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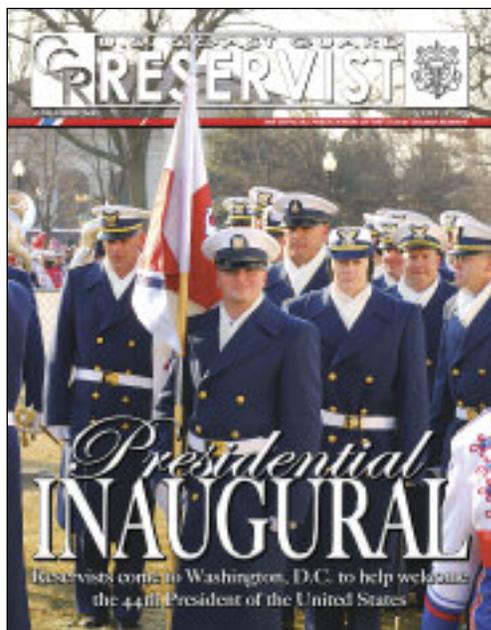
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A group of Coast Guard Reservists in dark blue uniforms and white hats are marching in a parade. One reservist in the foreground is holding a large flag with red, white, and blue stripes. The background shows trees and a crowd of people.

Presidential
INAUGURAL

Reservists come to Washington, D.C. to help welcome
the 44th President of the United States

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



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The first few months of 2009 have indeed been a whirlwind! From the presidential inauguration, implementation of the Reserve Force Readiness System, to the latest CGR Award winners, there's a lot that's happened — and consequently, a lot covered in this issue.

Let's start with the inauguration! Hundreds of Coast Guard personnel were in Washington, D.C. Jan. 20 to welcome and salute our new commander in chief — President Barack Obama! You probably watched much of this historic inauguration on TV or read all about it. That's why this issue of **THE RESERVIST** gives you more of a "behind the scenes" look at the entire event from a Coast Guard perspective. How was it that PSU 309 was deployed overseas and then ended up in the parade? How did reservists get involved as VIP ushers, in the joint military parade cordon, and even assist with announcing the parade? Read all about it here!

The Reserve Force Readiness System is moving ahead smartly. Get an update on Page 22 — and keep watching future issues for continuous updates!

Congratulations also to MK3 Brittany Catanzaro of Station Barnegat Light, N.J., highlighted as "Citizen-Sailor" on Page 27. Catanzaro, New York Waterway Ferry System's first female captain, helped rescue passengers from US Air Flight 1549 on Jan. 15, 2009.

We have awards, advancements and retirements galore in this issue! From the Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer, Waesche Award, Family Readiness and the first USCGR winner of the Novosel Award, we have it all covered. There are also many more awards listed starting on Page 49.

Rhode Island's Senator Claiborne Pell leads the Taps section on Page 55. Senator Pell first enlisted in 1941, a few months before Pearl Harbor, and served aboard a Coast Guard cutter in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean as a ship's cook. He retired from the CGR as a captain in 1978.

By the way, April is Coast Guard Mutual Assistance campaign time! To see how you can do your part, go to Page 58.

Yes, 2009 is underway and off to a fast start, so hold onto your hat, and please come aboard for what I think is a good read!

— ED

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On the Cover: Guidon bearer SNBM Samuel L. Papp of PSU 309 and other members of the CGR Platoon prepare to march in the Inauguration Day parade in Washington, D.C. Jan. 20, 2009. Photo by CPO Stephen Collins, USCG(Ret.).

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Citizen-Sailor

This month we celebrate MK3 Brittany Catanzaro of Station Barnegat Light, N.J. and the New York Waterway Ferry System's First Female Captain, who helped rescue passengers from downed US Air Flight 1549.

Modernization Special Issue Feedback

The Modernization Special Issue RESERVIST was great. The chart and corresponding articles about the modernization structure clarify what is happening within the Coast Guard.

— **CWO4 Michael J. Brzezicki, USCGR**
New London, Conn.

Congratulations on an outstanding issue of THE RESERVIST!! I knew the Commandant was working on another reorganization but this issue really explained not only what the Coast Guard would look like, but also the why. A lot of the ALLCG messages make little sense to someone like me who has been retired for 12 years — the lingo has changed. But this entire issue, written to educate the “civilian” reservist, is also excellent for the retiree, reserve or regular, who is not in daily touch with Headquarters any longer. Thanks for a great job.

— **CAPT Tom Robinson, USCG(Ret.)**
Lansdowne, Va.

My compliments on the beautiful special edition on Modernization. If I may add a constructive comment, in my opinion, the centerfold is way too large ... could have been a bit smaller and only a calendar.

Most folks would not want to hang such a large poster on a home wall ... in an office, yes. Could’ve also saved some much needed bucks toward another project ... printing costs aren’t cheap!

— **MCPO Philip T. Williamson, USCGR(Ret.)**
Pensacola, Fla.

My comments regarding the presentation in THE RESERVIST pertain primarily to locations of reservists in the command realignment. If it is adopted, how effective and responsive to Coast Guard mission accomplishment the new structure will be remains to be seen despite its promotional proclamations.

Viewing the new structure as displayed on the insert and locating the term Reserve within it, we have the following:

1. USCG Reserve under Assistant Commandant for Human Resources (CG-1) under the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support (CG-DCMS).
2. Reserve Operations (OC-1) under Commander Operations Command (CG OPCOM).
3. Reserve Force Readiness (FC-1) under Commander Force Readiness Command (CG FORCOM).
4. Office of Reserve Affairs (CG-131) under Director, Coast Guard Reserve (CG-13) under Assistant Commandant for Human Resources under the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support (CG-DCMS).
5. Dotted line relationships between 2, 3, 4 and CG-13.

This “new” Reserve arrangement may seem very clear to those who constructed it, but I wonder if it really

understandable to the officers and chiefs who are Ready Reservists. My opinion has been when the Reserve embarked with a flawed functional concept of “Integration” over 15 years ago. It tried to make reservists into part time regulars without recognizing critical differences between the two. In essence, Reserve Integration has been trying to fit round pegs into square holes. Even ADM Allen in his interview as reported in

this issue admitted past and current difficulties with personnel assignments such as: senior member billets and those assigned to the MSSTs.

Although this reorganization is a Coast Guard one, it can be added to all the Reserve reorganizations that have preceded it. I maintain that the Coast Guard Reserve has undergone more reorganizations in its 68-year history than any other military entity, both foreign and domestic. I also predict that this will not be the last and that the next one will occur within a few short years after this one is completed.

— **CAPT Joe Manfreda, USCGR(Ret.)**
Chicago, Ill.

I received the copy of THE RESERVIST and as always, it was great and very informative. I love the calendar; as I was looking it over, I was wondering if Douglas Munro’s Anniversary (67th) on Sept. 27, and

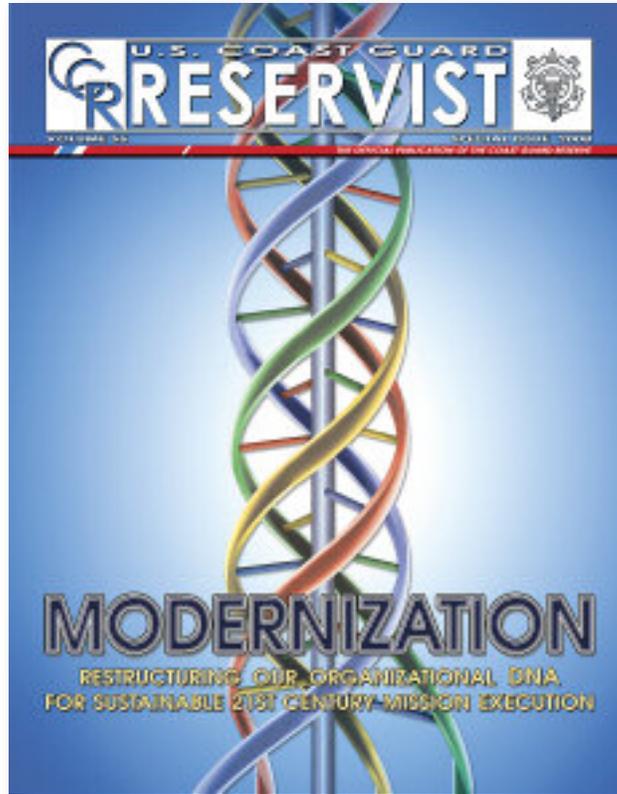
POW/MIA Recognition Day on Sept. 18 were overlooked?

— **BMCS Jack Crowley, USCGR(Ret.)**
Semmes, Ala.

Wow! [Over] 30 pages plus a poster insert was “over the top” and too complex to provide good communication value. I suspect that the special edition missed its audience, individual reservists, and its intended purpose. Who wants to wade through reams of charts with acronym titles and text with abundant generalizations and limited specifics.

You would have been better served to have had the Commandant give an overview of the need for the reorganization backed up by charts of the current command alignment, charts of the proposed realignment, the DCMS chart showing where the Coast Guard fits organizationally, the RFRS chart showing the interrelationships between CG FORCECOM (readiness standards and auditing) and OPCOM (overall CG Mission Execution), the RFRS overview and the poster insert for Reserve unit use. Taking this approach would have yielded an article that would have taken only 11 pages and would not have been a daunting task to understand. Because of its length and confusing complexity, I suspect a large percentage of readers just took out the insert for its calendar value and chucked the magazine.

Based upon what I laboriously gleaned from the article (and I don’t know if what I learned is what was intended), the Commandant’s lead-in article could have made several major points, giving examples of specific (relatable) tasks the new



organization would be working on.

In closing, I think that Coast Guard Reservists would have been better served if they had follow-on articles by the Flag officers when they could be more specific about specific actions being undertaken as a result of study groups being initiated by them. A whole lot of education and motivation on an on-going basis has to take place at the Reserve unit level.

— **CDR Ronald D. Kelly, USCGR(Ret.)
Oldsmar, Fla.**

I thought this was the best issue you've ever done, and you all have certainly done a lot of great issues through the years! This is the most important and exciting period of all of our careers and this issue and graphics made it very understandable. It is a must read for every member of the Coast Guard family: Regular, Reserve, Auxiliary and Civilian. Kudos, kudos, kudos!

— **CAPT Chuck Polk, USCGR
Deputy D8 Western Rivers SRO
New Orleans, La.**

As usual, I enjoyed the latest issue of THE RESERVIST. It is attractive, readable, instructional and professionally done. However, I am puzzled by the photos on Pages 6-7. The caption tells of a new class of National Security Cutters, with an excellent two-page photo of the BERTHOLF. The inset, however, shows ship 716, which clearly is not of the same class, given the twin masts and the changes in the hull. The same complaint can be made of Pages 4-5. Obviously the photo in the inset is not of the same class as the main photo. Would you mind explaining? Thank you.

— **CDR B.J. Manno, USCGR(Ret.)
Oradell, N.J.**

Ed's note: The "inset" photos are the old class cutters/boat being replaced by the cutter/boat shown in the larger photo. For example, the NSC's are replacing the old WHECs, while the Reserve Boat-Medium (RB-M) are replacing the old 41-foot Utility Boats (UTBs). Sorry we did not make this clear in the publication.

Unless the Paint and Color Manual has been changed or canned entirely, the paint scheme on the new 378 replacement isn't at all traditional (Modernization issue, Pages 4-10). I see no spar colored paint on any bits, portable davits, capstans, hatch combings, or anchor windlass controls and the lettering on the ship and new EADS CASA CN235-300M aircraft on the following page do not conform with the type style that used to be prescribed. Apparently the 45-foot medium response boat doesn't even warrant a paint job. Is this a conscious decision in naval engineering that used to be responsible for that pub?

— **CDR Ed Moritz, USCGR (Ret.)
Huntington, N.Y.**

Fisher House

I write to share news of a caring and unique resource available to military members — including reservists; Fisher House, established on the grounds of major Veteran's Administration Medical Centers, offers military members and their loved ones lodging while undergoing treatment. A source of great solace, Fisher House offers those traveling great distances the opportunity to remain near loved ones and maintain a routine during stressful times. A private-public partnership using donations to defray the cost of 2.5-million days of lodging each year, Fisher House supports people from varied backgrounds coping with an array of challenges. The

houses offer private rooms, a communal kitchen, a living and dining room and laundry facilities. Volunteers stop by to bake, residents offer one another support, and the result is a warm and inviting atmosphere that more closely resembles home. But this doesn't even begin to tell the story.

When I arrived in Albany, N.Y. from Tampa, Fla. in mid-October to care for my gravely ill father, my job, my life and my plans were in flux. I felt shaken and rudderless. I found it easier to keep my thoughts and fears inward, tentatively having conversations with other residents over coffee. Yet because of the safe, inviting atmosphere, I soon found myself drawn in by the warmth and complete kindness of strangers. The staff offered hugs, tea and cookies, warm blankets, crocheted me a cozy scarf and shared advice on parking, nurses, grocery shopping, military benefits and the city. On a recent and particularly sad night for my dad, they arrived silently in the ICU to hold my hand and pray for him. It was a moment of complete fulfillment and gratitude.

Fisher House embodies the best our world has to offer and the concept of helping one another dovetails nicely with Coast Guard core values and helping shipmates.

As others arrive with loved ones in critical situations, it feels so good to "pay it forward." I type this letter, knowing my dad has a very steep and long road ahead, just as Mel, the Assistant Director of Fisher House brings me a steaming mug of caramel coffee, her smiling face greeting me. It's that kind of unexpected and gracious support that keeps you centered during tough times.

Fisher House allows a clarity, calm and level of comfort no hotel could ever provide. It's even more special knowing it was created for those who have served.

Learn more about Fisher House by logging on to www.fisherhouse.org.

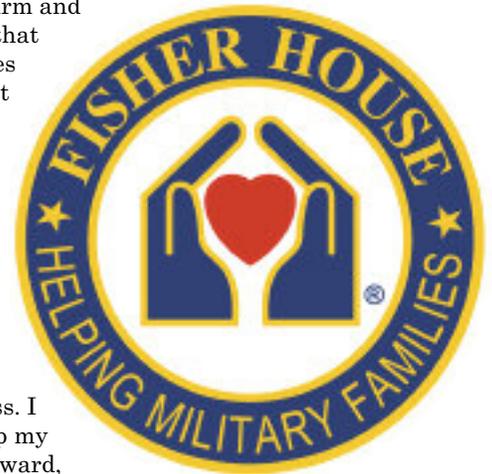
— **PA1 Judy Silverstein, USCGR
Tampa, Fla.**

Back Issues Archive

Bravo Zulu — Well Done! Bravo Yankee — Splice the Main Brace! Well done placing all the back editions of THE RESERVIST on line. It has been of tremendous assistance in tracking down clues concerning the Coast Guard uniform and rating history. Here's a tidbit regarding the new ME (Maritime Enforcement Specialist) rating that is being established. From back editions of THE RESERVIST, I was able to locate some information concerning the specialty mark that is going to be used — something copied from the 1980s creation of the PS specialty mark. There are a few issues from 1958-59 and the mid-1980s that won't open up or didn't quite copy correctly.

— **CWO3 Dana Lewis, USCGR(Ret.)
Shoreline, Wash.**

Ed's note: Thanks, CWO Lewis! We're aware that some of the archive copies (especially from the 1950s) are difficult to read. The plan is to tweak these as time permits.







With his family by his side, Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th president of the United States by Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts Jr. in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20, 2009. DoD photo by Master Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo, U.S. Air Force



U.S. Coast Guard Commandant ADM Thad W. Allen, President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden salute a military color guard as it passes the reviewing stand during the 2009 presidential inaugural parade in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20, 2009. More than 5,000 men and women in uniform provided military ceremonial support to the presidential inauguration, a tradition dating back to George Washington's 1789 inauguration. DoD photo by 1st Sgt Robert Hyatt, U.S. Army



The Coast Guard Reserve platoon, mostly made up of members of PSU 309 and led by a Coast Guard color guard, marches into position in preparation for the 2009 presidential inaugural parade in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20, 2009. Photo by Chief Petty Officer Stephen Collins, USCG(Ret.)







By
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“The United States Coast Guard has committed to missions that mandate change, and each reservist and command will have the Reserve Policy Statement as the guide to implement these changes. The challenging question to us is, “What are we doing to ensure the Coast Guard principles and mandate for change are being met?”

Our Changing Coast Guard

Leadership expert, Ken Blanchard, states, “Change is inevitable, growth is optional.” While change may be an option in the industrial world, it is an imperative for the Coast Guard of today and entirely relevant in light of the changes we have witnessed under the guidance of ADM Allen.

I would hope that reservists and all members of our Coast Guard family have read THE COAST GUARD RESERVIST Special Issue on Modernization published recently. The contributors to this issue presented a look ahead, a cause for action, and a mandate for future change and growth. Each contributor emphasized the demand for change, flexibility, and agility in meeting the expectations of the American public and the challenges our nation faces in the Global War on Terrorism.

Since 1790, our core values, Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty, have remained constant. In 1990, the principles of our Coast Guard Reserve Shield, Patriotism, Preparedness, and Professionalism, were introduced.

During All Hands meetings, I often or always ask, “When did life change for guardsmen and reservists?” Many respond that it was after 9/11. I disagree.

Beginning with DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM in 1990 through OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM today, life changed forever for Guard personnel and especially for members of the Coast Guard Reserve. Readiness mandates now extend from the individual to all commands to ensure Reserve forces are trained and qualified to fulfill domestic and military mobilization requirements.

What changes can members of the Coast Guard Reserve, their families and employers expect in 2009 and beyond? My answer will focus on the principles of the Coast Guard Reserve Shield:

- **Patriotism** – We are all patriots serving the Coast Guard, be it Auxiliary, Civilian, Active, or Reserve. As reservists, we must include as patriots our families and employers. Without their support, this level of service to the nation would not be possible. We must continue to keep our families and employers informed of duty assignments and mobilization requirements.
- **Preparedness** – Regardless of rank, a military supervisor should never have to tell an individual when to complete an ASQ, a PHA, or enter a weight management program. Also, military and civilian supervisors should be aware of the IDP, drill and active duty schedule for FY09 and beyond. As a major component of readiness, every Coast Guard Reservist will be responsible and accountable

for personal metrics. Within 24 hours of any deployment, sudden changes in terrain, climate, and workload mandate a high level of personal health and conditioning. Since 2003, LANT, PAC, and CG-131 have been reviewing metrics on a monthly basis. Both LANT and PAC are striving for every member to be at 90 percent or better in their metrics. Each command is an equal partner in this principle. For example, with the standup of FORCECOM and OPCOM, both LANT and PAC have collaborated on best practices for Boat Forces Qualifications. CAPT John Leyerle, PAC AREA Chief of Staff (Reserve), CAPT Stash Pelkowski, D5 SRO and CAPT Ted Harrop, Boat Forces, convene a monthly conference call on developing, implementing, collaborating, and improving Boat Forces readiness and resources, including the personal metrics of our most important resource – the individual reservist.

- **Professionalism** – The public we serve and/or the country to which we may be deployed will not give us a “pass” on poor readiness because we are reservists, nor should they. All they know is that our nametapes read U.S. Coast Guard, and they expect the highest level of professionalism characterized by our service for 219 years. As reservists, we continue to have an ever greater influence and responsibility in meeting that expectation in the communities in which we live and serve. We are an important component of the image of the Coast Guard. Our professional demeanor reflects on our service 24/7, in or out of uniform.

The Coast Guard readiness level is the subject of a monthly report to VADM Papp on the number of qualified Response and Prevention members from both LANT and PAC. This information is of great importance given the projected standup of OPCOM on June 1, 2009. VADM Papp’s AOR will expand to nine districts, 24 time zones and 70 percent of the SELRES. This will require reservists nationwide to be mobilization-ready at all times, and will entail meeting physical demands and expectations of the highest level of competence for the assigned duties.

The United States Coast Guard has committed to missions that mandate change, and each reservist and command will have the Reserve Policy Statement as the guide to implement these changes. The challenging question to us is, “What are we doing to ensure the Coast Guard principles and mandate for change are being met?”

I am confident we will uphold these principles and meet or exceed expectations in FY09 and beyond.

Napolitano appointed third Secretary of Homeland Security



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Janet Napolitano was sworn in on Jan. 21, 2009 as the third Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Napolitano was mid-way through her second term as governor of the state of Arizona. While governor, Napolitano became the first woman to chair the National Governors Association, where she was instrumental in creating the Public Safety Task Force and the Homeland Security Advisors Council. She also chaired the Western Governors Association. Napolitano previously served as the Attorney General of Arizona and the U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona.

Napolitano's homeland security background is extensive. As U.S. Attorney, she helped lead the domestic terrorism investigation into the Oklahoma City bombing. As Arizona Attorney General, she helped write the law to break up human smuggling rings. As governor, she implemented one of the first state homeland security strategies in the nation, opened the first state counter-terrorism center and spearheaded efforts to transform immigration enforcement. She's also been a pioneer in coordinating federal, state, local and bi-national homeland security efforts, and presided over large scale disaster relief efforts and readiness exercises to ensure well-crafted and functional emergency plans.

Napolitano graduated from Santa Clara University in 1979, where she won a Truman Scholarship. In 1983, she received her Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the University of Virginia School of Law. After law school, she served as a law clerk for Judge Mary M. Schroeder of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit before joining the law firm of Lewis and Roca.

Happy 68th Birthday, Coast Guard Reserve!

RDML Dan May, Director of Reserve & Training, left, cuts some delicious frosted cupcakes with VADM Clifford Pearson, Coast Guard Chief of Staff, at the Coast Guard Reserve's 68th birthday cake-cutting ceremony Feb. 20 in the Headquarters cafeteria. During his celebratory remarks, VADM Pearson mentioned that his mother served in the Coast Guard as a SPAR (Women's Reserve).



Photo by CWO3 Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

2008 Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer

LT David Cripe, Sector San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — Sector San Francisco's LT David J. Cripe is the recipient of the Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer (ROJO) award for Fiscal Year 2008. The ROJO award is based on notable contributions to the Coast Guard, demonstrated leadership ability, exemplary performance of Coast Guard duties, and significant civic accomplishments.

Cripe demonstrated exceptional leadership abilities that strengthened working relationships between enlisted and officer personnel. His participation in three Officer Candidate School accession boards imparted knowledge and leadership examples to future Coast Guard Officers. He served as PACAREA's Planning Section Chief for the successful Pacific Maritime Exercise.

In his civilian career, he serves as a rescue swimmer for the Pacific Grove Fire Department where he is also responsible for training the 20-member team. In that

capacity, he works closely with Coast Guard command, state, local, and municipal rescue agencies. In his community, he is the president of the Calvary Christian High School Board, and a volunteer coach where he teaches 70 low income and diverse young men and women. He received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal in recognition of his volunteer efforts and was recently selected for the DHS Secretary's Award for Volunteer Service.

The ROJO award, sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association, was presented to LT Cripe during the ROA Mid-Winter Conference Coast Guard Reception in Washington D.C. Feb. 2. He is the 26th recipient of this national award since it was established in 1983. ALCOAST 017/09 announced the award winner. Cripe was selected from an outstanding group of nominees from around the nation, listed below.

2008 Nominees

(listed in alphabetical order by last name)

- LT Matthew Brooks**, Sector Hampton Roads
- LT David Cripe**, Sector San Francisco
- LTJG Kathryn Egan**, Sector New Orleans
- LT John Fitzgerald**, Gulf Strike Team
- LT Daniel Garry**, Sector Buffalo
- LTJG Matthew Gilbert**, Sect. Long Is. Sound
- LT Karl Hellberg**, Group Astoria
- LTJG Jacob Katz**, Sector Guam
- LT Thomas Morgan**, JTRU USTRANSCOM
- LTJG Matthew Waller**, Sector Charleston



Photo by Mr. Eric Minton, ROA

Above: LT David J. Cripe of Sector San Francisco accepts a plaque from ADM Thad Allen, USCG Commandant, at the ROA Coast Guard Reception in Washington, D.C. Feb. 2.



Right: Some of the 2008 ROJO nominees visit CG Headquarters, Feb. 4, 1 to r: LT John Fitzgerald, LTJG Matthew Waller, LT David Cripe, LTJG Jacob Katz, LT Matthew Brooks and LTJG Matthew Gilbert. All nominees are listed above.

Photo by CW03 Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

Reilly first CGR Warrant Officer recipient of ROA Novosel Award

ARLINGTON, Va. — Chief Warrant Officer Michael T. Reilly is the recipient of the ROA Novosel Award. Sponsored by the ROA Warrant Officers Committee, the Novosel Award recognizes the achievements and dedicated service of warrant officers. Though the award was established eight years ago, this is the first year Coast Guard Reserve warrant officers competed.

Reilly is the first non-U.S. Army and first Coast Guard recipient of this award. As the Senior Reserve Special Agent in Coast Guard Investigative Services (CGIS), Reilly routinely interacts with senior CGIS officials and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. He is a deputy fire chief in the Operations Bureau of the Fairfax County, Va. Fire and Rescue Department. Reilly serves on the Virginia Fire Services Board and is a member of the U.S. Urban Search and Rescue Team.

The ROA Novosel Award is named in honor of CW4 Michael J. Novosel. On Oct. 2, 1969, he rescued 29 men in South Vietnam while serving as an Army warrant officer aviator, flying medevac missions. For his heroic actions, he received the Congressional Medal of Honor. He also helped evacuate 5,589 wounded soldiers during the Vietnam War. When he retired in 1985, Novosel had served over 42 years as a military aviator. Novosel wrote “Dust Off, Memoir of an Army Aviator” before his passing on April 3, 2006.

“It was an honor to be nominated and even more so to win this award,” said Reilly. “I have pretty big shoes to fill to represent those types of qualities portrayed by CWO Novosel.”

Reilly was presented with the award by ADM Thad Allen, USCG Commandant, at the ROA Mid-Winter Conference Coast Guard Reception in Washington, D.C. Feb. 2.



Photo by Mr. Eric Minton, ROA

CWO Michael T. Reilly, left, receives the Novosel Award from ADM Thad Allen at the Coast Guard Reception during ROA Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. Feb. 2.

2008 Reserve Recruiter of the Year YNCS Tom Illich, Recruiting Office New Orleans



Photo by YN2 Ruslan Baute, USCG

Coast Guard Reservist YNCS Tom Illich, right, displays a plaque he received for being named the USCGR Recruiter of the Year while CAPT Steven Vanderplas of Coast Guard Recruiting Command reads a citation for a Coast Guard Commendation Award that Illich also received at New London Nov. 18, 2008. Illich works out of Recruiting Office New Orleans and this is the third time he's been named CGR Recruiter of the Year. He has recruited over 300 reservists throughout the years.

2008 Waesche Award

Eighth Coast Guard District and Integrated Support Commands New Orleans and St. Louis

NEW ORLEANS — The Eighth Coast Guard District and Integrated Support Commands (ISCs) New Orleans and St. Louis are the recipients of the ADM Russell R. Waesche Award for FY 2008. The award is sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association, and recognizes the Coast Guard District and their cognizant ISC(s) for superior Reserve readiness.

D8 and ISCs New Orleans/St. Louis excelled in implementing training, using resources and technology, which provides a strengthened Ready Reserve force. Particularly impressive were the strides made to increase the readiness of D8's Reserve force and the efficient use of the new Mobilization Readiness-Tracking Tool.

Using available resources and implementing training, ISC St. Louis sponsored small boat training that resulted in increased numbers of qualified reserve coxswains and reserve boat crewmembers. ISC New Orleans' effective management of RT appropriations resulted in increased qualifications of coxswains, crew, and boarding team members as well as increased attendance at anti-terrorism training and Leadership and Management School. This allows D8, ISC New

Orleans and ISC St. Louis to be on the cutting edge of Reserve readiness, benefiting members and the U.S. Coast Guard. These examples effectively reinforced the district's Reserve force as indispensable in managing day-to-day and surge mission requirements.

Other Districts/ISCs nominated in numerical order: District 1/ISC Boston; District 13/ISC Seattle; and District 14/ISC Honolulu.

The award was presented to D8 representatives at the Coast Guard Reception held in conjunction with the Reserve Officers Association Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. Feb. 2. The Eighth District has won the Waesche Award seven times: 1966, 1967, 1973, 1991, 1995, 2002 and 2008. ALCOAST 018/09 announced this year's winner.

The Waesche Award was established in 1961 in recognition of the exceptional foresight, understanding and wisdom of ADM Russell R. Waesche in developing the Reserve component of the United States Coast Guard. Waesche served as the Coast Guard's Commandant from 1936-46.



Representatives of D8 and ISCs New Orleans/St. Louis accept the Waesche Award at the Coast Guard Reception during the ROA Mid-Winter Conference Feb. 2. Left to right: RDML Dan May, Director of Reserve & Training; RADM Joel Whitehead,

D8 Commander; CAPT Deborah Dombeck, D8 Senior Reserve Officer; CAPT Peter Oittinen, ISC New Orleans; CAPT George Stephanos, ISC St. Louis; ADM Thad Allen, USCG Commandant.

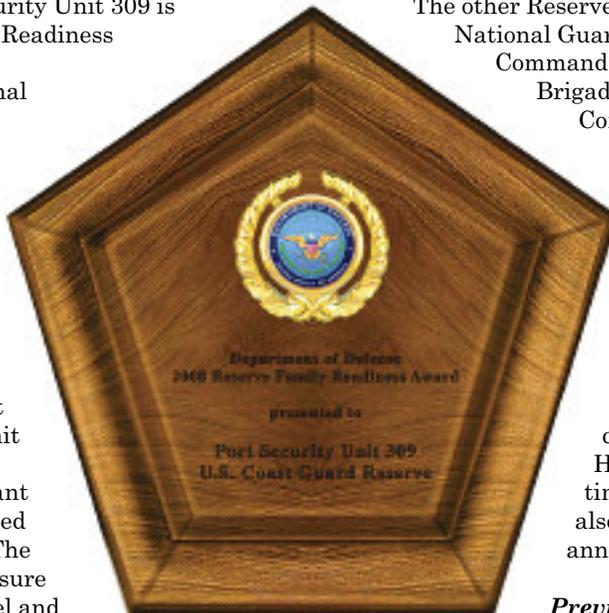
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2008 Reserve Family Readiness Award Presented to PSU 309

PORT CLINTON, Ohio — Port Security Unit 309 is the recipient of the Reserve Family Readiness Award for FY 2008.

PSU 309 demonstrated exceptional family readiness and ombudsman support during their recent deployment in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. In addition to several unit-sponsored family events, the unit promotes camaraderie and open communications through its constant focus on its families and the preparations for challenges that arise when the unit deploys. The unit ombudsman effectively leveraged technology to overcome the significant geographical distances that separated the unit's families when deployed. The ombudsman worked tirelessly to ensure that family members, unit personnel and command cadre were always well informed through newsletters, telephone calls and e-mail. This directly and positively affected unit morale and mission performance.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (OASD-RA) established the award in 2000 to recognize the top unit in each of the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces that demonstrates outstanding family readiness while maintaining superior mission readiness. The award is open to any Coast Guard unit with a reserve workforce.



The other Reserve Component winners included: Army National Guard, 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Anderson, S.C.; Army Reserve, 3rd Brigade, 98th Division, 108th Training Command, Lexington, Ky.; Navy Reserve, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 24, Huntsville, Ala.; Marine Corps Reserve, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, Portland, Ore.; Air National Guard, 153rd Airlift Wing, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Air Force Reserve, 439th Airlift Wing, Springfield, Mass. The award was presented by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (OASD-RA) at a ceremony held in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes Feb. 13, 2009. This is the second time PSU 309 has won this award, having also won in 2000. ALCOAST 023/09 announced this year's winner.

Previous Award Winners:

- 2008: PSU 309, Port Clinton, Ohio**
- 2007: PSU 308, Gulfport, Miss.**
- 2006: PSU 312, San Francisco, Calif.**
- 2005: PSU 307, St. Petersburg, Fla.**
- 2004: PSU 307, St. Petersburg, Fla.**
- 2003: PSU 311, San Pedro, Calif.**
- 2002: PSU 307, St. Petersburg, Fla.**
- 2001: PSU 307, St. Petersburg, Fla.**
- 2000: PSU 309, Port Clinton, Ohio**



Celebrating PSU 309's Reserve Family Readiness Award at a Pentagon ceremony Feb. 13, 2009 are, left to right: Dr. John Winkler, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs; RDML Thomas Atkin, DOG

Commander; CDR Karl Leonard, PSU 309 CO; Mr. Kenneth Swan, PSU 309 Ombudsman; LCDR Robert Cooper, PSU 309 XO; MCPO Jerry Saunders, PSU 309 CMC; and VADM Norbert Ryan, USN(Ret.), MOAA President.

Photo courtesy LITC Matt Leonard, OSD(RA)

Texas State Senate Adopts Resolution Recognizing Coast Guard Reserve



Photo courtesy: MCPO Gerald Fierro, USCGR(Ret.)

Displaying Texas State Senate Resolution 206, which recognized the CGR's 68th anniversary are, front row, left to right: LCDR Paul Morris, CDR Charles Barrett Jr., CAPT Deborah Dombeck, LTJG Michael Starnes, Texas Senator Leticia Van de Putte. Back row, l to r: MCPO-CGRF #1 Forrest Croom, MCPO Jerry Fierro, SCPO Carl Rodriguez, and CDR Anthony Fuentes, USCGR(Ret.).

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas State Senate adopted Senate Resolution (SR) #206 recognizing the United States Coast Guard Reserve on Feb. 18, 2009, the eve of the 68th anniversary of the creation of the Coast Guard Reserve. Reserve members were recognized on the floor of the Senate Chamber.

Texas Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio sponsored the resolution and MCPO Gerald Fierro, USCGR(Ret.) was a driving force behind the event. SR #206 states:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to honor the 8,000 men and women of the United States Coast Guard Reserve for their exceptional service to our country and the State of Texas and to congratulate them on the 68th anniversary of the Reserve; and

WHEREAS, February 19, 2009, marks the 68th anniversary of the creation of the Coast Guard Reserve, which was established when the United States Congress amended the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act; and

WHEREAS, Coast Guard Reservists have diligently and honorably served in Texas, across our great nation, and abroad, in times of peril and crisis; over 600 Coast Guard Reservists call Texas home, and they were instrumental in helping their fellow Texans during Hurricane Ike in the summer of 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Coast Guard Reserve's professional and

dedicated personnel provide the Coast Guard and the nation a well-prepared and well-trained workforce with a unique blend of civilian and military education and experience; and

WHEREAS, The leadership of the Coast Guard is committed to optimizing the reserve corps by improving training and administrative support, enabling reservists to better serve the people of the United States; our rapidly changing world presents new challenges for Texas and our entire nation, and Coast Guard Reservists play a pivotal and critical role in meeting these urgent challenges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby express appreciation to the members of the Coast Guard Reserve for their service and commitment to our state and nation and congratulate them on the organization's 68th anniversary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

SR 206 was read and was adopted without objection. Sen. Van de Putte, joined by Senators Fraser, Wentworth, and Ogden, recognized and introduced to the Senate, a group of Coast Guard Reservists, both presently serving and retired. The Texas Senate welcomed its guests.



CG Commissions Intelligence Unit

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The U.S. Coast Guard commissioned a new unit at Coast Guard Island called the Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Pacific (MIFC PAC) Jan. 27, 2009. The mission of MIFC PAC is to produce predictive all-source national and law enforcement intelligence in general support of Coast Guard operational forces to shape planning, decision making, and mission execution. The commissioning of this independent unit will improve operational effectiveness and creates a consistent organizational structure within the intelligence program as the Coast Guard modernizes. MIFC PAC employs a total of 98 people; 63 active duty Coast Guard members, 16 reservists, and 19 civilians.

PSU 311 Deploys with MSRON ONE

SAN DIEGO — About 340 Navy and Coast Guard personnel from the Navy's Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron ONE (MSRON ONE) deployed to the Middle East in December 2008 to provide seaward surveillance and security forces in amphibious areas and harbors, and military significant coastal and inshore areas in Iraq and Kuwait. MSRON ONE embodies the 13th detachment of Maritime Expeditionary Security Forces that have been deployed to the 5th Fleet area of operations since the war began. MSRON ONE will continue the mission of providing harbor defense and port security to Kuwaiti and Iraqi seaward approaches and waterways to include manning Iraqi Oil Platforms, and providing force protection and escort services to designated assets transiting chokepoints and ports. MSRON ONE commanded by CAPT Luke McCollum, USN, is comprised of MSRON ONE, USCG Port Security Unit 311, Long Beach, Calif.; USN Communications Division 52, Communications Detachment 521, and Sensor Detachment 522, San Diego; Boat Division 56 and Boat Detachment 562, Seal Beach, Calif.; Boat Detachment 932, Portland, Ore.; and Security Detachment 331, San Antonio, Texas.



New PSU Boats

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba — When PSU 305 deployed to GTMO for six months in December 2008, they brought a new and improved model boat, called a Response Boat Small — Charlie, which will become the platform for maintaining security of GTMO. Since the old Transportable Port Security Boats (TPSBs) were nearing the end of their service life, PSU 305 was selected to test the RBS at their home in Fort Eustis, Va. before deploying. The greatest difference between the boats is the RBS has an enclosed cabin that will provide more safety against the elements out on the water. There is also heating and air conditioning inside the cabin. The boats were scheduled to be in use during February 2009.



Photos courtesy LT Eric A. VanVelzen, PSU 312

Airborne Reservist

LT Elizabeth Van Velzen, a Coast Guard Reservist stationed in Alameda, Calif., recently qualified as a Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist. Van Velzen completed basic parachute qualification at Fort Benning, Ga. in 1997 while serving in the Army. She then completed three additional jumps while assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C. Van

Velzen received no-cost TAD orders to San Diego to complete the remaining two static line jumps to qualify for “gold wings.” In the photos: Van Velzen is shown about to jump from the ramp of a Kentucky Air National Guard C-130 behind other Navy parachutists. The middle picture shows Van Velzen removing her chute after successfully completing her 10th jump.



Photo by CWO3 E.J. Kruska, USCGR

SERPENS Ceremony

A snow-covered but sunny Arlington National Cemetery was the setting for the 8th annual USS SERPENS wreathlaying, held at noon on Jan. 29. The event, sponsored each year by the DC Chief Petty Officers Association, commemorates the sinking of SERPENS in the Solomon Islands Jan. 29, 1945, the Coast Guard’s largest loss of life during World War II.

A View from “Under the Bridge”

A Reserve crew from Sector Upper Mississippi River patrols underneath the new I-35 bridge in Minneapolis, Minn. Sept. 27, 2008, just over one year after the existing bridge collapsed on Aug. 1, 2007 during rush hour traffic, killing 13 and injuring 145 people. The Reserve boat crew shown here consists of PSC Mark Mirsch, MK1 Eric Gadbois, BM2 Brandon Kuske, BM2 Mike Arney, BM3 Ryan Beecher, BM3 Pat Olmstead and FA Mike Kelleher. Several of these reservists were on the initial crew that responded to the collapse. The new bridge was built in just a little over one year, and over two months ahead of schedule.



Photo by PS1 Kevin Rofidai, USCGR



A Saturday Night ... Live!

Actor-comedian Bill Murray, center, is flanked by two smiling Coast Guard Reservists, LT Jerry Stanek, left, and CDR George Pazak, right, during USO's "Salute to the Troops Gala" at the Grand Ballroom, Navy Pier in Chicago. Murray, who served as the event's Master of Ceremonies, began his career on Saturday Night Live in the 1970s and has been in numerous movies since. The USO event was held Nov. 15, 2008 — yes, on a Saturday night — and it was live!



Remembering Pearl Harbor

ADM Thad Allen, Commandant of the Coast Guard, honors veterans in his remarks during the Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony aboard CGC TANEY Dec. 7, 2008, in Baltimore, Md. Allen and the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association presented the Baltimore Maritime Museum with a framed collection of commemorative envelopes from TANEY's christening, commissioning and decommissioning. TANEY was moored in Honolulu Harbor at Pier Six at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor.



Scout Salute!

Coast Guard Reservist MSTC James E. Burton, right, inspects members of BSA Pack 50 in Snellville, Ga. Jan. 24, 2008. Burton was asked by the members of American Legion Post 232 to conduct the Pack's uniform inspection, held annually prior to the start of their "Pinewood Derby." The American Legion Post 232 is the charter organization for Pack 50.



Training in Texas

Reservists at Station South Padre Island, Texas, left to right, BM3 Jason Casares, MK2 Kevin Clifford and BM3 Carlos Martinez, wash down the 33-foot boat during their drill weekend in December 2008.



Reserve On Display

“Reserve Force Readiness System, Ready for Today, Preparing for Tomorrow,” was the theme of this year’s booth on display during the ROA Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. Feb. 1-4. Left to right: BM1 Gloria Reyes, CAPT Andrea Contratto, RDML Dan May and LT Antonio Donis. The smiling reservists “on display” in the background are LT Jocelyn Soriano, left, and LT Andy Campbell, right.

RFRS UPDATE

RFRS Launches OT & R

In concert with cross-program modernization efforts, RDML Dan May, Director of Reserve & Training, recently announced via ALCOAST 046/09 the highly anticipated launch of the Reserve Force Readiness System (RFRS).

Beginning Feb. 16, 2009, the first phase of RFRS implementation took place by standing up District and Sector RFRS staffs in the Fifth and Seventeenth Districts. This “Operational Testing and Refinement” (OT&R) will continue through June 1, 2009.

OT&R will allow the Coast Guard to analyze new modernization management processes that reshape the way districts and sectors do business with Reserve Readiness and Training. Primarily focused on activities that have traditionally been managed by the ISC Force

Optimization and Training (FOT) shops, it will reallocate responsibilities for Reserve program support to a RFRS staff at District (dx) and sectors. This phased evaluation will allow time to refine business processes prior to launching the system Coast Guard-wide. This is an important step toward continued efforts to put the right people with the right skills in the right place within the organization. This pivotal chapter of Reserve modernization



is the cornerstone of organizational and operational realignment and will allow us to deliver the necessary resources to our Reserve Force managers so that they may effectively train a robust, competent Ready Reserve.

— By YN2 Dana Kee, RFRS Implementation Team

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REBI Class Romeo 09-08

Congratulations to Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination Class Romeo 09-08, graduated July 25, 2008, at TRACEN Cape May, N.J. Front row, l-r: GMCS Don Clayton, company commander; SN Paul Emig, SN Stephanie Angwenyi, SN Brandon Samson, SN David Hickey, PS3 Howard Lampert, SN Justin Brown, SN

Robert Mackan, YN3 Whitney Fraser, MK2 Todd Warga, company commander. Back row, l-r: ET2 Michael Tullos, SN Brian Wood, SN Jon Angus, SN Ian Robertson, YN3 George Cobb, SN Michael DeGroen, PS3 Christopher Fish, SN Brian Wold, SN Julio Pons.



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REBI Class Romeo 10-08

Congratulations to Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination Class Romeo 10-08, graduated Aug. 29, 2008, at TRACEN Cape May, N.J. Front row, l-r: GMCS Don Clayton, company commander; SN Regina Martinez, YN3 Juliska Hernandez, SN Mark Przybyla, SN Bobby Hayes, PS3 Jesus Alcala,

SN Brain Sowards, PS3 Kevin Boyce, SN Jennifer Hannan, MK2 Todd Warga, company commander. Back row, l-r: MK3 Alan Peterson, SN Jonathan Rojas, SN Michael Mitchell, SN Robert Daniel, PS3 Jeremy Bousman, IV2 Joshua Baker, SN Keith Grausam, SN Patrick Davis, PS3 Daniel Williams.

REBI Class Romeo 11-08

Congratulations to Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination Class Romeo 11-08, graduated Sept. 26, 2008, at TRACEN Cape May, N.J. Front row, l-r: GMCS Don Clayton, company commander; SK3 Bert Johnson, SN Jamie Hudson, SN Robert Shen, SN Joceff Ramirez, SN Brad Vonhaden, HS2 Duane Pearson. Back row, l-r: ET2 Gary Lytle, IV3 Joshua Helbling, SN Blaine Wilken, SN Michael Panos, SN Richard McClanahan, MK2 Thomas Gourneau, SN Mitchell O'Reilly, PS2 Mark Holthaus, IV3 Jeffrey Thornley.



Photo by Mr. Scott Prince

REBI Class Romeo 01-09

Congratulations to Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination Class Romeo 01-09, graduated Nov. 14, 2008, at TRACEN Cape May, N.J. Left to right: GMCS Don Clayton, company commander; SN Lisa Jones, SN Miguel Anadon, PS3 John Robinson, IV3 Thomas Swanson, SN Scott Steele, SN Joel Herron, SN Ferdinand Lugo, SN Steven Muelhauser, SN Wesley Nicholls, SN Robert Price, MK3 Jason Seiberlich, ET2 Carmine Coscia, SN Sasha Resoff, SN Michelle Malouf, IT1 Carlos Resendez, company commander.



Photo by Mr. Scott Prince

REBI Class Romeo 02-09

Congratulations to Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination Class Romeo 02-09, graduated Jan. 23, 2009, at TRACEN Cape May, N.J. Front row, l-r: GMCS Don Clayton, company commander; SN Amanda Wood, SN Jana James, MK2 Richard Quichocho, PS2 Manuel Dominguez, SN Russell Kemp, SN Kurtis Mau, DC1 Chris DeLucci, company commander. Back row, l-r: PS3 James Blume, BM3 Daniel Hernandez, FN Michael Bosch, PS3 Michael Jones, SN Paul Dragin, PS3 Douglas Williams, FN Jakub Cwiek.



Photo by Mr. Scott Prince

WE ALL SERVE



THE EDINA, MINN. POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED THE 'ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD' FOR SUPPORTING TWO COAST GUARD RESERVISTS WHO ARE BOTH POLICE OFFICERS. LEFT TO RIGHT: BRIG. GEN. DENNY SCHULSTAD, USAF-RET., STATE ESGR CHAIR; LT. DAVE NELSON, EDINA POLICE; DEPUTY CHIEF JEFF LONG, EDINA POLICE; PMSI BRANDON KOSKE, SECTOR UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER; PMSI KEVIN ROYDAL, MSJ DULUTH; AND MINNESOTA GOVERNOR TIM PAWLENTY, WHO PRESENTED THE AWARD.

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MK3 Brittany Catanzaro, USCGR, second from right, is congratulated by ADM Thad Allen, left, and DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano and U.S. Rep. Albio Sires of New Jersey. Catanzaro was honored at a Good Samaritan mariners awards ceremony at New York's Waterway terminal in Manhattan Feb. 18, 2009 for assisting with the rescue of US Air Flight 1549.



Photo by PA3 Annie Berlin, D1 Public Affairs South

MK3 Brittany Catanzaro, USCGR New York Waterway Ferry System's First Female Captain Helps Rescue US Air Flight 1549 Passengers

MK3 Brittany Catanzaro reported aboard Station Barnegat Light, N.J., in March 2008 as a Coast Guard Reservist fresh from school. When reporting aboard, it was apparent she was familiar with the marine environment and the operation of vessels. Little was known of the accomplishments she would make within the next year.

Catanzaro is employed by New York Waterway, one of two ferry systems linking New Jersey and New York. The ferry operates on 12-round trip routes and provides passage to and from New York City for an estimated 30,000 people per day.

At 20, Catanzaro, is New York Waterway's first female ferry captain, and the youngest ever. She takes commuters from Weehawken and Hoboken, N.J., to Manhattan. She has earned her Master's License and is responsible for her crew of two deckhands. Her ferry is 78.5-foot long, is propelled by four jets, and has a maximum capacity of 149 passengers.

Although significant, these accomplishments are overshadowed by her actions on Thursday Jan. 15, 2009.

On that day, US Airways flight 1549, an Airbus A320 en route to Charlotte from LaGuardia, was involved in an accident in New York at approximately 3:03 p.m. Eastern Time. Shortly after take off, both of the plane's engines failed due to birds entering and obstructing the engines. The pilot, Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger, made an emergency landing on the Hudson River.

While departing from New York City's Pier 79, Catanzaro looked over her shoulder and saw a jet floating in the water. She was headed in the opposite direction, toward Lincoln Harbor in Weehawken. Immediately, she said, she turned around and steered toward the plane.

"It looked like a little kid was playing in the bathtub, and just set the plane down in the water," said Catanzaro. "The thought in my head was, the plane's going down quickly. We have to get over there."

Catanzaro then piloted her ferry, following the guidance and commands of her trusted crew, to the fuselage of the aircraft, and recovered 24 passengers. Additional ferries from New York Waterways, and vessels from New York City Harbor Patrol, New Jersey State Police and local fire departments joined in the rescue operation. New York Police Department dispatched aircraft equipped with deployable scuba divers.

Coast Guard Activities New York assumed control of the rescue effort. Stations New York and Sandy Hook sortied small boats. Coast Guard aircraft responded from Air Stations Atlantic City and Cape Cod. With the overwhelming response, all 155 people aboard the aircraft were rescued.

A few short hours after the rescue, Catanzaro appeared on Larry King Live and did an interview with CNN's Campbell Brown. Catanzaro, in the spirit of teamwork and admiration, states none of her actions and the successful recovery of the passengers would have been possible without her crew. She further stated the real praise should fall upon her crew.

"We conduct man overboard drills almost everyday, we have to do these drills monthly according to Coast Guard regulations," said Catanzaro. "I believe they are important so we conduct them more often. I cannot say enough about my crew, they are the heroes, they pulled the people onboard."

MK3 Catanzaro embodies the traits of a true Guardian.

— *By BMCS Karl Brobst,
Station Barnegat Light, N.J., USCGR*



Presidential INAUGURAL

Reservists come to Washington, D.C. to help welcome
the 44th President of the United States





The U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard passes in review at the east front of the U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C., on Jan. 20, 2009. The unit is part of the escort that sees the new president to the Executive Mansion, carrying forward a tradition that began with the first inauguration for George Washington, on April 30, 1789. More than 5,000 men and women in uniform provided military ceremonial support to the inaugural ceremonies.

Photo by PA1 Kyle Niemi, U.S. Coast Guard

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Hundreds of Coast Guardsmen, including many reservists, took part in the 56th presidential inauguration as President Barack Obama became our nation’s 44th president at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Approximately 37 Coast Guardsmen served at the U.S. Capitol for the swearing-in ceremony. Duties involved color details, cordon on the Capitol steps, and VIP ushers.

The Coast Guard’s LT Antonio Donis, a White House Social Aide, served as one of the platform escorts, which meant he was right up front during the swearing-in ceremony.

“Being around President Obama during the inauguration was tremendously humbling,” said Donis. “It was a remarkable moment for our country and I was proud to have been a small part of it. Memories from that day will follow me for the rest of my life.”

Following the swearing-in, Coast Guardsmen made up part of the Presidential Escort from the Capitol to the White House, including RADM Scott Burhoe, AFIC Component Commander, LT David Block, Officer in Charge of the CG Ceremonial Honor Guard, a multi-service color guard, and a Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard platoon made up of 21 members.

Another group of about 104 Coast Guardsmen served as part of the joint services cordon for the parade from the Capitol, up Pennsylvania Avenue, to the White House. Their job was to provide a military presence along the parade route and to render honors to the flag and commander in chief. Coast Guardsmen served alongside personnel from the other four services.

“I witnessed the peaceful closure of one administration and the joyous transition to the hopeful anticipation of a brand new era,” said CWO4 Lisa Evers, USCGR. “We were in the parade cordon, on the line from 1345-1700 or so. It

was cold, yet sunny most of the time. I could have taken a break, but did not because I didn’t want to miss the part of the parade we would be witnessing.”

The Coast Guard was part of Parade Division Five, which included CG Division Five Staff. It also included 42 members of the Coast Guard Band from New London, Conn., led this year by CDR Ken Megan. They have marched in every inaugural parade since President Herbert Hoover’s in 1929. Also marching in the parade were 90 U.S. Coast Guard Academy cadets from New London, Conn., and 90 recruits



PA1 Kyle Niemi pauses with then President-elect Obama at the Armed Force Inaugural Committee in Washington, D.C.

Photo courtesy PA1 Kyle Niemi, USCG

from TRACEN Cape May, N.J..

A Reserve marching unit made up mostly of members of PSU 309 from Port Clinton, Ohio made its way proudly up Pennsylvania Avenue as well. They had just returned from a six-month Middle East deployment in December before heading to D.C. for Inauguration Day about a month later.

“When I passed the reviewing stand, I saw President Obama with ADM Allen standing beside him,” said LT Scott Williams of PSU 309. “I had never been that close to a president before — it was truly exciting!”

And then there was Coast Guardsman SK1 Michael Clarke, currently serving at Headquarters in the Office of Reserve Affairs (CG-131). Clarke wasn't part of the formal festivities, but attended anyway to be part of this historic event.

“I went down to the National Mall because I thought it would be neat to be part of such a historic event,” said Clarke, who was camped out around the Washington Monument after arriving from his home in Northwest D.C. around 8 a.m. “I ended up next to a busload of Canadians and they were really excited to be here for this historic event. It was a memorable day.”

Meanwhile, another four member Coast Guard Honor Guard platoon was on hand at Andrews Air Force Base for President George W. Bush's departure ceremony.

An additional 50 Coast Guard personnel served as part of the

Armed Forces Inaugural Committee. AFIC is a temporary joint service command that plans, organizes and coordinates all of the ceremonial military participation in the inauguration. These Coast Guardsmen worked “behind the scene” to coordinate seating and organize Coast Guard participation in the swearing-in ceremony and parade. Their assignment lengths varied from three weeks to eight months.

To ensure things would go smoothly on Inauguration Day, a dress rehearsal was held early on Sunday morning, Jan. 11. Nine days later, the inaugural ceremony was held on the west front of the Capitol; prior to 1981, it was held on the east side. The 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution moved Inauguration Day from March 4 to Jan. 20 to shorten the length of transition between presidents; the first year it was held on Jan. 20 was 1937 for Franklin Delano Roosevelt's second inauguration.

“As our nation peacefully transferred power, all of these Coast Guard members proudly represented our service,” said CDR Andrew Dutton, USCG Liaison to Armed Forces Inaugural Committee. “They symbolize the many thousands of Coast Guard active duty, reserve, cadets, recruits, civilians and auxiliaries assigned to Coast Guard service throughout the nation and the world. We should all be very proud of them as they represented us so well on Inauguration Day.”

Clockwise from right: LCDR Daryl Schaffer of the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (AFIC), marks the back of a map icon as part of his participation in a large-scale map exercise at the DC Armory in Washington, D.C., Dec. 18, 2008.

PA1 Brooksann Epiceno, an instructor with the Defense Information School, teaches leaders from the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee the finer points of conducting an interview Dec. 11, 2008, at the Mary E. Switzer Building in Washington.

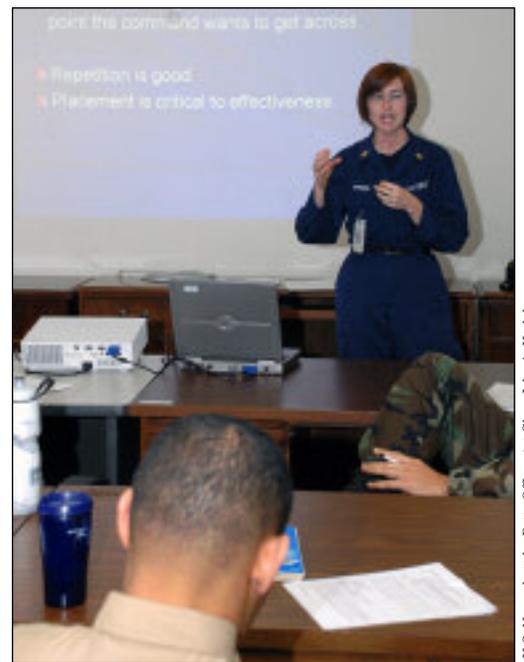
LT Michael Whittredge and his family look at one of the U.S. Park Police horses before the 56th Presidential Inauguration rehearsal in Washington, D.C., Jan. 11, 2009.



DoD photo by Tech. Sgt. Alan Port, U.S. Air Force



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U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 1st Class John A. Hudak

From Middle East to Middle of Inaugural Parade

By LT Scott Williams, PSU 309

Back in September, when I was over in Kuwait deployed with PSU 309, we received word we had been selected to march in the Presidential Inauguration Parade. The Deployable Operations Group, our senior command, wanted to reward and recognize the unit for our service in the Middle East, so they submitted PSU 309 to the Inaugural Committee and we were selected to march in the parade.

When I found out the news, it was anticlimactic because January seemed so far away, I was very busy protecting U.S. assets while standing watch and the 125-130 degree temperatures kind of put a damper on my enthusiasm. As I got closer to my departure date from the Middle East, my only thoughts were with my family and spending time with them. I arrived home right before Christmas to a huge welcome home ceremony with friends and family.

I started to realize the significance of the event once the holidays passed and things settled back to a normal routine. I heard news reports that this inauguration would break records for the number of people attending. It was estimated that some 2.5-million people would attend compared with 400,000 during the last inauguration. This really caught my attention and I knew I was going to part of history.

The unit departed on a bus early Sunday morning, Jan. 18, 2009. We arrived at our hotel in Gaithersburg, Md. that afternoon. We had Monday, Jan. 19 as a free day to see the sights and relax before the big event. I caught the train for downtown and once there, I could not believe the mass of people and the excitement in the air.

Even though we were not scheduled to march until 1630 on the big day, we had to leave our hotel at 0500 that morning. I'm glad we did because the roads were already getting congested. Our first staging area was at TISCOM in Alexandria, Va. We were met by the Coast Guard Honor Guard. Upon our arrival, we found out that our departure time had been bumped up an hour, so I only had a few minutes to put my uniform on and get back on the bus. I thought I was back in boot camp all over again but kudos to the Honor Guard for helping us get dressed. As you can guess, scarves, ties and bridge coats are not the normal attire at a PSU.

It was then onto the Pentagon parking lots for another staging area. We remained at this area for several hours. Luckily, I could remain on the bus where the heat kept me warm. We then moved to a security checkpoint where our luggage was passed through an x-ray machine and sniffed by dogs that looked like they meant business. I grabbed a box lunch on the run and it was on to another staging area.

The final staging area was on the National Mall where we would be marching in the parade soon. We were huddled into a warm tent but were told to leave after only a couple of minutes.

It was show time!

We walked out on the street to begin our march — but then



Photo courtesy MCPOCGRF Jeff Smith

MCPOCGRF Jeff Smith with members of the PSU 309 Security Force Thanksgiving Day at the Port of Ash Shuaybah, Kuwait.

we waited and waited until after about 40 minutes of standing in formation, we were instructed to go back to the tent. There had been a delay. After another 30 minutes in the warm tent, it was back into the bitter cold. My blood was still thin from being over in the desert so it was terrible.

It was show time ... again!

The command was given and we started marching. Once I heard the command, my heart started pumping and I did not feel the cold. During the march, I kept anticipating our arrival at the president's reviewing stand. I was told we would be no more than 15 feet away from him so I was just hoping and praying I would not drop my sword while saluting him — I could see myself on Youtube. When I passed the reviewing stand, I saw President Obama with ADM Allen standing beside him. I had never been this close to a president before — it was truly exciting!

Reflecting back on this big event, I realize there was a lot of work involved. It was not easy since we had just returned from deployment and then we were off again. It was bitter cold and when we marched by the president, many people in the bleachers along Pennsylvania Avenue had left due to the weather. However, if asked to do it again, I would say YES without any hesitation.



Photo courtesy LT Scott Williams, PSU 309

PSU 309 members muster on the National Mall.

PSU309's trip to the Presidential Inauguration

By PS2 Jamie Anderson, USCGR, PSU 309

It had been a month since members of PSU 309 had last seen one another. During the unit's deployment to the Middle East in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, we had been invited to march in the Inauguration Day parade in Washington D.C. So we packed away our desert gear and put on our Service Dress Bravos. What a change from the hot 100-plus degree days we had just come away from.

We pulled in to the Washington D.C. area to find our nation's capital very cold.

Our preparation for the journey to the parade started when the news of the invitation came to us during the deployment. Pictures were sent off to the Secret Service, hotels were booked, and the trip was planned. All of the logistics had to be completed from half way around the world in planning for the largest inauguration in history.

Immediately upon our return to the United States, we began to hone our marching skills. Like most of our shipmates around the Coast Guard, very few of us have spent any time marching since we left Cape May. To aid in this impossible task, members of the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard were called in. With great patience, professionalism, and devotion, the Honor Guard members were able to reacquaint us with marching.

The morning we left the PSU at Port Clinton, Ohio, it was a

day of heavy snow. After our long ride through the snow and ice, we arrived in Washington and settled in. We all enjoyed the company of our shipmates who we had spent the past six months living with. Most of us headed to Washington, D.C. to see the sites on Monday, Jan. 19. Washington, D.C. was packed full of people. Probably like many members of the military, we chose to see sites that we relate to. My group's first stop was Arlington National Cemetery. I think it is our core values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty that drew us to Arlington first. We departed Arlington talking how we wanted to return someday and spend more time.

The morning of the parade started for us at 0430. Our first stop was TISCOM to get dressed and get the rest of our gear for marching. Next, we moved to the Pentagon where we went through security and waited for our chance to be a part of history. We kept moving closer and closer to the parade and finally, after months of preparation and the final hours of waiting, we lined up to begin the march through the cold.

A great sense of pride for the unit's accomplishments must have been felt by all of us every time the announcement was made we were PSU 309 — the first commissioned PSU in the Coast Guard who had just returned from deployment to the Middle East. I hope that our new President was as proud and impressed by the Coast Guard as we all are everyday we serve.



Photo by DoD photo by Tech. Sgt. Gina M. O'Bryan, U.S. Air Force

Finding PSU 309 for the Inaugural Parade

By CDR Andrew Dutton, USCG

As the Service Liaison to the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (AFIC), it was my job to identify the Reserve component that was going to participate in the 56th Inaugural Parade. Based on pass-down information from previous years, it appeared Reserve participation in prior inaugurals was limited to local reservists and various Reserve elements within the National Capital Region. Not sure how to proceed, I contacted the new Deployable Operations Group (DOG), who suggested I ask PSU 309 if they would like to participate.

At the time, PSU 309 was deployed to Kuwait. Despite the distance and lack of connectivity, the PSU 309 Commanding

Officer, CDR Karl Leonard, was excited about the prospect, and enthusiastically volunteered. In the months leading up to the Inauguration, PSU 309 extensively planned, trained, and prepared for high-profile ceremonial duty. Separated by seven time zones and 6,000 miles, we overcame some tough logistical hurdles: the U.S. Secret Service's rigid background checks and credential requirements being one of the most difficult.

Within three short weeks of arriving back home in the United States, PSU 309 arrived in Washington, D.C. and provided a crisp, sharp appearance alongside their Academy and Active Duty counterparts.



Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Charles Bowen meets with Coast Guard personnel during a visit at the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (AFIC) headquarters in Washington, D.C., Dec. 8, 2008.

An Honor, Duty and Pleasure to Participate

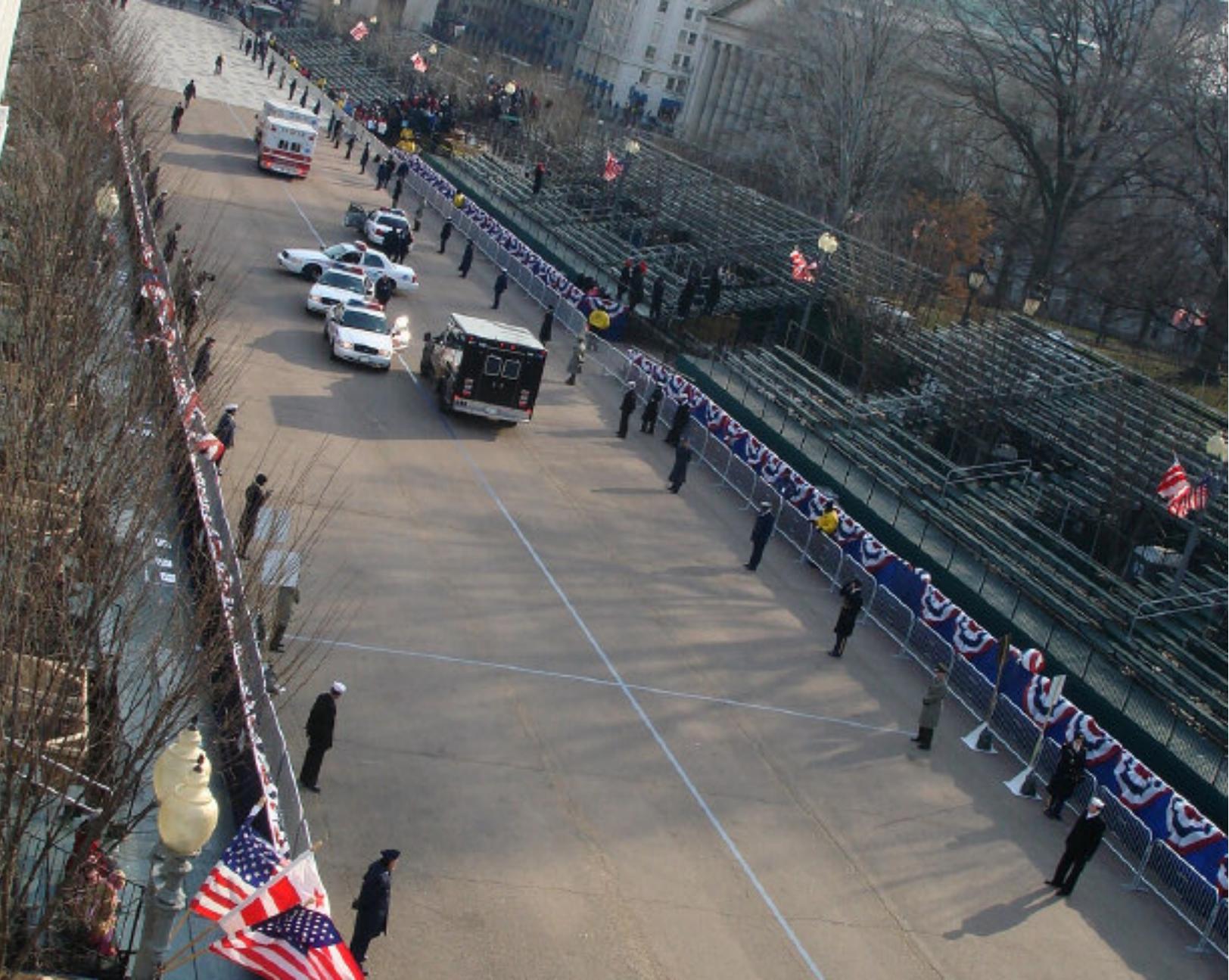
By LCDR Tom Sullard, USCGR

My Executive Officer, CDR Andrew Dutton, approached me a couple of months before the 2009 inaugural and asked me if I would like to march in the parade. CDR Dutton directed all Coast Guard Headquarters inaugural participation, which consumed many months of effort and countless hours.

Based on the fact that this year's inaugural will likely go down in history as one of the most historically significant, one would assume that I would jump at the chance. With 22 years of Coast Guard service under my belt, I did request a little time to think about the invitation, knowing some of the challenges I would face (wielding a sword and marching) in preparation for

the opportunity to render honor and respect not only to the President of the United States but also to the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

It didn't take long to realize I would be honored to march in the parade. After many hours of practice and a concerted effort to ensure perfection on "game day," the Command Staff Element, made up of CAPT Scott Genovese, CDR Brian Roche, Cadet James Daffer, and yours truly marched past the presidential review stand at approximately 6:00 p.m. in freezing temperatures and rendered honors to our new commander in chief with ADM Allen at his side. As a representative of reservists throughout the Coast Guard, it was my honor, duty, and pleasure to participate.



A Career Highlight

By CWO2 Gloria East, USCG

I wanted to be in D.C. for Inauguration Day but I didn't want to deal with crowds and trying to get a good view of the festivities. So when military volunteers were solicited, I didn't hesitate. I was chosen as a primary member of the parade cordon and assigned to the White House section. This is a joint military cordon that lines Pennsylvania Avenue between the U.S. Capitol and the White House.

I tried to prepare myself for a long and cold day. Nine days before Inauguration Day, we had a dress rehearsal so we would know what was going to happen when, and whom we would be standing near. It is always a pleasure for me to be with the other services, and being a joint military event, all the services were represented.

On Inauguration Day, all Coast Guard volunteers met at Coast Guard Headquarters and boarded buses for Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland at 2 a.m. We arrived at Andrews for a

Secret Service screening, hot breakfast, final briefing and credentials, and as with most military events — hurry up and wait. I don't do well with that part of events like this — never have, never will.

Nevertheless, we finally boarded our buses and headed to D.C. with a police escort. It was a very exciting day. My place on the parade route near the White House allowed me a great view of outgoing President George Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, and incoming President Barack Obama and Vice President Joseph Biden. My parents, who live in Harrisburg, Pa., were also able to see me on TV. After the parade, we headed back to Coast Guard Headquarters by bus, arriving at 6:30 p.m.

Did I mention the cold? Well it really didn't matter — what a great day to be in the Coast Guard and to be a part of history. I retire from the Coast Guard May 1, 2009 after 26 years of service. Volunteering for this event was truly one of the highlights of my Coast Guard career.

A Day's Duty and Being a Small Part of History

By CWO4 Lisa Evers, USCGR

What an INCREDIBLE event and day — Jan. 20, 2009! It began for me at 11:30 p.m. the night before when I left for Headquarters because we had to be on board around midnight. Things would not wrap up until the next night at around 9 p.m. Nevertheless, Inauguration Day was a spectacular event, even though “Murphy” (of Murphy’s Law fame) visited frequently.

I witnessed the peaceful closure of one administration and the joyous transition to the hopeful anticipation of a brand new era. I pray that all goes smoothly and well for the team. We were in the parade cordon, on the line from 1345-1700 or so. It was cold, yet sunny most of the time. I could have taken a break, but did not because I didn’t want to miss the part of the parade we would be witnessing. The parade was delayed about an hour due to Sen. Kennedy’s collapse after lunch at the Capitol.

Meanwhile, we were informed that we would NOT be standing by for the entire parade at Joint West (near the White House) due to narrowness of the area. Initially, it was disappointing. However, by the time the parade started, when I could no longer feel my feet, I was certainly OK with heading to the bus in a very military fashion, and waiting until the parade ended. We were given some snacks and were able to chat with one another and rest before finally heading to our next area around 1900 or so. Hanging out in a bus never felt SO GOOD!

One very memorable incident did occur while on duty. While standing at parade rest “on the line” in the early morning hours, I glanced to my left to be certain of our alignment and noted a fallen comrade. One of the young Marines had “gone to ground” as we would say in the ER. The medics were not in the local area, so being a CWO4 (MED) and civilian registered nurse, I responded to find him awake, responsive, and without obvious injury. However, he was cool, clammy, diaphoretic and pale.

Immediately, I asked him about any medical history (which he denied), yet found out that he had not eaten the breakfast provided at Andrews AFB, was cold, had not rested well the night before, and he was very dry (dehydrated). He was offered water immediately and a banana to bring up his blood sugar, and by then he was feeling better and replied, “just want to get back to my post, ma’am.” Of course, we redirected him to

the medical tent, as soon as the medics arrived, to get a closer eval, fluids, food, rest and warmth. He was able to leave under his own power, refusing the stretcher and in “Semper Fi fashion” was back “on the line” (this time, to my right) in the street cordon for the afternoon events. I was so pleased that he was able to fulfill the mission to which we were all assigned that day.

Of course, once the parade ended, our bus had significant challenges leaving the District due to traffic closures and traffic flow. At that point, it didn’t matter — I was blessed with a well-deserved nap during that time.

Yes, we put in some long hours, put up with that “hurry up and wait” mentality, and cold conditions. However, being together with all the other branches of our military, and then being so close to see the new President and his wife, Michelle, while they were walking unexpectedly beyond the reviewing stand at the White House (within 10-15 feet of my post), made it all worthwhile. It felt AMAZING to be even a small part of history.



Photo by YN2 Dana Kee, USCGR

CWO4 Lisa Evers, center, marches into position in front of the White House, Jan. 20, as part of the cordon for the inaugural parade.

Working with “the President’s Announcer”

By YN2 Dana Kee, USCGR

I was asked to be a script assistant along the inaugural parade route for the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (AFIC) broadcasters at the media review stand in front of the White House. I was one of two script assistants for that location, the other being Staff Sgt. Maureen Stewart, USAF.

We worked with Charlie Brotman, “the President’s Announcer,” and Sgt. Ashleigh Bryant, USMC, an anchor at the Pentagon Channel. As the closest parade announcers to the new president, their voices hit the ears of the first family directly and were also broadcast nationally by C-SPAN.

The day began with a very crowded 5 a.m. Metro ride (DC area’s transit system). When we finally clawed our way up to street level, we were immediately adrift. The familiar landscape of downtown D.C. was unrecognizable — altered by eight-foot fences, concrete barriers and the mind-boggling magnitude of people surging through the streets. The only thing more shocking than the crowd was the cold. It was absolutely glacial that morning and the temperature continued to drop throughout the day until the wind chill reached 14

degrees. Those temperatures are tough on Corfam-clad toes, but we were somewhat warmed by good camaraderie and the excitement of our assignment.

From our superb location on Pennsylvania Avenue just across from the president’s reviewing booth, we were able to see the arrival of the Obama’s to the White House for morning coffee — or at least we could see their vehicle. We couldn’t see the noon-hour inauguration at the U.S. Capitol, but we could listen in as it was piped along the parade route. By 3:30 pm, invited guests began to arrive to fill the president’s reviewing booth. We had front-row seats to the arrival of Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Sen. John Kerry, D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty, and NBC TV’s Al Roker, to name a few.

By 4:30 p.m. the president’s motorcade came into view on the parade route and the Obama’s arrived on foot. It was very surreal to see them so close in person as they walked past — and watching the Obama’s interact with their guests in the viewing booth was fascinating.

I am grateful to have been granted this opportunity, especially for such a historic event.

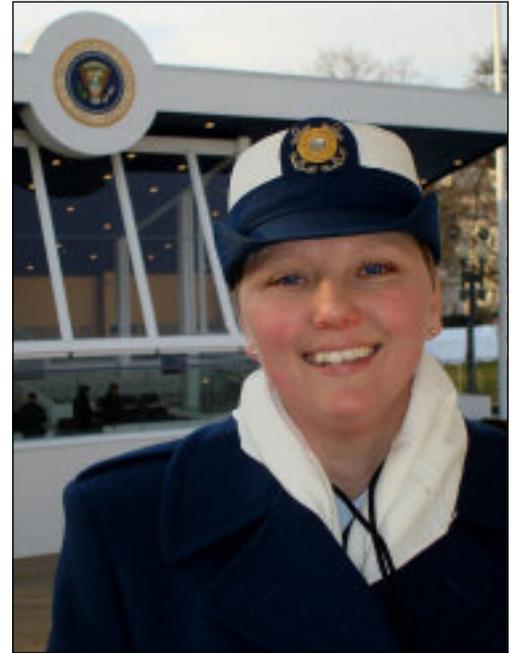


Photo Courtesy of YN2 Dana Kee, USCGR

YN2 Dana Kee, USCGR, from her position on the reviewing stand for the inaugural parade.

Sgt. Ashleigh Bryant, USMC, an anchor at the Pentagon Channel, Kee, and Staff Sgt. Maureen Stewart, USAF, parade script assistant, in front of the reviewing stand before the inaugural parade.



Photo Courtesy of YN2 Dana Kee, USCGR

We Are One!

By LT Monique Roebuck, USCGR

We are one! That was the theme of the inaugural concert held in honor of President-elect Obama at the Lincoln Memorial on Sunday, Jan. 18. It was a cold winter day, so my family and I bundled up, hopped on the Metro, and headed for the National Mall. We walked toward the Lincoln Memorial along with thousands of other people, but we didn't get too far beyond the Washington Monument before it became apparent that we weren't going to get anywhere near the stage. We found a spot where we could see one of the jumbotrons and watched the concert from there. The speakers spoke of patriotism, hope, change and being united as a nation, while the music was equally inspiring. Though there were about half a million people at the concert that day, for three hours we were united as one.

A photograph of President-elect Barack Obama speaking at a podium during the inaugural opening ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial. He is wearing a dark suit and a blue tie, and is gesturing with his right hand. The podium features a large, circular relief carving of a wreath. The background is slightly blurred, showing the architectural details of the Lincoln Memorial.

President-elect Barack Obama speaks to the crowd gathered at the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., Jan. 18, 2009, during the inaugural opening ceremonies. More than 5,000 men and women in uniform provided military ceremonial support to the presidential inauguration, a tradition dating back to George Washington's 1789 inauguration.

During 2008, *THE RESERVIST* has been spotlighting each of the Coast Guard's nine districts with short, informative articles. Districts featured so far include D17, D14, D13, D11, D9 — and now the spotlight shines on D7.

7TH DISTRICT, MIAMI

The Seventh Coast Guard District is a 1.8-million square mile area of responsibility that encompasses the southeastern United States and the Caribbean basin. The district is made up of six sectors and three major air stations.

Homeland security, illegal migration, drug smuggling, year-round recreational boating, diving and commercial fishing, commercial vessel traffic and the country's leading cruise ship industry are all mainstays that keep units continuously engaged in protecting our borders, rescuing mariners in distress, promoting safety, preserving the marine environment and enforcing maritime laws.

The sheer number of assets in the district gives an indication of the intensity of operations. Twenty-three patrol boats, almost half of the Coast Guard's entire fleet, are assigned to the Seventh District. One-quarter of all Coast Guard aircraft are based in the district. In all, 50 cutters, 174 small boats and 50 aircraft operate out of bases or ports in the Seventh District. The district's 5,967 auxiliaries provide another 797 boats and 61 aircraft to draw upon. More than 5,100 active duty and reserve members along with 182 civilians serve in the district.

More than 560 reservists have been called to active duty both at home and overseas to support OPERATIONS IRAQI FREEDOM and LIBERTY SHIELD. Our men and women have maintained the highest level of alertness and sustained the largest domestic port security effort since World War II.

The majority of the district's assets operate from bases in Southern Florida and the Caribbean, close to smuggling routes. In fiscal year 2007, Coast Guard crews in this district intercepted 2,168 undocumented migrants from Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

They also seized more than 77,690 pounds of cocaine and marijuana bound for U.S. shores. Migrants and drugs alike often move, and are interdicted, in small amounts throughout the Caribbean: a dozen or fewer migrants on a homemade vessel; or a ton or so of marijuana or cocaine on a smuggler's "go fast" boat.

Go-fasts, small power boats that are hard to spot and can usually outrun most traditional Coast Guard cutters, pose the

district's most significant challenge in terms of both drug and migrant smuggling.

But the Seventh District is not just about drugs and migrants. Throughout the district, but primarily in its northern waters and in the Gulf of Mexico, crews focus on the 30,000 commercial fishing vessels and more than one-and-a-half million recreational boats to enforce fisheries laws, protect endangered manatees and other marine life, and promote safety.

The district handles about 10,000 search and rescue cases a year — about 20 percent of the entire Coast Guard total. The Seventh District coordinates with 34 Caribbean, Central, and South American nations and territories in both its search and rescue and law enforcement efforts.

The district's five marine safety detachments maintain an active vessel inspection schedule, as the three busiest cruise ship ports in North America and six of the country's 20 largest container ports fall within this region.

In addition, the Seventh District is home to three strategic ports for military contingencies. The ports of Charleston, Savannah and Jacksonville are vital to the United States' ability to project combat power overseas. Aids to navigation are another vital mission in the district, where 7,000 buoys, lights and day beacons are maintained to assist with keeping waterways safe for marine traffic.

A less-recognized mission is the Coast Guard's responsibility for regulating bridges over navigable waters. More than 5,000 bridges come under the district's bridge permitting authority and some 350 moveable bridges are directly regulated as to their opening and closing schedules.

Through the performance of a wide variety of essential duties, Coast Guard men and women serve the communities in which they live. But their service does not stop at the water's edge. Coast Guardsmen make a difference in their communities, serving as tutors, coaches and mentors; building or refurbishing homes and schools for those in need; or working through numerous community, church or local agencies. In South Florida alone last year, Coast Guardsmen volunteered more than 3,300 hours in their communities and helped raise more than \$87,000 for the United Way through the Combined Federal Campaign.

— Compiled by D7 Public Affairs staff



ISC MIAMI (pf)

Welcome to ISC Miami (pf) where the motto is, “Be the Customer Service Provider of Choice.” An alternate motto could be “Hurricanes Are Us.” With numerous storms during the 2008 season (FAY, GUSTAV, HANNA, IKE and OMAR) that have impacted the United States and its territories, the 2008 season was a very busy one. In response to these storms, D7 mobilized reservists to support response and recovery operations from St. Croix to the Gulf Coast.

Day to day, ISC Miami (pf) provides support to over 90 units in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. These units have over 1,000 reservists — nearly 13 percent of the entire Reserve component. From coordinating training to providing information and guidance on reserve policy to career development, ISC Miami (pf) is a one-stop shop.

ISC Miami (pf) Staff:

- **LCDR Lisa Schulz** has over 14 years active and reserve service and became a Reserve Program Administrator in 2005. In July 2008, she transferred to ISC Miami and currently serves as branch chief. When not helping out reservists or standing hurricane watch, she enjoys reading Goodnight Gorilla to her son Nathan (18 months).
- **CWO4 (F&S) Bob Larson, USCGR(Ret.),** has over 40 years combined military/civil service with the Coast Guard. He serves as assistant branch chief.
- **LT Tuan Luong** is the Junior Reserve Assignment Officer for the Seventh District. When not juggling work-related issues, his hands are full with three daughters: Lindsey (16), Lan (8) and Haile (6). He is also pursuing an MBA from Palm Beach Atlantic University.

- **Mr. Kevin McGee, USCG(Ret.),** has over 32 years combined military/civil service with the Coast Guard. He serves as the AFC-90 budget guru for ISC Miami (pf), managing \$2.3 million to support reserve accessions, assignments and ADT/IDT participation.
- **CWO3(PERS) Mark Taylor** is the Training Officer for District Seven and ISC Miami. He is also the Seventh District military funeral honors coordinator.
- **SKCS Mario Padilla** is one of two Career Development Advisors (CDAs) for D7. He provides career, educational and financial guidance.
- **DCC Marc Houston** is also a Career Development Advisor (CDA) for D7.
- **YNC Ross Seay** works on reserve enlisted assignments. He strives to make dreams come true on a daily basis.
- **SK1 Omir Perez** deftly manages \$400,000 in AFC-30T funds for the D7 AOR and an additional \$30,000 in AFC-30 funds for branch operating expenses.
- **YN3 Vanessa Delgado** and **SN Carrie Martinez** cut orders for all reservists in the D7 AOR. They also facilitate the Notice of Eligibility (NOE) process for members injured on duty. YN3 Delgado is already teaching her daughter Mia (19 months) how to pitch a softball. SN Martinez is enjoying her new daughter, Amelia, born Dec 9, 2008.

— *Compiled by ISC Miami (pf) staff*



MIAMI NICE

ISC Miami(pf) staff outside their sunny offices, left to right: Mr. Kevin McGee, SKC Omir Perez, Lcdr Lisa Schulz, Mr. Bob Larson, YN3 Vanessa Delgado, SN Carrie Martinez, YNC Charles “Ross” Seay, and LT Tuan Luong. Not shown: CWO3 Mark Taylor, SKCS Mario Padilla and DCC Marc Houston.

Photo courtesy Lcdr Lisa Schulz, USCGR

This final CAREER SPEAK article highlights two successful Reserve Junior Officers (RJOs), and how they developed a better understanding of the service and its expectations of them as members. The idea of a successful career is elusive, although promotion and retirement are often cited as hallmarks. This final article in this series will tell their stories (in brief), how they achieved that success, and what they learned along the way. Enlisted members are also encouraged to read this article to gain insight, especially if considering the Selected Reserve Direct Commission program in the future.

Part 6: Two Reserve Junior Officer's Success Stories

By LT Russell Mayer, CGPC-rpm-1

Now that we're at the end of this six-part series, it's time for some success stories. The two reserve officers herein were recognized by the Reserve Officer Association (ROA) as Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year as lieutenants. They were subsequently promoted to lieutenant commander. Even with different careers in the Coast Guard Reserve and civilian employment, their stories have much in common. The lessons they learned below will be familiar to many readers, as achieving success in the Coast Guard is akin to any non-military role.

Story 1 — LCDR Phillip Snodgrass, Answering the Call Overseas

Supporting IRAQI FREEDOM in 2003, PSU 308 was readying for overseas deployment to the Middle East. As the Training and Boat Division Officer, LT Phillip Snodgrass created a Personnel Qualification and Certification System that helped the unit attain the highest readiness rating in less than six months. While deployed, he was responsible for 49 officers and enlisted members' lives and safety. PSU 308 was able to complete its mission safely and effectively, because personnel were trained and ready for the demanding deployment. LCDR Snodgrass is a police lieutenant in his civilian life and is extremely active in local community service outreach programs. He was named the Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer in 2003.

Story 2 — LCDR Richard Brannon, Helping Those in Dire Circumstances

Serving at Gulf Strike Team, LT Richard Brannon created a major preventative maintenance program performed entirely by reservists. In response to Hurricane Katrina, he coordinated the multi-agency response to over 500 sunken or grounded vessels and saved the U.S. government over 1 million dollars by wisely negotiating service contracts. The Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve's ability to respond to one of the worst U.S. natural disasters has been lauded all around. LCDR Brannon is a fire chief in his local community with extensive response

experience in and out of the Coast Guard. He has also helped his community through volunteering and training, and was named the Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer in 2005.

Take Aways

Your priorities, performance, and accomplishments should revolve around the supervisor's requirements and your assigned billet. Echoing CAPT Michael Price (CGPC-rpm) in the first CAREER SPEAK article, a critical distinction between the Coast Guard Reserve and other employers is the importance of each member's record, most notably the Officer Evaluation Report (OER). All personnel management decisions, including assignment and promotion, revolve around the OER. If you are performing in line with your rating chain's high expectations, putting good information and justification for marks in the OER is relatively simple, but imperative.

The Coast Guard is undergoing massive change and understanding your role in the Reserve is more critical than ever; this is true on both a micro and macro level. At the unit level, you fulfill a vital function that allows your unit to perform its duties and accomplish the Coast Guard's missions. Your subordinates, peers, and superiors all depend on you to meet the public's high demands on the Coast Guard, from saving lives to cleaning up oil spills. At a more general level, you are being groomed for higher levels of responsibility and authority. The Coast Guard demands the very best from its members, and officers in particular are in the "up or out" promotion scheme, to ensure top-notch performance.

Goal Setting – Priority ONE

As a reserve junior officer, goal making (and goal attainment) are possibly the most important driving factors in making the next promotion. Officers who qualify as watchstanders, inspectors, or complete important staff work can all point to what they have accomplished in a marking period. You need to become the best expert possible, and always look to increase your shipmate's knowledge (as a teacher) as well. LCDR Brannon's expertise with Incident Command System (ICS) made him

a natural choice for representing the Coast Guard to other agencies during the Katrina response.

The Coast Guard Reserve is not a new organization and few RJO jobs are new or unique. There are other, more senior officers who have “been there and done that” who can offer career advice, general counsel, and important tips on how you are doing and what to look for next. Both above officers spoke of the importance of mentorship, and the ability to say, “I’ve done all I can do, what should I do next?” Wisdom, of course, does not come solely from officers; be sure to get input from senior enlisted and civilian staff as well. Many successful RJOs can point to a significant subordinate who helped the RJO get the job done.

Your Reputation

In line with mentorship, every Coastie knows how small the Coast Guard really is compared to other federal organizations. When tasked by the President to head to New Orleans, the Commandant called people that he knew would deliver results. These were all people he had worked with in the past and had a personal connection/respect beyond simply being assigned at the same unit. In short, he had a network of highly skilled and experienced people that enabled him to affect the Coast Guard’s largest Search and Rescue (SAR) effort and response mission in our history.

At the reserve junior officer level, you need to build relationships with all members of the Coast Guard family, because no RJO operates in a vacuum or depends solely on rank and position. Can you imagine the pride those individuals experienced when they were called to a higher duty by the Commandant of the Coast Guard? Hoping for *that* call someday defines who you really are: committed, loyal, superior work ethic, solutions/results oriented, and above all, an officer known for taking on those high-risk jobs that your peers likely will not volunteer for and possibly seek to avoid at all costs. Those qualities and values identify who you are and your work ethic DNA. Once your reputation is established, almost everyone knows *your* name. And the great part is you don’t have to sell your name — your work sells itself. These two RJOs, simply put, “get it.” And now you know their names as well.

Who Are You?

Continually practice self-introspection, because no one will care about your career and success, as much as you do. At a minimum, you should be asking yourself: Are you meeting your supervisor’s requirements?

How have you made your unit and the Coast Guard at large a better organization?

Have you put the taxpayer’s money to good use?

Are you accomplishing what you set out to do in the beginning of your tour?

How are you distinguishing yourself from your peers?

Are you building your reputation, your name brand, your success stories?

Your Experience — Sell It!

Remember that as a reservist you often bring a different perspective and skill set to the table. So be sure to respectfully put that at your unit’s disposal. In the words of MCPO-CGRF Jeff Smith, “Be Bold.” LCDR Snodgrass points out that indecision can be the death nail for an RJO,

and they must continually push for additional opportunities and challenges, after completing their current requirements, of course. Senior officers often have one or two events that truly shaped their careers,

and you should be prepared to meet those opportunities every day when wearing the uniform.

Conclusion

While it is never too early to plan ahead, junior officers often do not know what they do not know. Specifically, they may not know their supervisors requirements, general Coast Guard expectations, or their own life and career goals. The lessons above should

resonate for every Reserve Junior Officer, both in the Coast Guard and civilian life. To succeed, you need to understand and actively accept your own role in the organization and the larger impacts; plus, build a personnel and professional network (including

mentorship). You also need to routinely evaluate your performance in line with what your supervisor, the Coast Guard, and you yourself expect.

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In Brief

• **OPERATION SUMMERSTOCK 2009** — Summerstock is an outstanding opportunity for fully-qualified Coast Guard Reservists to serve on ADSW-AC orders on the Great Lakes from May 23 to Sept. 6 (107 days). For more info, contact YNC Patricia Feeny, 216-902-6095, Patricia.Feeney@uscg.mil.

• **MCPO-CGRF WEB SITE** — The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Reserve Force has a new Web site! Check it out at: <http://www.uscg.mil/comdt/mcpocgrf/>



• **PSC NAME CHANGED TO PPC** — Personnel Service Center's name has changed to Pay & Personnel Center (PPC), effective Feb. 13, 2009. However, PPC's location remains Topeka, Kan.

• **PPC FY09 WEEKEND STAFFING DATES** — If you need assistance from PPC on the weekends, they will be open on the following weekend dates during the remainder of Fiscal Year 2009: May 16-17, June 13-14, June 27-28; July 18-19; Aug. 1-2, Aug. 15-16; Sept. 12-13, Sept. 19-20. PPC's number is 1-866-772-8724.

• **RESERVE MOBILIZATION & BENEFITS POLICY** — ALCOAST 594/08 clarifies Reserve mobilization policies to ensure commands and reservists have guidance and clear expectations for mobilization in support of contingency operations. This policy applies to all members of the Ready Reserve (Selected Reserve and IRR) mobilized in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM / OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

• **RESERVE COMPONENT MEMBER WORKSHOP** — The Procedures and Development team at PPC in Topeka, Kan. announce a new workshop offering — The Reservist! This workshop is open to all Coast Guard Reserve members as well as those assigned to assist Reserve members. The objective of this course is to provide reservists with basic information on specific points of interest. For more information, go to www.uscg.mil/ppc. On the right under "Popular Searches," go to Workshops & Training, then to "Reserve Component Member Workshop." Use the Quota Request Form for upcoming workshops being offered once a month until September 2009. Travel and per diem expenses must be funded by the benefiting unit (no PPC funds available). ADT/ADT-OTD orders for reservists must be funded and approved by the servicing ISC.

• **COAST GUARD PORTAL IS HERE!** — CG Portal will be the one-stop shopping platform for meeting CG internet, intranet, and extranet needs. CG Portal will replace CG Central starting early April 2009 and will be phased in. Phase I will replace CG Central Microsites and Communities. Phase II will replace the remainder of CG

Central content. Subsequent phases will replace our www.uscg.mil internet presence and add new capabilities. For more info, see ALCOAST 128/09.

• **MODERNIZATION COMMUNICATIONS ASSESSMENT SURVEY** — All members of the Coast Guard community, including reservists, are encouraged to take this survey. It takes about 10 minutes, responses are confidential, and must be collected via the electronic survey form to be included in official results. To take the survey, go to: <http://survey.uscg.mil/Perseus/se.ashx?s=0D82C073313E1E88>.

• **RESERVE COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY** — If you have not done so already, please take a moment to complete this survey. It's very brief and will only take a few minutes to complete. <http://survey.uscg.mil/Perseus/se.ashx?s=7C81B7DD478C2AEE>. A tear card version was provided in Issue 1-09 of THE RESERVIST.

• **TRICARE RESERVE SELECT RATE REDUCTION** —

Monthly premiums for TRS have been reduced from \$81 to \$47.51 for single members while member-and-family coverage went from \$253 to \$180.17 per month. Detailed information is available at: www.tricare.mil/reserve.



• **ADVANCED JOINT PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION** — Opportunities exist for O-4 thru O-6 Reserve Component officers to attend the AJPME Course conducted by Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va. AJPME is a "blended" course consisting of approximately 100 hours of advanced distributed learning, and 160 hours of face-to-face time. It takes 40 weeks to complete — 37 online but weeks 13, 39-40 are in-residence. Interested USCGR officers should view www.jfsc.ndu.edu pertaining to class dates. Then, to sign up for the class, contact LT Richard Lavigne, 202-475-5449, Richard.J.Lavigne2@uscg.mil.

• **SENIOR ENLISTED JOINT PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION** — The SEJPME Course is designed to expose enlisted personnel to joint education and prepare them to succeed by improving their ability to operate effectively as part of a future joint force and supervise multiple service members. Registration is open to all components' (active duty, reserve, Guard) senior enlisted in the pay grades of E-6 to E-9. The SEJPME Course is a stand-alone web-based course that uses multi-media instruction. The course contains 40 hours of learning content and is "self-paced." Individuals may self-register and enroll at any time. Complete and submit an online course application by visiting the SEJPME page on the JFSC Web site at: www.jfsc.ndu.edu.

Upcoming Events

APRIL 2009

• **COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE** — The 2009 CGMA campaign kicks off April 1 and runs until April 30. For info, see page 58, or contact CGMA, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 610, Arlington, VA 22203-1804, 1-800-881-2462; Web: www.cgmahq.org.

• **INTERNATIONAL BOATING & WATER SAFETY SUMMIT** — April 19-22, Panama City, Fla. www.safeboatingcouncil.org.

• **CHIEF WARRANT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING** — April 29-May 2, Embassy Suites Hotel Airport/Westshore, Tampa, Fla. Contact Ed Swift, CWOA, 200 V Street SW, Washington, DC 20024; 202-554-7753, cwoauscg@verizon.net.

MAY 2009

• **MAY OBSERVANCES** — Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 16; National Safe Boating Week, May 16-22 (for info, see: www.safeboatingcouncil.org); Chief Petty Officers 89th Birthday, Monday, May 18; Memorial Day (observed), Monday, May 25.

• **TOM'S RUN 2009** — Come join the USCG's annual 200-mile bike/run relay down the C&O Canal in Maryland, May 28-30. For info, contact Roger Butturini, 202-372-1494, Roger.K.Butturini@uscg.mil, www.tomsrunrelay.org.

JUNE 2009

• **COAST GUARD AUXILIARY 70th BIRTHDAY** — Tuesday, June 23. With 30,000 volunteers, it was formed in 1939 and was originally called the Coast Guard Reserve. Web: www.cgaux.org.

JULY 2009

• **37th ANNUAL USCG GOLF TOURNAMENT** — July 1-4, Lansdowne Resort, Lansdowne, Va. Contact Mike Parnarouskis, mikep1121@comcast.net or CDR Austin Gould, austin.j.gould@uscg.mil.

Reunions

MAY 2009

• **STATION FORT PIERCE, Fla.** — May 1-2, for any Coasties that served at Station Fort Pierce, CGCs BARNES, MARTIN, BLUEFIN, CORMORANT and ATON. Contact Joe Ryker at 772-466-6612, conniejoe@bellsouth.net.

• **PSU 307 REUNION** — PSU 307 is celebrating the 10th anniversary of their commissioning. All personnel who served in PSU 307 are invited to a reunion on Saturday, May 16. The formal ceremony will be held at PSU 307, Clearwater, Fla. at 3 p.m. Receptions and other activities are being planned. For info, contact LCDR Steve Bosau, steven.j.bosau@uscg.mil, or LT Michael Crippen, m.b.crippen@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER 2009

• **CGC UNIMAK REUNION** — Sept. 10-13, Boston, Mass. For info, go to: www.unimak379.org and/or contact Mr. Eric S. Heald, eric.heald@gmail.com

• **CGC WESTWIND** — Sept. 11-13, Wilmington, N.C. For info, www.westwindassociation.org and/or contact Alex Mavica, amavica@optonline.net.

• **ROA 2009 NATIONAL CONVENTION** — July 8-11, Marriott World Center, Orlando, Fla. For info, contact ROA, 202-479-2200, 1-800-809-9448, Web: www.roa.org

• **TRAINING CENTER YORKTOWN'S 50TH BIRTHDAY** — 2009 marks TC Yorktown's (formerly Reserve Training Center) 50th year! Several events are (tentatively) scheduled to commemorate this milestone including the unearthing of a time capsule, military ball, and anniversary ceremony. For more info, contact LT Raymond Kingsley, Public Affairs Officer, TRACEN Yorktown, 757-856-2509, Raymond.S.Kingsley@uscg.mil.

• **COAST GUARD DAYS** — July 17-19, Port Huron, Mich. For additional info, contact the City of Port Huron, www.porthuron.org/EventsCalendar.aspx; 810-841-5507; collinsd@porthuron.org

• **U.S. COAST GUARD FESTIVAL** — July 24-Aug. 2, Coast Guard City USA, Grand Haven, Mich. Parade (noon) and fireworks (dusk) are Saturday, Aug. 1. For info: Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival, 113 North Second Street, Grand Haven, MI 49417; call 616-846-5940, 1-888-207-2434; e-mail: support@coastguardfest.org; or www.coastguardfest.org/

AUGUST 2009

• **41st USCG CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION** — Aug. 24-28, Atlantis Resort & Casino, Reno, Nev. For info, contact MCPO Tim Sheffler, Convention Chairman, 67 Flowerwood Drive, Falling Waters, WV 25419, cpoa.conve@yahoo.com or cgea.conv@yahoo.com. Web: www.uscgcpoa.org.

NOVEMBER 2009

• **2009 USCG INNOVATION EXPO** — Nov. 17-19, at Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, Va. Contact Mr. Fred Hooghouse, CG-0931, 202-372-4579, Frederick.L.Hooghouse@uscg.mil; www.uscg.mil/innovation/.

• **RESERVE UNIT SAGINAW** — 4th annual, Saturday, Sept. 12, at Williams Township Park pavilion, Auburn, Mich. Contact MKCM James Kozuch, 231-823-2818, masterchiefk@charter.net.

• **NORTH COAST NEW YORK COAST GUARD ASSOCIATION** — Sept. 18-20, 2009, Sackets Harbor, N.Y. Seeking Coasties who served in area CG units/cutters any year, regular, reserve, auxiliary, civilian. Includes Erie, Pa. LBS, Buffalo Base, Fort Niagara LBS, Rochester LBS, Sodus Point, Oswego LBS, Salmon Creek LSS, Big Sandy LSS, Galloo Island LBS, Sackets Harbor, Cape Vincent Light, Station Clayton, Station Alex. Bay, MSD Massena, Burl. Base, Vt., ATON Saug., RU PSU Buffalo/Syracuse, LORAN Station Seneca, CGCs CHERRY, MAPLE, OJIBWA, WHITE LUPINE, BUCKTHORN, ARUNDEL, POINT STEELE, WIRE and CG's 83359, 65024-D (CHOCKBERRY) 55030, 45305, 49414, 45308 or 49404 while home ported in upper N.Y., Burlington, Vt. or Saugerties, NY. Contact: North Coast NY Coast Guard Assoc., 4712 Glenwood Dr., Mantua, OH 44255, 330-274-2927, skipper444@aol.com.

OCTOBER 2009

• **USCG STATION / BASE BOSTON RESERVISTS** — Reserve Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Oct. 24, Base Boston All Hands Club. Info: BMC Skip Newell, 508-238-4443, astroskip@aol.com.

Advancements

Reserve Enlisted

Advancements effective Dec. 1, 2008 from Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement (ERAA) No. 012-08, ALCGRSV 012/08:

Boatswain's Mate (BM)

BMCS J B SNYDER
BMCS R L WURGLER
BMC J E HELSLEY
BMC K F THURSTON
BMC T A ROSENSTEIN
BMC C C SCHAEFER
BMC J C EVANS
BMC S A MARCHEANO
BM1 G J ROGERS
BM1 J L PEACOCK
BM1 J J ROMANITCH
BM1 D W CRENSHAW
BM2 J R BERRIOS
BM2 T N RAINEY
BM2 C C CARVER
BM2 C A WEST

Food Service Specialist (FS)

FS2 D R WEBSTER

Investigator (IV)

IV2 J L TOLAND

Machinery Technician (MK)

MKC H H INMAN
MK1 C D DUNNAM
MK1 C J KALAVSKY
MK1 B K BURKE
MK1 J S FLAHERTY
MK1 T A SCHNEIDER
MK1 J M SHAW
MK2 R M DRESCHER
MK2 E J HARRISON
MK2 R J REED
MK2 D B JOHNSTON
MK2 N M SCHOEN
MK2 S D SPICER
MK2 R C BERG
MK2 M N DALAGER

Operations Specialist (OS)

OSCM C L WINNINGHAM
OSCS A K BYRD
OS1 R H WOLFE

Port Security Specialist (PS)

PSC M B KLEMMETSON
PSC B D PUTNAM
PSC J J WILSON

Yeoman (YN)

YNC D E LATTA
YNC A L JONES

Reserve Enlisted

Advancements effective Jan 1, 2009 from Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement (ERAA) No. 001-09, ALCGRSV 001/09:

Boatswain's Mate (BM)

BMCS L B BROWN
BMC M S BANNON
BM1 A J INSKO
BM1 C B FRANKS
BM1 J M MANNING
BM1 J E STEVENS
BM2 D A HAMILTON
BM2 T J FRANKS
BM2 D R TURNURE
BM2 M E STRBJAK
BM2 D K TUCKER
BM2 G L MARTIN

Damage Controlman (DC)

DC1 B R MIDDLETON
DC1 R P GASSER
DC2 D F PANTSCHYSCHAK
DC2 J D ASHBURN
DC2 A L RICARDO

Electrician's Mate (EM)

EMC J D BERNASHE
EM2 P N LAMBERT

Electronic's Technician (ET)

ET1 E J ZAPF
ET1 D S CHASE
ET1 S L CHURCH
ET1 D D STILES
ET1 J A HUTTS
ET1 J F BURR
ET2 E H KEENER
ET2 S J ALBERT
ET2 B H GARRETT
ET2 C J SINGH
ET2 J E STANLEY

Food Service Specialist (FS)

FSCS A J PADAVAN
FSCS M L ROWAN
FSC R L BRIM
FS1 R S MALIK
FS1 A J LEPRE
FS1 J A ULRICH
FS1 D R TINDALL
FS1 L T DLIMA

Gunner's Mate (GM)

GMC J G FLEMING
GM1 K N WIFORD
GM1 B R ROCKOWITZ
GM2 J E BURSCH
GM2 D DEFAZIO

Health Services Technician (HS)

HSCS O M SMEYKAL

Intelligence Specialist (IS)

IS1 E L MANCIERI
IS2 J J RAY
IS2 M K MARTINTORRES
IS2 B W PEETERS
IS2 D G CRAWFORD

Investigator (IV)

IV1 R E IMPERIALE
IV1 E D HOTHAN
IV1 D W ARMENTOR
IV1 C D HUYCK
IV1 M A HAGEN
IV1 C L HILL

Machinery Technician (MK)

MKCS G G GLINTENKAMP
MKC C G EISENHART
MKC M A SEGUIN
MK1 C J MADISON
MK1 S J ZSITVAY
MK1 W L BRADLEY

Marine Science Technician (MST)

MSTC J P CAREW
MST1 J W KRAUSE
MST1 J J DALL
MST1 S A BINKO
MST1 P L WOLFORD
MST2 N B FLESHER
MST2 J L WALDMEIER

MST2 C C HESSE
MST2 D A VANBOXTTEL
MST2 R A LAVENDER
MST2 D L WAGNER
MST2 O ALANIZ
MST2 C B JONES
MST2 L B ELLIS
MST2 C R LEE
MST2 C J HOFSTRAND
MST2 M D SCHRIEBER
MST2 J A MUSHENKO
MST2 R O MCNISH
MST2 K A METCALF
MST2 J R SMITHERS
MST2 D A BENNETT
MST2 C I BOYD
MST2 M N MONTALVO
MST2 C E PEDERSEN
MST2 T K DORAN
MST2 P E MORRIS
MST2 I PASCAL
MST2 A J FAGO
MST2 R M BODE
MST2 S J HOURIGAN
MST2 M I BRADLEY
MST2 M J COTE
MST2 N M IKPOGU
MST2 D A TYNCH

Operations Specialist (OS)

OSCM S A HUTCHERSON
OS1 R H WOLFE
OS1 A J ROSIER
OS1 J E MILLER
OS1 A J LINCOLN
OS2 LA FLETCHER

Public Affairs Specialist (PA)

PA1 J L SILVERSTEIN
PA1 R N POLISH
PA2 G M RUOTI

Port Security Specialist (PS)

PSCM E L JOHNSON
PSCM T W MCCOOK
PSCM P J VICKERMAN
PSCS M J DITRANI
PSCS R S BARREA
PSCS S W CURRY
PSC J A MAIER
PSC K W OBERACKER
PSC D F COLLEGE
PSC C B GONZALEZ
PSC K A COLON



Jeffrey Lucas, USCGR, of MSD St. Paul, Minn. is pinned BMCS/E-8 by MSTCS Charles Phillips, left, and BMC M Jim Cunningham, right, in San Antonio, Texas during the Senior Enlisted Call. Looking on at far right is MKCS James Vocelle.

Photo by MKCM Marco Oquendo, ISC Miami



Photo by LT Ehan Creps, Sector Honolulu

PSC James "Kimo" Wilson, center, celebrates his advancement to E-7 Dec. 6, 2008 at ISC Honolulu with LCDR Richard Roberts, left, and Wilson's wife, Javelyn, right.



Photo courtesy BMCM Robert "Bob" Milne, Station Jones Beach

Reservist BM1 Jonah Romanitch, right, receives his E-6 advancement certificate from BMC Lou Olmo, senior reservist at Station Jones Beach, N.Y. at a ceremony Dec 6, 2008. Romanitch has been assigned to Station Jones Beach since 2001 and resides in Babylon, N.Y.

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| PS1 H A HEBERT | PS2 T A GEE |
| PS1 W R GUY | PS2 C E RILEY |
| PS1 W T SHIELDS | PS2 E TORRES |
| PS1 J A NAVARRO | PS2 S P BYRNES |
| PS1 R M DOSH | PS2 J K HERZLINGER |
| PS1 M R HUIZAR | PS2 B R HOOPER |
| PS1 J A RODGERS | PS2 E T MOSS |
| PS1 T PEREZ | PS2 T E HANNAN |
| PS1 A R JAMES | PS2 D C GILL |
| PS1 C J PAUL | PS2 H J PLANTE |
| PS1 D T ALLEN | PS2 Z R SKELLY |
| PS1 E S WESTERVELT | PS2 J K YARIS |
| PS1 P E CLUTE | PS2 D L HELLE |
| PS1 R A SHAFFER | PS2 D A PERKINS |
| PS1 G W HAMANN | PS2 R WATERS |
| PS1 H D BRIGGS | PS2 T E FORCE |
| PS1 C T HALL | PS2 S E WEATHERHOLT |
| PS1 L A KEENE | PS2 R M STEWART |
| PS1 E T ROBINSON | PS2 P B SMITH |
| PS1 F D CRISOSTOMO | PS2 B A BOWMAN |
| PS1 J M OCONNELL | PS2 T M BERNOUDY |
| PS1 K G MARTHALER | PS2 D A RICE |
| PS1 P O FULMER | PS2 J D HUGGINS |
| PS1 R F NELSON | PS2 M J RODAU |
| PS1 A E HERNANDEZ | PS2 J M MORALES |
| PS1 M W CADY | PS2 J P JACOBI |
| PS1 J M WOZNAK | PS2 J W BUMGARNER |
| PS1 L N GONZALES | PS2 K L COLLETTI |
| PS1 R ORTIZ | PS2 J L ROGERS |
| PS1 J S HALL | PS2 B K KEELER |
| PS1 M J BURCH | PS2 J N IGELSRUD |
| PS1 T J GLACKIN | PS2 J L MARANO |
| PS1 W B ADAMS | PS2 D C MORRISSEY |
| PS1 K M THORNTON | PS2 J K INGRAM |
| PS1 K A HOUGHTON | PS2 J T LAKOSE |
| PS1 J R WILSON | PS2 A H LAVIN |
| PS1 S J ROSMARYN | PS2 D J MORRIS |
| PS1 P B HIGGINS | PS2 C M SANFORD |
| PS1 M ULLUCCI | PS2 N QUINONES |
| PS1 C R GRAHAM | PS2 P C JANSEN |
| PS1 V F BAYLIS | PS2 H P CHAN |
| PS1 A J SURMIAK | PS2 J E HOOKER |
| PS1 R D SPINELLI | PS2 A T TREADWELL |
| PS1 M J MAUST | PS2 M D BRUNO |
| PS1 C P GAUTHREAU | PS2 T S WOERDEMAN |
| PS2 B A SHAJARI | PS2 N E GARRISON |
| PS2 G D BRATCHER | PS2 M L HOOPER |
| PS2 R C MARTIN | PS2 B K HANCOCK |
| PS2 J P DEPALMA | |
| PS2 A L ROMERO | |
| PS2 D F LOTT | |
| PS2 J A MARTINELL | |
| PS2 J S CLARK | |
- Storekeeper (SK)**
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| SKCS D J CAPOZZOLI |
| SKCS G A TAYLOR |
| SKCS C R GENTRY |



Photo courtesy PSI Ron Wenzel, Sector New York

PS2 Jack Herzlinger, left, and MST2 Paul Morris, right, are officially advanced to second class petty officers at a "pinning" ceremony Jan. 17, 2009. Both petty officers are assigned to Sector New York Maritime Law Enforcement Safety & Security Operations Port Security Team 3, though Herzlinger is transferring to PSU 301. As civilians, Morris is a police officer with the Peapack-Gladstone, N.J. Police Department while Herzlinger is a detective with the New York Police Department.

A Proud Moment...

BMC Connor Dillingham, USCGR, center, dons his cover containing an "anchor" for the first time Oct. 18, 2008. Also pinning on chief anchors (E-7) at PSU 305 the same day were MKC Sean Barnes, left, and MKC Paul Seitz, right, while looking on is CDR Steve Pope, PSU 305 commanding officer. Dillingham is currently drilling at Station Portsmouth, Va. but returned to PSU 305 for the ceremony.



Photo by ENS Mitchell Orey, PSU 305

SKC S A STONE
 SKC T G KAYATIBAINES
 SKC C M BERTMARING
 SK1 M E LORETTE
 SK1 T G BOCCIA
 SK1 T L RICE
 SK1 B M GORDON
 SK1 J L RODRIGUEZ
 SK1 J S AQUINO
 SK1 C WARD
 SK1 H T SMITH
 SK1 T L CROWDER
 SK1 D C MCLEAN
 SK1 T A KYLLINGMARK
 SK1 R D GIBSON
 SK2 J M HAGSTROM
 SK2 S I GRAY
 SK2 M J KOWALSKI
 SK2 B D JACKSON
 SK2 P A LOUIS
 SK2 J M GORGONE
 SK2 A L PROBST
 SK2 S K FUNG
 SK2 L L BROWNLEY
 SK2 L AGUIRRE
 SK2 R E ASH
 SK2 C T WOOD
 SK2 R A MARIA
 SK2 K L DAWSON
 SK2 T K LEO

Yeoman (YN)

YNCM B M LYON
 YNC A V IYOKI
 YN1 D D MONTELIONE
 YN1 T L MERRITT
 YN1 C ARMON
 YN1 C A BORG
 YN1 C M KINNAIRD
 YN1 D S KING
 YN1 D L KUEMMERLE
 YN1 K D AXTELL
 YN1 M M DORSON
 YN1 A A LEVANAKU
 YN1 V KAHIKINA
 YN1 W R KINGKADE
 YN1 P J RADLINSKI
 YN2 J R DECHENNE
 YN2 S J OSTREGA
 YN2 B L GUCKIN
 YN2 D T EVANS
 YN2 D W KEITH
 YN2 S S PARKER
 YN2 A S BENNETCH
 YN2 J I BENSON
 YN2 I A GONZALEZ

*Reserve Enlisted
 Advancements effective Feb. 1,
 2009 from Enlisted Reserve
 Advancement Announcement*

*(ERAA) No. 002-09,
 ALCGRSV 002/09:*

Boatswain's Mate (BM)

BM1 G K BUDDA
 BM1 A W WHITE
 BM1 D E NIENDICK
 BM2 J Q LAWTON
 BM2 D H STONER

Food Service Specialist (FS)

FS2 E V CORCINO

Machinery Technician (MK)

MK1 P KASTRITSIOS
 MK1 M P MOONEY
 MK1 K R SULLIVAN
 MK2 E F STOMMEL
 MK2 E L WALLACE
 MK2 B W MANN
 MK2 H M MEDINA
 MK2 A J ECKEL
 MK2 J A ROSSI

Marine Science Technician (MST)

MST1 C B MORRIS
 MST1 N A KING

MST1 A E SALMEN
 MST1 R M RICHARD
 MST1 J W LEE
 MST1 Y D WATSON
 MST2 C J OBERMEYER
 MST2 M S LENCI
 MST2 T M THORNBURGH
 MST2 H P FUTRELL

Port Security Specialist (PS)

PSCS J W SEVOS
 PSCS R W YOUNG

Yeoman (YN)

YN2 M D CROSBY
 YN2 M A BERLIN
 YN2 J H EASTMAN
 YN2 S J SCHROCK

*These ERRAs, including unit designations, are available on PSC's Web site:
<http://cgweb.psc.uscg.mil/adv/eraa-web.xls>. Questions should be directed to YNC Rony Harden, 785-339-3410, rony.harden@uscg.mil.*



U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Carlynn M. Knaak

U.S. Coast Guard RADM Sally Brice-O'Hara, deputy commandant for operations, stands outside U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's Bulkely Hall with recently promoted Coast

Guardsmen from Coast Guard Port Security Unit 305, currently deployed to Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Cuba, Jan. 9, 2009.

Medals & Awards

Army Meritorious Service Medal

CDR Robert Grassino, PSU 307
 LCDR James Wallace, PSU 307
 MKCM Scott Huff, PSU 307
 ETC Christopher Lipke, PSU 307

Coast Guard Commendation Medal

LT James Thach, MFPU Bangor
 PSCM Wayne North, MFPU Bangor
 YNCS Tom Illich, RO New Orleans
 PS1 Conrad Carruthers, MFPU Bangor

Army Commendation Medal

LCDR Christopher Fink, PSU 307
 LT Barbara Gowdy, Sector Jax(MOL)
 LT Bret Mastronardi, PSU 307
 LT Todd Remusat, PSU 307
 LTJG Jesse Webster, PSU 307
 BMCM Richard Kelley, PSU 307
 PSCS Charles Ferrante, PSU 307
 BMC Joseph Tew, PSU 307
 PSC Edward Messina, PSU 307
 PSC Richard Schefano, PSU 307
 PSC John Sevos, PSU 307
 BM1 William Carl, PSU 307
 BM1 Pedro Gonzalez, PSU 307
 BM1 David Tillman, PSU 307
 ET1 Ronald Wolfe, PSU 307
 GM1 Michael Ward, PSU 307
 BM2 Robert Peterson, PSU 307



Photo courtesy: Employer Support for Guard & Reserve

The Edina, Minn. Police Department received the Employer Support for Guard & Reserve “Above & Beyond Award” for supporting two Coast Guard Reservists who are both police officers. Left to right: Brig. Gen. Denny Schulstad, USAF-Ret., State ESGR Chair; Lt. Dave Nelson, Edina Police; Deputy Chief Jeff Long, Edina Police; BM2 Brandon Kuske, Sector Upper Mississippi River; PS1 Kevin Rofidal, MSU Duluth; and Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty, who presented the award.

Coast Guard Achievement Award

LCDR Leon Dame, MFPU Bangor
 LCDR David Menchaca, MFPU Bangor
 LT Suzanne Olguin, MFPU Bangor
 LTJG John Vonk, MFPU Bangor
 LTJG Rob Wyman, MFPU Bangor

MKCS Jeffrey Christensen, MFPU Bangor
 DCC Benton Bones, MFPU Bangor
 GMC Anthony Wiggins, MFPU Bangor
 YNC Thomas Heavey Sr., MFPU Bangor
 GM1 Carl Auxier, MFPU Bangor
 MK1 Alan Canady, MFPU Bangor
 MK1 Timothy Lemas, MFPU Bangor
 PS1 Timothy Thompson, MFPU Bangor
 PS1 Kenneth Walter, MFPU Bangor
 SK1 Judith Hall, MFPU Bangor
 BM2 Kristina Jones, MFPU Bangor
 BM2 Santiago Montemayo, Sector Corpus Christi
 PS2 Angela James, MFPU Bangor
 YN2 Scott Edwards, MFPU Bangor
 BM3 Thomas Heavey Jr., MFPU Bangor
 BM3 Aaron Highlands, MFPU Bangor
 MK3 Eric Harrison, MFPU Bangor
 MST3 Nels Flesher, MFPU Bangor

Navy Achievement Medal

PS2 William Adams, PSU 307

Army Achievement Medal

LT Todd Boze, PSU 313
 LT Jeffery Thomason, PSU 313
 LTJG Lee Cuthbertson, PSU 307
 LTJG Kazuaki Sugiyama, PSU 313
 ENS Todd Salter, PSU 313
 CWO3 Bruce Jones, Sector Jax(MOL)
 BMC Andrew Matthews, PSU 307
 MSTC Charles Carroll, Sector Jax(MOL)
 MSTC Diana Shores, Sector Jax(MOL)
 PSC Erick Youngquist, PSU 313
 GM1 Jonathan Tedford, PSU 307
 MK1 Noel Cabrera, PSU 307
 OS1 Meredith Burns, Sector Jax(MOL)



Photo courtesy: Congressman King's staff

Several Coast Guard Reservists who are police officers with the Nassau County, N.Y., Police Department were honored recently by the Nassau County Police Reserve for their post-9/11 military service. Coast Guard Reservists honored were BMC Patrick O’Sullivan, Station King’s Point, N.Y.; MKC Ira Tobias, SFO Moriches, N.Y.; and BMC John Marschhauser, Station Eaton’s Neck, N.Y.; Left to right: MKC Marshall Kenney, Station Eaton’s Neck; BMCM Robert Milmoie, Station Jones Beach, N.Y.; LT Ashley Holt, SFO Moriches; LTJG Peter Raneri, MSD Coram, N.Y.; U.S. Rep. Peter King, New York’s 3rd Congressional District; BMC O’Sullivan, MKC Tobias, CWO2 Zachary Cummings, Station Fire Island, N.Y.; and BMC Marschhauser.



Submitted by CDR Michael Hunt, CG-8351

CAPT Wayne Dumas, USCGR, right, and LT Shawn Essert, USCG, left, are presented with a Transportation Sector Network Management 2008 TSA Honorary Award by Mr. James Clarkson, General Manager, Maritime Security Division. The award recognized the co-founders of the Inter-modal Security Training and Exercise Program (I-STEP), a regional port security and recovery planning and exercise project that includes multiple ports and multiple modes of transportation.



Photo courtesy CDR Karl Leonard, PSU 309

LTJG Dan Bower, of PSU 309, right, is awarded the Army Achievement Medal by Lt. Col. Steven Schemine, Battalion Commander 1-134 Field Artillery Unit. PSU 309 was deployed to the Middle East, and returned from their overseas deployment prior to the Presidential Inauguration in January 2009.

OS1 Clinton Mingus, PSU 307
 PS1 Christopher Audet, PSU 307
 PS1 Daniel College, PSU 307
 PS1 Jay Doyle, PSU 307
 PS1 George Juaristic, Sector Jax(MOL)
 PS1 Thomas Stenger, PSU 307
 PS1 Todd Wimmer, PSU 313
 SK1 Sandra Myhre, PSU 307
 YN1 Faith Matuschek, Sector Jax(MOL)
 BM2 Christopher Dagostino, PSU 307
 BM2 Michael McLaughlin, PSU 307
 BM2 Michael Miller, PSU 307
 BM2 David Moore, PSU 307
 BM2 Jeffery Pires, PSU 307
 BM2 William Poertner, PSU 307
 BM2 Brian Riggs, PSU 307
 GM2 Brian Rockowitz, PSU 307
 HS2 Shane Denny, PSU 307
 HS2 Nathan Ksiezopolski, PSU 313
 MK2 Buford Burke, PSU 307
 MK2 John Ebert, PSU 307
 MK2 Andrew Gulseth, PSU 313
 MK2 Daniel Hearn, PSU 307
 MK2 Christopher Kalavsky, PSU 307
 MST2 Kevin Morehouse, Sector Jax(MOL)
 MST2 Nicholas Wiltgen, Sector Jax(MOL)
 OS2 Bradley Landis, PSU 307
 OS2 Russell Wolfe, PSU 307
 PS2 William Adams, PSU 307
 PS2 Michael Burch, PSU 307
 PS2 Robert Dosh, PSU 307
 PS2 Dennis Ebanks, PSU 307
 PS2 Thomas Fabritiis, PSU 307
 PS2 Justin Hanlon, PSU 313
 PS2 Clifford Johnson, PSU 307
 PS2 Ian Marte, PSU 307
 PS2 Rafael Ortiz, PSU 307

PS2 Tony Perez, PSU 307
 PS2 Steven Rosmaryn, PSU 313
 PS2 Collin Russell, PSU 313
 PS2 Roger Spinelli, PSU 307
 BM3 Christopher D'Agostino, PSU 307
 BM3 Michael Fitzgerald, PSU 307
 BM3 Rene Perez, PSU 307
 BM3 James Reeves, PSU 307
 DC3 Andrew Romero, PSU 313
 MK3 Andrew Gulseth, PSU 313
 MK3 Matthew Squires, PSU 307
 MK3 Victor Young, PSU 307
 OS3 Alexander Dominicci, PSU 307
 PS3 Kurtis Andrews, PSU 313
 PS3 Geoffrey Bennett, PSU 313
 PS3 Gerald Bratcher, PSU 313
 PS3 Johnny Boykins, PSU 307
 PS3 Justin Bumgarner, PSU 307
 PS3 Jeremy Clark, PSU 313
 PS3 Martin Crew, PSU 307
 PS3 John Depalma, PSU 313
 PS3 Bradley Essary, PSU 307
 PS3 Scott Fitzgerald, PSU 313
 PS3 David Graf, PSU 313
 PS3 Jerry Igelsrud, PSU 313
 PS3 Brice Keeler, PSU 313
 PS3 Ariel Morel, PSU 307
 PS3 Daniel Morrissey, PSU 313
 PS3 Eric Moss, PSU 313
 PS3 Clayton Papraska, PSU 313
 PS3 Arturo Polanco, PSU 307
 PS3 Hollister Robinson, PSU 307
 PS3 Peter Smith, PSU 313
 PS3 Robert Stewart, PSU 313
 PS3 Anthony Treadwell, PSU 307
 PS3 Kevin Vigh, PSU 307
 YN3 Kenneth Lejkowski, PSU 307
 PSSN Christian Guevara, PSU 307

SN Paul Barrowman, PSU 313
 SN Daniel Hall, PSU 313

Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon

LTJG Melanie Nguyen, MFPU Bangor
 ISC Brian Brockmueller, MFPU Bangor
 MSTC Joel Smith, MFPU Bangor
 BM2 Brian Riggs, PSU 307
 ET1 Ronald Wolfe, PSU 307
 MK1 Christopher Kalavsky, PSU 307
 OS1 Russell Wolfe, PSU 307
 MK2 Robert Berg, PSU 307
 MK2 Paul Better, PSU 307
 MK2 Robert Egger, PSU 307
 PS2 Paul Blanton, PSU 307
 PS2 Marc Slagle, PSU 307
 SK2 Mark Lorette, MFPU Bangor
 BM3 Eric Davis, PSU 307
 BM3 Douglas Ginsburg, PSU 307
 BM3 Charles Grimes, PSU 307
 BM3 Pablo Veras, PSU 307
 BM3 Brian Williams, PSU 307
 DC3 Kyle Harter, PSU 307
 MK3 Paul Better, PSU 307
 MK3 Brandyn Hurt, PSU 307
 MK3 Matthew Squires, PSU 307
 MST3 Lindsey Johnson, MFPU Bangor
 PS3 Johnny Boykins, PSU 307
 PS3 Harrison Davis, PSU 307
 PS3 Ryan Gregory, PSU 307
 PS3 Leonardo Rodriguez, PSU 307
 PS3 Akeem Simone, PSU 307
 PSSN Christian Guavera, PSU 307
 SNBM Michael Swetavage, PSU 307

Coast Guard Unit Commendation
 Sector Houston-Galveston, Texas

Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation

Solar Cup 2008 Support
Comm Sec Team, JTF GTMO
Maritiem Sec Det/Sec Elements, JTF GTMO

Reserve Good Conduct Medal

DCC George K. Deyoung, PSU 301
HSC Daniel A. Melling, PSU 301
ET1 Matthew A. Fanara, PSU 301
MK1 Kevin M. Kennedy, PSU 301
MK1 Jason J. Ott, PSU 301
PS1 Angelo Sciara, Sector New York
BM2 Ian R. Dundas, PSU 301
BM2 Michael R. Zella, PSU 301
HS2 Ryan L. Folks, PSU 301
IS2 Erika L. Nelson, PSU 301
MK2 Paul J. Maitino, PSU 301
MK2 Michael R. Oreilly, PSU 301
MK2 Kevin R. Sullivan, PSU 301
PS2 Kia K. Clarke, PSU 301
PS2 Jermaine N. Connor, PSU 301
PS2 Daniel J. Cosgrove, PSU 301
PS2 Eric J. Cruz, PSU 301
PS2 Anthony L. Dicarolo, PSU 301
PS2 Scott J. Doherty, PSU 301
PS2 Timothy R. Hicks, PSU 301
PS2 Sergio Maldonado Jr., PSU 301
PS2 Henry Serrano, Sector New York
PS2 Timothy D. Wilmarth, PSU 301
SK2 Benedict J. Mackiewicz III, PSU 301
BM3 Garrett S. Boehm, PSU 301
BM3 Nickolas S. Dickson, PSU 301
BM3 Kevin J. Laverty, PSU 301
MK3 Corey M. Poudrier, PSU 301
OS3 Kelly S. Ocallaghan, PSU 301
PS3 Kyle B. Gouchoe, PSU 301
PS3 Michael J. Haines, PSU 301
PS3 Matthew O. Laurence, PSU 301
PS3 William W. Marsh, PSU 301
PS3 Jonathan J. Reid, PSU 301
PS3 Bennett J. Stusse, PSU 301
PS3 Daniel A. Wroblewski, PSU 301
PS3 Jared K. Yaris, PSU 301
PS3 Nicholas P. Ziminsky, PSU 301
YN3 Jeremy W. Hood, PSU 301
SA Conor M. Byrne, PSU 301

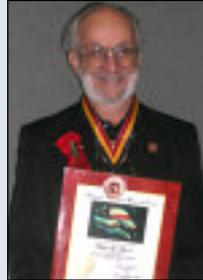
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

LT Bret D. Mastronardi, PSU 307
LT Todd A. Remusat, PSU 307
PSCS Charles A. Ferrante, PSU 307
BMC Andrew J. Matthews, PSU 307
ETC Christopher C. Lipke, PSU 307
PSC John W. Sevos, PSU 307
YNC Thomas Heavey Sr., MFPU Bangor
GM1 Jonathan J. Tedford, PSU 307
OS1 Clinton C. Mingus, PSU 307
OS2 Bradley M. Landis, PSU 307

** Please note: Rates/ranks shown were current at the time award was presented. This awards section runs on the honor system — if you have an award you'd like to see published, send a copy of your award citation via e-mail to:
TheReservist@uscg.mil.*

Award Notes

• **LT Timothy G. Frazier, USCGR**, was nominated by the Roanoke Navy League Council President as U.S. NSCC Roanoke Division Instructor of the Year and selected the 2008 U.S. NSCC Regional Instructor of the Year.



• **Master Chief Arthur G. Sloane, USCGR(Ref.)**, was inducted into the Arizona Veteran's Hall of Fame with 19 other veterans recently. The Hall of Fame was established in 2001 to honor those who not only served their nation, but also continued to serve their community after release from military service. Sloane served in the Coast Guard Reserve from 1966-1995.

• **PSU 301's LCDR Eric S. Bernstein** was awarded the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINS) Grateful Nation Award for 2008. As Executive Officer of PSU 301, Bernstein excelled with the stand-up and commissioning of the Coast Guard's newest PSU, developed a unit reaction plan, and also serves as a Massachusetts State Trooper. He was honored Dec. 8, 2008 in Washington, D.C. For more info, see ALCOAST 514/08.



• **CDR Gerald Nauert** was recently selected as the Intelligence Directorate Field Grade Officer of the Quarter at the US Transportation Command located at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Nauert is a Branch Chief and Senior Watch Officer in the Current Intelligence Division.

• Two members of PSU 307 were honored recently and named "Troopers of the Year." **PS3 Johnny Boykins** of PSU 307 has been named Joint Task Force Trooper of the Year. Boykins said he put his best foot forward and tried to live up to the Coast Guard's core values. Meanwhile, **OS1 Russell Wolfe Jr.** has been recognized as Guantanamo's Joint Task Force Senior Trooper of the Year. Both members had to sit before a board and were drilled on everything from current events, military customs, traditions, history, benefits and programs. Wolfe has been a member of the CGR since 2000.



Retirements

RET-1 (Retired With Pay)

OCTOBER 2008

CAPT ROBERT W. KELLY
 CAPT STEPHEN J. KENEALY
 CAPT JOHN M. KINSEY
 CDR JAMES B. CLARKE
 CDR JOHN A. MAHONEY
 LCDR ROBERT F. BABCOCK
 LCDR RICHARD G. BARCH
 LCDR JOHN DUNPHY
 LCDR JANICE E. KULIK
 LCDR CHARLES W. MCINTOSH
 LT RENE A. MORRELL
 CWO4 GARY M. EICKEN
 CWO4 DALE R. HOORNSTRA
 CWO4 GORDON F. KINSMAN
 CWO4 EDWARD D. SALVA
 CWO4 BERNADINE A. WILSON
 PSCM PHILLIP J. WRIGHT
 BMCS GREGORY J. SATCHWELL
 PSCS GARY J. VENCILL
 PSCS JAMES W. DRINKWATER
 BMC PRESCOTT H. BROWNELL
 BMC LOREN W. LUSTIG
 BMC JOHN MIGLARESE V.
 BMC ROBERT S. SCOTT
 MKC JOHN J. ONEIL
 MKC STEVEN E. TRIMBLE
 PSC DANIEL E. PRINCE
 PSC ROBERT J. MONTGOMERY
 PSC JAMES H. WEISNEBURGER
 YNC JANIS D. AUSTIN
 YNC WALTER G. FRIER
 BM1 JOSEPH G. FERNON
 BM1 DALE G. HANCOCK
 MK1 RONALD A. CHITO
 MK1 JAMES C. HEIM
 MST1 DAVID J. FARROW
 OS1 DERRICK W. JEFFERS
 PS1 DANIEL J. DILL
 PS1 GAYLORD J. IMURA
 PS1 FRANK W. LARDER
 SK1 RICHARD L. WHITSITT
 YN1 JIMMIE R. DEARMAN
 DC2 RICK E. KIMBERLING

MK2 LAWRENCE E. JAJOWKA
 MK2 FRANCISCO R. PRIEGUES
 MK2 CRAIG W. REILLY
 MK2 DAVE M. STAFFORD

NOVEMBER 2008

CAPT ROGER K. WIEBUSCH
 CDR BRUCE BELOUSOFSKY
 CDR MICHAEL P. JONES
 CDR WILLIAM J. LAGEMAN
 CDR THOMAS E. POLAKIEWICZ
 LCDR DENNIS R. MUELLER
 LT LESLIE W. ALLEN
 LT DANA H. CLAY
 LT THOMAS W. LEFEBVRE
 CWO3 CHARLES M. BUTLER
 CWO2 HARRIETT THOMPSON
 EMCS JUDSON R. CHASTAIN
 IVCS GREGORY L. MORGON
 BMC RICHARD W. GOLDING
 MKC ROLAND F. GAUTHIER, JR.
 MKC GARY M. KOCEJA
 SKC JAMES W. HARRIS
 OS1 WILLIAM C. STANLEY
 BM2 MICHAEL E. MCMAHON, JR.
 DC2 PAUL W. CHAPMAN
 DC3 JOSEPH W. WHITNEY
 MK2 DOUGLAS K. HILT
 MST2 STEVEN J. CARLSON
 PS2 ANDREW J. MCSPARRON
 SK2 ELIZA E. FORD
 YN2 LEONARD C. REHBEIN

DECEMBER 2008

CAPT PHILLIP W. WALDRON
 CDR MICHAEL D. COLLINS
 CDR LOREN H. HOWARD
 CDR SCOTT W. MCCONE
 CDR THEODORE P. PIERSMA, JR.
 CDR TIMOTHY O. SHEEHAN
 LCDR STEPHEN L. BIRDSALL
 LCDR LINDA H. PACELLI
 LT JOSEPH D. BONN
 LT JEFFREY A. BOVEE
 LT GERALD W. LANGHAM
 MKCM POTENCIANO LADUT JR.
 BMCS BERTRAM M. SWAINE

YNCS CAROL M. DIETER
 MKCS SEYMOUR M. BRADLEY
 MKCS KENNETH B. FLETCHER
 ETCS JAMES O. BRONSON
 BMC JERRY D. CULPEPPER
 IVC KENNETH N. DRUMMOND, JR.
 MKC JOHN C. BARTOSZEK
 MKC DAVID R. SANTOS
 PSC JOHN E. DRISCOLL, JR.
 MST1 JOHN T. BOBO
 PS1 DEANA A. BERG
 PS1 JAMES R. DAUGHTEE
 PS1 WILLIAM T. SANDEEN
 SK1 JAMES S. KITCHEN
 AMT2 MICHAEL F. SHIVELY
 BM2 RONALD G. CONNER
 BM2 ROBERT D. MCCOMBS
 EM2 RALPH E. BLAD
 EM2 JOHN C. RUST
 PS2 WILLIAM H. VICNENT
 PS2 DENNIS M. YOUNG
 SK2 RODERICK J. DIXON JR.

RET-2 (Retired Without Pay)

OCTOBER 2008

CAPT DONALD C. GRANT
 CAPT LURILLA J. LEE
 CDR CATHERINE A. HOLDREN
 LCDR ROBERT A. YERGEAU
 CWO4 HERMAN P. KAISER
 CWO4 JAMES M. PATON
 CWO2 JAIME F. BALZAC
 EMCM LEONARD C. NECKERS
 MSTCS ROBERT R. SMITH
 SKCS CATHY A. DEGRACE
 YNCS MARC D. CASADO
 BMC BRAZILS B. WEST
 DCC NOEL L. SUPRLOCK
 MKC WAYNE A. OBARSKI
 MSTC WILLIAM P. ALLY
 MSTC GARY S. JARBOE
 PSC GREGORY A. HUBER
 YNC MARILYN K. CRUZ
 BM1 RICHARD C. BROWN

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CWO James Paton, left, and CWO Herman P. Kaiser Jr., right, display shadow boxes presented at their joint retirement ceremony Sept. 20, 2008, at Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City, N.J. The two reservists served a combined total of 62 years — both enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1977.

USCG photo by CWO2 Veronika Bandrowsky

And the Beat Goes On: Coast Guard Reservist Retires After 41 Years

By PA1 Tasha Tully, PADET St. Petersburg

More than 40 years after enlisting in the Coast Guard, PS1 Frank W. Larder has retired.

"I had just turned 19, and after two semesters of college I'd been asked not to return," Larder said, with a mischievous grin. "Rather than sitting around the house all day or working dead-end jobs in my hometown (Pen Yan, N.Y.), my dad, a former Marine, strongly suggested that I join the military."

Larder enlisted in the Coast Guard on May 15, 1967, in Rochester, N.Y. After graduating boot camp in Cape May, N.J., he reported as a Seaman Apprentice aboard the CGC DUANE, homeported in Boston.

Larder spent the 'Summer of Love' aboard DUANE in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and in October 1967, DUANE deployed to Vietnam in support of OPERATION MARKET TIME.

"Our mission was to board and inspect vessels suspected of carrying troops, weapons or supplies from North Vietnam to the Communist forces in South Vietnam," said Larder. "We confiscated supplies and weapons and assisted ground troops by firing the ship's 81mm mortars and long range, five-inch-gun rounds inland from off shore."

Larder kept a journal during his deployments, recording accounts of such historic events as the Tet Offensive as well as the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Sen. Robert Kennedy. The journal is also peppered with high-spirited personal narratives telling of port calls, drinking beer and meeting girls.

"What can I say? I was 19, a sailor and single," laughed Larder.

Duane returned home in July 1968, and in November, Larder was sent to Quarter Master "A" School in Newport, R.I.

"I graduated as a QM3 in February 1969," Larder said. "I asked for another high-endurance cutter and was assigned to the CGC HAMILTON. On Aug. 23, 1969, we departed for Vietnam."

In October 1969, HAMILTON arrived in Subic Bay, Philippines. Larder was responsible for the maintenance, correction, and preparation of nautical charts, instruments and clocks. Larder also assisted in the navigational aspects of the cutter and provided training for the ship's lookouts and helmsmen.

"I liked having more responsibilities as a petty officer," said Larder. "It made me feel like my shipmates counted on me more and that I had more of a purpose aboard the cutter."

HAMILTON served in Vietnam until May 25, 1970, and during



TOP: Frank Larder, center, and two shipmates stand watch aboard the CGC DUANE while deployed to Vietnam in 1967. MIDDLE: Larder, in uniform, stands with his sisters and brother aboard the CGC HAMILTON before deploying to Vietnam in 1969. A year later his brother joined him serving in the Coast Guard aboard HAMILTON. BOTTOM: In 1975, Larder became a police officer with the Arlington Police Department in Arlington, Mass., a suburb of Boston. He retired as a patrolman in 2001 and moved to Tampa, Fla.

Photo courtesy of PS1 Frank Larder, USCGR(Ret.)

its deployment, the cutter's crew provided aid in many humanitarian efforts. In the fall of 1970, with HAMILTON in dry dock in Baltimore, Larder was temporarily assigned to the CGC WHITE HEATH, a buoy tender homeported in Boston. Larder returned to the HAMILTON, and his brother, who had recently graduated from Coast Guard boot camp, was stationed with him aboard the cutter.

"We got along pretty well, and there were really no issues as far as rank or sibling rivalry went. Except for the one day..." Larder hinted. "My brother wasn't adjusting well to the high seas, and he lost his lunch over the side. I was razzing him pretty good, and when we pulled into port that day, one of my chiefs made me hose it down before he'd let me have liberty ... but there were no hard feelings."

Larder served with his brother aboard HAMILTON until his discharge in May 1971. He then went into the Individual Ready Reserve for two years, got married, and started going to night school for criminal justice.

In 1975, he became a police officer for the Arlington, Mass. Police Department. His son Brian, now a naval officer, was born the same year.

Larder returned to the Coast Guard Reserve in 1981 as a Port Security Specialist. He served as a reservist at Marine Safety Office (MSO) Boston for two years until his work schedule forced him to get out again in 1983.

In 1990, Larder went back into the Coast Guard Reserve and was assigned to Coast Guard Station Boston. After the integration of active-duty and reserve members, Larder was transferred back to MSO Boston in 1993, and served in pollution response there until 2001. He was called to active duty on Sept. 11, 2001, and worked with PSU 307, from St. Petersburg, Fla., while the unit was assigned to the Port of Boston.

"That day I was working a drill day at the MSO," Larder said. "I didn't realize it until a few days later that life as I knew it had changed. I remember how quiet it was with no planes flying overhead ... it was eerie," Larder said somberly. In October 2001, Larder retired as a patrolman from the police department.

"Then, like any good retiree, I moved to Florida," he joked. "I transferred to MSO Tampa, Fla., and worked as a facilities and container inspector."

Larder was called to active duty several times after transferring to Tampa, including during military out-load operations for OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and for the enforcement of the Maritime Transportation and Security Act of 2002.

Larder served his last active-duty stint at Sector St. Petersburg's Prevention Department, in Tampa, as the unit's America's Waterways Watch and Sea Partners coordinator.

"As I reflect on my Coast Guard career, I find that I've been given more opportunities than I'd ever dreamed I would experience, and I will truly miss serving with the men and women of this service," said Larder. Sighing, he added, "Now I just have to figure out what I'm going to do with the next 41 years."

Retirements (continued from page 52)

DC1 ARTHUR J. SMART
 EM1 MICHAEL S. SANPHY
 MK1 TIMOTHY R. WHITEAKER
 SK1 MICHAEL A. MALOMAY
 SK1 ROY L. SCOTT
 YN1 ANTONIO R. ALEIXO
 DC2 WILLIAM A. THOMPSON
 MK2 KENRICK F. DEMPSEY
 MK2 IGNACIO MALDONADO
 PS2 LEROY MCLEOD

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CDR BRIAN FOLEY
 SKCM LINDA J. YOEST
 ISC ENRIQUE R. FORD
 YNC AMANDA S. MYERS
 YN1 LINDA C. PHIPPS
 YN1 SUSAN V. SCHLERNITZAUER
 DC2 GEORGE E. WILLIAMS

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LCDR BRETT W. LINDEN
 CWO4 TERRY J. ADAMS
 CWO4 JOHN J. BROWN
 MSTCS RONALD L. LUZETSKY
 EMC RANDY G. HAYNES
 ETC SIGMUND M. MAYERLEN
 FSC ROBERT M. BOLEN
 MKC MARCUS I. NERINO
 BM1 DONALD R. THOMAS
 ET1 JAY B. FULLER
 MK2 THOMAS H. CORCORAN
 MK2 PAUL L. DOUGLAS

Source: Ms. Linda Frank, Pay & Personnel Center (ras)

PSCM Phillip J. Wright speaks at his retirement ceremony at Headquarters recently. Friends, family and shipmates attended from across the nation to celebrate with Wright. He first enlisted in July 1966, making that 32 years total service in the USCG/CGR.



Photo by LCDR Biff Glidden, USCG (Ret)



U.S. Coast Guard photo by PAC Robert K. Lannier/Ninth District Public Affairs

Reservist YNC Barbara Bebout receives her Certificate of Retirement from CAPT Michael Hudson, Commanding Officer, ISC Cleveland, during her Dec. 8, 2008, retirement ceremony in Cleveland. YNC Bebout retired after more than 29 years of service in the U.S. Coast Guard.



Photo by FN Ashley N. Butler, Air Station Traverse City

YN1 Patricia W. Tripp celebrated her 33 years of service to the Coast Guard Reserve at a retirement ceremony at Air Station Traverse City, Mich. Nov. 21, 2008.

Taps

• **CAPT James J. Callahan, USCGR(Ret.),** Oct. 18, 2008, in Ridgewood, N.J. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; a daughter, Jenny Beck.

• **CAPT Admont G. Clark, USCGR(Ret.),** 88, Oct. 28, 2008, in Brewster, Mass. A 1941 graduate of Amherst College, he enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve and was commissioned ensign in April 1942. During World War II, he served on Atlantic convoy duty. He then became captain of a small freighter, supplying the Army in New Guinea and the Philippines. He stayed in the Reserve after the war, was recalled during Korea, and retired as captain in 1979. He was on the faculty of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy from 1946-1960 and was a founding member of the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History in Brewster, Mass. After earning a master's in education from Bridgewater State College in 1961, he became one of the first full-time faculty members of the brand new Cape Cod Community College. He retired in 1997 after 36 years service. CAPT Clark authored five books on Cape Cod history and two children's books. He is survived by his daughter, Susan Shealey; daughter-in-law, Lori Clark; granddaughters, Sarah, Megan, and Christy; grandson, Spencer; great-grandson, Cole. A memorial service was held Nov. 15, 2008, in the Hallett Funeral Home, South Yarmouth, Mass. Memorial donations may be made to the town of Orleans (Mass.) Rescue or Cape Cod Community College.



• **CAPT Henry A. Harvey, USCGR(Ret.),** Oct. 27, 2008, in Battle Creek, Mich. He is survived by his wife, Corabelle; a daughter, Marjorie Robortson.

• **CAPT Claiborne deBorda Pell, USCGR(Ret.),** 90, Jan. 1, 2009, in Newport, R.I. Born in New York City, Pell graduated from Princeton University in 1940 with a degree in history. He enlisted in the Coast Guard as a seaman four months before Pearl Harbor and served on convoy and patrol duty in the North Atlantic and the Mediterranean, serving first as a ship's cook. By war's end, he had achieved the rank of lieutenant and continued serving in the Coast Guard Reserve until his retirement Nov. 22, 1978. In 1946, he received a master's degree in international relations from Columbia University, and worked for the State Department until 1952 serving as a Foreign Service Officer in Czechoslovakia, Italy, and Washington, D.C. Fluent in French, Italian, and Portuguese, he worked in the investment banking business and for the Democratic Party during the 1950s. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate from Rhode Island in 1960, a seat he held until his retirement in 1997. He served as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee from 1987-94. Pell, who had attended the conference in San Francisco in 1945 that established the United Nations, was named U.S. delegate to

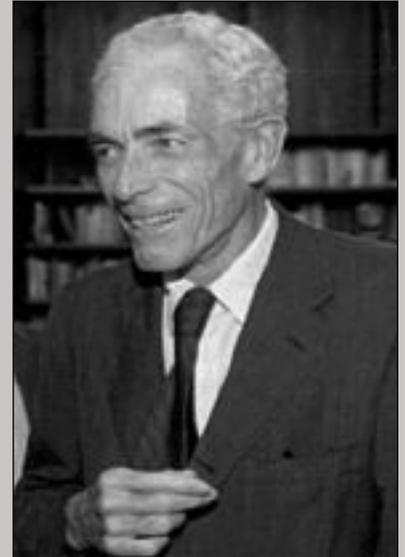


Photo courtesy ENS Gregory Quillen, USCG Ceremonial Honor Guard

Coast Guard Honor Guard members carry the remains of Sen. Claiborne Pell during services Jan. 5, 2009 in Middletown, R.I.

the United Nations shortly before he retired. The Pell Grant program for college students was named in his honor. He is author of *Megalopolis Unbound* and co-author of *Challenge of the Seven Seas*. CAPT Pell is survived by his wife, Nuala; two children (two others predeceased him); five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Trinity Church in Newport, R.I. on Jan. 5, 2009. Interment St. Columba Cemetery, Middletown, R.I. with full military honors, including the Coast Guard Honor Guard from TISCOM Alexandria, Va.

- **CAPT Thomas A. Roach, USCGR(Ref.),** Dec. 23, 2008.
- **CAPT James P. Schmidt, USCGR(Ref.),** Nov. 21, 2008, in Madison, Wis. He is survived by his wife, Sandra.
- **CAPT George L. Sutton, USCGR(Ref.),** Feb. 1, 2009, in Roseland, N.J. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis.
- **CDR Charles D. Bryant, USCGR(Ref.),** Oct. 26, 2008, in Richmond, Va. He is survived by his wife, Frances.
- **CDR Robert G. Derrickson, USCGR(Ref.),** Nov. 3, 2008, in Salisbury, Md. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; a son, Evan.
- **CDR Kenneth B. Edwards, USCGR(Ref.),** Dec. 27, 2008.
- **CDR William Norris Hines, USCGR(Ref.),** Feb. 5, 2009, in Decatur, Ala. He served as commanding officer of Coast Guard Reserve Unit Memphis, Tenn. during the 1980s, and he served on active duty following the Exxon-Valdez oil spill in Alaska. He retired from the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in the early 1990s. Interment Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas Feb. 11, 2009.
- **CDR John T. Miller, USCGR(Ref.),** Jan. 14, 2009, in Largo, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Sonja; a son, John.
- **CDR Thomas J. Nolan, USCGR(Ref.),** Dec. 7, 2008, in Laguna Beach, Fla., He is survived by his daughter, Rosanne.
- **CDR James W. Quillen, USCGR(Ref.),** Dec. 22, 2008.
- **CDR Armando Ramos, USCGR(Ref.),** Oct. 5, 2008, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He is survived by his wife, Zoraida.
- **CDR Charles A. Soderlund, Sr., USCGR(Ref.),** Dec. 24, 2008, in Solomons, Md. He is survived by his son, Charles Soderlund, Jr.
- **CDR Opal L. Utley, USCGR(Ref.),** Dec. 20, 2008. He is survived by a brother, James McLeod.
- **CDR Thomas A. Vellanti, USCGR(Ref.),** Dec. 27, 2008, of Homestead, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Velia.
- **LCDR Arthur W. Frenzel, USCGR(Ref.),** Jan. 17, 2009, in Harbor, Ore. He is survived by his wife, Mary.
- **LCDR Vyarl W. Martin, USCGR,** Jan. 5, 2009, in Bayou Penchant, La. from a commercial helicopter accident. Services were conducted through Forest Ridge Funeral Home in Hurst, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Kim; a brother, Joel.

• **ENS Ruth Maybank Rogan, USCGR,** Coast Guard SPAR, World War II veteran, 90, Dec. 25, 2008. Born Ruth Roesler and raised on Staten Island, N.Y., she married the late Francis Maybank, but he was killed in action in 1944 during World War II while serving with the Marine Corps. She served with the Women's Reserve (SPARs) and later was a school secretary with the former New York City Board of Education. She is survived by her sons, Bernard and Thomas; one grandchild. Her second husband, Bernard Rogan, died in 1990. A memorial service was held Dec. 29, 2008 at Loyless Funeral Home in Land O'Lakes, Fla. Interment Bushnell National Cemetery, Fla.

• **CWO4 Edmund S. Browning, USCGR(Ref.),** Jan. 23, 2009, in Walterboro, S.C. He is survived by his daughter, Cheryl.

• **CWO4 John F. Cullen, USCGR(Ref.),** Dec. 30, 2008, in New Rochelle, N.Y. He is survived by his wife, Catherine; a son, John.

• **CWO4 Joseph Tomasino, Jr., USCGR(Ref.),** Jan. 1, 2009, in Greenfield, Wis. He is survived by his wife, Eileen.

• **BMCM John P. Mahoney Jr.,** Nov. 29, 2008, in Burlington, Mass. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; a daughter, Carin; granddaughter, Valerie.

• **YNCM Richard N. Franklin, USCGR(Ref.),** Dec. 14, 2008, in Orlando, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Ada.

• **BMC Danilo J. Galindo, USCGR(Ref.),** Feb. 17, 2008 in Jacksonville, Fla. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in navigation and seamanship at the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy, and spent much of his career as a Merchant Marine Officer. He served at ISC Miami before retiring in 2006. As a civilian, he worked many years as an electrician at Robb Electric in Catskill, N.Y. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Nancy; his two daughters, Jennifer Galindo King and Julie Galindo Howard; three grandchildren; one brother and four sisters; other relatives and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Feb. 21, 2009 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Gainesville, Fla.



• **BMC Donald "Jack" L. Stacy, USCGR(Ref.),** 77, Jan. 8, 2009, in East Harwich, Mass. A 1950 graduate of Chatham, Mass. High School, Stacy served in the U.S. Navy from 1950-54 during the Korean conflict. He served as a Coast Guard Reservist more than 23 years, including service at Coast Guard Stations Chatham and Provincetown. He retired in 1991. Much of his civilian career was spent as a boat captain and he retained a USCG captain's license and piloted many vessels on Cape



Cod. He is survived by his wife, Mary Brennan; sister, Cora Greco; two nephews, two grandnieces; two stepdaughters, Kate Gallivan and Ellen Duffy-Peterson; two step-grandchildren. A graveside service was held Jan. 12, 2009 at Seaside Cemetery, Chatham. Memorial donations may be made to the Coast Guard Heritage Museum, P.O. Box 161, Barnstable, MA 02630.

• **DCC Robert R. Couture, USCGR(Ref.),** Dec. 17, 2008, in Palmer, Mass. He is survived by his wife, Winifred.

• **FIC (Firefighter Chief) A. Louis Matos, 73, USCGR(Ref.),** June 24, 2008 in Cypress, Texas. Born in New York City, he served at USCG Reserve Unit Corpus Christi and USCG MSO Corpus Christi. He also served with the U.S. Navy, and retired from the NAS Corpus Christi Fire Department as the Chief Inspector. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Millie Matos; daughters, Toni and Elizabeth; son, Luis; grandchildren, Taylor and Reese; sister, Gladys Ramirez; brother, Eddie. A funeral service was held June 30, 2008 in Houston, Texas. Interment Houston National Cemetery with full military honors.

• **POC Robert Taylor, USCGR(Ref.),** Oct. 14, 2008, in Mt. Helena, Mont. He is survived by his wife, Martha.

• **PSC Howell Hinson, Jr., USCGR(Ref.),** Jan. 8, 2009, in Baltimore, Md. He is survived by his wife, Karen; a son, Joshua.

• **SKC William W. Stephen, USCGR(Ref.),** Dec. 31, 2008, in Sandwich, Mass.

• **MK1 Edwin N. Mallett, USCGR(Ref.),** Nov. 2, 2008.

• **PS1 James B. Lowery, USCGR(Ref.),** Jan. 18, 2009, of Spring Hill, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Wallis.

• **FS2 Frank A. Officer, USCGR (IRR),** Dec. 8, 2008, in San Antonio, Texas, from a motorcycle accident. He is survived by his parents, Elizabeth and Ervine Officer, sister, Kathryn Blair.

• **MK2 Frank P. Encalada, USCGR(Ref.),** Dec. 20, 2008, in Manchester, N.H. He is survived by his wife, Faith; a brother, Joseph. Interment Manchester, N.H.

• **PS2 Richard McCormack, USCGR(Ref.),** Dec. 12, 2008, in St. Lucie, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Carmela.

• **GM3 John "Jack" Campbell, USCGR(Ref.),** 84, December 2008, of West Long Branch, N.J. Sworn into the Coast Guard Dec. 12, 1942, he was a gunners mate assigned to Coast Guard Flotilla 1 in Poole, England, a primary staging area for D-Day operations. During D-day, he was assigned to the 83-foot boat USCG 49, which operated near the landing areas as a rescue craft. After his Coast Guard service, he became a life member of the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association and served as national president from

2001-02. He helped establish a Coast Guard memorial in Poole, England and sponsorship of the recruit-training award for physical fitness. He attended TRACEN Cape May graduations regularly to present the award, inspiring thousands of our newest guardians.

• **MK3 Ruben A. Calderon, USCGR(Ref.),** Dec. 21, 2008, in Phoenix, Ariz. He is survived by his wife, Anna.

• **ET3 Jeremy J. Hoeger, USCGR,** 27, Dec. 9, 2008, of Charleston, S.C., formerly of Dyersville/Dubuque, Iowa. After completing four years of active duty, he enlisted in the USCG Reserve in November 2004, and was assigned to Electronic Support Detachment Charleston, S.C. Surviving are his parents, Mark and Donna Hoeger; two sisters, Melissa and Malena and their children; grandmother, Ivalyn Trucks; other relatives, and a very devoted and special woman, Diana Bert. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Jeremy Hoeger Leukemia Fund at Racom Credit Union, Dyersville, Iowa.



• **MK3 Armand W. Poitras, USCGR(Ref.),** Nov. 15, 2008, in Saugus, Mass. He is survived by his wife, Marie; a daughter, Hope Umanita.

• **Harold A. Boire, USCGR** service during World War II, 94, Jan. 14, 2009, in Tampa, Fla. He earned several advanced degrees, and was employed for five years as Executive Secretary to a Florida Congressman in the U. S. House of Representatives. He worked for the National Labor Relations Board, Washington, D. C. until his retirement in 1985. He was preceded in death by a son, Stanton, and survived by his wife, Stella; a son, Martin; two step sons, Donald and Douglas Carlson; four grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Mooers Free Library, Mooers, NY 12958.

• **Jeffrey E. Meyer, USCGR,** 56, of Oakland City, Ind. A veteran of the United States Army who served during the Vietnam War, he was also a member of Coast Guard Reserve Unit Owensboro, Ky. as well as MSD Evansville, Ind. Surviving are his three children, daughters, Heather Hackett, Destiny Meyer; son, Travis Meyer; three sisters; two grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Dec. 26, 2008, at Pierre Funeral Home, Evansville, Ind. with the American Legion Post No. 351 Honor Guard conducting military rites. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post No. 351 Honor Guard.

• **Richard F. Pierce, USCGR** service during World War II, 83, Jan. 8, 2009. Funeral services were handled by Stowers Funeral Home, Brandon, Fla.



President George Bush shakes hands with Jack Campbell at a D-Day memorial dedication June 6, 2001, in Bedford, Va.

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Providing Constructive Feedback

It has been my experience as a coach and mentor that the most difficult skill to teach new supervisors is that of providing constructive feedback to correct the performance and behaviors of their subordinates. In fact, I believe it can't be "taught." Rather, that skill has to be developed through study and practice. This critical skill must be developed in our newest petty officers and junior officers to enable them to be successful and get off to a good start as first-line supervisors.

It's not easy to provide constructive feedback to people. No one likes to be the "bad guy" and unfortunately, new or inexperienced leaders think that the problem/situation will take care of itself or just go away. That's often not the case; it usually becomes worse because the problem wasn't addressed. If you ignore an issue with regards to the behavior or performance of a subordinate, you will give the impression to your entire crew that you condone the bad behavior or poor performance. Remember, your silence may appear to your people as your approval.

So how can you acquire the skill of providing constructive feedback?

The first step in learning or improving this skill is to find a leader you know that does a really good job at providing constructive feedback. Pick their brain about their leadership style and ask them to be your mentor. I'd be willing to bet that someone coached them as a beginning supervisor. Step

two: Take a course and read up on the subject. If you don't have access to a formal training course, there are plenty of leadership publications that cover the subject, so go online. Step three: role-play. You can practice by using actual or pretend situations, with a co-supervisor, your mentor or

even a family member. You will be surprised at how effective the role-playing is in preparing to provide feedback. Step four is application and review. After you provide the feedback in the counseling session, critique it with your mentor or the person who role-played with you. You will probably make some mistakes — we all do. The goal is to learn and improve from each mistake.

The following tips are from a course that I took. I keep a small card on hand to review each time I provide

constructive feedback.

1. Convey your positive intent.
2. Describe specifically what you have observed.
3. State the impact of the behavior or action.
4. Ask the other person to respond.
5. Focus the discussion on solutions.

The days of the crusty chief or leading petty officer biting heads off and chewing butt are over. If this is still going on where you're located, the boss needs to step up and take the lead on getting that behavior corrected through the use of constructive feedback!

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President-elect Barack Obama and Michelle Obama wave to the crowd gathered at the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., Jan. 18, 2009, during the inaugural opening ceremonies. DoD photo by Mass Comms. Spec. 1st Class Mark O'Donald, USN

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