



RESERVIST

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Many Benefits For Released Reservists

All Reservists, particularly those now being released to inactive duty, are reminded that they may be eligible for many benefits as a result of their service on active duty.

Educational allowances may be claimed for either full or part-time schooling, up to a maximum of 36 months, providing the education or training is begun by 21 August 1954 or within two years of release from active duty, whichever is later. One and one-half days of education or training are allowed for each day of service on active duty, with monthly allowances of from \$110 to \$160 for full-time education, according to the number of dependents.

Veterans may also be eligible for a government guaranteed loan of up to \$7,500. Applicants for both of these benefits should make inquiry about specific requirements at the nearest Veterans Administration Office.

Unemployment compensation of \$26 per week of unemployment, maximum payment not to exceed \$676, may be applied for at the nearest United States Employment Service office. Eligibility for these benefits requires release from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable, and also service on continuous active duty for 90 days or more, unless sooner released by reason of a service-incurred injury or disability. Some part of this 90 day period must have been served on or after 27 June 1950, with respect to each of the above benefits.

All Reservists released from active duty under honorable conditions are also entitled to mustering out pay, ranging from \$100 to \$300 in accordance with length and place of active duty. For each \$100 of mustering out pay received a veteran must wait 30 days after the date of his release from active duty to become eligible for unemployment

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Training Open To Released Reservists

It is hoped that a great number of Reservists now being released to inactive duty will take advantage of the opportunity to continue their association with the Coast Guard through participation in Reserve training. The advantage to the Coast Guard of such participation is apparent, since the Reservist will thereby retain his service skills and also aid in the training of younger men, but there are even greater benefits to the individual Reservist.

Under existing legislation, members of the Coast Guard Reserve are eligible to receive retired pay at age 60 upon completion of twenty years of satisfactory Federal service (any year in which 50 or more retirement points are earned). At present, the only Reserve officers who are eligible to be considered for promotion are those who have accrued an average of 50 points per year, and the only enlisted men eligible for advancement are those who are members of Reserve Units. Accordingly, Reserve members participating in Reserve training may increase retired pay in two ways, by earning additional points and by gaining advancement or promotion.

Under the provisions of the Armed Forces Reserve Act participation in an accredited training program serves to establish eligibility for transfer from the Ready Reserve to the Standby Reserve, and therefore decreases the likelihood of involuntary recall to active duty in future years.

In addition to the above, members who participate in Reserve training may gain some or all of the following advantages: a day's pay for each drill attended if in a drill pay status; the chance to retain contact with former associates; and if funds are available, the opportunity to participate each year in two weeks' active duty for training, with full military pay and allowances.

Opportunities for training available at present fall into six main categories, as follows:

1. Coast Guard Organized Reserve Training Units are available in many localities. In these units Reservists fill authorized billets, wear uniforms and receive one day's pay for each drill attended.

2. Aviation training is available to personnel with that specialty on the basis of one weekend per month.

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Number Of ORTUs Expanding

Since the publication of the last issue, ORTUAGs in Denver, Colorado and Camden, New Jersey have been commissioned. In addition, ORTUPS Springfield, Mass. was activated. ORTUPS units are being formed in San Jose, California, Lawrence, Mass., Santa Ana, Calif., Bakersfield, Calif., Everett, Washington, Washington, D. C. (Unit II) and Seattle, Washington (Unit II). A new ORTUAG is being formed in Yonkers, N. Y.

Can't It?

Under the title "It Can't Happen Here!", the Eighth Naval District Reserve publication The Word recently had the following to say about examinations:

"A recent case of possible collusion came to light while correcting examinations in the district. Two men took the same examination the same night, both men made 3.5 on the examination, both missed 20 questions. Of the 20 missed, not only were the same questions missed, but 18 of the 20 were marked in the same box. The odds of this happening by accident are so tremendous

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Know Your Reserve Administrative Team

Commander Sherman T. Baketel, USCGR, was born March, 1905, in Methuen, Massachusetts. He was graduated from Methuen high school and entered Dartmouth College.

In 1926 CDR Baketel attended Massachusetts Maritime School and later studied at the University of Florida. From 1930 to 1940 he was associated with Jackson and Curtis, a Boston investment and banking firm.

CDR Baketel was commissioned in the Coast Guard Reserve May, 1941. During World War II he served aboard the CGC Algonquin, was Assistant Personnel Officer for the First CG District, Commanding Officer of the CGC Calypso and attended SCTC (Navy training school) in Miami, Florida.

He served as executive and commanding officer of the DE Ramsden and was appointed Personnel Officer of the Sixth CG District before returning to inactive duty September, 1946.

CDR Baketel returned to active duty November, 1948, as District Reserve Director of the First CG District. He was executive officer aboard the CGC Duane prior to reporting at Headquarters as Chief of the Training Section in the Reserve Division.

What Is Satisfactory Federal Service

Considerable confusion has resulted in many instances when individuals consider satisfactory service in an Organized Reserve Unit as being synonymous with Satisfactory Federal Service for the purpose of retirement benefits. Such an assumption is not correct. Satisfactory service in an Organized Reserve Unit can be divided into two group requirements. The first group consists of draft eligible reservists who are required to attend a minimum of 90% of scheduled drills in order to retain membership in an organized unit. The second group is composed of non-draft eligible personnel who must attend a minimum of 75% of scheduled drills.

Alternately, Satisfactory Federal Service is any year commencing with the anniversary date of entry into a Reserve component within a continuous service status during which the reservists concerned earns a minimum of 35 points in addition to the gratuitous credit of 15 points for membership in the Reserve. Points may be earned by drills, correspondence courses, appropriate and/or equivalent duty, extended active duty, active duty for training or combinations of the foregoing.

Per Diem Allowances In Connection With Active Duty For Training Of Reservists

There have been frequent inquiries with regard to per diem allowances to Reservists while at a duty station performing active duty for training. In order to clarify conditions under which a Reservist is entitled to per diem the following is quoted for information:

"The Comptroller General in a decision of 4 February, 1947, 26 Comp. Gen. 557 held that since Reservists had no permanent station, either actual or potential, the place to which they were ordered for temporary active duty constituted their only designated post of duty, and hence, while so serving they were not traveling away from their designated post of duty.

"Per diem and travel allowances will be authorized in accordance with Joint Travel Regulations for members of the Coast Guard Reserve when ordered for active duty for training for periods of less than 6 months while traveling from home to the temporary duty station and return, BUT NOT WHILE IN TRAINING AT THE TEMPORARY DUTY STATION.

"If after reporting, further orders are issued to temporary additional duty at another location, at the conclusion of which the Reservist is to return to the first duty station, per diem and travel allowances are authorized. However, the Comptroller General has stated that this is not to be considered as approving any practice of ordering personnel to temporary active duty at a place other than the place at which it is intended their primary duties will be performed, solely for the purpose of paying them per diem. The General Accounting Office, in auditing vouchers for correctness, will consider the relative duration of time spent by a Reservist at the place to which ordered for temporary active duty, and the time spent at other places on temporary additional duty."

Active Duty For Training Physicals

It is important that Reservists ordered to active duty for training take their physical examinations as soon as possible in order that quotas will not be lost through last-minute cancellations. However, in no event should the physical examination be taken more than thirty days before convening date of active duty for training.

Joint Reserve Key West Cruise

Three Coast Guard Reserve officers and 23 enlisted men joined forces with four officers and 20 enlisted men of the Naval Reserve and 21 enlisted men of the Marine Corps Reserve aboard the USS KELLER, (DE419) for a two-week training cruise to Key West and back.

This, the first three-service training cruise from the Potomac River Naval Command, provided 13 days of intensive on-board training in seamanship, navigation, gunnery, and engineering plus a weekend liberty in Key West. CG Reservists represented 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 9th CG Districts.

Apply to your District Commander (dcr) soon for Navy cruises to this and many other ports this spring. The billets are limited.

(Ed. Note—See pictures page 3)

New Date - Aids To Navigation

The Aids to Navigation Course for officers and enlisted personnel will convene 31 May at the Coast Guard Training Station, Groton, Conn. This two-weeks active duty for training is offered to Reservists with previous Aids to Navigation experience or with engineering or sea-going experience which would qualify them for Aids to Navigation training.

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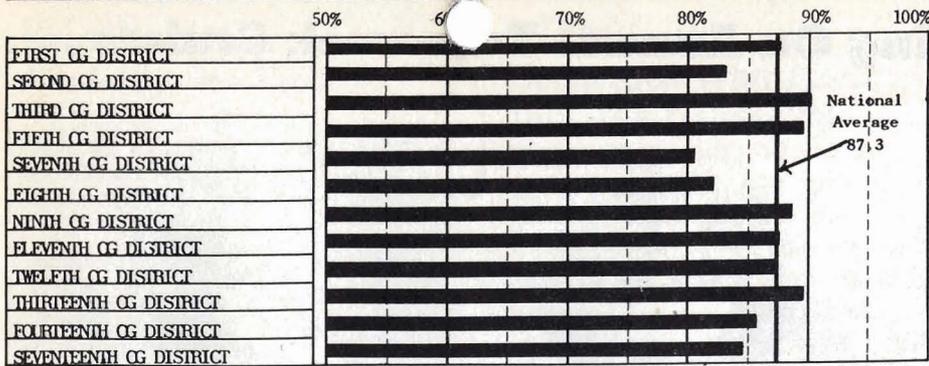
compensation, however, since these two benefits are not intended to be received simultaneously.

Reservists who have satisfactorily completed their periods of active duty and who apply for reemployment in their old civilian positions are entitled to a variety of statutory reemployment rights. Under existing legislation, a Reservist meeting the conditions of eligibility: (1) shall be entitled to reemployment in his former position or a position of like seniority, status, and pay; (2) shall be considered as having been on leave of absence from his old job during his period of military service; (3) shall subsequent to reemployment participate in insurance or other benefits offered by the employer; and (4) shall not be discharged without cause from the position to which he has been restored within one year.

In addition to the above, Reservists released from active duty since 27 June 1950 under conditions other than dishonorable may obtain job counselling and assistance in obtaining suitable employment by applying to the nearest United States Employment Service Office. There is no deadline for this benefit.

Sun, Sea and Training On Annual Two-week Cruises . . .





Best Attendance Records

The Third Coast Guard District earned an attendance percentage of 90.2% during the second quarter of fiscal 1954 thus topping all districts during this period.

The following Organized Reserve Training units had highest attendance ratings for individual months.

- October 1953: ORTUAG 11-655, Santa Barbara, California 95.9% Attendance
- November 1953: ORTUPS 03-325, Freeport, New York 99.4% Attendance
- December 1953: ORTUPS 03-162, New London, Connecticut 94.9% Attendance

Naval War College Nominee

LCDR John H. MICHELS (35386) of Rockville Center, N. Y. has been selected to fill the Coast Guard quota at the Combat Staff Techniques and Operational Planning Course, Naval War College, Newport, R. I. commencing 24 April.

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it approaches the impossible. This would seem to indicate that the procedures for administering examinations are not being carried out in some cases.

"The seriousness of a breach of trust cannot be overemphasized, as the examinations are to be treated as confidential material, (Security Manual for Classified Matter). The procedure for administering the examinations must be held in strict accordance with existing instructions.

"Laxity of handling any classified material will adversely affect any person's official record and could result in severance from the program."

This article is reprinted here in view of the forthcoming advancement examinations for enlisted personnel.

USN Electronics Lab Has Opening For Physical Science Administrator

The U. S. Navy Electronics Laboratory, San Diego, California, is interested in receiving applications from candidates who qualify for the position of Physical Science Administrator, GS-13. Personnel with bachelors degrees in one of the physical sciences, mathematics, architecture, engineering, or with experience in these fields, may be eligible.

Personnel desiring further information should write to:

Employment Superintendent (Code 3220), U. S. Navy Electronics Laboratory, San Diego 52, California.

Applicants must furnish an Application for Federal Employment (Standard Form 57), complete in every detail.

Report On Recruiting

The Organized Reserve Training units showed a net gain of 225 enlisted men in a pay drill status during the month of February. Officers in a pay drill status were increased by a net gain of 33 over the same period.

Members of the Organized Reserve Training program are reminded that a recruiting program for the Coast Guard Reserve is moving into high gear and that all officer and enlisted personnel are expected to extend every effort in bringing new members into their units. Reports from the field show that the recently mailed television trailers are being well-received. With every unit soon in receipt of recruiting promotion kits, it is expected that future increases in personnel will reach a new peak! If you are doing a recruiting job in your town, you have already recruited your buddy. Now how about going after your buddy's buddy!

New Correspondence Course for Officers

Operational Planning and Staff Organization Naval War College--LTJG's and above may apply through channels-----24 points.

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Four days' pay is authorized for each two-day weekend drill attended, if in a drill pay status.

3. There are Coast Guard Reserve Volunteer Training Units in certain cities. Members of these units meet for lecture-type drills in civilian clothes, either weekly or twice a month, depending on the unit. No drill pay is earned but retirement points are credited for this attendance.

4. Where Coast Guard Reserve Units are not available, Reservists may affiliate with Naval Reserve Training Units for the purpose of training and advancement.

5. Correspondence courses may be taken by both enlisted and officer members. For purposes of promotion for Reserve officers not members of Organized Units, at least 12 of the 50 retirement points per year required to be eligible for consideration for promotion must be gained through correspondence courses. This requirement may be waived by District Commanders, however, in the case of any officer belonging to a Volunteer Unit whose duties within the unit are such that this requirement would unduly burden him.

6. If sufficient funds are available, Reservists may perform two weeks' active duty for training annually with full pay and allowances. Many employers allow this time off in addition to regular vacations. This active duty for training will be taken either with a unit during a group training year or individually during a specialty training year.

Of course, the most desirable method of deciding what is advantageous in one's individual situation is to make a first hand appraisal, through a personal visit to a training unit. In addition, every Reservist is welcome to call at the District office and discuss any subject concerning affiliation or other participation with the District Director of Reserve.

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