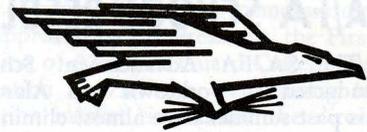


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My dear Fellow Coast Guardsmen:

In my first Christmas message since assuming duty as Commandant of the Coast Guard, I send warmest Greetings of the Season to all Coast Guard Reservists and their families. During my 31 years of service I have come to know many of you well. I fully appreciate that through your continuing dedication and patriotism as citizen-sailors, the Coast Guard has continued to fulfill its vital role in the national interest.

As we reflect on the long-standing desire for "Peace on Earth" we must also consider our motto "Semper Paratus" and be justly thankful that you stand ready to shift your responsibilities from your civilian careers to the protection of the nation as may be required.

With the advent of a New Year, I personally urge you to resolve to increase your efforts to provide a response force of the highest calibre.

C R Bender

C. R. BENDER
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Commandant

RPA Designation Board to Convene

A Board to designate Reserve officers as Reserve Program Administrators (RPAs) will be convened by the Commandant (PO) in February 1971.

Reserve officers, both active and inactive, in the grades of LTJG or LT who meet the following requirements may apply:

(1) Have served two-and-one-half years active duty as a commissioned officer in the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve.

(2) Have completed one year of service in a Headquarters or district office Reserve billet.

Inactive duty officers who have two-and-one-half years of service in a commissioned status who do not meet the assignment or active duty service requirement may apply for designation as Provisional RPAs. In this case, if selected, applicants will be ordered to extended active duty for evaluation and completion of the active duty and assignment requirements.

Applications for designation as an RPA or Provisional RPA must be submitted in accordance with Article 1-B-3, CG Personnel Manual via the chain of command to reach the Commandant (PO) not later than 1 February 1971.

SA/FA SCHOOL RESULTS

The SA/FA Advancement Schools conducted at Yorktown and Alameda this past summer have almost eliminated the excess of E-2's at the ORTU level. The E-2 problem was a result of a prior educational policy that allowed reservists to be released from initial active duty for training after the completion of their E-3 lessons without requiring them to pass the end-of-course examination. Since December 1969, however, reservists have been required to successfully complete their end-of-course examination prior to release. In fact, 103 SA's and FA's have been retained at their post-recruit duty stations beyond their normal release date in order that they successfully complete their examinations.

Since the objective of the Coast Guard Reserve is to provide a pool of qualified petty officers for emergencies, a program was developed to qualify "career" E-2's for advancement.

This year 332 individual E-2's entered the intensive two-week training courses, and eighteen platoons of E-3's emerged. All 332 men completed the course successfully.

There were many factors playing a part in the success of the program. The men were kept isolated during their two weeks, and did everything as a group. Unit pride was engendered through intensive military drill, an emphasis on group grades, and the completion of a curriculum in nine days, that as a correspondence course normally takes six months.

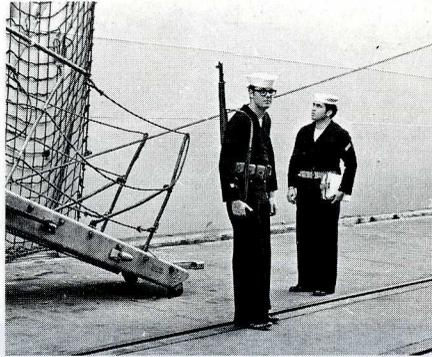
In addition to rigorous personnel inspections, the group spent approximately five hours a day in classroom activity, followed by supervised evening study periods. If individual attention was required, an instructor or tutor was readily available to correct deficiencies. The sole objective of both staff and students was successful completion of that final examination.

There were many reasons that reservists found themselves at these schools. Some had transferred from unit to unit and became victims of correspondence course mishaps. Some were lacking the necessary motivation. Whatever the reason for the reservist having been a long time E-2, the school successfully overcame it. Once students were acclimated to the testing process, the rest of the battle was a matter of individual initiative.

Not one student failed to successfully complete the course. The group ave-

rages on the final examinations were often in excess of 90%. In one class of 30 students, 17 scored above the 99th percentile on all the course lessons.

The fact that there are presently less than 250 reservists at the ORTU level, in the grade of E-2, can be attributed to the success of the SA/FA Advancement School.



ZAKOPANE?

Fifteen members of ORTUPS 01-82052, South Portland, Maine, were able to put their port security training to good use when they responded to the request of CAPTAIN R. A. LEE, COTP, Portland. A category vessel, the Polish motor vessel ZAKOPANE was to call in Portland for three days, and COTP did not have enough men to provide the required surveillance.

Vessels registered in countries behind the "Iron Curtain" are not normally permitted into Portland, but due to the need to export a cargo of pulp to the United Kingdom for which other bottoms could not be found, the Maine Port Authority requested the State Department to authorize this Polish vessel to visit Portland and pick up the cargo.

Three five-man teams from the Reserve Unit performed the necessary patrols. CAPTAIN LEE, in a letter to Commander, First Coast Guard District (r) praised the men for their eagerness to help; and gave them a "Well Done" for the mission.

Command Responsibility

The ORTU commanding officer is directly responsible for the entire unit training program. A major element in this program is the administration of end-of-course tests and the servicewide examination.

Since examinations are a major aspect of training, designed to measure basic knowledge and experience, com-

plete integrity of this system is mandatory in order to insure each candidate equal opportunity in the advancement program. Test material must be handled as though it were all classified. Regardless of whether it is an end-of-course test or a servicewide examination, or whether this function has been delegated to a junior officer in the unit, proper administration of examinations is the responsibility of the ORTU commanding officer.

The commanding officer is required to establish a local examining board, and to appoint the necessary commissioned officer(s) to administer examinations. In addition, he is required to determine that all member(s) of this board are thoroughly familiar with all requirements and directions for handling and administering examinations. Commandant (RT) and the Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Institute, have developed and published the necessary safeguards to maintain the integrity of the examination system. Violations of these safeguards penalize *all* candidates by rendering test results invalid.

To implement the basic examination instructions contained in CG-296, CG-207, and the Correspondence Course Manual, (U.S. Coast Guard Institute 1967), there is printed on each end-of-course test envelope and on each servicewide examination envelope, the procedural steps to be followed by the officer designated to administer the examination, in addition to verbatim instructions to be read to participants. Deviations from these instructions are prohibited under all circumstances.

It is, therefore, mandatory that each commanding officer review the above publications with all unit officers to insure thorough familiarity with the handling and administering of end-of-course tests and servicewide examinations. It is important to note that the administering officer certifies to the fact that he administers the examination in accordance with published instructions.

CPO Association

The U. S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers' Association has embarked on an all-out membership drive. Reserve CPO's are invited to join. Information as to the general benefits of this national organization in addition to the address of the chapter nearest your home may be obtained by writing to: CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, Coast Guard Headquarters, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D. C. 20591.



THE ADMIRAL'S CORNER

In view of all the publicity given dissenters recently, it is a pleasure to read unsolicited comments praising our training program. The following letter was written by a reservist to his commanding officer, and was forwarded to me via the chain of command from the Eleventh Coast Guard District.

From: PO1 - - - -

To: Commanding Officer ORT-UPS 11-82 - - -

Subj: ACDUTRA Evaluation

1. I recently finished my two week summer training under the direction of the Captain of the Port, - - - -, and I feel moved to inform you that it was the most meaningful training I have received in the the Coast Guard since my six months on active duty.

2. The regular personnel were very conscientious, cooperative, and willing to instruct; especially Mr. - - - -.

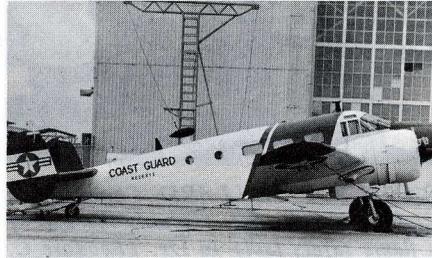
3. I was able to actually perform for the first time, many port security and boatswain mate duties which had before been nebulous and make-believe. I was given primary responsibility in the inspection of warehouses and fuel facilities and the boarding of foreign cargo vessels. I also assisted in boarding U. S. Naval and commercial vessels for oil pollution investigation and citation. In addition, I qualified as a coxswain on the 40 foot patrol boat by passing operational and written tests, and was, subsequently, able to act as coxswain on routine harbor patrols.

4. In short, I learned a lot in a short period of time and feel much better prepared to assume the duties I have been trained for, in the event of emergency mobilization. I also gained greater respect and appreciation for the regular Coast Guard, and would highly recommend similar training for other reserve personnel."

I think it is justified to say that this letter speaks for most reservists. A great majority of our reservists "believe" in the mission of our Coast Guard Reserve,

and, given the opportunity, will put forth their greatest personal effort to achieve benefit from all available training.

JOHN D. McCUBBIN



Cleared for takeoff? Well, not really. Although not flyable, this TC-45 aircraft has provided (and will continue to) invaluable training to aviation rating personnel of ORTUAV 07-86487, Opa Locka, Fla. The reservists, through much hard work and lots of cooperation, resurrected the "scrap heap" (below) and restored the aircraft to fully operational condition, although it would require a major overhaul before it could be certified for actual service.



SQUADRON ONE DECOMMISSIONED

After more than five years of combat operations, Squadron One was officially decommissioned on 15 August 1970 when the last two 82-foot patrol boats were transferred to the Republic of Vietnam. The Commandant of the Coast Guard took note of this historic occasion. His message is reprinted below.

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TO COMCOGARDACTV
COMCOGARDRON ONE
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Vietnamization and Dis-establishment of COGARDRONONE

1. In 1965, only three months after the

joint Defense-Treasury memorandum was approved by the President, the First Division of 82' Coast Guard Cutters was on station in Vietnam, contributing to operation market time under the direction of the COMNAVFORV. This rapid response to the Navy's request demonstrated the Coast Guard's readiness to perform wartime duties.

2. Over 3000 individual members of the Coast Guard have served honorably and well in the Republic of Vietnam during the lifespan of Squadron One. They have earned the highest praise of professional military men and their accomplishments will long be proudly remembered by generations of Coast Guardsmen of the future.

3. Now after five years of continuous operations by Squadron One it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge another significant accomplishment, the turnover of ronone assets to the VNN under the Scattor and Vector programs.

4. The successful manner in which you and your personnel have expeditiously and efficiently completed your part in the Vietnamization program of Squadron One is highly commended.

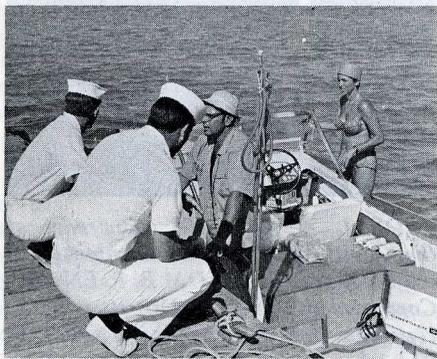
Signed Admiral Chester R. Bender.



LCDR J. A. KWEKEL, Chairman of the Coast Guard Affairs Committee of the ROA presents RADM B. F. ENGEL, Commander, Third CG District with the certificate for the Admiral Russell R. Waesche Award for Fiscal Year 1970. RADM M. A. WHALEN, now Commander, Twelfth CG District but Commander, Third CG District during most of FY 70 looks on. The presentation took place at CG Headquarters during the annual District Commanders Conference.

14th District Reserve Training

Members of the Coast Guard Reserve Units ORTUPS 14-82951 and ORTU-AG 14-83974 jointly performed two weeks of Active Duty for Training from 14 through 29 August at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station. Among the many phases of operational training, selected reservists received instruction and practical experience in the enforcement of Federal laws relative to the promotion of boating safety. They attended the Basic Boarding Officers Training Course which culminated in the administration of a written examination qualifying them as Coast Guard Boarding Officers. The course included: International and Inland Rules of the Road, boat numbering, fire extinguishers, assaults on a boarding officer, lifesaving devices, state registration stickers, the Motorboat Act of 1940, the Federal Boating Act of 1958, required ventilation, required lighting for navigation after sunset, required whistles and horns, classes of motorboats, CG 4100 B, and safety inspections. After satisfactory completion of the course, qualified reservists receive on-the-job training conducted by Coast Guard Base Honolulu personnel. They were then integrated with experienced Boarding Officers attached to Base Honolulu and directed exercises in actual boarding procedures at Kaneohe Bay. In addition to conducting safety inspections and distributing safety brochures, reservists also advised boaters about the Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Two members of ORTUPS (O) 14-82951 giving an equipment inspection to a boater alongside a pier in Kaneohe Bay. The wearing of soft sole shoes protects the private boats, as well as providing better footing during the boarding inspections.



RADM R. P. BULLARD, Commander, Eighth CG District, explains the use of a flame safety lamp to Dr. Theodore C. Marris, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs) and Air Force Major General John S. PATTON, Military Executive to the Reserve Forces Policy Board. Dr. Marris led a high level DOD fact-finding team from Washington to learn more of the Reserve programs of the Armed Forces.

Drill Pay Correction

There was an error in the drill pay schedule published in the April issue of the Reservist; the O-4 line should read as follows:

Under	2—	\$21.75
Over	2—	26.46
"	3—	28.25
"	4—	28.25
"	6—	28.75
"	8—	30.04
"	10—	32.08
"	12—	33.89
"	14—	35.44
"	16—	36.98
"	18—	38.01
"	20—	38.01
		etc.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

In token of my personal thanks and the sincere appreciation of a grateful nation for your contribution of honorable service to our country. You have helped maintain the sanctity of the nation during a critical time in its history with a devotion to duty and a spirit of sacrifice in keeping with the proud traditions of the military service. I trust that in the coming years you will maintain an active interest in the Armed Forces and the purposes for which you served. My best wishes to you for happiness and success in the future.

Richard Nixon
COMMANDER IN CHIEF



A recently authorized Certificate of Appreciation is now available to many reservists and ex-regulars. The certificate, printed in full color, is signed by the Commander-in-Chief, President Richard M. Nixon.

Commandant Instruction 1900.3 spells out the criteria for awarding the

certificate. Basically, it is available upon request to the Commandant (RA) to any reservist who completed 90 or more days active duty (not initial active duty for training) on or after 20 January 1969. Personnel who completed their active duty after 25 March 1970 should have received the certificate at the time of separation. For complete details, consult COMDTINST 1900.3.



Mrs. Dalla J. Smith, wife of EN2 Olen D. SMITH, pins on his CG Commendation Medal at a ceremony during his first Reserve drill at ORTUPS 08-82569, Beaumont Texas. Petty Officer SMITH earned the medal while on active duty at Grays Harbor, Washington, for meritorious achievement in rescuing three men from the water.

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