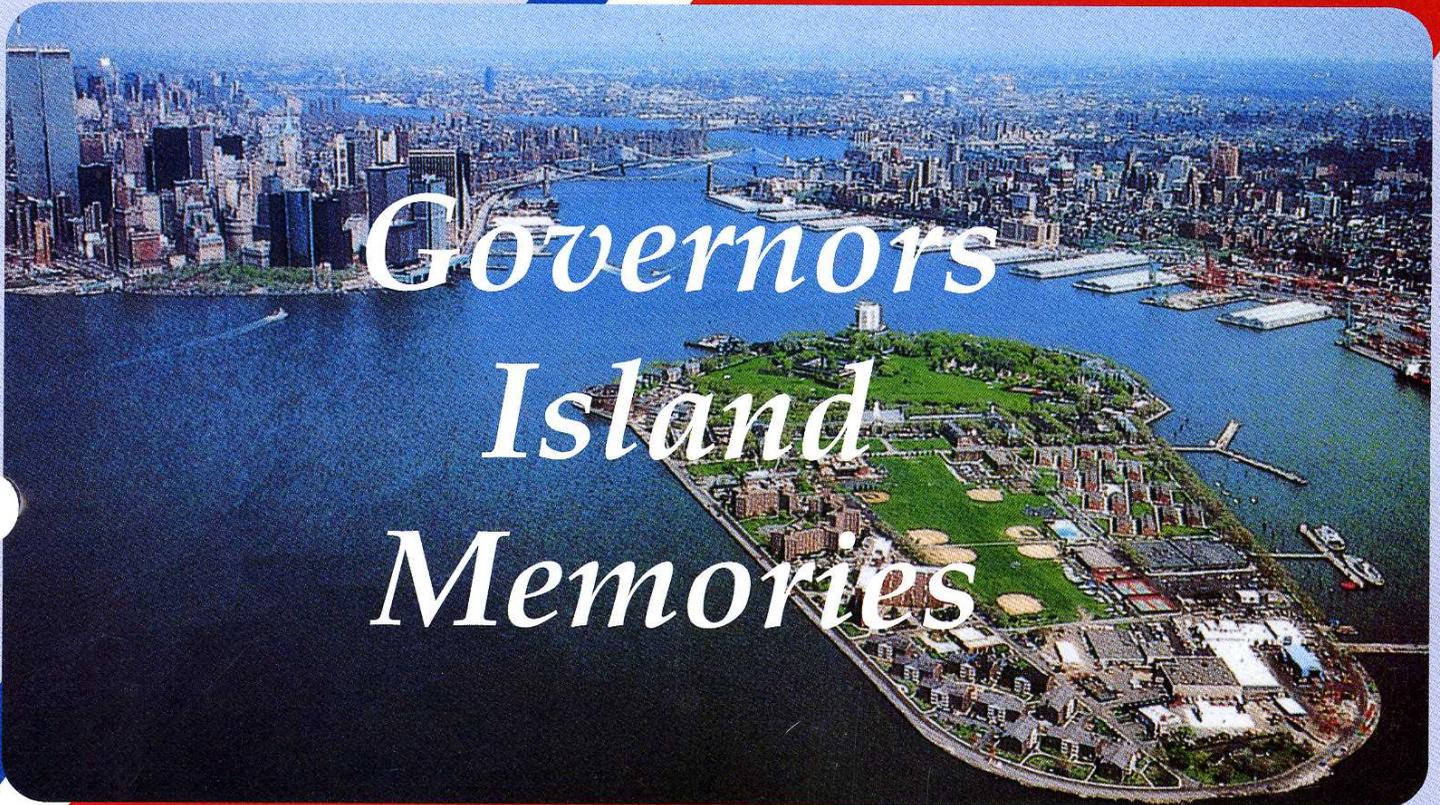


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Contingents of the largest U.S. Coast Guard base in the world followed the transfer of Governors Island to New York Harbor from the U.S. Army to the Coast Guard as a ceremonial military ceremony at the entrance of the harbor on June 30, 1966.

A military report commemorating the Army's almost two centuries on Governors Island opened the ceremony. American soldiers have guarded the island since 1796. Prior to that time, the Dutch accepted it as the 17th century and later, the British.

The first contingent of the Coast Guard to arrive on Governors Island was the 1st Coast Guard Squadron, commanded by Captain Arthur F. Fisher, USCG, to place the base in commission.

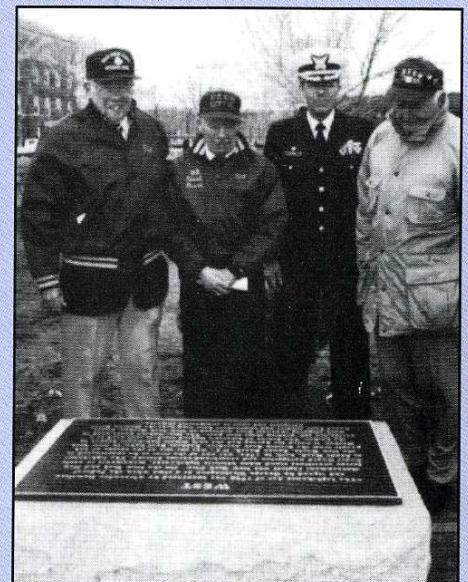
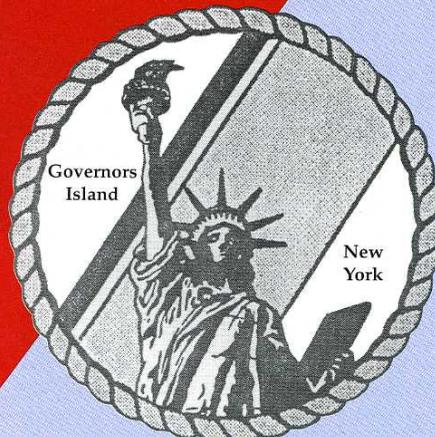
By next morning almost ten percent of the entire service will be stationed on Governors Island. Plans for construction of Coast Guard facilities in New York and one Training Center in Queens, Connecticut, will be completed in 1998.

Following the raising of the National Ensign by the Coast Guard Color Party, a 17-gun salute honored the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, the Honorable Fred Danahy, and the Coast Guard search and rescue capabilities that are being established on the island. The Commissioning of the Coast Guard, Admiral Wilfred J. Smith, USCG, also attended the ceremony.

As a finale in the long ceremony, Rear Admiral James A. Murphy, Jr., USCG, retired Rear Admiral Higgins in Governors Eastern Area and Commander, Third Coast Guard District, Admiral Alger was previously

Commander, First Coast Guard District, in Boston. He was appointed to that post on 1 Feb. 1993. He is married to the former Julia Smith of Nashville, Tennessee. They will reside on Governors Island.

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On the Covers

FRONT: An aerial view of Governors Island and Manhattan is flanked by a 1966 Reservist that announced the USCG takeover of the Island while Coast Guardsmen and retirees look over one of four monuments on Governors Island commemorating the Coast Guard's 50 years on Governors Island. U.S. Coast Guard photos.

INSIDE COVER, THIS DATE: The Statue of Liberty looks out toward Governors Island and New York Harbor. Photo by Lisa M. Kruska.

BACK: The Coast Guard ferry departs Governors Island leaving behind in its wake memories for thousands of Coast Guardsmen who served there. Photo by YN1 Deanne LaCava, USCGR.

Editor & Chief's Turn

The Holiday season and December is always a time of reflection for me. I look back and see what has been...but at the same time, I always look ahead with anticipation of what can be in the future. So, as the Coast Guard closed out its stint on Governors Island this year, I thought December was the best month to run our special feature on "Governors Island Memories" as a way of bringing closure to our 31 years there as well as to 1997. As an English teacher of mine always said, "Everyone's got a story to tell," and the sheer number of GI stories that poured in this fall reinforces that point...some are happy, some funny, some sad. I liken them to a line from Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The ghost of Christmas past reminds Scrooge, "...these were shadows of the things that have been...they are what they are." And so are our many Governors Island Memories...they are what they are. It is obvious from reading these stories that Governors Island touched many Coast Guardsmen and their families. My memories of Governors Island come from visits with family members. The first time was in 1991, when I took the humorous photo shown above. It was taken on the GI ferry just after departing Manhattan for the Island. The ferry's horn startled my wife, Lisa, right, and sister-in-law, Sara. I happened to turn around and snapped this photo just as the horn blared. My thanks to all who contributed to this special issue. I would be remiss if I did not give special thanks to Coast Guard Reservist YN1 Mary Fulcher. She volunteered on her own time to look through the Coast Guard Historian's files for many of the Governors Island photos you see here. I truly hope you enjoy this nostalgic look back as we say goodbye to Governors Island. Happy reading and Happy Holidays!



— PAC Ed Kruska, USCGR, Editor
E-mail: ekruska@comdt.uscg.mil

Surprised in Philly

What a surprise! When the October *Reservist* arrived, I was really amazed to find that almost the entire magazine was dedicated to our Coast Guard MSO/Group Philadelphia Employer Appreciation Day. The Editor's note explained why (leave to use or lose). Still, the extensive coverage along with the many photos really thrilled everyone on the team up here. Thanks again and Bravo Zulu!

— CDR W.C. Doty
USCGR
Philadelphia, Pa.

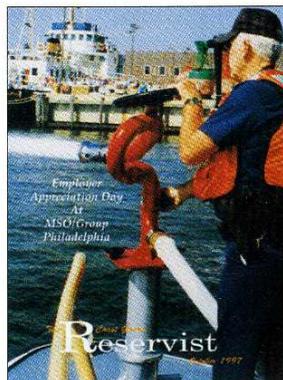


safety events. At both events, the auxiliaries displayed the three core values of the Coast Guard: Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. As part of *Team Coast Guard*, auxiliaries perform their tasks with little or no compensation. Their professionalism and enthusiasm are second to none, and should be emulated by other members of the Coast Guard team. They are willing to assist the Coast Guard in whatever we do.

— ENS William D. Harris
USCGR, Memphis, Tenn.

Three cheers for CG Auxiliary

For the past year, I have been assigned to CG Group Lower Mississippi River, Memphis, Tenn. During that time, I have developed admiration, respect and trust for the men and women that make up the Coast Guard Auxiliary. I have worked closely with the auxiliaries as the liaison officer at two recreational boating



Pondering enlistment in Coast Guard

I'm a 20-year-old college student and pondering an enlistment in the Coast Guard, or possibly the Reserve, to gain knowledge and experiences that I may otherwise never have the chance to have. Are there any recruiters in my area I can talk to?

— Joey Sutera
Sonora, CA

Ed's note: By dialing 1-800-GET-USCG, your call will automatically be routed to the nearest recruiting office. Also, see the CG Reserve Recruiting Update, page 21.



A View From the Bridge

By Rear Admiral Thomas J. Barrett, USCG

Director of Reserve & Training



Perhaps because it involves red and green, colors we often associate with the holiday season, or perhaps because it symbolizes where the Reserve has been and is going, a policy announcement by the Secretary of Defense caught my attention recently. On Dec. 5, Secretary Cohen announced that ID cards for the Ready Reserve (SELRES and IRR) will be changed from red to green. Once the change is phased in, which will take several years, all U.S. military personnel will display the same color ID, marked simply "Active" or "Reserve."

It is also the first step in a longer process that will produce a "Total Forces" multiple technology smart card.

Although a small adjustment, I believe the color change symbolizes renewed commitment to Total Force integration — a journey the Coast Guard started several years ago, and an area where we are recognized as an innovative Service leader. The ID card change is another step for the Coast Guard, and all the Services in our efforts to eliminate the structural and cultural barriers that hinder effective reserve integration.

This past year, in the brief time I have been privileged to serve as Director of Reserve and Training, I have seen reservists — you — enhance the ability of the Coast Guard to stay "Always Ready." During FY1997, you provided over 20 percent of the personnel surge resources for operations such as *Frontier Shield* and *Gulf Shield*. You responded to multiple contingencies including mid-west floods and the TWA Flight 800 crash aftermath. Moreover, on a daily basis, you helped *Team Coast Guard* provide the professional, day-to-day response that makes the Coast Guard the world's premier maritime service. You stood watches, ran the boats, carried out inspections, supported the planning, and helped Coast Guard units respond whenever America needed Coast Guard

services. The Coast Guard succeeded because of your dedication and plain hard work, and I thank you for a great year.

As we get ready for the new year, I am optimistic about the future of the Coast Guard Reserve. Business is good — demand for reservists' support is growing. FY1998 legislation authorized a SELRES of 8,000 and provided \$13.5 million to equip PSUs. A group dental care program was authorized and I expect increased emphasis on other reserve health issues. The Commandant approved a new Tuition Assistance program for reservists. Although modest, it reflects commitment to all of *Team Coast Guard*. We are the first Service to take such an initiative. Do we have challenges to overcome? You bet — our biggest challenge remains filling billets.

But even here we are making progress. Recent legislation gave us authority to offer bonuses to members leaving active Coast Guard service to affiliate with the Reserve. We have great and important work to do and we need more talented men and women like you to help us do that work.

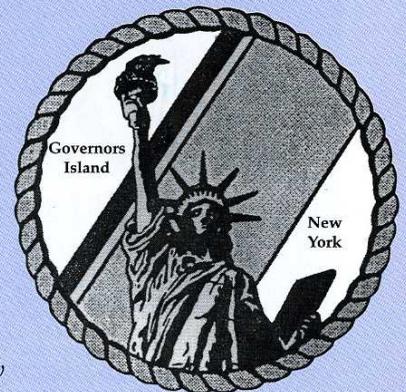
As we enter 1998, I thank you and your families for all you have done for our Coast Guard and our Nation. America is strong and at peace, and our Coast Guard is *Semper Paratus*. You each helped to make this so. For this, we can all be thankful, and you can rightly be proud. I wish you and your families health, happiness, and success during the coming year and in the spirit of the season ask that "God bless us, everyone."



Journey's End...

*The time grows near to bid farewell,
To colleagues and to friends.
Our billets change to duty's call,
As Land's tradition ends.
We've played our role as perfect hosts,
To Presidents and Kings.
Supporting all that cried for aid,
Hear now as freedom rings.
This island that's seen liberty,
'Neath Liberty's bright light,
Now fades to dark, like drama's end,
And says it's last good night.
We'll wipe the tears we've shed 'til now
And try no more to cry.
Always ready, shall we sing out,
With pride we say good-bye.
Our banners shall we rise anew
Upon some other shore,
For G.I.'s guards have laid to rest,
Their fortress never more.*

— By Christopher M. Goodenough
From "The Rock," Governors Island, N.Y., 1966-1996





Governors Island Memories

June 1966 to September 1997

This April 1971 photo shows the then-new wing of Building 400 on Governors Island.

U.S. Coast Guard photo

Once a bustling haven for Coast Guard men and women, Governors Island is now eerily quiet and empty. The Coast Guard officially departed Sept. 30, 1997 after a low-key but nostalgic ceremony. Now, only a 61-person caretaking detachment remains and a tugboat has replaced the ferry. Early last summer, "The Reservist" began asking its readers for their "Governors Island Memories" as a way of documenting the Coast Guard's 31 years on this special place just a short ferry ride from the hustle and bustle of lower Manhattan. We stated right from the start that this special issue "would not happen unless we heard from you!" You heard us, you responded and in short, you made this issue happen as over 40 stories were submitted. The following Coast Guard memories are compiled decade-by-decade from the 1960s to the 1990s. And so, we conclude the final issue of 1997 as a special tribute to the Coast Guard's era on Governors Island.

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Commissioning of the largest U. S. Coast Guard base in the world followed the transfer of Governors Island in New York Harbor from the U. S. Army to the Coast Guard at a colorful military ceremony at the entrance of historic Fort Jay, at 1500, Thursday, June 30, 1966.

A military pageant commemorating the Army's almost two centuries on Governors Island opened the ceremony. American soldiers have garrisoned the island since 1794. Prior to that time, the Dutch occupied it in the 17th century and later, the British.

After an Army Retreat Ceremony, the Commanding Officer of Fort Jay, Colonel Arthur M. Murray, USA, transferred Governors Island to Commander, Third Coast Guard District, Rear Admiral Irvin J. Stephens. Admiral Stephens accepted Governors Island on behalf of the Coast Guard. He then directed the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Base, New York, Captain Arthur Pfeiffer, USCG, to place the base in commission.

By next summer almost ten percent of the entire service will be stationed on Governors Island. Planned consolidation of Coast Guard activities in New York and our Training Center in Groton, Connecticut, will be completed by then.

Immediately following the raising of the National Ensign by the Coast Guard Color Party, a 17-gun salute honored the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, the Honorable True Davis, and three Coast Guard search and rescue helicopters flew overhead in salute. The Commandant of the Coast



This is Governors Island, as seen from the air off its southern shore. The skyline of lower Manhattan can be seen at left. In formal ceremonies on 30 June 1966, the U. S. Army transferred command of the island to the U. S. Coast Guard. After a building and renovation program, expected to be completed in late 1967, it will be the largest Coast Guard installation in the world. Approximately 2,900 Coastguardsmen will work here; housing will be available for 550 families.

Guard, Admiral Willard J. Smith, USCG, also attended the ceremony.

As a finale in the hour-long ceremony, Rear Admiral James A. Alger, Jr., USCG, relieved Rear Admiral Stephens as Commander, Eastern Area and Commander, Third Coast Guard District. Admiral Alger was previously

Commander, First Coast Guard District, in Boston. He was appointed to flag rank on 1 July 1961. He is married to the former Julia Isbell of Nashville, Tennessee. They will reside on Governors Island.

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ISLAND—from page 1

Admiral Stephens concluded 37 years in the Coast Guard. He took command of the Coast Guard in New York in January 1965. He was previously Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, in Miami and Chief, Office of Merchant Marine Safety at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington.

The staffs of the Eastern Area and Third Coast Guard District moved to Governors Island from Manhattan in early June 1966.

In August 1966, the Captain of the Port of New York, presently located at the Battery, will move. This includes seven harbor tugs and thirteen patrol boats. Mooring facilities for these vessels are now being constructed. This command is responsible for search and rescue, port security and federal law enforcement in the Port of New York.

April, 1967 is the target date for relocating the Coast Guard Base, St. George, Staten Island, New York. This industrial base provides support to the eleven Coast Guard Cutters and two lightships which operate from there. Piers are also being constructed for these vessels.

More than 1,000 students and staff of the Coast Guard Training Center, Groton, Connecticut, will move to the new headquarters on Governors Island in the spring of 1967. This center trains Coastguardsmen in the specialties of their rating.

Capital improvements at the bases which are being consolidated would have amounted to \$43 million. Cost of the Coast Guard relocation project is estimated at \$15 million.

The First Army was headquartered on Governors Island until December 1965, when it was transferred to Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

Moving Onto Governors Island

When the Coast Guard took over Governors Island during the early summer of 1966, I was living on Long Island. I served on ACDUTRA for two weeks at the then-Third District office located in the Customs House in Battery Park in Lower Manhattan. I recall the move over to Governors Island as *anything* but smooth. This was because the Coast Guard decided not to challenge Government Services Administration (GSA) on the moving contract which, in my opinion, left many questions unanswered. The result was considerable confusion and an inability to coordinate administrative responsibilities.

Anyway, Memorial Day weekend of 1966 happened to be the first 90-degree hot spell of the year. The contract called for 10 vans and 30 men. However, the moving contractor (yes, the low-bidder) showed up with only two vans and four people plus himself at the Customs House. The contractor claimed he had commitments from a number of other associates. Unfortunately, those commitments were not in writing. I told him that this was not good enough as there were supposed to be 30 people plus a supervisor on each end helping with the move.

As it turned out, it would have to do. With only two vans, the move was not completed that weekend. In fact, it stretched out over the following three weekends, and the Coast Guard was operating in tandem for a month with part of the staff on Governors Island and part at the Customs House.

— CAPT Richard Hope
USCGR(Ret.)
Everett, Wash.

Transition A Tough One For USCG

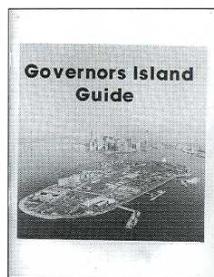
I worked on Governors Island before the Coast Guard took over the Island from the U.S. Army. I was a cable splicer with NY Telephone Co., now NYNEX. Back then, I was also a CG Reservist. I recall the transition to Governors Island as a tough one for the CG family. At first, there were not adequate moorings for the cutters and new large deepwater piers were built. They were called "Lima, Tango and Yankee" and you guessed it, the names denoted their shape.

I believe this Coast Guard base was probably the largest, personnel wise, of the entire Coast Guard. For me, the Island is a nostalgic place where I worked and served, a place I felt was surrounded by beauty and security.

The *Governors Island Guide* was part of a Welcome Aboard package produced by the Support Center of Governors Island.

— BMC Edward W. Middendorf,
USCGR(Ret.)
Richmond Hill, N.Y.

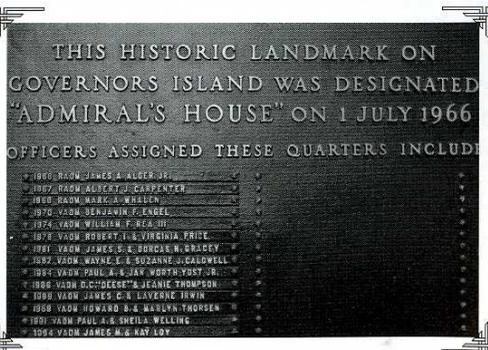
Editor's note: "The *Governors Island Guide*" was a 100-page document given to new GI personnel. Revised in 1978, it was packed with all kinds of information to help Coasties have a successful tour. Special thanks to BMC Middendorf and FSC Charles D. Alewine for sending copies of the "Guide" to "The Reservist."



U.S. Coast Guard photo



The Admiral's House was built in 1840. The Area Commander was assigned these quarters and the plaque at right shows occupants since 1966.



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Commanding Officer of Support Center NY lived at The Governor's House, the oldest structure on the Island, dating to 1708.

A Plankowner Reminisces

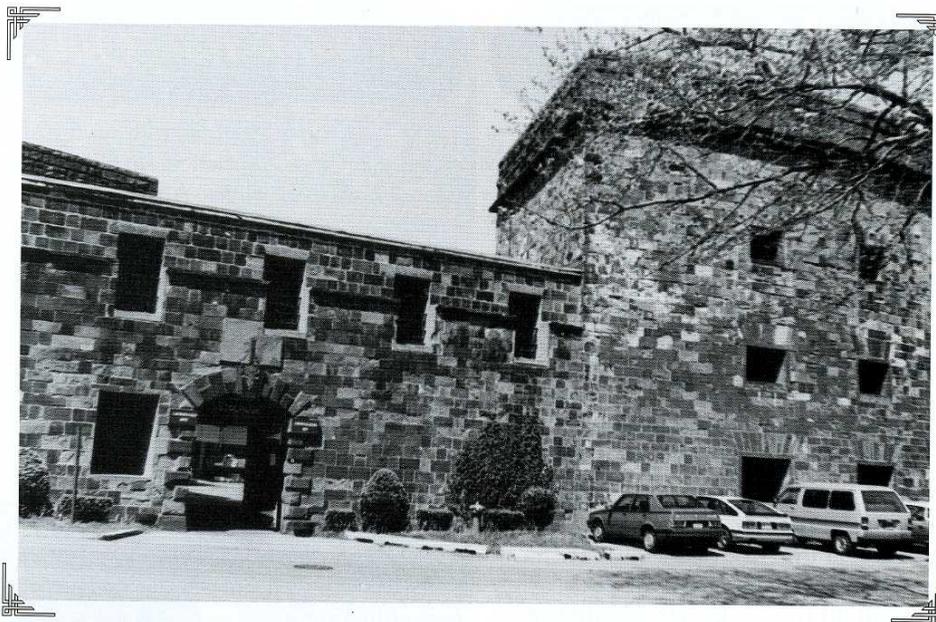
After graduating from boot camp at Cape May during the summer of 1966, I was assigned to Governors Island. As a country boy from the town of Coplay, Pa., my boot camp and then New York experience was adventure overload!

I arrived at the GI ferry with five other Coasties, all in our new starched whites (with dixie cup hats) during July 1966. The Coastie shore patrol gave all of us the once over and let us on the ferry. Once on GI, the OOD piled us in his car and took us to a large row-type building, which later became schools, chiefs quarters, enlisted berthing, etc. The first day we were given our duties: assemble lockers and furniture, cut grass, unload trucks, etc. At the galley, we could eat in civilian clothes (which made us feel as if we were getting away with something). The food was outstanding.

The other big event from this time period was a ceremony that summer which marked the take over of the Island by the Coast Guard from the Army. It was held on the golf course and was a very impressive ceremony. Of course, it was hot and a few bit the dust.

What a history connected to the old rock. If only the buildings and the ferry could talk! And the Brooklyn Supply Center, together with the old Third District, were quite a team. It was always amazing how one could sit on the sea wall facing Manhattan and at quiet moments, you could detect the "hum" or "heartbeat" of the city. Folks paid large amounts of money to visit and enjoy the sights we had at our doorstep. Sometimes, folks complained about being stationed there, but given the chance to roll back the clock, many would stay!

Who will take over Governors Island? Donald Trump? The City or State of New York? Time will tell.
— LCDR Joseph A. Keglövits
USCGR, Allentown, Pa.



U.S. Coast Guard Photo

Castle Williams, completed in 1811, is named in honor of Col. Jonathan Williams, former superintendent of West Point and chief engineer of the Army. It served as a prison from the Civil War until 1966.

Governors Island Greetings

Governors Island, 30 years ago, SK School, Class SK 12-4-67, was under the direction of SKC Privott and SK1 Spaulding. I doubt if many members from this class are still in the service, regular or reserve. Perhaps most of them are enjoying retirement. To all my fellow classmates, my greetings and best wishes and thanks to *The Reservist* for this opportunity.

— SKC Louis Torres, USCGR
CG Base San Juan, P.R.

Dances at Cardinal Spellman's

I reported to Governors Island for Commissary School in November 1969. I was just out of boot camp and at 18 years old, it was *very* exciting! I enjoyed the safety of GI and also being able to visit NYC and all of the tourist spots.

But what I really remember were the dances at Cardinal Spellman's in NYC. The women (I think they were nuns but can't really remember) who ran the place only permitted you to dance three dances during the night. And, when you did dance, you had to stay about a foot apart from your partner — no close slow dancing allowed!

You couldn't bring or leave with a date.

Twenty years later, I took my family to GI and stayed at the Super 8. We, too, visited the city and that safe and secure feeling that occurred when you walked into the ferry terminal, came back to me as if I had never left. My family also had slices of pizza at the terminal just like I did many years before.

— MCPO William C. Phillips
USCGR, Alexandria, Va.



SKC Louis Torres, USCGR

SK School, Class SK 12-4-67. SKC Torres is first row, third from left. Instructors Spaulding and Privott are second row, third and fourth from left.

So Many Coasties in one Place

I reported to Governors Island from boot camp in January 1969. The first week, I chipped ice from walkways, shoveled snow, and did some other odd jobs until ET "A" school began.

I have never seen so many Coast Guard personnel together at one time and in one place, nor have I since. I remember the beauty of officers' housing and the wonderful brick buildings. It made me imagine that I was at West Point. I recall morning PT, hurrying back to the room to change out of dungarees and into undress blues for the noon meal, and security watches through all the nooks and crannies of the old buildings. I also remember demerits which meant extra duty.

Governors Island had just about everything you would need, but knowing that Manhattan lay just a short ferry trip away was all it took to lure me into the city every spare minute I had! The USO was there, providing coffee, donuts and tickets to a Broadway play or movie. You could go to a ball game for free if you wore your uniform. One place you didn't wear the uniform was the Village (remember this was the late 1960s). I was there one night listening to a band called *The Who* when the auditorium began to fill with smoke. We evacuated via the fire escape, not realizing that would be the last concert to be held at the famous Fillmore East.

— MKC Terry Brice, USCGR
Rossmoor, Calif.



MKC Brice's ET "A" School classmates in early 1969, left to right: Jim Tuttle, Ron Gillette, Dennis Roshak and Dave Sjostrom. Notice the pre-Bender Blues uniform of the day.

The White Hats Club

In October 1970, I graduated from SK Class "A" School on Governors Island. I was one of two African-Americans graduating. GI was a place that captured the imagination. You could not help but wonder about the history of such a majestic looking facility. As you fall into ranks on the parade grounds outside the huge archway, you wonder of medieval times.

The White Hats Club (E-Club) was always crowded. I will never forget the club's name because I walked in not knowing the tradition of buying a round if you were covered...it was a learning experience. And then, there was the galley. Every Friday was seafood day and we always had a feast fit for a king. The Guard always took care of us and, if nothing else, did not leave us wanting for better meals.

— SKC Kenneth G. McGruder, Sr.
USCGR(Ret.)
New Orleans, La.

SKC Kenneth G. McGruder, Sr.



SK "A" School graduating October 1970. SKC McGruder is first row, left of sign.

In Pursuit of Concert Tickets

The fall of 1970 found me stationed at USCG Base Governors Island attending Class "A" Storekeepers School. My most vivid memory of that training experience was also the crowning tutorial for the remainder of my military career and highlighted the necessity to "abide by the rules." The *rule* I learned was "new students at school were not allowed liberty for the first several

weeks until proven, by their grades, that they were so *entitled*." A fellow classmate from New Jersey approached me asking if I would accompany him over to Manhattan to purchase some concert tickets that his girl-

friend and he had decided to get in anticipation of his earning liberty. I was having difficulty staying awake in class and determined that I could buy some No-Doz off base and thereby justify being AWOL.

While hiding in the bushes by the GI ferry terminal, we determined our instructor must have boarded earlier and so proceeded. Upon disembarking, however, we saw our instructor, SK1 Trent, and to our dismay, he saw us. The next day we were charged with being AWOL. My confidant had spent a year aboard a buoy tender waiting for SK school and knew the sorrows of a seaman's life. He was distraught at the prospect of returning. However, I was somewhat ambivalent to the situation having no such experience.

At Captain's Mast, we plead our case. I was told my purpose was noble but the means incorrect and was directed to sickbay for evaluation. My friend never got to the concert, but fortunately, we were allowed to stay in school.

— SKC L. Mike Smith, USCGR(Ret.)
Bountiful, Utah

Courtship on GI

My happy memories of my husband, CWO4 Larry

Schmutzer, begin on Governors Island. A native of Wisconsin, he attended Storekeeper School there in 1970. A native New Yorker, I'd meet him there to dance, bowl, go to the movies or just walk around the Island and see the spectacular NYC skyline. His most recent association with Governors Island was in October 1994 upon his return from Operation Uphold Democracy (Haiti) with PSU 301. Larry retired from the CGR in 1995 and then passed away in June of this year but memories of him and Governors Island will remain with me forever.

— Maria Schmutzer
Ringle, Wis.



One of several high-rises on Governors Island for Coast Guard families.

Thursday liberty the following week and a place in line for the best food on the Island: Commissary "A" School.

- Dashing to the ferry after class to catch a show on Broadway thanks to the USO's free ticket program.
- Brilliantly colored fall leaves in front of red-bricked, white-columned colonial-style buildings against a backdrop of steel and glass Manhattan skyscrapers.
- The shock of Cold War-era news broadcasts narrating a Lithuanian sailor jumping to the deck of a Coast Guard cutter to escape his Russian trawler, knowing that our captain would be ordered to hand him back.
- Morning music broadcasts from a radio down the hall blasting Neil Diamond belting out *Cracklin' Rose* while we all dressed for class.
- Departing New York in a December snowstorm bound for my new duty station — Honolulu.

Those three eventful months shine in my memory as a bright transition before my 17-year tour in Hawaii, first on active duty, then as a reservist. I wonder how many lives were forever shaped and changed by "A" School training on Governors Island?

— YN1 Rick Labib-Wood, USCGR San Diego, Calif.

National SAR School

Years ago, when I was a BM1, I attended the National SAR School on Governors Island. At the school, there were unit patches and badges left by attendees from all over the USA and the world. What a reputation that school had (and still has, I'm sure).

Each evening, after the inevitable homework was completed, I took the Island ferry to New York City, and walked 50 yards or so to the Staten Island Ferry building. In the terminal, you could buy a newspaper, a slice or two of fabulous New York pizza and a cold one to wash it all down. Twice, when the homework had been easier than normal (no, I didn't tell the instructors that), I took the Staten Island Ferry over and back, past Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty...for less than a buck! Every training center could have such an opportunity to relax just outside the "gates."

— BMCS Cal Krefft, USCGR Palm Harbor, Fla.

Exciting Times for Small town Texas lad

For three months in fall 1970, I was at Yeoman "A" school. For a small-town Texas lad in the era of six-digit service numbers (versus SSNs now), Governors Island and New York City was exciting and energetic. Here are some memories of that time:

- The Statue of Liberty rising above Hudson River fog during early morning jogs around the Island.
- Cramming to make the Friday grade cut guaranteeing Monday-



Coast Guard officers at dedication ceremony for GI's Cunningham Apartments, December 1971. BM2 Cunningham was a Coast Guardsman who sacrificed his life attempting to rescue two fishermen during a blinding snowstorm near Charlevoix, Mich. in 1936.

A Study in Contrasts

What I remember about Governors Island is being able to live on this nice, clean, quiet, historic island yet have the excitement of Manhattan just minutes away. I attended Yeoman's School there from November 1971 through February 1972. Many pitchers of beer were emptied at the old White Hats Club. I was fortunate to be able to see many Broadway shows, often thanks to discount (or free) tickets through the Morale Fund. One show I remember was *Applause* starring Lauren Bacall. I enjoyed seeing the old forts and historic buildings on the Island. Where else could you get such a good view of the Statue of Liberty?

— YN3 Nicholas Lubinski, USCGR Wyandotte, Mich.

The "Old" Days at Yeoman School

In the "old" days, Yeoman school was located on Governors Island. It was an exciting time spent both studying and visiting New York. I can totally understand why it is no longer located on GI. We had several instances where the young men would go into New York only to find trouble. Try doing that in the fields of Petaluma!

Several GI stories really stand out. One instance dealt with the "streaking" fad that was happening during this time. One of our yeomen on graduation

day decided to streak down the dormitory hallway. Unfortunately, it was at the same time the Commanding Officer was doing an inspection of the building. He graduated as an SR/E-1. Graduation parties in

those days involved basically drinking the night before the ceremony. That was a sorry group of people at graduation the next day.

All in all, Governors Island was a very unforgettable experience. There are some things I miss, some I do not.

— *LT Steven J. Craig, USCGR Oakville, Wash.*

LT Steve J. Craig, USCGR



YN "A" School graduating January 1973. Instructor is YN1 Dave Ring, far left. SNYN Craig, back row, second from right.

1976 Bicentennial!

In 1974, my husband Michael Cox was asked if he was interested in teaching at the EM "A" School on Governors Island, N.Y. At the time, we were in Astoria, Ore., and he was stationed aboard CGC *Yocona*. Of course he said yes — and what was to follow was quite an experience!

While on Governors Island, our older daughter started school at Billard School (Public School 26), named after RADM Frederick C. Billard, Commandant from 1924-1932. Some of her memories include the



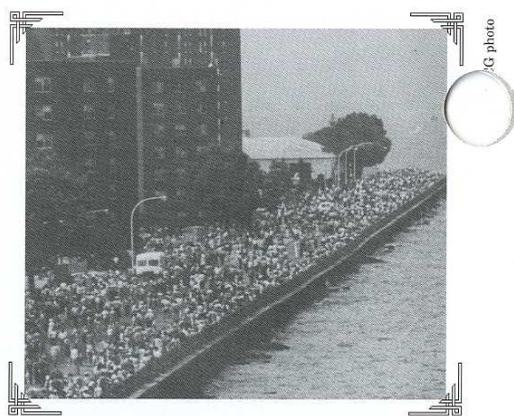
Making and wearing period costumes during America's Bicentennial in 1976 were all part of the fun for the Cox family while living on GI.

open classrooms, the boat on the playground, coming home for lunch, riding her bike through the fall leaves on officers row, and chocolate cream pies made by one of the base cooks.

Besides the great people and living at the tip of Manhattan, I have some memories of my own. One is that my husband, Michael Cox, as PTA president, convinced the New York City Schools to use Coast Guard wives with teaching certificates from other states as substitute teachers. Otherwise, it took hours to get a substitute for a class. Also, we were there during America's bicentennial celebration in 1976. Festivities included *Op Sail*, the open houses, making and wearing costumes of the period, and seeing the tall ships sail between Governors Island and the Statue of Liberty into New York Harbor.

I was sorry to hear about the closing of Governors Island. We were only there for a little more than three years, but I will always remember our time there.

— *Judy A. Cox
Portland, Ore.*



Governors Island played host to 18,000 visitors during Fourth of July weekend in 1976.

The Night the Lights Went Out

In 1977, I served 75 days SADT to work on a Headquarters-sponsored Staffing Standards Study of Reserve Training Centers. I completed the study at Yorktown about two weeks early, so HQ asked me if I would do a quick review of the need for Assistant Chief of Reserve positions in District Reserve Offices. I agreed.

During the second week of the study, I reported to Governors Island to visit the Reserve office there. I stayed at the Temporary Officer's Quarters with my wife and three children. There were three levels in the TOQ units — an upstairs bedroom, a small living area on the main floor and a basement with bathroom, refrigerator and many overhead pipes about five and one-half feet above the floor.

The second night there, we dropped off the kids at the movie and went home for a quiet barbecue dinner. We were sitting on the back porch overlooking the golf course nearby and the lit-up downtown skyscrapers of Manhattan in the distance. Suddenly, the whole of Manhattan flickered and went out. In seven or eight seconds, the lights all came back on — momentarily — and then they went out again and stayed out. It was a sight I shall never forget. I'll also never forget those basement pipes in the dark during the next two days!

— *CDR Timothy C. Farley
USCGR (Ret.)
Sacramento, Calif.*

...We'll Miss That Great Parking Spot!

I was only on Governors Island for two weeks for Instructor Training School. However, my wife came to visit and stayed at the small motel. We parked the car on the Island and took subways around New York. One of the pleasures was coming back to the Island on the ferry and enjoying the night-time view of lower Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty.

That two weeks of duty started a long tradition of leaving the car on Governors Island while visiting relatives in New York. We never had a problem and it was a lot cheaper than garaging the car on the upper west side of Manhattan. I am really going to miss that parking spot.

— *LT George A. Gilliam, USCGR(Ret.)*
Cleveland, Ohio

CGC Mahoning Memories

My memories of Governors Island stem from serving aboard the oldest Coast Guard cutter in New York Harbor, CGC *Mahoning* (WYTM-91), from October 1978 through March 1980. *Mahoning* was then under the command of CWO J. Rowe.

The winter of 1978 was a brutal one on the Hudson River. We were out breaking ice all the way up to Troy, N.Y. We set a lot of tugs and barges free that were stuck in the ice. We also watched deer running across the ice, as well as (what looked like) a seal sitting on an ice flow.

The winter of 1979 was also interesting. The crew extinguished a fire aboard the tug *Christine E* in the Hudson River near Haverstraw, N.Y. on Jan. 26. On Feb. 8, *Mahoning* battled a large pier fire with other fire boats and land units. Then, on April 1, we hauled NYC garbage due to the tug strike which lasted 88 days. *Mahoning* hauled 88 barges of which 36 were loaded. There were all sorts of slogans like "You Call — We Haul," pennants with either a garbage can or a toilet bowl on it, and tee shirts that one of the wives had printed up.

— *BM2 David J. Leich, USCGR*
Bronx, N.Y.



Taking the ferry back and forth to GI was one of the adventures of being stationed there. The downside — it cost the USCG millions each year.

Lisa M. Kruska

Cooking & Driving

I was an airman in the Air Force Reserve when I transferred to the USCGR in 1975. By October 1975, I found myself working in the galley at Governors Island as a third class petty officer. In 1977, I enlisted as a full-time Coastie, and was assigned to the CGC *Dallas* at Yankee Pier.

In August 1978, Commander, LANTAREA needed a replacement driver. Because I had lived in New York City 26 years and knew my way around the

city, I got the job. I first worked for VADM Robert Price and his wife through June 1981. Then, I drove for future Commandant ADM John B. Hayes, along with the

Secretary of Transportation Neil Goldshmidt, followed by a year's stint for then-VADM James Gracey (also later Commandant) and his wife.

While on Governors Island, my wife and I took full advantage of the opportunities available. My wife was a member of the Enlisted Men's Wives Club and we took trains to the Broadway shows and restaurants. We left the Island in 1983, to set sail for another island — Guam. We remember Governors Island as a great time for both of us.

— *FSC Charles D. Alewine*
USCGR(Ret.)
Salem, Ore.

Memories That Span the Decades

Governors Island memories...where does one begin? As a Coast Guard Reservist from April 1965 until January 1994, I have many. In November 1970, while on my first two-week ACDUTRA and assigned to COTP New York, I stood a boat watch of a Polish ship in Brooklyn from 0400-0800. It was awfully cold that night and we became very hungry. Because I speak Polish, I asked for a sandwich. It was the greatest ham I've ever had...a feast to say the least!

During one active duty period, we had a job to do in Building 515 which housed the enlisted quarters as well as the sick bay. The Industrial

division was working on replacing some of the duct systems in the early 1980s. One time, while pulling down the old ducts, we found a .25 caliber pistol. Should we call CGI? Report it to the shop supervisor who was a civilian? We did not know what to do....

In 1982, I joined the Reserve Assist Team Support, better known as the "RATS." We worked on Governors Island and throughout the entire Third District until we fell under Command of the First District in Boston. One of my fondest memories was the renovation of the Jewish Chapel, and of Building 400 into which

FSC Charles Alewine, USCGR(Ret.)



Enlisted Men's Wives Club, 1982.

the RESPO office was to relocate. I loved the chow hall during the 1970s and still remember the steaks on Wednesday nights. I also loved serving on active duty during the dead cold of the winters on Governors Island. It was such a warm feeling hearing the wind blow all about while warm and tucked away in the lounges of Building 515 and Building 400 following a cold day of duty.

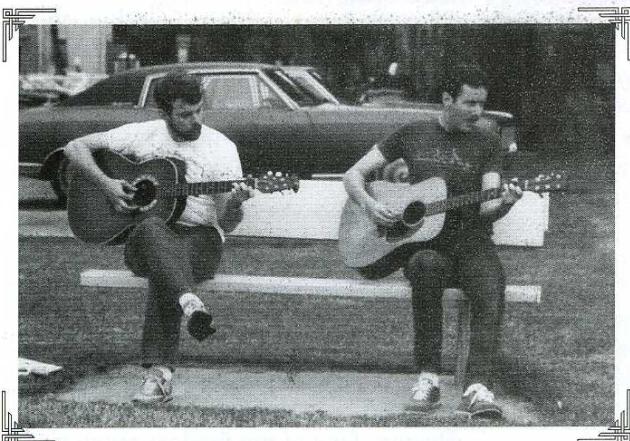
In short, I will forever miss Governors Island with all the fun, luster of the old houses (officers homes), the movies, EM Club, CPO Club, and an all around warm feeling of being a proud member of the Coast Guard Reserve. Yes, it is sad that the ol' Island of which once was Third District Headquarters is no longer. I feel a piece of my heart is closing as the Island closes. I loved the Coast Guard on Governors Island and I always will.

— DC1 Howard Serebrenik
Surfside Beach, S.C.

From Scary to Happy to Stranded on GI

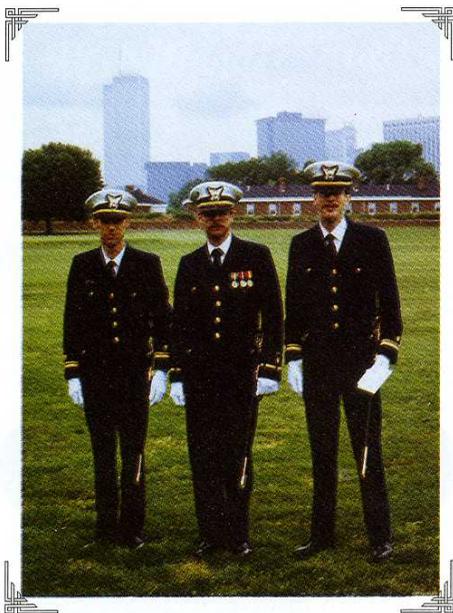
I was stationed twice at GI, first in 1972-73 for YN "A" school, and then again for three years from 1981-83. I have three major memories which occurred at various times during my stays — one creepy, one happy, and one frustrating!

During my first tour, as an SA, I remember fire watches in Building 400 (see photo page 4)...it could be a scary place when you were all alone and other Coasties, including myself,



Then-CWO2 Rick Harmon, left, strums a tune with LTJG Grant Cochrane, USCGR, during 1983 with Castle Williams behind.

CWO4 Rick Harmon, USCG



With the parade grounds and Fort Jay behind them, three Coasties are looking sharp in this 1982 photo. They are, l to r, LTJG Rich Brierly, USCGR; CWO2 Rick Harmon, USCG; and LTJG Grant Cochrane, USCGR.

did not like going up into the attic, which was part of our watch duty. The attic was very dark and there were firing range targets up there, apparently left over from GI's Army days. It really was creepy and I shudder to think of that attic even 25 years later!

In 1981, I reported back to Governors Island as a warrant officer. My first morning, there was a personnel inspection (PI), and I was standing outside behind Building 110 near the ferry terminal. It was a gorgeous morning (around 0800) and the New York City skyline was just *sparkling!* Ships were going by and seaplanes were taking off in the harbor. For me, it was as if they were welcoming me home to a very special place!

Since this will be published at Christmas time, I thought the many readers of *The Reservist* would enjoy one of my many tales from Christmases past on Governors Island. Just before Christmas break in 1972, I had four wisdom teeth pulled at the Public Health Service Hospital on Staten

Island. As you can imagine, I was swollen and the only thing on my mind was getting out of New York for Christmas leave and to reunite with my family in North Carolina. I was discharged from the hospital and reported back to the training center. Upon arriving back at the training center, the OOD asked where I had been. I had to assure him I had not been AWOL!

Anyway, the barracks were basically empty as everyone was already on leave. A petty officer came up to me and asked me if I was staying the night. I responded, "Yes, but I'm on leave in the morning." He threw me a big handful of keys and said, "You're the M.A.A. Just give me the keys in the morning and you can go your merry way." I was not happy...it was one more obstacle to getting off the Island and out of New York.

— CWO4 Rick Harmon, USCG
Arlington, Va.

A New Yorker with a View!

The first person to make me aware of Governors Island was my former brother-in-law, a former Marine. At that time, I was enlisted in the Air Force and was on leave and looking for a military exchange to do some shopping. Amazingly, I had lived in New York over 20 years, but had never known what Governors Island was about. Here lies an island, no more than four miles from my home on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, and I didn't even know what existed there. But then again, at the time, I had never visited the Statue of Liberty...Ellis Island...nor for that matter, the Empire State Building.

I had seen GI while on the Staten Island ferry during childhood summer excursions to the beaches, but always thought it was a place for affluent New Yorkers. Growing up in the poor neighborhoods of Lower Manhattan, I never imagined it possible to set foot on this magnificent island.

Finally, the summer of 1978 found me on a ferry to GI full of anticipation. Driving off the ferry, I was immediately taken with this "Camelot." So crisp was the air, so green the leaves and lawns, so clean the streets, so awesome the

architecture of bygone eras. I knew this was a place where I wanted to spend a lot of time. So, on Sept. 25, 1979, after transferring to the USCG, I commenced my career on "The Rock."

Assigned to Atlantic Area Command on GI, my family and I enjoyed the splendor of our oasis in New York. I remember summer picnics, Fourth of July celebrations, the spectacular ceremonies during the re-opening of the Statue of Liberty (1986), and the joyous occasion of my "wetting down party" after receiving my direct commission.

It always amazed me (and at times really angered me) to hear personnel living on the Island speak of their so-called "misery." Here they were on the best real estate, living in some of the better housing developments at way below market value, secluded and safeguarded from any violent activity, and only minutes away by a spectacular ferry ride to one of the world's largest tourist attractions (NYC). And then, to hear them say later on, after moving out, how good it was...go figure?

Now I know why I never visited the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. It's because I had such a great view of them from Governors Island. I guess now I finally do have a reason to visit them...to have a better view of Governors Island and relive all those wonderful memories.

— *LT Luis E. Martinez, USCGR
New York, N.Y.*

GI Inspired Poets

I have great memories of wonderful people and events on Governors Island. Beginning in 1984, I worked 11 years as a civilian employee there, eight in the MLCA Civilian Engineering Division and three years in the old Third CG District. Some of the reservists I knew were CDR Gallagher, CDR Bill Albanese (now deceased), CDR Oakman, Williams and others. A while back, I had two poems published in the GI weekly newspaper, the *Governors Island Gazette*. I share one here as a final salute to the island gem in New York harbor.

— *Bernard Marcus
Demarest, N.J.*

A Picnic Table Proposal

As a brand new ensign just out of OCS in 1984, I had the "relative" misfortune of being assigned to Supply Center Brooklyn for my first tour. Initially, I took berthing at the new BOQ on GI before moving out into an apartment in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. My first night on the Island, I felt nervous as I was anticipating my first day on the job. So, I went out for a run. I had never been to Manhattan at night, and the skyline was not visible from the BOQ. As I rounded the corner by the CPO Club, I was stopped dead in my tracks by the sheer magnitude and splendor of all that steel, concrete and **light!** What a sight!

A year later, I met my future wife on GI at the going away party of a fel-

low officer from the Support Center who lived in quarters on the Island. His wife had invited a single friend from her Manhattan office, and I was the only single officer there. We met that night and fell in love on a picnic table in front of "P" Quarters. Two years later, while visiting my "girl-friend" in Manhattan on a trip back from Group Milwaukee, I took her back to GI and proposed to her on that same bench overlooking the Brooklyn docks.

One very cold and blustery day two winters ago, my wife and I took my son and baby daughter out to the Island for one last look around. My son loved the ferry ride, the fort and the cannons, the ships and the buoys. My wife and I enjoyed driving by "P" quarters one final time.

— *LCDR Brooks Minick, USCG
Baltimore, Md.*

Governors Island

*In the middle of New York harbor lies
A wonderful little island under the skies
It's the home of the largest installation
That the Coast Guard has in our entire nation
The nicest place near New York town
Is very busy till the sun goes down
From early morning to and fro
You'll see people make the island go
Coast Guard and civilian side by side
Get to the island on the morning tide
Children going to their school
Learning what they need to rule by rule
Boats tied up by the bulkhead wall
Crews responding to the siren's call
Formations arrayed on the village green
Sharp as a tack and ready to be seen
Lunchrooms ready for hungry people
And food for the spirit, when they pass the steeple
Leafy trees amidst paths and grasses
Make pleasant walks for the lads and lasses
The work winds down at the end of day
Then everyone is ready for play
Friends and neighbors enjoying a talk
Taking their children for a leisurely walk
Movies, bowling, all kinds of fun
And other enjoyment when a days work is done
Sun diminishing into the night
Across the waters buildings come alight
Softly and still, as activity quiets down
Bringing on the night to this island town.*

— *Bernard Marcus*



YNI Dianne LaCava, USCGR

Island Paradise in an Asphalt Jungle

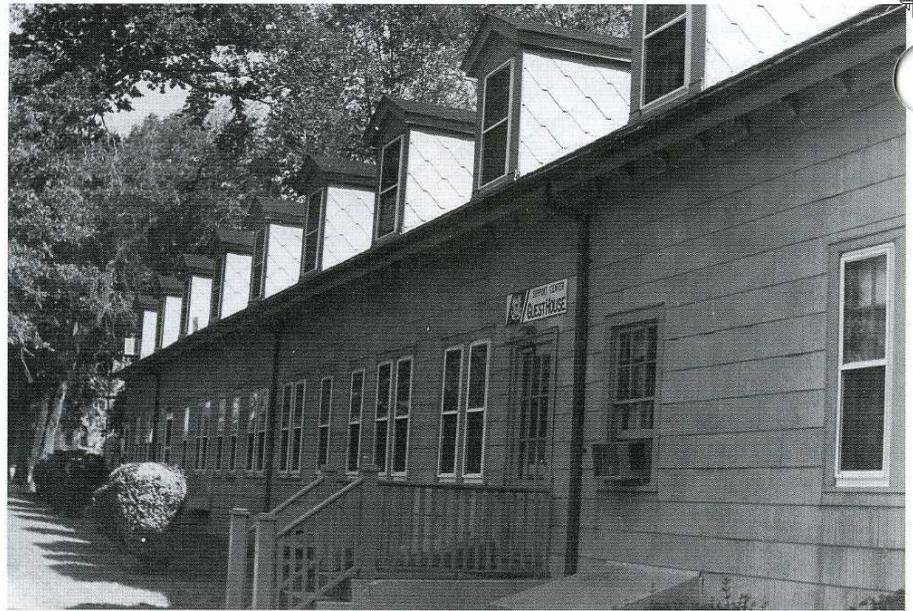
An island paradise in an asphalt jungle! Such is our memory of Coast Guard Base Governors Island. My family, friends, and I think fondly of TAD and personal visits to a safe, secure, clean, attractive, historic home for Coast Guard families that offered a quick, free ferry ride to the most metropolitan community on earth.

My visiting family and friends were treated to great accommodations in guest housing. Such was the case before the Super 8 motel was built. Guests stayed in an old but stately brick barracks near what is commonly called The Castle. The antique decor reminded guests of days gone by when the Army had occupied the building. Transient quarters were also available in an old wooden barracks near what would later become the Super 8. The decor was not as quaint, but the service was as professional as that of a fine hotel, at a fraction of the cost.

Perhaps my happiest days at GI were in 1984 when I was working TAD from Coast Guard Headquarters. As a member of a team rewriting the Coast Guard Addendum to the *National SAR Manual*, I was fortunate to work under the leadership of CDR James Sharpe at the National SAR School. My GI experience was much enhanced by the good commander. As I was away from my family for a month, he treated me like family, inviting me to family meals at his home (a large, beautiful brick colonial on officer row), and at the base bowling alley. His family took me along to see my first football game at the Coast Guard Academy, too. For me, the GI community became the GI family.

The chiefs at the National SAR School also treated me well. Seeing that I had few acquaintances on base, they invited me to be their guest at the GI Chiefs Club (and I wasn't even a chief yet). I remember some very worthy advice and leadership examples coming my way from those chiefs.

One day in the base chapel, my wife and I listened to the preacher speak about sin. We nearly fell from



The old Guest Quarters in the pre-Super 8 era.

our pew when he exhorted that "We're all sinners...even my family, in the front row!" Pointing in the direction of his wife and family, he continued, "Stand up, honey!"

The Coast Guard Instructor Training (IT) School used to be held at GI. In July 1982, I attended the school and met some highly talented and fun Coasties. On graduation day, IT instructor LT R. E. Haglund returned my salute and then caught me sneaking a kiss to my wife. He exclaimed, "When I told you to carry on, I did not mean for you to **carry on!**"

Many Coasties, family, and friends will miss GI. We are grateful for having been blessed with this island paradise.

— *BMC Mark Allen, USCGR
Fort Washington, Md.*

The Carrot was "The Rock"

I would barrel down the highway at zero-dark-thirty Saturday morning. Then, three hours of fighting traffic — yes, even at that hour — only to throw myself at the mercy of a very fickle lady: the Governors Island ferry. Not exactly a fun way to start a weekend, yet it was a scenario repeated month after month for almost eight years. Obviously, there had to be one

hell of a carrot at the end of the stick just to make my commute worthwhile.

That carrot was "The Rock" itself, a serene, diverse community neatly isolated from the crime, noise and commotion of our nation's largest city. It was there that I got to know some of the finest, friendliest, and funniest folks I'd ever met. Once aboard GI, enlisteds turned to, while officers scurried to work, milk crates bursting with papers and manuals.

I'll never forget one incident that occurred back when Governors Island was Third District Headquarters. One of our petty officer's paperwork was disappearing into a black hole above unit level. Several inquiries by letter and phone couldn't clear up the matter. Fed up, the Old Man finally marched into the District Office and pulled the poor fellow's rather thick service jacket. The latest entry was a letter that read something like, "We have no record of you on file...." Go figure.

As Sunday evening came on, the ferry line grew at a rate inversely proportional to the amount of unfinished paperwork. Eventually, I'd find myself where it all began, chugging back to Manhattan, reflecting upon the past two days, armed with a few fresh jokes and cursing the long drive ahead.

— *LCDR Rick Solari, USCGR(Ret.)
Avon, Conn.*

Lady Liberty's Centennial

It was a warm and humid July morning in 1986 as the sun rose over Governors Island. For the past month, the Island had been besieged by press and security forces.

The United States was celebrating the centennial of the Statue of Liberty, and the eyes of the nation and world were on New York. I was assigned to the perimeter around the admiral's house and the small boat station, and covered everything from the ferry to the end of the road.

As I stood in front of my barricade, a group of men approached my position. They were carrying long canvas bags as they flashed their FBI ID cards. The FBI Swat Team moved quickly down the road.

In about 30 minutes, I heard a group of cars coming up the road. The lead car flashed a red light with four more cars following it. The middle car had the presidential seal on the right door. I immediately came to attention and saluted the president as he passed.

By day's end, President Reagan had departed for the carrier, *John F. Kennedy*, deployed in the harbor. I was really tired by this time, but very proud to have been part of Coast Guard history on Governors Island.

Of my 23 years on Governors Island, this was one of my best memories. Without the help of my shipmates, OPSAIL 86 would not have been successful in guaranteeing that everyone stayed safe and happy on the Island.

— PS2 Robert J. Estepa, USCGR(Ret.)
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Long Trips Worth It!

From October 1988 to April 1993, I drove 520 miles a month (round trip) from my home in Rutland, Vt. to Governors Island. I did this every month for two years as Commanding Officer of U COTP NY 2, and then two years as Group Readiness Officer assigned to RESGRP MLCLANT. It may seem like a very long trip but it really was not too bad. I always looked forward to my duty and



The Staten Island ferry glides by Governors Island and the Manhattan skyline.

responsibilities and considered it an honor, privilege and an opportunity to contribute to our great country through the Coast Guard Reserve.

It was a pleasure to be the Commanding Officer of RU COTP NY 2. The men and women in that unit were all of the highest quality. FSCM Bill Guido (Operations Officer) on the right in the photo below, is holding his Letter of Commendation from the Commandant for his outstanding contributions to the training program in his rate. PSC Harris Simon, left, is holding his award plaque from his CO for his outstanding work in coordinating the unit's Vessel Compliance Program and Port Security operations for 17 years. Another fine member was our administration officer YN2 Dan Parker. He never made a mistake with the payroll and he received an award plaque also! CAPT George Geller was Group Commander during both of my assignments and it was a pleasure to work with such a fine officer and gentleman.



Reservists on GI, l to r, PSC Harris Simon, LCDR Richard Swartz, FSCM Bill Guido.

At the end of my assignment as Group Readiness Officer, I retired from the Coast Guard and Governors Island with more than 27 years duty. The skyline and lights of the New York Harbor and lower Manhattan as seen from the ferry will forever be with me...

— LCDR Richard Swartz, USCGR
Cuttingsville, Vt.

"Apple" of Their Eye

During a tour of ADT at Yorktown in May 1989, SK3 Dennis McNally and I rented a car and drove to New York City. Neither of us had been there before and being so "close," (at least an eight-hour trip by car), we wanted to take the opportunity to see the Big Apple. Arriving late on a Saturday night, we had planned to stay at the Soldiers and Sailors Club. Unable to locate it, I called Governors Island and received permission to stay there.

Following the directions the petty officer on duty gave us, we boarded the ferry and headed to that historic harbor island. The view was stunning: the glorious Statue of Liberty shining proudly and the fantastic lights of Manhattan. I will never forget that night on Governors Island.

— CWO2 Reece L. Lewing, Jr.
USCGR, Shreveport, La.

A Great Place to Serve

I served as a reservist at Station New York on Governors Island from September 1987 to October 1993. Taking the ferry over to GI was always an experience...waiting in line, going across the water with the great city behind me and the Statue of Liberty on the right as she looks down on the harbor.

The Burger King combined with the bowling alley was always a good time, and another food choice when the galley was serving an unpopular meal. On the Staten Island side of GI, a spectacular ice show would sometimes appear in the winter as ocean spray froze to the chain link fence on the water's edge. While serving my two weeks, I stayed in Building 400, which was quiet and relaxing with a peaceful view of the parade field where President Reagan once spoke.

One weekend, the station reservists were ordered to set up food tables, tents and chairs for the commissioning of the CGC *Penobscot Bay* by Yankee Pier. Storage for Station New York and others was in the old stockade. When I went in there [to get supplies], it always made me think of what used to go on there and what kind of people they were.

Waiting for the ferry line enabled you to go to the deli next to the ferry terminal and get snacks for the ride home. Yes, Governors Island was a great place to have duty. I will never forget it!

— MK3 Tony Mazzuca, USCG
Groton, Conn.

Farewell Governors Island

I have fun, happy and some sad memories of Governors Island as I served on active duty there from 1992-1993. I reported aboard as an SN and left as an SS2. I feel as if a little piece of me is gone with the closing of the Island. Farewell Governors Island and thanks to all my good friends and roommates for the special memories.

— SS2 Darlene (Adams) Donohue
Ceiba, P.R.

Cold Winds and World Leaders!

The only time I was on Governors Island was for the International Search and Rescue School in 1988. I was very fortunate to be selected to attend this prestigious school as a drilling reservist. I looked forward to the school to learn how to be a SAR controller. Well, what I got in 1988 was much more than I expected.

First, I had been told that November in New York is a very cold month. Mother Nature did not disappoint me...I froze! Then, during my stay, former President Reagan and then-Vice President Bush flew in separately aboard Marine helicopters, landing yards away from our classroom. Moments later, Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev arrived in his limousine. We watched the men meet and shake hands. Since we were "confined" to our classroom, we could not hear what was being said. Nevertheless, we all felt pride that day. History was happening before our eyes.

I will never forget seeing the Statue of Liberty, feeling the cold winds blow, and watching the Summit preparations and finally, witnessing history.

— LT Diana Reynolds, USCGR(Ret.)
Sacramento, Calif.

The Greatest Reward

I have been going to Governors Island since I joined the Coast Guard Reserve back in October 1973. I still remember my first two weeks active duty in July 1974. Here I was, 32 years old, having never been in the military before, and I was on the Governors Island ferry with all of my gear. My legs were shaking and sweat was dripping off my face. Well, that was the first time. From then on, I had nothing but great times on GI.

Between 1989 and 1993, I served on TEMAC in Building 400 for the Commander of Maintenance & Logistics Atlantic (then RADM G. Henn), and lived in Building 315 which faced Brooklyn. My wife Eileen worked as a civilian, also in Building 400.

Yes, we miss our trips to Manhattan — the shows, the theaters and the fine cuisine that one can find in the NYC area. But our greatest memories from GI are all the friends that we made there. Even now, we still meet and see many of these people. I think that is the greatest reward of all that came out of serving on Governors Island. It is sad to see the Coast Guard leave such a peaceful, historic place, but like everything in life, changes do come. So long, GI!

— PSCS Johannes Verhaeg, USCGR
Virginia Beach, Va.



Then-Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev shakes hands with then-President Elect George Bush while former President Ronald Reagan, center, looks on. This was part of a December 1988 Soviet-American summit on Governors Island.



PA1 Bill Stone, USCGR

CG Reservists from PSU 303 (Milwaukee) unload at Governors Island upon returning from the Persian Gulf War in March 1991.

Desert Storm Homecoming, 1991

Governors Island...a city within a city, the best view of New York, a story from everyone who has ever been there and thousands of memories. Who can forget the tree-lined streets, the beautiful buildings, and the escape to serenity from the busy city? These things, I'm sure, make up part of the legacy, but the memories that remain most vivid in my mind will always be the people that I met and served with. During Desert Shield/Desert Storm, three events occurred that I'd like to share.

During December 1990, I returned from the Persian Gulf War to recover from surgery, having no idea what I'd be doing on the Island. While there, I had an opportunity to get to know a lot of Coasties and appreciated their concern and energy level. I got to see first hand the support process, and dove into helping with some of the unresolved problems. I got to do some fun things, too, like play Santa Claus for the crew of the CGC *Red Beech*. During this time, the Kleckner Chapter of the CPOA really made me feel like part of the family.

In late December 1990, I returned to the Gulf for the duration of the tour. When we returned from the Gulf, I was elated to find we would be mus-

tering out through Governors Island. We arrived at the Island to a heroes welcome. We had fresh home-made baked goods, a hospitality room, and socialized with the school children before being reunited with our families.

Then, New York City threw a giant ticker-tape parade as our official welcome home. It was with mixed emotion that I marched across the red carpet at the start of the parade, waded through the mountains of ticker-tape and enjoyed the hospitality. I knew this was probably one of my last functions in the Coast Guard. Later that evening, while watching the fireworks from a hill on the Island, is when the memories of Governors Island and the people I knew really became etched in my mind forever.

The buildings may come down, the city within a city may change, and the views may become different, but the memories of all those I met will forever be Governors Island.

— BMC Gary Bublitz, USCGR(Ret.)
Sturtevant, Wis.

When my husband, MKCM Paul Ladut, returned from Desert Storm in 1991, I met him in

New York City for the "Welcome Home Parade." I had never been to New York, and had eagerly awaited this trip. I wasn't disappointed...though I only spent a short time on Governors Island, the memories will always be very special.

Upon arrival at Governors Island, we were treated like royalty for several days. It was like going home. We walked around the housing section and noticed how nicely the houses were kept. We walked to Burger King and watched boys playing baseball. It was like a family resort — children riding bikes, service men waiting to catch a bus and mothers pushing strollers. It made me wish I had brought my children along.

While there, we were invited to a barbecue where we watched the fireworks from what seemed to be our own private island overseeing the Manhattan skyline. My husband and I watched the boats in the water and the Statue of Liberty light up everytime a rocket went off. I'll always remember that evening, and how I was in a military family on a special little island away from the whole world. I felt like this was the best place to be on such a special evening.

— Patricia Perez Ladut
Meraux, La.

From Oil Spills to Persian Gulf War

In 1975, Governors Island was not only a huge Coast Guard facility, but a very busy one. It was home port to three WHEC's (*Dallas*, *Morganthau*, and *Gallatin*), one WMEC (*Tamaroa*), two buoy tenders, Commander LANTAREA, Third District Commander, numerous Class "A" schools, and all the support services required to maintain a high degree of readiness.

Governors Island was also home to my first duty station — Group New York. I was assigned to a squadron of 40-foot utility boats. Our main mission was to oversee vessel movement as well as to respond to any waterborne emergency that occurred in New York Harbor.

Such an emergency occurred in January 1976. Three fuel tanks ruptured at the Patchogue Oil Terminal in Gowanus Canal which resulted in a 2.5-million gallon spill. We worked for a month to contain that spill with our efforts resulting in the containment of the oil along with a Coast Guard Unit Commendation.

In 1991, I returned to GI with Port Security Unit 301 after our deployment to the Persian Gulf War. GI may be physically removed from the Coast Guard, but the memories will last forever.
— TC1 Stephen M. Stitch, USCGR(Ret.)
Buffalo, N.Y.



Then-SS3 Thomas Kotz of Bristol, Wis. and PSU 303 is greeted by his mother on Governors Island upon returning home from the Persian Gulf War in March 1991.

One "Brief" Moment...One "Golden" Moment

My first and only visit to Governors Island came in April 1992. It was a mid-way stop en route to my new home for the next three months — the Emirate of Bahrain.

I arrived at the Coast Guard ferry dock after a seemingly endless cab ride from La Guardia Airport. The weather was cold, windy and overcast as I boarded the ferry for the brief trip from Lower Manhattan. Ironically, I'd had better conditions when I left Seattle earlier that day. The ferry gently docked at GI barely 20 minutes later and its passengers walked, biked and drove off. Most displayed an air of familiarity as they scattered in different directions to various points on the Island.

I couldn't help but notice the serenity of the small enclave such a short distance from the Big Apple's hustle and bustle as I walked to the BOQ. Compared to the city, GI was a tranquil base, a small town, replete with softball fields, homes, offices and stores. It even had its own Burger King.

The next morning, I reported to Atlantic Area for in-country briefings before continuing on to Bahrain. That evening, I once again boarded the ferry, this time in a driving rain. Trying to get a cab proved fruitless until I was able to share one with a warrant officer and his wife. We piled in and the three of us rode off for John F. Kennedy Airport and my flight to London and Bahrain.

— LT David L. Teska
USCGR
Topeka, Kan.



Governors Island's sign pays tribute to the SPARs golden moment...their 50th anniversary, Nov. 23, 1992. Left to right are CAPT Lane McClelland, CAPT Mary McWilliams, and YN1 Diane Gaboury.

A Pleasant Surprise

In July 1993, my mother, daughter, and I visited my son who was stationed on Governors Island. It was our first trip to New York City and the first time we were exposed to any military environment. We were greatly impressed with the city itself, and then with the USCG ferry and the passengers' air of normalcy about this mode of transportation. Even with three rivers in Pittsburgh, the usual mode of transport is by car, so we found this to be a new and exciting experience.

With security being a prime concern, we felt totally at ease staying at the Island motel. We walked around the entire Island our first night and were awed by the truly magnificent view. I was pleasantly surprised to see how the Coast Guard accommodated family life while men and women served their country. There were planned activities and accessibility to virtually everything just across the harbor. It seemed to me that this would be a great place to live for a while. We visited the most recognizable landmark in the United States (Statue of Liberty), and I envied those who could rest nightly under the glow of her lamp. Every American should see her at least once in their life and hopefully, the Coast Guard will continue directing traffic at her feet.
— Beverly Reed
North Versailles, Pa.

The "Andes Road Man"

While performing TEMAC (now ADSW-AC) on Governors Island during June 1994, I had a unique opportunity to see an archaeological dig on Andes Road behind the base library. While on TEMAC, my job was to itemize hazardous chemicals and their usage/disposal by the various tenant commands on Governors Island. This project involved working with the then-Support Center Environmental Protection and Safety Branch on a daily basis.

After days of visiting several land-based commands and cutters attached to Governors Island, a call came into the office that some human bones had been found by a contractor who was digging up electrical lines behind the base library. Because of this event, I ended up meeting a New York Medical Examiner and several archaeologists whose job were to find out the mystery of the "Andes Road Man."

Not only did I successfully complete my TEMAC task of chemical inventory, but I got to interact with other agencies outside the normal Coast Guard maritime work environment...all because of the history lying beneath Governors Island!

— LCDR Donald S. Delikat
USCGR
Boston, Mass.

Ed's note: The Governors Island Gazette of June 10, 1994 (shown above), said that LT Eric Westerberg spotted the bones. The New York City medical examiner was brought in and quickly determined that the remains were not from a recently committed crime and recommended that the site be examined by archaeologists. The dig revealed three burial shafts and other artifacts but no casket or clothing.

A Bos'n's Tour and Impressions of GI

I first heard about Governors Island from my friend in Maine, Bob Cheney. It was a veteran friend of his who wrote him about this enclave of tranquillity just 10 minutes from Manhattan. I went to see it for myself in 1995 and went back a second time in 1996 taking my four children with me. With its closing, I arrived none too soon.

Bob and I have talked many times about the sense of security we've always felt as we enter a military base. Never was this experienced as profoundly as after the short ferry passage to Governors Island. In less than 10 minutes, the hurried pace of New York City was left behind, and I entered one of the

most picturesque and unusual military compounds in the United States — Governors Island.

After strolling the entire Island, I must say, this Coast Guard Bos'n was impressed. As I waited the few minutes for the return trip, I pondered the Island's past. Governors Island had been a quarantine station for immigrants, a sanctuary for birds and animals, a summer resort, a prison camp for Civil War captives and a military staging area in World Wars I and II. What now will become of it? National Park? Residential development? Campus? Reservation? Time will tell.

— BM2 Dennis Bowman, USCGR
Galveston, Texas

Island Sites & Sounds

The following are some places and names related to Governors Island. For those of you that have come in contact with GI over the years, I ask that you read slowly through the list and recall your own experiences:

Manhattan GI ferry terminal, *Tides, Minue, Corson, The Governor, Fog Horn Alley, Capeharts, Reveille, Colonel's Row, Brick Village, the Commissary, the Country Store, Industrial, Castle William, Fort Jay, Building 12, Staten Island Ferry, Guest House, Yankee Pier, Tango Pier, Lima Pier, the High Rise Building 877, Building 110, the Cafeteria, Bowling Alley, TRACEN NY, MIO NY, Group NY, Support Center NY, Doggie Island, Dallas, Line, Hawser, Wire Gallatin, Morganthau, Tamaroa, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, colors, security, LANTAREA, Eastern Area,*



Colonel's Row

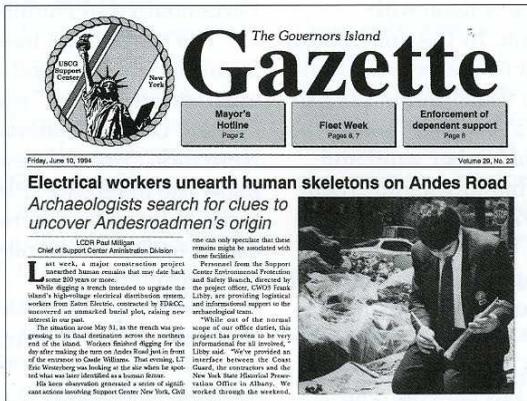
Third District, AMVER, Building 400, OCC, formal reviews, Splinter Village, OPSAIL 76, OPSAIL 86, OPSAIL 92, Statue of Liberty Ceremony with President Reagan, Summit with President Reagan and Gorbachev at Governors Island, GI Accord on Haiti, World Trade Towers, Fleet Week, "A" School, fire watches-Detex clock key punch, SAR School, *Red Beach, Sassafras, Red Cedar, Seaman's Church Institute, Puglio's Restaurant, Umberto's Clam, Little Italy, China Town, Recruiter School, Burger King with beer, South Street Seaport, Buttermilk Channel, Hell's Gate, Red Hook, Brooklyn Battery Tunnel Ventilation Shaft, P.S. 26, BOQ, the Dispensary, the Barracks, CPO Club, Mariners Club, New Brick Village, Liberty Village, The Governor's House (Quarters 2), the Block House, Nolan Park, the Admiral's House (Quarters 1), the Parade Grounds/golf course, Facilities Engineering, Housing Office,*



Nolan Park

Fire Department, MLCLANT, 15 mph, the ferry line, Louie's Deli, Station NY, Teen Center, fireworks over the harbor, Daihatsus and Cushmans, Super 8, St. Cornelius the Centurion, O-Club, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Gun Deck, Ben's, TKTS, the Synagogue, Battery Park, the Exchange, ball fields, taps....

— LCDR Paul Redmond,
USCGR(Ret.), and friends,
Washington, D.C.



The June 10, 1994 GI Gazette announces the finding of the "Andes Road Man."

Looking Ahead...

The U.S. Coast Guard held the last of several official ceremonies of disestablishment on Governors Island Tuesday, Sept. 30, 1997. "It's a sad day for the Coast Guard," said CAPT Henry Dresch before a crowd of 200 onlookers at a low-key but nostalgic ceremony.

As head of the Closure Project Residence Office, Dresch was the overseer for moving all the Coast Guard's operations off the island. He served as the last military commander on Governors Island dating back to 1745 when GI was under control of the British Colonial Militia.

"It marks the end of our exclusive use of this national treasure...continuing uncertainty about funding has been an experience I hope we will soon overcome, and don't have to repeat," said Dresch.

All that remains on Governors Island is a 61-person caretaker detachment headed by LT Will Agen, USCG. Congress funded \$6 million for upkeep of GI during FY1998. A tugboat has replaced the ferry and makes daily trips for the commuting caretaker detachment.

"Our only residents now are the Canada Geese that have taken over the baseball fields, playgrounds and golf course," said Agen. "Hopefully, something will happen soon to get people back out here."

What will happen to the 175-acre island in New York Harbor is still very unclear and it may not happen soon. Many ideas have been proposed including world-class golf course, environmental park, giant cemetery, new Yankee stadium, giant cyberspace park, new home for the United Nations, college campus, ROTC boot camp, casino, private and retail residential developments, or even an Olympic Games venue. As of press time, there were no takers amongst any level of government — federal, state or local (NYC) — and no serious private/commercial proposals either.

The federal government has assessed the value of the property and buildings at \$500 million. With the island's 90 most northern acres occupied by protected historic buildings, new construction would have to meet with approval of the City of

New York's Landmarks Preservation Commission. The southern end, created with landfill from excavations in the building of New York's subway in the early 1900s, contains most of the newer buildings.

Nearby Ellis Island offers a historical perspective if nothing is done with Governors Island soon. In the mid-1950s, the federal government ceased maintaining Ellis, gateway to the USA for 12 million immigrants. In a few short years, the constant drumbeat of harbor wind and weather turned the buildings into creepy ruins. In the mid-1970s, privately financed restoration began on Ellis, but costs were staggering, to the tune of \$200 million. Even now, much remains to be done on Ellis.

As for the Coast Guard, life has changed drastically, but goes on. The numerous Coast Guard commands formerly on GI are now dispersed. Group New York, Marine Inspection Office, Vessel Traffic Service, and Group Sandy Hook, N.J. now make up Activities New York, located at Fort Wadsworth on Staten Island. Meanwhile, AMVER and Public Affairs moved to Manhattan while

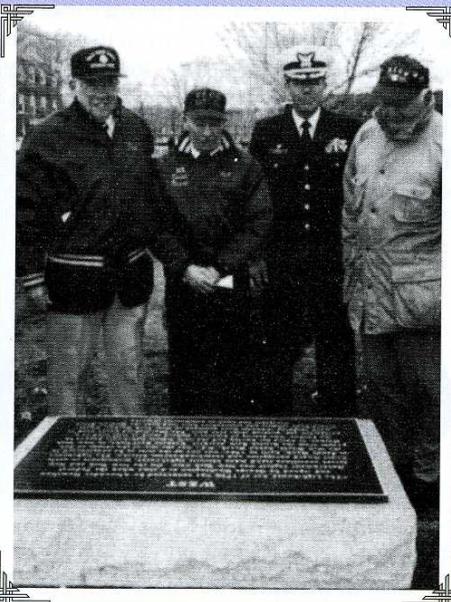
the black hull buoy tenders and icebreaker tug fleet are now in New Jersey. Station New York is about one-half mile from Fort Wadsworth at Rosebanks, N.Y. while the high endurance cutters, *Dallas* and *Gallatin*, went to Charleston, S.C. LANTAREA and MLCLANT now call Portsmouth and Norfolk, Va. home.

"The people who made the transition from Governors Island to Staten Island do miss certain things," said CAPT Larry Brooks, Deputy Commander of Activities New York. "But the newer people don't know the difference. Plus, there are advantages to being over here including quicker access to the community, shipyards, and port terminals."

Brooks says that Fort Wadsworth was first operated by the Army, then the Navy and now the National Park Service. It contains two forts: Fort Tompkins and Battery Weed. USCG facilities here include offices, housing, gym, galley, small exchange and chapel.

"Looking ahead, yes, we have some work to do building the facility," said Brooks. "But, when we moved to Governors Island in 1966, we didn't have a lot either. As time goes on, we'll be perfectly fine."

Governors Island Legacy Monuments



CWO Steve Shepp, USCG

The "west" monument on Governors Island is a tribute to area lighthouses.

To commemorate the Coast Guard's 31 years on Governors Island, the Coast Guard placed four monuments at each compass point on the island in 1996. The *west* monument, shown here, is a tribute to area lighthouses. The *east* monument is a World War I and II remembrance of USCG involvement in the New York area. The *south* monument honors those from New York who fought for our nation's freedom. Finally, the *north* monument, facing lower Manhattan, is a tribute to the "cradle of Coast Guard history," remembering Alexander Hamilton and our nation's First Congress, then-convened in New York City, which passed legislation establishing the "Revenue Marine," Aug. 4, 1790.

— LT John Shallman, USCG
LANTAREA Public Affairs

CGR Recruiting Update

■ Defense Authorization Bill

The FY1998 Defense Authorization Bill was signed into law on Nov. 18, 1997. This new legislation impacts Coast Guard Reserve bonuses in two major ways, and several minor ways. First, there is an increase of the eligibility window for the **SELRES reenlistment, extension, and prior service enlistment bonuses**. The new window of eligibility is for members with less than 14 years of service (up from less than 10 years). This change is outlined in ALDIST 280/97. Second, the Coast Guard now has the authority to offer a **Reserve Affiliation Bonus**. When authorized, this bonus will allow payment of amounts equaling up to \$50 per month for RELAD members who make the decision to drill in the SELRES for the remainder of their initial eight-year military obligation. This affiliation bonus will become available following revision of COMDTINST 7220.1.

■ CG Reserve Recruiting Mousepad

— The new Coast Guard Reserve mousepad, **Jobs that Matter**, will be in the hands of recruiters nationwide in the latter part of December and early January (below right). Designed as a recruiting promotional item, the mousepads feature pictures of Coast Guard people doing work typically performed by reservists as part of *Team Coast Guard*. The mousepads also feature our recruiting phone number, **1-800-GET-USCG**. By dialing this number from any location in the U.S., the prospective recruit is routed to the nearest recruiting office. Another feature is a unique Internet address, www.dot.gov/dotinfo/uscg/hq/cgr.htm (this address helps us track responses to specific advertising material). We'll mail you two mousepads if you'd like and an e-mail to

sshanahan@comdt.uscg.mil or write us at:

**Commandant (G-WTR-1)
USCG Headquarters
2100 Second Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20593
ATTN: Mousepad**

Be sure to include your return postal address. All we ask is that you display one prominently (no, not at home under the pile of papers next to your home computer), and that you give the other one away to a prospective recruit. If you have a need for more mousepads, tell us how you intend to use them and we'll get them to you.

■ Appropriate Duty with Pay Recruiting Incentive

Effective Dec. 1, 1997, ISC's may authorize reservists periods of Appropriate Duty with Pay (ADP) in compensation for their recruiting efforts. If you (a reservist) refer someone to a recruiter and they subsequently enlist, you may be eligible for one period of ADP (up to four periods of ADP max per year). You don't have to perform extra duty for the drill pay, since your past recruiting effort is what is being recognized. The program is not open to members assigned to recruiting offices. See ALDIST 279/97 for more information.

■ Reserve Recruiting Guidance (Overbillet Accessions)

— Guidance has been passed to the ISC's (G-WTR-1 message 311700Z JUL 97) that temporarily relaxes the "recruit to RPAL (Reserve Personnel Allowance List) vacancy" restriction to permit more reserve accessions. ISC's can authorize additional new reserve accessions subject to the following: (a) valid, rating-related work must exist, and be projected to continue, at the unit where the new enlistee will be assigned; (b) receiving units must have the capacity to train and support the additional reservists; and (c) recruit only to ratings which are: (1) represented in the unit's PAL or RPAL; and (2) designated by Commandant (G-WTR). These ratings are: BM (approximately 400 short); MK (300 short); DC (80 short); FS (40 short); TC (50 short); and YN (50 short). The guidance applies to non-RPAL (overbillet) accessions only.

■ Where is Your Local Recruiter?

— Do you know where your local recruiting office is located? If not, pick up your phone and call them at **1-800-GET-USCG**. Ask your recruiter what you can do to help. If you need to refer someone to another recruiting office, an interactive map is available on the internet at:

<http://www.dot.gov/dotinfo/uscg/hq/recruit/offices/recindex.htm>

By clicking on the name of the recruiting office on the map, you'll get a local map with phone and fax numbers.

For drilling reservists: Another good idea is to get to know your local recruiter. Reinforce with him or her what your unit's vacancies are and whether there are any prospective recruits such as a friend or co-worker that you can refer to the recruiter. By being proactive, and getting to know your local recruiter, you can help us reach our recruiting goals this year and into the 21st Century!

- *LT Phil Purganan, USCGR*
Commandant (G-WTR-1), 202-267-0625
E-mail: ppurganan@comdt.uscg



Jobs That Matter! 1-800-GET-USCG

www.dot.gov/dotinfo/uscg/hq/cgr.htm

RRMIIP canceled!

The Ready Reserve Mobilization Income Insurance Program (RRMIIP) was canceled in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, effective Nov. 18, 1997. However, Congress did provide continued insurance protection for all insured members serving on active duty in support of an eligible contingency and those who were issued such orders as of Nov. 18, 1997. These members will continue to pay premiums during a covered service period.

The law required all enrollments cease and insurance coverage and premium payments, except for reservists listed above, be terminated as of Nov. 18, 1997. Premiums paid by reservists on or after Nov. 18, 1997 will be refunded. No other refunds were authorized by the law.

Each enrollee should receive a letter from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service with detailed information on the cancellation of the insurance. If you have questions about your status or premium payment account, call toll free, 1-800-255-0974 inside the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii or 216-522-5728 outside the United States.

Representatives are available to assist you from 0700 to 1930, Eastern Standard Time, Monday, through Friday.

— *LT Ruby Collins, Commandant (G-WTR-1)*
202-267-0629; E-mail: rcollins@comdt.uscg.mil



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Upcoming Events

JANUARY 1998

■ **RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MID-WINTER CONFERENCE** — Jan. 25-28, 1998. ROA Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer, Waesche Award and the Commandant (Minuteman Award) will be honored in conjunction with this annual event. Contact ROA, 1 Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. 202-479-2200. Web: www.roa.org
The ROA Department of D.C. CG Chapter 4 invites all USCG officers to the Coast Guard Reception, Sunday, Jan. 25, 1998, 6 p.m. at ROA Headquarters Building, One Constitution Ave., N.E. Washington, D.C. Attire is CG Service Dress Alpha (or semi-formal business). Please see coupon on opposite page for ticket prices. For more information, contact CGR John Baker, 13520 Walnutwood Lane, Germantown, MD 20874. 703-235-4717.

FEBRUARY 1998

■ **COAST GUARD RESERVE'S 57TH BIRTHDAY** — The CGR was formed on Feb. 19, 1941. Remind your command so it can celebrate!

MAY 1998

■ **MCPO-CG RETIREMENT & RELIEF CEREMONY** — Tentatively set for Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C. (next door to Coast Guard Headquarters) on Wednesday, May 27, 1998. Time to be announced. MCPO-CG Rick Trent's relief has been announced. See ALCOAST 078/97, CGC 1430. 202-267-2397 for information.
 ■ **COMMANDANT'S CHANGE-OF-COMMAND CEREMONY** — Tentatively set for Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C. (next door to Coast Guard Headquarters) on Friday, May 29, 1998. Time to be announced. ADM Robert E. Kramek's relief has not been announced.

Holiday Gift For Officers: New & Improved OER System

By now, most of you have heard that the Officer Evaluation System has a new and improved Officer Evaluation Report (OER). Use of the new OER went into effect Oct. 1, 1997, replacing the previous version which had been used for nearly 15 years. The new OER brings with it many enhancements, the most obvious being reduction in size from four to three pages. In an open letter to the officer corps, ADM Robert Kramek said that many of the concerns brought out by the recently completed cultural audit were addressed in changes made to the OER. Kramek stated that risk management, diversity management, leadership competencies and core values are among the many areas incorporated in changing the form to better meet the Service's need.

"I am confident that the new OER will further strengthen our performance management effectiveness, positioning us well for the challenges of the next century," said Kramek.

More than 50 sources on leadership and performance appraisal were studied, and the review team surveyed 350 OER users to find out what performance qualities were most valued. This information was relied on to develop a draft form which was then assessed by survey respondents, performance appraisal experts and a grammarian. CGPC-rpm also provided valuable input to the new OER on reserve-specific issues.

The new form condensed six performance areas into four and 23 performance dimensions into 18. An instructional page for quality control was added. This page provides the basic guidance for completing the new OER along with submission schedules. However, for detailed guidance, you should refer to Chapter 10-A, Change 27, of the PERSMAN. Additionally, all reserve officers should have received a detailed guide on the new OER in the mail. Chapter 10-A does not address reserve specific OER issues. This section of the PERSMAN is being revised and will be included in the *Reserve Policy Manual*. Eventually, this revision will be included in the PERSMAN. In the meantime, questions should be directed to LT Steve Custer at the Coast Guard Personnel Command, Reserve Personnel Management Division at 202-267-0551.

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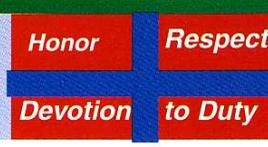
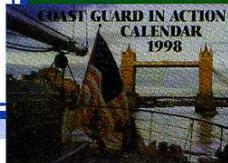
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Governors Island On My Mind...

Sing to the tune "Carolina on my Mind," By James Taylor

In my mind I'm goin' to Governors Island.
You can see the skyline,
Lady Liberty's torch shine,
Forty-one footers Hawser and Line,
Coasties looking fine,
Yes, I'm goin' to Governors Island in my mind.

In my past I'm goin' to Governors Island.
Opsail '92 was a blast,
Majestic tall ships were amassed,
Fireworks displays were cast,
Two weeks went by too fast,
And I'm goin' to Governors Island in my past.

In my dream, I'm goin' to Governors Island.
Moving barricades on scene
With Maria, Robin, Paul, and Dean.
New York sights were seen.
Summer nights serene
When I'm goin' to Governors Island in my dream.

In my mind I'm goin' to Governors Island.
Waiting for the ferry ride,
Officers salute with pride.
With its closing, my heart cried.
A part of me has died.
But I'm goin' to Governors Island in my mind.

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