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Letter from the EDitor & Chief

BMC Mark Allen, USCGR

We're off and running in what should be another exciting year at *The Reservist*. For the past six months or so, we've been advertising our year-long series "Coast Guards Around the World." It's finally happening! Every month during 2000, we'll be taking you to a different spot on the globe to explore other nations' coast guards. We're kicking off the series with a trip to the southern hemisphere to learn about the Royal New Zealand Coastguard Federation. It's not too late to write an article for this series if you have expertise in a certain nation. Do enjoy this year-long adventure and let us know what you think. Just drop us a note or e-mail.

While we're taking you to New Zealand on the pages of this issue, we're also reporting on the historic exercise that took place in Egypt this past fall. *Bright Star 99/00* was the largest assembly of coalition forces since Desert Storm and the Coast Guard was part of it. Read all about it on page 16.

Meanwhile, there's always lots going on back in the good ol' USA. Read about how the Coast Guard fared through New Year's Eve and Y2K. You'll learn that about 70 percent of the Y2K staff was comprised of reservists. Also read about the Reserve budget for 2000 and check your pay while you're at it on the pay charts published in this issue. Congratulations to ***LT Ken Stefanisin***, the ROA Outstanding Junior Officer as well as the ***13th District***, which won the Waesche Award for 1999 (page 7). Also, congratulations to all those Reserve enlisted members who were advanced on Jan. 1, 2000 (page 24). From west of the Mississippi comes a story of partnership between ISC St. Louis and ISC Seattle. Because of their innovation, a new Reserve Orders and Accounting Reporting System (ROARS) is being implemented Coast Guard-wide during 2000. You might say that this issue is all "downhill" from there, especially when it comes to reading about one of our reservists whose avocation is serving the downhill skiers as a ski patrol member in Missouri.

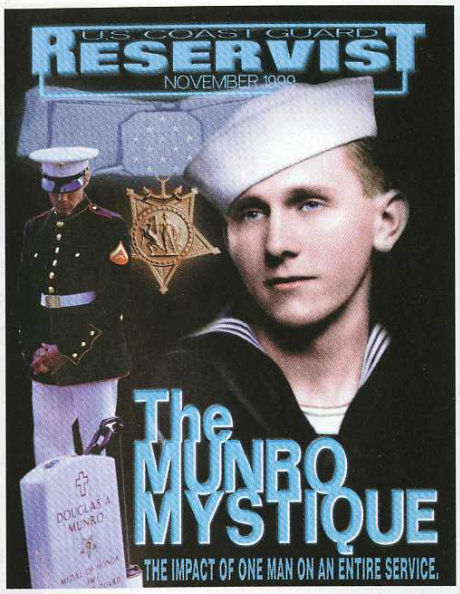
Finally, happy birthday to the Coast Guard Reserve as it celebrates its 59th birthday on Feb. 19. Remember, it's not too early to begin thinking about our 60th in 2001. As I've heard our Commandant ***ADM James Loy*** say on many occasions, "preparation equals performance."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE MUNRO MYSTIQUE

Thank you for a wonderful article on Signalman First Class Douglas Munro in the November 1999 issue of *The Reservist*. As a reservist, I spent 18 months on the *CGC Munro* (WHEC-724) and was glad to have served on her. The ship has a good history and record and most of the men that were on *CGC Munro* when I was were proud of her also. Douglas Munro's mother, Edith, came to the ship every time something was going on. It meant a lot to us for her to honor us that way. At that time, *CGC Munro* was homeported in Seattle. I believe that it would be a fitting memorial to SM1 Munro if it was returned to Seattle. After all, the 13th District was his home.

— TC1 Allen P. Hill, USCGR (Ret.)
Long Beach, Wash.



I read with a great deal of interest the article in the November issue of *The Reservist* concerning Signalman First Class Douglas Munro, USCG, who received the Medal of Honor for rescuing Lt. Col. "Chesty" Puller and his Marines at Guadalcanal on Sept. 27, 1942. Before I entered the Coast Guard Reserve, I was in the Marine Corps, and am proud of that fact.

I'm one of the survivors of the infamous Chosin Reservoir in North Korea, during November and December of 1950. During that battle, the 1st Marine Division (17,000 in total strength) was surrounded by 120,000 Communist Chinese forces in sub-zero weather. The Chinese forces had orders from Peking to kill every American Marine down to the lowest ranking man. Puller was my Regimental Commanding Officer, and he's quite a legend in the Marine Corps. It's quite a coincidence that Puller was overwhelmed when Douglas Munro went to his aid, and I was with Puller when we were overwhelmed at the Chosin Reservoir.

Now I belong to an organization known as the "Chosin Few," an organization of survivors of the Chosin Reservoir. As editor of our chapter newsletter, I would like to reprint the Douglas Munro story as not many people nowadays realize the Coast Guard played such a vital part in World War II.

It will also give me the opportunity to give the U.S. Coast Guard some highly favorable recognition among a bunch of old Marine veterans. There are still many, many veterans with whom I'm associated with that are under the impression that the Coast Guard is not a branch of the military. They know the Guard patrols the coast and enforces maritime laws, but that's about the extent of their knowledge. It locks my jaw up tight every time I hear someone say that and then I have to educate them. That's why I was tickled to see the Douglas Munro article.

— PSC Clyde H. Queen, Sr., USCGR(Ret.)
Buena Park, Calif.

Ed's note: We encourage reprinting articles from The Reservist in other publications. Simply ask permission in writing, then include the author and source when you publish the reprint.

Thanks for such a nice article on my uncle, Douglas Munro, in the November issue. My Mom, Mrs. Patricia Sheehan (Doug's sister) and I both think it is very well done.

— CDR Douglas J. Sheehan, USCGR(Ret.)
Portland, Ore.

The November issue was outstanding. The collage on the front cover is very well done and the picture and legend of Dede (my Mom, LT Edith Munro) on the back cover is very good. I first saw that picture in *Life* magazine way back when. The article inside was well written. I have always been wary of the way newspaper reporters change and distort stories, but the Coast Guard, despite all the praise which would embarrass Doug, writes it all well. I particularly like the picture you included of Doug climbing the ladder — it has always been my favorite. We're lucky to have such good pictures of both Doug and Dede.

— Patricia Sheehan
Tigard, Ore.

Compliments should come your way for your handling of "The Munro Mystique" — the writing, the photo coverage, and also we SPARs like the fact that LT Edith Munro was shown on the back cover. I discovered in reading about Edith Munro that she was in the class at the Coast Guard Academy right after mine. She looked different than the lieutenant in the photo you published and I started analyzing why — she did not have stripes on her sleeves. I looked for lieutenant pins on her collar and they were missing. I studied her hat's insignia and it was the same one I wore as an Officer Candidate before being commissioned. Then it came to me that this was an excellent picture of her and you may not have had comparable good ones of her as a lieutenant.

— Jan Macauley
Bradbury, Calif.

Ed's note: You are correct! We did have photos of her as a lieutenant, but the one published served our purposes best for the back cover. We listed her as a lieutenant in the text because that was the rank she reached upon discharge from the Women's Reserve.

I must let you know how much I enjoyed reading your lead story about Douglas Munro, the recipient of the Medal of Honor. I couldn't put it down once I started reading it.

— CDR Jack N. Alberts, USCGR(Ret.)
Mission Viejo, Calif.

I just wanted to compliment you on a great Reserve web site! Also, an excellent story on SM1 Munro. Your organization has a very different mission than that of mine. However, I respect and appreciate what all of you do for us.

— Staff Sgt. Bill Tupy, U.S. Army Reserve
Abilene, Texas

On Deck Leadership

That was an absolutely fabulous "On Deck" in the November 1999 *Reservist*. I have read many articles on leadership, and most are like eating a plain bagel — very filling, but very dry. MCPO Jeff Smith's use of the SNBM as an example of leadership was insightful. I have always believed that your rating badge will command a level of respect initially — people know it takes a lot to get there — but it in itself is only some thread and cloth. The substance of an individual is the essence of the article; that leadership and performance are ongoing attributes, looking at the present and forward to the future, while learning from the experiences of the past. It's "what have you done for me lately," as well it should be.

— MCPO Jim Connolly, USCGR
Seattle, Wash.

Office of Coast Guard Reserve

I am delighted that Congress has seen fit to formally reestablish and codify the Office of the Coast Guard Reserve. The only regret I have is being unable to attend the Nov. 10 event celebrating this milestone and attended by the Commandant. Thanks for publishing an article in the November 1999 issue on this landmark event and including the background information necessary to understand its significance.

— CAPT Joseph F. Manfreda, USCGR(Ret.)
Chicago, Ill.

Corrections

The November 1999 issue contained an error in the Front & Center section on page 22. LT Marc Pryor of MSO San Francisco received a Coast Guard Achievement Medal. He was listed incorrectly as LT Marc Taylor.

License Plate of the Month

Oregon: The Beaver State

We're blazing a trail west to the great state of Oregon to kick off the year 2000, and Portland resident ***BMC Dan Costello*** gets the nod for his USCGR Beaver State plate. Costello, shown here next to his 1990 Chevy pick-up, obtained the plate in March 1998.

"I wanted a specialty plate and BMC and CHIEF were already taken," said Costello, who pays an additional $20 annually for the plate. "Having the plate has been a nice ice breaker too, because I'll pull up in a parking lot, people will approach me, say hi, and ask if I'm in the Reserve. Sometimes they'll tell me about their career."

On the flip side though is some people think USCGR stands for U.S. Coast Guard Retired to which Costello responds, "Do I look like I'm ready to retire?"

The 16-year reservist drills at Station Portland and has served 17 years with the Portland Police Bureau. His younger brother, ***PSC John Costello***, doesn't have a USCGR plate but he does share some things in common with his sibling in addition to having the same last name — he's also a Portland policeman who serves

Courtesy of BMC Dan Costello, USCGR

BMC Dan Costello

"STARBOARD WING"

MY INTERPRETATION...

With apologies to Longfellow and Thomas Moore, as our nation — upon whose decks rest so many of humanity's hopes for future years — proceeds into a new year, century, millennium — may our voices keep tune and our oars keep time.

Herewith are a few verifiable statistics and my interpretation of what they mean:

— Selected Reserve strength on July 1, 1997 was 7,400.

— Selected Reserve strength on July 1, 1998 was 7,300.

— Selected Reserve strength on July 1, 1999 was 7,900.

— Selected Reserve strength as of Jan. 1, 2000 was 8,094.

My interpretation: Anyone who has involved himself or herself in recruiting a person into the Coast Guard Reserve during the last couple of years, *and especially our recruiters on the front line*, should take immense satisfaction in our achieving full authorized strength.

Next, percentage of Selected Reserve personnel who have more than 20 years satisfactory federal service: approximately 30 percent.

My interpretation: Our people enjoy the satisfaction of their service and association with the Coast Guard. However, we need to be attentive to the continuing work of attracting people to our junior ranks, so that they will enjoy the opportunity to perform the good work of the Coast Guard into the future, as our more senior people retire.

Next, work years performed by the Reserve Component (by converting IDT drills into work days and adding them to other Active Duty days):

1997 — Approximately 1,307 work years performed.
1998 — Approximately 1,400 work years performed.
1999 — Approximately 1,600 work years performed.

My interpretation: The Reserve Component continues to offer real and documentable assistance to the Coast Guard on a day-to-day basis. Adding the equivalent of 1,600 full-time personnel to the front line for operations, support, and surge contingencies is a significant contribution.

Next, average work days performed by each reservist (by dividing work days performed by work force strength).

1997 — Approximately 38 days duty each reservist.
1998 — Approximately 41 days duty each reservist.
1999 — Approximately 44 days duty each reservist.

My interpretation: Reservists continue to be needed by the Coast Guard, and continue to make themselves available to the Coast Guard. However, there arises a question of balance. Active Component members have a two-way contract regarding their jobs; the contract is between the United States Government and them, family considerations aside. Reservists have a three-way contract, namely among the government, their civilian employers, and themselves, again, family considerations aside.

MY INTERPRETATION: RESERVISTS CONTINUE TO BE NEEDED BY THE COAST GUARD, AND CONTINUE TO MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE TO THE COAST GUARD.

The Coast Guard and reservists each need to respect the fact that the employers of this country, many of them small employers, make a significant sacrifice each year while their reservists are away on Active Duty. I am certain most employers recognize the fact that if the Armed Forces were not performing their duties, the way of life we all enjoy could not be preserved. But no one should ever take for granted the fact that employers are an important part of the equation.

Finally, total overall cost for each work year performed (determined by dividing the Reserve Training appropriation by the total number of work years performed):

1997 — $51,000 all costs per work year performed.
1998 — $49,000 all costs per work year performed.
1999 — $47,000 all costs per work year performed.

My interpretation: Administrative overhead is down, and any business that can enjoy an 8 percent reduction in overall cost per work year performed in only two years would consider it reason enough to note and celebrate.

By Rear Admiral J. Timothy Riker, USCGR
Deputy for Mobilization & Reserve Component Affairs, LANTAREA

1999 WAESCHE AWARD:

THIRTEENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT

SEATTLE, WA.

For the third time in the last four years, the ***13th Coast Guard District*** has been selected as the recipient of the 1999 ADM Russell R. Waesche Award. Sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association, this award recognizes the Coast Guard district judged to be the most supportive of a totally integrated Coast Guard military force, demonstrated by its effective use and support of the Reserve component.

Noteworthy examples of mission performance in the areas of operations, marine safety, force management and general support revealed numerous integrated workforce accomplishments by D13. They include the district's efforts to ensure that PSU 313 was properly staffed without adversely affecting other Coast Guard missions. The 13th District also used its reservists in innovative ways to enhance customer service to all members of *Team Coast Guard* in the district.

"I'm honored to accept the 1999 Waesche Award recognizing the tremendous efforts by our Reserve men and women to aggressively take an integral role as part of *Team Coast Guard*," said ***RADM (sel.) James Olson***, 13th District Chief of Staff. "This award belongs to all the men and women of PACAREA, MLC and D13 serving or homeported in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana."

The 13th District has won the Waesche award nine times since its establishment in 1961 — more than any other district. The award was presented to Olson at the Reserve Officers Association Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. The Headquarters Reserve External Awards Panel, comprised of active and reserve officer and enlisted personnel, selected this year's Waesche Award winner, announced in ALCOAST 237/99.

Established in recognition of the exceptional foresight, understanding and wisdom of ADM Russell R. Waesche in conceiving, planning and developing the Reserve of the United States Coast Guard. Presented annually to the USCG by the Coast Guard Affairs Committee of the Reserve Officers Association. Awarded to a District for Outstanding Reserve Achievement.

1999 OUTSTANDING JUNIOR OFFICER AWARD:

LIEUTENANT KENNETH G. STEFANISIN

PSU 311

Pacific Area's ***LT Kenneth G. Stefanisin*** is the recipient of the Coast Guard Reserve's 1999 Outstanding Junior Officer award. This national award, sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association since 1983, is presented to the junior officer judged to be the most outstanding based on exemplary performance of Coast Guard duties, civic accomplishments, demonstrated leadership ability, and notable contributions to the Coast Guard.

Stefanisin, of PSU 311, was selected by the HQ Reserve External Awards Panel from a highly competitive field of nine nominees (see inset). He more than met the award criteria when he filled the PSU 311 executive officer position when it suddenly became vacant last year. While training his relief as operations officer, Stefanisin spearheaded preparations by the unit for its deployment to Korea, including multiple exercise planning conferences in Korea, joint services inshore undersea warfare training, and the CNO's Fleet Battle Experiment Echo. He joined PSU 311 in late 1994 as part of its precommissioning detachment, and served in a variety of positions, including unit security officer and boat division officer.

In civilian life, the 44-year-old Stefanisin serves on the City of Phoenix Police Department, where he specializes in counterterrorism, special weapons and tactics. He has also demonstrated outstanding community involvement including encouraging JROTC students to consider Coast Guard careers.

"I felt it was an honor just to be nominated, and after seeing the quality of the nominees last year, I know there are a lot of outstanding people in the Coast Guard Reserve," said Stefanisin. "Far too few get the recognition they deserve."

Stefanisin, who lives in Phoenix with his wife, Denise, and daughter, Andrea, was recognized along with other OJO nominees at the ROA Mid-Winter Conference in Washington D.C. ALCOAST 236/99 (231813Z DEC 99) announced the award winner.

1999 OJO Nominees

District - Name/Unit

D1
LTJG Louis J. Luba
MSO Providence, R.I.

D5
LTJG Ronzelle L. Green
MSO Wilmington, N.C.

D7
LT Paul B. Winkeljohn
Group Miami, Fla.

D8
LT James M. Duckworth II
MSO New Orleans, La.

D9
CWO2 Dale R. Hoornstra
Group Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

D11
LTJG Heather R. Paetow
MSO San Diego, Calif.

D13
LT Susan E. Krala
MSO Puget Sound, Wash.

LANTAREA
LTJG Peter A. Stinson
LANT/D5 (acc), Portsmouth, Va..

PACAREA
LT Kenneth G. Stefanisin

New Reserve tracking system "ROARS" to life

ST. LOUIS — ISC St. Louis hosted other Integrated Support Commands for training on the new Reserve Orders and Accounting Reporting System, "ROARS," on Sept. 20. This training represented the culmination of many hours of development, testing, and refinement to meet the Reserve funds and orders tracking needs of ISCs, PERSRUs and units.

The idea of a system for managing Reserve funds began over a year ago. ***LCDR Phil Nowak*** of ISC Seattle and ***LCDR Jean Clark*** of ISC St. Louis began discussing the problems they were having receiving copies of orders and tracking Reserve Training expenses. The Active Duty for Training (ADT) orders process relies heavily on units and PERSRUs to understand a vast array of complex rules and processes for the Reserve workforce. In addition, it is paperwork intensive. This combination has proven to be a recipe for confusion.

While savvy funds managers can overcome many challenges, it was clear that changes were due and that current procedures were not meeting needs. Fortunately, Clark had a talented group of reservists, led by ***LCDR Mike Strom***, an information management professional with Metlife. Clark asked Strom to begin developing an automated system to facilitate the orders process. Several months later, ISC St. Louis began pilot testing the system.

Once ROARS had been fully tested in St. Louis, the Nowak and Clark expedition demonstrated ROARS at Headquarters in Washington, D.C. and then at the Human Resource Services Information Center in Topeka, Kan. ROARS surpassed everyone's expectations, and was immediately put on track for full development.

The next step was to modify ROARS so that it would meet the needs of the entire Coast Guard. The Office of Reserve Affairs (G-WTR) has been working in partnership with elements of the Coast Guard's Information and Technology Directorate and TISCOM to ensure reliability and interoperability with Standard Workstation III, and to develop a support system for ROARS. The new system is slated to be fully operational by the end of FY2000.

— Mr. Brian Jones, Commandant (G-WTR-3)

Top: LCDR Mike Strom, USCGR, demonstrates ROARS at ISC St. Louis while TTC Ron Perisho, USCGR, looks on. Bottom: ROARS training attendees(l to r) CWO Tony Fikac, Nancy Mertes, SK1 Ed Madero, CWO Kelly Risch and MST3 Kristy Lord.

Courtesy of LCDR Jean Clark, USCGR

Coast Guard Y2K: Safe, sound and ready
Staffed heavily by reservists

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The year 2000 arrived with the Coast Guard safe, sound and ready for the next millennium. The Coast Guard's success in Y2K was a service-wide cooperative effort that involved field units, District offices, Areas/MLCs and Coast Guard Headquarters.

Work began on identifying and fixing the Coast Guard's various systems for Y2K problems in 1996. The Incident Management Team (IMT) at Coast Guard Headquarters, modeled on the Incident Management System organization, stood up in November 1998. Of the 17 officers and enlisted who comprised the Y2K staff, 12 were reservists.

In addition to coordinating Coast Guard efforts to ensure that its systems were Y2K compliant, staff members also coordinated efforts with the maritime industry, foreign governments and agencies such as the United Nations and International Maritime Organization. They also worked closely with Y2K partners within the Departments of Transportation, Defense, Energy, State and the White House Y2K Information Coordination Center. During the rollover (Dec. 28-Jan. 3), they stood watches on the Coast Guard IMT.

RADM George N. Naccara, Director of Information and Technology and the incident commander, said reservists were absolutely essential in every step of the Y2K project.

"This coordinated team effort is perhaps our best example of how the active duty Coast Guard relies so heavily on our Reserve program to provide personnel with critical skills to meet Coast Guard surge needs," said Naccara.

— LT David L. Teska, USCGR

EAGLE CRUISE '99: THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

NEW LONDON, Conn. — Every year the *CGC Barque Eagle* asks for extra personnel to back up their permanent crew of 34 to help with the summer cadet training cruise. The call is answered by Reserve, Auxiliary and TAD active duty personnel. In fact, *Eagle's* cruises have become so popular, many requests to sail are turned down each year. It has become an honor to be selected to sail with her.

During 1999, *Eagle* had personnel aboard from all over the Coast Guard community. They came from Gloucester, Mass., Seattle, Houston, Portsmouth, Va., Yorktown, Va., San Pedro, Calif., Puerto Rico and Alaska. Floating units such as Cutters *Tahoma, Point Blank, Cowslip, Acacia,* and *Boutwell* gave up part of their crews to provide *Eagle* with more personnel. In addition, the Navy lent some some of their personnel for the cruise.

If you think only deck rates work the sails, you may be in for a surprise. Yes you still have to stand your rate-related watch, BMOW, QMOW, EOW, helm, lookout and mess cook, or be an instructor. But when there are sail stations, everyone tends them, whether you're an ET, YN, QM, DC, HS, TC, FS, MK, BM or a Navy sailors. An MK may be tending a line on the main mast, an ET and QM a line or down haul on the fore mast, a DC hauling around on the mizzen boom lines, or an 0-3 easing a line on the main lower sail. Or, you might be a QM and "lay aloft and loosen sail" by throwing off the gasket on the royal yard and waiting for the command "Let Fall!"

While in port, the ship has to be refueled, take on stores, sails harbor furled, decks scrubbed, super structure and hull cleaned. The FSs have to prepare for major evening receptions. This is done with a regular crew of 34, TAD personnel and cadets.

Ports seem to open up for the *CGC Eagle* when she arrives. During the cruise of 1999, *Eagle* visited many exciting ports-of-call, including Acapulco, Astoria and Portland, Ore., San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Mona Island, and Bermuda. The transit through the Panama Canal on this cruise was a highlight. Thanks to a couple of hurricanes, *Eagle* anchored for swim call on the beach at Mona Island (an uninhabited island in the Mona Pass).

Bermuda was the final port-of-call before sailing back to New London. Due to yet another approaching hurricane, *Eagle's* stay was short, and the crew had just enough time to refuel and take on supplies before getting underway.

PA1 Telfair Brown, USCG

CGC Barque Eagle under full sail.

Eagle sailed back to New London arriving several days ahead of schedule.

The summer of 1999 cruise was a wake up call for me, I can envision what our forefathers experienced while coming to America via tall ship! This cruise and any cruise experienced on the *CGC Barque Eagle* is by far the ultimate challenge, a test of one's skills, knowledge, leadership and courage.

I was joined by fellow reservists ***MKCS Larry Bull, FSCS John Suttich, FSC William Bird, BMI John Dufrat, DC1 George DeYoung, FSI John Elso, QM1 Karl Messner, QM1 Chris Niesterowicz, QM1 John Warner, BM2 John Beam, FS2 Greg Jackman, FS2 Henry Marin, MK2 Steven Gilbert, QM2 Dennis McGray, QM2 Walter Workman, FS3 Mark Lopes, FS3 Rudy Murillo*** and ***QM3 Joshua Horton***. Auxiliarists aboard included: ***Bob Boulware, Pat Norton, Bob McCoy*** and ***Arthur Steinmeyer.***

— BMCS Mike diMonda, USCGR

Ed's note: Interested in sailing aboard Eagle? Make sure you read the notice on the Bulletin Board's "In Brief" section on page 22. Also, check out the two-part series, "Boot Camp Aboard Eagle," featured in the May and June 1998 Reservist and on-line at www.uscg.mil/reserve.

CGR AT SHRIMP FESTIVAL '99

MOBILE, Ala. — The Alabama Gulf Coast Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed the Coast Guard to its 28th Annual National Shrimp Festival Oct. 6-10. The festival was an extravaganza of live entertainment, arts, crafts and good food with an estimated 200,000 persons present over the four-day period.

The Coast Guard was in full force executing search and rescue demonstrations using 41-foot rescue boats, a Falcon jet and helicopters. PSU 308 showcased its 25-foot "Guardian" boat in front of the Coast Guard recruiting booth. Passersby marveled at the boat and its crew members in their camouflage utility uniforms.

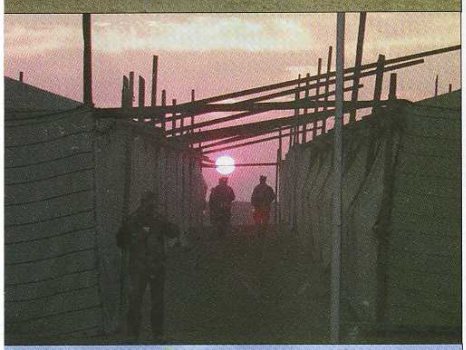
Coast Guard team members informed the public about active duty and Reserve shortages in the local area. Almost a third of the empty Coast Guard Reserve billets in the 8th District coastal region are in the Mobile area. Meanwhile, Coast Guard Auxiliary members informed the public about water safety while other members carried on conversations about the large array of missions the Coast Guard performs. Individuals who had first-hand experiences with Coast Guard rescue operations came by and said thanks.

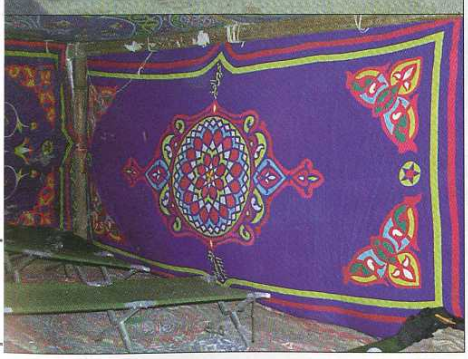
BM1 Lisa Pilko, PSU 308

People wait in line to view the Coast Guard exhibit at the Shrimp Festival.

The festival included participation from over 60 *Team Coast Guard* members from 14 commands or flotillas, including three members who were recruited as a direct result of Coast Guard participation in last year's festival.

— By ENS Chaning Burgess, USCG





BRIGHT STAR 00

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They came from around the world and made up the largest assembly of coalition forces since Desert Storm. It was also the 10th in a series of biennial exercises conducted by the Egyptian armed forces, coalition nations, and the United States Central Command. Coast Guard Port Security Units 309 and 305, part of Naval Coastal Warfare Group Two, traveled to Port Dukhayla, Egypt on the Mediterranean during the fall of 1999.

Welcome to *Bright Star 99/00*!

Bright Star exercises first began in 1980 when U.S. and Egyptian troops started training together after the 1979 Camp David peace accord. Each time *Bright Star* is held, it has grown in size and scope.

This time around, the exercise began in September and continued through December, providing training for more than 70,000 troops from 11 coalition nations. Participating nations included the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Greece, the Netherlands, Jordan, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates and Egypt. The United States sent the most troops — 18,000 on land and on ships — from all Services, including the Coast Guard.

The PSU's mission was to protect the ships or other designated high value assets (HVA). They performed a "real-world operation" during the exercise by providing security for the Military Sealift Command maritime pre-position force (MPF) ship *M/V Cpl. Louis B. Hague*.

PSU 309, from Port Clinton, Ohio, and PSU 305 from Fort Eustis, Va., deployed and operated under Naval Coastal Warfare Group (NCWG) Two, a joint Coast Guard and Navy command at Williamsburg, Va. NCWG Two is the operational commander of the Harbor Defense Commands and their subordinate units: USN Mobile Underwater Inshore Warfare Units (MIUWU), USN Inshore Boat Units (IBU) and USCG Port Security Units.

Pre-deployment for *Bright Star* began in July 1999 when PSU 309 started the meticulous task of ensuring their equipment was correctly packed. This included preparing necessary documentation to ship five air-deployable containers, four Transportable Port Security Boats (TPSBs), and 25 tons of support equipment to the other side of the world.

During *Bright Star*, the idea was to have PSU 309 deploy first, and then "hand-off" their equipment to PSU 305, which deployed after PSU 309 departed. As planned, PSU 309 deployed to Egypt in October to provide security for the off-load of equipment from MPF ships that would be used during the huge exercise. Then, in November, PSU 305 would use PSU 309's equipment to help with security during the backload of equipment onto the MPF ship.

"We wanted to test a real-world situation that we will encounter. That's why I wanted it done by two separate units," said CDR Steve Day, Commanding Officer of PSU 309. "The bottom line is our units need to work together as much as possible because this could really happen. I feel strongly that the more we share our expertise, the stronger the PSU program will become. We handed off our equipment and got it back, and now we're ready to go again. This way, we're really working together as a true PSU community."

On Sept. 24, an advance party made up of PSU 305's GM1 William Coachman and PSU 309's LT Richard East, BM1 Gene Rochon, MK1 Brad Richardson and GM1 Matt Beckley landed in Egypt. They were on the pier when the roll-on roll-off vessel *Osprey* arrived from Norfolk, Va. carrying PSU 309's supplies and equipment. The advance party was tasked with organizing and guarding the equipment until PSU 309 arrived a week later. The advance party stayed throughout the entire exercise before finally heading home on Nov. 20.

Approximately 65 members of PSU 309 arrived in Egypt on Oct. 4. After quickly setting up communications and getting the new 25-foot TPSBs in the water, they began area familiarizations. They were

This page top to bottom: Sunset in Dukhayla; A transportable port security boat doing area familiarization drills; Some PSU members pose for photo; Sundown in Dukhayla; Cooks from PSU 309; The interior of one of the sleeping tents.

soon patrolling the bay while the *M/V Hague* was off-loaded with equipment for use by the U.S. Marine Corps during the exercise. PSU 309, which was joined by HDCU 206 and MIUWU 207, both of Jacksonville, Fla., departed Egypt on Oct. 15.

After the off-load and before PSU 305's arrival, the U.S. and other nations demonstrated their military weaponry and maneuvers with live mortar and rocket fire in the desert outside Cairo. Participating in the exercise for the U.S. were Marine troops, Harriers and FA-18s. The troops cross-trained on each other's equipment, conducted joint SAR missions, parachuted together and practiced maneuvers.

"Each country is operating with separate operating procedures, and you've got to put them all together," said Col. Ed Lesnowicz, a U.S. Marine Corps range control officer for *Bright Star*.

Egyptian Armed Forces Gen. Hussein Amin said that the real lesson they all learned was interoperability among all these unified countries.

With the interim part of *Bright Star* completed Nov. 1, it was PSU 305's turn to take center stage. Their two-week deployment began when a 66-person detachment rendezvoused with MIUWU 202 and HDCU 201 on Nov. 4 at Naval Air Station Norfolk and departed for Cairo, Egypt. After arriving in Cairo Nov. 5, the units were processed into the country at the Joint Reception Center, then bused to Port Dukhayla the following day. After unpacking PSU 309's gear, which they had left behind for PSU 305, they too established communications and ran area familiarization rides on the TPSBs for boat crews, Tactical Action Officers (TAO), members of the MIUWU, HDC and host nation officers. PSU 305 coxswains gave familiarization rides to Maj. Gen. Michael T. Gaw, Exercise Director, and members of the Egyptian Naval force assigned to the harbor patrol.

On Nov. 9, the *M/V Hague* was escorted into the harbor at Port Dukhayla by the 44-foot Egyptian patrol boats and PSU 305's TPSBs. While *M/V Hague* was pierside to reload equipment from the exercise, port security operations continued with patrols by Egyptian and U.S. Coast Guard TPSBs. Meanwhile the MIUWU provided around-the-clock visual, thermal and radar surveillance. The TAOs used intelligence provided by the MIUWU to direct the TPSBs to ensure the *Hague* was not subjected to attack from waterside. The operation concluded on Nov. 12, when the fully loaded *Hague* was escorted from the harbor. The U.S. Coast Guard and Egyptian patrol craft crews worked hard to protect the *Hague* while minimizing the interference to commercial traffic in the port.

During their stay, personnel from the PSUs, MIUWU and HDC were given a tour of the pyramids at Gaza by the Egyptians, providing an opportunity for members to socially interact and to experience the Egyptian culture. Troops lived in tent cities in the desert around two Egyptian military bases near Cairo. While the heat wasn't as bad as expected, the flies and mosquitoes were horrendous.

With the *Hague* now underway, the final step was to tear down and pack up tents, communications equipment, and then scrub and trailerize the boats, packing all the gear for shipment to the United States. PSU 305 returned to Norfolk in the early morning hours of Nov. 15 having successfully completed the mission and formed new friendships, while strengthening working relationships with counterparts in the other U.S. and Egyptian naval units.

"During the deployment I observed how quickly the unit came together, how professionally they interacted with the Navy and how modest they were when complimented on their performance," said CDR Carol Rivers, PSU 305's Commanding Officer. "I have said many times, I would be proud to go anywhere with this unit."

Day said he was pleased with the exercise as well, including the equipment handoff to PSU 305. All equipment was returned in excellent shape. Day said the exercise was also successful from several other vantage points including the testing of the Naval Coastal Warfare model for future deployments, the excellent working relationship with the MIUW and HDC, and the full integration of watchstanding in the MIUW and on board the Egyptian patrol boats.

"Camp Mayor and Navy Seabee Commanding Officer CDR Jay Graven and his unit were outstanding in setting up the camp, providing meals, showers, laundry, and services," said Day. "Also, the efforts of the allied forces were notable, especially the Brits who were invaluable in launching and removing our boats."

Lt. Gen. Mike Dodson, deputy commander in chief of U.S. Central Command from MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., said that the thousands of soldiers, sailors and airmen from all these countries made for a historic exercise — the largest one ever.

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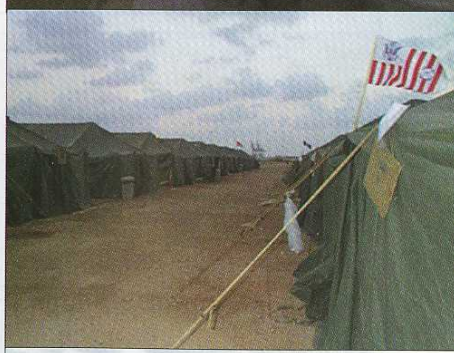


This page top to bottom: PSU 305 TPSB crew at work; BM2 Pam Moore at the helm; A TPSB in action; The Sphinx and pyramids of Eygpt; Main Street Dukhayla; PSU 309 in formation.

Chicago's Beach Sweep '99

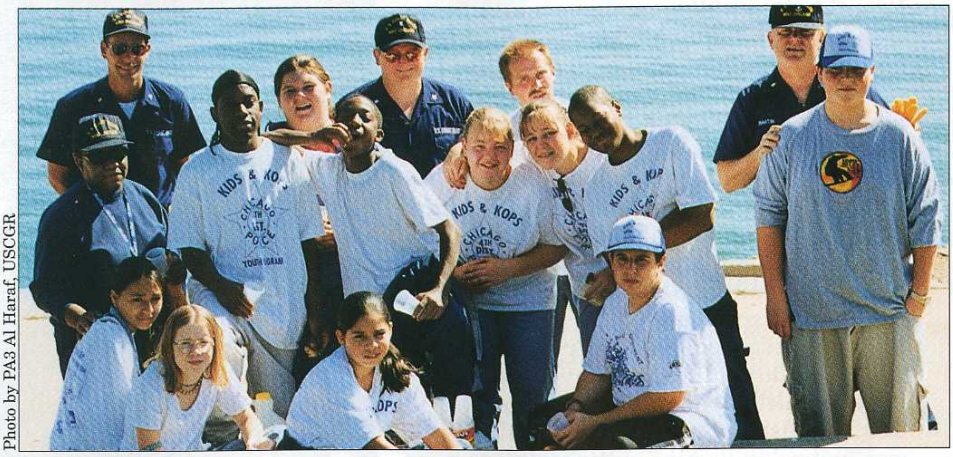


Photo by PA3 Al Haraf, USCGR

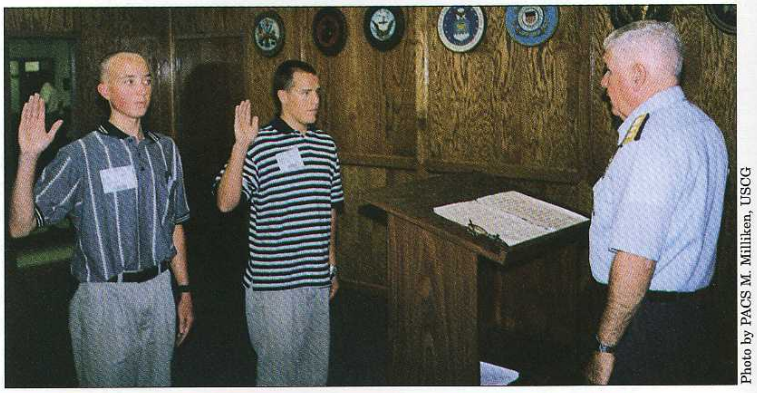
MSO Chicago reservists, back row, left to right, PS3 Brian Martin, MST3 Karl Kuhn and PSC Marty Martin take a photo break with Chicago Police Department's 4th District Police Explorers during International Coastal Cleanup Day. MSO Chicago Coasties were assisted by 185 youth from eight area youth groups, and they picked up over 850 pounds of trash along the beach front in Chicago's Calumet Park on Lake Michigan. The Coastal Cleanup is held each year on the third Saturday in September.

Coast Guard Cutter George Cobb launched

MARINETTE, Wis. — The *CGC George Cobb* (WLM 564) was launched into the Menominee River here Dec. 18. It is the 14th cutter of the Keeper Class of Coastal Buoy Tenders constructed by Marinette Marine Corporation. Sponsor of the new cutter was ***Mrs. Janice Kuykendall***, wife of ***U.S. Rep. Steven T. Kuykendall*** (R-Calif.). *CGC George Cobb's* namesake was the assistant keeper of the Point Bonita Light at the entrance to the Golden Gate and San Francisco Bay. ***Assistant Keeper George Cobb*** received a Silver Life Saving Medal and national recognition after he made a dramatic rescue of three persons on Dec. 26, 1896.

I do solemnly swear...

Retired reservist RADM G. Robert Merrilees, right, administers the Oath of Enlistment to reservists Ryan Smith, left, and Ryan Ingleton, center, at the Military Processing Station in Jacksonville, Fla. Smith and Ingleton, both of Merritt Island, Fla., enlisted under the RK program and are currently drilling at Station Cape Canaveral, Fla.



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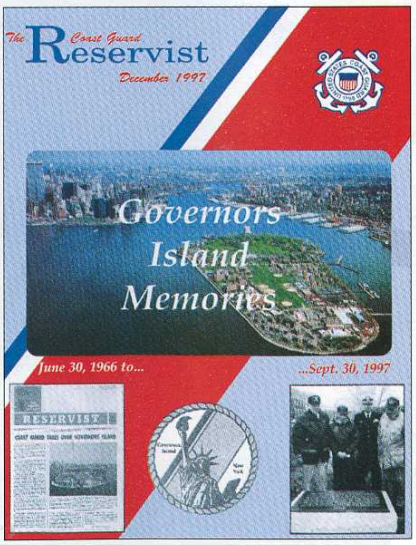

The cover of the December 1997 Reservist Magazine

Governors Island: Future now in-focus

NEW YORK — Since the Coast Guard departed Governors Island on Sept. 30, 1997, the history-rich island's future has been up for grabs.

But no longer, according to an article in the Jan. 2, 2000 issue of *The New York Post*, New York officials have reached an agreement to turn it into a world-class tourist attraction. The agreement still requires ***President Clinton's*** approval, but involves the investment of private and public funds to construct a convention center, hotels, retail-store complex, restaurants, museums, educational and recreational facilities, and an "Eco Center." The plan also calls for open space and park land for public use.

Private investors will spend around $30 million annually to maintain the island. Local, state and federal governments will be involved, with the National Park Service overseeing public visits to the two historic forts located there.

The Coast Guard operated a base on the 172-acre island in New York Harbor from 1966-1997. *The Reservist* featured "Governors Island Memories" in the December 1997 issue (*www.uscg.mil/reserve*, then click on *The Reservist*, 1997 issues).

2000 Reserve Budget

By CDR Carol Rivers, Commandant (G-WTR-3)

Seventy-two million dollars have been appropriated for Reserve Training (RT) for FY2000. While this represents a 4.3 percent increase over the $69 million appropriated in FY1999, it is still $2 million less than the total recieved last year. Some readers may remember the $5 million readiness supplemental in FY1999, making the total appropriation last year $74 million. That crucial $5 million allowed for additional recruiting, training and personal equipment for reservists.

During the past year, the supplemental resources and diligent recruiting efforts have restored the number of Selected Reservists to our full 8,000 authorized strength. However, funds for this year support 7,600. Since 8,000 is considered our minimum strength requirement we are taking all possible action to maintain strength. Needless to say, this will be an austere year. All requests for ADSW-RC will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The same is true for ADT-OTD. ADT-AT waivers, both voluntary and mandated, must be executed for approximately 12 percent (960) of the SELRES.

On a brighter note, berthing for reservists traveling outside a reasonable distance will be maintained at FY1999 level and the 60 drills for expeditionary units will be maintained as long as it is feasible. There is no plan to cut IDT.

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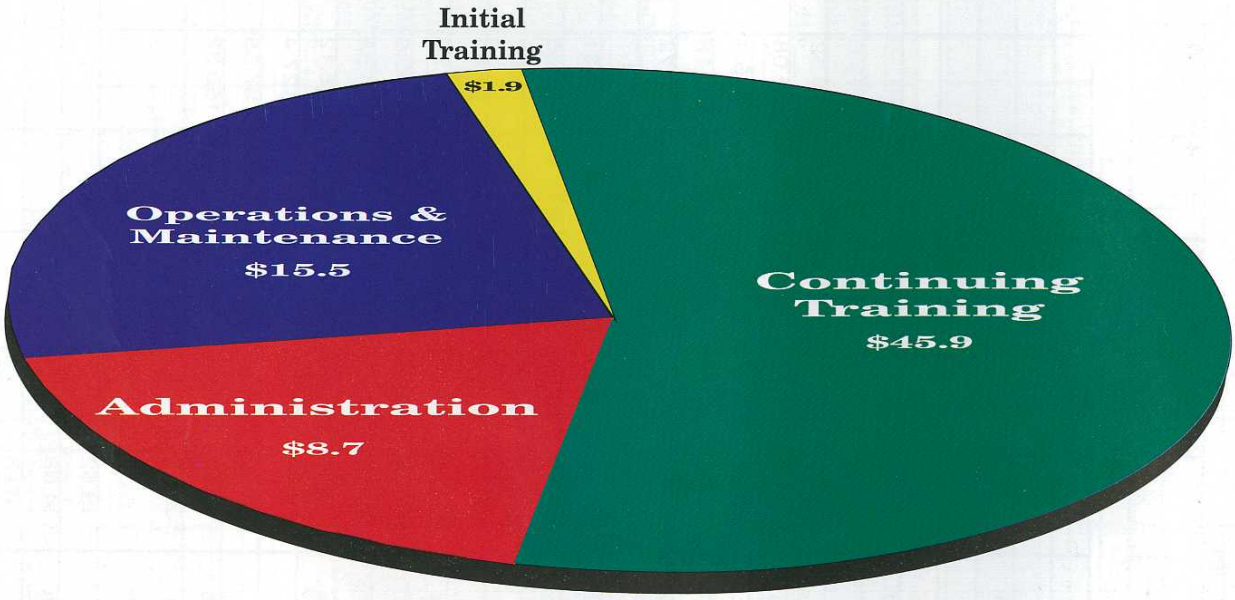

2000 Pay Charts*

Effective January 1, 2000

YEARS OF SERVICE

ENLISTED

PAY GRADE	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
ENLISTED MEMBERS															
E-9							3015.3	3083.4	3152.7	3225.6	3298.2	3361.5	3537.9	3675.6	3882.6
1 drill							100.51	102.78	105.09	107.52	109.94	112.05	117.93	122.52	129.42
4 drills							402.04	411.12	420.36	430.08	439.76	448.2	471.72	490.08	517.68
E-8						2528.4	2601.6	2669.7	2739	2811.6	2875.5	2946.3	3119.4	3258	3467.1
1 drill						84.27	86.72	88.99	91.3	93.72	95.85	98.21	103.98	108.6	115.57
4 drills						337.12	346.88	355.96	365.2	374.88	383.4	392.84	415.92	434.4	462.28
E-7	1765.8	1906.2	1976.1	2045.7	2115.6	2182.8	2252.7	2323.2	2427.9	2496.9	2566.2	2599.5	2774.4	2912.4	3119.4
1 drill	58.86	63.54	65.87	68.19	70.52	72.76	75.09	77.44	80.93	83.23	85.54	86.65	92.48	97.08	103.98
4 drills	235.44	254.16	263.48;	272.76	282.08	291.04	300.36	309.76	323.72	332.72	342.16	346.6	369.6	388.32	415.92
E-6	1518.9	1655.7	1724.4	1797.6	1865.4	1932.6	2003.4	2106.6	2172.9	2242.8	2277	2277	2277	2277	2277
1 drill	50.63	55.19	57.48	59.92	62.18	64.42	66.78	70.22	72.43	74.76	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9
4 drills	202.52	220.76	229.92;	239.68	248.72	257.68	267.12	280.88	289.72	299.04	303.6	303.6	303.6	303.6	303.6
E-5	1332.6	1450.5	1521	1587.3	1691.7	1761	1830	1898.1	1932.6	1932.6	1932.6	1932.6	1932.6	1932.6	1932.6
1 drill	44.42	48.35	50.7	52.91	56.31	58.7	61	63.27	64.42	64.42	64.42	64.42	64.42	64.42	64.42
4 drills	177.68	193.4	202.80;	211.64	225.56	234.8	244	253.08	257.68	257.68	257.68	257.68	257.68	257.68	257.68
E-4	1242.9	1312.8	1390.2	1497.3	1556.7	1556.7	1556.7	1556.7	1556.7	1556.7	1556.7	1556.7	1556.7	1556.7	1556.7
1 drill	41.43	43.76	46.34	49.91	51.89	51.89	51.89	51.89	51.89	51.89	51.89	51.89	51.89	51.89	51.89
4 drills	165.72	175.04	185.36	199.64	207.56	207.56	207.56	207.56	207.56	207.56	207.56	207.56	207.56	207.56	207.56
E-3	1171.5	1235.7	1284.6	1335.9	1335.9	1335.9	1335.9	1335.9	1335.9	1335.9	1335.9	1335.9	1335.9	1335.9	1335.9
1 drill	39.05	41.19	42.82	44.53	44.53	44.53	44.53	44.53	44.53	44.53	44.53	44.53	44.53	44.53	44.53
4 drills	156.2	164.76	171.28	178.12	178.12	178.12	178.12	178.12	178.12	178.12	178.12	178.12	178.12	178.12	178.12
E-2	1127.4	1127.4	1127.4	1127.4	1127.4	1127.4	1127.4	1127.4	1127.4	1127.4	1127.4	1127.4	1127.4	1127.4	1127.4
1 drill	37.58	37.58	37.58	37.58	37.58	37.58	37.58	37.58	37.58	37.58	37.58	37.58	37.58	37.58	37.58
4 drills	150.32	150.32	150.32	150.32	150.32	150.32	150.32	150.32	150.32	150.32	150.32	150.32	150.32	150.32	150.32
E-1 >4 mos of active duty	1005.6														
1 drill	33.52														
4 drills	134.08														
E-1<4 mos of active duty	930.3														
1 drill	31.01														
4 drills	124.04														

** Please Note: These pay charts reflect the 4.8% increase as of Jan. 1, 2000. Top line of each rank is basic monthly pay rate.*

YEARS OF SERVICE

OFFICERS

PAY GRADE	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS															
O-7	5479.5	5851.8	5852	5851.8	6114.6	6114.6	6468.9	6468.90	6792.3	7471.5	7985.4	7985.4	7985.4	7985.4	7985.4
1 drill	182.65	195.06	195.1	195.06	203.82	203.82	215.63	215.63	226.41	249.05	266.18	266.18	266.18	266.18	266.18
4 drills	730.6	780.24	780.2	780.24	815.28	815.28	862.52	862.52	905.64	996.2	1064.72	1064.72	1064.72	1064.7	1064.7
O-6	4061.1	4461.6	4754	4754.4	4754.4	4754.4	4754.4	4754.4	4916.1	5693.1	5983.8	6114.6	6468.9	6687.3	7015.5
1 drill	135.37	148.72	158.5	158.48	158.48	158.48	158.48	158.48	163.87	189.77	199.46	203.82	215.63	222.91	233.85
4 drills	541.48	594.88	633.9	633.92	633.92	633.92	633.92	633.92	655.48	759.08	797.84	815.28	862.52	891.64	935.4
O-5	3248.4	3813.9	4078	4077.9	4077.9	4077.9	4200.3	4427.1	4723.8	5077.5	5368.2	5531.1	5724.6	5724.6	5724.6
1 drill	108.28	127.13	135.9	135.93	135.93	135.93	140.01	147.57	157.46	169.25	178.94	184.37	190.82		
4 drills	433.12	508.52	543.7	543.72	543.72	543.72	560.04	590.28	629.84	677	715.76	737.48	763.28		
O-4	2737.8	3333.9	3556	3556.2	3622.2	3781.8	4040.4	4267.5	4461.6	4658.1	4785.9				
1 drill	91.26	111.13	118.5	118.54	120.74	126.06	134.68	142.25	148.72	155.27	159.53				
4 drills	365.04	444.52	474.2	474.16	482.96	504.24	538.72	569	594.88	621.08	638.12				
O-3	2544	2844.3	3041	3364.8	3525.9	3652.2	3850.2	4040.4	4139.1						
1 drill	84.8	94.81	101.4	112.16	117.53	121.74	128.34	134.68	137.97						
4 drills	339.2	379.24	405.5	448.64	470.12	486.96	513.36	538.72	551.88						
O-2	2218.8	2423.1	2911	3009	3071.1										
1 drill	73.96	80.77	97.03	100.3	102.37										
4 drills	295.84	323.08	388.1	401.2	409.48										
O-1	1926.3	2004.9	2433												
1 drill	64.21	66.83	80.77												
4 drills	256.84	267.32	323.1												
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AS AN ENLISTED MEMBER OR WARRANT OFFICER															
O-3E				3364.8	3525.9	3652.2	3850.2	4040.4	4200.3						
1 drill				112.16	117.53	121.74	128.34	134.68	140.01						
4 drills				448.64	470.12	486.96	513.36	538.72	560.04						
O-2E				3009	3071.1	3168.6	3333.9	3461.4	3556.2						
1 drill				100.3	102.37	105.62	111.13	115.38	118.54						
4 drills				401.2	409.48	422.48	444.52	461.52	474.16						
O-1E				2423.1	2588.4	2683.8	2781.3	2877.6	3009						
1 drill				80.77	86.28	89.46	92.71	95.92	100.3						
4 drills				323.08	345.12	357.84	370.84	383.68	401.2						
WARRANT OFFICERS															
W-5												4423.8	4591.2	4724.1	4923.3
1 drill												147.46	153.04	157.47	164.11
4 drills												589.84	612.16	629.88	656.44
W-4	2592	2781.3	2781	2844.3	2974.2	3105	3235.5	3461.4	3622.2	3749.4	3850.2	3974.1	4107	4235.1	4427.1
1 drill	86.4	92.71	92.71	94.81	99.14	103.5	107.85	115.38	120.74	124.98	128.34	132.47	136.9	141.17	147.57
4 drills	345.6	370.84	370.8	379.24	396.56	414	431.4	461.52	482.96	499.92	513.36	529.88	547.6	564.68	590.28
W-3	2355.9	2555.4	2555	2588.4	2618.7	2810.4	2974.2	3071.1	3168.6	3263.4	3364.8	3495.9	3622.2	3622.2	3749.4
1 drill	78.53	85.18	85.18	86.28	87.29	93.68	99.14	102.37	105.62	108.78	112.16	116.53	120.74	120.74	124.98
4 drills	314.12	340.72	340.7	345.12	349.16	374.72	396.56	409.48	422.48	435.12	448.64	466.12	482.96	482.96	499.92
W-2	2063.4	2232.6	2233	2297.4	2423.1	2555.4	2652.6	2749.8	2844.3	2944.5	3041.1	3136.8	3263.4	3263.4	3263.4
1 drill	68.78	74.42	74.42	76.58	80.77	85.12	88.42	91.66	94.81	98.15	101.37	104.56	108.78	108.78	108.78
4 drills	275.12	297.68	297.7	306.32	323.08	340.72	353.68	366.64	379.24	392.6	405.48	418.24	435.12	435.12	435.12
W-1	1719	1971	1971	2135.7	2232.6	2328	2423.1	2522.7	2618.7	2716.2	2810.4	2910.9	2910.9	2910.9	2910.9
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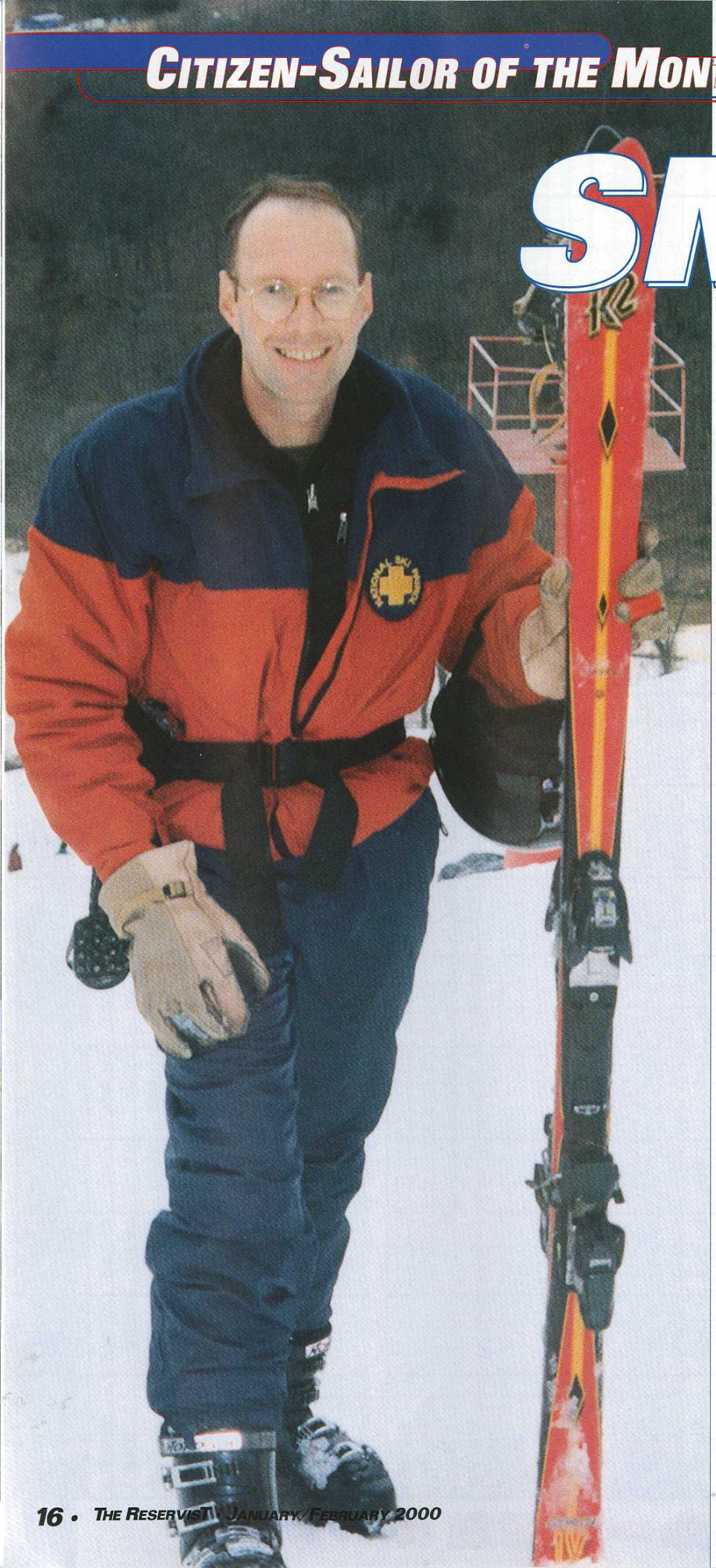


SNOW SAR

On "Ski" Patrol with CDR Steve Ohms

Story by PAC Ed Kruska
Photos by Bob Thompson

When the days grow cold and snowy in Kansas City, it's time for CDR Steve Ohms to go on patrol — no, not with the Coast Guard — but with the ski patrol at Snow Creek Ski & Snowboard Area in Westin, Mo.

Being on Snow Creek's 64-member ski patrol isn't a full-time occupation for Ohms, but it does tie his interests and formal training together into an interesting voluntary avocation.

"I love it, and in many ways it's like the Coast Guard Reserve, especially the type of people that are drawn to ski patrol," said the 42-year-old Ohms, who drills with the Coast Guard element of the Joint Transportation Reserve Unit at USTRANSCOM, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. "Ski patrol members are dedicated to public service and we don't have any couch potatoes...lazy folks need not apply."

Snow Creek is nestled in the Missouri River bluffs about 25 miles north of Kansas City, Mo. Its 360-foot vertical drop has nine intermediate and two

beginner trails serviced by chair lifts and rope tows. It may not be quite like skiing at the other bigger and more well-known national ski resorts, but the demands on the ski patrol are similar.

"The resort gets about 1,000 people per shift and it's open 24-hours per day in season, from mid-December to mid-March," said Ohms.

Ski patrol members rotate amoung three eight-hour shifts. When they first come on duty, the ski patrol sweeps the hills looking for obstacles that need to be marked. Once the hill is opened, they spend time with the public and provide emergency service as needed.

Due to the Kansas City area being located in a relatively moderate climate in terms of winter weather, Ohms says it warms up a lot during the day, but Snow Creek (*www.skipeaks.com*) will usually have between 10-15 feet of snow by the end of January, thanks to advances in snowmaking technology. The wide swings in temperature make for snow conditions that can include knee-deep powder, slush, and bullet-proof ice all in a single day.

Ohms renders assistance to a young skier after an accident.

For Ohms, ski patrol combines many of his varied interests which he's been developing since high school. Back at Twin Falls High School in Idaho during the 1970s, he was interested in the field of medicine. So the summer after graduation, the State of Idaho offered an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course which he completed. During college at the University of Idaho, he took ski lessons and skied in various locations — wherever his fraternity brothers took him, since he didn't have a car at the time. After he earned his degree in architecture in the early 1980s, there wasn't much of a market for architects in the Northwest.

"Since military recruiters usually came to campus before other companies, I thought I would practice my interviewing skills on them," said Ohms. "I chatted with a Coast Guard recruiter but he said he had an offer I couldn't refuse — the direct commission program."

By May 1981, while many of his college peers were unemployed, he was serving on active duty in the Coast Guard at Governors Island, N.Y., and skiing in New York and New England during the winter. Though he has served in the Reserve since 1985, it wasn't until just a few years ago that all these skills came together (except perhaps that architecture degree). While skiing at Snow Creek one weekend in the mid-1990s, he took note of the ski patrol.

"It looked like fun, plus it was an opportunity to do some public service, so I inquired at the first aid room," said Ohms, who is employed by the General Services Administration's Property Management Division in Kansas City.

The ski patrol put him through a one-year training program comprised of two parts. First was the medical portion, almost identical to EMT qualifications but more outdoor oriented. The other half was the practical on-hill ski and skiboard skills that included toboggan handling (for transporting injured skiers).

"Before the on-hill training, I was a very average skier with many bad habits," said Ohms. "Since my affiliation with the patrol, I have really learned how to ski like a professional...and it's so much more fun."

While a few ski patrol members are paid and some work on weekdays, it's strictly voluntary and only a weekend activity for Ohms (when he's not drilling at TRANSCOM). Despite the possibility of serious accidents, Ohms says his three years on patrol have been "pretty routine."

"We haven't had any real unusual cases," said Ohms. "It's been pretty routine which means broken bones and concussions. We see a lot of broken wrists on snow boarders."

His advice to fellow reservists and to other readers who ski: When you start getting tired, take a break, or call it a day.

"On a typical day shift, most accidents happen between two and three in the afternoon," said Ohms. "Usually nothing will happen all day long and then people start getting tired, but keep going. Then we get real busy. There's an infamous ski saying of 'I'll make one last run.' Quit one early and save that one last run for the next day."

Ed's note: You may contact CDR Ohms by e-mail at: OHMS.mail@prodigy.net. Those interested in the National Ski Patrol, the primary training and standards organization for winter SAR in the United States, may want to check out their Web site at: www.nsp.org.

NEW ZEALAND

Story and Photos courtesy of CDR Susan Rogers, USCGR(Ret.)

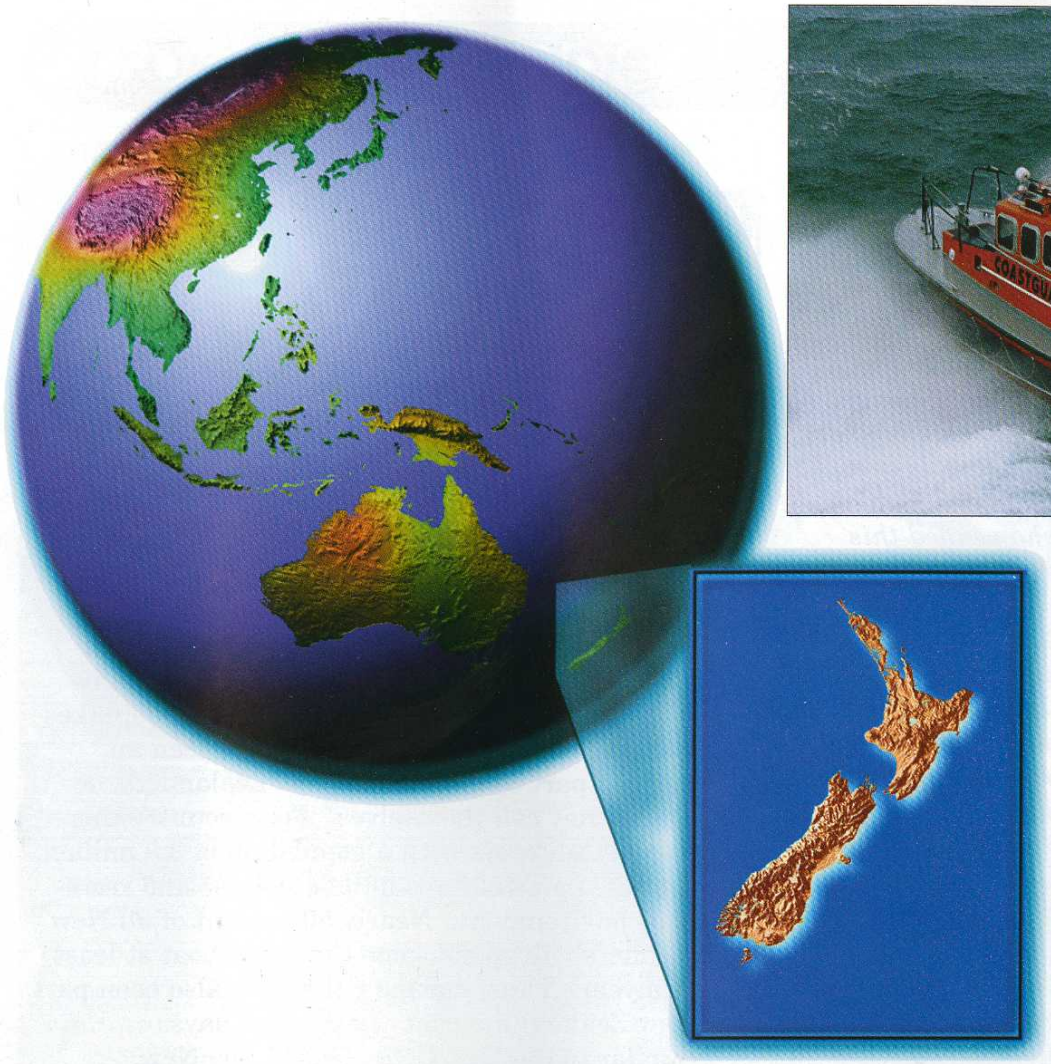
The new millennium brought with it the implementation of a few new ideas here at the Reservist. *One of those ideas is to highlight coast guards from around the world. As you may recall if you watched any of the New Year's Eve hoopla on television, one of the first nations to usher in the new millennium was New Zealand. So we kick-off this year-long series with a look at this island nation's coastguard (spelled as one word in New Zealand). Retired Coast Guard Reservist CDR Susan Rogers, who penned this first article, joined the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve in 1974 and served five years on active duty after graduating from Officer Candidate School in 1979. She also served as a small arms training coordinator, executive officer of a port safety unit, and as commanding officer of the old reserve unit at TRACEN Petaluma. Rogers now lives in Nelson, New Zealand with her husband, CDR John Roosen, USCGR(Ret.), and their three sons, Christopher, Nicholas and Timothy. She has just completed her third book,* Visual Management, *and works in the Emergency Management Field. You may contact her by writing: CDR Susan L. Rogers, USCGR(Ret.), 37 Moncrieff Ave., Nelson, New Zealand. Learn more about the New Zealand Coastguard on their Web site at: www.nzcoastguard.org.nz*

New Zealand has one of the longest and most varied coast lines of any country in the world. The sea, lakes and rivers have always been an important part of the lives of New Zealanders, or Kiwis as they call themselves. For a country the length of California with a population of 3.9 million, the sea is a pivotal force in its economic and recreational environment. Nearly 50 percent of all New Zealanders will spend some time on a boat at least once a year. Thus, marine risks have also been part of New Zealand life from the earliest days.

Similar to the U.S. Coast Guard, the New Zealand Coastguard began as a lifeboat service. In the 1860s, several cities around New Zealand had

CDR Susan Rogers, USCGR(Ret.), left, talks with Harold Mason, Immediate Past National President of the Royal New Zealand Coastguard Federation. Mason spent 20 years as a SAR volunteer, is a life member of the Canterbury and the Nelson Coastguard unit.

Opposite page: Nicholson Rescue, a British Waveney class lifeboat owned and operated by the Mana Volunteer Coastguard, is equivalent to the U.S. Coast Guard's 44 footer.



Above: Sealord Rescue, a 10-Meter Brede Class self-righting ex-Royal National lifeboat, was imported by the Nelson Volunteer Coastguard from the west coast of Scotland. The Prince of Wales attended the naming ceremony in New Zealand.

lifeboats. Canterbury on the South Island had a 33-foot lifeboat with a six-foot beam. At one point, the Canterbury crew rescued 43 passengers from the *City of Perth* and the *Benvue* that were wrecked simultaneously off the Canterbury coast. However, the first permanent rescue service wasn't established until the summer of 1898 at Sumner, Christchurch.

The name Coastguard first appeared in 1937 with the formation of Auckland's Volunteer Coastguard. This group was a voluntary rescue organization run on paramilitary lines (with uniforms and ranks) and was the forerunner of today's program. Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, with 1 million people, is located on the North Island, and is renowned for its many recreational "boaties." It will be the host to America's Cup later this year.

The New Zealand Coastguard Federation was established at a meeting in Taupo on July 31, 1976 by eight Coastguard organizations who met to develop a common approach to SAR. In 1981, Charles, the Prince of Wales toured New Zealand and spent much time with the Coastguard at Sumner, including a turn at the helm of a rescue boat. In 1990, he accepted an invitation from the Federation to recognize the valuable work of the Coastguard by becoming its patron and Her Majesty the Queen granted the title "Royal" on Sept. 17, 1990.

Unlike the United States, the New Zealand Coastguard always was and still is a completely volunteer federation. All of its members perform SAR tasks, stand duty and are on call like reservists in the U.S. Coast Guard. Today, the Royal New Zealand Coastguard Federation represents 54 voluntary Coastguard units spread around the New Zealand coastline and on the major lakes. The organization has approximately 10,000 volunteers who are carpenters, plumbers, accountants, sales people...coming from all walks of life to serve in a volunteer status. Rostered volunteers carry a pager and spend many hours in training for the emergencies they may encounter. Many make their own personal boats available for search and rescue work, similar to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The New Zealand Coastguard has been developed without any direct financial assistance from the government. All funds for the vessels and equipment are raised by individual areas through philanthropic trusts, the New Zealand Lottery Grants

Board, donations, sausage sizzles, and even raffles. In general terms, about 80 percent of all funding for each Coastguard unit has to be raised within each individual community by their own voluntary rescue crews, shore personnel and supporters. Sometimes they receive donated equipment which they put to good use.

Today, the New Zealand Coastguard also performs search and rescue on a 24-hour-a-day basis. Using radar, global positioning satellites (GPS) and radio direction equipment on their 50 rescue vessels and aircraft, they are called out 2,900 times a year on a nationwide basis. The vessels themselves are mostly rugged all-purpose built craft capable of a high-speed rescue up to 12 miles off the coast in any kind of weather. These vessels are supported by a New Zealand-wide network of marine radio stations and Coastguard air patrols.

The Coastguard's nine Regional Air Patrol units are owned and operated by the local aero club but are made available for Coastguard emergency work. Using radio direction finding equipment linked to the Global Positioning System and a laptop computer, a vessel broadcasting a distress signal can be quickly located.

On the water, the Coastguard helps with engine breakdowns, battery failures, sinkings, heart attack victims and accidents. They receive calls from the police to coordinate larger scale rescues. On land, the Coastguard provides a widespread boating safety education program. Over 40,000 New Zealanders have attended such courses as Day Skipper Boatmaster, Coast Skipper and Ocean Yachtmaster. In addition, the Coastguard provides VHF radio operators with instruction on how to use their radios. Some quick statistics on the New Zealand Coastguard show that it answers seven calls for assistance per day while assisting over 12 New Zealanders per day.

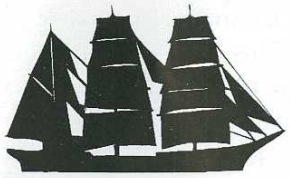
The New Zealand Coastguard is similar to the U.S. Coast Guard in several other ways. They promote safety through encouraging high standards in the manufacturing of boats and boating equipment. They also provide an emergency listening watch, which in the large population areas is a 24-hour service. In the smaller areas, the service operates on weekends and public holidays. Often the Coastguard provides regular weather reports, navigational warnings and marine safety information.

All in all, the New Zealand Coastguard is remarkable for its skill, use of equipment and dedication. They provide a vital community program on a totally volunteer basis. For a small country and a small service, they perform a big mission.

Spirit of Wellington, ***a 12.5-meter RHI high-speed rescue boat operated by the Wellington Volunteer Coastguard.***

IN BRIEF

• **SAIL WITH *EAGLE* IN 2000 —** *CGC Barque Eagle* is slated for two training cruises during the spring and summer of 2000. On board for the first cruise are Officer Candidate School students from March 5-25, followed by the annual cadet cruise from April 24-Sept. 9. Volunteers for both cruises are needed in the following ratings: BM, DC, ET, FN, FS, HS, MK, QM, RD, PA and SN. Additionally, qualified underway deck watch officers (officer or enlisted) are needed. Reserve personnel (male or female) may apply for all or any portion of these deployments with preference given to those who volunteer for longer periods. This year, the cadet cruise will be highlighted by *Eagle's* active participation in OPSAIL 2000 along the East Coast. Interested PACAREA reservists should contact YNCS Harvey at (510) 437-3257, *lharvey@d11.uscg.mil*; LANTAREA reservists should contact CWO Hargrove at (757) 628-4496 or e-mail to *rhargrove@mlca.uscg.mil*.



• **RESERVE CPO ACADEMY CLASSES —** During 2000, there will be two class convenings for the Reserve CPOA at New London, Conn., June 17-29 and July 15-28, 2000. Each class convening has 32 quotas available. Submit your training request early as classes will fill quickly. Point of contact is YNCS Alex Keenan, (202) 267-2441 or e-mail: *akeenan@comdt.uscg.mil*.

• **CIVILIANS WHO SUPPORT RESERVE PROGRAM —** *The Reservist Magazine* would like to spotlight civilians who work for the Coast Guard Reserve program. Some of these civilians also drill as reservists — all the better. But we need your help to pull this off. Send us a 100-200 word article and a photo of your special civilian (busily at work if possible). Deadline is May 10, 2000. Send to Commandant (G-WTR-2), USCG Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20593-0001. ATTN: Civilians for CGR.

• **WWW.SHOPCOASTGUARD.COM** — Now you can shop on-line for some Coast Guard items! The Coast Guard Academy has opened a souvenir Web site featuring Coast Guard, *CGC Eagle* and CG Academy memorabilia. Souvenir shop number is 860-701-6756 and the Web site is, of course: *www.shopcoastguard.com*

• **LEADERSHIP & DIVERSITY WEB SITE:** Can be found at *www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wt/g-wtl/home.htm*

SUMMER STOCK 2000

The 9th District's Summer Stock program is an excellent opportunity for fully qualified boat crew members from throughout the Coast Guard. It's also ideal for students and teachers seeking full-time summer employment. During the summer of 2000, each billet listed is available from May 22 through Sept. 8. Orders are authorized for continuous periods of 60 days or more. Personnel with previous Summer Stock experience are particularly desired and will be placed at the station where they previously served, if possible. Interested personnel should submit a Request for Reserve Orders (CG-3453) via the chain of command to arrive at CCGD9 (osr) as soon as possible, but will be accepted no later than the end of April. Ensure that the following information is listed on your CG-3453:
Station(s) requested, duration in days, servicing PERSRU (very important — they cut your orders), date of last physical, pay base date, number of dependents, qualification codes, point of contact and phone number at your regular drilling unit, your yeoman's name and phone number, your current address, home and work telephone numbers.

NEW YORK
- Alexandria Bay (4)
- Niagara (2)
- Sackets Harbor (1)
- Sodus Point (1)

WISCONSIN
- Bayfield (2)
- Washington Island (5)

MICHIGAN
- Alpena (1)
- Frankfort /Manistee (5)
- Grand Haven (9) (Holland /Muskegon)
- Harbor Beach (4)
- Ludington (2)
- Marquette (5)
- St. Joseph (1)

Please identify the ISC/PERSRU where the Summer Stock yeoman should address messages to request preparation of orders. Summer Stock point of contact is YN2 Patricia Feeney, D9 (osr) at (216) 902-6116. E-mail: *pfeeney@d9.uscg.mil.* Advance copies of CG-3453 are encouraged and may be faxed to the Summer Stock Yeoman at (216) 902-6121.

PS ADVANCEMENT PROCESS FOR 2000

The Port Security Specialist (PS) Performance Qualifications (11/98), issued Feb. 2, 1999, will be used for the October 2000 Service Wide Exam (SWE). These are outlined in Enclosure (7) of COMDTINST 1223.1. The questions that will be asked for the PS rating SWE are currently being prepared by Yorktown's training staff.

Currently, there are no correspondence courses available and the requirement for completion will be waived, as stated in Enclosure (7). Correspondence courses will be developed once the needs are determined. However, MCPO Ed Rondomanski, who is serving as the Subject Matter Expert for the PS rating, is currently working on developing a study guide for PS1, PS2 and PS3. The intent is to have them distributed to the members for use in time to study for the SWE.

Most of the references used for the performance qualifications are from Coast Guard documents, which means they should be available to the units. Rondomanski is working on obtaining a Marine Battle Skill Handbook. The Enlisted Qualifications Manual does make a provision for the waiver of performance qualifications that cannot be reasonably performed at your local command. Also, Enclosure (7) stipulated that members will not be required to complete the lower pay grade performance qualifications on the PS Performance Qualifications (11/98). However, be aware that the SWEs will be based on all of the perfor-

Upcoming Events

MARCH 2000

• **COMMANDANT'S STATE OF COAST GUARD ADDRESS** — Tuesday, March 7, Andrews Air Force Base, Officers' Club, 11 a.m. For info and tickets contact: LT Kevin Brown, Commandant (G-WTR-1), 202-267-0564 or e-mail: *kmbrown@comdt.uscg.mil*.

• **CAPT DOROTHY STRATTON'S 101ST BIRTHDAY** — The first Director of the CG SPARs (Women's Reserve) will celebrate her 101st birthday on March 24, 2000 — the third century she's lived in! Born in 1899, CAPT Stratton was featured on the cover of the March 1999 *Reservist* when she turned 100! To ensure privacy, please send birthday greetings to: CAPT Jeanne Gleason, USCGR(Ret.), 5405 Connecticut Ave. NW, Apt. C, Washington, DC 20015. ATTN: CAPT Dorothy Stratton. CAPT Gleason will forward all cards to CAPT Stratton.

• **MUNRO HALL DEDICATION** — The newly renovated Munro Hall at the CG Academy will be dedicated Friday, March 31 in New London, Conn. Contact CWO S. Schultz, *sschultz@cga.uscg.mil*. 860-444-6715.

APRIL 2000

• **CHIEF WARRANT OFFICERS ASSOC. ANNUAL MEETING** — April 7-8, at RTC Yorktown, Va. Contact: CWO4 Bob Lewis, USCG(Ret.), CWOA, c/o James Creek Marina, 200 V St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20024. 1-800-792-8447 or 202-554-7753. E-mail: *cwoauscg@aol.com*.

MAY 2000

• **ANNUAL CG INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** — May 31-June 3, at Grandover Resort, Greensboro, N.C. Open to active, reserve, retired, civilian personnel in the USCG, and their dependents. Reservations first come, first served and must be received by March 15. Contact Dr. Mike Parnarouskis (*mparnarouskis@comdt.uscg.mil*), 202-267-0086 or CAPT John Gentile (*jgentile@comdt.uscg.mil*), 202-267-1150.

JUNE 2000

• **TOM'S RUN II** — Team Coast Guard is invited to participate in Tom's Run II set for June 9-10. The relay is held annually to raise awareness of and funds for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's Disease) and is named in honor of retired Coast Guardsman CWO4 Tom Brooks. Participants run and/or bike 190-miles along the historic C&O Canal from Cumberland, Md. to Fort McNair Army Base (next to CG Headquarters). Coordinated by the Office of Reserve Affairs (G-WTR) and sponsored by the Chief Warrant Officers Association Washington, D.C. Chapter, the event was featured in the August 1999 *Reservist (www.uscg.mil/reserve)* and is also on Brooks' Web site at *www.tlbrooks.com/tom.htm*. To register, donate or for more info, contact LT Daryl Schaffer, 202-267-0569 or e-mail: *tomsrun@hotmail.com*.

Reserve OER Schedule

This is an important reminder for Reserve officers concerning year 2000 Officer Evaluation Report (OER) submissions by the Reserve Officer Evaluation System Manager at CGPC-rpm. Previous messages on the subject have stated that Reserve commanders, lieutenant commanders, lieutenants, and chief warrant officers are on a biennial OER submission schedule ***due on even numbered years.*** All others are on an annual submission schedule. That means all Reserve officers will be submitting an OER this year and the volume of paper flowing through the validation process will increase tremendously.

While those at CGPC-rpm will make every attempt to provide validated copies of the OERs to the reported-on officers within 45 days of receipt of the OER, they need all persons in the OER process to submit their respective OER parts in a timely fashion. The reference chart published at right is for active duty (ADPL) and Reserve (IDPL) OER submissions. Please note that reservist's biennial (on even numbered years) or annual OERs are due on the last day of the month listed for your grade.

The following messages should be used in conjunction with the general guidance in the PERSMAN, Chapter 10 on how to write OERs and the listing of the individual's responsibilities: ALCGRSV 001/98, ALCGRSV 004/98, ALDIST 060/99, ALCGPERSCOM 029/99, ALCGRSV 003/99, ALCGRSV 030/99.

GRADE	ADPL	IDPL
Captain	April	April (annual)
Commander	March	March (biennial)
Lt. Commander	April	April (biennial)
Lieutenant	May	May (biennial)
LTjg	July& Jan	July (annual)
Ensign	Mar& Sept	March (annual)
CWO4	April	April (biennial)
CWO3	July	July (biennial)
CWO2	June	June (biennial)

Readers are strongly encouraged to see the unabridged version of this article which includes a submission timeline on the Reserve web site under the January/February 2000 issue of *The Reservist (www.uscg.mil/reserve)*. Also, keep reviewing all message traffic via the Web site including ALCGRSV messages to stay abreast of what's happening in the Reserve.

mance qualifications and references, i.e., you will need to know all the material although you don't have to get the qualifications below the testing pay grade signed off.

While this situation is far from ideal, the Coast Guard wants to ensure that advancement opportunities are there for members of the PS rating and is working to put together an interim training process, using the study guides to assist in preparing for the SWE. The performance qualifications have been on-line and available since Feb. 2, 1999 and contain the complete listing of references used, most of which are available and should be used in studying for the SWE. To find these on-line, go to the Master Chief of the Coast Guard's Web site at: *www.uscg.mil/hq/mcpocg/default.htm* under Force Manager Notes.

More detailed SWE PS information can be obtained by contacting MCPO Rondomanski (phone: 757-898-2101, e-mail: *erondomanski@rtc.uscg.mil*) and/or Larry Conley (phone: 757-898-2183, e-mail: *lconley@rtc.uscg.mil*), Chief of the Non-Resident Courses and Testing Branch at Yorktown. For PS rating questions, contact the PS Rating Manager, MCPO Al Hayes, at 503-588-7423 or e-mail: *ahayes@comdt.uscg.mil*.

— PSCM Hayes, PS Rating Manager

EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2000

BOATSWAIN'S MATE (BM)

BMCM:	1 KELLEY R.F.	STA PONCE DE LEON I
	2 LAUER R.J.	STA PORTLAND
BMCS:	1. APPICELLI J.M.	RESTRACEN YORKTOWN
	2. OSULLIVAN E.J.	MSO LA/LONG BEACH
BMC:	1 HEBERT J.E.	STA (SM) MERRIMAC RIVER
	2 ALLGAIER M.T.	STA GOLDEN GATE
BM1:	1 HETHERINGTON J.D.	ACT BALTIMORE
	2 HILL C.P.	MSO PUGET SOUND
	3 FERGUSON R.M.	STA PONCE DE LEON I
	4 LUX W.M.	MSO PHILADELPHIA
	5 SOMERS E.E.	CGC CHOKEBERRY
	6 SUMMERS J.C.	STA BRUNSWICK
	7 FRIPP R.J.	STA TYBEE
	8 COLLINS G.N.	MSO ST LOUIS
	9 ADAMS T.E.	STA CORTEZ
	10 PEELISH S.J.	MSO HUNTINGTON
BM2:	1 BABB B.A.	MSO LOUISVILLE
	2 FITZPATRICK K.R.	STA MANASQUAN INLET
	3 BRAY B.P.	STA ELIZABETH CITY
	4 ABITZ C.A.	CGC SWEETGUM
	5 SEYLER C.K.	STA GALVESTON
	6 HENSEL R.P.	STA PORT CANAVERAL
	7 KEOUGH P.F.	MSO HOU. -GALVESTON
	8 KECK B.F.	STA PORT CANAVERAL
	9 ARNDT S.P.	STA PORT ARANSAS
	10 WINSTEAD A.W.	PSU 305, FORT EUSTIS
BM3:	1 RASELY J.A.	PSU 313, TACOMA
	2 OLMO L.F.	STA JONES BEACH NY

DAMAGE CONTROLMAN (DC)

DC1:	1 SMITH L.G.	CGC OUACHITA
	2 BROWN M.A.	GROUPP SAN DIEGO
	3 GOREY N.M.	CGC PENOBSCOT BAY
	4 GARAY M.L.	PAC STRIKE TEAM
	5 DILWORTH D.C.	MSO HOU.-GALVESTON
	6 VARONE F.J.	CGC ADAK
	7 DIGIROLAMO J.E.	ANT BOSTON
	8 FITZPATRICK E.J.	GP/AIRSTA ATLANTIC
	9 RYAN P.T.	PSU 311 — LONG BEACH
DC2:	1 PARR T.K.	ISC ST LOUIS
	2 GOHIER J.C.	GULF STRIKE TEAM
	3 CHAPMAN P.W.	GROUP HUMBOLDT BAY
	4 KIMBERLING R.E.	MSD EUREKA
	5 ROBY N.E.	MSO CHICAGO
	6 CALLAHAN C.R.	GROUP SAN DIEGO
	7 SPADACCINI M.A.	STA OCEAN CITY
	8 STOCKWELL S.M.	NESU SEATTLE
	9 ALLEN J.H.	GROUP HAMPTON ROADS

ELECTRICIAN'S MATE (EM)

EM1:	1 SCHNEIDER T.P.	PSU 313 — TACOMA
	2 DEMELLOLYNN D.M.	MSO MEMPHIS
EM2:	1 GNAGY S.L.	ISC SAN PEDRO
	2 HEPNER G.B.	ESD SAN PEDRO

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (ET)

ETC:	1 TUCKER S.P.	ESD SAN DIEGO
	2 PLATIS C.V.	ESD BALTIMORE
ET1:	1 MCCLAIN L.S.	ESU SEATTLE
	2 HAYNES J.L.	LORSTA JUPITER

FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST (FS)

FS1:	1 REED R.E.	STA GOLDEN GATE
	2 LINEBARGER D.W.	PSU 308 — GULFPORT
	3 MCANDREW J.H.	STA PORT CANAVERAL
	4 TANK J.	STA PORT CANAVERAL
	5 MANALUS A.R.	STA BOOTHBAY HARBOR
	6 COHEN C.	CGC VIGOROUS
	7 TULLY M.K.	ISC SEATTLE
FS2:	1 HAHN R.S.	STA CHETCO RIVER

GUNNER'S MATE (GM)

GMC:	1 FREE T.J.	GROUP ST PETERSBURG
	2 GEIL M.E.	ACT NEW YORK
	3 WIGGINS A.A.	STA PORT CANAVERAL
GM1:	1 MERRILL S.A.	GROUP PORTLAND
	2 MORENCY C.P.	CGC MARCUS HANNA
	3 OLSEN J.J.	ACT NEW YORK

HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIAN (HS)

HSC:	1 BARNES K.M.	SUPRTCEN ELIZ. CITY
HS2:	1 SCHELL M.D.	MSO PORTLAND
	2 WILLIS L.E.	ISC NOLA
	3 LEWIS G.M.	ISC BOSTON

INVESTIGATOR (IV)

IVCS:	1 DAVIS C.W.	CGIS GULF REGION
IVC:	1 NEARY T.P.	CGIS NORTHEAST REGION
	2 HART J.A.	CGIS GULF REGION
IV1:	1 DAGOSTINO R.R.	CGIS NORTHEAST REGION
IV2:	1 DIXON M.H.	CGIS NORTHEAST REGION
	2 MCNAMEE S.T.	CGIS NORTHEAST REGION
	3 CHAMBERLAIN W.L.	CGIS CENTRAL REGION
	4 MCBRIDE K.J.	CGIS NORTHEAST REGION
	5 CYR J.R.	MSO ANCHORAGE

MACHINERY TECHNICIAN (MK)

MKCM:	1 PASCO G.F.	NESU HONOLULU
MKCS:	1 BRICE T.A.	PSU 311 — LONG BEACH
	2 STAINBROOK M.D.	STA KENOSHA
MKC:	1 COTE R.O.	STA WOODS HOLE
	2 BALL B.G.	STA PORT CANAVERAL
	3 CAMERON P.D.	STA LAKE TAHOE
	4 SCHRAMM R.L.	STA PORTLAND
MK1:	1 KING R.B.	STA BELLINGHAM
	2 EVANS S.J.	STA SOUTH PORTLAND
	3 VEISS D.A.	STA PORT ARANSAS
	4 RIZZI J.M.	PAC STRIKE TEAM
	5 JERVIS S.R.	STA GOLDEN GATE
	6 FOSHAY I.W.	NESU HONOLULU
	7 BERRY M.W.	MSO ST LOUIS
	8 COONER R.G.	GULF STRIKE TEAM
	9 PETERS T.H.	CEU OAKLAND
	10 POST S.G.	CGC HAWKSBILL
	11 KEATING D.L.	ISC MIAMI BEACH
	12 MURPHY R.E.	STA SHINNECOCK
	13 CALLANAN M.J.	STA MANASQUAN INLET
MK2:	1 GLINTENKAMP G.G.	PSU 311 — LONG BEACH
	2 HAYWARD S.	MSO MEMPHIS
	3 RYAN B.P.	STA POINT ALLERTON
	4 STITT J.	MSO MEMPHIS
	5 BLACKFORD M.C.	STA NEW ORLEANS
	6 SUTTON M.D.	GROUP HAMPTON ROADS
MK3:	1 MCSWEENEY D.O.	LORSTA LAS CRUCES
	2 CONNORS W.W.	STA SABINE
	3 BEARCE R.D.	STA ATLANTIC CITY
	4 BATTAGLIA J.	STA SHINNECOCK

MARINE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN (MST)

MSTCM:	1 HOLLOWELL K.W.	MSO PADUCAH
	2 DEUTSCH V.A.	MSO MIAMI
MSTCS:	1 WEIER G.G.	MSO SAN FRANCISCO
	2 JONES S.C.	MSO SAN DIEGO
MSTC:	1 PASQUA R.J.	MSO MORGAN CITY
	2 ROLL N.E.	MSO PUGET SOUND
	3 CHASTAIN D.A.	MSO LOS ANGELES/LON
	4 MCKENNA J.T.	MSO PHILADELPHIA
	5 DURDEN S.E.	MSO PUGET SOUND
	6 MANTHEI M.P.	ACT NEW YORK
	7 BLEDSOE K.D.	MSO PITTSBURGH
	8 WRIGHT T.D.	MSO PADUCAH
	9 COLLINS R.A.	MSO PUGET SOUND
	10 THOMPSON K.A.	MSO HONOLULU
MST1:	1 HAUG T.W.	MSO LOS ANGELES
	2 CAMBRE H.P.	MSD BATON ROUGE-SUP
	3 COWLES S.A.	MSO TAMPA
	4 BEARD D.L.	MSO LOUISVILLE
	5 MCNAMARA W.G.	MSO BOSTON

	6	POTT G.E.	MSO PORTLAND
	7	ANDRADE J.W.	MSO PROVIDENCE
	8	TOROK E.	MSO PUGET SOUND
	9	REA M.S.	MSO SAN FRANCISCO
	10	HUESTON H.B.	MSO PADUCAH
	11	BARFIELD M.H.	MSO MIAMI
	12	BLANCHARD W.D.	MSO MOBILE
	13	DAVIDSON C.	ACT NEW YORK
	14	MORAN C.K.	MSD CONCORD
	15	SPLIDSBOEL A.C.	MSO PUGET SOUND
	16	BENNETT W.V.	MSO LOS ANGELES
	17	HARBOUR W.T.	MSO MOBILE
	18	BASINGER S.F.	MSO HOUSTON-GALVEST
	19	DIXON R.K.	MSO PORTLAND
	20	RUGGIERO R.T.	GROUP/MSO LONG ISLAND
MST2:	1	SHORES D.K.	MSO JACKSONVILLE
	2	KOCHANSKI E.G.	MSO WILMINGTON
	3	ROBERTSON M.S.	COMMANDANT
	4	LAMAR J.W.	MSO CHICAGO

PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST (PA)

PA1:	1	ZUBRICKI Z.A.	CGD NINE
PA2:	1	REINHART C.C.	CGD NINE
	2	OBRIEN L.M.	CGD ONE

PORT SECURITYMAN (PS)

PSCM:	1	VERHAEG J.	PSU 305 — FORT EUSTIS
	2	FRANZ D.G.	CG YARD
PSCS:	1	SHERRILL G.W.	PSU 313 — TACOMA
	2	ALOISIO S.	STA NEW YORK
	3	MOULTON T.L.	MSO BOSTON
	4	CANNON J.E.	MSO NEW ORLEANS
PSC:	1	CAVALUZZI R.J.	ACT NEW YORK
	2	MIHALIK J.J.	PORT SECURITY UNIT
	3	FUHS G.G.	RUITOFF HOUSTON
	4	BLATCHLEY B.	GROUP/MSO LONG ISLAND
	5	TOMELLINI M.J.	MSFO CAPE COD
	6	CATE M.H.	PACAREA ARMORY SEAT
	7	GORMAN F.E.	ACT NEW YORK
	8	WAGLE B.J.	MSO HUNTINGTON
	9	HOLMES M.D.	MSD CONCORD
	10	WOLFF W.F.	PORT SECURITY UNIT
	11	DORRY T.A.	GROUP/MSO LONG ISLAND
	12	HODGSON R.L.	MSO PROVIDENCE
PS1:	1	WRIGHT R.B.	ACT BALTIMORE
	2	GOUGH M.L.	PSU 305 — FORT EUSTIS
	3	HALUSEK W.	MSO LOUISVILLE
	4	TREFNEY C.R.	MSO PHILADELPHIA
	5	FRANK M.J.	CG YARD
	6	HOUGHTON R.E.	MSO SAVANNAH
	7	JOHNSON S.L.	MSO CORPUS CHRISTI
	8	MURPHY D.R.	MSO LOS ANGELES
	9	HUGHES T.W.	GROUP/MSO LONG ISLAND
	10	CARPENTER B.R.	ACT NEW YORK
	11	DAMATO G.R.	ACT NEW YORK
	12	MCLOUGHLIN R.G.	ACT NEW YORK
	13	DEROUSSEAU B.I.	CGRU HDCU 111
	14	WILDERMUTH S.P.	PSU 311 — LONG BEACH
PS2:	1	MILKIEWICZ J.M.	PSU 305 — FORT EUSTIS
	2	MILLER M.J.	STA PORTLAND
	3	JOHNSON K.R.	MSO JACKSONVILLE
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	5	WINE J.D.	MSO SAVANNAH
	6	BLACK R.D.	ACT NEW YORK
	7	MISIEWICZ D.S.	PSU 311 — LONG BEACH
	8	BARTON B..C.	ISC ST LOUIS
PS3:	1	HEBERT H.A.	MSD BATON ROUGE
	2	FORD P.H.	MSO NEW ORLEANS

QUARTERMASTER (QM)

QMC:	1	DEAL J.P.	CGC HAMMERHEAD
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QM2:	1	REILLY G.W.	PSU 313
	2	RICHARDSON T.V.	CGC GALVESTON ISLAND

STOREKEEPER (SK)

SK2:	1	REIN W.A.	GROUP OHIO VALLEY
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	4	ANDREWS J.M.	GULF STRIKE TEAM
	5	AMMON M.L.	GROUP ST PETERSBURG
	6	LUTZ J.L.	ACT NEW YORK
	7	COTTEN F.J.	GROUP SW HARBOR
	8	SUMRALL T.W.	GROUP FORT MACON
	9	BOLDEN I.J.	GROUP NEW ORLEANS

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TC1:	1	CAMPBELL E.R.	GROUP MILWAUKEE
	2	BEIER B.L.	MSO PORTLAND
	3	WINNINGHAM C.L.	GROUP MAYPORT
	4	KING J.D.	PSU 305 — FORT EUSTIS
TC2:	1	NEEDLE S.M.	MSO LA/LONG BEACH
	2	HOPKINS S.L.	COMMSTA KODIAK
	3	TORRES J.C.	MSO PORT ARTHUR
	4	ODONNELL P.G.	CGRU HDCU 201
	5	JARVI N.W.	CGRU HDCU 201

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	3	CLUTTER J.A.	ISC CLEVELAND
	4	OSHAUGHNESSY S.P.	MSO SAN DIEGO
	5	DAY C.W.	HRSIC
	6	HRENKO G.J.	MSO CLEVELAND
	7	VEON W.R.	MSO LA/LONG BEACH
	8	CORNWELL R.D.	HRSIC
	9	NIXON R.A.	MSO HOUS.-GALVESTON
	10	WHITE D.D.	MSO SAVANNAH
	11	HAGLER J.H.	FORT MACON
	12	HAYS C.M.	GROUP ST PETERSBURG
	13	HAYES A.J.	GROUP MOBILE
	14	BERMAN F.A.	GROUP/AIRSTA ATLANTIC
	15	HAYSLETT R.L.	ISC SAN PEDRO
	16	RUFFER P.M.	GROUP MOBILE
	17	HOWARD T.S.	MSO PORTLAND
	18	MCCARTHY T.J.	GROUP FORT MACON
	19	NILSEN G.A.	GROUP SAN FRANCISCO
	20	SPECK S.M.	ISC ALAMEDA
	21	FINK A.M.	AIRSTA TRAVERSE CITY
YN2:	1	BARELA L.R.	MSO TAMPA
	2	BIRCHFIELD M.R.	ISC SEATTLE
	3	SANTINI M.A.	STA OCEAN CITY
	4	LASWELL L.D.	GROUP LOWER MISS.
	5	HULL J.L.	ISC ST LOUIS
	6	BERGERON M.G.	MSO PORT ARTHUR
	7	HOTOP C.D.	GROUP ST PETERSBURG
	8	WILLIAMS D.J.	MSO LOUISVILLE
	9	SIMPSON M.A.	ISC MIAMI BEACH
	10	PASTORIZA K.E.	GANTSEC
	11	CHAVEZ S.J.	ISC SAN PEDRO
	12	SNYDER C.M.	ISC NOLA
	13	HARRIS T.L.	PSU 308 — GULFPORT
	14	DONEY T.P.	ISC SAN PEDRO
	15	WARD S.C.	PORT SECURITY UNIT
	16	BUTTON D.A.	MSO BUFFALO
	17	RODGERS M.A.	GROUP ST PETERSBURG
	18	MELVILLE P.E.	ISC PORTSMOUTH
	19	WARNER S.C.	GROUP/MSO LONG ISLAND
	20	REICHLER M.L.	STA PENSACOLA
	21	MACK D.L.	GROUP NEW ORLEANS
	22	CASKEY H.J.	ISC ST LOUIS
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	25	LEACH J.N.	GROUP/MSO LONG ISLAND

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"GUEST COLUMNIST"

GREETINGS FROM THE 9TH DISTRICT

Ed's note: In the November 1999 issue, The Reservist began a new tradition of publishing an article every other month by Reserve Command Master Chiefs from throughout the Coast Guard. MCPO Ray Borchert, who penned this month's column, can be reached at 2373 Greenwald St., Green Bay, WI 54301. Phone: 920-432-7568. E-mail: d9rcmcuscg@gbonline.com.

Greetings from the 9th Coast Guard District! I suspect that most folks would be surprised by the vastness of the Great Lakes region, and the immense presence that the Coast Guard provides as well. For example, the total area of the Great Lakes is more than 94,000 square miles. The lakes contain six quadrillion gallons of fresh water — one-fifth of Earth's fresh surface water. The Great Lakes shoreline (United States and Canada) totals 10,900 miles, which equals almost 44 percent of Earth's circumference.

This large area, saturated with pleasure boating and commercial traffic, requires a large Coast Guard presence. The 9th District has five groups, 47 stations, eight aids to navigation teams, eight marine safety offices, three marine safety detachments, two air stations, one air facility, 10 cutters, and one port security unit. Due to this large number of units and a heavy workload, reservists are often requested to provide some relief. Nevertheless, the 9th District has only 772 RPAL billets, the sixth largest Reserve district.

A 9th District program that helps staff some of these units is available to reservists throughout the Coast Guard. Summer Stock began in 1973 with three stations which had been underutilized and closed, only to be reopened as Summer Stock stations: Harbor Beach, Mich., Manistee, Mich., and Plum Island, Wis. Station Niagara, N.Y. was added during the summer of 1980.

Now, a total of 16 stations are staffed by Summer Stock reservists. These stations are in beautiful locations and provide terrific opportunities. This added training and continued exposure to the Coast Guard is a great way to further your career. Imagine spending your summer or a portion of it serving in a beautiful location with excellent midwest summer weather, not to mention the pay check. Last year, we had 55 reservists provide 4,134 work days or 11.33 work years to 14 stations within the 9th District. These stations were involved in 1,262 cases and saved 45 lives.

As I visited units within Group Grand Haven last summer, I talked to quite a few satisfied Summer Stock reservists. One in particular that comes to mind is ***BMC Tom Rau***, filling the billet of Officer in Charge at Station Muskegon, Mich. His optimistic attitude and squared away station is just one of many positive examples of *Team Coast Guard* in action. For more information on the upcoming Summer Stock season, contact ***YN2 Tricia Feeney*** at 216-902-6116 (see page 22).

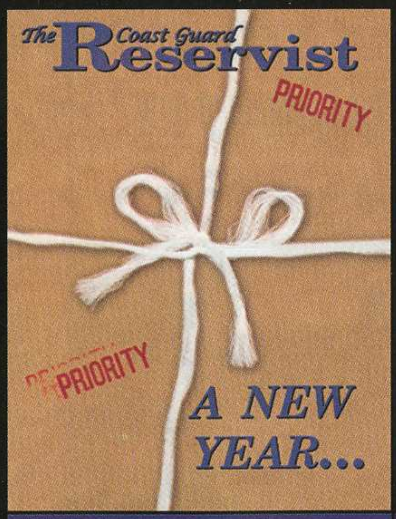
The 9th District is also home of *Coast Guard City USA,* Grand Haven, Mich., officially named in 1999 by an Act of Congress. The city hosts a week-long festival each year over Coast Guard Day. The entire city comes alive with a carnival, picnics, parades, a CG softball tournament, several CG cutter open houses, nightly entertainment, including the world's largest musical fountain and grand finale fireworks. Since I was stationed at the old Coast Guard station in Grand Haven from 1973-75, it is a little more special for me to go back and visit old friends. Dates for this year's Festival are July 28-Aug. 6 and the Web site is *www.grandhaven.com/ghcgfest.*

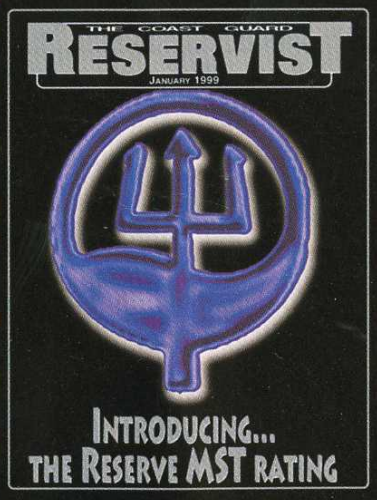
Now, I'd like to turn your attention from the 9th District to a bit of Coast Guard history and how you can get involved. During the Command Master Chiefs conference in Washington, D.C. last September, we visited Arlington National Cemetery. One memorial we visited was the *CGC Tampa*, sunk in the North Atlantic by a German U-boat with all 111 hands on board. I also located the grave site of ***ADM Russell Waesche***, Coast Guard Commandant from 1936-46. This is a name very familiar to me since my dad mentioned it many times while serving on board the Patrol Frigate *USS Muskogee* during World War II. A visit to Arlington will certainly stir many emotions as you look at the sea of grave markers and realize that all of these individuals sacrificed, some immeasurably, for this great country of ours. And it certainly reminds us that "freedom is not free."

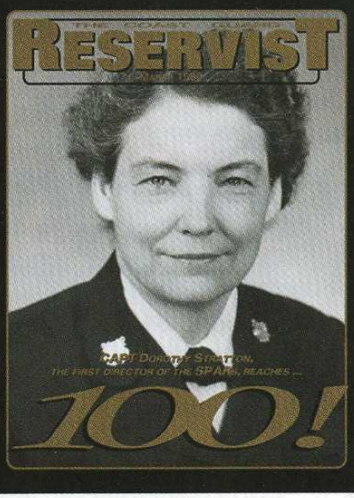
Just outside the entrance to the cemetery is the newly constructed Women in Military Service for America Memorial. This memorial honors ever American servicewoman past, present and yet to serve. Our Coast Guard women are very well represented. In fact, I looked up my wife Karen's name in the computerized register, and there was her career history just as submitted about a year ago (she served as a reservist and is currently in the IRR). I would encourage all of you servicewomen to register yourself. For more information, call 1-800-222-2294 or check the WIMSA Web site at *www.womensmemorial.org*

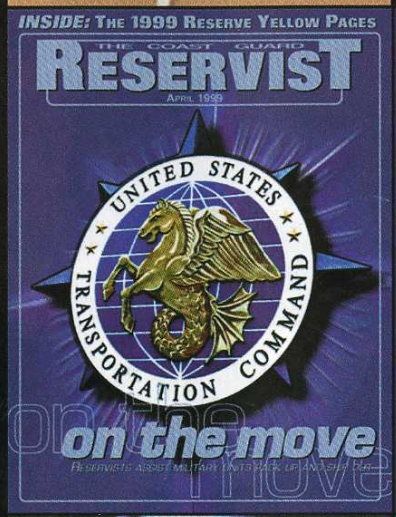
I wish each of you much health, happiness and prosperity as we venture into this historic year of 2000.

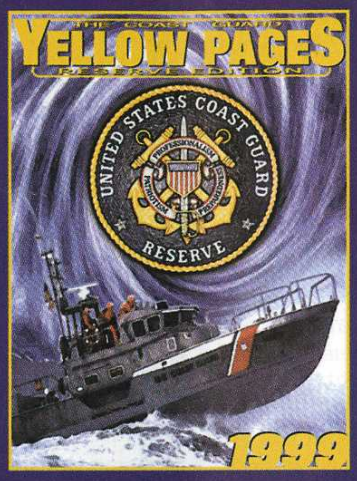
By MCPO Ray A. Borchert, USCGR
Reserve Command Master Chief, Ninth District

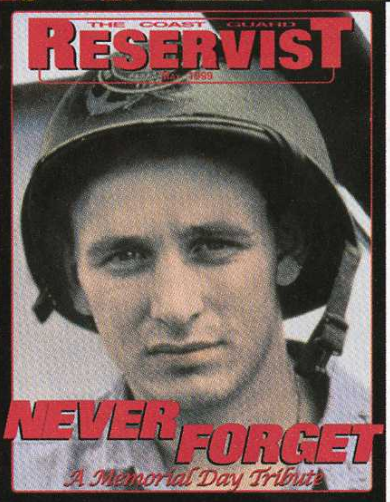


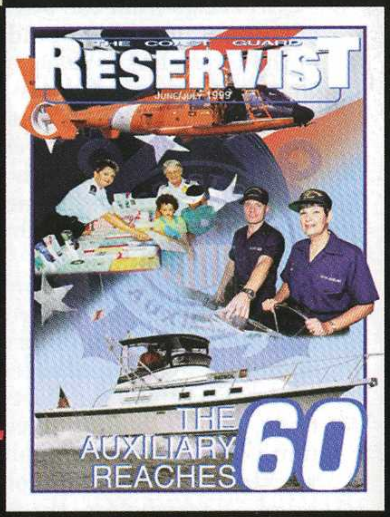


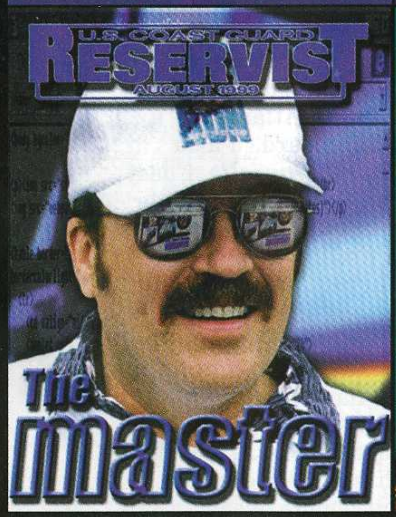


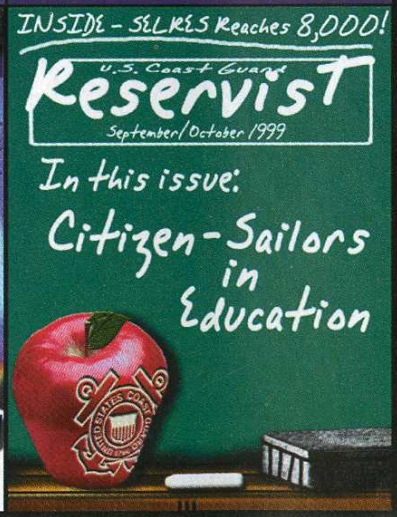


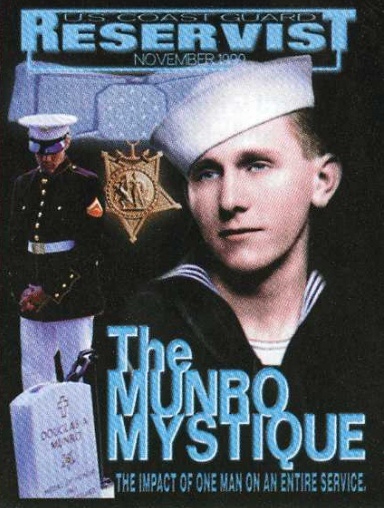


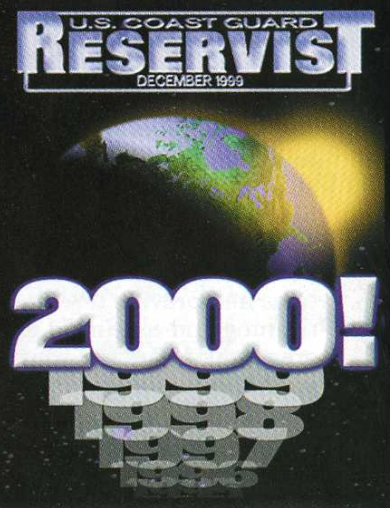












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