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Capt. Elwood Euart's 75th Memorial

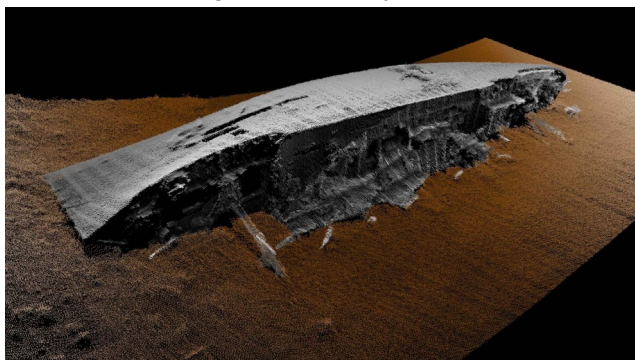
This Year, October 26th marks the 75th Anniversary of the sinking of the SS President Coolidge. It also marks the 75th memorial of Captain Elwood J Euart who lost his life that day after saving a group of men who were trapped below the decks in the ship's infirmary.

In honour of its namesake, the Elwood J Euart Association will be organizing a memorial ceremony at the Captain's monument built by his fellow men after the sinking, that still remains today, located within close proximity to the SS President Coolidge sinking site, Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu.

Together with the memorial ceremony, there will also be the official launching of the South Pacific World War II Museum Project, followed by the official opening of the Museum Project office, and mini-museums at the Pekoa International Airport, and inside the museum project office.

Throughout that week there will also be other activities organized by Dive Operators and the local community to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the SS President Coolidge sinking.

Image: A 2015 Hydrographic image of the SS President Coolidge as it is today.



Captain Elwood J Euart was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest award for valour in America, in addition to the Purple Heart and the Rhode Island Cross for Extraordinary Heroism in Action.

Image: Captain Elwood J Euart 1939 (University of Rhode Island)



Vanuatu Cultural Center & National Museum confirms support for the South Pacific WWII Museum.

The Acting Director of the Vanuatu Cultural Center, Mr. Richard Shing, confirms in a meeting with the Elwood J Euart Association on the 14th of July 2017 in Luganville, the center and council's support for the Museum Project.

The Center also manages the National Museum of Vanuatu based in Port Vila, the capital city, and is in full support of the establishment of the world war museum in Espiritu Santo.

Recently, the acting director together with the national cultural council has appointed their representative in Luganville to be part of the Elwood J Euart Association meetings.

There is work currently towards developing a memorandum of agreement between the two museums and the center to establish how both organizations can work together.

We thank the Acting Director, the National Cultural Council and the National Museum, and look forward to working together.

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to announce and welcome the following new members, added to the Elwood J Euart Association in July. Thank you for your interest and support.

- Bradley Gray, Neil McLeod & Rick Wood

Thanks to Donna Esposito, our new member since June 2017, for her help in writing the two stories to be featured in [Island Life Magazine's](#) upcoming Issue 29 and 30. Donna is the director of the Library/Archives at the [Empire State Aerosciences Museum](#) in Glenville, New York, USA . We thank Island Life also for their support. July's Issue 28 features a story about the museum, written by our friend James Carter.

New Honorary Member

James Carter, our long time friend, was recently awarded the honorary membership status. This was announced by the Elwood J Euart Association Chairman, Bradley Wood, when thanking James for his support and after presenting him with a certificate of appreciation from the museum. James helped the museum with its [promotional video](#), [website](#) and now it's Business & Strategic Plan.

Other than his role as the creative director at Melbourne's largest and most awarding advertising agency, Clemenger BBDO, he is also a ww2 history and warbird enthusiast who is currently working on a documentary film [Broken Wings](#) that explores the legend of Spitfires still in its original shipping crates, being buried somewhere around Oakey in southern Queensland, Australia.

James is now the third honorary member to the Elwood J Euart Association, to assist with creative services. The other two are James Kluck who assists with accountancy services and Nigel Morrison for legal services.

Special Offer to New Members is Still On.

In return of signing up as a member, we'll include your name on a commemorative plaque that will hang in the Museum once construction is complete. This is only for the first 500 members. Sign up today. [Find out more here.](#)

Help Needed: Accountants with experience in developing business financials

We are seeking a qualified and experienced accountant with sound accounting knowledge to help prepare financials for the Museum's Business & Strategic Plan currently under its development.

If you would like to help, we would dearly like to hear from you, to discuss how you can support.

Sponsors and Donors

We are grateful for the generous donations from businesses, companies and individuals received so far. Without them, the museum project would never have got off the ground. We acknowledge the generosity of our donors by listing their names below.

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- Stephen Quinto
- Jim Boswell
- James Carter
- Sue Herrick

Find out more [here](#) or contact us if you wish to contribute to the museum project in anyway.

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 Online donations to [Elwood J Euart Association](#) Paypal account

"We aim to inspire all to understand the sacrifice and achievement of others in defending freedom for all"

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