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On the Covers

Front: Eagle crew member SN Andrew Ellison is at the helm aboard CGC Eagle during Eagle Company's recent boot camp. Inside Front Cover: Eagle crew and recruits sail away during boot camp. Back: BM1 Tracy K. Allen salutes the Stars & Stripes at morning colors while at anchor in Long Island Sound, N.Y. Photos by PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR.

April feedback

Hey, that was a great mag this month (April). It's funny, I was just looking through all kinds of "war stuff" and then out came a full issue on PSU 305. Also appreciated the clarification on SGLI. Keep up the good work.

— MKC Roger Grinnell, USCGR
Newport, R.I.

Ed's note: PSU 305 is the 1997 winner of the Morris Award! See page 19.

Reservists' time off

The letter and editor's response in the March Reservist regarding time off for reservists to meet IDT and ADT requirements raised more questions than it answered. May I suggest you consider a full feature article on the subject. It could serve to inform reservists on how they can work with and educate their employers as to what their rights truly are. There is much misinformation floating around on this subject and a comprehensive treatment is called for.

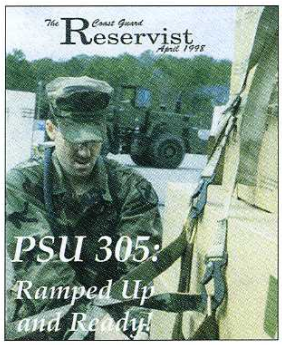
— PS1 Paul Norris, USCGR
MSO Hampton Roads, Va.

Ed's note: Good idea! Thanks to PS1 Norris' letter, we have slated such an article for September's fifth annual "Citizen-Sailor" issue which will feature reservists' civilian occupations. See the Bulletin Board on Page 22 for details.

Setting the record straight!

In the March 1998 issue, LCDR Boyle's letter stated that CGC *Gallatin* (WHEC 721) "was the first cutter in the fleet to have women permanently assigned afloat." The record should reflect that the CGC *Morgenthau* (WHEC 722) was, in fact, the first cutter to have women permanently assigned and CGC *Gallatin* was the second. As *Morgenthau's* Executive Officer, I welcomed the first women crew members aboard on Sept. 23, 1977 when ENS Beverly G. Kelley (now CAPT-select and CO of CGC *Northland*), and ENS Debra G. Snelson, reported aboard in San Diego for the *Morgenthau's* transit to San Francisco. Then, from Sept. 27 to Oct. 3, 1977, 10 enlisted women reported aboard for duty. The *Gallatin* did not receive women aboard until late October or early November 1977, due to operational commitments. As the first two cutters with women crew, we were required to submit quarterly "Effective Utilization of Mixed-Sex Crew" reports to Commandant (G-PN4/62). LCDR Boyle's letter was brought to my attention by Lois Bouton, also known as "The Coast Guard Lady." She likes to keep the "record straight."

— CDR James K. Woodle
USCG (Ret.)
Bellingham, Wash.



Coast Guard's future fleet & recruits

I particularly enjoyed the USCG Fleet Review in last August's issue. I entered the Guard as the *Hamilton* was being commissioned. It looks like the fleet I've always known is retiring right behind me. Nevertheless, it's exciting to see that it is being replaced with state of the art, designed from the keel up, Coast Guard cutters. When I started in the Coast Guard, a large portion of the fleet were Navy surplus WWII vintage, and a few of these old timers still survive in the Coastal Buoy Tender fleet. The new fleet coming in looks like the first exclusively designed for us since the building of Alexander Hamilton's original Revenue Cutters!

I have enjoyed seeing the young people coming in since the 1980s. While I am justifiably proud of the contributions of my own generation, I have no doubt that today's young enlisted are the best educated, most skilled, and professional crew yet. It is great to see, tight federal budgets notwithstanding, that they are going to get "Bristol Fashion" ships to serve on. I'll be following the adventures of, and rooting for, the next generation through the pages of *The Reservist*.

— BMCM Raymond F. Bollinger
USCGR(Ret.)
Metairie, La.

Editor's note: The Fleet Review MCPO Bollinger refers to was very popular and we continue to receive requests for it.

Attempts at a reprint last fall died on the vine due to lack of funding. Nevertheless, a Fleet Review will be printed again this summer, probably in July. If you can't wait, the August 1997 issue can be found on the Coast Guard Reserve web site at: http://www.uscg.mil/reserve

Three drills per day

In regards to MK3 Wiborg's letter in the November issue, "Eight-hour CGR work days," I would like to make one point of clarification to the editor's note. While a single drill is a period of not less than four hours, there is a limit on the number of drills that may be performed per day.

— LCDR L. Joseph Dumas, USCGR LANTAREA

*Editor's note: The maximum number of drills allowed is **two**, as stated in 2.B.2.a.(2) of the Reserve Policy Manual, Chapter 2.A.4 defines a multiple drill as two periods of IDT performed on one calendar day and is equivalent for pay and points to two single drills of not less than four hours duration each.*

USCG License Plate of the Month

Our Coast Guard is the *world's* premier maritime service and this month' USCG Plate of the Month takes us outside the continental United States and puts the USCG in the international spotlight...via Singapore! Shown in the photo are members of Activities Far East (FEACT) Marine Inspection Detachment (MIDET) and the Singapore van. According to ***LCDR Brian Peter***, who submitted the photos shown here, the license plate is considered diplomatic and is issued by the Government of Singapore. In Singapore, the lower the number on the license plate the richer the owner. There is considerable attention drawn to the "Number 1" plate whenever personnel are driving to and from jobs. LCDR Peter and his crew consider themselves to be "very rich" to have the opportunity to live and perform the Coast Guard missions in this part of Southeast Asia. FEACT currently has two reservists aboard to help meet the Coast Guard's growing mission in Asia.

LCDR Brian Peter, MIDET FEACT

In front of the Singapore van and "USCG 1" plate are, left to right: CWO4 Ken Hunting, LCDR Brian Peter, LT Kevin Perarek and CWO4 Bill Novobilsky.

■ *Earn Good Salary* ■ ■ *Earn Retirement Benefits* ■ ■ *Complete Your ADT Requirements* ■

Operation Summerstock 1998

Each Coast Guard billet listed at right is available from now through 11 Sept. 1998. Orders are authorized for continuous periods of 60 days or more. Boat Crew qualified E-4s, who are willing to perform station work, may be assigned to SN/FN/SA billets in limited numbers. Personnel with previous Summerstock experience are particularly desired and will be placed at the Station where previously served, if possible.

Please respond as soon as possible! It is imperative that we know as early as possible that you are willing to serve.

Interested personnel should submit a Request for Reserve Orders(CG-3453) via the chain of command to arrive at CCGD Nine (osr). Applications will be accepted throughout the season. Advance copies of your CG-3453 are encouraged for planning purposes. Ensure that the following information is listed on your CG-3453: Servicing PERSRU (very important as they're the ones who cut your orders), date of last physical, pay base date, qualification codes, marital status, and date of rank.

*** SPECIAL UPDATE: YNs and SKs are needed at Alpena, Marquette, Sackets Harbor and Washington Island for 60-120 days. Portage, Mich. prefers an SK.**

SUMMERSTOCK STATIONS/BILLETS REMAINING*

NEW YORK

Alexandria Bay (5)
BM2 — 1
BM3 — 2
MK2 — 1
MK3 — 1

Auxop Sackets Harbor (1)
BM/MK3 — 1

Sodus Point (1)
BM — 1

MICHIGAN

Alpena(1)
BM3 or SN (COX) — 1

Manistee (4)
BM2 (COX) — 2
FN — 2

Harbor Beach (1)
FN (CREW/WATCH) — 1

Muskegon (3)
BM3 — 1
FN — 2

Marquette (5)
BM2 — 1
BM3 — 1
MK2 (ENG)— 1
DC3 — 1
FN — 1

Holland (3)
BM — 1
FN — 2

Portage (1)
BM2 (COX) — 1

WISCONSIN

Washington Island (2)
MK1 (ENG) — 1
FN (CREW/WATCH) — 1

Bayfield (1)
MK2 — 1

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A View From the Bridge

By Rear Admiral Thomas J. Barrett
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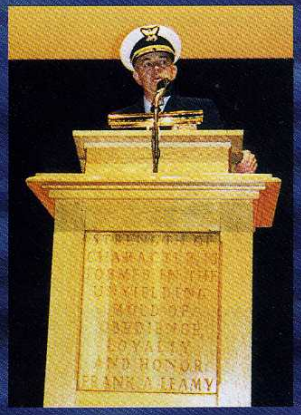


RADM Barrett addresses graduates of Eagle Company April 10 at the CG Academy.

Watchwords of the Coast Guard Reserve, *"Patriotism, Professionalism and Preparedness,"* have been on my mind the last two months as I watched what you were doing and listened to our Coast Guard and our nation's leaders.

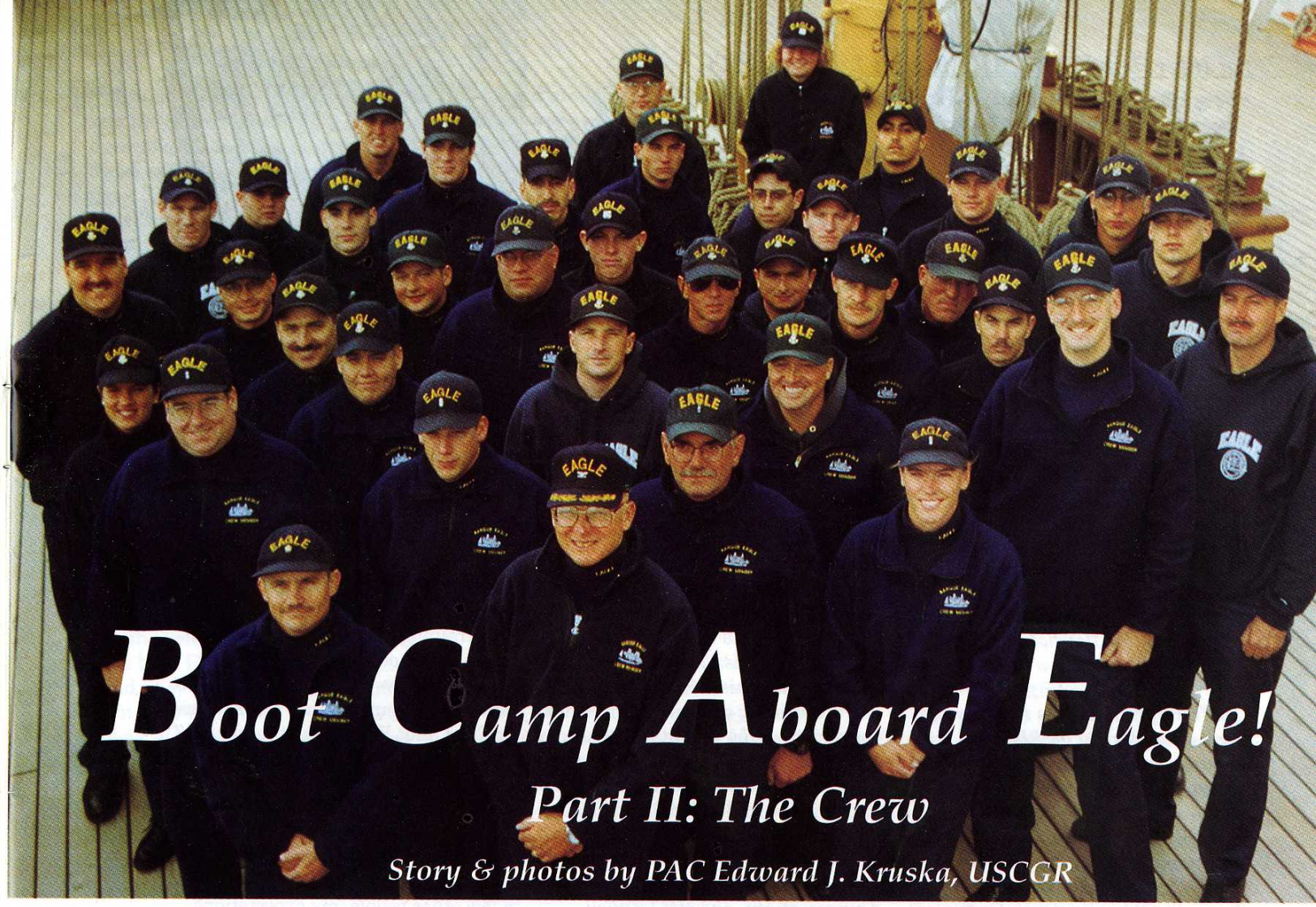
• ***Professionalism:*** I had the opportunity to visit Coast Guard Reservists at the United States Transportation Command (TRANSCOM) at Scott AFB in Illinois. Under ***CAPT Mike Stango***, Coast Guard Reservists augment the operations watch center and intelligence coordination center as part of a joint reserve unit under the command of Navy flag officer, ***RADM Tom Hill***. Their morale, dedication, joint spirit and performance are super and they are very highly regarded by the active duty forces they augment during surge operations. So much so, that the indoctrination checklist developed by the reservists to qualify as watchstanders was adopted by the command as the standard to qualify active duty watchstanders. It's hard to find a better example of seamless integration. BZ.

• ***Preparedness***: Being "Always Ready," as we all know, is what the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Reserve is about. By now, many of you have received in the mail the *Commandant's Direction* in which our new Commandant, ***ADM James M. Loy***, challenges us to: *Stand the Watch, Build and Value Our Team, Partner for a Stronger America, Innovate for Superior Performance, and Seize the Future. Service, People, Teamwork, Excellence* and *Vision* — guides for us over the next four years. I encourage every one of you to look over the new *Commandant's Direction*, reflect on it, and discuss with each other and your commands what each of us can do to help make the Commandant's vision a reality for the Coast Guard and our nation. Only our best efforts can bring this vision about, and we all need to continue to deliver that best effort to meet our Service's challenges.

• ***Patriotism:*** Finally, on Memorial Day, we honored the men and women who gave all they had in the defense of our nation and its freedom. However, as I watched the limited holiday observances, I am afraid we are collectively becoming more and more detached from the great sacrifices of those that the holiday honors.

I don't see the impact of Memorial Day today compared with the way I remember it from when I was a child as I watched veterans march and be recognized as they honored the fallen of our local communities.

I mention this because I believe as members of America's Armed Forces, we have a special obligation not to forget, or let others forget, the cost at which our freedoms have been purchased and preserved. A watchword of the Coast Guard Reserve is *patriotism*. And in that spirit, I want to say thank you to all the American families who still bear a scar because of a son or daughter, parent or grandparent, who is not with you because they were lost in the service of our nation. Their individual sacrifice and the sacrifice of their families can never be measured by the rest of us, but we will never forget it. So, as we approach another uniquely American holiday, the Fourth of July, let us remember all those who have gone before us in defense of freedom. God Bless You and God Bless America!



Boot Camp Aboard Eagle!

Part II: The Crew

Story & photos by PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

Permanent crew members of CGC Eagle. Commanding Officer is CAPT Robert J. Papp, Jr., front and center.

Welcome back aboard *CGC Barque Eagle* (WIX 327) for Part II of "Boot Camp Aboard Eagle." While Part I in the May 1998 issue concentrated on the recruits, this issue focuses on *Eagle's* crew — both permanent and TAD personnel made up of active duty, reservists, and auxiliarists — a real *Team Coast Guard* crew! As you will see, everyone aboard *Eagle* has an important job to perform — from the Commanding Officer, ***CAPT Robert J. Papp, Jr.*** down through the ranks to ***SN Frank Conca***. The entire crew was well prepared to perform their jobs in a professional manner while simultaneously conducting boot camp. As our new Commandant, ***ADM James M. Loy*** said during his speech at the Change of Command Ceremony May 29 in Washington, D.C., "Preparation equals performance."

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An Interview With CAPT Robert J. Papp, USCG

Skipper Reflects on Boot Camp

Editor's Note: As the Eagle's seven-week diplomatic and boot camp voyage was coming to a close in early April, Eagle's Commanding Officer, CAPT Robert J. Papp, Jr. graciously took time from his busy schedule for an interview with "The Reservist." CAPT Papp, a 1975 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, held many afloat assignments prior to becoming Commanding Officer of Eagle in May 1996 including: CGC Ironwood, CGC Eagle, CGC Red Wood, CGC Red Beech, CGC Papaw and CGC Forward.

CAPT Papp, how has this voyage gone considering its historic nature, that is, running a boot camp aboard "Eagle" for the first time?

Well, when we talk about the historic nature of the cruise, I think there are two aspects that are historic. The first is the primary reason for the cruise, which was the Caribbean engagement strategy of ***VADM [Roger] Rufe*** [LANTAREA Commander]. If not for his strategy as well as the vision to see how we fit into that strategy, we wouldn't have done it. We would've gone to Mayport, Fla. and done refresher training like we normally do in the late winter. So, I want to give credit where credit is due. VADM Rufe came over to Europe last summer which coincided with a reception in Den Helder, Netherlands for the Dutch Navy. He saw the types of things that we could do in the diplomatic area and that's when he came up with the idea of how we could support his Caribbean strategy.

The second historic aspect is the recruit training on board. I was thinking about having recruits on board, but more from the aspect of recruits after they had graduated from boot camp like we did in 1996 and 1997. Then, we were sitting at a chief's initiation and ***CWO3 (Rick) Ramos***, ***Senior Chief (Warren) Cunningham***, and ***BM1 Tracy Allen*** had been discussing a similar plan. They approached me with the idea of the possibility of doing a boot camp underway. That's when the light really went on and I said that's just a perfect idea. I then called up ***CAPT [Casey] Edwards***, [Commanding Officer] at TRACEN Cape May, N.J. and he jumped right on the idea. So, I think it was just a bunch of brains coming together...it just sort of came into being.

Now, I knew *Eagle* could take care of the Caribbean engagement activities simply because we do that all the time and I know what a great ambassador *Eagle* is when we visit places. And, it's even more meaningful going to Colombia and Venezuela because they have tall ships as well, and this was a first-time visit. I knew those things would go over well because we're accustomed to doing that. I knew we would support VADM Rufe's engagement policy well in that regard.

Insofar as training the recruits, I just knew in my heart that underway training would be good for them. There were some obstacles to overcome...like how were we going to meet all the requirements they have to meet at Cape May. We got together with ***LT (Kurt) Lutzow***, ***Chief (Robert) Heffner*** and others, plus people from *Eagle*. We hammered out how we would get it done. Once the program was set up, I had absolute confidence that it would be successful. As I've told a few other people, my expectations were very lofty to begin with, just because, out of 23 years of service, I've served 13 years afloat and I've been around Coast Guard crew members my entire career. I know what they are capable of doing, both the senior ones that were going to do the training, and the quality of people that we generally bring into the Service. I knew they would respond to positive leadership that they would get on *Eagle*. But it has exceeded my already lofty expectations. I thought it would take longer getting the recruits working together as a team, and they came together much quicker than I thought they would. They've worked well as a team; they've demonstrated great enthusiasm. People are generally a little nervous and scared about climbing up in the rigging. They were hopping right up in the rigging, going up there right from the start. In some respects, I think that was to escape the company commanders, but then the company commanders started going up there as well and they continued to go up. They have just done tremendously.

CAPT Robert J. Papp, Jr. talks with crew and recruits aboard Eagle.

Eagle's Permanent Crew
(As of April 1998)

CO: CAPT Robert J. Papp, Jr.
XO: LCDR Joseph C. Sinnett
Ops: LTJG Laura D. Collins
Supply: LTJG Adam B. Morrison
Engineering: CWO4 Daniel L. Reynolds
1st LT/Sailmaster: CWO3 Richard A. Ramos

Deck Watch/OOD/CEA: BMCS Warren J. Cunningham
Food Service Officer/MAS: FSC Gregory N. Gunn
Assistant Engineering: MKC David J. Fiore
Head Electrician: EMC Arnold F. Cooper

Petty Officers: BM1 Tracy K. Allen, BM1 Karl Dillmann, BM1 Michael J. Nidek, DC1 Peter M. McDonald, ET1 Thomas J. Pfeifle, MK1 Scott Oberndorfer, SK1 Horacio S. Baca, YN1 Lori K. Harmer, MK1 David Sparkenbaugh, EM1 Jeffrey P. Sims, QM2 Jeffrey S. Lukowiak, MK2 Anthony Dowd, DC2 Andrew Sweeney, FS2 Jeremy T. Huftalen, FS3 Brian S. Wargo, MK3 Kenneth V. Stone, FS3 John Petro.

Non-Rates: SN Justin LaMountain, SN Andrew Ellison, SA Frank Conca, SA Gregory Lafond*, SA Daniel P. Burgoyne, SA Wendy N. Butler, SA Jarrod E. Pomajzl, SR Scott Frazee, FN Jerry Kovis, FA Brian Matthes.

* See Back Cover

I think the other night [April 1], we saw the culmination of all that. We had a storm come through and we had to douse sail. They were right up there...rain and wind was blowing in their faces, it was the middle of the night, and they showed a lot of courage, enthusiasm, and dedication. I just could not be more pleased.

Some of the recruits have expressed concern that being aboard "Eagle" so long did not allow them to become proficient at military bearing. You addressed their concerns during a recent talk. What did you tell them?

To paraphrase what I said, it's tough when you're underway at sea, in small berthing areas, working out in the cold and the rain, and everything else, to be spit and polish like you would be back at Cape May. Here, they had watches to stand, they had helm and lookout to learn, they had duties to perform and when called upon for spit and polish, they responded as well as anybody I've ever seen. They did duties as sideboys, they helped as waiters and waitresses during the receptions on board, and they certainly met my expectations for looking sharp and squared away. I've been known pretty much around the Service for being a pretty tough taskmaster in terms of military bearing and being squared away. So, I think if they meet my expectations, they're going to meet just about any CO's expectations when they get out to the fleet. I wanted them to know that, because I think they felt as if they weren't as sharp or as squared away. They know they've picked up other skills, but in terms of marching and facing movements, they just didn't get as much practice. I explained to them that marching doesn't give them military bearing — marching is a tool we use to get them to work together as a team. Sail Stations is also a tool that we use to get them to work together as a team. The basis of military bearing is pride in one's self – it's self-confidence, courage, and they have developed those qualities way above and beyond what they would've done in boot camp. They just have to know that they have to take pride in their accomplishments and what they've done. And that pride will come across in their military bearing. Uniforms — if they're worried about uniforms — you can buy new uniforms, you can press a uniform, you can shine shoes, that's a Service thing. But the pride, bearing and standing tall comes from within and they've got that.

Eagle crew members give a demonstration on fire fighting for recruits.

What's the most memorable thing for you about this voyage? What stands out?

We were only about two weeks into training the recruits, and we sailed out of Martinique. It was our first port call and they were still relatively new. We had had about nine good days of sailing before getting into Martinique, so they were pretty well trained up. We sailed the ship out of Martinique, and before we cleared the sea buoy, we had all 23 sails set and were running about nine knots. We breezed by a sailing passenger liner, the *Windstar,* which was outside of Martinique. I just thought I had never seen the cadets accomplish that much in such a short period of time. The recruits had all of those sails up and we were sailing out of Martinique just blowing past that cruise liner with people lined on deck. That was probably one of the proudest moments, and certainly a testament to the hard work and effort the recruits were putting in.

If there is one thing you could leave with the recruits, what would it be? What do you think they really need to be successful in the Coast Guard?

Character. The three words in our motto on *Eagle* are ***tradition, seamanship,*** and ***character***. Seamanship and tradition, those are both good things and we need to know those for our profession, for the way we've chosen to go in life. But I think no matter what walk of life,

Eagle's TAD Crew for Eagle Boot Camp*

TAD from various commands: CDR Chuck Polk, LTJG Dulani Woods, LTJG Otilio Ramos, MCPO-CG Rick Trent, MCPO-CG (Sel.) Vince Patton, QMC Daniel Holzemer, BMC Vance Vaught, PAC Rob Wyman, PAC Edward J. Kruska, PA1 Telfair Brown, FS1 Gilbert Rose, HS1 Johnny Barnhill, DC1 Gerald K. Core, BM2 Albert Smythe, MK2 Steven Gilbert, QM2 Richard Tifft, BM2 Johnny R. Bean, HS2 Fernando "Woody" Castanares, TC2 Jeffrey Chilton, FS2 Michael Hendry, BM3 Jessica Walsh, BM3 Jason R. Hofsted, MK3 Jeffrey P. Pierce, QM3 Verena Nanni, FS3 Adam Brown, SK3 Chris Sudekum, FS3 Shannon Harper, SN Cassandra J. Peacock.

Navy Weathermen (AGs): AGC David K. Rawls, AG2 Anthony P. Foisy

Midshipmen (Maine Maritime Academy): 1/C Kerry Phillips.

Cape May Training Staff: LT Kurt Lutzow, FTC Robert Heffner (lead company commander), HS1 Curt Dubert, ET1 Al Joseph (company commander), BM1 Gerry Grant (company commander), BM2 Tim Molly (company commander), HS3 C.J. Mancini, HS3 Tina Owen, SA Yvonne Radford.

** Not all personnel listed were on for the entire cruise. Length of TAD varied from one week to the entire cruise.*

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no matter what profession you go into, if you have character, it's going to carry you through. I think on *Eagle*, that's probably the most important thing that we do — build self-confidence, courage, enthusiasm — all the types of things employers look for, hope for, would love to know how to instill and spend a lot of money sending people to fancy schools to try to figure out how to do. We do it simply by sticking them together in the hull of a ship and making them work together and providing them with real challenges. I think every person who sails on *Eagle* walks away feeling a little braver, a little bit more self-confident, and having a bit more personal pride in having accomplished something. I think that carries a person far in life.

CAPT Papp congratulates a recruit at graduation.

What do you think the future holds as far as boot camp aboard Eagle?

Do you see it becoming a "regular" occurrence?

Unfortunately, I don't see it becoming a regular occurrence simply because of the limited resources that we have. As you've seen, we have 30 people to maintain this ship year-round and *Eagle* is underway about half the year. I don't know if we can get *Eagle* underway more with the limited resources that we have. And I'm not sure that we want to. There is a reason why *Eagle* has lasted 62 years (and served the Coast Guard 52 years) and is still in such good shape. It's because we haven't overused her and I think that's important. But, while I don't think we can start doing boots on a regular basis, I think we certainly want to do it as frequently as we can. I think there should be a constituency that we look to help us out in various situations when we have to sail *Eagle* and we don't have cadets. Our primary mission is, will be, and remains, training the Coast Guard Academy's cadets. That's why we're there, that's why we exist. When we have extra time available, I'd like to train other constituencies within the Coast Guard. I think if we continue to do these winter deployments for COMLANTAREA, that's a great opportunity for us to get some boot campers out there on a semi-regular basis. I'm sure that we are going to leverage *Eagle* a little bit more to train OCS (Officer Candidate School) candidates. I think that's very workable and easy to do and we can fit that into our schedule. But certainly OCS routinely can't get underway and go for eight weeks -- they've got a lot of classroom work they need to do. They might be able to do it on a deployment like we just did. I think it's feasible. They normally do short cruises and we can accomplish those. Also, I would like to do some boot campers from time to time, just to remind the rest of the Service that it's their ship as well and to sort of lay the seed for people who might come back to *Eagle* in future assignments to serve in the crew.

XO: *Position involves administrative tasks, but also training and leadership issues*

Eagle's Executive Officer ***LCDR Joseph "Chris" Sinnett*** loves to be out on the water sailing. So, when this seasoned 15-year Coast Guardsman found out he was going to be Executive Officer of *Eagle*, he was thrilled.

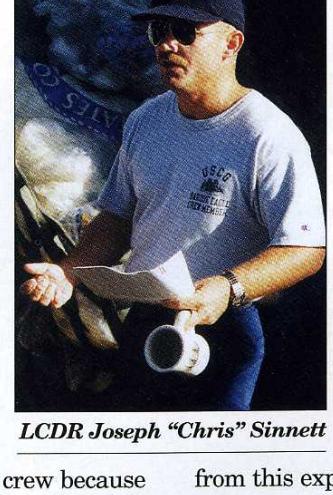
"To get aboard *Eagle* felt really good because I grew up around sail boats and my whole family is into sailing," said Sinnett. Still, his position as Executive Officer is all encompassing.

"I handle all of the typical duties of an XO — personnel and administrative duties," said Sinnett. "But on *Eagle*, because of our training mission, I deal with training programs and issues in terms of leadership, mentoring cadets (in this case enlisted boots).."

Eagle, because of its special mission, does all the various receptions and diplomatic functions in port, so Sinnett's position entails a bit of hospitality management as well. He enjoys those challenges and also those of coordinating the boot camp. He worked with HQ and TRACEN Cape May personnel for months prior to departure from the Academy.

"By Jan. 15 when we met with TRACEN Cape May staff, we had already been working various issues for at least six weeks," said Sinnett. "We had to look at things like the number of people we could bring on board for berthing and how we would conduct the training underway versus at Cape May."

When the crew of *Eagle* heard about the boot camp idea, Sinnett says they were definitely excited.



LCDR Joseph "Chris" Sinnett

"I have to hand it to the crew because they had to have some extra motivation; it's the trainees who always tend to be the ones in the limelight," said Sinnett. "But the crew are the ones who do all of the work. What is really neat is that they're working with the boots now who they'll run into out in the field."

Despite living in a high-tech world, Sinnett sees great advantages in training on a cutter like *Eagle*. He says the basics of seamanship do not change just because technology is brought to bear.

"You learn how to bring people together to accomplish a mission that you're not going to be able to accomplish if you all work as individuals," said Sinnett. "Until we come up with a kind of technology that changes human beings, that type of learning is always going to be applicable. Everyone who walks away from this experience will be better for it, whether they go on and do a 20-year career in an office environment or a career where they might be at sea sometimes and in an office at other times. You learn not only basic seamanship, but you learn the basics of taking care of yourself, your shipmates, your office mate, or whoever. That type of learning transcends technology."

Operations: *Preparation and planning huge part of the job*

As Operations Officer aboard *Eagle*, ***LTJG Laura Collins*** runs the Navigation and Comms Divisions and oversees navigation of the ship. When not underway, it's preparation for trips that eats up a lot of her time.

LTJG Laura Collins

"Months in advance, we look at port calls and availability of pier space and facilities at the ports we're planning to visit," said Collins, a 1994 CG Academy graduate. "We look at mileage, ensuring we can make the right speed-of-advance mileage. We also organize our TAD personnel to support our watch schedule needs, do chart corrections, updates, ordering and tracklines. I have one QM and one ET who work for me, so we help each other out when we're in port or trying to get things together."

Just before *Eagle* gets underway, Collins says the stress level skyrockets.

"***Senior Chief [Warren] Cunningham*** says that we definitely get stressed out for 48 hours and I think he's right on," said Collins. "That's 24 hours before to 24 hours after we get underway, whether pulling into port or getting underway."

Collins says that the boot camp trip was great for *Eagle's* permanent crew because they had been in-port at New London since mid-August 1997. It really helped them sharpen their underway skills.

"Another thing that stands out about this cruise was the quality of TAD personnel we had, they just pumped us up," said Collins. "They're just a bunch of quality people, just real good Coast Guard people. And training recruits, that was special to see that process. You always sort of wonder what boot camp is like as an officer because you don't see it. I really enjoyed that."

Quartermasters aboard Eagle for boot camp, clockwise from front right: QMC Daniel Holzemer, QM3 Verena Nanni, QM2 Richard Tifft and QM2 Jeffrey Lukowiak.

Eagle's crew takes its mission seriously and Collins says they are proud of the part they play in the stages of developing an officer, and in this case, enlisted boots. "This command is particularly good at driving that point home," said Collins, who is off in August to graduate school for a Master's in chemical engineering from Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. "This command always reminds everyone what our mission is and what role they play in that mission. And, I think the crew was definitely excited to play a part in training recruits."

Supply: *Deployments to foreign ports create unique obstacles to supply and logistics*

LTJG Adam Morrison's position as Eagle's Supply Officer means he is in charge of the ship's budget and ensuring that the ship has all of the supplies prior to getting underway. *Eagle's* annual budget is $341,500 with supplemental funding of $50,000 per year.

LTJG Adam Morrison

A routine day for Morrison includes reconciling the ship's budget account which entails using LUFS (Large Unit Financial System) program.

"I take last week's transactions and reconcile them against the posted ledgers," said Morrison. "I make sure there are no errors between what we say we spend and what the Finance Center says we spend. I also verify credit card charges, look ahead toward future port calls to ensure our supplies, materials and logistics are all arranged."

What makes *Eagle* a bit more complex than other cutters aside from the major cutters is that deployments to foreign ports create obstacles in supply and logistics that are unique, that you wouldn't face at home.

"Trying to order things in Spanish and other foreign languages can be quite tricky," said Morrison.

Morrison enjoyed the boot camp aboard *Eagle*.

"The thing I've enjoyed most about this cruise is the fact that we're training our future enlisted force for the fleet as well as any other field unit out there," said Morrison. "And, it's unique, in that, to this point, I've only known how to train cadets on here."

SK1 Horacio S. Baca sells his wares to a recruit at the ship's store on Eagle. Baca was named Enlisted Person of the Year for LANT AREA and was acknowledged as such at quarters one day during the cruise.

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Engineering: *"Iron Wind" sailors keep Eagle sailing smoothly*

A 19-year veteran of the Coast Guard, ***CWO4 Daniel Reynolds*** is Engineering Officer aboard *Eagle*.

"I have a pretty good bunch of guys working for me right now, so it makes it a lot easier," said Reynolds. "We have the iron wind down below, so we can make the schedules when the wind doesn't blow favorably for us."

Reynolds' right-hand man is ***MKC Dave Fiore,*** Assistant Engineering Petty Officer, who oversees the four divisions: electrical, damage control, auxiliary and main propulsion. A first-class petty officer is in charge of each of those divisions.

"Chief does a wonderful job taking care of the plant, making sure everything is running well," said Reynolds. "My biggest job is working on the dry dock, dockside availability, major maintenance, taking care of equipment replacement, working through the pipeline with MLC to try and get systems replaced before they wear out, and repaired when they break."

Reynolds says the boot camp trip went well and from an engineering standpoint, they provided some damage control training early on for the recruits. During the last two weeks underway, recruits rotated through the various engineering divisions to give them an orientation of what their future job might be like.

CWO4 Daniel Reynolds, back row, third from left, is flanked by his engineering crew aboard Eagle for the boot camp cruise. Assistant Engineering Petty Officer MKC Dave Fiore is back row, fifth from left.

Some memorable moments occurred on the trip as well. For Reynolds, one of those was seeing one of the Seamen Recruits talking with a three-star admiral at one of the receptions, just like it was somebody she met on the street or her uncle at Thanksgiving dinner.

"She sat there and chatted with him, and he chatted with her...I don't think there was any intimidation at all because either she thought, 'oh, this is a three-star admiral,' or didn't know better. She came over afterward and we told her, 'do you know who you've been talking to?' She responded, 'No, not really.' That was memorable, just to see that. "

Overall, the performance of the recruits amazed Reynolds who says he was equally amazed when they had a company on a year ago that sailed back from Bermuda (they had just graduated and *Eagle* took them on for two weeks because they had an empty ship).

"They just do an outstanding job and they listen, pay attention, and learn quickly," said Reynolds. "It surprises me sometimes, just watching them soak it up. They loved it, they absolutely loved it."

Sailmaster: *Some changes since the '70s, but sailing's still same*

As *Eagle's* 1st Lieutenant and Sailmaster, ***CWO3 Rick Ramos*** is in charge of maintaining the sails and rigging and makes recommendations for which sails to set. He works with the cadets on ship handling under sail.

"I'm also responsible for the usual stuff that a 1st Lieutenant is responsible for – hull maintenance to deck maintenance, super structure to mooring lines and small boats," said Ramos, who is in his second tour aboard *Eagle*.

CWO3 Rick Ramos

Some things have changed since his first tour back in the 1970s and 1980s. For one, all the lines are now synthetic instead of manila. Ramos also pointed out some structural differences but says that for the most part, sailing is still the same.

Ramos says the boot camp cruise was unusual as it was a first-time winter cruise with a mission other than going down to Mayport, Fla. for limited team training.

"We set out on this mission and it was primarily an international engagement mission going to Martinique, Venezuela and Colombia to develop closer working relationships with those countries," said Ramos. "Venezuela has its own tall ship, *Simone Bolivar* and Colombia has the *Gloria* which, of course, creates an instant connection with those two countries. In fact, *Simone Bolivar* was up in Norfolk, Va. while we were in Venezuela.

After watching and working with the recruits, Ramos believes they'll probably be better sailors, better seamen than they normally would be.

"Of course, that's just by default," said Ramos. "You take them to sea for seven weeks and they keep handling sails, keep handling lines over and over, they're gonna get good at it. I think the whole recruit thing is probably a good thing, put them out here and they get a little more confidence; they're a little bit more aware of what's going on in the maritime environment. They're a little bit more prepared to take on the duties and responsibilities of a Coast Guardsman."

Ramos remembers the first leg of the trip from New London to Puerto Rico before the recruits boarded.

"Don't forget,. we also took out the crew from the *USS Constitution*," said Ramos. "It gave them an opportunity to sail a tall ship before they have to go out and try to do it themselves without much sail time. They were with us nine days and that was a big part of the trip as well."

Deck Force: *BMCS doesn't want to leave "best job in world!"*

Ever since ***BMCS Warren Cunningham*** joined the Coast Guard in 1977, he has wanted to be part of *Eagle's* crew. Even after 19 years in the Coast Guard, it was still on his dream when he transferred to Ocracoke, N.C. to be Officer-in-Charge. When Ocracoke downsized shortly after he arrived, the door opened for him to be part of *Eagle's* crew.

"When I got orders to *Eagle*, I couldn't believe it," said Cunningham, who runs *Eagle's* deck force and has served as Deck Watch Officer and both in-port and underway OOD since May 1996.

It has lived up to it's expectations and Cunningham loves it. When underway, he says the job is 90 percent training and 10 percent maintenance, but while inport, it's 90 percent maintenance and 10 percent training.

"One of the big misconceptions [about *Eagle*] in the Coast Guard is everyone thinks you have 200 cadets here everyday to work on *Eagle*," said Cunningham. "The reality of it is, once you pull in and the work begins, you've got 10 deckies, three BM1s and seven non-rates and that's it to maintain all three masts and all the rigging on this 295-foot boat. So, it's about half the size of a deck force of a 210 and there's a lot more ship to maintain than a 210."

But Cunningham, who also serves as *Eagle's* Command Enlisted Advisor, says the ship has been trying to expand their Reserve Personnel Allowance List (RPAL) to help with the work load. As it stands now, nine reservists augment *Eagle*.

"We had reservist ***BM2 Albert Smythe*** on here for the first leg of the trip when the *Constitution* crew was with us and reservist ***BMCS Mike Dimonda*** will be sailing with us this summer," said Cunningham. "We've also had reservists ***FS1 Brian Patterson*** and ***ET1 Karl Platis*** on here the whole trip."

Cunningham says that once the initial training investment is made in reservists, it's worth it because they don't rotate out at the end of three years and they add continuity. He has also looked into getting some RK reservists aboard.

"Hey, if I can get an 18 or 19-year-old kid on here for the summer and get them interested in staying on with *Eagle* or in becoming a BM, I've succeeded. We always say, get them on board and let the ship work it's magic."

Conducting boot camp on *Eagle* was enjoyable for Cunningham.

The boatswainmates on Eagle's deck force for the boot camp cruise included, left to right: BM1 Michael J. Nidek,* BM2 Johnny R. Bean, BM3 Jessica Walsh, BM1 Karl Dillmann,* CWO3 Richard A. Ramos,* BMCS Warren J. Cunningham,* BM1 Tracy K. Allen* and BM3 Jason R. Hofsted. * permanent crew.

Above: BMCS Cunningham, left, goes over shipboard routines with his relief, BMC Vance Vaught, right, aboard for a familiarization cruise during boot camp. Above right: BM3 Jessica Walsh practices her boatswain's pipe.

"If we can teach them little things, like securing gear, overcoming fears of going up on the bridge and learning the language, that will help them out in the Coast Guard," said Cunningham. "A lot of people probably ask, why are we teaching sailing? Well, we're not teaching sailing, sailing is a means we use to teach leadership, followership and to build character and confidence. You can just see the confidence building in a kid when they first go up in the rigging compared to when they come back down on deck."

The Senior Chief, a long-time Cleveland Indians fan who grew up near Youngstown in northeastern Ohio, says the crew doesn't worry so much about trainees who are nervous and reluctant to climb the rigging.

"They're not the ones that worry us," said Cunningham. "It's the ones who just want to fly up the rigging because they have no fear at all — those are the ones you have to worry about."

When *Eagle* pulls into Savannah, Ga. over the Fourth of July during it's annual cadet cruise, Cunningham will say goodbye to *Eagle* and will transfer to nearby Station Tybee Island, Ga.

"The most memorable thing for me about the boot camp cruise is I knew I was going to get orders while underway," said Cunningham. "So, when the orders came, I realized I had to go, but I didn't want to leave. This is the greatest job in the world. But, I'm real happy that my relief, ***BMC Vance Vaught*** seems to have the same love and appreciation for *Eagle* that I have so that helps a lot. If it was someone coming to relieve me that didn't want to be here, that would be tough to take."

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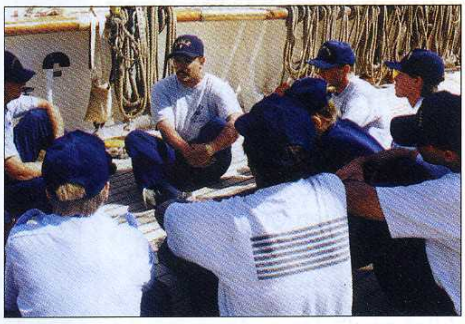
HS Corps: *Semper Paratus for whatever comes their way*

HSs aboard Eagle for boot camp, front to back: LTJG Otilio Ramos, HS1 Johnny Barnhill, HS2 Fernando "Woody" Castanares, HS3 Tina Owen, HS3 C.J. Mancini, HS1 Curt Dubert.

The Health Services Technicians aboard *Eagle* for the boot camp cruise kept pretty busy but reported nothing unusual at sick bay. ***LTJG Otilio Ramos, Jr.*** of MLCLANT, who also coordinated a lot of the medical readiness for PSU 305 when they were called to active duty in late February (see April 1998 *Reservist*), was TAD aboard *Eagle* for the final two weeks of boot camp. He said they saw "skin and throat infections, colds, an occasional cut, sprains, back pains...pretty similar to other clinics."

In the southern Bahamas, at Great Inagua Island, however, three Coast Guardsmen (two boots and a crew member) were taken ashore March 27 on one of *Eagle's* small boats for further medical treatment. Two of them had broken hands, the other a severe wrist sprain. And, of course, they saw a number of recruits who were just good ol' sea sick! One recruit had to depart *Eagle* as he was chronically sea sick.



LTJG Otilio Ramos, center, talks with recruits about the HS rating and various options they have if they choose HS.

"During the cruise, we had five HS personnel," said Ramos, who says a doctor or physician's assistant was aboard the entire cruise. "We have five main duties: test the cutter's water daily for ph and chlorine levels, do galley and food handler inspections daily, hold sick call and be on-hand for any emergencies, and practice first aid and advanced training."

Yeoman: *Best and most unique YN afloat job in the USCG?*

YN1 Lori Harmer in the ship's office.

As *Eagle's* yeoman, ***YN1 Lori Harmer*** says she has the best and perhaps one of the most unique YN1 afloat jobs in the Coast Guard. Harmer splits her time about 50-50 between sail stations and training on deck and performing administrative duties below in the ship's office.

"My normal day when we're underway is do some sails, then make it down to the ship's office by about 0930 to carry on with my normal administrative tasks. I help people with their paperwork or pay problems. Then after lunch, I'll do more sail stations and then do a bit more administrative work. It's unusual for me to spend a whole day down in the ship's office."

Sound a bit glamorous? Guess again. Harmer says being afloat requires real adjustments. Away from the Academy's admin support team, she has to use different means to communicate like IMARSAT, a method of e-mailing via satellite.

"I can send an e-mail out to my yeomen [back shoreside] requesting something and then I don't get a response for six to eight hours," said Harmer. "The crew doesn't always understand that I have to wait for things to come back via e-mail. It's not that I'm late, you just have to wait. I think that's the biggest adjustment. That, and you have to alter your personal life. All of a sudden you don't have a bed to sleep in but a rack and you're living with nine other women and taking sea showers."

Once *Eagle* ties up at the Academy, her life gets a bit more hectic, and she is frequently interrupted. People come and ask her a lot more questions and she has to deal with phone calls from the outside, and appointments on "The Hill" (the Academy).

YN1 Harmer, left, helps recruits at sail stations during Eagle boot camp.

Nevertheless, Harmer loves her job.

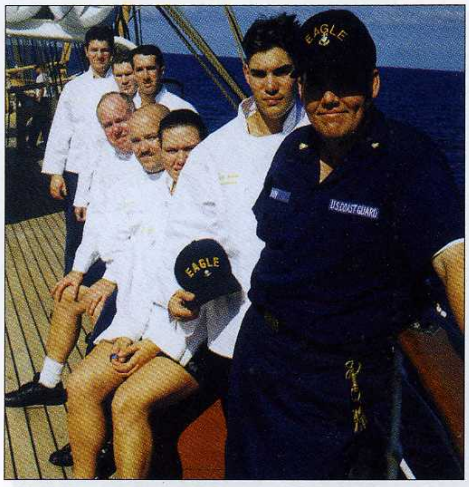
"I think that it's been a great experience and a good opportunity," said Harmer, who has served 12 years on active duty. "I'm really glad I did it."

Food Service: *Something's always cookin' aboard Eagle*

***FSC Greg Gunn**, Eagle's* Food Service Officer, tells us that he prepared eight weeks for the boot camp voyage.

"When we departed New London in early February, we had roughly $66,000 worth of food on board," said Gunn.

But recruits have huge appetites and Gunn stocked up during port calls to Martinique ($2,158), Venezuela ($12,864) and Colombia ($4,624). So, all total, the recruits and crew of *Eagle* ate $85,546 worth of food during the seven week cruise. Gunn oversaw three permanent party and five TAD Food Service Specialists during the cruise. Gunn, who is also *Eagle's* Chief Master at Arms, says he plans his menus in five-week cycles.



FSC Greg Gunn, right, and his food service crew aboard Eagle during boot camp.

"Unless you have a menu cycle, you can't load the ship," said Gunn, who says the most enjoyable part of his job is loading the boat out to get underway. "I really enjoy loading the ship and getting her ready to sail, I really like the prep stuff," said Gunn. "It's a great feeling to go tell the captain that we're loaded and ready to go. I've been underway for almost 12 years so that says I'm either crazy or I really do love it...and I really do love it!"

Crew: *Bronx Seaman has "an important job that matters"*

When *Eagle* crew member ***SN Frank Conca*** was in high school a few years ago, his mind was hardly on studying, let alone his future.

"During high school, my biggest concern was walking my girlfriend around in between classes," said Conca, 19, of Bronx, N.Y.

Even after he managed to graduate, he floundered for a year. He did odd jobs — nothing he was very proud of. Always fascinated with the military, he decided to check it out.

"My grandfather served in the Navy during World War II, so I looked into the Navy and then the Marines," said Conca.

And then along came...the Coast Guard!

"I liked the Coast Guard because it does something "real" everyday — guarding the coast, maritime law enforcement, maritime environmental protection," said Conca. "I also liked the structure of the Coast Guard."

He says the Coast Guard also gave him something else – responsibility and an important job that matters.

"Since I joined the Coast Guard, I get more respect from friends and family, and I have a real sense of pride," said Conca from the helm of *Eagle* during the recent boot camp training cruise.

Shortly after graduating from boot camp, in July 1997, Conca reported aboard *Eagle*.

"I love the *Eagle*," said Conca enthusiastically. "The crew accepts me and surprisingly, it wasn't that hard to adjust when I came here."

Eagle Executive Officer ***LCDR Sinnett*** says Conca has done an outstanding job.

"SN Conca is the kind of recruit we want out of boot camp," said Sinnett. "He has a good attitude and his performance has remained excellent. He hasn't slacked off since he came aboard."

Conca can't help but compare his boot camp experience at TRACEN Cape May, N.J. with the recruits going through aboard *Eagle*.

"While being on this ship might have a little more of the pleasure cruise-type feel to it, I think it's more stressful here as far as recruits going aloft and having more hands-on work," said Conca. "I guess I'm still glad I went through Cape May."

Conca's expression turns somber, however, as the conversation turns toward home. The seven-week training cruise is coming to an end. His 68-year-old grandmother is in poor health and when he arrives in New London, Conn., *Eagle's* home port, he'll take leave to go see her and the rest of his family. When *Eagle* dropped anchor in Cartegena, Colombia on March 20, he broke down and called home — an international call is expensive, especially on seaman's pay.

SN Frank Conca

"I called my mother to see how everyone was doing," said Conca. "I'm worried about my grandmother, but my mother was worried about me being in Colombia! I assured her I was OK. I owe my grandmother a lot. I grew up in a tough part of the Bronx...and she really helped keep me strong. She helped me stay off drugs growing up [in the Bronx]. See, no needle marks!"

He stretches out his strong, tanned arms with pride. He smiles and looks to port as the *Eagle* plunges northward through the Atlantic waters somewhere off the coast of south Florida.

"Yup, I should've joined the Coast Guard right away after high school, but I'm here now and I'm loving it!"

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Reservists: *Nine augment Eagle, many others serve ADSW for cruises*

Reservist ET1 Carl Platis of ESD Baltimore was TAD with Eagle for boot camp cruise.

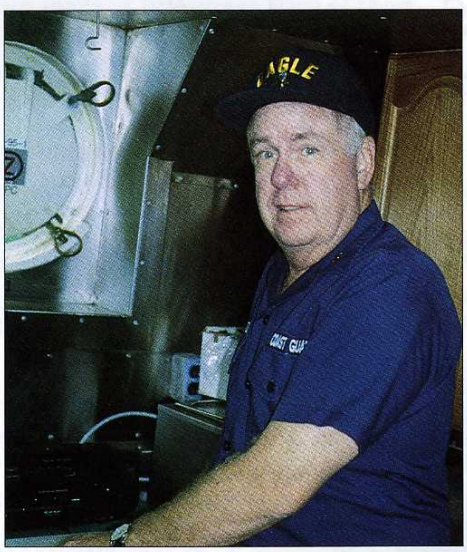
Nine Coast Guard Reservists augment *Eagle* and many more serve TAD during summer and other cruises. Among the nine, four were available for the boot camp cruise. ***BM2 Albert Smythe*** of Groton, Ct. served the first leg of the trip from New London to Puerto Rico. Then, when *Eagle* arrived back in New London April 6, ***FSC Bill Bird*** of Spencer, Mass. fit in a couple of drills April 8-9 to help out in the galley. Both Bird and reservist ***BMCS Michael Dimonda*** will serve on *Eagle's* cruise this summer.

Two reservists also served on ADSW-AC during the boot camp cruise. ***FS1 Brian Patterson*** of Seattle served as wardroom cook while ***ET1 Carl Platis*** of California, Md. was aboard as well.

"This is the second time I've served TAD aboard *Eagle* and I'm going to do it again this summer, so I enjoy it," said Patterson, who has managed and owned restaurants. "We serve 12-20 people in the wardroom three times daily and then also serve at receptions in various ports," said Patterson.

His first trip was last summer when the cadets went to Europe. While he says this trip has been interesting to see how the recruits functioned, one thing really stands out from the summer '97 trip when *Eagle* was in Bermuda.

"A cadet came up to the captain and said there was a fellow who wanted to come aboard," said Patterson. The captain went to meet him and there was a big cigarette boat with a driver in it — a little short guy with a hat and big ears sticking out of it. It was ***Ross Perot***!"



FS1 Brian Patterson in wardroom galley.

FS1 Bill Bird outside the mess deck galley.

Perot came aboard with his family and Patterson gave him a tour down below and showed him *Eagle's* berthing areas.

Patterson says he thinks integration has helped reservists, especially guys like him, and he says there are a lot more opportunities to serve for long periods of time like he has done on *Eagle*.

Ditto that from CG Reservist ***ET1 Carl Platis***, who drills at Electronic Support Detachment Baltimore and works at the Naval Air Warfare Center in Patuxent, Md. Platis found out about the trip from the ADSW listings on the Coast Guard Reserve web site at *www.uscg.mil/reserve*

"I did 60 days aboard *Eagle* this time," said Platis, who transferred from the Navy and has nine years in the Coast Guard Reserve. "This was a great opportunity to do things, see foreign ports and get more Coast Guard experience to help me advance in the future."

Reservists that Augment Eagle

(Listed by rate order with hometown)

- **BMCS Michael Dimonda** *Arlington, Vt.*
- **FSC William Bird** *Spencer, Mass.*
- **MKC Edward Allen** *Worcester, Mass.*
- **QMC Chet Socha** *Eatontown, N.J.*
- **QM1 John Warner** *Norwood, Mass.*
- **BM2 Albert Smythe** *Groton, Conn.*
- **FT2 Timothy Ketteridge** *Hoboken, N.J.*
- **QM2 Karl Messner** *Marlboro, Mass.*
- **RD2 Todd Cantor** *Sharon, Mass.*

Boot Camp Crew News Clips

• Best Trip Ever — ***HS2 Fernando "Woody" Castaneros*** of TRACEN Petaluma, Calif. was TAD for the *Eagle* boot camp cruise. "This was the best trip I've ever taken, in the Coast Guard or otherwise," said Casteneros, who has been to Asia, Australia and Japan "And, it feels good to give the recruits advice and mold them from the beginning."

• CCs Funniest Memories— We asked Lead Company Commander ***FTC Bob Heffner*** about the funniest things that happened during the boot camp cruise. "One recruit said because they were working overtime, 17-18 hours per day, that they should get paid more," chuckled Heffner. "I told them there is no overtime pay in the Coast Guard, it's all just overtime." Funniest remembrance of Company Commander ***BM2 Tim Molly***? "When we left Puerto Rico aboard *Eagle* and 15-20 recruits were all heaving over the side in only a two-foot chop, I thought it was going to be a ***very long*** seven-week cruise," grinned Molly. "I think it was a mixture of being excited and terrified all in one because none of them had been underway, none of them knew what to expect." Molly says the big difference conducting boot camp underway is the company commanders had to teach more than if they were at Cape May relying on other instructors. He wishes they could have them at Cape May a bit longer before sailing if boot camp is conducted again aboard *Eagle*. "Overall, I think it's been an outstanding learning experience," said Molly. "We paved the road to do this again, and we can make the next time a little bit better."

• Special Visitors — Aside from all the dignitaries and top brass that visited Eagle during the boot camp cruise, ***MCPO-CG Rick Trent*** and his successor, ***MCPO Vince Patton*** were aboard *Eagle* from Venezuela to Colombia. "That was a highlight of the trip for me," said ***HS3 Tina Owen***. "I look up to them because they make or break what happens to the enlisted people." ***Mr. Roger Archibald***, a Navy veteran, also was aboard *Eagle* for most of trip, shooting still photography and video. "After seeing Roger's slide show, he is indeed not only a photographer, he is an artist," CAPT Papp told the crew the final morning of the cruise. Other Coast Guard PAs were also aboard for various legs of the trip including ***PAC Rob Wyman*** and ***PA1 Telfair Brown***. Midshipman ***Kerry Phillips*** was also a welcome addition for the entire cruise. He was completing his academic requirements for graduation from the Maine Maritime Academy.

Eagle Company Company Commanders, right to left, BM1 Gerry Grant, FTC Robert Heffner, ET1 Al Joseph and BM2 Tim Molly discuss afternoon activities while recruits stand at attention awaiting orders.

• Below Decks — ***MKC Dave Fiore*** reported only minor mechanical difficulties with a thermostat during the boot camp cruise. "We did a lot of preventive maintenance before the trip," said Fiore, "and everything we did was right because we didn't have any major problems." Over the last three years, *Eagle's* main engines (G-399 Caterpillar, 16-cylinder, 1,000 horsepower) were overhauled. Two 210KW generators were rebuilt last fall. From stem to stern, if it's mechanical, Fiore's crew takes care of it. Fiore says the boot camp was invaluable and says the recruits said that as well. "***MCPO Vince Patton*** has talked to me about putting a training vessel down at TRACEN Cape May," said Fiore. "Recruits could live, work and maintain the ship for a couple weeks. All it would take is somebody to step up and say, 'make this happen.'"

• Advice for Recruits — Recruits had five days at the Academy before graduation. They marched, polished shoes and did a lot of administrative housekeeping. One night during that last week, six Academy cadets came down to *Eagle* for about an hour to answer questions about Academy life. All the cadets were prior enlisted and could relate to the boot campers' recent experience. "Really, go out and have fun in the Coast Guard for a couple of years and do all you can do," ***Second Class Cadet Aimee Julch*** of Le Mars, Iowa advised the recruits. In addition to Julch, other cadets present were ***2/C Eric Perdue, 3/C Mark Smith, 3/C John Burns, 4/C Dan Everette*** and ***4/C Doug Hoskins***.

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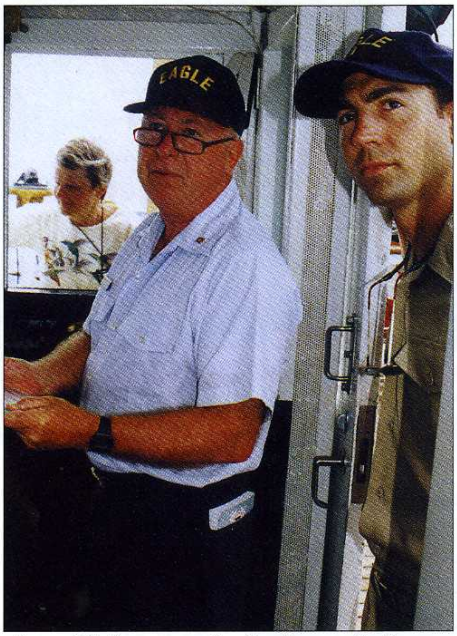
• A Worthwhile Endeavor — Who is that Coast Guard Auxiliarist teaching recruits how to navigate and acclimating them to Coast Guard life on the bridge? It's ***Art Steinmeyer***, 57, of Westfield, Mass. His wife, ***Joan Steinmeyer***, was along the entire trip as well. "I really came because of her," said Mr. Steinmeyer a Rear Commodore in the Auxiliary. Joan is in the Coast Guard Art Program and sketched and painted scenes from Coast Guard life every day while aboard *Eagle*. "This trip was...oh, wow!" said Mr. Steinmeyer. "It was a privilege and honor to be part of it because the Coast Guard is so dedicated and professional, because of the enthusiasm of the recruits and the fact that *Eagle* is a national treasure. It's been the experience of a lifetime...it's a real privilege that the USCG gives the Auxiliary. It was a very worthwhile endeavor...it has real meaning."



Joan Steinmeyer looks through the bridge's window to say hello to husband and Auxiliarist Art Steinmeyer, center, while Midshipman Kerry Phillips makes routine checks.

• Quiz Time and a Chiefly Suggestion — On the bridge, *Eagle* Supply Officer ***LTJG Adam Morrison*** is quizzing ***SR Jeret Rogers*** of San Diego. It's Rogers' first day in *Eagle's* pilot house and Morrison is testing his knowledge. When asked if he's learning a lot, Rogers replies with wide-eyes, "Yes sir!" The chiefs standing nearby remind him not to address a chief as sir when they get out in the field. "Yes, chief," he cheerfully responds.

• Importance of Goal Setting — To many of the recruits, she became known as their "Sea Mommy." But to others in the Coast Guard, she is ***HS3 Tina Dickens Owen***, TAD from TRACEN Cape May and helping out in *Eagle's* sick bay. Owen is big on goals. "I kept asking recruits, what is your goal, your ultimate goal in being in the Coast Guard," said Owen, whose own goal is to one day be an ER nurse. "A lot of them tell me to get the educational benefits and then get out. But I think training should include goal setting — it will keep them out of trouble and direct their energies." Overall, Owen thinks the recruits did well. "I think they're proud of themselves. I just wish they could all have a goal...when they get to their first duty station, I hope they'll focus."

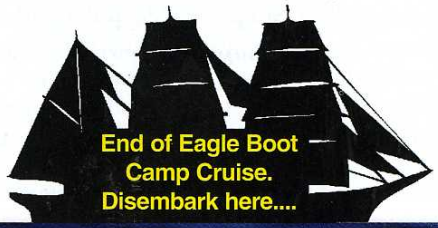
• Eagle Power and Lighting — *Eagle's* head electrician, ***EMC Arnold Cooper***, answers his phone by saying "Eagle Power and Lighting." And Cooper is justified in doing so as he and ***EM1 Jeff Sims*** carry the burden of maintaining everything electrical on *Eagle*, from the ship's generators to the gyrocompass. Cooper says he has a laundry list of things he's always working on. "Any time someone buys something we have to research or get parts for minor repair jobs it can turn into a big to-do," said Cooper. "The captain has a saying that you've got to perform at or above your pay grade, sometimes it's above and sometimes it's below your paygrade. It all makes the ship go through the water." Cooper was pinned a chief petty officer April 1 aboard *Eagle* (see May 1998 issue) and transfers to Group Milwaukee this summer.

• Navy Weathermen? — OK, so what were two Navy personnel doing aboard *Eagle* for the boot camp cruise? ***AGC David K. Rawls*** and ***AG2 Anthony Foisy*** of Naval Atlantic Meteorology and Oceanography Center in Norfolk used the latest technology available to brief the captain twice daily on weather forecasts. The AGs, which stands for Aerographer's Mate, do not exist in the Coast Guard and they were requested by *Eagle*. Chief Rawls enjoyed the cruise so much he ended up sailing *Eagle* during the summer cruise as well.

• Recruit Company Sponsor — Coast Guard Reservist ***CDR Chuck Polk*** was Recruit Company Sponsor for *Eagle* Company. It was the ninth company Polk has sponsored in the last few years. Although time-consuming, Polk enjoys it and says it's worth it. Aboard for a week while *Eagle* traveled between Venezuela and Colombia, Polk counseled with recruits daily. "They were so busy during the day that sometimes I didn't even get to talk to them until late, like midnight. I tried to give them friendly advice based on my 28 years in the Coast Guard," said Polk. Up early with the recruits on graduation day, Polk handed out their orders on the mess deck and later in the day, gave a speech at graduation. Polk stressed the importance of the company commanders and what an important impact his CC, ***QM1 Jim Herman*** (now-CWO3 retired) had on him when he went through boot camp in 1969. "Before you leave here today, all of you should bring your families up to meet with the CCs," said Polk at graduation in the Academy's Leamy Hall. "As time passes, you will really appreciate what they did for you," added Polk. One of the recruit's fathers, ***CWO4 Walter "Stan" Stanczyk***, USCG(Ret.) approached Polk following graduation to tell him that he was a former CC (then a BM1) with Polk's CC. "It was one of those interesting things where life in a way came full circle," said Polk. "Here I'm Recruit Company Sponsor for *Eagle* Company and one of the recruits is the son of a former CC who was good friends with my CC. That's neat...I think that's really neat!"

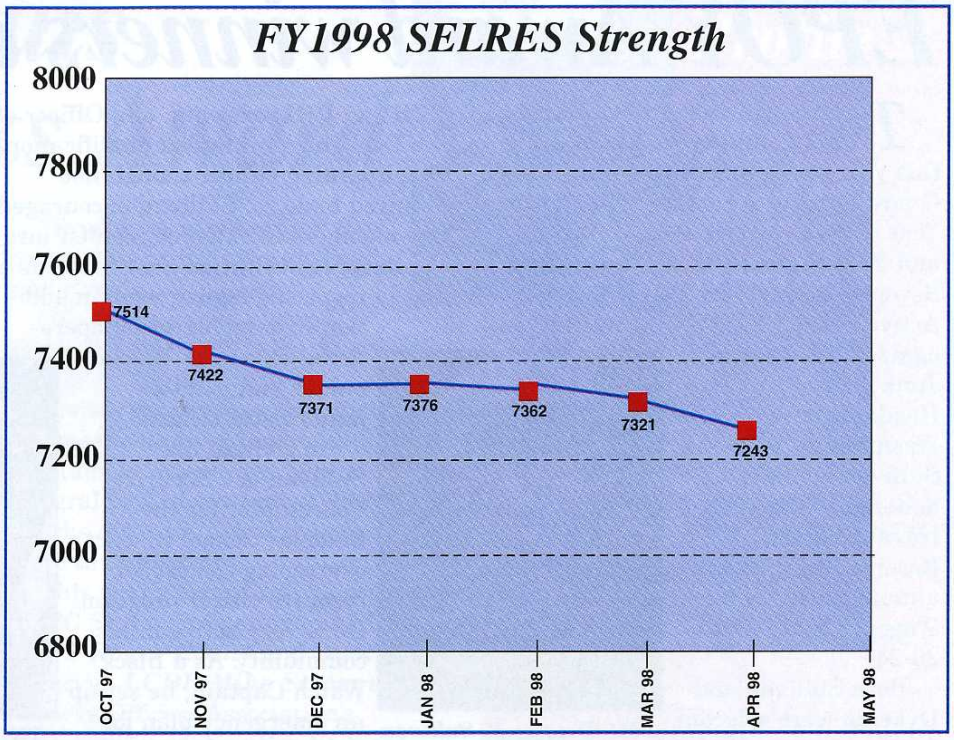
CDR Chuck Polk

• Effort Recognized — *Eagle's* crew was awarded the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation for their efforts in connection with the boot camp cruise.



CGR Recruiting Update

■ **SELRES Strength** — So, how are we looking in the SELRES strength department? When statistics were last published in the October 1997 *Reservist*, SELRES strength was about 7,500 at the end of FY1997 (Sept. 30). The chart at right shows how it's been going since then. As of the end of April 1998, the SELRES had 7,243 members, down about 250 since the end of FY1997.



■ **Who Are You Helping to Enlist in CG/CGR This Month?** — As many of you know, the Coast Guard has a major recruiting drive underway. This is a serious effort and requires the support of all members of *Team Coast Guard* to identify and coach potential enlistees. Yes, potential enlistees need coaching — and that means more than giving them the 800 phone number. Here are three points to remember when coaching a potential recruit:

1. A Good Match — *Make sure there is a good match between the potential enlistee and the Coast Guard.*

2. Pros and Cons — *Make sure the potential enlistee understands what they are getting into, both pros and cons.*

3. Follow Up — *Following up with the potential enlistee and the recruiting office to make sure the recruiting process is moving forward.*

When a potential enlistee's expectations have been properly managed and the recruiting process has been worked to completion, resulting in an enlistment or an amicable parting of the ways, you will have made a major contribution to the Coast Guard and its reputation.

PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

Recruiters from Providence, R.I. were on hand for Eagle Company's graduation at the Coast Guard Academy April 10. Shown on Eagle pier, left to right are ASM1 Thomas J. Dardis, III, USCG; PSCM Jeff Smith, USCGR; and EM1 Craig Brewis, USCG.

■ **Recruiting Business Cards** — When you're talking with a potential recruit, give them one of the Coast Guard business cards included in this issue. Simply fill them out with your name and number, cut or tear on the perforated edge and give it to a potential recruit. That way, they can contact you if they have any questions.

■ **Mousepads Still Available But Supply Dwindling** — By now, most reservists have seen the Coast Guard Reserve Recruiting computer mousepad advertised in the December 1997 and April 1998 issue. 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*. If you would like two mousepads (for recruiting purposes) and have not already taken advantage of this offer, send an e-mail to: *sshanahan@comdt.uscg.mil* or write:

Commandant (G-WTR-1)
USCG Headquarters
2100 Second Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20593-0001
ATTN: Mousepad

Supplies are limited...first come, first served! Speaking of CGR mousepads, if you have any "mousepad recruiting success stories" you would like to share with our readers, please drop us a line. *The Reservist's* address is on Page 2.

■ **Jobs That Matter Video** — A nine-minute video, *Jobs That Matter* has been produced by Coast Guard Reservist ***LT Bill Travis*** to show potential recruits the types of things they can do in the Coast Guard. About 100 of these were reproduced, so if you can use one for your recruiting efforts, send an e-mail to: *sshanahan@comdt.uscg.mil* or write:

Commandant (G-WTR-1)
USCG Headquarters
2100 Second Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20593-0001
ATTN: Jobs Video

EPOY Award winners announced

Thirteenth District Reservist ***BM1 Timothy R. Sullivan*** is this year's recipient of the Coast Guard Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY) Award. Both Sullivan and ***YN1 Stephen R. Dykema*** of the Seventh District, the Coast Guard's Active Service EPOY winner, were recognized the week of June 8-14 at USCG Headquarters, Washington, D.C. Sullivan will also be honored at the 1998 Naval Enlisted Reserve Association's annual convention in Wagoner, Okla. Oct. 20-24.

BM1 Timothy R. Sullivan

Both Sullivan and Dykema were selected for the national EPOY award from among District, Area and HQ Command nominees (see box below right).

Sullivan, 34, a Seattle, Wash. resident who drills at Coast Guard Station Seattle, Wash., enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve as a Seaman Recruit on St. Patrick's Day in 1981. He served eight and one-half years on active duty. At Station Seattle, where he has served the last 12 years, Sullivan performed duties as XPO to assigned reserve members. A qualified UTB and RHI coxswain, and Officer of the Deck, he maintained qualification as a Boarding Officer though not required to do so. Sullivan encouraged five members to enlist or reenlist into the Reserve at Station Seattle. He is a highly respected leader, who, in addition to demonstrating operational expertise, coaches, guides and mentors junior petty officers.

In civilian life, Sullivan is a Security Coordinator for the Bellevue School District, overseeing the school resource officer program. He is very active in his community. As a Block Watch Captain, he set up an emergency plan for his neighborhood with emergency supplies. He also volunteered as assistant coach of a girls fast-pitch varsity softball team in 1997, and varsity football and basketball teams, and at the Church of Our Lady of the Lake in Seattle. Sullivan and his wife ***Jean*** have two children, ***Stephanie***, 8, and ***Jeffrey***, 6.

"I just feel honored," said Sullivan, who was nominated for the EPOY by Station Seattle's Executive Petty Officer ***BM1 John Bowen***. "I just like to do my job, I enjoy it and it's nice to be recognized."

This year's Active Service EPOY winner, ***YN1 Stephen R. Dykema***, recently transferred from *CGC Madrona* (WLB 302), homeported in Charleston, S.C., to TRACEN Cape May, N.J. where he serves as a Company Commander. While serving aboard *Madrona*, the 26-year-old Dykema took an active role in the Charleston community, including his church. A Coast Guardsman since 1989, he is a native of Kalamazoo, Mich., and was nominated for the EPOY by ***CDR David Kranking,*** Commanding Officer of *Madrona*.

YN1 Stephen R. Dykema

"I'm especially thankful that *CGC Madrona* let me serve them. That was important to me." His other assignments include CG District Thirteen and *CGC Red Oak*.

Both Sullivan and Dykema were meritoriously advanced to chief petty officer.

The EPOY program is designed to recognize exemplary men and women from the active and reserve enlisted work force. Selections are made through the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard's office at Headquarters. ALCOAST 043/98 announced this year's EPOY winners. Award criteria were listed in COMDTINST 1650.36A and ALCOAST 002/98.

*National Reserve EPOY Award Winners**

Year	Name	District
1998	**BM1 Timothy R. Sullivan**	**D13**
1997	BM2 Paul J. Kohl	D1
1996	MK1 Charles F. Wade	D7
1995	HS2 Craig E. Monk	D2
1994	DC1 Ovid D. Harris	D13
1993	BM2 Steven Cochran	D5
1992	PS2 Michael E. Ragan	D5
1991	FS3 Donald M. Caillier	D8
1990	DC1 Vernon E. Watkins, Jr.	D5
1989	YN2 Thomas R. Kaufman	D7
1988	BM1 L. Todd Reed	D9
1987	MK1 Dennis F. Kelleher	D5
1986	PS1 Johannes Verhaeg	D3
1985	PS1 Maxine M. Cavanaugh	D14
1984	BM2 Lisa B. Milone	D1

** The Reserve EPOY Award was called the "NERA Outstanding Enlisted CG Reservist Award" until 1995. The EPOY award winner is named in the spring for accomplishments of the previous year. BM1 Sullivan won this year's Reserve EPOY award in 1998 for 1997 accomplishments.*

District / Area / HQ EPOY Nominees

District/Area	Reserve (Name & Unit)	Active (Name & Unit)
1st District	None	HS2 Mark A. Williams, AIRSTA Brooklyn
5th District	PS1 Shawn McGlinchey, MSO/Group Phila.	BM1 Scott A. Rae, Group Eastern Shore
7th District	PS3 Harold S. Hill, MSO Charleston	**YN1 Stephen R. Dykema, CGC *Madrona***
8th District	PS1 Roy L. Barger, MSO Paducah	BM1 Daniel L. Lane, Group Ohio Valley
9th District	MK1 Mark J. Kopera, MSO Buffalo	BM1 Andrea F. Currie, CGC *Mobile Bay*
11th District	YN1 Sean K. Michaels, Activities San Diego	BM2 Ernest L. Lowry, MSO/GRP LA/LB
13th District	**BM1 Timothy R. Sullivan, Station Seattle**	AE1 Philip L. Wentworth, AIRSTA Astoria
14th District	BM2 Bradley J. Conway, Station Honolulu	QM1 David M. Bear, CGC *Kiska*
17th District	None	QM2 David R. Rice, CGC *Woodrush*
LANTAREA	None	SK1 Horatio S. Baca, CGC *Eagle*
PACAREA	SK2 Judith A. Hall, PSU 311	BM3 Lee P. Heitner, PAC TACLET
MLCLANT	None	YN3 Johnathan M. Eudy, ISC St. Louis
MLCPAC	YN3 Thomas P. Doney, ISC San Pedro	EM2 Eric C. Ramos, ISC Alameda
HQ Commands	None	SK1 Karen Bray, CG Academy

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ISC St. Louis wins Sparks Award

Coast Guard Integrated Support Command St. Louis, Mo. has been selected as the 1997 Reserve Officers Association's RADM Bennett S. "Bud" Sparks Award winner.

The annual award, established in 1991, recognizes the active duty unit that best supports the concept of a totally integrated Coast Guard Force, and makes the most effective use of Coast Guard Reservists.

ISC St. Louis was selected from a field of 12 very competitive units due to its innovative and imaginative use of Coast Guard Reservists. In meeting and exceeding the three criteria of this award; leadership; partnership and administration, ISC St. Louis was able to fully implement the total force concept. This allowed the command to significantly expand and enhance its ability to support units within its area of responsibility. Throughout the award period, ISC St. Louis reservists were full participants with their active duty and civilian counterparts in work, training, volunteer and morale activities. ISC St. Louis' combined efforts realized the spirit of *Team Coast Guard*. Commanded by ***CAPT Roger G. Evans***, ISC St. Louis is part of Maintenance and Logistics Atlantic command, headed by ***RADM E.J. Barrett***.

"Total force is not only a concept at this unit, it is a reality," said Evans.

"We're extremely pleased," said ***CDR Bob Palombo***, Executive Officer of ISC St. Louis. "We use our reservists in everyday operations and our reservists have outstanding skills and talents. Reservists here are an integral part of our units. Winning the Sparks Award is a real tribute to them more than anything."

This year's award will be presented to ISC St. Louis Commanding Officer ***CAPT Roger Evans*** and Selected Reservist ***LCDR Mike Strom*** at the Reserve Officers Association's National Convention Sea Services Luncheon in Boston July 3. ALDIST 130/98 announced the winner.

RADM Bennett S. "Bud" Sparks Award Nominees for 1997

ISC St. Louis, Mo.
PSU Training Detachment, Port Clinton, Ohio
Activities Baltimore, Md.
Atlantic Area Command Center, Portsmouth, Va.
ISC Miami (pf), Fla.
MSO San Francisco Bay, Calif.
MSO/Group Philadelphia, Pa.
MSO Charleston, S.C.
MSO Pittsburgh, Pa.
MSO Buffalo, N.Y.
MSO Puget Sound, Wash.
MSO Honolulu, Hawaii

Profile on RADM Sparks

In 1993, the Total Force Award's name was changed to the *RADM Bennett S. "Bud" Sparks Total Force Award* in honor of retired Coast Guard Reservist ***RADM Bennett S. Sparks.*** A former Senior Reserve Officer and past president of ROA, RADM Sparks' service in the Coast Guard Reserve spanned five decades, from 1942-1989. In an article featuring him in the July/August 1991 *Reservist*, Sparks said this of the Coast Guard Reserve's future, "We have to have a long-range plan so we know where we will be at various milestones in the future. If we maintain our standards and ethics, and our professionalism and integrity, we'll do well." RADM Sparks served as Chair of the 1989 Strategic Planning and Reserve Capabilities Study (SPARCS) that helped point the way to Team Coast Guard integration half a decade later.

Sparks Award Winners

1997	ISC St. Louis, Mo.
1996	MSO Wilmington, N.C.
1995	Group Boston, Mass.
1994	MSO/Group Portland, Ore.
1993	Group San Diego, Calif.
1992	Group North Bend, Ore.
1991	Station Manasquan, N.J.

PSU 305 wins 1997 Thomas E. Morris CGR Award

Congratulations to Port Security Unit 305, the 1997 winner of the Thomas E. Morris Award. The award, sponsored by the Navy League of the United States, recognizes PSU 305 as the Coast Guard's deployable contingency command with the best mobilization readiness based on established eligibility requirements and performance measures. The unit achieved outstanding levels in the award's criteria, including results from Status of Resources and Training System (SORTS) reports, exercise play and professional qualification standards completions. See ALDIST 103/98. The award, established in 1988, will be presented to PSU 305 Commanding Officer ***CDR Carol Rivers*** at an award's ceremony tentatively scheduled for July's unit drill weekend. PSU 305, located at Fort Eustis, Va., was featured on the cover of the April 1998 *Reservist*.

Morris Award Winners*

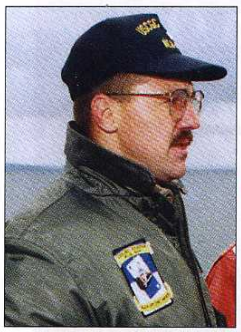
1997	**PSU 305, Fort Eustis, Va.**
1996	None Awarded
1995	PSU 309, Port Clinton, Ohio
1994	CGRU Cleveland, Ohio
1993	CGRU Cleveland, Ohio
1992	CGRU Wheeling, W.Va.
1991	CGRU Wheeling, W.Va.
1990	CGRU Mayport, Fla.
1989*	CGRU Port Hueneme, Calif.

** The award was established in 1988 but first presented in 1989.*

Awards & Achievements

A Tip o' the Hat to...

■ Congratulations to ***LCDR Karl L. Schultz***, commanding officer of CGC *Acacia*, for winning the *CAPT John G. Witherspoon Inspirational Leadership Award.* He was honored at an April 16 ceremony at CG Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Presenting the award was Commandant ***ADM Robert E. Kramek***. The award recognizes a commissioned officer who embodies the Coast Guard's core values. ALDIST 047/98.



BMC Todd Reed, USCGR

LCDR Karl Schultz aboard CGC Acacia.

■ A Tip o' the Hat to ***AEC Nelson Deniston*** from CG Air Station New Orleans, selected for the *1998 Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) Leadership Award.* ALDIST 111/98.

■ Bravo Zulu to the winners of the *1997 Alex Haley* and *CDR Jim Simpson Awards for Excellence in Public Affairs and Media Relations*, respectively. Winners include:

- ***For units without enlisted Public Affairs Specialists:***
  - ***Haley:*** ***Activities San Diego*** (large unit)
    Group Fort Macon (small unit)
  - ***Simpson:*** ***Activities San Diego*** (large unit)
    Air Station Detroit, Mich. (small unit)
- ***For units with enlisted Public Affairs Specialists:***
  - ***Haley:*** ***Ninth District***
  - ***Simpson:*** ***Atlantic Area/Fifth District***

ALCOAST 044/98 announced the winners/honorable mentions.

■ Congratulations to ***CDR Steve Rochon,*** the Coast Guard recipient of the *1998 NAACP Roy P. Wilkins Renown Service Award.* Rochon is a Reserve Program Administrator assigned as Deputy Commander, Activities Baltimore, Md. He researched the story of the Pea Island Lifesaving Station which resulted in the station receiving, posthumously, the Gold Lifesaving Medal. ALDIST 110/98.

First District

D1 Public Affairs Reservists were recently awarded the CG Meritorious Unit Commendation Award with "O" for service during last summer's historic USS Constitution "Old Ironsides" Sail 200 in Boston. Left to right are LCDR Denis A. Cronin, PA3 Linda O'Brian, PACM Norman Deragon and PA1 Bill Stone.

■ ***LT Douglas M. Fears***, CO of CGC *Sitkinak* (WPB 1329) is the 1997 recipient of the *CAPT David H. Jarvis Award for Inspirational Leadership*. ***BM1 Jason D. Griffin*** of CGC *Midgett* (WHEC 726) has been named the 1997 recipient of the *Douglas A. Munro Award for Inspirational Leadership*. ALCOAST 034/98. Both awards are presented annually by the Navy League of the U.S. ALCOAST 034/98.

■ Congratulations to ***FS2 David G. Brady*** of CGC *Kodiak Island* for being named *1998 Food Service Specialist of the Year*. ALDIST 124/98.

RRDC Commissions*

ALCGPERSCOM 036/98 (042148Z MAY 98) announced the following Ready Reserve Direct Commissions in the Ready Reserve:

Selected for Commissioning as LTJG
(Not required to attend ROCI)

Name		Unit by ISC AOR
CPT	Robert F. Cannon, ANG	MSO Portland
*	Michael N. St. Jeanos	Group Long Island
*	Roger W. Kuhn	MLCA(V)
CWO2	Charles G. Bitzer, III	MSD Baton Rouge
LT	Brian Warn, USNR	PSU 313

Selected for Commissioning as ENS
(Required to attend ROCI)

Name		Unit by ISC AOR
*	Marc C. Devereaux	Group Boston
SK2	Kenneth J. Hines	Lower Miss. River
*	Thomas A. Sanders	MSO St. Louis
BM1	Cheryl L. Honeycutt	Group Fort Macon
*	James W. Summerlin	MSO Wilmington
PS3	Lori J. Bard	Group Hampton Rds
PS1	Shawn McGlinchey	MSO/Gru Phila.
YN3	Ramon L. Serrano-Sanchez	Group Mayport
PS2	Osvaldo R. Cabrera	Group Key West
PS2	David K. Donohue	7th District (m)
MK2	Matthew R. May	Group Miami
YN1	Charles E. Wilcox	Group St. Petes
*	Christopher D. Elrod	Group Charleston
EM1	Mark E. Pesnell	Group Mayport
PS2	Hugh E. Brennan	PSU 308
SK2	Allen W. Murphy	Group New Orleans
*	Robert V. Marraro	MSO Galveston
*	Derek D. Bardell	CGC *Sweetgum*
SK1	Theresa V. Hubbard	Group New Orleans
PS3	Robert M. Cooper	PSU TRADET
YN2	Paula J. Malone	Group Milwaukee
*	Janet C. Wlosinski	Group Detroit
*	Bruce G. Mack	Group Grand Haven
*	Scott D. Barnowski	MSO Cleveland
*	Lawrence E. Woody	PSU 311
*	Framar L. Stenson	Activities San Diego
*	Suzanne C. Benko	MSO/GRU LA/LB
PSC	Jeffrey M. Wasserman	MSO San Francisco
*	William P. Margulies	PACAREA/D11
PS3	Timothy M. Lopez	MSO/GRU LA/LB
*	William S. Benn	MSO Puget Sound
PS2	Jeffrey A. Williams	MSO Portland
QM1	Jeffrey L. Engel	Group Seattle
YN1	Larry F. Siegle	Group Astoria
QM2	Elizabeth M. Stergiou	MSO Anchorage

Alternates
(All attend ROCI Class 1/98 if status changes from Alternate to ROCI attendee)

Name		Unit by ISC AOR
*	Mark M. Walstead	Group Long Island
BM2	Patrick H. Petrarca	Group Boston
YN1	Cynthia L. Roberts	Group Fort Macon
*	William G. Ryan	MSO Wilmington
*	Brandon W. Lechthaler	MSO/GRU Phila.
*	Kevin P. Lavery	PSU 311
MK3	John B. Mower	Activities San Diego
RD2	Mark J. Ferrigno	PACAREA/D11
*	P.J. Fox	MSO Puget Sound
YN1	Larry F. Siegle	PSU 313
RD2	Eric A. Wescott	Group Seattle

** Selected from civilian status.*

Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination Class 1/98 convened 16 May-5 June 1998. It was the last ROCI class at RTC Yorktown, Va. which will now move to the Leadership Development Center at the Academy.

Awards

COMMENDATION MEDAL
LCDR Stephen D. Nye, D1
CWO2 Stephen J. DeCrosta (w "O"), D1

ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
PSCS Douglas E. Yeckley, USCGR(Ret.)
PSC William J. Reisa, MSO Louisville
PS1 Michael Dubro, MSD Concord
BM2 Joseph Quinitiliani, Station Woods Hole, Mass.

COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
LT T.J. McMahon, HDC-206
TCC Robert E. Ziehm, PSU 309
TCC Scott A. Hutcherson, PSU 309
DPC G.E. Gray, HDC-207
PS1 J.J. Mihalik, HDC-207
PS2 C.A. Ferrante, HDC-207
BM2 Barry L. Natale, Station New Haven, Conn.

COMMANDANT'S LETTER OF COMMENDATION
LT William F. Csisar, III, D1
SKCM Gary J. Crocker (w/gold star), D1
TCC Katrina C. Fisher, PSU 309
TC2 Paul D. Hughes, PSU 309

CG MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION
National Scout Jamboree Coast Guard Contingent
• CWO3 William J. Miller, MSO Wilmington, N.C.; PSCS Douglas E. Yeckley; PSC William J. Reisa, MSO Louisville; PS1 Merlin E. Nygren, MSO San Francisco; PS1 Michael Dubro, MSD Concord; BM2 Joseph A. Quinitiliani, Station Woods Hole; PS3 Wayne A. Drown, Jr., Station Woods Hole.

MILITARY OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER
CDR John M. Brown, HDC-206
DPC G.E. Gray, HDC-207

Officer Promotions

TO COMMANDER

Name	District	Date of Rank
Virgil F. Bateman	D11	1 Jun 98
Larry J. Jones	D8	1 Jun 98
Salvatore Brillante	LANT	1 Jun 98

TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER

Matthew A. Duben	D13	1 Jun 98
Russell W. Lynn	D7	1 Jun 98
Dennis L. Dyer	D11	1 Jun 98
Robert E. Crane	D8	1 Jun 98
John W. Green	LANT	1 Jun 98
Linda R. Visser	D13	1 Jun 98
Douglas J. Dawson	D5	1 Jun 98
David S. Wajda	D1	1 Jun 98
Steven W. Congdon	D7	1 Jun 98
Jack W. Golden	D7	1 Jun 98
George J. Pazak	D9	1 Jun 98
Don D. Anderson	PAC	1 Jun 98
Landrum R. Landreth	ICC	1 Jun 98
Alfred Apodaca	D13	1 Jun 98
Charles A. Valentino	D1	1 Jun 98
Robert F. Eastburn	D5	1 Jun 98
Thomas S. Millar	D13	1 Jun 98
Hekmat D. Tamimie	D5	1 Jun 98
Kathleen A. Duignan	PAC	1 Jun 98
Steven J. Craig	D13	1 Jun 98
John D. Girard	LANT	1 Jun 98
Robert P. Branc	PAC	1 Jun 98

TO LIEUTENANT

Bernard C. McDonald	D7	1 Jun 98

As per Officer Promotion Authorization Listing (OPAL) No. 6-98. ALCGPERSCOM 038/98 (201221Z May 98)

PA1 Telfair Brown, USCG

Outgoing Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Deborah Lee, right, accepts a Coast Guard plaque from RADM Thomas J. Barrett, Director of Reserve and Training, at a reception held for Lee at CG Headquarters March 31. Lee's acting replacement is Mr. Charles Cragin.

BMCS Antonio P. Gambale, 1955-1998!

Reflections of a retiring reservist

By PA3 Linda M. O'Brien
FIRST DISTRICT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SCPO Antonio P. Gambale recently finished a distinguished 42-year career having served continuously from May 26, 1955 to March 8, 1998.

Born in East Boston in 1938, he grew up watching his brothers and uncle leave home to fight in World War II and the Korean War. He was eager to follow in their footsteps and pursue his civic duty to serve his country. As a young man growing up on the Boston Harbor waterfront, he chose the Coast Guard Reserve because of the search and rescue missions and humanitarian nature of the Service.

Upon graduating from East Boston High School, Gambale found his calling as a machinist. He remained faithful to his chosen career, having worked 32 years for the same company.

"Over the years, my expertise in machinery helped keep many of the Boston-based Coast Guard 327s and 378s running smoothly," said Gambale. "I was always ready to fix machinery or make a part for any vessel that needed to get underway in an emergency."

Gambale chose the boatswain rating because it was challenging and he was able to learn seamanship, gunnery, navigation and "it had always been my calling to drive the small boats," said Gambale.

During his career he served on many classes of vessels, but his most memorable experiences were aboard buoy tenders.

PA3 Linda M. O'Brien, USCGR

BMCS Antonio P. Gambale at ISC Boston.

"I learned more about seamanship during those tours than at any other time in my career," said Gambale. "But I'll always remember my tour aboard the *CGC Bibb* when I made a trip to Bermuda." On that voyage, he qualified coxswain on *Bibb* and was in charge of Lifeboat Number 1, a Monomoy pulling boat. Another favorite tour was at one of the last stations that set up and fired the Lyle Gun and Breaches Buoy during drills.

In 1969, he was advanced to chief petty officer, one of his proudest accomplishments. "I always set my goals at achieving this honor and looked up to those who held the position before me," said Gambale. "I made it my personal mission to be the best CPO that I could be."

Gambale credits his wife of 36 years, ***Cheryl Lane Wheatgraft***, as the person most responsible for his dedication to the Coast Guard. "It's through my family's support that I had such a rewarding career that spanned 42 years," said Gambale.

"The Coast Guard's philosophy of dedication to humanity is why I joined in 1955 and it is a great feeling to retire with that philosophy still intact and going strong into the future," said Gambale. "I am proud to have spent my career with many fine men and women. Those who know me know that I am always available if called on or needed. The Coast Guard has always been America to me...a diverse group of people working together for the missions of the Coast Guard." ■

Retirements

FEBRUARY 1998
LCDR John A. Holub, D11*
CWO3 Jeffrey P. Terbush, D8**
PSC Joe Talton, D8*

MARCH 1998
LCDR Richard W. Sandford, D9**
LT Scott E. Tredinnick, D11**
CWO4 Charles H. Obermeyer, D1*
FSCS Rodolfo D. Castillo, D11*
HSC Roger D. Weld, D17*
PSC Raymond F. Figueroa, D7*
PSC Alonzo O. Parker, D8**
DC2 Ricky D. Holloway, D8**
PS2 Harold Feldman, D9*

APRIL 1998
LT James F. Schluchterer, D5**
PSCS Arthur A. Sondheim, D1*
BMC Ralph C. Savery, D1**
GMC Lawrence E. Bieltz, D7*
BM1 Ralph Manna, D5***
PS1 Joseph Y. Carson, D1**
PS1 James B. Lowery, D7**
PS1 Ronald J. Meehan, D1**
BM2 Harry J. Godwin, D7**
BM2 Edwin W. Holton, D9**
PS2 William J. Jamison, D8*

MAY 1998
CDR Brian P. Cost, D1**
CWO4 John W. McMahon, D11*
EMC Roy A. Bryant, D8**
PSC David D. Coyne, D9**
PSC John E. Driscoll, D1**
PSC Eldred M. Heffron, D1**
PSC Joseph W. Pierce, D7**
TCC William F. Caston, D7**
BM1 David A. Spencer, D5**
PS1 Craig A. Collins, D9**
PS1 Charles G. Hurst, D8**
SK1 Eleanor N. Wynn, D5**
YN1 Susan J. Benner, D11**
YN1 Henry M. Chapman, D1**
DC2 Brady L. Brown, D8**
TC2 Kathleen A. Dudley, D5**

JUNE 1998
BM1 Cline R. Munsey, D5**
PS1 Ronald E. Matson, D1**
ET2 James E. Marsh, D7**

JULY 1998
RADM G. Robert Merrilees, D7*
CAPT Robert G. Christian, D11*
CAPT Carl E. Kunkel, D5*
CAPT George H. Peck, D1*
CDR Ronald N. Elchesen, D11*
CDR Philip S. Jones, D5*
CDR Eugene M. Kelly, D1*
LCDR Jerome J. Adamek, D8*
LCDR Cecil D. Dorsey, D7*
LCDR Walter M. Robnett, D8*
LT Richard L. Pomerleau, D1**
BMCM James A. Mauth, D8*
YNC Victoria L. Lee, D1**
YNC George H. Newton, D11*
ET1 Richard P. Mortagne, D11*
PS1 Jean L. Abbott, D5*
PS1 James R. Diggs, D5*
PS1 William F. Dixon, D1*
PS2 Frank J. Barnes, D5**

AUGUST 1998
BMC Louis J. Young, D5**
ET1 Robert E. Thebodo, D1**
SK2 Joseph L. Brown, D11**

OCTOBER 1998
BMCS Philip G. Jarrach, D5*

** RET-1 (Retired With Pay)*
*** RET-2 (Retired Awaiting Pay)*
**** RET-3 (Retired Without Pay)*

Source: Human Resources Service & Information Center (RAS)

Friends of the Coast Guard

We all know them...people who never served in the Coast Guard but love and support it. Many times, we see them at changes of command and other Coast Guard functions. We'd like to feature some of these *"Friends of the Coast Guard"* in an issue next fall. If you know of any of these folks, drop us a line or send in a submission by Oct. 15, 1998 to: Commandant, G-WTR-2, USCG Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. 202-267-1991.

It's Citizen-Sailor time!

For the fifth consecutive year, *The Reservist* will salute the Citizen-Sailor in the September 1998 issue. This year's theme is *"My Civilian Occupation."* Send us a brief account (150 words or less) of what you do as a civilian with a photo of you busily at work. Deadline is Aug. 1, 1998. Mail to:

Commandant (G-WTR-2)
USCG Headquarters
2100 Second Street, SW
Washington, DC 20593-0001
ATTN: Citizen-Sailor

Reservist Magazine Address Clarification

There seems to be a misunderstanding in the field regarding who to write for various *Reservist* magazine services (back issues, change of addresses etc.). There are two mailing addresses listed on the magazine. The CG Headquarters (Washington, D.C.) address, where the magazine is produced, is ***always*** listed on Page 2. The HRSIC (Topeka, Kan.) address on the back cover is listed because HRSIC is the "keeper" of the electronic mailing list. They make your address changes for Coast Guard Retirees (RET-1 and RET-2). All others should submit address changes through their local PERSRUs.

To submit articles or obtain back issues, contact:

Commandant (G-WTR-2)
USCG Headquarters
2100 Second Street, SW
Washington, DC 20593-0001
ATTN: The Reservist

Retirees (RET-1 & RET-2), to change your address, contact:

Human Resources Services & Information Center (ras)
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

When submitting or requesting anything from either location, please include your full name, rank, mailing address and Social Security number. Please include a phone and/or e-mail if possible; that saves time and money when trying to contact the sender when necessary.

ALCOASTs / ALDISTs / COMDTINSTs

As of 6/4/98

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041936Z JUN 98	ALCOAST 060/98	NAVAL INSTITUTE'S 10TH ANNUAL U.S. COAST GUARD ESSAY CONTEST
041910Z JUN 98	ALCOAST 059/98	COAST GUARD FEATURED ON CNN AND TBS
041543Z JUN 98	ALDIST 140/98	TRAINING 2000 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
041503Z JUN 98	ALDIST 139/98	1997 HEALTH CARE FACILITY, HS, HEALTH BENEFITS ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS
041427Z JUN 98	ALDIST 138/98	JOINT RATINGS REVIEW (JRR) UPDATE
031414Z JUN 98	ALCOAST 057/98	RESULTS OF MAY 98 SERVICEWIDE EXAM ON LEAVE AND EARNINGS STATEMENTS (LES)
031248Z JUN 98	ALDIST 137/98	SAR CONTROLLER OF THE YEAR AWARDS FOR 1997
021230Z JUN 98	ALDIST 135/98	THE ARNOLD SOBEL AND COAST GUARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
012325Z JUN 98	ALCOAST 055/98	COMMANDANT'S FIRST DAY ON WATC
011815Z JUN 98	ALDIST 134/98	SUBJ: SITREP TWO: ENLISTED ADVANCEMENT STUDY TEAM (EAST)
292300Z MAY 98	ALCOAST 054/98	SUBJ: COAST GUARD CHANGE OF COMMAND
281400Z MAY 98	ALDIST 132/98, ALDIST 133/98 (UPDATE)	COMMANDANT'S CHANGE OF COMMAND ON INTERNET
262028Z MAY 98	ALCOAST 052/98	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CENTER OPENING
222036Z MAY 98	ALCOAST 051/98	HALF-MASTING OF NATIONAL ENSIGN
221718Z MAY 98	TQC10	CHANGE (10) TO COMDTNOTE 1540 OF 13 AUG 97
221449Z MAY 98	ALDIST 130/98	1997 RADM BENNETT S. "BUD" SPARKS AWARD WINNER *(See page 19)*
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111712Z MAY 98	ALDIST 124/98, COMDTNOTE 1650	1998 FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR
111651Z MAY 98	ALCGRSV 008/98	SOLICITATION FOR PY99 RESERVE OFFICER SELECTION BOARD MEMBERS
111515Z MAY 98	ALCGPERSCOM 037/98	RESERVE OFFICER EXTENSION BOARD
111446Z MAY 98	ALDIST 123/98, COMDTNOTE 7220	INTERIM CHANGE NINE TO COAST GUARD PAY MANUAL
092206Z MAY 98	ALDIST 121/98, COMDTNOTE 5050	COAST GUARD ATTENDANCE AT 1998 NATIONAL NAVAL OFFICERS ASSOC. CONFERENCE
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CG RESERVE HOTLINE: 1-800-283-8724 (USCG)

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Happy Summer!

Resident Address Update Requirement

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, P.L. 104-193, requires the Secretary of Defense (DOD) to establish a centralized personnel locator service which contains the residence address for each member of the Armed Forces. This requirement is codified in Title 10 U.S.C., "Enforcement of Child Support Obligations of Members of the Armed Forces." The residence address must be made available to the Federal Parent Locator Service, part of the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Child Support Enforcement. Per 10 U.S.C. Section 101, the Coast Guard is part of the Armed Forces. The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) will serve as the centralized personnel locator service. The law requires members of the Armed Forces to submit their residential address within 30 days of members establishing a new residential or duty address. The legislation granted exceptions to the legislative requirements for certain circumstances (outlined in ALCOAST 016/98). All Coast Guard personnel shall, within 30 days of a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) transfer or change of address, provide updated resident address information to DEERS. Residential address updates may be made through any of the following means:

(1) Any RAPIDS site located on Coast Guard or DOD installations

(2) Calling the DEERS Support Office (DSO) at 1-800-538-9552 (all INCONUS except California); 1-800-334-4162 (California); 1-800-527-5602 (Hawaii and Alaska). Recommended calling time is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific time)

(3) Writing DSO at 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771

(4) FAX your address change to DSO at 408-655-8317

(5) E-mail: *addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil*

(6) Any military treatment facility (MTF)

For more info., see ALCOAST 016/98.

— LT Ruby Collins, 202-267-0629
E-mail: rcollins@comdt.uscg.mil

Reunions

AUGUST 1998

■ **AIR STATION SACRAMENTO** — At McClellan Air Force Base, Calif., invites all previously assigned personnel to the CG Day Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 1. AIRSTA Sacramento celebrates 20 years of service. Contact: AECM John Robison, Air Station Sacramento, McClellan AFB, CA 95652-1242. 916-643-2081, ext. 205.

SEPTEMBER 1998

■ ***CGC CASCO* (WAVP 370)** — Sept. 11-12, Boston, Mass. Contact: Gary Wehrmann, 210-647-6376.

■ ***CGC DUANE* (W-33) ASSOCIATION** — Seventh annual reunion, Sept. 17-20, at Best Western Hotel & Conference Center, Baltimore, Md. Contact: Al Viau, President CGC Duane Association, 508-761-6014.

■ ***CGC COURIER (WAGR/WTR 410)*** — Sept. 20-Oct. 4, 1998 in Virginia Beach, Va. Contact: Dave Newell, P.O. Box 1319, Pepperell, MA 01463-3319. 508-433-2856. E-mail: *dnewell@empire.net*

■ **255' WHEC REUNION** — Coasties who served on the 13 255-foot WHECs, Sept. 27-Oct. 1, 1998, Plaza Hotel/Casino, Las Vegas, NV. Call 1-800-634-6575 for reservations. Contact: RMC Doak Walker, USCG(Ret.), P.O. Box 33523, Juneau, AK 99803. 907-789-2579. **E-mail:** *saad@ptialaska.net*

■ **GREENLAND PATROL WWII** — Ships, shore stations, aircraft units, Coast Guard, Navy & 500th AAA Battalion US Army. Sept. 27-30, 1998, San Diego, Calif. Contact: John Stamford, 1533 Wales Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510. 516-223-1467.

OCTOBER 1998

■ ***USS SAMUEL CHASE* ASSOC. (APA-26) WWII** — Oct. 1-4, at Best Western in Metairie, La. Contact: Charles H. Schmidt, P.O. Box 527, Augusta, AR 72006-0527. 870-347-3207.

■ ***USS CASCO* (AVP 12)** — Oct. 2-3, San Antonio, Texas. Contact Gary Wehrmann, 210-647-6376.

■ **LST 769 (COAST GUARD MANNED)** — Oct. 8-11, Biloxi, Miss. Contact: E. Coates, 590 Hartford St., Worthington, OH 43085. 614-888-4342.

NOVEMBER 1998

■ **ALL COAST GUARD REUNION, CG COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION** — Nov. 4-8, 1998, Corpus Christi, Texas, Contact: B. Herbert, P.O. Box 544, Westfield Center, OH 44251-0544 or send e-mail to: *USCGW64@aol.com*

■ ***CGC BIBB* (WPG-WHEC 31)** — Nov. 5-8, 1998, in Washington, D.C. Contact: Richard Olson, 574 Wyoming Ave., Maywood, NJ 07607-1542.

Cutter Christenings/Launchings & Decommissionings

AUGUST 1998

■ ***CGC JOSHUA APPLEBY* (WLM 556) CHRISTENING/LAUNCHING** — Saturday, Aug. 8, 10 a.m., Marinette Marine Corp., Marinette, Wis. Coasties welcome but need to obtain tickets. Write: USCG Project Resident Office, 1600 Ely St., Marinette, WI 54143-2434 or call YNC Mike Evans at 715-735-4109. **E-mail:** *mevans@PROMarinette.uscg.mil*

■ ***CGC WALNUT* (WLB 205) CHRISTENING/LAUNCHING** — Saturday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m., Marinette Marine Corp., Marinette, Wis. Coasties welcome but need to obtain tickets. Write: USCG Project Resident Office, 1600 Ely St., Marinette, WI 54143-2434 or call YNC Mike Evans at 715-735-4109. **E-mail:** *mevans@PROMarinette.uscg.mil*

OCTOBER 1998

■ ***CGC FRANK DREW (WLM 557)* CHRISTENING/LAUNCHING** — On a Saturday in October yet to be announced, 10 a.m., Marinette Marine Corp., Marinette, Wis. Coasties welcome but need to obtain tickets. Write: USCG Project Resident Office, 1600 Ely St., Marinette, WI 54143-2434 or call YNC Mike Evans at 715-735-4109. **E-mail:** *mevans@PROMarinette.uscg.mil*

Upcoming Events

JUNE 1998

■ **WOODEN BOAT SHOW** — June 27-28, at Inland Seas Maritime Museum, Vermilion, OH. 1-800-893-1485.

JULY 1998

■ **ROA ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION** — July 1-4, at Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass. Contact: ROA, 1 Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. 202-479-2200. FAX: 202-479-0416. Web: *www.roa.org*

■ **AMERICA SAIL 98** — Savannah is hosting tall ships from around the world this Fourth of July including *CGC Eagle (WIX 327)*! Event dates are July 2-6. Contact: Savannah Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, P.O. Box 1628, Savannah, GA 31402-1628. 1-800-444-2427. **E-mail:** *cvb@savga.com*

■ **NATIONAL CLEAN BOATING WEEK** — July 11-19, first year for this event sponsored by Marine Environmental Education Foundation. **E-mail:** *tmallison@systran.com* **Web:** *http://www.cgaux.org/news/bt00197.htm*

■ **FESTIVAL OF TALL SHIPS '98** — July 16-21, at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, IL. Nine tall ships, coincides with Chicago to Mackinac Race. 312-595-PIER. Web: *www.navypier.com*

■ **RADM RICHARD SCHNEIDER'S CHANGE OF WATCH & RETIREMENT CEREMONY** — Saturday, July 18, 10:30 a.m. at MSO/Group Philadelphia. RADM Schneider is Senior Reserve Officer, Atlantic Area and has served 30 years. RADM J. Timothy Riker will relieve him. Contact CAPT Chuck McDonnell at 215-569-8600; FAX: 215-569-3976.

■ **SOUTH HAVEN TALL SHIPS RENDEZVOUS** — July 25-27, Michigan Maritime Museum, P.O. Box 534, South Haven, MI 49090. 1-800-747-3810.

■ **NATIONAL NAVAL OFFICERS ASSOC. CONFERENCE** — July 22-25, NAB Coronado, San Diego, Calif. Contact CG Rep: CAPT Charles Williams, 510-437-3224.

■ **COAST GUARD FESTIVAL** — Is scheduled for July 24-Aug. 2 in Grand Haven, Mich. Parade and fireworks are Saturday, Aug. 1. Entire Coast Guard family is welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact: U.S. Coast Guard Festival, P.O. Box 694, Grand Haven, MI 49417. 616-846-5940; 1-888-207-2434. Web: *http://www.grandhaven.com/uscgfest*

■ **50TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTEGRATION OF ARMED FORCES** — Executive Order signed by Truman July 26, 1948. Attend gala in Washington, D.C. July 24 or create local ceremony. Seeking to identify minority CG veterans from 1948 to honor with ceremony or press release. Contact LCDR Jim Brewster at 202-267-0619 with names or for ceremony info.

■ **WISCONSIN SESQUICENTENNIAL MARITIME FESTIVAL** — July 31-Aug. 2, tall ships from Great Lakes Region along with *Wisconsin's Flagship* will be open for public tours on Milwaukee, Wis. waterfront. Contact: Wisconsin Lake Schooner Education Assoc., 500 N. Harbor Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53202. 414-276-7700. FAX: 414-276-8838.

AUGUST 1998

■ **CG DAY PICNIC HONORING RESERVE RETIREES** — Washington, D.C. Chapter of ROA is hosting an informal ceremony to honor retired reservists at CG Day picnic, Aug. 1 at TISCOM Alexandria. All reservists welcome. Contact CDR John Baker at 703-235-4717. **E-mail:** *jbaker@ballston.uscg.mil*

■ **CG SURFING ASSOC. COMPETITION** — Second annual, Aug. 3-7, at Group Cape Hatteras, N.C. Contact: YN2 Jeff Olivarri at 919-995-6460. **E-mail:** *cgsa1a@aol.com*

■ **NATIONAL CPOA CONVENTION 1998** — Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 30th annual, Clarion Hotel, Mobile, Ala. Also, Mobile CPOA Chapter is holding its 20th annual Old Timers Picnic at ATC Mobile Sept. 5. Write: Mobile Chapter Convention Committee, USCG CPOA, c/o CG Aviation Training Center, Box 120, 8501 Tanner Williams Road, Mobile, AL 36608-8322 or call BMCS Jack Crowley at 334-649-8800.

SEPTEMBER 1998

■ **CG RESERVE FORCES COMMAND MASTER CHIEF RELIEF & RETIREMENT CEREMONY** — Sept. 4, CGHQ, Room 2415, Washington, D.C., 10:30 a.m. MCPO George Ingraham will relieve MCPO Bill Phillips. Contact MCPO Phillips, 202-267-6844 or BMC Allen, **E-mail:** *mallen@apt.mdc.com*; 301-464-7472.

■ **USCG AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONFERENCE** — Sept. 4-6, at Town & Country Resort Hotel, San Diego, Calif. Contact: Don Moon, 400 Tracy Road, Suite 2, New Whiteland, IN 46184-1097. 317-885-8869. **E-mail:** *dgmoon@juno.com* **Web:** *http://www.cgaux.org/news/nacon98c.htm*

OCTOBER 1998

■ **SERVICEWIDE EXAM 1998** — SWEs for reservists in all ratings, E-5 through E-9 will be administered on Saturday, Oct. 17, so keep your calendar clear if you plan on taking the test. To be eligible, members must complete performance quals, MRN & rating courses by June 30.

■ **CUYAHOGA 20TH COMMEMORATION** — RTC Yorktown holds an annual wreathlaying memorial service to commemorate the Oct. 20, 1978 collision of CGC *Cuyaghoga* and *M/V Santa Cruz II*. The incident took the lives of 10 Coast Guardsmen and one Indonesian Naval officer. This year's ceremony, tentatively set for Tuesday, Oct. 20, will mark 20 years since the incident. Time TBA. Contact RTC Yorktown Public Affairs, 757-898-2337.

■ **NAVAL ENLISTED RESERVE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE** — Oct. 20-24 at Western Hills Guest Ranch, Wagoner, Okla. Contact: NERA, 6703 Farragut Ave., Falls Church, VA 22042-2189. 703-534-1329 or 800-776-9020; FAX: 703-534-3617. **E-mail:** *NERABOB @aol.com* **Web:** *www.nera.org/nera.*

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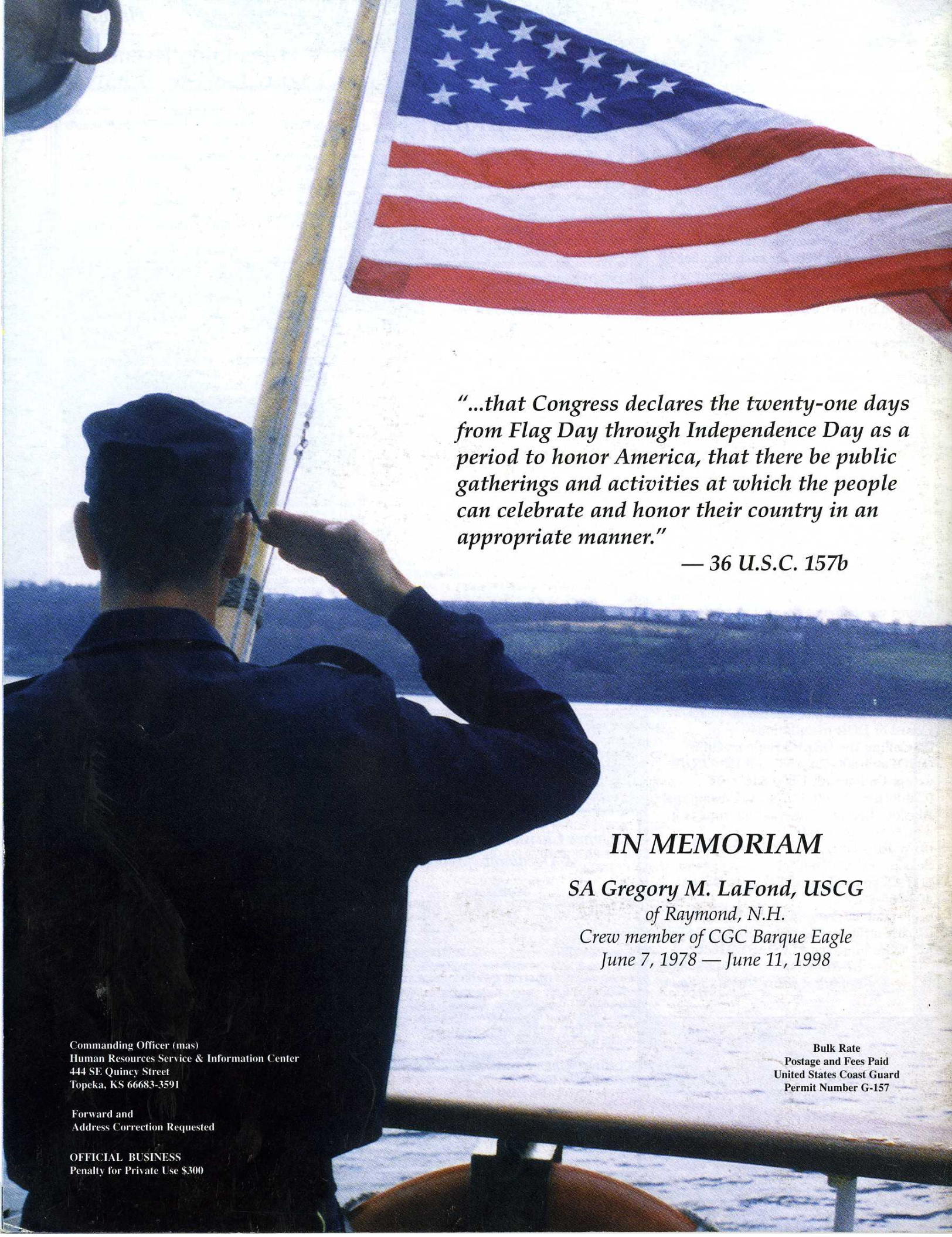

"...that Congress declares the twenty-one days from Flag Day through Independence Day as a period to honor America, that there be public gatherings and activities at which the people can celebrate and honor their country in an appropriate manner."

— 36 U.S.C. 157b

IN MEMORIAM

SA Gregory M. LaFond, USCG

of Raymond, N.H.
Crew member of CGC Barque Eagle
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