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Members of Team Coast Guard were invited by the New England Revolution Soccer Team to participate in the Salute to Heroes ceremony on Saturday May 11th at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro MA.

Each year the Revolution designate a game to honor the service of members of the military and also request their family members take part in the event.

D. 12 VDC Kevin Ritchie was contacted by the Revolutions Public Affairs department and coordinated participation by Team Coast Guard for the event. Liaisons for both Station Boston and Station Pt. Allerton were notified. Eleven members and their family members participated in the event which included over seventy-five persons from all five branches of the military, holding a large American flag over the field during the playing of the national anthem prior to the game between the Revolution and Sharks. Participating members arrived at 4pm to take part in a practice of the unfurling of the large flag which involved plenty of instruction and coordination among the seventy-five members involved.

The pre-game event also included an exhibit center set up by the USO that included displays representing the five branches of the military. Team Coast's display included a 29ft Rapid Response Vessel which many adults and children climbed on board and learned about the Coast Guard's various missions while interacting with Team Coast Guard members. The ceremony and game were broadcast live on NBC sports, and the New England Revolution website showed BM1 Chirsopher Pittarelli and Axuiliairst Kevin Ritchie on the front page of their site the following day. All participating members and family members were given tickets for the game and enjoyed a great day of recognition and fun at this public affairs event.

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