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SPOTLIGHTING

The Reserve Directors

CDR West was born at Stockton, California, on August 8, 1915. After receiving a diploma from Oakland High School he attended the University of California, and served for one year in the U. S. Army Sixth Coast Artillery. He entered the U. S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut, as a cadet on August 5, 1935, and was graduated and commissioned an Ensign on May 29, 1939.

Prior to World War II he served from June to August 1939 aboard the Cutter HAMILTON stationed at Oakland, California, then aboard the Cutter OSSIPEE at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

In June 1941, he joined the newly commissioned Coast Guard manned troop transport USS WAKEFIELD (AP-21) at Brooklyn, New York. His service with the WAKEFIELD ended when on September 9, 1942, a fire of unknown origin started aboard and after burning for three days left the ship a smoking hulk. All passengers and crew members were removed to safety, and the ship was later towed to Halifax.

After waiting for a reassignment at the Third Coast Guard District office in New York City in November 1942 he was given command of the Cutter ICARUS. In February 1943 he was ordered to Hunter College, New York, for three months to assist with the SPAR training program there. He then became gunnery instructor at the Officer Training School at St. Augustine, Florida.



CDR Ralph M. West, USCG

Seventh District

From April 1944 to September 1946 he served as Executive Officer of the Cutter BIBB. Transferred to Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C., he served for three years in the then Military Medal Division.

Successive assignments placed him under the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, Norfolk, where he served from July 1950 to January 1951 as executive officer of the ocean station vessel CHINCOTEAGUE (WAVP-375), then as commanding officer of the ocean going tug CHEROKEE (WAT-165). While under his command the CHEROKEE went to the assistance of the Navy seaplane tender USS VALCOUR when it collided with the SS THOMAS TRACY on May 14, 1951, and rescued 44 survivors from the burning oil slick. For his capable direction of this rescue operation Commander West was awarded the Legion of Merit.

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Dates Announced for 1960 Naval War College Courses

The 1960 Reserve Officers' Command and Staff Course and Senior Reserve Officers' Course will convene on 7 May and 28 May respectively.

Candidates for the Command and Staff Course must be lieutenant commanders, must have secret clearance and must not have previously attended a Naval War College reserve course. Applications should be forwarded via district commanders in time to reach the Commandant (PR) no later than 14 October 1959.

Candidates for the Senior Reserve Officers Course must be commanders or captains, must have secret clearance and must not have previously attended this course. World War II attendance at the Naval War College or completion of the Command and Staff Course will not affect eligibility. Applications should be forwarded in time to reach the Commandant (PR) not later than 15 December 1959.

Reserve Instruction No. 20-59, recently published, gives further details on these courses.

SPAR Officer Commended

LCDR Eleanor T. Cooley, USCGR(W) was the recipient recently of a special letter of commendation from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Miss Cooley completed the 48-point correspondence course on "The Economics of National Security" with a grade that placed her in the top 10 per cent of all graduates.

Training Detachment, NAS, Jacksonville Attains Full Command Status

This summer's Coast Guard Reserve Training Command at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, on 29 August "closed shop" on a busy, interesting, and satisfying accomplishment. Approximately 800 enlisted men and officers from Reserve Port Security units of the 2nd, 7th, 8th and 9th Coast Guard Districts attended the four two-week training sessions and learned about the value of a lot of hard work and good play to round out the year's training activity at unit level.

The Coast Guard Training Detachment, which this year was given full command status, is a direct function of the Commander, 7th Coast Guard District, planned and executed by the office of the Reserve Director and manned by reserve personnel of the 2nd, 7th and 8th Coast Guard Districts. CDR W. H. Main, USCGR, who has been Officer-in-Charge of the 7th District training programs in the past, commanded the new training detachment, assisted by nine officers and eight enlisted men, all reservists and all selected care-

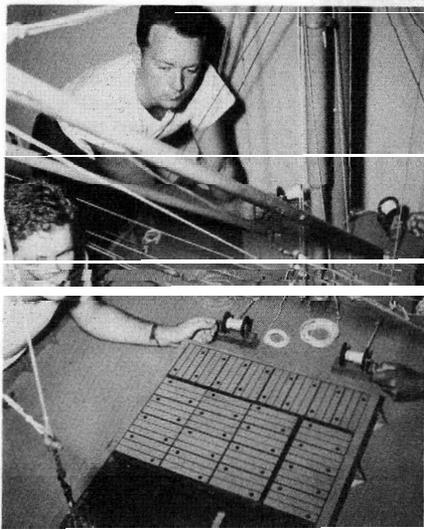
fully for individual capabilities remaining to the training objectives during the four years that reserve training has been conducted at the

Naval Air Station. The relationship of the Reservists with the Naval commands has been one of complete cooperation and mutual understanding.

Each day's training activity was completely filled with a balanced program of classroom and outside practical field exercises. At the Navy's Fleet Atomic, Biological and Chemical Warfare Defense School, the trainees acquired skill and knowledge in the use of Radiac instruments, monitoring of contaminated areas, radiological decontamination, and similar subjects. Practical training exercises in-

cluded a visit to the Army Transportation Corps' new base at Kings Bay, Florida, military drill, swimming, life saving, hand-to-hand combat instruction, and duties and authorities of sentries. Pistol and rifle training included firing for record on the big range at Camp

Blanding, Florida. Seamanship skills were taught under actual underway conditions aboard the Coast Guard Patrol Boat 95324, stationed at Mayport, Florida, under the command of LTJG Robert R. Tutt, USCG. Throughout the training schedu-



Looks like fun! But it's serious business for these reserve petty officers performing their active duty for training at Naval Air Station, Jacksonville. Charles L. Knight, BM3, and N. J. Samford, DC2, both of ORTUPS 08-610, Houston, Texas, cooperate in lowering cargo into the hold of this cargo ship mock-up.

Also, many of them created training aids, many of them created by the staff. Oversize knot boards were devised to give the trainee a

better picture of the knots. Movies, transparencies, charts, diagrams, and models were included.

An especially interesting aid created on the station, was a complete model of a portion of the deck of a cargo vessel, with hatches, mast, booms, winches, and all lines made to exact scale and worked. Once they mastered the intricacies of "fetch and haul" on the working lines, the trainees soon became adept at placing the dummy cargo packages on deck, dock or below decks.

Each trainee was issued an M1 rifle when he reported aboard and instructors from the Marine Corps detachment at the Air Station assisted in the military training phases.

The final activity of each training session was a formal review, usually attended by a high ranking officer from Headquarters or one of the District Offices. The smart Naval Air Station band played for the event as the companies passed in review to the strains of "Semper Paratus."

Concluding each two-week training session, a critique was held by all officers present, with the training detachment staff, and at this

Yorktown Welcomes First Group of Reserve Trainees

On 5 July 1959, Capt. L. M. Thayer, Commanding Officer of the Reserve Training Center at Yorktown, Virginia, welcomed aboard the first group of reserve trainees. This group of officers was designated as Class 1-59 of the Direct Commissioned Officers School.

During their two weeks of training, the officers underwent a course of instruction designed to acquaint them with the history of the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Reserve, and to enable them to better understand their duties and obligations as Coast Guard Reserve officers.

On 18 July, RADM Peter V. Colmar, Commander Fifth Coast Guard District, addressed the class and presented certificates of completion of the course to twenty-four direct commission officers. The distinction of receiving the first such certificate went to LT W. L. Bennett, ORTUPS 03-180 of Hartford, Connecticut. The class included representatives of such categories of training units as ORTUPS, ORTUAG, ORTUAV, ASP, NRSL and NROS.

In addition to Admiral Colmar, the class was also addressed by LT C. L. Maxwell of the Reserve Training Section, Headquarters and LCDR T. R. Flanagan, Senior Instructor of the school.

was encouraged in any and all phases of the training curriculum. These critiques have been the means of ironing out most of the minor administrative difficulties between the staff and the units. When present, unit officers were responsible for the conduct and all other matters pertaining directly to their men.

The 3400 acre Naval Air Station, including as it does recreational facilities, shops, theatres, exchanges and restaurants to meet almost every demand, is a source of constant amazement to first-time trainees who are accustomed to the small operational units of the Coast Guard. Those who wish to go farther afield have a chance during liberty hours to visit Jacksonville, one of the South's largest cities, and Jacksonville Beach, on the Atlantic Ocean.

who completed at this detachment agreed that their two weeks at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, had been both high

CG Reserve Officers Attend 1st National Strategy Seminar



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LtGen Thomas L. Harrold, Commandant of the National War College, presents diploma to CDR Charles F. Reilly, Jr., USCGR-R, of Norfolk, senior Coast Guard conferee at the first National Strategy Seminar.

Four Coast Guard Reserve Officers were among the 200 officers from all of the Armed Forces who attended the first National Strategy Seminar at the National War College, Ft. Leslie J. McNair.

The aim of this seminar was to combat public apathy toward and unawareness of the dangers confronting the United States in the Cold War, through training and motivation of a group of reserve officers who, by virtue of their position in civilian life, would be able to influence the maximum numbers of people in their home communities and elsewhere in America. The seminar was opened by ADM Arleigh Burke, and speakers included such outstanding figures as Allan Dulles and Dean Acheson.

Although diplomas were awarded to all officers who completed the seminar, only the senior officer from each branch was presented a diploma at the graduation banquet. In addition to CDR Reilly, diplomas were awarded to CDR Edward L. Jenssen, Mystic, Conn., CDR Clairborne Pell, Newport, R. I., and CDR Joseph V. Wielert, Astoria, Long Island, N. Y.

It is anticipated that other seminars will be held in the future, and that opportunity to attend will be opened to senior reserve officers throughout the country.

1960 Academy Exam Scheduled

New Card Form Simplifies Procedure for Applicants

The annual examination for appointment to cadetship in the United States Coast Guard will be held on February 23 and 24, 1960, in over a hundred cities in the United States and its possessions and a few selected cities abroad.

Candidates will find applications greatly simplified for the 1960 examination. A new card application form has been prepared which replaces the old full-page application and the physician's "Report of Preliminary Physical Examination." However, candidates are advised to have a physical examination before applying to insure that they meet the physical requirements.

To be eligible an applicant must be a high school senior or graduate who will have reached his 17th but not his 22nd birthday on 1 July 1960. He must be graduated and have earned not less than 15 credits by 30 June 1960. Three credits must be in English, two in Algebra, and one in Plane Geometry, and of the remaining nine, not more than two can be in non-academic subjects such as occupational or commercial subjects, drama, or music. Physically, he must be in excellent condition, between 64 and 78 inches in height with proportionate weight, and have uncorrected 20/20 vision in each eye, with normal color perception.

An information booklet and application forms may be obtained by writing the Commandant (PTP-2), U. S. Coast Guard, Washington 25, D. C. Requests for booklets need not be submitted through channels. The deadline for submission of applications for the 1960 class is 10 January 1960.

Undesirable Discharge Upheld for Reservist Who Has Communist Party Affiliations

The U. S. District Court of the District of Columbia in a recent decision has held that an undesirable discharge of a reservist on inactive duty on the basis of information that while a member of the Ready Reserve he had been a member of a communist front organization and had attended meetings of another organization which had been cited as an adjunct of the Communist Party was within the statutory powers of the Secretary of the Army in the

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In October 1951 he returned to the Cutter CHINCOTEAGUE as commanding officer. From February to July 1953 he attended the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, then was assigned as Tactics Officer and Assistant Commandant of Cadets at the Coast Guard Academy for four years.

In August 1957 he returned to Norfolk to command the ocean station vessel ABSECON (WAVP-374). The ABSECON was hardly under his command a month when it was involved in the search for the 377 ft. sailing bark PAMIR of Lubeck, Germany, lost at sea on September 21, 1957, in hurricane "Carrie." He received letters of commendation from the Commander, U.S. Forces, Azores, and from the Chief of Naval Operations, for his vigorous pursuit of the search and his skillful direction and coordination of the movements of other participating vessels and aircraft.

From the ABSECON, CDR West was assigned as Director of the Reserve in the Seventh Coast Guard District, taking up his new duties in early August, 1959.

In addition to the Legion of Merit, Commander West has the following campaign and service ribbons and medals: American Defense Service medal with fleet clasp; American Area; European-African-Middle Eastern Area; Asiatic-Pacific Area; Philippine Defense with one star; Occupation Medal; World War II Victory. He also has the Expert Pistol medal.



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exercise of his administrative discretion. It was held that since the reserve forces are geared toward the possibility of active military duty, the required qualifications of a soldier are the same whether he be on active duty or in the reserves. This case is to be distinguished from the Harmon case, wherein it was held that a less than honorable discharge based on activities and associations prior to induction could not be sustained.

Three ORTU Members In OCS Class 3-59

OCS Class 3-59, the first class to be held at the new Yorktown Reserve Training Center, when it convened on 24 August included three former ORTU members.

Gary N. Albright SN (OC), a 1959 graduate of San Diego State College, enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve in May 1954 and was immediately assigned to ORTUPS 11-190, San Diego. In March 1957 he transferred to ORTUAG 11-195 and continued with that unit until his departure for Yorktown. Charles L. Hayes, Jr., ESG2 (OC), is a Navy veteran who enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve in May 1959 and was assigned to ORTUPS 12-465, San Jose, until he returned to his home in South Carolina following graduation from San Jose State College. The third officer candidate, John H. Holmead III, BM2 (OC), who graduated from the University of Maryland in June, has been a member of ORTUPS 05-148, Washington, D. C., since his enlistment in the Reserve in November 1953.

All three Officer Candidates are in the "3x6" program and will serve on active duty for three years following commissioning.

What's New on Uniforms

Officer-Type Raincoat Retained

Officers and male chief petty officers who may have mourned the scheduled passing of the officer-type raincoat should be happy to learn that this raincoat has now been retained indefinitely as an optional article of uniform.

This change, under authority of BUPERS NOTICE 1020, and other changes under authority of Navy Change No. 5, were promulgated in U. S. Coast Guard Amendment No. 7 to U. S. Navy Uniform Regulations, 1951, as Amended for Coast Guard use.

Uniform Required When Performing Appropriate Duty With Pay

Of significance to all reservists not on active duty is the requirement that uniform be worn when performing appropriate duty with pay, and when performing necessary travel in connection with such duty.



PROPER FIT—Uniforms must be made according to regulations. Avoid tailor-mades that are so form-fitting that you will soon grow out of them. Cloth should fall straight. Keep them neatly pressed.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

(Adapted from NAVNEWS)

So you wear the "crow" and chevrons of a Coast Guard petty officer. Chances are you're pretty proud of your rate. You should be; the Coast Guard doesn't hand out ratings like raffle prizes.

But there's a hooker attached to each pay-grade jump. When you sew on the "crow" of a P. O., that's exactly what the Coast Guard expects you to be—a petty officer. Or, translated, you are expected to be a leader.

As machines and tasks become increasingly complex, more and more emphasis must be placed on leadership. The following checklist is taken from "Effective Naval Leadership," NAVPERS 15913. There is always room for improvement. How do you measure up? Do you:

(1) "Pass the buck" or do you accept responsibility for the performance of your men?

(2) Know the duties and responsibilities of your immediate superior and try to anticipate events?

(3) Maintain an optimistic attitude?

(4) Avoid bursts of rage?

(5) Share the dirty as well as the pleasant assignments?

(6) Follow the chain of command and require others to do the same?

(7) Know your men's rates, level of education, when each is due for advancement, and how many are taking correspondence courses?

(8) Have the right answer for your men or do you have to refer them to another person?

How did you do? Perfect score? If not, think it over. It's just possible there is room for improvement. Remember, leadership is a full-time job for you, the Coast Guard Petty Officer.



SCLK Karl C. Teater, Jr., USCG, Personnel Officer, Eleventh Coast Guard District, reenlists Mary E. Ashley, SK1, USCGR(W), for another three years active duty. Miss Ashley, attached to Pay and Supply Section, has been stationed at the Office of Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District, since August 1950.

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