

# History of

## **USCG Integrated Support Command Portsmouth, Virginia**

On New Year's Day 1776, the British having lost control of the city of Portsmouth, VA to the rebels burned the city to the ground. Recognizing its strategic value and location, a British army soon returned and fortified the area under the command of none other than Benedict Arnold. In the two hundred years that have since passed, the value of Portsmouth has not been forgotten as a new presence has emerged, that of the Coast Guard's only shore based facility designed by the Coast Guard for the exclusive use of the Coast Guard, Integrated Support Command Portsmouth.

First commissioned as Support Center Portsmouth in 1975, ISC Portsmouth remains the only CG shore facility built by the Coast Guard specifically for the Coast Guard. The 165 military and 130 civilian employees are committed to providing quality support products and services to CG units and personnel throughout the Atlantic Area/Fifth District. Today, ISC Portsmouth is home to six 270s, one 210, one patrol boat, three buoy tenders, and eight other tenant commands. This, combined with nearby MLC Atlantic, RTC Yorktown, Atlantic Area/Fifth District Headquarters and numerous other exciting units both afloat and ashore, operational and support makes Hampton Roads, Virginia a vital center of Coast Guard activity and a great place for a broad variety of assignments while maintaining geographic stability.