



Members of the crew on the ladder of the flagpole, which was restored in 2018.

Hoisting the Colors at the Historic Coast Guard Station

The Historic St. Simons Coast Guard Station, built as part of a series of New Deal projects across the country, had its “First Watch” and commissioning ceremony on April 1, 1937. Among the structures on the Station’s complex was a flagpole. This original element of the Coast Guard Station’s design still stands—and performs its function—today.

The tallest part of the pole houses a halyard, or rope mechanism, for the American flag. As part of their daily duties, station personnel hoisted the American flag at 0800 and performed evening colors at 1700. The original 60-foot flagpole at the St. Simons Coast Guard Station also includes lines for signal flags, smaller flags with bright patterns that represent the International Code of Signals. These signal flags could be strung together to communicate messages to offshore vessels.

Recently, the American flag halyard broke at the Home Front Museum. With the help of Lieutenant Carrier, Lieutenant Weekley, Fire Fighter Rowell, Fire Fighter Davis from Glynn County Fire Rescue, Officer Wooten from the Glynn County Police Department, and our United States Coast Guard Auxiliary members Jeff Cole and Ted Madaj, we were able to re-rig the upper most halyard. The American flag, Coast Guard flag, and Georgia flag are all flying high and although there is construction at East Beach, the World War II Home Front Museum is open during this time!



Glynn County Fire Rescue at work on the halyard.

SPRING PROGRAM SAVE THE DATE

Zara Anishanslin, Ph.D., will present the Society’s Spring Program on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. Based on her book *The Painter’s Fire: A Forgotten History of the Artists Who Championed the American Revolution*, Dr. Anishanslin’s lecture will also serve as the kickoff for a week of programming surrounding **Revolution on the Coast** and the First Oval Office Project’s visit to Coastal Georgia.

