in aerial combat during his career.

I guess "Franciszek Stanisław Gabryszewski" was too much to put on his name tape....





Jordan is still working on his 1/72 CMK S-39 Giraffe Craft.... Ok, it just looks like a giraffe. Plodding along with scratch building, test fitting, refining...etc.. he should finish this one off in say....2027?

It's coming along, but he's had canopy issues and basically had to make his own windows.

Those are decals guys....not paint. In this case painting, perhaps, might be easier....

More power to you Jordan.....tough build!



Mike, on the other hand just slaps 'em together.....spritzes paint and lets his Mrs do the decals.... (lol)

Mike has finished his Special Hobby Mk.I Whirlwind fighter/bomber. He utilized Tamiya paint at VERY LOW air pressure to get those lines.

Just goes to show he still has it!!

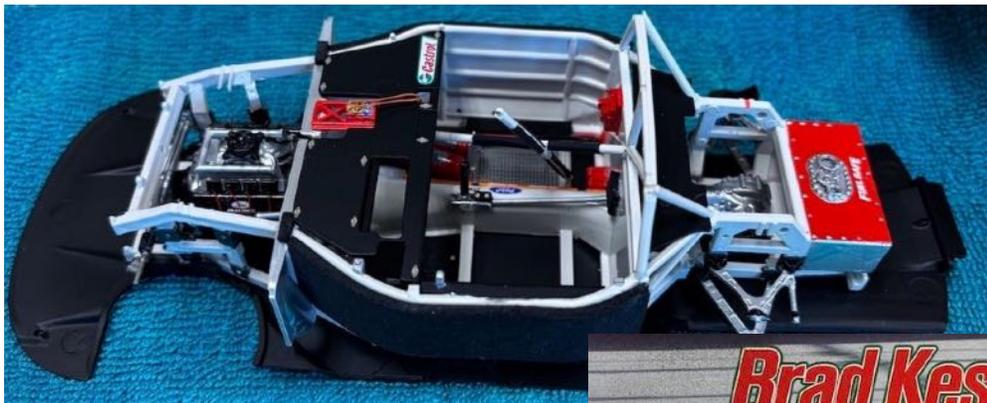
What's that you ask?? What's the scale???



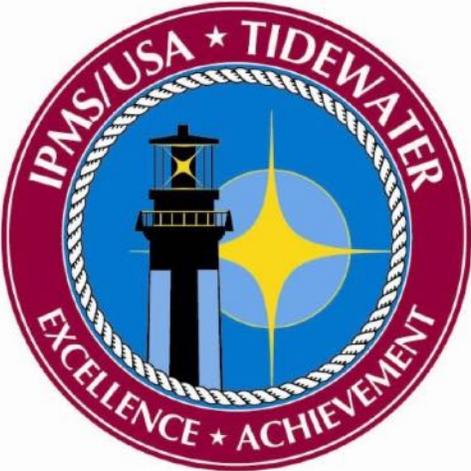
The age old question.....if a bear goes to Rick's house..... Mr Reinert accepted an IPMS/USA review on Atlantis Model Company's 1/13<sup>th</sup> Cave Bear. Released in 1972, it needed quite a bit of work.... Lots of glue and massive amounts of putty. What Rick, you couldn't afford the time and effort to flock the bear..... Kinda give it that furry look??? Guess Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't very fuzzy.....was he.... Read Rick's IPMS/USA review [here](#).



Last, but not least, is John Davis' latest endeavor. John is building Brad Keselowski's 2023 Ford Mustang in 1/24<sup>th</sup>. Salvinos JR Models has been employed again...with associated decals. With that much scratching, this too will be a prize winner!! Good Luck John!!! (Pssst...now you know why we don't let him enter group builds with cars....)



Upcoming Contest & Events



**IPMS/USA National Convention 2025 Information**  
6-9 August 2025 in Hampton Virginia

*Please click on an image to go to the website*



**Chattanooga ModelCon 2025**

**January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Chattanooga Convention Center  
.....Friday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
.....Saturday 9 a.m. - 4<sup>th</sup> p.m.

- Our Popular Gold-Silver-Bronze Format will be used for ALL contest models, Including Automotive
- "Best Of" Awards for Aircraft, Armor, Automotive, Figure, Sci-Fi, Misc. and Dioramas
- Display only models are welcome and are free to display
- Model registration begins on Friday at 1 p.m. and ends on Saturday at noon
- Vendors can be open for business starting on Friday by 1 p.m. A very large number of vendors is expected
- Large raffle drawing on Saturday afternoon
- Once again in a ballroom with carpet and good lighting
- Same weekend as "World of Wheels"
- **This year's theme: SCI-FI**

For additional information, entry forms, judging rules, etc. go to

[www.chattanoogamodelers.com](http://www.chattanoogamodelers.com)

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Vendor Contact – Jeff Mattheiss [jeffmattheissfamily@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmattheissfamily@gmail.com)



**IPMS RICHMOND**  
International Plastic Modelers' Society | Richmond, Virginia Chapter Since 1976

**2025 Old Dominion Open Scale Model Show & Contest**

**Saturday, February 22**

**80 Model Contest Categories  
Extensive Vendor Marketplace  
Huge Modeler's Drawing  
On-site Food Vendor**

*1st, 2nd & 3rd place awards for each category, plus these special awards:*

**Judges' Best In Show • Best Junior  
Best Aircraft • Best Automotive • Best Diorama • Best Figure  
Best Gundam • Best Maritime • Best Military Vehicle  
Best Real Space & Sci-Fi**

Doors open at 8:30 a.m.  
Model Registration:  
8:30 a.m - 12:00 p.m.  
Judging Starts at 12:30 p.m.



Richmond Raceway Complex  
The Old Dominion Building  
600 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

Model Entry (cash only): \$20 for up to 20 models  
General Admission (cash only): ages 13 & older: \$10.00 / ages 12 & under: free

General inquiries, please contact Bob Walls: [robertwalls@comcast.net](mailto:robertwalls@comcast.net)

**IPMSRVA.org**



<p align="center"><b>JAXCON 2025 INFORMATION</b></p> <p><b>PIZZA FRIDAY NIGHT! FOOD TRUCK(S) ON SITE SATURDAY! HUGE RAFFLE WITH TOP-DOLLAR PRIZES SATURDAY!</b></p> <p><b>JAXCON'S GOLD/SILVER/BRONZE STYLE CONTEST WHERE <u>EVERY</u> MODEL ENTERED CAN WIN, WITH NEW ADDITIONAL DISPLAY ZONES FOR LEGO AND GUNDAM MODELS!</b></p> <p><b>FRIDAY 2/16/24-</b> Early vendor set up 5-8pm, contest registration 6-8pm, Free Pizza!, 1 free raffle ticket per person for Friday night prizes</p> <p><b>SATURDAY 2/17/24-</b> Vendor set up 7-9am, Model registration 9am-noon, Noon a 10-minute devotional, raffle drawings 1pm-4pm, Judging 12:30-4pm, Awards 4-5pm</p> <p><b>GENERAL ADMISSION: <u>FREE TO LOOK AROUND AND SHOP THE VENDORS!</u></b></p> <p><b>CONTEST FEES: ADULTS- \$20 FOR 5 MODELS, \$1 EACH AFTER THAT; IPMSUSA MEMBERS (with card)- \$15 FOR 5 MODELS, \$1 EACH AFTER THAT; JUNIORS (UNDER 18) - \$10 FOR UNLIMITED ENTRIES</b></p> <p><b>VENDOR TABLES:</b> \$50/8ft table or space, email <b>Gil Hodges</b> to reserve tables: <a href="mailto:slowhandshodges@bellsouth.net">slowhandshodges@bellsouth.net</a></p> <p><b>JAXCON SHOW LOCATION:</b> JACKSONVILLE NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL 8531 N. MAIN ST. (HWY-17), JAX, FL., 32218 (Very near Jax Zoo!)</p> <p>See our <a href="https://ipmsfirstcoast.com/">website</a> for Contest Rules, our GSB judging criteria, Display Zones, and entry forms you can download to fill out ahead of time: <a href="https://ipmsfirstcoast.com/">https://ipmsfirstcoast.com/</a></p> <p><b>MODEL HANDLING NOTICE:</b> JAXCON HAS A POLICY OF HANDLING MODELS AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE FOR THE SHOW AND FOR JUDGING, HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE YOUR MODEL MAY BE PICKED UP OR MOVED IN ORDER TO RENDER THE FAIREST EVALUATION OF YOUR OVERALL CRAFTSMANSHIP. THIS WILL BE DONE WITH THE UTMOST CARE WHEN DONE AND UNDER SUPERVISION. IF THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, PLEASE ASK ABOUT DISPLAYING YOUR MODEL INSTEAD OF ENTERING THE CONTEST.</p>	<p align="center"><b>AtlantaCon 2025 Show and Contest</b></p> <p align="center">March 15, 2025 IAM Union Hall 1032 S Marietta Pkwy Marietta, GA 30060 9:00am - 4:00 pm</p> <p align="center">Entry Fee: \$10.00 for unlimited models (IPMS Members \$2.00 discount) Public: \$5.00</p> <p align="center"><b>Show Chairs:</b> Kim Elmore, (770) 962-2584 <a href="mailto:kdmcelmore@gmail.com">kdmcelmore@gmail.com</a> Buz Pezold, (770) 439-0634 <a href="mailto:pezo8481@bellsouth.net">pezo8481@bellsouth.net</a></p> <p align="center">Vendors: Dave Lockhart, (678) 620-8417 <a href="mailto:dlock3155@gmail.com">dlock3155@gmail.com</a></p>
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**GRAND STRAND SCALE MODELERS**  
*Presents*

**Show Theme**  
*The Pacific War*

**Saturday, March 29, 2025 9am - 4pm**  
General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center  
800 Gabreski Lane, Myrtle Beach, S.C.  
*Map next page*

**General Admission**  
\$5.00 Single Adult (18 and older)  
\$8.00 Family

**Contestants**  
\$10.00  
*Unlimited number of models*

**Juniors (17 & under) and Active Duty Military (with ID)**  
**FREE**

**On Site Food Concession!**

**Vendor Tables**  
6' Table - \$30.00  
8' Table - \$40.00

**Award Sponsorships**  
Category Medallions \$30  
Best of Class Trophy \$40  
Best of Show Trophy \$50

**SUPER Raffle!**

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*for more information please visit*  
[www.grandstrandmodels.org](http://www.grandstrandmodels.org)

Scan for show website

**Contest Sites**

<b>IPMS USA Events &amp; Contests</b>	<a href="#">Event Calendar</a>
<b>AMPS (Armor Modeling &amp; Preservation Society)</b>	Events accessible via <a href="#">AMPS Main Page</a>
<b>Model Cars Magazine Forum</b>	<a href="#">Contests &amp; Shows</a>

Cybermodeler Online	<a href="#">Scale Modeling Event Calendar</a>
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As always....if you find any broken links, or have one to suggest, please let Chaz know!!

### Group Build Proposals – Voted *(See next page too....)*

1.	<b><i>The Right Stuff / Space Race</i></b>	Rockets, Experimental (X-1, X-15s...etc..)
2.	<b><i>Not Another Messerschmidt</i></b>	Something German w/No Messerschmidts (or Not Anther 109...)
3.	<b><i>Go Army</i></b>	Anything US Army - Tanks, planes, soldiers....etc
4.	<b><i>Go Navy</i></b>	Anything US Navy - Ships, planes, sailors....etc...
5.	<b><i>Viet F'n Nam</i></b>	You guessed it!!
6.	<b><i>Did That Happen?</i></b>	Skirmishes and Small Wars that came up...and went. Falklands, Suez, 6 Day....etc
7.	<b><i>Road Rage</i></b>	Yup....something on two, four, or more wheels. Civilian cars, trucks....cycles.... <i>Note</i> , we can change this to more like a "Mad Max" theme.....and do a Civilian set later as "Road Rage II
8.	<b><i>Oye Mate</i></b>	Anything British....or from the Commonwealth where the Sun never Sets on the Empire....right....
9.	<b><i>Jar-Head</i></b>	All things US Marines
10.	<b><i>More Sour Kraut</i></b>	Anything German, East, West and in between! Anything Germanic, from the Bronze Age up to Current Day
11.	<b><i>The Russians are Coming!! The Russians are Coming!!</i></b>	What else needs to be said?
12.	<b><i>Go Figure</i></b>	What it says..... Everybody participating does a figure...your pick. Not a bust, however, a figure of any size.
13.	<b><i>I Like Taffy</i></b>	Anything associated with the 2nd Tactical AF towards the end of WWII. Includes aircraft, vehicles (security/otherwise), defense guns Quad 50s or 40mm Bofors....etc..
14.	<b><i>The "GREAT WAR"</i></b>	Anything from World War I
15.	<b><i>Aim High (NATO&lt;-&gt;OTAN)</i></b>	All things Air Force.....course, maybe ANY NATO Air Force....
16.	<b><i>Coasties</i></b>	From the War on Drugs to rescuing survivors from watery graves, the US Coast Guard are always there!
17.	<b><i>Damn Yankees!</i></b>	Something from the North.... Above the "Mason-Dixon" line. NJ-ANG F-16, 10 <sup>th</sup> Mountain, something out of Norfolk?

