

**THE LONGPORT AMERICAN LEGION POST 469
WILL HOLD A SPECIAL CEREMONY
12 NOON ON MARCH 6TH
AT THE THOMAS B. REED PARK
TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF FIVE
U.S. COAST GUARD MEMBERS
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES MARCH 6, 1932**

Longport's American Legion Post #469 will be conducting a special ceremony at the Legion's monument in Thomas B. Reed Park (near the Longport Bridge) at 12:00 noon on Monday, March 6th. The ceremony is to honor the memory of five U.S. Coast Guard members who lost their lives during a daring rescue attempt in stormy seas off the coast of Atlantic City on March 6th, 1932. As two USCG boats capsized in the seas during the rescue attempt, five men drowned and only one man was able to make it to shore in the frigid waters. That man was LT James Turner. James Turner eventually moved to Longport and became Longport's "Captain Turner" - the Beach Patrol Chief for many years. Legion Post #469 commissioned a bronze plaque that depicts the tragedy of March 6th, 1932. On this March 6th, 2023, that plaque will be installed at the Legion's monument. The installation ceremony will be brief but meaningful – 15-20 minutes. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

