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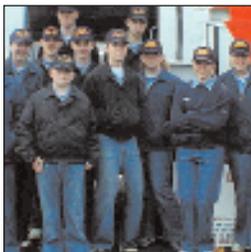
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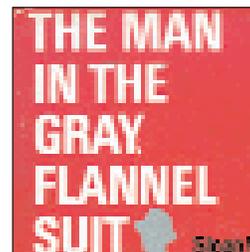
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I work with a Reserve senior chief who, when he sees you in the morning, exclaims, "It's another day full of opportunities!" If this senior chief were to talk to you at a New Year's Eve party, he'd probably tell you that 2002 has been another year full of opportunities, and that 2003 will be another year full of them too. Although I know many of the "opportunities" senior chief faced this year were actually "problems," he had the right attitude.

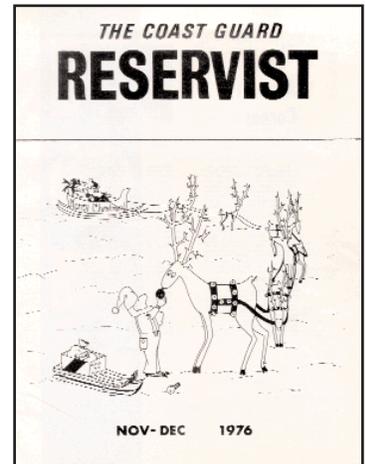
The year-ending and New Year's issue is always a time for reflection on the past, coupled with planning for the future.

Here are some "opportunities" that occurred in 2002:

- The post-9/11 recall continued all year long. Although the number of reservists on active duty has declined, this has presented challenges for many.
 - ADM Collins became our new commandant in late May while ADM Loy retired and became the head of the Transportation Security Administration.
 - The president signed into law the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in November.
- And here are some "opportunities" heading our way in 2003:
- More recruiting and retention possibilities — growth for the Reserve.
 - The growth and the changes coming under DHS may lead to unforeseen opportunities that you don't even know about as you read this. Stay tuned!

And now, a little commentary about a famous reindeer who made the most of his opportunities. Since we're at that "ho ho ho" time of year, I want to tell you that I think Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer is actually a reservist! Hey, don't roll your eyes — hear me out on this one. Think about it: Rudolph was called up by Santa to help during emergency conditions — he was mobilized by Santa just like many of our reservists (*then one foggy Christmas eve...*). Rudolph used his civilian "skills and talents" (*Rudolph with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?*). And, sad as it may seem, the "active duty" reindeer didn't really accept Rudolph until he proved himself (*all of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names; they never let poor Rudolph, join in any reindeer games...then how the reindeer loved him, as they shouted out with glee, you'll go down in history!*)! Of course, Santa and his reindeer are the ultimate humanitarians — giving to all unselfishly just as we Coast Guardsmen do when the opportunity presents itself. To further my case, Rudolph was even on the cover of *The Reservist* back in Nov/Dec 1976!

So, that's why I think Rudolph is a reservist. What a great opportunity Rudolph had, not only working for Santa, but turning what he saw as his greatest liability (that very shiny nose) into his greatest asset. May your 2003 be one of hope, joy and, as the senior chief always says, "full of opportunities."

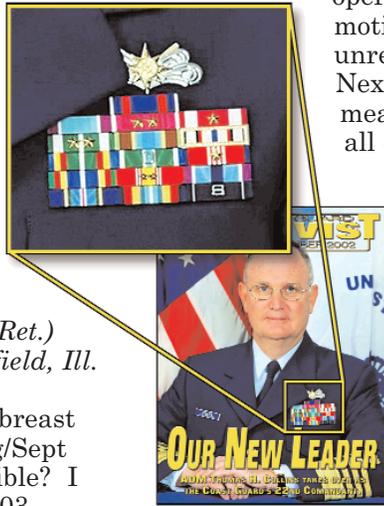


Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer was on the cover of the Nov/Dec 1976 issue.

QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS....

It was noted that ADM Collins had two stars on his National Defense Service Ribbon (Aug/Sept 2002 cover). Have the regulations changed? It was my understanding that a star was authorized for the Gulf War, but not for Vietnam or Korea, if you received your original medal during those periods. Please clarify. Also, what is his top ribbon, as I have never seen it before. Any information you might be able to offer will be greatly appreciated.

— BMC J.A. Wall, USCGR (Ret.)
Plainfield, Ill.



I noticed ADM Collins is wearing a breast device that I've never seen before (Aug/Sept 2002 cover). What is it and who's eligible? I cannot find this device listed in the 2003 Uniform Catalog Web site. Thanks for your help.

— BMC Norm Kiaunis, USCGR
Baltimore, Md.

Ed's note: Leave it to the chiefs to ask tough but good questions! According to ALCOAST 249/02, the NDSM is awarded for honorable active service and includes the following inclusive periods: June 27, 1950 - July 27, 1954, Korea; Jan. 1, 1961 — Aug. 14, 1974, Vietnam, Aug. 2, 1990 to Nov. 30, 1995, Persian Gulf War; and Sept. 11, 2001 to a date to be determined, War on Terrorism. So the admiral received an NDSM for service during Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War and the current War on Terrorism. His top ribbon is the Transportation Distinguished Service Medal. The breast device is the new Boat Force Ops Insignia, discussed in the Oct/Nov 2002 issue and also in COMDTINST 1650.3.

HONORABLE GORDON CANFIELD

Thank you for the article in our magazine about the late Honorable Gordon Canfield whose namesake award was given annually to the outstanding Reserve Unit



("Lest We Forget," Jan-Mar 2002, page 4).

In 1965, I was the commanding officer of ORTUEL 05-85406 (Organized Reserve Training Unit Electronics) Washington, D.C.,

which won that award. My training officer, Ed Perry, and I were flown to Detroit in the Commandant's plane to accept it, and in my acceptance speech, I was probably guilty of fulsome praise of the fine officers and enlisted men who were responsible for earning the honor.

Just days after we won the Canfield Trophy, another honor was forthcoming. The newly commissioned CGC

Lamar was in the harbor at Curtis Bay, Md., and my men were ordered to go aboard, make all the tests, and conduct the hands-on exercises to make the vessel operational for the shakedown. Once more, their motivation and professionalism did not go unremarked.

Next year, I will have my 90th birthday which means I can no longer accurately put names to all of those intelligent faces in the enclosed photograph. Most of them are probably grandfathers now. But I would like for those who might see the photograph in our magazine to know they are still very real in the prideful memory of their old Commanding Officer.

— CAPT Earl R. Smith, USCG(Ret.)
Belton, Texas.

ENEMIES ON BEACH INACCURATE?

I found your Jan-March 2002 article, "Enemies on the Beach" enlightening but historically incomplete. The apprehension of George Dasch was made by Coast Guard lieutenants Franken and Hirschel. A review of LT's Franken and Nirschel's service records should give the Coast Guard its full and proper recognition.

— CWO4 Edward D. Wahl, USCGR(Ret.)
Bethpage, N.Y.

Ed's note: "Enemies on the Beach" was a historical article about SN2/c John Cullen, a Coast Guardsman who chanced upon Nazi saboteurs at Amagansett, N.Y. June 13, 1942 while patrolling the beach. The article in The Reservist simply stated that "The Coast Guard notified the FBI, who captured Dasch the next day." However, according to the a Retired Police Officers, Inc. newsletter published in Mineola, N.Y., (dated March 1994), Coast Guard lieutenants Franken and Nirschel, both peace time Secret Service Agents, apprehended Dasch and then contacted the FBI. Thank you for correcting the record and for expanding on the available information! Interested Coasties can contact CWO4 Wahl, 2 E. Millpage Drive, Bethpage, NY 11714-4809; 516-579-6592.

PRESERVE RESERVE HISTORY

World War II Reserve personnel are disappearing rapidly and, shortly, the Vietnam members will follow. I implore all Reserve, Active, Inactive and Retired, to record their experiences, dig out their photographs and send them to the Foundation for Coast Guard History so that the contributions of our reservists can be preserved in Coast Guard museums. Above all, join the Foundation to assist in this vital program by writing to: Foundation for Coast Guard History, c/o Coast Guard Museum NW, 1519 Alaska Way S., Seattle, WA 98123.

— VADM Thomas R. Sargent, III, USCG(Ret.)
Lake San Marcos, Calif.

A MASTER CHIEF'S BEST REGARDS...

On July 19, 2002, I retired from the USCGR. I have completed 29 years of Coast Guard Reserve and active

duty service. I have no words to express how proud I am of this service. I joined in Albany, N.Y. in October 1973, and was 31 years old at the time. I never thought that I would get a retirement out of it.

I will continue as a civilian employee of the Coast Guard at the Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic in Norfolk, Va. There, I have a job that I should pay the Coast Guard to do. I must say that I am very proud of the continuation of my affiliation with the Coast Guard family. I have so many people to thank for assistance and guidance that I have received in the past. So, I will not have room to mention all the names.

As a civilian, I will always be there for any assistance that I may provide. I especially would like to talk to future prospects for the USCGR/USCG. Best regards to all.

— PSCM Johannes (Hans) Verhaeg, USCGR(Ret.)
PSU 305, Fort Eustis, Va.

Ed's note: If anyone has any photos from MCPO Verhaeg's retirement ceremony, please send them to him at jverhaeg@mlca.uscg.mil or call him at 757-628-4424.

A FAREWELL SALUTE!

Just a short note to say thanks for support and assistance provided over the past several years. I have had the opportunity to meet and work with many of you, and only regret that I did not have more time to get to know you individually. You are professionals. I salute each of you for your individual efforts and your contribution to our team. If you are representative of the Coast Guard of the future, and I believe that you are, then the future is bright. Do what you do with passion, implement change for the better, and take care of our people. Semper Paratus.

— RADM Carlton Moore, USCGR(Ret.)
Fair Oaks, Calif.



THANKS FROM ELEMENTARY STUDENT

I am a 5th grade student at Menlo Park School in Portland, Ore. I am writing to say "thank you" for serving our country. I am grateful to live in America because we have freedom to make our own choices. If you have time, please write back!

— Nikcole Shay
Portland, Ore.

Ed's note: The card (left) and letter were received here at the magazine in November. Students at Menlo Park School wrote thank you notes to veterans and mailed them to various military commands around the nation.

RECRUITING-RELATED MATERIALS

I am stationed on the CGC Juniper in Newport, R.I. and we recently had a PR event in Fall River, Mass. Prior to the event, I went to the Coast Guard recruiter in Providence to pick up some recruiting material to help spread the word about the Coast Guard. Along with some of the material, he gave me some *Reservist*

magazines (Special Recruiting Issue). Within the magazines were several posters that we posted on our mess deck. One of the posters contained a buoy with a slogan, "Who says changing a light bulb can't be fun?" It was very popular with our crew. It is rare to find any ATON unit as part of a recruiting poster. A large majority of our crew wanted a copy of the poster, however, I did not have enough. I wanted to know if it was possible for us to get some more of these posters for our crew as well as to be used in future PR events? Any help would be appreciated. Thank you.

— ENS Keith Bassolino
Newport, R.I.

Ed's note: We still have a few copies of the Special Recruiting issue containing the posters. Contact The Reservist for extras. Also, the posters are on the Reserve web site as well so you can print them out at your leisure.

I have a nephew who is a senior in high school and has committed to join the Coast Guard Reserve next summer. I got him a tour of the CGC Joshua Appleby in St. Petersburg, Fla. and CGAS Clearwater, and he later got a chance to ride the Raider boats with the PSU folks at Camp Perry. That sold him! I am frequently asked by young people and their parents about our Service, but I find that my information is more and more out-of-date every day. I can't believe the changes just since my retirement. I would like to keep up on what is happening.

To that end, I use your annual issue that lists the entire fleet of boats, cutters and aircraft. It is an outstanding source of much information in a very understandable format. I have one that is now almost four years old, that I use to answer questions I get from my nephew and the other young people (and their parents) who are interested in the Coast Guard. Semper Paratus.

— CDR Dan Slyker, USCG (Ret.)
Belleair Bluffs, Fla.

Ed's note: The Fleet Review CDR Slyker refers to was published in July 1998 but is not an annual issue. Perhaps it should be, to educate reservists and recruits alike.

CITIZEN-SAILOR OF MONTH

Congratulations to CWO4 James Roberts on Citizen-Sailor of the Month (Aug/Sept 2002 issue). It was a nice article, but anybody who knows him knows that there was a lot left out — but all good stuff. That's why when it said he rode in the parade at Climax Springs, Mo., I was glad to hear that, since anybody who knows him knows he can't march! (ha ha). It was nice to read something nice about somebody you know.

— PS2 Larry Brenneman, USCGR
Milwaukee, Wis.

KUDOS FOR WEB SITE 9/11 TRIBUTE

I wish to commend you and your staff for the tribute to our fallen brethren on the [CGR] Web page. It was very tasteful and demonstrated the core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty that we all strive to live up to. Thank you!

— PS2 Robby Colbert, USCGR
Newport News, Va.



THE “SPIRIT OF

Like most other promotions, there was nearly a year’s wait from the time I was selected to succeed RADM Moore to when I was actually promoted. That time afforded me the opportunity, therefore, to think

about what being in the Coast Guard and public service is all about. I remembered and reflected on my own beginnings. In 1970, I enlisted in the Coast Guard in Norfolk (coincidentally, on the same day as now-retired RADM Riker). After graduation from boot camp, I was stationed at the then Reserve Training Center in Yorktown, where subsequently, in 1972, I graduated from OCS. My first Reserve unit assignment was in the federal building in Portsmouth, Va., where ironically, I now report for duty. As I thought about what had brought me full circle back to Portsmouth, this is what settled in my mind:

about what being in the Coast Guard and public service is all about.

Each and every thing that each and every one of us does each and every minute of each and every day is important to each and every citizen of America.

This statement suggests that all of us are imbued with, but more importantly, agents to foster and continue what I would like to call the “Spirit of America.” Admiral Loy, the immediate past Commandant, was a devoted history buff and often challenged those of us in leadership positions to remember those principles upon which our country

was founded by going back, revisiting and reexamining those founding principles. Those principles are as relevant today as then. Of course, we all know that these principles include those God-given inalienable rights of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. I also count peace, justice, mercy, faith, freedom, and love of one another as included in those principles.

As a 32-year member of the Coast Guard and a lawyer, I can certainly lay out for you all those laws and regulations that have been developed over the years that guide us in our service. But I suggest to you that all those laws and regulations are meaningless without these core principles and values.

“...it is up to all of us together to foster and continue the “Spirit of America” because: Each and every thing that each and every one of us does each and every minute of each and every day is important to each and every citizen of America.”

For whatever reason, after being selected for promotion, my thoughts were preoccupied with those first patriots at Concord. They had no laws and regulations, as we know them — no Constitution, no U.S. Code, no United States. But somehow, there was something deep inside of them that inspired them to act that fateful day and put everything on the line for these principles. What came over them is what I call the “Spirit of America.” When the call came, they were willing to pay, and paid, the ultimate sacrifice without any guarantee or assurance of the result.

The experience of these patriots reminds me of the account in the Old Testament Book of Genesis about God’s call to Abraham. There was no Bible. No Quran. No Torah. No Ten Commandments. No prescribed profession of faith. Just the covenant of a higher power and love of one another. Over the history of mankind, we see time and time again that it is core principles and values

**REAR ADMIRAL DUNCAN C. SMITH, USCGR
DEPUTY FOR MOBILIZATION AND
RESERVE COMPONENT AFFAIRS, LANTAREA**

AMERICA”

that prevail and are important. At this point in history, as the Coast Guard prepares to transfer to the new Department of Homeland Security, these are especially important. So for me, and I suggest for all of us, serving as an agent to foster and continue the “Spirit of America” is what our public service is all about.

Admiral Collins has set the sail plan for the Coast Guard with the watchwords of readiness, people, and stewardship to build on our core values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty. The men who fell at Concord, if here today, would say it is principles and values like these that moved the spirit deep inside them those many years ago. In particular, those of us who are Coast Guard *people* must be *ready* through good *stewardship* to carry out those missions we have been entrusted with for the sake of our country and fellow citizens.

My plan is to work on Reserve issues that fall within these watchwords. In the readiness area, I plan to reemphasize deliberate planning and harness technology to enhance Reserve participation in and contribution to our Service. In the people area, my goal is to bring clarity to Reserve career paths and nurture Active Duty ownership of reservists. Finally, in the stewardship area, my hope is that we will learn to use Reserve resources effectively and strive to ensure mission balance. And I ask for your thoughts and guidance on these points.

But in reality and in the final analysis, it is up to all of us together to foster and continue the “Spirit of America” because:

Each and every thing that each and every one of us does each and every minute of each and every day is important to each and every citizen of America.

Lets all join in and do our part together for the “Spirit of America.” God bless America and each of you.

Semper Paratus.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

IMPROVING MEMBER SUPPORT

In last month’s View from the Bridge, I conveyed to you my vision of the Coast Guard Family, whose members represent all segments of the Coast Guard; Active Duty, Reserve, civilian, and Auxiliary. I also expressed to you that during these challenging times, we must work to constantly support our other family members, just as shipmates look out for each other at sea.

Over the past few months, I’ve had the privilege to visit many of you in the field, a practice I hope to continue in the months and years ahead. The more I learn about the Coast Guard Reserve, the more I am impressed with your unwavering dedication to service and your willingness to do more for our nation. I am eager to meet other members of our Coast Guard family and to listen to your thoughts and concerns.

From time to time, like any family, we have issues that need to be brought up, discussed and mutually resolved, in spite of the discomfort that some might feel by revealing problems. The recent national security situation and our subsequent recall to active duty has placed a tremendous strain on our personnel and support systems, just as it has on you, our recalled members and your immediate families. In some cases, administrative oversights have resulted in delayed and/or inaccurate receipt of pay and benefits. Please believe me when I tell you that we are constantly working to improve our administrative and support services to you. This is a high personal priority for me. As we move ahead, we are all learning better and faster ways to accomplish the mission while minimizing the financial burden on those of you who are serving.

Your welfare is of great concern to me and is paramount in maintaining high force readiness. Stay the course and rest assured that we are all working hard to improve the way we do business to ensure that you receive the timely pay and benefits you so richly deserve.

This month, I welcome RADM Duncan Smith, our LANTAREA Reserve Flag, to the pages of the View from the Bridge. As I carry out my duties within both the Reserve and Training worlds, I’m grateful to have him and RADM O’Donnell as backups.

Speaking of gratitude, we just finished Thanksgiving, and by the time you read this we’ll be well into the holidays. Near the top of my list of things to be thankful for this year is the opportunity to lead and serve with all of you. Thank you for all you do for the Coast Guard and our country. My best wishes to you and your families for a very splendid and joyous holiday season and a happy new year!



BY

RADM ROBERT J. PAPP, JR.

DIRECTOR OF RESERVE AND TRAINING

President Signs Homeland Security Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President George W. Bush signed the “Homeland Security Act of 2002” into law Nov. 25. In establishing a new Department of Homeland Security, the Act for the first time creates a federal department whose primary mission will be to help prevent, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism on U.S. soil.

“Today, I have signed into law H.R. 5005, the Homeland Security Act of 2002,” the president said at the White House East Room ceremony. “This restructures and strengthens the executive branch of the federal government to meet the threat to our homeland posed by terrorism.”

The reorganization plan calls for much of the new department to be in place by March 1, 2003, when the Coast Guard, Secret Service, Customs Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service and a few other agencies become part of the new Cabinet-level department.

“In a free and open society, no department of government can completely guarantee our safety against ruthless killers who move and plot in shadows,” said President Bush.

Bush nominated Vietnam hero, 12-year congressional veteran and former Governor of Pennsylvania Tom Ridge to head up the department.

The last major change for the Coast Guard came in 1967 when it moved from the Department of Treasury to Transportation. More information about the new department is available at www.dhs.gov



White House photo by Paul Morse

President George W. Bush addresses the media during the signing of the Homeland Security Act in the East Room of the White House Nov. 25.

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR O5s – O6s.

A number of senior Reserve officers may be required to assist in the Coast Guard's transition to the new Department of Homeland Security. Retirees included. Duration of duty, starting dates, etc., are unknown at this time. We are compiling a list of all officers who might be interested and available in helping out in this important historical endeavor.

**POC is CAPT Frank Buckley,
Chief, Office of Reserve Affairs at (202) 267-0616.**

A Banner Day....



Photo by Coast Guard SPAR Lorraine Dietele

It was a record turnout for the 4th annual USCG Flags Across America event at Arlington National Cemetery Nov. 9. A new banner was unfurled at Coast Guard Hill

and the 177 volunteers in attendance placed nearly 800 USCG flags on the graves of Coast Guardsmen. The event was co-sponsored by the DC area CPOA and CWOA.



Photo by Lisa M. Kruska

Marching for the World....

With dignitaries and media present from around the globe, the U.S. Coast Guard Honor Guard marches on the south lawn of the White House at the state arrival ceremony for Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski July 17.

Talented Coasties on Tonight Show

PO1 Joshua Thomas, CPO Andy Sherwood, PO1 Greg Case, and CPO Rick Wyman join Jay Leno of NBC's Tonight Show for its second annual Armed Forces Thanksgiving Day Salute. The four USCG members flew to Los Angeles to perform Rimskij-Koraskov's "Flight of the Bumble Bee" in a military talent contest. Twenty-one members of the Kodiak, Alaska, based cutter Alex Haley made up the Coast Guard audience at the show which aired November 28.



USCG photo by PA2 Dan Tremper

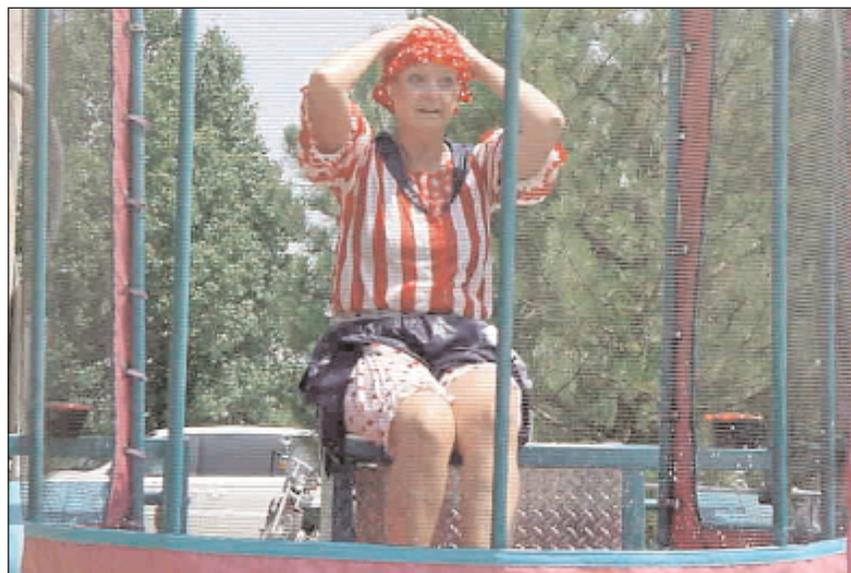


Photo by LCDR Darrell Prather, USCGR

Now that's a "Wetting Down!"

Coast Guard Reservist YN1 Jan Fults awaits the inevitable dunking at HRSIC's annual Coast Guard Day picnic at Lake Shawnee, Kan. Aug. 2. Fults was "voted into the dunk tank" by picnic goers who voted with dimes to raise money for the local CPOA chapter. A civilian employee at HRSIC and reservist at TRANSCOM, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., Fults was Semper Paratus by wearing an old-time early 20th century-style women's bathing suit.

AND HOW DID YOU SPEND YOUR THANKSGIVING?

PSU 307 HOSTS SECDOT, VICE COMMANDANT

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba — Although not quite like the vision that many people have from the movie *A Few Good Men*, Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba is a unique place to spend a holiday.

Secretary and Mrs. Norman Mineta, VADM and Mrs. Thomas Barrett, RADM David Belz, RADM Duncan Smith, and Secretary Mineta's Chief of Staff, Mr. John Flaherty found this out when they joined PSU 307 for Thanksgiving Nov. 28.

"You want the truth — you can't handle the truth!"

OK, Thanksgiving 2002 isn't one that the crew of PSU 307 or our distinguished visitors are likely to forget.

While many families were busy stuffing their turkeys, PSU 307 and their guests started their day off early with a hearty breakfast in the Marine Corps' Quick Hall galley. PSU 307 then observed colors outside the "White House" on Marine Hill while the National Anthem, the Marine Hymn and *Semper Paratus* played.

After greeting the crew, everyone boarded buses en route the historic Northeast Gate — the entry between Cuba and the Naval Base. Marine Captain Bill Elliott of the Marine Corps Security Force Company served as the guide while PS1 Ed Messina, a former Marine who had been stationed at the Northeast Gate during the early 1980s added more "personal" observations.

Secretary Mineta and VADM Barrett addressed the crew, then "mixed and mingled" at a reception held in the high school gym — an outstanding opportunity for the crew to see how proud our guests were to be at Guantanamo Bay. While en route the Naval Hospital for helicopter flights to *CGC Resolute* for Thanksgiving dinner, our guests visited the elementary school gym where the chaplains and volunteers from the community and Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay had arranged to serve over 500 meals for residents. PSU 307 had dinner together with RADM Belz and RADM Smith.

On Friday, Nov. 29, our guests toured various areas on the base including the Lighthouse Museum that PSU 307 is helping to restore. Thanksgiving would not be



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jennie Ivey, USAF, First Combat Camera

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta (right), and the Vice-Commandant VADM Thomas Barrett salute during a Thanksgiving Day ceremony with PSU 307 in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

complete without post-holiday shopping...so an additional stop at the Navy Exchange was made before heading back to Washington, DC. As our guests prepared to depart, Secretary Mineta was presented with the U.S. Flag that flew over the Northeast Gate on Thanksgiving to commemorate his visit — one that none of us will ever forget.

— CAPT Paul Crissy, USCGR
Commanding Officer, PSU 307

FTX BAY RAIDERS 02

SAN DIEGO — In a superb demonstration of Naval Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve warfare capabilities, Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 106 (MIUWU 106), Harbor Defense Command Unit 110 (HDCU 110), Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 7 (EODMU 7), and Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel successfully completed *FTX Bay Raiders 02* at the Naval Air Station, North Island (NASNI).

The mission of the exercise, conducted over three days in August 2002, was to demonstrate force protection through deployable Naval Coastal Warfare elements that functioned as a Harbor Defense Commander. Missions performed included a variety of force protection competencies including coastal and harbor surveillance and interdiction, command and control, inshore undersea warfare, vessel traffic control, tactical vehicle convoys, waterside security, campsite security, and inshore mine and explosives counter-measures.

Over 150 Reserve and 15 active duty personnel participated. A large number of personnel were Coast Guard Reservists, including the Commanding Officer of HDCU 110, CAPT Mark Zecca, USCGR. Personnel bivouacked in a consolidated camp established waterside at NASNI, close to the approaches to the

harbor. With an increased emphasis on landward security, the units provided a robust campsite security ring. Overall, the exercise's mission and training were on-target with the renewed emphasis on Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) after the 9-11 attacks.

With this exercise behind them, HDCU 110 and MIUWU 106 are now ready for CART II evaluations in early FY03. This is a critical milestone for both units in being ready to deploy in support of force protection exercises around the world. HDCU 110 and MIUWU 106 also pushed the envelope in achieving new levels of integration under the squadron concept of operations within Naval Coastal Warfare.

HDCU 110, MIUWU 106, EODMU 7, and the local Coast Guard Auxiliary are all located in the San Diego area. HDCU 110 and MIUWU 106 are part of Naval Coastal Warfare Group One. Overall, NCW Group One consists of 11 Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare (MIUW) units, four Harbor Defense Command Units (HDC), and seven Inshore Boat Units (IBU). NCW Group One is homeported in Imperial Beach, Calif., and is commanded by its Commodore, CAPT Richard E. Robey, USNR.

— By CDR Richard Henderson, USNR

MONUMENTAL PROTECTION

A new rigid-hull small boat, better known as a Safeboat, from the newly formed Boat Force DC, patrols the waters of the Washington, D.C. area as part of homeland security. Boat Force DC was created to protect and patrol the waters around the Nation's Capital and is comprised of both active duty and recalled reservists.



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BRIEFLY...

COAST GUARD RESERVIST RECALLS

As of Dec. 5, 2002, 706 Coast Guard Ready Reservists were on involuntary active duty under Title 10 USC recall orders. The Atlantic Area contributed 548 while the Pacific Area provided 158.



Every year since 1994, *The Reservist* has featured the diverse civilian careers of Coast Guard Reservists. Last year, we featured firefighters; in 2000, law enforcement; and in 1999, those working in the field of education. Historically, a large number of Coast Guard Reservists have been students. So, this year, we asked our Citizen-Sailor students to submit a short article and photo of themselves. Though we feature 11 of them here (all submitted), we salute all Coast Guard Reservists who are studying hard for that diploma, degree, advanced degree or have returned to school to better themselves.

We salute you!

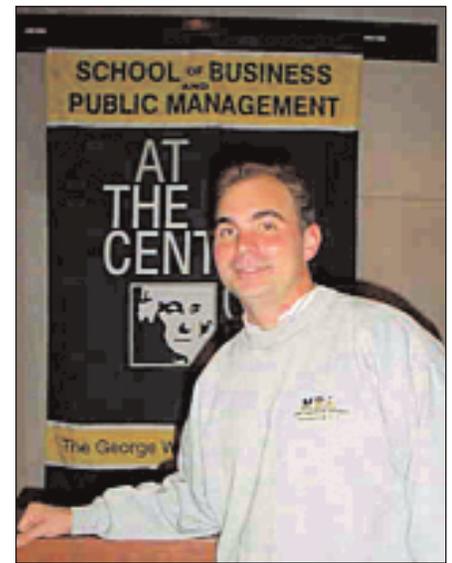
BM3 JEREMY BEEBE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, D.C.

A native of Baton Rouge, La., I first got interested in the Coast Guard Reserve after a visit to New York City in 1997. During my visit, I observed Coast Guard boats on patrol in New York's harbor. A member of the Selected Reserve since 1998, I have been assigned to PSU 308 and currently remain assigned to PSU 305.

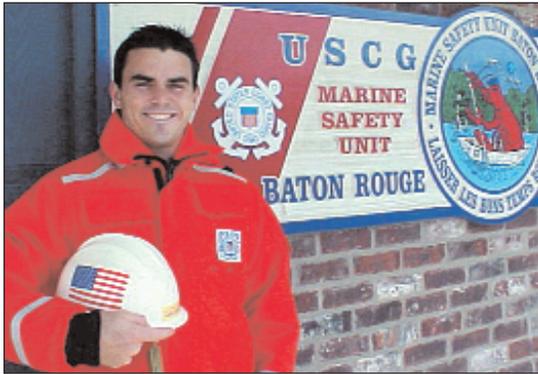
I am working on my second master's degree at George Washington University in business administration. What attracted me to the Washington, D.C. school was the great MBA program they offered and my love for the city. I had been to D.C. several times before and saw it as an opportunity to go to school in a place I enjoyed visiting.

In September 2001, I was starting my second year in the MBA program, but was activated with PSU 305 to participate in *Operation Guarding Liberty*. After patrolling New York Harbor for over a month, I was

looking forward to starting a new semester at GW in January. Unfortunately, world events would once again force me to return to active duty and I was sent to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for six months. There I participated in anti-terrorism force protection as a boat crew member on coxswain BM1 Matt Stone's boat. Now that a full academic year has passed, I have started my second year in the MBA program and hope to finish during summer 2003.



MST3 BEAU A. BRASWELL LOUISIANA STATE UNIV., BATON ROUGE, LA.



I plan to graduate from Louisiana State University with a bachelor of science in environmental management systems, policy analysis concentration, in December 2003. I will also earn a minor in business administration. I would like to attend LSU's law school upon graduation. I am also interested in LSU's juris doctor/bachelor of civil law and MBA dual degree program.

I am a lifelong resident of Baton Rouge, and plan to stay in southern Louisiana and make a

career out of the Coast Guard Reserve in the 8th District. I am attached to Marine Safety Unit Baton Rouge's Port Operations Department. Ultimately, I want to become a legal specialist through the Coast Guard's Direct Commission Lawyer Program.

My friend, MST3 James Leger, a reservist who is also attached to Port Ops at MSU Baton Rouge, followed my lead and joined the Coast Guard in January 2002. MST3 Leger is a LSU construction management student from the Lafayette area.

PS1 DARREN BULLOCK UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX-HAWAII HONOLULU, HI.

Aloha from MSO Honolulu! This is PS1 Darren Bullock at the Port Safety and Security Branch in MSO Honolulu. I am the lead LE trainer for the unit and provide LE training and BTM qualification to other units around Hawaii. One of my collateral duties at the unit is the Safety Petty Officer. Work keeps me very busy, but I find the time to attend the University of Phoenix-Hawaii Campus. It is conveniently located very close to MSO Honolulu in downtown Honolulu. I am working on a bachelor's in human services and should be done in April 2003.

Once I am done, I plan on pursuing a master's degree in criminal justice. The Coast Guard and my unit have

been very supportive of my effort to complete my degree. The Coast Guard's Tuition Assistance program will be an asset once my G.I. Bill runs out. I have been in the Coast Guard Reserve since 1997 but also have eight years of active duty in the U.S. Marines and two years in the Hawaii Army National Guard. In my spare time, I am an avid power lifter and coach football, both semi-pro (adult) and pee-wee levels. I am a former police officer with the Pearl Harbor Police Department and played Arena Football three years. I am currently on EAD until 2005.

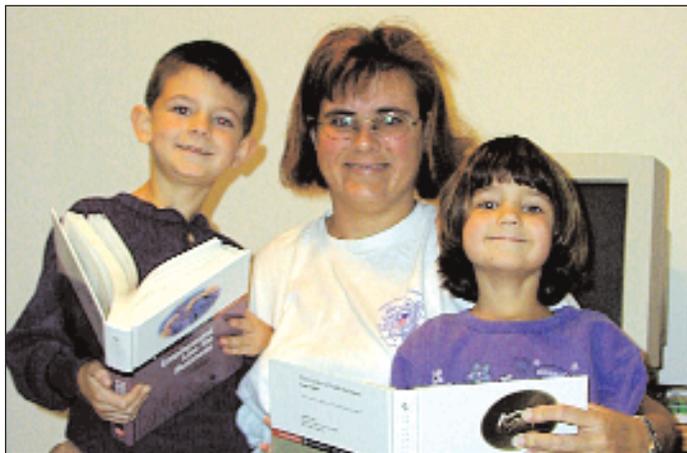


LTJG JILL CREIGH UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX

I began my education over a decade ago earning two AAS degrees. I then took a break, started a family, and followed my husband's active duty Coast Guard career. My husband inspired me to return to college, after he earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Phoenix (UOP) online campus.

An online campus allows for the most flexibility in pursuit of a college degree. Have laptop, will travel! Although not a traditional classroom, I can take mine anywhere I go! There are no set class times, or commuting. I just log on, get and post assignments. I enrolled at UOP in the BSBM program and have completed six classes earning a 4.0 GPA.

This is an excellent time for anyone to return or start college. With the raise in G.I. Bill benefits to \$900 per month, Tuition Assistance program (TA) covering 75



percent up to \$187.50 per credit hour, and book grants, you can't afford not to go!

Ed's note: ALCOAST 570/42 increased TA limits for all members: active, reserve and civilian. See our webpage for more information.



GM1 DANE DAVIS TROY STATE UNIVERSITY, NORFOLK, VA.

A reservists educational journey

While serving five plus years in the USCG Reserve, I have attained an education with much support of the USCG. Initially, I attended Tidewater Community College in Virginia Beach, Va. I graduated there in 1998, earning an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Emergency Medical Technology.

I immediately transferred to Hampton University, Hampton, Va. In May 2000, I graduated with a bachelor's degree in EMS management, receiving Summa Cum Laude honors. Additionally, I was selected as EMSM Outstanding Student of the Year 1999.

Finally, I transferred to Troy State University in Norfolk to pursue a master's degree in public administration. This became extremely challenging close to the end of the program due to the events of

9/11. I was assigned to PSU 305, and activated for *Operation Guarding Liberty*. We spent two months supporting the recovery ops at the World Trade Center in New York City. This event occurred during the middle of a semester; fortunately, my wonderful instructors allowed me to complete my assignments and class utilizing creative distance learning methods from New York.

The only item that remained to complete my master's degree was a comprehensive exam scheduled for the spring of 2002. Once again, I was deployed in January for six months to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for *Operation Enduring Freedom*. Again, this would prove very challenging to complete my degree program; however, Troy State University arranged for a proctor to administer my comprehensive exam in Cuba. I completed the requirements and graduated in May 2002 while still deployed to Guantanamo Bay.

Now, with all that schooling behind me, I'm an adjunct EMS instructor at Hampton University.

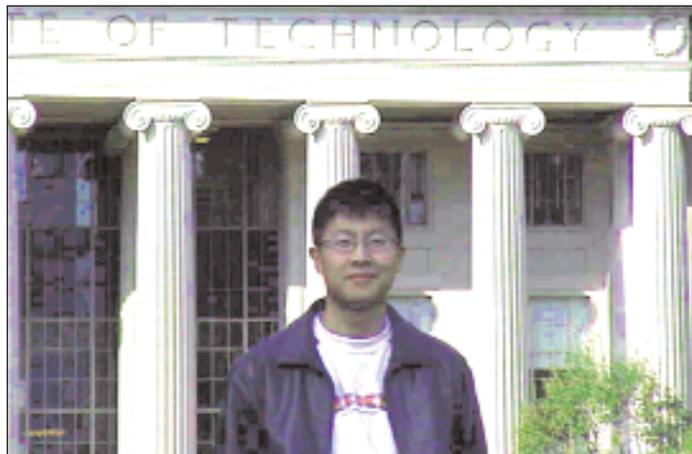
This process would not have been possible without the support of Coast Guard Reserve Tuition Assistance. I am a working father with family and career obligations. This education has provided me a foundation to expand and grow beyond my expectations. I have been employed as a firefighter / paramedic full time, while serving in the Reserve. I am now working as a Regional Director for the American Heart Association. I attribute this opportunity to my education supported by the USCG Reserve.

Please contact me if I may ever be of assistance to you or any Coast Guard Reservist seeking educational growth (E-mail: ddavis@vaems.org). I am confident that anyone can succeed with enthusiasm and persistence. Education is not cheap or easy, but it is much better than the alternative.

BM3 KWANG H. LEE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

I am currently a graduate student at MIT studying ocean engineering. Before I came here, I worked in Alexandria, Va. designing ships. At that time, I was assigned to PSU 305 in Fort Eustis, Va., which I continued to remain attached to even when I left for graduate school.

During the first week of my second year in school, my unit was activated to go to New York City due to the events of Sept. 11. A few months later, we were activated again for operations in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. I missed a full year of school from the two deployments, but without a doubt, it was a good experience — a chance to train and qualify as 25-foot TPSB coxswain, a chance to serve alongside some of the finest individuals in the Coast Guard Reserve, and the opportunity to take part in historical events.



Life at MIT is different. Instead of long hours on the water, I spend long hours in the laboratory. My overall experience in the Coast Guard Reserve has been outstanding — it has given me an opportunity to do something totally different from my civilian life.

ENS SHAWN NESSER WEBSTER UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS, MO.

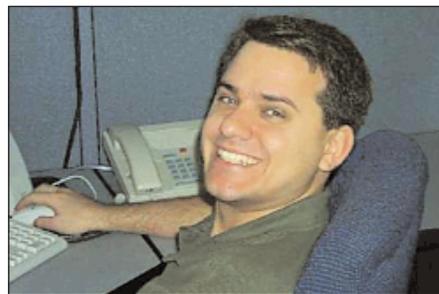
ISC Saint Louis is my Reserve drill site and I am working on my master's degree in information management from Webster University. My undergraduate degree is computer science from Southeast Missouri State University.

My supervisor, LT Don Boyer, says, "The command staff at ISC St. Louis actively encourages its members to try to strive for excellence. We support our members in their educational goals."

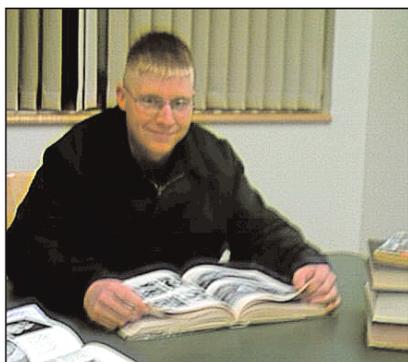
In my civilian career, I am a developer consultant for Microsoft Corporation. I am very proud to be a

citizen-sailor and a student and feel that furthering my education will enable me to succeed both in my Reserve officer career

and my civilian job. I am very thankful to be affiliated with Microsoft and the U.S. Coast Guard. I dearly love the Coast Guard! My career goals include eventually becoming a CO or an XO of an ESU. I feel that technology and the U.S. Coast Guard go hand in hand.



SN ADAM NICHOLS WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY, NEW JERSEY



With little more than two years left to complete at William Paterson University in New Jersey, Adam Nichols made the decision to become a reservist in the Coast Guard. All who know Nichols know his dedication to higher education and to his

country. But everyone wondered how he would find the right balance of time for study and service.

Now, four months after beginning basic training, Nichols has resumed his full-time student status. And as he heads into his final semesters at WPUNJ, he has begun student teaching at a local middle school to further his work toward a bachelor's degree and subsequent teacher certification.

Nichols currently drills at Activities New York in Staten Island, N.Y. and plans to attend BM "A" school immediately following the spring semester, 2003. Whether it's his *honor* as a student, his *respect* as a future teacher, or his *devotion* to Coast Guard duty, Nichols' preparedness as a Coastie is present in all he does.

PS3 JEREMY RODRIGUES STANISLAUS STATE UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

I was a student at Stanislaus State University before Sept. 11, 2001 and graduated from basic training in August 2001. I had just started back at school when I was recalled on Sept. 14, 2001 to MSO San Francisco Bay. I worked as part of the Sea Marshal program and also in the Port Operations department. I knew that I didn't want to go back to school full time, so I took an EAD billet at PACTACLET.

Since coming onto active duty last September, I have completed over 40 units of credit through DANTES and CLEP courses offered on base, and am on my way to completing my associates degree in Administration of Justice within the next year.

At PACTACLET, I am a member of a Law Enforcement Detachment with wide ranging assignments around the world such as counter-drug patrols off South America, and Homeland



Security missions as well here in the United States. Being stationed at PACTACLET has also given me the opportunity to go to such countries as Mexico, Panama, Peru, and Ecuador so far with many more to come in the next two years.

Just goes to show you what the Coast Guard can do for you!

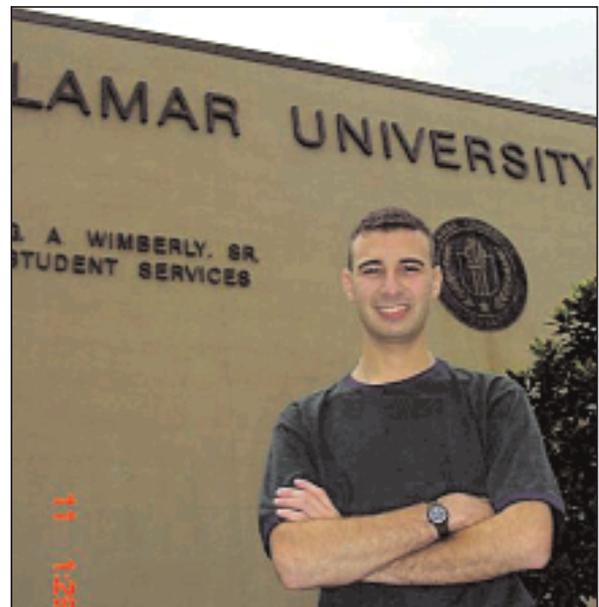


BM3 CARI BOWER UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, CA.

I completed my Bachelor's Degree in Latin American Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. I joined the Coast Guard Reserve to get a break from the ordinary. While drilling at Station Golden Gate, in Sausalito, CA., I was a crewmember on the station's 47' motor lifeboat. Drilling at the station was a great escape from the pressures of studying and working in a law firm. I enjoyed starting my mornings doing patrols of the San Francisco Bay, sometimes seeing whales off of Alcatraz Island. I also got the benefit of the reserve G.I Bill which really helped me out with school expenses.

SA BRIAN SHAJARI LAMAR UNIVERSITY, BEAUMONT, TEXAS

I am currently a sophomore at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas where I am working on a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a minor in history. I have thoroughly enjoyed both of these programs and even though they are fun to study, they are quite challenging. In our classes, we study almost every legal aspect in the justice system, and we also learn about how carefully every legal process must be performed. I became interested in these two fields because I have a high interest in law enforcement and I enjoy studying history. I am involved in several different student organizations which include student government, the Criminal Justice Association, the Webb Society, and the Episcopal Campus Ministries. I drill at Station Sabine Pass, Texas.



SEA SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS PREPARE COASTIES OF THE FUTURE

BY CDR DALE RAUSCH, COMMANDANT (G-WTR-2)

This article kicks off a series that will describe and highlight sea service-oriented youth groups throughout the nation. It is important, especially during the current campaign to grow the end strength of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve, that we look to these organizations as potential sources of future Coast Guard men and women. Many of these organizations have a long history of Coast Guard affiliation, if not total sponsorship, and many active duty, Reserve and Auxiliary members fill key leadership positions. This month, we will look at the Sea Scouts. In future issues, we will feature the Naval League Cadets, the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, and the nation's only Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program at Mast Academy in Miami.

Sea Scouts

The Sea Scouts were established in the United States in 1912, two years after the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated following the form of the original British program. The original concept of Sea Scouting was to prepare young men for service in the Navy.

In 1949, the name Sea Scouts was changed to Sea Explorers to help attract older members and provide the opportunity for junior Sea Scouts to continue to participate. In 2001, recognizing a need to reconnect with the Boys Scouts of America, the name Sea Scouts was restored.

Sea Scout units are called "ships," even though they might not actually meet and train aboard their own vessels. There are active Sea Scout ships throughout the nation, though most are concentrated in metropolitan areas near the coastline.

The Coast Guard has had a long history of facilitating and sponsoring Sea Scout ships, as has the Navy. Sea Scout Ship City of Roses, #601, is based in Portland, Ore. The unit, originally named *Viking*, has been continuously active since 1929. The name was changed to *City of Roses* on the eve of World War II.

The Ship has two training vessels. One, a 29-foot ketch rigged sailboat appropriately named *City of Roses*, was built from a kit by unit members in 1973. It has no auxiliary power and must be sailed, or rowed by pulling four 13-foot oars.

The other boat is the former 44-foot motor lifeboat (MLB) 44372 which the unit acquired in 1998. Though in need of major mechanical repairs, the boat was made operational by unit members in 1999 and has been used constantly ever since for underway training.

The vessels are moored at the R.A. Rasmusen Sea Scout Base in Portland, near the Portland International Airport. The base is also home to eight other local Sea Scout ships, including the *Voyager*, which is also a



Photo courtesy of Sea Scout Ship 601, City of Roses

Members of the Sea Scouts pose in front of a HH-60 Jayhawk from AIRSTA Astoria, at a training day at MSO Portland, Ore.

former 44-foot MLB and has an all women crew. In addition to serving as a home port for Portland area ships, the base is also a cruise destination and supply point for three other ships in outlying areas.

Of the adult members, four are current or retired Coast Guard Reservists. The unit leader (or Skipper) is BM3 Trevor Cotton, USCGR, who drills on the *CGC Bluebell*. MK3 Mark Littlepage and MK3 Carsten Stoeckler are both members of PSU 313 based in Tacoma, Wash. LCDR Pat Kelley, USCGR(Ret.), is the former CO of CG Reserve Unit Kennewick, Wash. Another unit leader is LTJG Chad Holm, an active duty marine inspector at MSO Portland. The most recent past Skipper is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, and served in Saudi Arabia and Iraq during the Gulf War.

Over the years, many of the Ship's alumni have served in the sea services, especially in the U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve. One recent alumnus is assigned aboard the *CGC Boutwell*. Another is retired BMC Jerry Steed, a legendary surfer from Station Cape Disappointment. One former member is a senior cadet at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y., who plans to apply for a commission in the Coast Guard upon graduation next year.

Over the past year, in addition to underway training, the unit also participated in training at MSO Portland that included incident preparedness, damage control, coldwater survival, and the hands-on use of pyrotechnics.

Several current members of Sea Scout Ship *City of Roses* are planning on enlisting in the Coast Guard Reserve in the very near future. The unit maintains a website at: www.sss601.org. The official Web site for Sea Scouts is: www.seascout.org

IN BRIEF

• SAIL ABOARD CGC EAGLE IN 2003 — CGC

Eagle will sail on its annual cadet training cruise from March 31 to Sept. 3, 2003. *Eagle's* primary mission during this deployment is to train future Coast Guard officers at sea. Volunteers are needed in the following ratings to augment the ship's permanent crew: BM, DC, ET, FS, HS, MK, QM. Additionally, one CPO is needed to serve as Master At Arms. Active Duty or Reserve personnel (male or female) may apply for all or any portions of this deployment. However, preference is given to those qualified personnel who volunteer for longer periods. To sail on America's Tall Ship is a memorable experience and an opportunity to help shape and train the future leaders of our Coast Guard. For more info on previous cruises, see: www.cga.edu/eagle/eagle.htm. Interested PACAREA personnel should contact YN1 Annable at 510-437-3517; interested LANTAREA personnel should contact CWO Hargrove at 757-628-4495/96 /FAX 4511. An alternate application method is to access the following Web site and submit a TDY application form; be sure to include CGC *Eagle* in the "Unit Applying For" block and be sure to include the endorsement of your Commanding Officer. www.uscg.mil/mlclant/pdiv/forceops/for_instructions.htm. More info can be found at MLCLANT 0212/02 (R 021935Z DEC 02).



• **SUMMERSTOCK 2003** — It's time to turn your summer dreams into reality — why not look into Summerstock 2003? It's an excellent opportunity for fully qualified boat crew members to work at CG stations on the Great Lakes. It's also ideal for students and teachers seeking full-time summer employment. For summer of 2003, billets are available from May 18 through Sept. 30 (each station's season varies slightly). Billets will be available at: Alexandria Bay, N.Y., Alpena, Mich., Bayfield, Wis., Green Bay, Wis., Harbor Beach, Mich., Holland, Mich., Marquette, Mich., North Superior, Minn., Youngstown (Niagara), N.Y., Sackets Harbor, N.Y., Sodus Point, N.Y. and Washington Island, Wis. Orders are authorized for continuous periods of 60 days or more. Personnel with previous Summerstock 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. Summerstock point of contact is YN1 Patricia Feeney, D9(osr) at 216-902-6116; Fax: 216-902-6121; E-mail: pfeeney@d9.uscg.mil Also check the Summerstock intranet site (accessible from CG SWS only): <http://cgweb.lant.uscg.mil/d9/o/osr/summerstock.htm>. The Reservist published a feature on Summerstock in the



March/April 2001 issue at: www.uscg.mil/reserve/magazine/mag2001/toc2001.htm

• **ANNUAL SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE / MOBILIZATION** — ALCOAST 558/02 discusses the ASQ and classifications of Ready Reservists not available for mobilization. This includes members who are employed in a critical civilian industry or profession, financial or family hardship, temporary physical disqualification, or employment in a key federal position. Please see ALCOAST 558/02 (R 022159Z DEC 02) for details. Also, please see the ASQ section of the story on CGR Readiness Requirements in this issue.

• **MEDICAL/DENTAL READINESS** — To improve the medical and dental readiness of the Selected Reserve, plans are being developed by Areas to ensure that dental exams will be completed in FY03 for all SELRES. Medical records of SELRES will also be reviewed during FY03 for currency of physical exam. Please see ALCOAST 552/02 and also the story in this issue on CGR Readiness Requirements.

• **CPO ACADEMY CONSOLIDATION** — The commandant recently announced the consolidation of the CPO Academy. Since 1999, CPO Academy was co-located at the CG Academy and TRACEN Petaluma. The commandant directed the CPOA be consolidated at TRACEN Petaluma while remaining a component of the Leadership Development Center at CG Academy. FY03 classes slated for Petaluma remain unchanged as do classes scheduled at New London through June 2003. Details are being worked out on these changes and will be published at a later date. ALCOAST 548/02 (R 261551Z NOV 02).



• **COAST GUARD IN ACTION CALENDARS 2003** — Coast Guard calendars for 2003 are now available by mail, over the internet, and at certain Coast Guard Exchanges (Cape May, Astoria, Academy). This is the eighth consecutive year that retired reservist



CWO4 Tom Fletcher is offering these. They can be ordered by mail for \$11.95 plus \$3.75 shipping and handling (for more than one calendar, check the S&H on the Web site: www.coastiecalendar.com). Make checks payable to Lighthouse Enterprises, P.O. Box 1126, Arvada, CO 80001-1126; E-mail: info@coastiecalendar.com. *The U.S. Coast Guard does not endorse this product; this is published as a service to our readers.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2003

• **ROA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE** — Jan. 19-22, Washington Hilton & Towers Hotel, Washington, D.C. Contact Reserve Officers Association, One Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002; Phone: 202-479-2200; Web: www.roa.org

• **ROA COAST GUARD RECEPTION** — The ROA Department of D.C. Coast Guard Chapter 4 invites all USCG officers to this annual event, Monday, Jan. 20, 6 p.m. at ROA Headquarters, One Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. Attire is Coast Guard Service Dress Blue Alpha (or semi-formal business). Cost: O1 - O3, \$20; O4 and above, \$25; O1-O3 couples, \$35; O4 and above couples, \$40. For more info, contact CDR John Baker, USCGR, 13520 Walnutwood Lane, Germantown, MD 20874; Phone: 202-493-6717; E-mail: jbaker@ballston.uscg.mil or johnbzh@msn.com Checks should be made payable to: **ROA DC Chapter 4**. Send checks to CDR Robert Carmack, USCGR, 502 Leaning

Oak St., Gaithersburg, MD 20878-2186; Phone: 240-505-4600; E-mail: rcarmack@ventera.com.

FEBRUARY 2003

• **COAST GUARD RESERVE BIRTHDAY** — The Coast Guard Reserve will be 62 on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003! What is your unit planning for this special occasion?

MARCH 2003

• **USCG MUTUAL ASSISTANCE CAMPAIGN** — The 2003 campaign kicks off March 1 and runs through April 30. For more info, call 1-800-881-2462 or check the Web site: www.cgmahq.org

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• **CWO ASSOC. ANNUAL MEETING** — April 24-26 at Bowie, Md. Contact CWO4 Bob Lewis, USCG(Ret.), CWOA, c/o James Creek Marina, 200 V Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024; Phone: 1-800-792-8447 or 202-554-7753; E-mail: cwoauscg@aol.com

RETIREMENT POINTS

IT'S YOUR MONEY!

By CDR Vince Weber, USCGR

At training sessions throughout the country, I am surprised at how much confusion or misinformation exists concerning retirement points and the difference between active duty and inactive duty points. There are a few tricky issues, but the program is rather straight forward:

1. You earn 15 points per anniversary year while in the Ready Reserve.
2. You can earn one (1) point for each drill, one (1) point for each day of active duty (e.g., ADT, ADSW, EAD) and one (1) point for each Reserve Management Period (RMP).
3. You can only keep 365 points per anniversary (366 in leap years).
4. You can retain only 90 inactive duty points per anniversary year.
5. Your retirement pay is based upon the number of points you acquire.

Now for the tricky part: What are the inactive duty points? They are the 15 points you get each year for affiliation, points for drills and points for correspondence courses you complete. The typical drilling reservist earns the following inactive duty points:

Affiliation:	15
Drills	48
Total	63

Doing all 48 drills leaves a buffer of 27 points for correspondence courses, RMPs and for "batching" your drills. Because drills are issued by fiscal year, but are accounted for by anniversary year, it is possible to have more than 48 paid drills in an anniversary year when you batch or schedule more than four (4) drills per month. (Reservists at PSUs and other expeditionary units receive 60 drills per year, which results in a buffer of 15 points).

Given the above information, how do you maximize the number of points per anniversary year? If you are trying to finish a qualification (e.g., boat coxswain or explosive loading supervisor), then I recommend you request ADT-OTD days to meet your training needs. If you need to go to medical, complete the service-wide examination or some other administrative duty, consider requesting RMPs, which save your IDT for training and increases your number of inactive duty points.

Another option is to take out a correspondence course via the Coast Guard Institute. On the other hand, if you enjoy what you're doing and are willing to drill for just the points, then go for it. Just realize that those inactive duty points are limited to 90 per anniversary year.

Ed's note: CDR Weber is a Reserve Program Administrator and Chief, Reserve Funds Management Division (G-WTR-3) at Headquarters.

REUNIONS

APRIL 2003

• **OWENSBORO UNIT REUNION 2003** — Saturday, April 26, 2003, 2 p.m. Central time, at Sheldon's Country Fixins, located near Munfordville, Ky. Restaurant is owned by PS1 Bob Sheldon, 270-524-3100. Reasonable lodging available in area and close to Mammoth Cave National Park. For directions or more info, contact LT Les Allen, Phone: 502-495-2457; E-mail: lesallen@hotmail.com or CWO Arthur Radin, Phone: 859-885-1236; E-mail: gpradin@juno.com

MAY 2003

• **USCGC CAMPBELL W-32 - W-909 ASSOCIATION** — 18th annual reunion, May 13-16, 2003, at Radisson Hotel Hampton, 700 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, Va. 23669. All crew members welcome! Contact Mike Truex, President USCGC Association, W-32 - W-909, 8 Harvard Avenue, Neptune, NJ 07753; Phone: 732-922-6245; E-mail: mrtruex@worldnet.att.net or James Kelly, Vice President, 40 Lisa lane, Uncasville, CT 06382; Phone: 860-848-1160; E-mail: Jkelly3@earthlink.net

ON THE LOOKOUT...

• **RESERVE UNIT ALTOONA** — Former members of Reserve Unit Altoona Pa. are interested in contacting all former members to form an association to promote the USCG and its missions. Contact: CDR William Erbeck, USCGR (ret.), RR 5 Box 186, Tyrone, PA 16686-9743; Phone: 814-684-1327; E-mail: WilliamErbeck@msn.com

• **GROUP MORICHES/SHINNECOCK, N.Y.** — Reservists reunion in Group AOR, location and date to be determined. Pass the word and contact BMC Ed Neale, USCGR (ret.), 42 Indian Head Dr., Sayville, NY 11782-1703; Phone: 631-589-3940; or QM1 Steve Wade, USCGR (ret.); E-mail: bravepenguin2@aol.com

• **LORAN STATION ANGAUR** — Looking for personnel that served aboard LORSTA Angaur (Palau) from 1945-78 for possible reunion. Contact: Bob Schnell, 964 West 4th St., Plainfield, NJ 07063-1370; Phone: 908-755-1847; E-mail: sch52jas@aol.com

THE MORE YOU KNOW...

Funding Your Uniforms

When you joined the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve, you received an initial issue of clothing. The full sea bag included formal uniforms, working uniforms and other various items.

Now that you have been in a while, how do you get funded to replace or maintain all those uniforms? The quick answer is that enlisted members receive a Clothing Maintenance Allowance (CMA) similar to active duty enlisted personnel. Officers are expected to maintain their own uniforms.

Per ALCOAST 454/02, the Reserve Basic Maintenance Allowance (RBMA) and Reserve Standard Maintenance Allowance (RSMA) are:

RBMA Male: \$1.91 RSMA Male \$2.73
RBMA Female \$2.52 RSMA Female \$3.60

The above may not seem like much, but this pay is per **drill**. In other words, a male enlisted reservist receiving RSMA for 48 drills would receive \$131 to maintain his uniforms. The difference in male and female clothing maintenance rates is due to the higher cost of female uniform items. Since the funding for clothing maintenance comes in your drill pay, you may not know you are being funded to keep your uniforms up to date.

So, if you are receiving the lower RBMA, how do you get the higher RSMA? You simply have to wait until you have three years in the Selected Reserve. The lower rate assumes that your initial issue should last for a few years. In other words, you do not have to replace some expensive items like the Service Dress blouse during the first three years. As a side note, if you go on active duty for more than 30 consecutive days, then you will receive the active duty monthly clothing maintenance allowance.

Do officers receive a clothing maintenance allowance? No. They must pay to maintain their uniforms. However, if an officer is recalled to active duty for 90 days or more, they may be entitled to an additional active duty uniform allowance of \$200. Paragraph 3-K of the *Coast Guard Pay Manual*, COMDTINST M7220.9 has the details.

Some members who have been in the IRR may be reluctant to transfer to the Selected Reserve as they have not kept their uniforms up and don't want to make the investment in uniforms needed to return to a drilling status. Depending upon how long you have been in the IRR, you may be able to receive a supplemental issue of uniforms.

The bottom line is that you need to properly maintain your uniforms. Enlisted members receive a Clothing Maintenance Allowance to cover the costs while officers are expected to cover the costs from their base pay.

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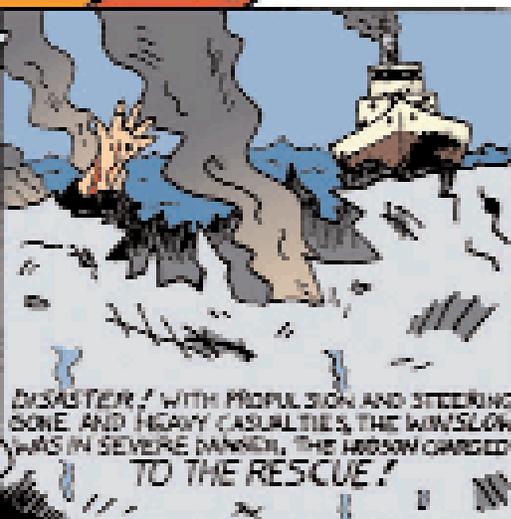
SPAIN AMERICAN WAR MAY 1898 AS PART OF A U.S. ATTACK FORCE, 1ST LT. FRANK NEWCOMB, CAPTAIN OF THE REVENUE CUTTER ANDSON FOUND A SECRET ENTRANCE TO THE BLOCKED-OFF HARBOR OF CARDENAS BAY!



TWO NAVY GUNBOATS AND THE TORPEDO BOAT WINSLOW SLIPPED INTO THE HARBOR TO ATTACK THEIR SPANISH FOES! THE ANDSON WAS ORDERED TO HOLD BACK AND SCOUT THE BAY WHILE THE NAVY VESSELS ENGAGED THE ENEMY!



THE WINSLOW SPED FORWARD IN AN ATTEMPT TO DRAW THREE ENEMY GUNBOATS INTO A FIGHT. BUT...



DISASTER! WITH PROPULSION AND STEERING GONE AND HEAVY CASUALTIES, THE WINSLOW WAS IN SEVERE DANGER, THE ANDSON GARGED TO THE RESCUE!



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FOR THEIR HEROISM AND COURAGE, NEWCOMB, HIS OFFICERS AND THE ENTIRE CREW OF THE ANDSON RECEIVED A SPECIAL P-COMMISSIONED MEDAL OF HONOR!

COAST GUARD RESERVE READINESS REQUIREMENTS

BY LT THOMAS V. GWILLIAM, USCGR

The Commandant has established readiness as a key element of his direction. In order for reservists to be ready, certain requirements must be met. Non-compliance with any of the requirements will severely decrease readiness. The following are three main readiness requirements for Selected Reservists (SELRES):

- 1) Successful annual IDT/ADT participation
- 2) Satisfactory completion of both dental and physical screening examinations
- 3) Completion of the Annual Screening

Questionnaire (ASQ). A complete list of requirements can be found in Chapter 4 of the *Reserve Policy Manual (RPM)*, COMDTINST M1001.28. The RPM can be located on the web at www.uscg.mil/reserve/pubs/rpm/rpmhome.htm.

IDT/ADT Drill Participation

SELRES members are required to maintain individual readiness by routinely drilling at their unit. Members are usually authorized a total of 48 drills per fiscal year. Usually, a SELRES member will complete two single drills during a typical drill day. If a member drills one full weekend every month during a 12-month period, he or she will amass 48 drills for the entire year. Minimum participation criteria require the member to drill at a rate of 90 percent of all scheduled drills. For most members, 90 percent of scheduled drills equates to 43 drills per calendar year. Maintaining a 90 percent drill record qualifies as a successful reservist-drilling year. Further clarification on this policy can be found in **Chapter 2 of the Reserve Policy Manual**.

In addition to IDT, the member must successfully complete annual Active Duty for Training (ADT). To satisfy the member's annual training (AT) requirement, ADT-AT consists of a minimum of 12 training days per fiscal year. ADT-AT is generally performed as OJT at the member's drilling unit or by attendance at a Coast Guard class "C" school, but may be performed elsewhere with command approval. Also, the member may perform ADT-OTD (active duty for training — other training duty). Basically, ADT-OTD is used in addition to ADT-AT to complete specific requirements for rate or billet-related qualifications. ADT-OTD is authorized on a case-by-case basis; commands should submit requests to their supporting ISC (pf) staffs via their change of command.

For further clarification, please consult **Chapter 3 of the Reserve Policy Manual**.

Dental / Medical Readiness

SELRES members must also be physically qualified for mobilization and therefore, must complete periodic dental and medical exams. Readiness will be adversely impacted if the member is not physically qualified. Further details can be found in COMDTINST M6000.1B Ch-17, *CG Medical Manual*. (Change-18 to the instruction will be out in December. It will be available at the **G-WK homepage**, www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wk/wk.htm)

Dental

Coast Guard policy currently states that SELRES members must receive a dental exam every five years. Additionally, ALCOAST 552/02 requires every SELRES member be examined in calendar year 2003.

SELRES members have the option to be screened by their civilian dentist; however, the Coast Guard will not be responsible for payment. The member's civilian dentist needs to fill out DD Form 2813 after the screening is complete. The member may download a copy of the form at www.dior.whs.mil/forms/DD2813.PDF. The member should send the completed form to his or her primary healthcare manager (Coast Guard clinic) for processing. ALCOAST 552/02 further describes the process.

Also, dental insurance is offered to SELRES members and eligible family members. Under the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP), members from both the SELRES and Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) are eligible for coverage. Eligible family members include spouses and children up to age 21 (up to age 23 if a full time student) or older if he or she becomes disabled before losing eligibility. To be eligible for the TDP, the member must have at least 12 months remaining on his or her service commitment.

Details concerning premiums and other specifics on dental insurance can be located on the web at www.ucci.com. If you have trouble with the Web site, you can contact United Concordia directly at 1-888-622-2256.

Medical

SELRES members must receive a physical exam once every five years. The G-WK website listed above will supply you with all pertinent information.

The standard age of physical exams are birth years that end in five. When the member reaches 50 years of age, he or she is required to receive an annual physical. For example, a SELRES member age 33 should receive a physical on his or her 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, etc. birthdays.

If a SELRES member comes on active duty for a

period of 30 days or more, he or she must receive a release from the active duty physical. Also, if a member performs duty overseas, the member must receive a physical.

Members of the IRR and Standby Reserve are not required to have medical and dental check ups. However, if the member requests transfer to the SELRES, a physical and dental check-up are required before the transfer can be authorized.

Annual Screening Questionnaire (ASQ)

The ASQ is required to ensure vital personal recall information is correct and up to date. If your contact info is missing or incorrect, the Coast Guard will not be able to contact you during a mobilization period. Also, without proper address information, official correspondence will go undelivered. Each October, SELRES members are required to update their ASQs, even if the information contained on the form requires no change.

There are a number of ways to complete the info required on the ASQ. The easiest method is to log onto **CGHRMS** (USCG intra-net only), click on *Self Service*, then *Employee*, then *Tasks*, and finally the *Annual Screening Questionnaire*. From there, just fill out or update all applicable fields. If you don't have access to CGHRMS, you can print out a hard copy of the Reserve Annual Screening Questionnaire. Just download the form from the **HRSIC Web site**. If you don't have the ability to access a CG standard workstation, just log onto the web and go to www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic/. When you're there, just type in 'ASQ' in the query line located at the bottom of the page. Click on the site *Reserve Unique Events In CGHRMS*. The site will allow you to download a hard copy of the ASQ. Once you've downloaded the form, print it out and fill in the applicable blocks and send it to your servicing PERSRU; they will input the information into CGHRMS.

If the above methods do not work, contact your command and have them either fax or send you a copy of the ASQ via regular mail. The form takes less than 15 minutes to complete. Make sure to include all phone numbers (including cell numbers) and current mailing address. Ensure all information previously entered in the CGHRMS version is correct. Remember, you must update your ASQ every October or any time your personal information changes throughout the year.

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The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit (Reprint)

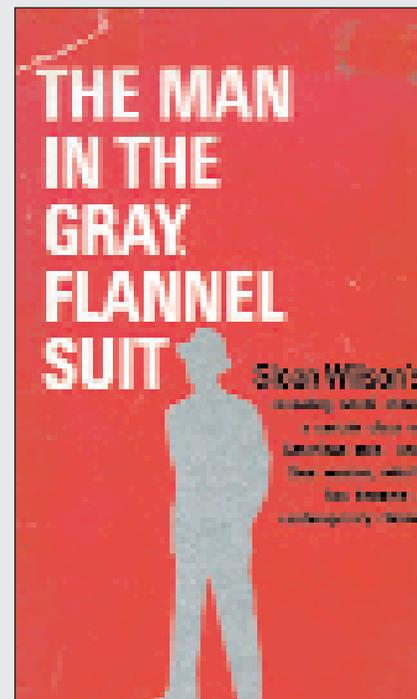
Universally acclaimed when first published in 1955, *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit* captured the mood of a generation. It was a *New York Times* best-seller that became an award-winning film starring Gregory Peck, and its title — like *Catch 22* and *Fahrenheit 451* — has become a part of our cultural vocabulary.

Tom Rath doesn't want much out of life: just a decent home, enough money to support his wife and family, and a career that won't completely crush his spirit. After returning from World War II, he takes a public relations job at a television network in New York City. It is inane, dehumanizing work. But when a series of personal crises forces him to re-examine his priorities — and take responsibility for his past — he is finally moved to carve out an identity for himself. *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit* is Sloan Wilson's searing indictment of a society that has mortgaged the spiritual integrity of its citizens in favor of wealth, power, and global superiority.

Author Sloan Wilson served as a lieutenant in the Coast Guard Reserve during World War II. He is also the author of *Ice Brothers*, *Pacific Interlude* and many other novels. Wilson was featured in *The Reservist* (May 2000) in honor of his 80th birthday. Born in Norwalk, Conn., he now lives in Colonial Beach, Va. (Contact Wilson at P.O. Box 510, Colonial Beach, VA 22443; 804-224-5603; E-mail: swilsonb@en.net).

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28 K M DOZEMAN, STA GRAND HAVEN, MI

DAMAGE CONTROLMAN (DC)

DC1

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29 AND HOLDING...



Photo by CWO2 Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

SKC Joan E. Ferreira, USCGR, center, displays her retirement certificate as CAPT Carl Bromund, left, and MCPO Linda Reid, USCGR, right, look on. Ferreira served 29 years in the CGR and was honored Sept. 19 at a ceremony held aboard the CWO barge moored next to Coast Guard Headquarters.

RETIREMENTS

RET-1 (Retired With Pay)

AUGUST 2002

PS2 David E. McNutt, D8

SEPTEMBER 2002

CDR Lewis W. Parker, D1
CDR John L. Stapleton, D11
LT Damon E. Tompkins, D8
CWO4 Peter T. Knox, D13
PSCS Stephen L. Hanna, D8
YNCS Leona K. Chaffee, D8
BMC Howard F. O'Dell, D1
EMC James A. Rud, D5
PSC Brian J. Lawrence, D11
BM1 M. I. Wasserman, D1
DC1 William J. Alexander, D5
FS1 Dewey C. Stroup, D7
IV1 Calvin L. Kirschner, D9
MK1 Alfonso F. Gambale, D1
PS1 John R. Huisman, D7
PS1 David J. McConnell, D9
PS1 Gary L. Williams, D13
PS2 Jessie R. Harrell, D8
SK2 Thomas J. Fuss, D9
TC2 Howard I. Walker, D9

OCTOBER 2002

CAPT G. Fleming, MLCLANT
CAPT Ronald R. Reaume, D11
CDR Ronald O. Brown, D11
CDR Jerry D. Davis, D8
CDR Ray A. Franseen, D5
CDR Robert L. Treat, D7
LCDR Robert D. Lanning, D9
LCDR Thomas P. Orndorf, D7
LCDR James S. Vosburg, D11
LCDR A. D. Zimmerling, D13
LT Joseph R. Zuppardo, D7
CWO4 R. D. Davidson, D8
CWO4 James T. Gorton, D1
CWO4 Carl R. Harlan, D8
CWO3 David G. Dillon, D5
IVCM Glenn M. Sutton, D11
MSTCM Walter Craft, D7
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PSC Ralph O. Ellen, D5
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SKC Frank A. Koster, D5
YNC Dennis R. Johnson, D13
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MK1 Francisco Deleon, D8
MK1 James L. Spender, D5
PA1 Peter J. Lambert, D11
PS1 Robert D. Beebe, D13
PS1 Richard G. Jameison, D1
PS1 Thomas P. Maggio, D1

PS1 Michael A. McCrystal, D7
SK1 John W. Baker, D7
BM2 James A. Reynolds, D7
FS2 Charles Shepard, D7
YN2 Nancy L. Henderson, D1
PS3 Leroy L. Sieck, D8

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BM2 Frank D. Fontaino, D1

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SEPTEMBER 2002

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BMCS Eric W. Fritz, D8
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PSC David D. Wilder, D7
BM1 Manuel Deandrade, D1
DC1 William J. Bobek, D1
PA1 Virginia A. Adams, D1
HS1 C. F. McNaughton, D5
MST1 David C. Upjohn, D13
PS1 Dale R. Carnell, D7
BM2 J. E. Harrington, D1
BM2 Terry B. Peabody, D8
EM2 Mark P. Diemer, D1
MK2 David L. Basins, D1
MK2 Mark L. Kretzinger, D13
MK2 Carl E. Newton, D5

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CWO3 Simon L. Watson, D11
MKCM William V. Jasmin, D8
MKCM James J. Kozuch, D8
PSCM Don B. Kirby, D8
IVCS D. A. Bowerman, D8
BMC Zelen R. Noecker, D13
GMC K. J. Budzinski, D8
IVC Thomas M. Kocur, D9
MSTC James F. Mathisen, D7
YNC W. C. Gustafson, D11
YNC Susan E. Watkins, D5
BM1 R. E. Saprionetti, D7
EM1 Dennis C. Horigan, D1
FS1 Michael J. Roy, D1
MST1 Clyde R. Moulton, D11
YN1 Caridad I. Henriquez, D7
BM2 Sherry M. Cook, D11
BM2 Bruce K. Hoar, D1
BM2 Thomas Stonehouse, D1
DC2 John R. Gowitzke, D1
FS2 Stephen J. Pozorski, D9

Source: PO Bobby Dees, HRSIC (ras)

- **CAPT Charles E. Chamberlain**, USCGR(Ret.), in Leesburg, Va., Nov. 25, 2002, of heart failure. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte. Interment Lansing, Mich.
- **CAPT John P. Lynker**, USCGR(Ret.), 75, in Middletown, Conn., Nov. 11, 2002, of heart failure. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was a graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology and Columbia University, and served in the Navy during World War II. He was a well-known radio personality in the nation's capital at all-news WTOP. During his 20-plus year stint at WTOP, he received a Broadcasting Legend award from the Washington Area Broadcasters Association. He also spent time at several other major radio stations including WCBS and WINS in New York, WWJ in Detroit, and KGO in San Francisco. Colleagues recalled Lynker as a professional who took time to mentor others. He is survived by his wife, Linda, five children and six grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Demaine Funeral Home, Alexandria, Va. Dec. 15. Interment Dec. 16, 2002 at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.
- **CAPT Jesse L. Smith**, USCGR(Ret.), in Murfreesboro, Tenn., Nov. 10, 2002, of cancer. He is survived by his wife, Helen. Interment Murfreesboro, Tenn.
- **CDR Karl R. Bengtson**, USCGR(Ret.), in Laconia, N.H., Nov. 10, 2002, from a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Jean. He was cremated.
- **CDR Marcellus C. Carpenter**, USCGR(Ret.), in Rochester, N.Y., Oct. 18, 2002, of renal failure. He is survived by his wife, Betty. CDR Carpenter's body was donated for medical research.
- **CDR Robert V. Flouton**, USCGR(Ret.), in Andover, Mass., Nov. 7, 2002. He is survived by his daughter, Margo Flouton. He was cremated.
- **CDR Jackson G. Houser**, USCGR(Ret.), in Flagler Beach, Fla., Nov. 5, 2002, from cancer. He is survived by his wife, Josephine. Interment Volusia Memorial Funeral Home and Interment Center, Formund Beach, Fla.
- **CDR Philip Jordan, Jr.**, 64, of Sawyer, Mich., Dec. 4, 2002, at his home. Born May 18, 1938, in Chicago, he earned his bachelor's degree from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, his master's in educational administration from Loyola University, and continued his education at Western Michigan University for more than six years. He served in the Coast Guard Reserve for 25 years. He was a rural development teacher and co-principal for two years in Liberia, West Africa with the International Voluntary Services. He taught in the Chicago Public School System for seven years, and was employed as a teacher, principal, and director of technology in New Buffalo, Mich. for 28 years. He was a life member of the Reserve Officers Association and Naval Institute. Survivors include his wife, Patricia, two children, Katherine and Christopher. Mass of Christian Burial was held Dec. 7, 2002, at St. Mary of the Lake Church, New Buffalo, Mich. Interment Riverside Cemetery, Chikaming Township, Mich. Memorial donations to St. Agnes Church, St. Mary of the Lake School Building Fund, or to Hospice at Home of Stevensville.
- **LCDR Robert A. Macnamara**, USCGR(Ret.), in Norfolk, Va., Nov. 16, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Judith.
- **LCDR Walter W. Johnson**, USCGR(Ret.), of Traverse City, Mich., Oct. 12, 2002, of cancer. He is survived by his spouse, Mary. Interment Traverse City, Mich.
- **LCDR Edouard W. LaCroix, Jr.**, USCGR(Ret.), of Tiverton, R.I., Oct. 10, 2002, from an automobile accident. He is survived by his wife, Linda. Cremated in Tiverton, R.I.
- **LCDR Esmonde F. O'Brien, Jr.**, USCGR(Ret.), in Wappingers Falls, N.Y., Oct. 13, 2002, of cardiac arrest. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne. Cremated in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
- **CWO2 Ned E. Vore**, USCGR(Ret.), in Milwaukee, Ore., Oct. 22, 2002, of pneumonia. He is survived by his wife, Hilda. Cremated in Milwaukee, Ore.
- **ENC Ulysses P. Wade**, USCGR(Ret.), in Brooksville, Fla., Oct. 22, 2002, of cancer. He is survived by his wife, Maria. Interment Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.
- **MK1 Richard L. Rooks**, USCGR(Ret.), of Red Bluff, Calif., Sept. 23, 2002, of Alzheimer's Disease. He is survived by his wife, Janet.
- **PS1 Frank R. Griffiths**, USCGR(Ret.), 66, in New York, N.Y., Nov. 1, 2002. He is survived by his daughter, Nancy Freitas. He was cremated.
- **Lighthousekeeper Harry J. Roughton**, FLHS, Oct. 11, 2002, in Norfolk, Va., of congestive heart failure. He is survived by his wife Frances. Interment Suffolk, Va.

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HOWDY FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT!

It has been over one year since I accepted this job, and boy, what a rewarding job it is! The events of 9/11 thrust the Coast Guard into an area that we really were not ready for. I think the Coast Guard did an excellent job of responding, but it did show some inefficiency in the Reserve program that we need to overcome. Under-staffing had a negative impact during the ramp up for homeland security. We all know that budgets are the final determining factor in most decisions.

Let's talk about some lessons learned.

1. Reservists assigned to boat stations are not holding coxswain, engineer or crew qualifications. What can we attribute that to? In trips to the units, I've heard everything from funding to boat and crew availability.

2. Reserve physicals are another problem area. Many of our reservists did not hold a current physical exam. This causes major delays when a call-up happens.

3. Retention and Recruiting. In my view, these subjects are connected. If we could retain more RELADS (Active Duty to Reserve) that currently hold the needed qualifications, our recruiting numbers could be lowered. The Coast Guard could then save money on recruiting bonuses that could instead be used for further training.

Now, as we enter the correction phase of post 9/11, the Coast Guard is reevaluating all the processes that are in place to correct or enhance our programs. I hear various opinions in meetings and of course, I have my own. In this organization, everybody has roles and responsibilities. Knowing our small size, we need to make sure that everybody is pulling their weight. Nothing is more frustrating than having to make many phone calls to get a routine item accomplished.

Prior to the Title 10 recalls, we had micro communities of reservists at units. These were the folks that looked forward to breaking away from their civilian routine and seeing their shipmates. Once a month, they would sharpen their skills, learn new skills, teach someone their skill or simply work on something to make it work better. Title 10 pulled our reservists apart and placed them into other communities, sometimes leaving the "not as skilled members" on the weekend drills.

That said, here is my challenge. Senior members, get those micro communities back in place! Most of us do this job because we love it. If we reservists promote that pride and can-do attitude to the active duty members, the reserve head count would skyrocket

without spending money. Sure, we still require recruits to keep coming in the door, but it sure would lighten the lift for the budget folks.

Chiefs, get your training up and running. Nothing is better than to get a few reservists qualified and certified so they can train other reservists. For example, the 47-foot training program is going to need some help getting everybody trained; I think we can help that process out. It might take some special orders, but the money invested on these programs will be returned 10 times in the long run. Chiefs, help the active duty get the necessary physical exams completed correctly. I have been working this issue for several years and it is not a quick fix, but it can be accomplished.

The primary reason the Reserve program exists is for mobilization, not augmentation. I see units that think reservists are there for extra liberty for the active duty on the weekends. Although that is a great added plus when it happens, the reservists need to be trained for mobilization. Part of that task is the multitude of training that must be accomplished in a short period of time. Chiefs, you need to schedule your training when you can get the most participation for each training evolution. The new CPRL (Contingency Personnel Requirements List) has just been published in my district and this will be used as a guide to make sure all reservists are qualified for mobilization.

In closing, I would like to leave with this one thought. The Coast Guard is one of the *best* military organizations there is. No matter what part of the new Department of Homeland Security we end up in, we are still the United States Coast Guard! Everybody has a very active part in where the service goes from today forward, and I hope you all hold this task as the highest priority.

Happy Holidays.

Ed's note: MCPO Murphy welcomes comments and can be reached by writing: MCPO Kirk Murphy, 604 Shorewood Drive, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920; Home phone: 321-868-1063;



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