

# Announcing our Guest Speaker for the



## June 11<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting

**Commander Joseph E. Deer**  
**Commanding Officer,**  
**Coast Guard Air Station Detroit**  
**Original Project Commander**

**J2F4 Grumman Duck**



On 28 November 1942, a WWII U.S. Coast Guard aircrew, flying a J2F4 Grumman Duck, completed a daring rescue using methods never before attempted.

This intrepid crew used a 6,000 pound float plane as a ski plane, landed on the frozen Greenland icecap and successfully rescued two air-crewmembers from a downed B-17.

On 29 November 1942, they attempted a second rescue, but never returned and were never heard from again.

This presentation, using the latest scientific technology, will take you from 1942 to modern day and details the July through August 2014 USCG exhumation plan for this aircraft and the three WWII veterans on board, believed to be frozen 38' under the ice.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU OUT TO HEAR ABOUT THIS INTREPID  
MISSION FACING THE RECOVERY CREW.**