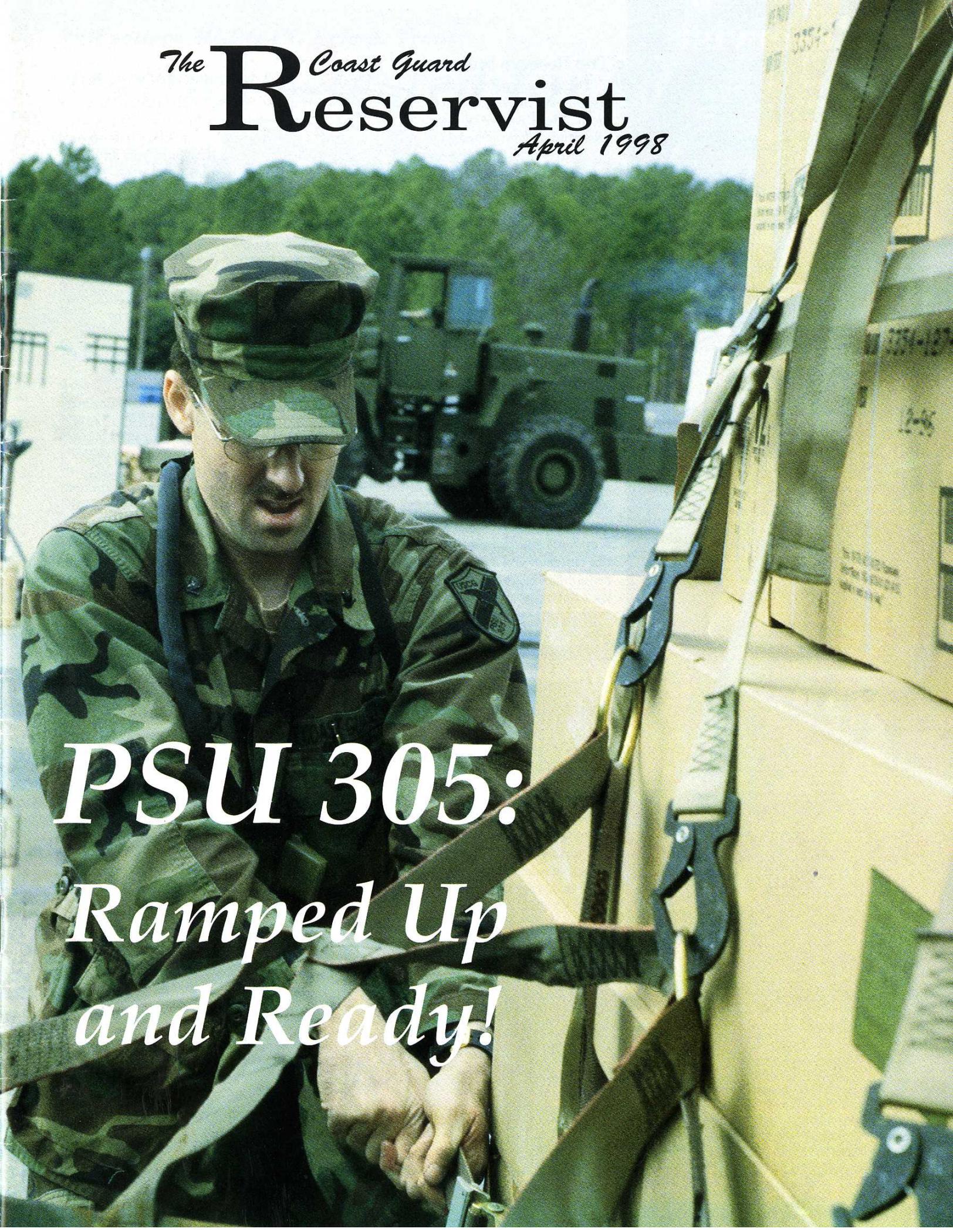


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Ramped Up
and Ready!*

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On the Cover

FRONT: MK3 Wayne Cox of PSU 305 secures MREs to a pallet at Fort Eustis, Va.
INSIDE COVER, THIS PAGE: BM3 Rich McEachin stands at attention during a PSU 305 muster Feb. 27 at Fort Eustis, Va.
BACK: MK2 Darwin Mills of PSU 305, left, works with MKCS Tom Zaborski of the PSU TRADET on a Raider boat twin outboard.
Photos by PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR.

The Reserve budget

The January/February issue deserves some comment. The Reserve budget has finally been properly presented to us in very clear terms. The charts and information were very clear. Too few understand that the "8,000 authorized Selected Reserve equals 22 percent of the Coast Guard's Active component at a cost less than two percent of the Coast Guard's total budget." Just imagine what the 12,000 authorized strength could accomplish.

— CAPT Richard Plager
USCGR(Ret.)
Gainesville, Fla.

USS Maine article

The article on the *USS Maine* explosion in the January/February issue was interesting. Recently, *National Geographic Magazine* had an in-depth study on the cause of the explosion. If I remember correctly, the article stated that between the two theories put forth, the reason for the explosion still couldn't be determined.

— LCDR E.S. Newman, USCGR
Bowie, Md.

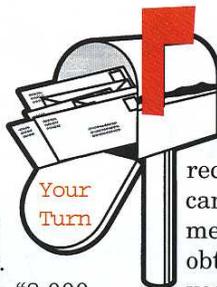
Appreciates CGR mousepads

I wish to express my thanks to the people in recruiting, especially YN2 Susan Shanahan, for sending me the Coast Guard Reserve mouse pads. Three schools in our school system are currently using them, spreading the name of the Coast Guard Reserve through our area. The mouse pads that came with the computers we have were worn out so these came as a very welcome addition. Even the Army JROTC unit at the high school welcomed the addition. Thanks again from myself and the Greensville County, Va. school system.

— LCDR Dave Strickland, USCGR (Ret.)
Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

Ed's note: CGR computer mousepads are still available by sending e-mail to: sshanahan@comdt.uscg.mil or writing:

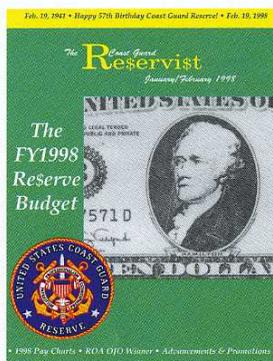
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20-year retirement letter

I served over 20 years in the Coast Guard Reserve and did receive my 20-year letter. However, I cannot locate it. Would you advise me on how to obtain another, or of obtaining some proof of my over 20 years of service?

— BM1 Paul Loud, USCGR(Ret.)
Boston, Mass.



Ed's note: Retired Reservists in this situation should contact Human Resource

Services and Information Center at 1-800-772-8724 or 913-357-3415 or write: HRSIC(ras), 444 SE Quincy St., Topeka, KS 66683-3591. By the way, HRSIC(ras) is the source of the retirement list that is published occasionally in this magazine.

EAD contract questions

I am about to sign completed and endorsed orders for an Extended Active Duty (EAD) contract with a local command that wants me on board. Before I place my John Hancock on this contract, if by chance something falls through with this billet, am I at the mercy of the Service? For example, if the USCG sends me outside of my 60-mile radius, this will create great hardship. I've heard that reservists willing to go on EAD would not be placed unless they have no ties and are able to go far from their homes. Is this true? Thanks for your assistance.

— BM3 Barry du Moulin, USCGR
Wareham, Mass.

Ed's note: LCDR Neil Hurley of the Reserve Policy and Programs Division (G-WTR-1), says that while there are no absolute guarantees (i.e. what if World War III started and the service reassigned you to the North Pole), chances are pretty good that you'll stay in the same billet they're offering you. For one thing, if the Service did reassign a reservist on an EAD contract, they'd have to pay for a permanent change of station (PCS), and this is unlikely because usually the reservist lives nearby and no PCS is necessary.

Will relieve MCPO-CG Eric A. Trent

Patton selected for MCPO-CG

MCPO Vincent W. Patton has been selected to relieve **MCPO-CG Eric A. Trent** as the eighth Master Chief of the Coast Guard. He was selected from among four finalists; ALCOAST 013/98 announced his selection.

Patton first enlisted in the Coast Guard in June 1972 and graduated from Radioman School in 1973. He was assigned to *CGC Dallas*, then Air Station Detroit and Recruiting Office Chicago. In 1979, Patton changed his rate to yeoman and was assigned to the Ninth CG District in Cleveland, CG Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and *CGC Boutwell* in Seattle. He has served as LANTAREA CEA since 1993.

An avid runner who has completed 14 marathons in the past eight years,



USCG photo

MCPO Vincent W. Patton, USCG

Patton holds a doctorate of education degree from The American University, a master's degree in counseling psychology from Loyola University in Chicago, a bachelor of science in Social Work from Shaw College in Detroit, and a bachelor of arts in communications from Pacific College, Angwin, Calif. He is a graduate of the Coast Guard's Chief Petty Officer Academy and finished first in his class from

the U.S. Army's Sergeants Major Academy. His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals and many others. Married to the former **Nancy Kocher** of Boston, they have two children and reside in Hampton, Va.

"I've had the goal of becoming MCPO-CG since 1976," said Patton. "I was



PA1 Janine Wilson, USCGR

MCPO Vincent Patton hands an award to outgoing **PSU 305 CEA MCPO Robert Dugin**, right, at **PSU 305's Dec. 13 drill**. Looking on are **CGR CEA MCPO Bill Phillips**, left, and **PSU 305 CO CDR Carol Rivers**, second from left.

inspired to set high goals by then **MCPO-CG Hollis B. Stephens** [MCPO-CG from 1977-81]. He was very inspiring. You have to have a goal."

The Relief and Retirement ceremony will be conducted at Coast Guard TISCOM in Alexandria, Va. on May 22, 1998 at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives recognizes Grand Haven as "Coast Guard City USA"

Grand Haven, Mich., home of the Coast Guard Festival, has been known as "Coast Guard City" since the 1940s. Now an effort is being made to officially recognize it as such. **Congressman Pete Hoekstra** (R-Mich.), proposed a bill to recognize Grand Haven as Coast Guard City, U.S.A. The legislation was accepted as an amendment to H.R. 2204 by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The House of Representatives then approved H.R. 2204, the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1997, a two-year reauthorization of the U.S. Coast Guard, by voice vote on Oct. 22, 1997.

"We in West Michigan have long known of Grand Haven's dedication to the Coast Guard, but this designation will make it official to all Americans," said Hoekstra.

Officials had assumed the designation was official since the 1970s, but research by Hoekstra's staff revealed otherwise. The Senate version of the bill (S.1259) must still be passed and then signed by the President before it becomes law.

USCG License Plate of the Month



BM1 Gary S. Pettit, USCGR

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The Empire State is saluted this month for its Coast Guard License Plate. Coast Guard Reservist **BM1 Gary S. Pettit** poses with his USCG31 New York veteran custom plate proudly mounted to his 1996 Chevy Impala SS. According to a letter Pettit received with his plate, he was one of the first New York residents to obtain one. The

31 represents the hull number of the *USCG Cutter Bibb* (WHEC 31) that Pettit served on from 1969-71 on Ocean Station duty while homeported in Boston. Pettit is from Wilson, N.Y. and drills at Coast Guard Station Niagara, in Youngstown, N.Y. He also served with PSU 301 (Buffalo, N.Y.) during the 1980s.

A View From the Bridge

By Rear Admiral
Thomas J. Barrett,
USCG

Director of
Reserve & Training

That the Coast Guard is a Semper Paratus — Always Ready-Armed Force of the United States was reinforced for all of us recently by PSU 305 and other active and reserve personnel who stood up to prepare for potential military action in Southwest Asia. Much of their story is detailed in this issue, but I want to share with you a few other impressions I had of their actions.

On Tuesday morning, Feb. 25, I was on Capitol Hill at a National Guard and Reserve Caucus breakfast attended by members of the House National Security Committee, senior DOD officials and chiefs of the Reserve components from every service. **Rep. Paul McHale** (D-Pa.) started the meeting by noting that the night before, **President Clinton** had signed a Presidential Selected Reserve Call-Up authorizing the directed recall to active duty of 500 reserve personnel for the Southwest Asia contingency. He noted personnel from the Reserve compo-

nents of the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Coast Guard were involved and he thanked them all for their readiness and willingness to respond.

I found it very telling that with a PSRC number so small (after all, in the world of armies and navies, 500 is not a lot), Coast Guard Reservists were included; included because the CENTCOM CINC asked for PSU capabilities the Coast Guard could bring to the theatre.

It was a visible and telling reminder of the many unique, non-redundant strengths the Coast Guard has. A few minutes later, when **Rep. Steve Buyer** (R-Ind.) offered each Reserve Chief the chance to comment, I was very proud to be able to tell him and the others present (including **Rep. Howard Coble** [R-N.C.] and a retired Coast Guard Reservist), the following: *Because the Coast Guard needed to*

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get PSU 305 moving in advance of the PSRC, we had called them to active duty for training off-cycle and 84 percent of the unit reported voluntarily. I told him, what I firmly believe is true, that the response was no surprise and indicative of the attitude our reservists have toward standing up for America wherever and whenever America asks them to do so.

When I met with personnel from PSU 305 (and some from the TRADET and PSU 302) at the end of the same week, I sensed some disappointment that the unit was not deployed. I told them our mission is to be ready and they clearly were ready to go. There was no doubt in my mind that the readiness of America's military was the only reason conflict was averted. They had some part in that result and both our personnel and the families who they quickly left (who also support America) should be proud of their willingness and readiness to serve.

The following week, I visited major U.S. military commands in Europe with **Chairman Terry O'Connell** and other members of the Reserve Forces Policy Board



RADM Barrett addresses PSU 305 at Fort Eustis on Feb. 27, 1998.

to look at Total Force Integration and other Reserve policy issues. We were able to visit U.S. forces of *Task Force Eagle* in Bosnia where reservists make up over 20 percent of the personnel on the ground.

I had lunch with members of the USAR 351st Military Police Company from Florida who were very familiar with the Coast Guard because they had been previously deployed to Haiti (they especially liked the dolphin PSU patch). These fine reservists found their jobs professionally challenging and rewarding, and felt they were making a significant contribution to the mission, but were bothered by administrative policies (leave, extension rules, pay processing requirements, etc.) that had not kept up with how they were being used and led to inequities between individuals and members from different services. I don't think the Coast Guard

can avoid this issue. As reservists operate more in joint forces and more integrated with active personnel we will need much more uniform practices and procedures than we have already (and based on what I heard, the Coast Guard is doing better at this than some of the other services).

One final comment — I started this column with *Semper Paratus — Always Ready*, which some of you may recall was the foundation of the term SPARs, the Women's Reserve, which set the course for women in the Coast Guard. On March 24, CAPT Dorothy Stratton, USCGR(Ret.), the first Director of the SPARs from 1942-45, celebrated her **99th** birthday! CAPT Stratton, please note some of the women featured in this issue, including several of the officers listed on the roster of PSU COs and XO's on Page 12. It's part of your legacy. Happy birthday!



PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

RADM Tom Barrett, Director of Reserve and Training, left, cuts the Coast Guard Reserve's 57th Birthday cake with the assistance of MCPO Bill Phillips, CGR Command Enlisted Advisor at CGHQ on Feb. 19.

"Bontemps Roulette" (Let the Good Times Roll) in the Big Easy A CGR birthday bash to remember!

NEW ORLEANS — The Coast Guard Reserve's 57th birthday on Feb. 19 brought *Team Coast Guard* together in a festive way at the ISC in the city famous for Mardi Gras. While attendees ate 300 hot dogs with all the trimmings, they were entertained by live bagpipe music, courtesy of CWO Steve Young and SCPO Kevin Gilheany, and even livelier clowns. Everyone wore a *Happy 57th Birthday Coast Guard Reserve* sticker, part of the approved uniform of the day.



YN2 Jeff Smith, USCGR

The ISC(pf) branch of ISC New Orleans hosted the birthday bash and is heavily involved in building *Team Coast Guard*. Integration of Reserve forces into active commands has blurred the identity of the Reserve. The birthday party was conceived to increase awareness of the existence of this continually supportive component of *Team Coast Guard*.

A week prior to the party, ISC(pf) released a message to all AOR commands recommending recognition be given to their reservists during the birthday time frame.

Coast Guardsmen, including some reservists, attended from the ISC, MLCLANT, Group New Orleans, NESU

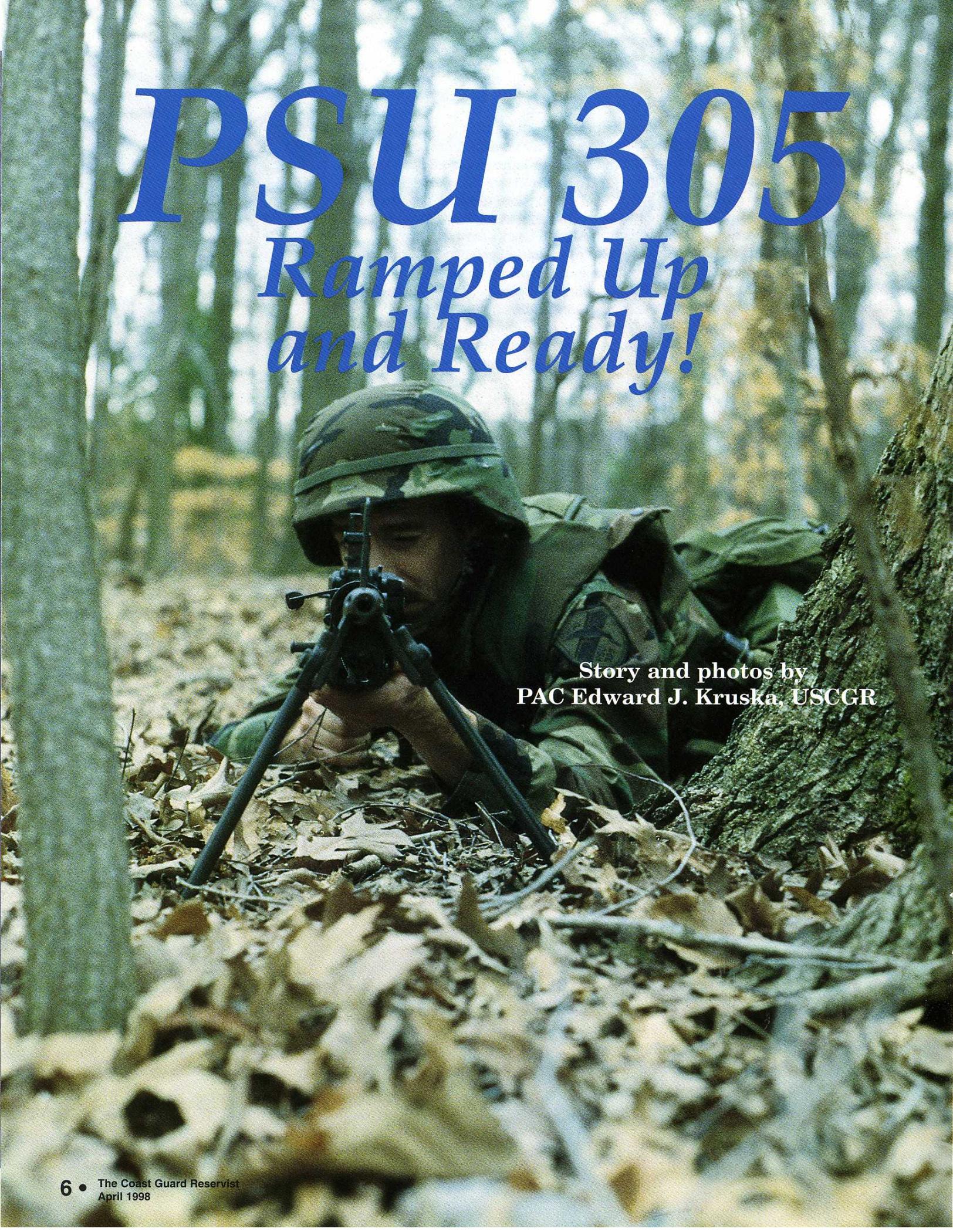


YN2 Jeff Smith, USCGR

CAPT Tom Landvogt, Commander, Group New Orleans, left, and LCDR Jim Montgomery, center, look on as CDR Kevin St. George of MLCLANT, cuts one of the CGR birthday cakes at ISC New Orleans' CGR 57th birthday bash.

New Orleans, CGPC Civilian Personnel, ESU and ESD New Orleans, Gulf Region Fisheries Training Center, ANT New Orleans, and *CGC Pamlico*.

— LCDR Jim Montgomery, USCGR, ISC NOLA (pf)

A soldier in camouflage gear is lying in a forest, aiming a rifle on a tripod. The soldier is wearing a helmet and is positioned behind a tree trunk. The ground is covered in dry leaves and twigs. The background shows a dense forest with thin tree trunks.

PSU 305

Ramped Up and Ready!

Story and photos by
PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

PSU 305:

Ramped Up and Ready!



With *El Niño* blamed for a lot of unpredictable weather this year, spring came early to many parts of the country. And, with Iraq's Saddam Hussein being equally as unpredictable, PSU 305's two weeks of ADT came early this year as well.

"We moved up our two weeks active duty for training (ADT) from May to late February for refinement training due to the Iraqi threat in the Mideast," said CG Reservist CDR Carol Rivers, PSU 305 commanding officer.

On Feb. 17, Rivers received a call from PSU Program Manager CDR Kevin Smith of LANTAREA. "He advised me to have unit members bring everything with them and be prepared to stay for a couple of weeks," said Rivers.

The call went out — and reservists responded! The Fort Eustis, Va.-based unit was voluntarily called-up Feb. 18 and 84 percent of the unit's members volunteered. The unit's normal drill was scheduled for Feb. 21-22, so its regular drill schedule became a contingency plan as PSU 305 mustered the morning of Feb. 21.

"I have never seen morale so high," said Rivers. "During the two weeks, we did refinement training and prepared for deployment, but the most valuable part was the reality of a potential call up," said Rivers. "Our focus has been on being ready in 48 hours. It was valuable training because it was real-world and we were under time constraints. When the Presidential Selected Reserve Call-up was granted Feb. 24, we prepared as if it was an actual load out."

And prepare they did!

High state of readiness

By the next night (Feb. 22), the unit was in a high state of readiness.

"Gas, gas, gas!" shouted CDR Rivers shortly after the PSU mus-

tered one morning. Unit members, carrying gas masks, scrambled to put them on within nine seconds (chemical suits in eight seconds) and did so at a moment's notice when Rivers gave the order or it came over the loudspeaker.

Unit members were immediately brought up-to-date on required shots and briefed on anti-terrorism tactics. Unit members rotated in and out of the range at nearby RTC Yorktown for refinement training on the M-16 and 9-mm pistol.

Meanwhile, the security and boating ops division made ready as well. While the unit's six 22-foot Transportable Port Security Boats (TPSBs) underwent last-minute maintenance, some of the 40 personnel attached to the boating division conducted simulated weapons training with boats in a Fort Eustis training area. Other unit members underwent check rides in the 22-footers on the nearby James River.

"Of course, it's fair to say in a PSU that everything is built around the boats and harbor security as far as the mission goes," said LT Demetri "Del" Delgado, PSU 305 Security Officer who heads up the 26-person security division. "I think the security team is the closest thing to a grunt you'll find in the Coast Guard."

Delgado's team, comprised of at least 60 percent civilian law enforcement officers, is responsible for the unit's physical security and for setting up the camp in a strategic manner.

"These are the individuals that actually provide you with a restful night's sleep because they are out there standing the watch on the perimeter," said Delgado.

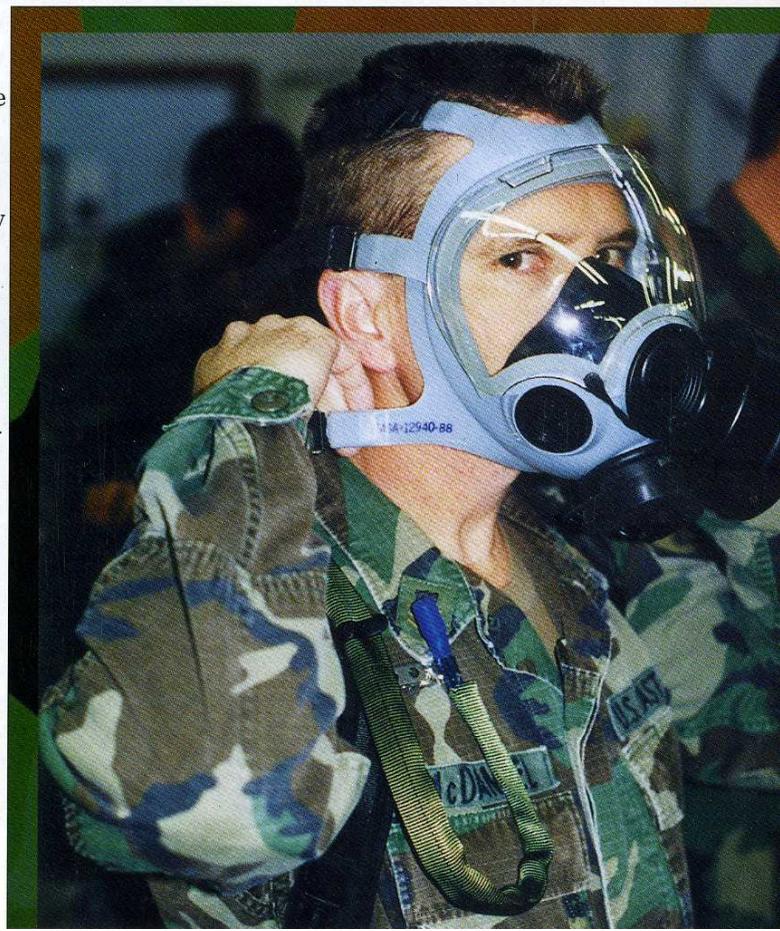
"Plus, they plan a blueprint for everything at the unit, from where the tents are going to be set up, to the distance between armories and magazines. We are responsible for putting up the barbed wire and manning the posts around that wire. We do a lot of training in land navigation and tactical maneuvering.

According to Delgado, a PSU is typically a rear echelon unit.

"We're up for that, the threat is real when you get to the Persian Gulf theater, given Iraq's capabilities."

But even an annual OCONUS training exercise is "real world" for Delgado's crew. "Our work is very rarely a drill, especially if we leave CONUS," said Delgado. "It's real, and certainly with the potential of a Persian Gulf deployment, it's very clear in the security division's mind that the lives of this unit are our responsibility."

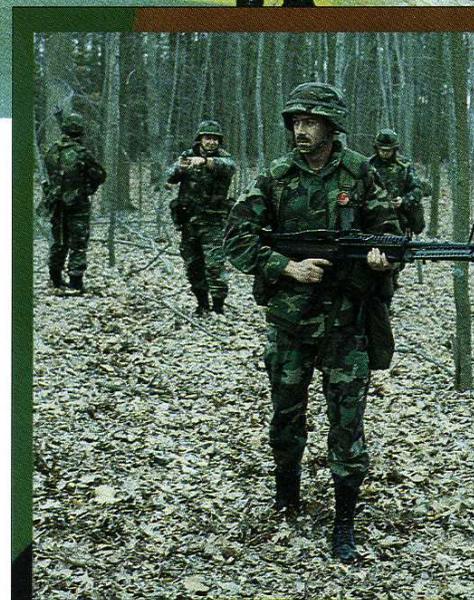
Delgado says their job doesn't end there. They look at various issues like



Opposite page: PS3 Buddy Balderson of the PSU 305 security division during weapons training at Fort Eustis. Right: PS1 Ken McDaniel secures his gas mask during a drill at an early-morning muster.



Above: PSU 305 Executive Officer LCDR Robert Grabb, front right, with Operations, Engineering and Support Services departments. • **Right:** Security division members practice tactical maneuvers and land navigation. • **Below:** MK1 Mike Bussjaeger, left, keeps in contact with a unit TPSB (Raider boat) while BM1 Ray Rush looks on.



where the nearest hospital is and what the safest routes are to certain places in theater.

"We're almost like Secret Service agents of the unit," said Delgado.

Due to the unpredictable nature of the security division's work, Delgado says they are always adjusting and

that their unofficial motto is *Semper Gumby*. One month, they'll train on M60 machine guns, the next month at a pop-up range. Obviously, they have to keep up on their 9-mm pistol and M-16 qualifications. They do land navigation and tactical maneuvering training.

Are they ready? You bet.

"We arrived here on Feb. 21 and were ready to deploy two days later," said Delgado. "The security division is very familiar with what their mission is. My people's gear is typically always packed, left here, and ready to go. So even if we go home for a month, all we really have to do is worry about our driving time because our gear is already packed."

Loadout an enormous task

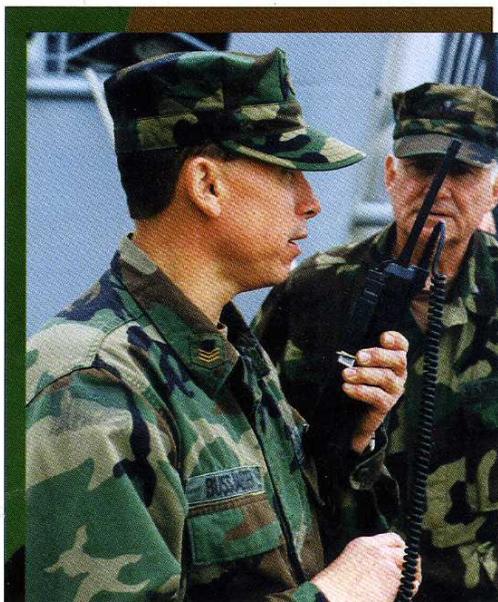
Another huge part of readying the PSU is the equipment load out. DC2 Mike Johnston is a key member of the unit's load team. His civilian occupation with the 5th District's Response Advisory Team complements his work here.

"With 197,000 pounds of equipment (including personnel) necessary for this unit, you have to sit down and think through the logistics of loading thoroughly," said Johnston.

It's not just the weight that is important, it's also the space constraints that add to Johnston's challenge.

"We've got 12 3.5-short-ton pallets slated for deployment along with six boats," said Johnston. "A load out also includes things like a field kitchen, potable water, a generator, spare engine parts, tents, ammo, three pick-up trucks and a fork lift."

Johnston says he can tell just by





looking at the pallets if they are under or overweight. Once the pallets are loaded correctly, they are stored until the unit is deployed. Then, several C5 cargo planes or C-141s would be used for transport.

Despite this enormous task, Johnston says the load team here has a good time and improves with each drill and annual exercise.

"The more experience we get, the better we get...plus, each division pitches in," added Johnston, who admits to being a "happy camper" at PSU 305 and is thinking of reenlisting to bring in the 21st century. "We had a 15-man load team for last summer's exercise in Panama and I think we've accomplished a lot more since then."

Johnston says PSU 305's load team is empowered.

"I don't think all PSUs are doing this type of loadout and I hope the PSU load team concept will filter across the country," said Johnston.

Hardest part is uncertainty

Midway through the unit's two-week call to active duty, PSU 305 was visited by RADM Thomas J. Barrett, Director of Reserve and Training and RADM Joyce M. Johnson, the Coast Guard's Director of Health and Safety.

"You're ready to do your duty for America," Barrett told the Coast Guardsman at a mid-afternoon muster on Feb. 27. "You're ready to do what America is asking."



PSU 305 members fire M-16s at the RTC Yorktown range.



"Sew" what? All in a day's (and night's) work

What's a pipefitter and welder by trade who knows electrical, plumbing and roofing doing sewing on PSU uniform patches?

That may be a perplexing question but when asked, Coast Guard Reservist **BM3 Garnet E. Stalions** can answer quite easily.

"I've been sewing since I was eight years old and I love it," said Stalions, a PSU 305 boat crew member and coxswain.

Stalions is a pipefitter and welder for Newport News Shipbuilding where she works on the new aircraft carrier *Ronald Reagan*. When her home needed remodeling, guess who did the roofing, plumbing, electrical and floors? Stalions credits her traditional Mormon family upbringing with teaching her everything from domestics to roofing, plumbing and auto repair. She says the church asks its members to be self-reliant, and so she is. A college major in Apparel Design didn't hurt either. With that kind of a background, she was a natural when PSU 305 needed patches sewn on the desert battle dress uniforms that would be used if the unit deployed to the Mideast.

"Everyone kept coming up to me asking me to sew on patches after the unit was called up for active duty," said Stalions.

So she found a spot in PSU 305's boat crew division for a Singer sewing machine, fan and radio (she likes

country music) and began working. As uniforms piled up, she just kept going, night and day. In fact, all in all, she sewed over 2,000 patches onto uniforms for PSU 305, PSU 302 (battle-rostered unit) and PSU TRADET members. Move over Energizer Bunny!

"I had to make her take breaks," said fellow reservist PS1 Ray Jaklitsch.

This isn't the first time Stalions' sewing expertise has come in handy for the Coast Guard. As early as 1977, she made tailored suits and alterations for her Coastie husband. Since then, the Hampton, Va. resident has served 15 years in the Coast Guard — over four on active duty in the mid-1980s and 11 in the Reserve. She created small unit patches from the Engineering Department's ragbag when PSU 305 deployed for exercises in Turkey during 1996 and Panama last summer.

"The nice thing about the Coast Guard Reserve and this unit is you have all of this expertise around you," added Stalions, humbly gesturing to her fellow reservists as she pulled out a hand-made quilt.

Expertise indeed! Here at PSU 305, Stalions' own expertise may be used behind the scenes for now, but it's her work that, in one sense, keeps the diverse "threads" of the unit together, looking sharp and ready for whatever the future may hold.



BM3 Garnet E. Stalions

New meaning of Semper Par?

Two Coast Guard Reservists attached to PSU 305 gave new meaning recently to the Coast Guard's motto, *Semper Paratus*. Not only did both reservists spring to action when PSU 305 was called up, they moved fast in the marriage department as well — very fast!

PSU 305's intelligence officer **LT Kevin Brown** was slated for a June 27 wedding to fiancée **Lynn Jost**.

Brown says the possibility of a lengthy in-theater deployment concerned him as far as support and benefits for his future spouse. So Friday, Feb. 20 — the day before PSU 305 mustered at Fort Eustis — Brown and his wife were married at Fort Myer, Va. **Col. Joseph O'Keeffe**,

Command Chaplain for the Military District of Washington, performed the service. Brown, recently retired from the Fairfax County, Va. police department and is currently serving on active duty at CG Headquarters, will reside with his new bride in Springfield, Va. They are planning a renewal of their vows in June.

Ditto for **BM1 Frank Verheul**, preparing for a mid-April wedding until the PSU 305 call-up changed everything.

"We had been engaged for a year and had already completed all of our pre-wedding classes," said Verheul. "Then, when I was called up, I talked with my fiancée, **Charissa Anderson**, about moving up

our wedding. I felt getting married now was the right thing to do," said Verheul, an engineer for Koones and Montgomery Property Management and Real Estate in Washington, D.C. So, on Friday, Feb. 27, Verheul and Anderson made their way to the Justice of the Peace in Newport News, Va. and made it official. The couple plans a church wedding around Easter." They will reside in Newport News, Va.

Congratulations to both couples!



The Browns



BM1 Verheul

As Barrett closed his brief talk, he mentioned that he would be visiting Bosnia in the next few days, and that he would be wearing a PSU badge which drew cheers from PSU 305 Coasties.

RADM Johnson said she was pleased to see that the troops were medically ready, and expressed appreciation for all the work the PSU, MLC and RTC Yorktown clinic staff did to assure medical readiness. She also met with PSU 305's food service staff and was pleased with their preparations.

"Really, the PSUs and the Coast Guard brings skills to the table that others don't so we have unique, non-redundant capabilities for the CINC," said Barrett. "The readiness of America's troops is a powerful deterrent and a big reason why Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein has backed down so many times in the past. And the Coast Guard is a part of that."

Back at the administrative offices of PSU 305, CDR Rivers credits the PSU TRADET for contributing to the successful training activity as well as the Army, particularly Fort Eustis U.S. Transportation Center Base Commander Brig. Gen. Gilbert S. Harper.

"The Army has been very supportive," said Rivers. "We use their mess hall and barracks, all located here at Fort Eustis. In addition, their

Chemical Biological Defense instructors responded immediately to our training needs."

Executive Officer LCDR Robert Grabb reflected on the refinement training and preparation swirling all about him. He concurs with Rivers that this two weeks was an invaluable training opportunity.

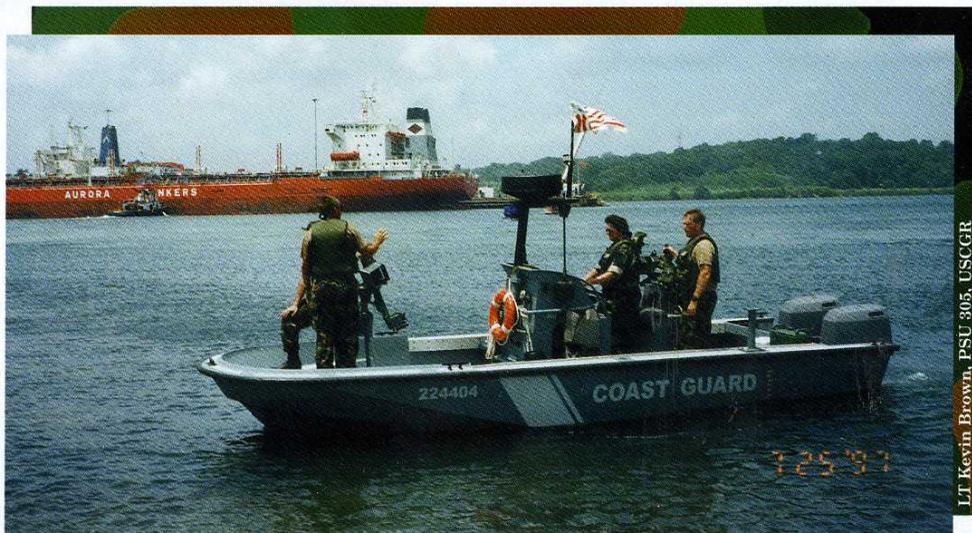
"We did additional training and I think our unit members are pleased with a real feeling of accomplishment. This unit has been training for three years for mobilization — they'll be disappointed if they don't go."

Talking with other unit members bears this out but it's the uncertainty that keeps them on their toes.

"Really, not knowing what's going to happen (deploy or stand down) is the hardest part," said boat crew member BM2 Robert Rutledge, of Fairfax, Va. and a police officer with Arlington County, Va.

As the unit's two weeks came to a close and tensions eased in the Mideast, PSU 305 stood down March 6. But, they remained on 48-hour recall notice and they're ready if and when the call comes. After all, in this year of *El Niño*, anything is possible.

Ed's note: Special thanks to PSU 305's PS1 Ray Jaklitsch for his assistance with this article.



A PSU 305 transportable port security boat (TPSB) maneuvers its way in the Panama Canal at Gatun Locks during the unit's deployment to Panama for *Fuertes Defensas 97* last summer. Pictured left to right are MK1 Mike Bussjaeger, BM1 Walt Haven (behind Bussjaeger), BM2 Ann Caretto and MK2 K. Jarvis.

LT Kevin Brown, PSU 305, USCGR



Fort Eustis dates to World War I

PSU 305's history-rich home

Not far from America's Colonial triangle of Williamsburg, Yorktown and Jamestown is Fort Eustis, Va., home of PSU 305. Where is Fort Eustis and who, by the way, is (or was) Eustis? Located about 15 miles south of Williamsburg and 10 miles west of RTC Yorktown, Fort Eustis is named for Brig. Gen. Abraham Eustis, the first commandant of the Artillery School here.

The idea for a military post here began 80 years ago when Benedict Crowell, Acting Secretary of War, sent a letter to President Woodrow Wilson recommending that nearby Mulberry Island be purchased by the government for national defense. Construction began March 25, 1918 and the first troops to occupy then-Camp Eustis were the 61st Artillery Regimental Headquarters and two battalions. On Jan. 10, 1923, the War Department issued General Order 1, establishing Camp Eustis as a permanent military post.

But by 1931, the Army vacated Fort Eustis and the Department of Justice took over and established a prison camp for 200 short-term federal prisoners. In 1936, the Virginia Works Progress Administration and National Youth Administration took over the property.

Trucks, cars, cranes and railroading equipment lay dormant and decaying on the property until the threat of World War II reactivated Fort Eustis and Mulberry Island on Jan. 24, 1941.



Fort Eustis is located in a historic area of America near Williamsburg and Yorktown. • Top: The gate at Fort Eustis. • Above: Fort Eustis off Interstate 64. • Right: CDR Carol Rivers, Commanding Officer of PSU 305.



In 1950, Fort Eustis was designated *The Transportation Corps Center* and in 1986, the *Transportation Corps Regiment*. Now, approximately 50,000 soldiers, students and civilians are stationed at Fort Eustis.

Enter PSU 305, which first mustered Oct. 15, 1994 at nearby RTC Yorktown. PSU 305 moved to its facility at Fort Eustis in January 1995 and formal commissioning followed on Aug. 19, 1995. PSU 305 is assigned to the Fifth Coast Guard District and

operates under the direction of Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area. When activated, it operates under the direction of Commander, Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic. The unit has participated in three major exercises: *Allegiant Sentry 95*, at TRACEN Cape May, N.J.; *Dynamic Mix 96*, in Turkey (the Coast Guard's first participation in a major NATO exercise); and *Fuertes Defensas 97* in Panama. The first involuntary recall of PSU 305 personnel occurred in September 1995 when members mustered at Fort Eustis in support of *Hurricane Luis* recovery operations. The unit "stood down" after three days when the hurricane changed its course.

PSU 305 has 112 reserve billets and five active duty billets. Unit members come from Virginia, North and South Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania,

New Jersey and New York. The unit was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation Nov. 16, 1996. Commanding Officer CDR Carol Rivers is the first woman to command a Coast Guard port security unit. She is a Persian Gulf War veteran, having served as logistics officer with PSU 301 (Buffalo, N.Y.), and then as Executive Officer of Naval Coastal Warfare Group Two.

Source: "A Short History of Fort Eustis," by Spc. Deborah Long, *The Wheel*, Jan. 22, 1998.



Meanwhile, at Camp Lejeune...

PSU TRADET conducts training for "battle rostered" PSU

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — While PSU 305 was answering the call, PSU 302 was training as well, first at Fort Eustis, Va., then at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Also known as a "Battle Rostered" port security unit, PSU 302 is comprised of approximately 120 active duty Coast Guardsmen — 60 from LANTAREA and 60 from PACAREA. Service in PSU 302 is a collateral duty for these Coast Guardsmen and all are assigned to other Coast Guard units around the nation. PSU 302 was formed in 1995 to provide an immediate Coast Guard response capability in the event Presidential Selected Reserve Call-up is not timely to meet a rapidly evolving contingency. PSU 302's LANTAREA section training was originally slated for late

February at Fort Eustis, which just happened to coincide with PSU 305's call up. The LANTAREA section trained one week at Fort Eustis before heading for Camp Lejeune,

Camp Lejeune, located on the Atlantic Ocean 50 miles north of Wilmington, N.C., is a Marine Corps Base and home to the Riverine Center of Excellence.

Helping with the ramp up at Fort Eustis and conducting training at Camp Lejeune were 25 members of the PSU training detachment (TRADET), including 10 reservists. The PSU TRADET moved 10 tractor-trailers of supplies from its home base at Camp Perry, Ohio, including six Raider boats, for the training at Camp Lejeune. The PSU TRADET was established by RTC Yorktown in 1996. It grew out of a 1995 PSU Training Infrastructure Natural Working Group formed to study PSU training.

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N.C. Once there, they were joined by PSU 302's PACAREA section for two more weeks of training during March. Training included boat and security ops as well as weapons training.

PSU Update: Who, What, Where, When*

<u>PSU Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Status & Current Commanding Officer</u>
PSU 302	LANT/PACAREAS	Battled-rostered PSU established in October 1995; comprised of active duty Coast Guardsmen. LANT CO: CDR Jack Smith; XO: LCDR Kevin McCarthy PAC CO: CDR John Yost; XO: LCDR Doug Smith
PSU 305	Fort Eustis, Va. 757-878-5922	Commissioned Aug. 19, 1995; CO: CDR Carol Rivers; XO: LCDR Robert Grabb
PSU 307	Tampa/St. Petersburg, Fla. Phone not yet established	Scheduled commissioning is June 1, 1999 CO/XO pending selection
PSU 308	Gulfport, Miss. 601-871-3509	Scheduled commissioning is summer 1998 (exact date yet to be determined) CO: CDR John Acton; XO: LCDR Jay Ellis
PSU 309	Port Clinton, Ohio 419-635-4462	Commissioned June 18, 1995 CO: CDR Lauren Johnson; XO: LCDR Maureen Harkins
PSU 311	San Pedro, Calif. 310-732-7323	Commissioned May 20, 1995 CO: CDR Michael Seward; XO: LCDR James McArthur
PSU 313	Tacoma, Wash. 206-217-6325	Commissioning tentatively Dec. 12, 1998 CO: CDR Wayne Dumas; XO: LCDR Sam Roudebush
PSUTRADET	Camp Perry, Ohio 419-635-2577	Established in October 1996 as a detachment of RTC Yorktown, Va.

* This is the first PSU Update box since the November 1995 issue.. However, the April 1997 issue also contained an "Expeditionary Warfare Forces Update."



CWO T.M. Curran, USCGR

Above: CGC Hamilton (WHEC 715) is framed between the bows of the USNS Regulus and the USS Bunker Hill. The Pusan Tower is in the background. PSU 311's TPSBs escorted Hamilton safely in and out of Pusan Harbor.

Left: A typical defensive position built by PSU 311 members while in South Korea last October.

Foal Eagle 97 tests joint readiness

By LCDR Jeffrey Robertson, USCG and QMCS Neil Holmdahl, USCGR

PUSAN, South Korea — PACAREA Coast Guardsmen from PSU 311, PSU 302 (battle-rostered unit), HDC 111, and CGC Hamilton participated in the field exercise *Foal Eagle 97* last Oct. 15-31 in South Korea. *Foal Eagle* is an annual exercise involving units from each of the U.S. Armed Forces. Together they work alongside their Republic of Korea counterparts operating in defense of their homeland.

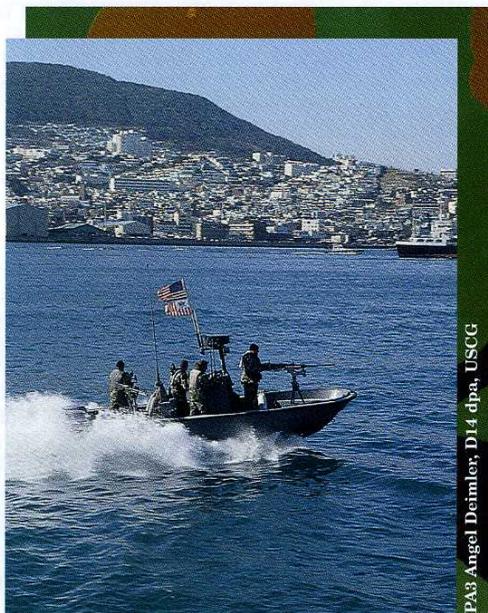
Specifically for PSU 311, of San Pedro, Calif., the exercise was designed to test the capabilities of the equipment and men and women of the PSU and their water and shore side defensive tactics. It also tested the logistics of getting back and forth from South Korea with the aide of the U.S. Air Force. A wide variety of duties and training opportunities awaited PSU 311, commanded by CDR Mike Seward. This included providing security zones around high

value assets, making buoy drops for the Navy, and escorting the USS Bunker Hill, USS Mobile Bay, CGC Hamilton, and USNS Regulus in and

out of port. Meanwhile, CGC Hamilton, homeported in San Pedro, Calif., was part of a combined Navy-Coast Guard defense ring around the harbor of Pusan. The cutter was deployed in the Sea of Japan with the USS Independence battle group, which included 79 aircraft and 10,000 people...“a battle force more powerful than most country's navies,” said CAPT Mark Milliken, commanding officer of the Independence.

RADM Charles M. Moore, Jr., USN, Commander Task Force 70, was ferried from Independence to Hamilton aboard a Coast Guard helicopter and met with CAPT Randal K. Corrigan, Hamilton's commanding officer. Moore, addressing the Hamilton crew over a loudspeaker, thanked them for their enthusiasm, and complimented them on the ship's maintenance.

“We are as ready now as we will ever be,” said Moore. “We have our aircraft, we have our air crew, we have our weapons, and we believe we are very well trained to use them.”



PA3 Angel Deimler, D14 dpa, USCG

A PSU 311 TPSB (Raider) boat streaks across the waters near Pusan, South Korea during “Foal Eagle 97.”

USCG Mutual Assistance's 1998 campaign ends April 30, 1998. See back cover of March 1998 issue for details!

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Operation Summerstock 1998

Each Coast Guard billet listed at right is available from 18 May 1998 through 11 Sept. 1998. Orders are authorized for continuous periods of 60 days or more. Boat Crew qualified E-4s, who are willing to perform station work, may be assigned to SN/FN/SA billets in limited numbers. Personnel with previous Summerstock experience are particularly desired and will be placed at the Station where previously served, if possible.

Please respond as soon as possible! It is imperative that we know as early as possible that you would be willing to serve.

Interested personnel should submit a Request for Reserve Orders (CG-3453) via the chain of command to arrive at CCGD Nine (osr). Applications will be accepted throughout the season. Advance copies of your CG-3453 are encouraged for planning purposes. Ensure that the following information is listed on your CG-3453: Servicing PERSRU (very important as they're the ones who cut your orders), date of last physical, pay base date, qualification codes, marital status, and date of rank.

Ninth District point of contact is LT Petty (osr) at 216-902-6118 or YN2 P. Feeney (osr) at 216-902-6116; FAX: 216-902-6121 or E-mail: pfeeney1d9@uscg.mil / maillant

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Cleveland, OH 44199-2060
ATTN: Summerstock Yeoman

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 BM3 (COX)
 MK3 (ENG) 2

Niagara (2)

BM2 (COX)
 MK3 (ENG)

Auxop Sackets Harbor (1)

MK3 (ENG)

Sodus Point (1)

MK3 (ENG)

MICHIGAN

Alpena (1)

BM3 (COX)

Frankfort (5)

Manistee (sub-unit)

BM2 (COX) 3
 MK2 (ENG) 2

Harbor Beach (5)

BM (COX) 2
 MK (ENG) 1
 FN (CREW/WATCH) 2

Ludington (1)

BM (COX)

Marquette (7)

BM2/3 (COX) 2
 MK2/3 (ENG) 2
 DC 1
 SN (CREW/WATCH) 2

Holland/Muskegon (8)

BM 4
 SN 4

WISCONSIN

Washington Island (8)

FS2 (COOK) 1
 BM2 (COX) 2
 BM3 (COX)
 MK1 (ENG) 2
 MK2 (ENG)
 SN (CREW/WATCH) 1
 FN (CREW/WATCH) 2

OHIO

Cleveland (District Office) (1)

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Operation Summerstock '98 information is on the Internet at:
<http://www.uscg.mil/reserve/temac.html>

or
 see **MLCLANT (301504Z JAN 98)** for more information.

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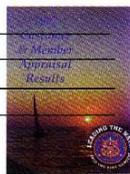
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Ahoy Coast Guard Reservist!

Just a quick *Member Appraisal* reminder. During March, reservists performing IDT and ADSW-AC/RC should have received the *1998 Team Coast Guard Reserve Member Appraisal*. If you already responded, THANK YOU! If you received an appraisal but haven't responded yet, please do so as soon as possible — the deadline is April 30. If you never received an appraisal, contact us and we will forward one to you immediately. Other questions or inquiries regarding the appraisals should be addressed, preferably by e-mail, to LCDR Dave Kearns at dkearns@comdt.uscg.mil, 202-267-0553, or to ENS Craig Wennet at cwennet@comdt.uscg.mil, 202-267-2217. Users of CG Standard Workstation II must add /maillant or /mailpac after the e-mail addresses. Please ensure that the subject line states *1998 Member Appraisal*.

— The CGR Measurement Team



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Upcoming Events

APRIL 1998

■ **COMMANDANT'S STATE OF THE CG ADDRESS** — Thursday, April 16, 1998 at Bolling Air Force Base Officers Club, Washington, D.C. 11 a.m. luncheon. Tickets required. Contact LT Ruby Collins, 202-267-0629, **E-mail:** rcollins@comdt.uscg.mil or LT Bob Wheeler at 202-267-0564, **E-mail:** rwheeler@comdt.uscg.mil

■ **LAUNCHING/CHRISTENING OF CGC JAMES RANKIN (WLM 555)** — Saturday, April 25, 1998, 10 a.m., Marinette Marine Corp, Marinette, Wis. Coasties welcome but need to obtain tickets. Write: USCG Project Resident Office, 1600 Ely St., Marinette, WI 54143-2434 or call YNC Mike Evans at 715-735-4109.

MAY 1998

■ **COAST GUARD BALL** — Atlantic Area is hosting this first-time event May 2, 1998 at Norfolk Waterside Marriott, 235 E. Main St., Norfolk. All Team Coast Guard invited, Active, Reserve, Auxiliary, Retired, Civilian, Enlisted and Officers. For more information, contact TCCS Denise Kahler, 757-398-6254. **E-mail:** dkahler@lantd5.uscg.mil

■ **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CENTER RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY** — Tuesday, May 12, 1998, tentatively set for 9:30 a.m. at the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn. Contact LT Brad Sultzter at 860-701-6837. **Web:** www.uscg.mil/hq/uscg/lcdc/lcdc.html

■ **TITANIC: THE EXHIBITION** — Is currently on display through May 15 at the Florida International Museum in St. Petersburg, Fla. Includes artifacts, displays, history and models. 1-800-777-9882.

■ **MCPO-CG RETIREMENT & RELIEF CEREMONY** — Friday, May 22, 1998, 10 a.m. at TISCOM Alexandria, 7323 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, Va. MCPO-CG Rick Trent's relief will be MCPO Vincent Patton. See page 3, ALCOAST 013/98, COMDTNOTE 1401. 202-267-2397 for information.

■ **COMMANDANT'S CHANGE-OF-COMMAND CEREMONY** — Friday, May 29, 1998, 12 noon, at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C. (next door to CG HQ). ADM Robert E. Kramek will be relieved by VADM James M. Loy (see ALCOAST 009/98).

■ **TRACEN CAPE MAY 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** — Sunday, May 31, 1998, opening ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Events include air sea rescue demo, pig roast and sunset parade (weather permitting). Contact: TRACEN Cape May, 1 Munro Ave., Cape May, N.J. 08204-5002. POC is CW03 Bill Carson, 609-898-6969.

JULY 1998

■ **AMERICA SAIL 98** — Savannah is hosting tall ships from around the world this Fourth of July! Event dates are July 2-6, 1998. Contact: Savannah Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, P.O. Box 1628, Savannah, GA 31402-1628. 1-800-444-2427. **E-mail:** cub@sauga.com

■ **COAST GUARD FESTIVAL** — Is scheduled for July 24-Aug. 2, 1998 in Grand Haven, Mich. Parade and fireworks are Saturday, Aug. 1. Entire Coast Guard family is welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact: U.S. Coast Guard Festival, P.O. Box 694, Grand Haven, MI 49417. 616-846-5940 or 1-888-207-2434.

Web: <http://www.grandhaven.com/uscgfest>
■ **NATIONAL CPOA CONVENTION 98** — Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 30th annual, Clarion Hotel, Mobile, Ala. Also, Mobile CPOA Chapter is holding its 20th annual Old Timers Picnic at ATC Mobile Sept. 5. Call BMCS Crowley at 334-649-8800.

SEPTEMBER 1998

■ **CG CEA RESERVE FORCES RETIREMENT & RELIEF CEREMONY** — Is scheduled for Sept. 4, 1998, at CGHQ, Room 2415, Washington, D.C. Time to be announced. Contact MCPO Phillips, 202-267-6844. See ALCOAST 003/98.

SGLI Clarifications

Many reservists have asked if SGLI covers members full-time or only while performing duty. **Full-time coverage is available to eligible members of the Ready Reserve who choose full coverage.** So, what is an "eligible Ready Reservist?" It is any member of the Selected Reserve or IRR of a uniformed service assigned to a unit or position in which he or she may be required to perform active duty or active duty for training (ADT). Also, this person will be scheduled to perform at least 12 periods of inactive duty training (IDT) drills each year, creditable for retirement purposes under Title 10, USC ch 67.

Full-time coverage is also provided to persons assigned to or who, upon application, would be eligible for assignment to the Retired Reserve (RET-2). These RET-2s have completed at least 20 years of satisfactory service creditable for retirement purposes under 10 USC ch 67, have not yet reached 61 years of age, and have not yet received the first increment of retirement pay.

Reservists have been covered full-time since the inception of the program in 1965. Currently, coverage of \$200,000 is **automatically** provided to all members at a monthly premium of \$17. If a member decides to reduce the amount of coverage, it must be done by submitting form SGLV 8286 through you unit. For more information on SGLI, contact the SGLI office at 1-800-419-1473.

— LT Ruby Collins **E-mail:** rcollins@comdt.uscg.mil

Dental Update

The TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Program was established due to the dental readiness problems experienced with the Reserve Forces during the Persian Gulf War. The dental program is offered to members of the SELRES (no coverage for dependents). Each member of the SELRES is responsible for maintaining their dental readiness while in an inactive status or during periods of active duty for less than 30 days. Therefore, members not otherwise covered under a dental plan should consider enrollment in this program. The member's share of the monthly premium is \$4.36, while the government's share is \$6.53. Services offered under this program are for diagnostic, preventive, oral surgical and emergency services. Enrollees will be charged co-pays for surgical work ranging from 10 percent to 30 percent for E-4s and below, and 20 percent to 40 percent for all others. The maximum annual benefits for services cannot exceed \$1,000 of paid allowable charges. This coverage should be adequate for most SELRES members to maintain required dental readiness. If you have not received the TRICARE SELRES Reserve Dental Program enrollment package, call 1-800-211-3614.

— LT Ruby Collins
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HS Practical Factors Update

Health Services Technician (HS) Practical Factors will be undergoing review later this spring. If you have comments or suggestions, contact HSC Jerry Filcher at TRACEN Petaluma, Performance Systems Branch (tpi), 599 Tomales Road, Petaluma, CA 94952-5000. 707-765-7296. FAX: 707-765-7080. **E-mail:** cpo.j_filcher@tcpet@internet.uscg.mil
Deadline is May 1, 1998.

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