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A View from the Bridge

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On the occasion of the 47th Birthday of the Coast Guard Reserve, I salute you, the men and women who have dedicated a portion of your lives to our missions of national defense, maritime safety, and law enforcement. Over the years we have faced many challenges, adapted to change, and are now more than ever making an important contribution to our peacetime missions and our national security. This year will be no less a challenge than those that have gone before.

On December 30, 1987 the Commandant announced a restructuring of Headquarters and the first ALDIST of 1988 announced the 'flag assignments' which reflect this organization. These changes will result in a more effective Headquarters operation and free-up billets for our operational forces. Structurally, the reorganization eliminates two offices: Office of the Comptroller and the Office of Boating, Public and Consumer Affairs. The programs will be reassigned to other offices. The Office of Readiness and Reserve remains as is. Four 'Coordinating Councils' will be developed; one to conduct strategic planning and the others to enhance multiprogram oversight in the areas of Operations, Human Resources, and Systems Support. I am a designated member of both the Operations and the Human Resources Councils. These changes will streamline many of the processes of doing business in Headquarters and avoid duplication of effort between offices.

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Coast Guard Crews Respond to the Call of the Navy and Marine Corps

Several 'peace' groups had planned an elaborate demonstration at the Concord (California) Naval Weapons Station to protest the perceived shipment of American munitions to Central American nations. Although the station itself is well protected by a permanently assigned contingent of Marines, the Coast Guard was called to provide waterfront security and warning patrols along the NWS loading docks on the Carquinez Straits.

A series of phone calls, which resulted in a good test of the Reserve unit's call-up system, resulted in four volunteers to team up with four active duty members to form two boat crews. The Coast Guard boats teamed up with two boats from the County Sheriff's Department to set up the security zone. The protest was expected to be non-violent in nature. The Coast Guard maintained a highly visible waterfront presence as a planned deterrent. There was not one attempt to breach the zone. However on land, over one hundred arrests were made of protestors who either scaled the fences or blocked military traffic onto the station.

Seventy-two hours later, the episode was over and the Coast Guard crews were able to stand down. In review, there were two theories as to why there were no 'attacks' by water. First, is that the straits are not the place for novice navigators. Second, is that with the presence of the Coast Guard crews, maybe the demonstrators could foresee even less success on water than their counterparts had on land and just stayed home. Whatever the cause, the result was zero intrusion through the perimeter set by the Coast Guard. The Naval Weapons Station Command and the Marine Corps Guard also know that they can rely upon their sister service for valuable security at a moment's notice.

Tug Miki Hana Sinks off Koko Head, Oahu

On Sunday morning, 13 December, Fourteenth Coast Guard District units rescued six crewmembers from the sinking 90-foot tug MIKI HANA in heavy weather six miles south of Koko Head, Oahu. The tug was towing a tank barge loaded with 23,000 barrels of crude oil. Initially, Base HONOLULU received a distress call from the vessel but soon lost all communications. An Air Station BARBERS POINT H-65 helicopter launched and recovered three survivors, one from the water and two from MIKI HANA's liferaft. A Coast Guard Reserve crew, running a Base Honolulu 41-foot UTB, braved six to ten foot seas and 30 knot winds to rescue the remaining three from the life raft. Cutter POINT HARRIS corralled the drifting barge and prevented it from grounding on the beach until commercial assistance arrived to tow the barge back to Honolulu.

Fort Leavenworth Global Games

Active duty and Reserve members of the Second Coast Guard District were called in to establish an elaborate security zone for a highly classified Joint Chiefs of Staff Meeting at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. This meeting also included, for the first time, representatives from the Coast Guard; Admiral Yost and Rear Admiral Welling. A total of 28 active duty and 13 reservists were responsible for guarding 10 miles of the Missouri River against any possible threat of terrorism during this meeting of 22 four-star officers and 38 one, two, and three-star officers. Although there were no threats to the meeting, the participants felt safer knowing that the Armed Forces were providing protection. For the Coast Guard, it provided yet another opportunity for a joint service mission as well as providing a 'real life' application for their security training.

Like Son Like Father???

In an unusual commissioning ceremony, DCC William Taylor, USCGR was sworn in as a Chief Warrant Officer by his son U.S. Army Lt. Alex Taylor. This marked the third 'pinning' ceremony between this father and son. William Taylor had previously pinned 2nd Lt. bars on his son upon graduation from West Point and a year later pinned on his wings after his son completed airborne training at Ft. Benning, GA. Another twist to the story, is that Lt. Alex Taylor began his military career in the Coast Guard Reserve RK program. He is currently an infantry officer stationed in Germany.

Dad? Well CW02 William Taylor has his start as an officer by serving as the Educational Services Officer and Augmentation Officer for his Reserve Unit Station Fort Pierce, Florida.

Where There is a Will There is a Way

'Coast Guard Budget Cut: Local Captain of the Port Office to be Closed.' Those headlines in May 1982 editions of area newspapers caused some feeling of concern among the citizens of Eureka and the Humboldt Bay area. Who would now respond to pollution incidents; monitor dangerous cargo entering the harbor; conduct annual inspections of the designated facilities; monitor the transfer of dangerous cargo and petroleum products? These concerns were not without foundation. With the closing of the COTP, Humboldt Bay office, the responsibility for pollution response and environmental protection was transferred to the COTP, San Francisco Bay—six hours away. The U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Unit #2 Humboldt Bay advised the COTP, San Francisco Bay that "we can do the job for you." Thus was born one of the most unique working relationships between active and reserve units in the Coast Guard.

After the completion of a training period conducted by MSO San Francisco Bay, Reserve Unit #2 Humboldt Bay has conducted over 2200 hours of pollution response, navigation safety pollution prevention boardings, monitoring Cargoes of Particular Hazard (chlorine) transfer operations, petroleum barge transfer operations and harbor patrols. This has required reserve personnel to be on call 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. During the last 5 years, the unit has conducted over 73 vessel boardings and exams resulting in the issuance of freight/passenger examination letters. This total includes 6 Special Interest Vessel boardings, one of which was a Polish fishing vessel that declared Force Majeure for entrance to Humboldt Bay. Unit personnel have also responded to over 80 reported pollution and chemical spills and completed all the necessary paperwork as required by each individual case. The cases ranged from the very minor (less than 1 gallon) to a spill in excess of 30,000 gallons. Penalties in these cases were from \$25 to \$40,000.

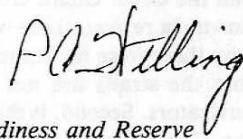
The unit also recently completed an extensive waterfront survey of the facilities of Humboldt Bay and assisted MSO San Francisco Bay personnel in the inspection of designated facilities located on the bay.

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The most serious challenge of the moment is the budget. On December 22 the Congress approved and the President signed an Omnibus Appropriations Act with an RT funding level 12 percent lower than forecasted. Our Operating Expense (OE), and Acquisition Construction and Improvements (AC&I) funding also suffered serious losses from that which the President's budget had proposed. One of our greatest challenges these days is to raise the consciousness of those elected representatives who may not fully appreciate the role of the Coast Guard in national security.

But for now, we have to play the hand that we have been dealt. The staff has worked hard to develop a strategy to accommodate the reductions while still maintaining the readiness and quality of the Reserve force. This is not an easy task. We need your cooperation. My goal is to maintain training within the dollar amount allocated and to cut strength as a last resort. Training reductions that we must take in 1988 are necessary in order to position ourselves to be able to provide a full training program to the entire Selected Reserve in 1989 and future years. I know that through the years many of you have been drilling, accepting waivers, and dedicating valuable hours of work at home with little more than a thank you. Your dedication and your many contributions are known and are deeply appreciated. This year's retrenchment, while certainly a set back with real adverse impact on many of you, is something we will quickly pass through. The Secretary of Transportation submitted a ten year growth plan to Congress in February which sets out our plan for steady growth over the next ten years. The end objective, of the plan, is to enable the Coast Guard to meet 95% of its wartime tasking. The plan will forecast a step-by-step procedure to raise and train a SELRES of over 25,000. I'm certainly not suggesting that once the plan is submitted it's a 'done thing', or even that we'll ever achieve a force level of 25,000. But, the plan provides both the direction and the justification and should lead to a more informed and involved Congress and Department.

'88 May be a bloody difficult year for us, but there is reason to believe that we will receive adequate Administration and Congressional support in the out years, IF: If we effectively communicate an improved understanding of the job we do in support of important and vital national interests.



Chief, Office of Readiness and Reserve

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Coast Guard's Beneficial Suggestion Program

Ready Reservists (Selected Reservists and members of the IRR) are eligible to receive cash awards for their adopted suggestions and retirees are eligible for honorary awards. However, if the contribution of the retiree was made while in the Ready Reserve, he or she is eligible for a cash award. Because the Program's average adoption rate is 25 percent, the possibility of your suggestion being adopted is very good.

For more information on Program guidelines, answers to your questions, and a copy of the Suggestion Form, see your local Suggestions Coordinator or contact the Headquarters Suggestion Coordinator at COMDT (G-CMA-1).

ROA Annual Awards

At the ROA Mid-Winter Conference held in Washington, DC in January, the following awards for 1987 were presented:

Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year—LT Neal M. Doherty, Executive Officer Coast Guard Reserve Unit Station Scituate, Massachusetts.

Congressional Award—Coast Guard Reserve Unit MSO Tampa, Florida. Commanding Officers: CDR Thomas R. Skaife and LCDR Katie D. Tucker.

Admiral Russell R. Waesche Award—Seventh Coast Guard District.

Scholarship Programs

It's that time of year, time for high school graduating seniors to narrow their choices for colleges and time for parents to start looking for financial assistance. Here are a few 'ticklers' for some scholarship programs available to Coast Guard Reservists. If you know of any other programs that are not listed here, please send additional information the Editor.

Reserve Officers Association (ROA): A graduate program is offered to ROA active or associate members only who are engaged in full-time studies. Certain grade point averages are required as well as references and leadership qualities. Awards are \$500. An undergraduate program is available for active or associate ROA or ROAL members or the children and grandchildren of members. Children, age 21 or under, of deceased members who were active and paid in full members at the time of their death, are also eligible. Spouses are eligible if they are a member of ROA or ROAL. Applicants must have registered for the draft (if required), be engaged in full-time studies, been accepted at an accredited U.S. college or university, maintained academic achievement, and displayed leadership qualities and good moral character. Awards are up to \$500. Applications for ROA scholarships and additional information may be obtained by writing: Reserve Officers Association, One Constitution Ave. N.E., Washington, DC 20002-5624. Applications are due by 1 April 1988.

Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA) Captain Caliendo College Assistance Fund Scholarship Program: Open to dependents of a member (or deceased member) of the U.S. Coast Guard CPOA and to dependents of enlisted members (or deceased enlisted member) of U.S. Coast Guard pay grade E-6 or below (active, reserve, or retired). Up to five grants are presented each year. \$1,250; \$1,000; \$750; and two for \$500. Applicants must submit a 500 word essay on 'patriotism' or 'education' with their application package. Applications are available from CPOA members, local chapters, or by writing the national office at: CPOA 5502G Hempstead Way, Springfield, VA 22151.

Admiral Roland Student Loan Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA): Open to all members of Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, son or daughter, or the spouse of a CGMA member. This program is for loans not scholarships. There are several loan programs available. For more information, please contact your local CGMA representative or write to COMDT (G-PS-3).

Some additional references include: 'The A's and B's of Academic Scholarships' for \$5 a copy from Octameron Associates, Box 3437, Alexandria, VA 22302; 'Need a Lift?' \$1 a copy from American Legion, National Emblem Sales, Box 1050, Indianapolis, IN 46206; and 'The College Money Handbook' \$20.70 a copy from Peterson's Guides, 166 Bunn Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540.

U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Academy

The Chief Petty Officer's Academy is now open to CPOs in the Coast Guard Reserve. The Academy's mission is to provide CPOs with improved knowledge and skills for managing resources and achieving Coast Guard organization goals. The curriculum is designed to give participants a thorough understanding of their leadership, managerial, advisory, and educator roles in the Coast Guard. The program is eight weeks in length and is offered in March and September. Each class consists of 24 individuals representing all ratings in the pay grade of E-7, E-8, and E-9.

Beginning with class 11 on 11 September 88, the Reserve program will be allotted one quota per class. G-RST is soliciting applications for this program. The member must be a high performer, in pay grade E-7 to E-9, and conform to USCG weight standards. There is no minimum time in service requirement.

Applications must be in letter format from the applicant, via the chain of command to G-RST. The member needs to explain why he or she wants to attend and what he or she expects to gain from the course. The command endorsement must emphasize the strengths and performance level of the applicant and specific examples of the individual's contributions to the Reserve program. Command endorsement also shall specifically address each applicant's compliance with weight standards, the impact of this training on their present job, and the items listed in para 4(c) of COMDTINST 1500.15A (series). The following must be included with the application:

- a. A Biographical Statement (CG-4035)
- b. A photocopy of the applicant's last report of physical examination (SF 88)
- c. Photocopies of the last two enlisted evaluation forms (CG-3788)
- d. a 3" x 5" photograph of the member

Applications must be received by G-RST no later than 1 DEC for the March classes and 1 JUN for the September classes. Selections will be made by a panel of senior enlisted personnel with the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard as chair person. The panel will review the applications in accordance with COMDTINST 1500.15A (series) for final selection.

You Otta Be in Pictures

Frequently, photos are requested from this office to accompany articles for various publications. G-RS-1 would like to start a file of photos that include Coast Guard Reservists in action. If you have extra copies of photos from exercises, drills, inspections, formal/OJT training, etc. please send them in. If possible, include on the back of each photo a caption that includes the date, occasion, name, and rank of the people in the picture. Who knows, maybe you will be in print.



Official opening ceremony held at the new MSO Cleveland EM Club.

Ninth District Reservists Build MSO Cleveland EM Club

It only took a few solid strikes of the hammer by RADM Arnold M. Danielsen, Commander Ninth Coast Guard District and CDR John H. Distin, Commanding Officer, MSO Cleveland to drive in the final nails that symbolized the opening of the new MSO Cleveland Enlisted Members Club.

"When I visited the old EM facility for the first time, I was disappointed with what I saw," said RADM Danielsen at the opening reception. "I knew our enlisted men and women deserved something better. I am extremely proud of all who gave of their time and effort all are to be congratulated on a job well done."

Whether building an EM club or rebuilding a boat station destroyed by sabotage, the planning, scheduling, staffing, ordering of supplies, and actual labor, require the same skills these Reservists need for their mobilization duties. And there haven't been any sabotaged boat stations that need rebuilding in the Ninth District lately. Also, by the project being conducted and executed by Reservists, the cost was approximately 70% less than similar commercial construction projects underway in the area.

It seemed like an easy project at first for reservists from Lake Erie, Cleveland, and other district units, the steel framework only took 2 days to erect. But then they had to battle winter storms while putting on the roof. The project was a team effort to raise the quality of life for area servicemen and women. This is the only EM Club in the area which will now provide a wide variety of services to active, reserve, and retired members.

FICA Deduction

Public Law 100-203 contains legislation requiring FICA deductions from IDT pay and was signed by the President on 22 December 1987. Our Pay and Personnel Center is in the process of modifying the IDT payroll program to reflect this legislative change. Hopefully the January payroll, run during the second week in February 1988, will show FICA deductions from your monthly drill pay.

Summerstock '88

Attention all BM's, MK's, SS's, YN's, SK's, Seamen and Firemen! The Ninth District is once again gearing up for Operation Summerstock. This program assigns Coast Guard Reservists from throughout the country to six search and rescue stations located in the Great Lakes region. Stations Harbor Beach, MI; Manistee, MI; and Plum Island, WI are crewed entirely by Reservists. Stations Belle Isle, MI; Marblehead, OH; and Niagara, NY are crewed by Regulars and augmented by Reservists. Throughout the summer search and rescue season (expected to run from 4 May through 11 September), the Reservists selected to participate in the program will undergo coxswain, engineer, crewman, weapons qualification, law enforcement/SAR training, and area familiarization. At the end of the season each participant will have earned new qualification codes and have re-certified in their current ones. It's a terrific way to keep quals current, earn a comfortable summer salary, and complete your ADT requirement. The program is open to all rated and non-rated men and women.

All interested Reservists should submit their CG-3453's via their chain of command as soon as possible. The program desperately needs qualified coxswains, engineers, and crewmen who are available throughout the summer season. All applications will be considered.

USCG Reserve Unit Pt. Judith, RI Awarded MUC

Recently, Reserve Unit Station Point Judith became the 17th Reserve Unit to receive the U.S. Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation. The award and following citation was presented during a formal ceremony on the station grounds.

'For meritorious service from 1 January 1984 to 31 December 1985 in maintaining an exceptionally high degree of mobilization readiness, meeting the full range of Reserve Program objectives and directly supporting active duty programs of search and rescue and law enforcement. An extremely aggressive training program was carried out in boat operations and engineering, weapons policy and marksmanship, watchstanding, maritime law enforcement and other qualification skills to ensure that all members were fully qualified for their mobilization billets. Reserve Unit Station Point Judith provided personnel to augment the active duty command an average of 48 weekends each year permitting a very efficient use of active duty resources. During the award period the Unit was responsible for 21 percent of the total underway boat hours and 25 percent of the total search and rescue cases that were logged by Station Point Judith. Reserve Unit Station Point Judith's hard work and creative training resulted in a District Inspection rating of "Excellent" and a mobilization readiness rating of "C-1". The dedication and teamwork displayed by personnel assigned to Coast Guard Reserve Unit Station Point Judith reflect credit upon themselves, their unit and the United States Coast Guard.



MK1 Dennis F. Kelleher Receives NERA Award

MK1 Dennis F. Kelleher, USCGR, a member of the Coast Guard Reserve Unit York River which meets at Yorktown, VA, has been selected as the recipient of the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association 'Outstanding Enlisted Coast Guard Reservist' award for 1987. He was presented with his NERA plaque by RADM Paul A. Wellington, USCG, Chief of the Office of Readiness and Reserve, U.S. Coast Guard. The presentation was made on October 22, 1987 at the Awards Luncheon of the 30th annual NERA National Conference.

Petty Officer Kelleher, who resides in Richmond, VA, entered the U.S. Navy in 1966 and served a tour of duty from 1966 to 1968 with Coastal Division 12, DaNang, Republic of Vietnam. He joined the Coast Guard Reserve in 1980 after a little coaxing from his Coast Guard Auxiliary shipmates.

He is certified as the Station's enlisted Engineering Officer, and is also a qualified boat coxswain. Since 1983 he has headed his unit's ATON section and has been given authority to act independently to organize ATON responses. Petty Officer Kelleher is also an active member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and presently the commanding officer of his flotilla in Richmond.

MK1 Kelleher is the fourth recipient of this award and was selected from a very competitive field of 12 finalists by a board of senior Reserve officers and senior enlisted Reservists.

Betty Splaine Honored by U.S. Army

CW04 Betty Splaine, USCGR (ret) was presented 'The Outstanding Civilian Service Medal' by the Department of the Army for her significant contributions to the 1987 summer Twilight Tattoo ceremonies conducted by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington. She was instrumental in coordinating attendance of members and guests of the fifty-five State and Territorial Societies at the Tattoos. Her management ability, leadership techniques, long hours of hard work, and personal sacrifices were primary factors in the success of the seven Tattoos.

Revised YN and SK Basic Courses

Training Center Petaluma graduated 117 personnel from new versions of the YN Basic and SK Basic courses during the summer of 1987. Both courses were designed with duties at the Reserve Unit level in mind and reflect the trend toward trainee oriented instruction.

The SK Basic course is 100% performance based and requires the trainee to complete tasks which are performed both at the unit level and tasks which would have to be performed in the event of mobilization and include:

- Ordering supplies and material
- Typing MILSTRIP messages
- Preparing GBL's and DD-1149's
- Completing travel claims
- Maintaining OPTAR ledgers
- Maintaining unit property records
- Preparing forms for ordering seabag items
- 8 hours of word processing.

The YN Basic course is also performance based and includes training in:

- 8 hours of word processing
- Typing correspondence
- Solving personnel problems using the PERSMAN and RATMAN
- Use of the Directives, Publications, and Reports Index
- Preparation of discharge and reenlistment paperwork
- Preparation of extension paperwork
- Requesting statements of creditable service.

For the personnel administration portion of the course, the trainee is required to open two service records for personnel who arrive at the Reserve unit with only a set of assignment orders. After in-processing those personnel, they maintain the records throughout the various evolutions which typically occur at the Reserve unit.

Freedoms Foundation Essay Contest

'Peace with Freedom' is the theme of the 1988 Freedoms Foundation essay contest. Each year, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, PA along with the Military Order of the Purple Heart, sponsor an essay category for service members in its national awards program.

Eligible to enter are active duty members, members of the Reserve components, ROTC, and junior ROTC. If you are interested, submit a typed essay of 100 to 500 words on the subject 'Peace with Freedom'. Include your name, rank, Social Security number, service designation, military address, name and address of your commanding officer, and your permanent home address to:

Awards Department
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
P.O. Box 706
Valley Forge, PA 19481-0706

Entries must be postmarked no later than May 1, 1988. The first place award is a framed George Washington honor medal and a \$100 savings bond. Additional awards include Washington honor medals, each with a \$50 savings bond, and Valley Forge honor certificates.