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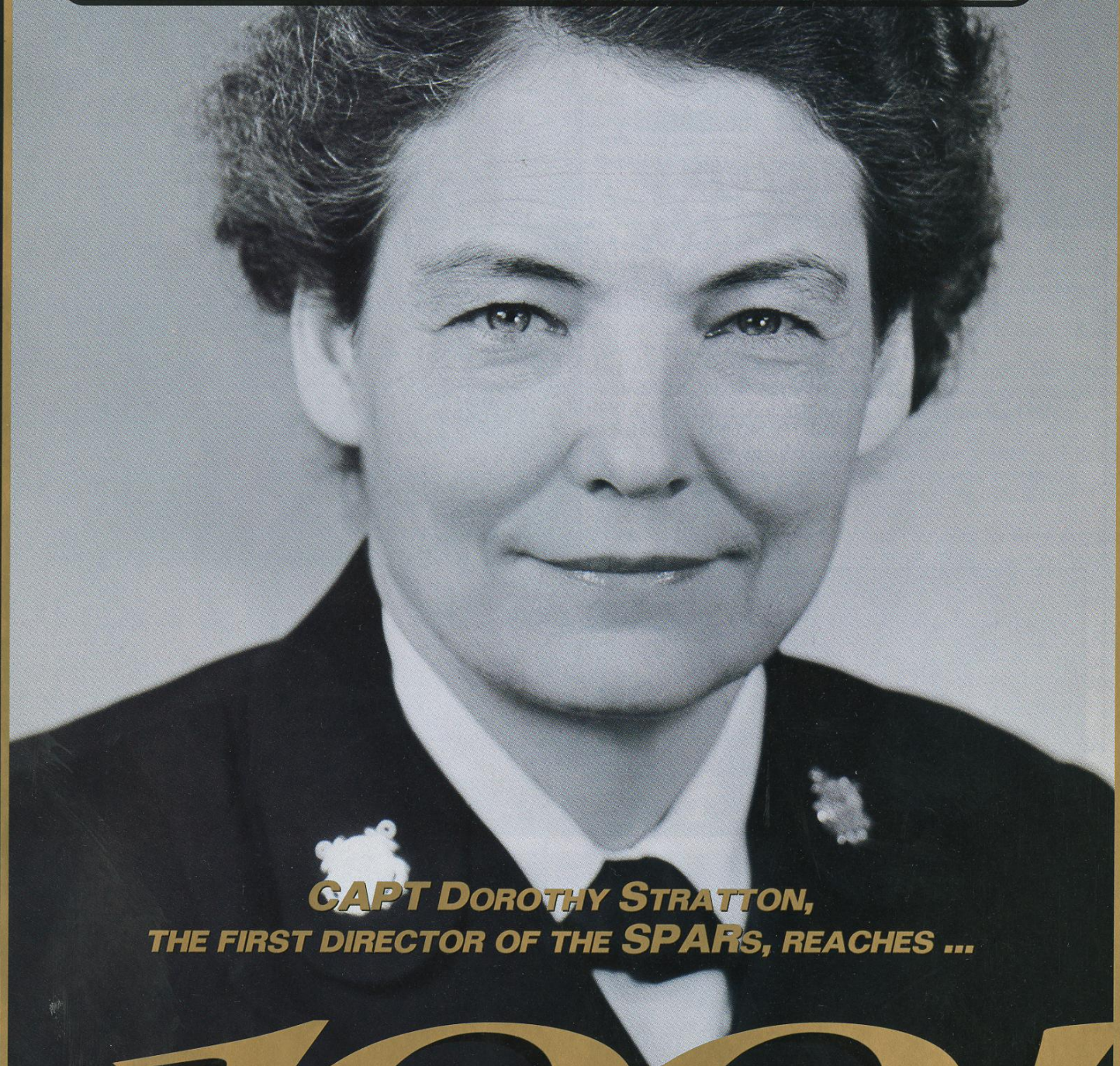

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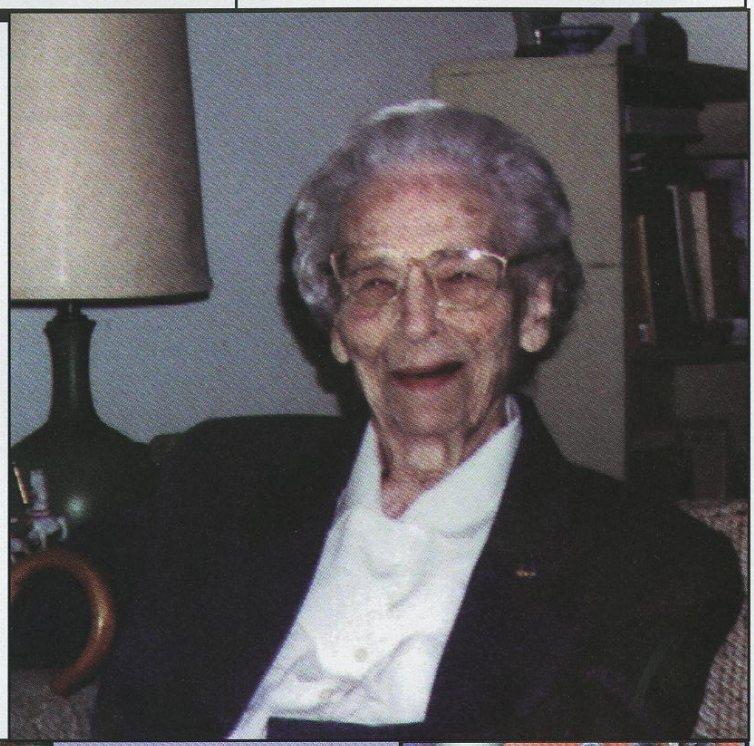

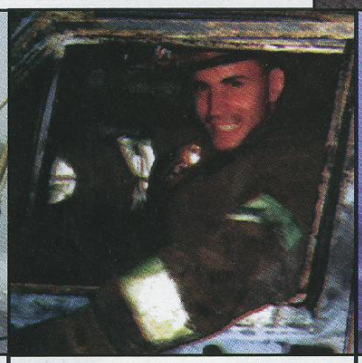

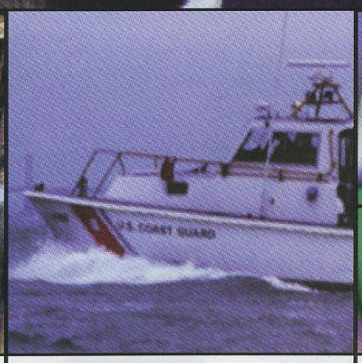

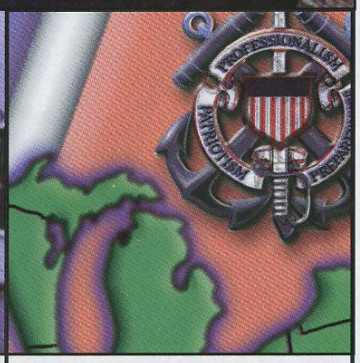

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On the Cover

FRONT: *Official portrait courtesy Coast Guard Historian.*

BACK: *Coast Guard Mutual assistance, taking care of our own.*

Letter from the EDitor and Chief

This issue of *The Reservist* marks a very special occasion for all of us in the Coast Guard Reserve. One of our own, ***CAPT Dorothy Stratton***, first Director of the Women's Reserve (SPARs), turns 100 years old March 24.

Wow!

I first put this special event on the long-range schedule back on Oct. 18, 1997. That's the day that the Women in Military Service to America (WIMSA) monument was dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery. While covering that event, two World War II-era SPARs approached me and reminded me of this special occasion. Of course I had heard of CAPT Stratton. I featured her on the cover of *The Reservist* in November 1992 for the SPARs' 50th birthday bash in Washington, D.C. (see inset below).

"She was revered," retired SPAR ***CWO4 Betty Splaine*** told me recently. "She was someone we all looked up to."

So, in early January 1999, I approached 12-year reservist ***YN2 Susan Shanahan***, Office of Reserve Affairs. Susan participated in the WIMSA ceremony and has recently departed for Officer Candidate School at the Coast Guard Academy.

"Now that you're a college graduate (December 1998), why don't you put that English degree to work right away and interview CAPT Stratton and write our cover story for the March issue?" I asked.

She was excited by the opportunity and the rest, as they say, is history. Don't miss her interview in this issue. You'll also notice that the colors of this issue are gold and black. Those are the colors of Purdue University — where CAPT Stratton was Dean of Women and taught during the 1930s and early 1940s.

In addition to Shanahan's article, we also advertised for and collected birthday greetings here at *The Reservist* for CAPT Stratton. As I write this in late February, we have already received over 200 e-mail birthday greetings and more than 50 good old-fashioned cards for the captain from every nook and cranny of our nation, and several from overseas. One e-mailer even suggested that the Coast Guard change its core values during her birthday week to *Honor, Respect* and *Devotion to Dorothy!* All those e-mail greetings and cards were to be presented to CAPT Stratton by SPARs ***CAPT Jeanne Gleason*** and ***CWO4 Betty Splaine*** at a birthday dinner planned by her family in West Lafayette, Ind. March 20.

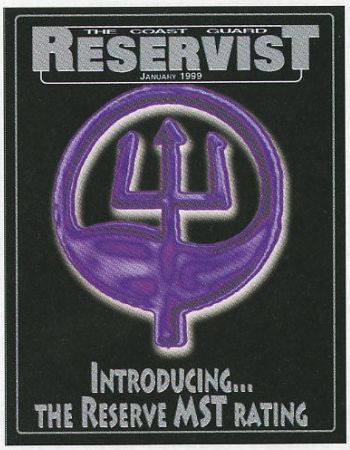
With all the hoopla surrounding CAPT Stratton's 100th birthday (although the captain has asked for no big fanfare), we got wind from ***MCPO-CG Vince Patton*** as we were going to press of another Coastie turning 100 during March. He is ***BMC Morris O'Rourke*** who turns 100 on March 27. Chief O'Rourke enlisted in the Coast Guard June 11, 1924 and retired from active duty Feb. 1, 1940. If you'd like to send him a birthday greeting, his address is P.O. Box 241, Ledyard, CT 06339. He is our third Coast Guard centurion that we're aware of as ***Chief Eracleo Olimpolo*** of Washington state, our oldest living Coastie, turned 100 last April. A very happy 100th to CAPT Stratton, Chief O'Rourke and belated birthday greetings to Chief Olimpolo. We salute and honor all of you.

Letters to the Editor

The new look

Who shot the picture on page 10 of the January *Reservist*... birth of the reserve MSTs? That is ***hilarious!*** Someone had ***way*** too much time to play with that...but what a fun concept...even blood-speckled gloves. I'm still laughing about that.

— PAC Rob Wyman
New London, Conn.



You have excelled yourself. The picture of the baby MST, complete with Level A suit and detector (page 10), is hilarious.

— LT David V. Smith
Washington, D.C.

Ed's note: Our talented graphics and layout man, PA2 Chris Rose, took it off a stock image CD and altered it for our purposes. The new look of the magazine also generated many more responses...read on!

Just a quick note to say that the new format is great. Although *The Reservist* magazine has been a great publication since inception, you guys keep making it even better. Just one thing though, now that we all know what the editor and chief looks like, perhaps you should publish PA2 Rose's picture so that we can put a face to his name as well? Bravo Zulu and thanks.

— LT Wayne E. Thorpe, USCGR
Group Woods Hole, Mass.

As you know I've been a fan of *The Reservist* for many years. The new look is great and yet it is still the most informative publication the Coast Guard puts out to the troops. One suggestion. If possible could you index *The Reservist*? An annual publication of an index will be very useful when we are all dead and gone. As a writer of Coast Guard history, I know of the dearth of indices to Coast Guard material. Keep up the good work.

— GMCM Bill Wells, USCG(Ret.)
Martinez, Ga.

Ed's note: In 1997, we began indexing the previous year's issues on the back cover of the January issue. Our long-range plan is to place every back issue back to the first issue in November 1953 on the CGR home page with index capability included.

That was a great job on the January issue. I really liked "Birth of the Reserve MSTs." Who did it and how did you do it? You really honored LT Jim Kelly with the feature on him. He really is an asset to his family, state and Coast Guard. I also enjoyed the Force Managers Index and the new Reserve Force Master Chief, George P. Ingraham, did a nice job on "On Deck" as well.

— MCPO Bill Phillips, USCGR(Ret.)
Portland, Ore.

I just received and read thoroughly my January 1999 issue of *The Reservist* and I truly love the "new look" and format. "Bravo Zulu" to the staff and keep up the great work!

— CDR John Hooper, USCGR
Howell, N.J.

I liked the issue and your new look...very fresh! It is nice to see you streamlining your publication and making it look so exciting and new. Great job...I like the more airy look, and loved the GI Joe story. I have to get one of those to add to my toy collection!

— Robin Thompson
Cleveland, Ohio

Ed's note: Ms. Thompson is a former PA1 who worked several years for The Commandant's Bulletin in the early 1990s. She also wrote "The Coast Guard & The Women's Reserve in World War II" while on active duty.

I enjoyed the new layout of *The Reservist*. *The* stories are very clear, topical and are accompanied by great photos. Thanks for the 1999 pay scale. I suggest publishing it once again in a "pull out" cardboard fashion for recruiting purposes. Bravo Zulu!!

— LCDR J.Marks, USCGR
Easton, Pa.

Just got the latest....one word.....Outstanding! Keep up the good work.

— LT Gerry Jackson, USCGR
Cleveland, Ohio

As a retiree with 31 years service, I want to thank you for the outstanding job you are doing with *The Reservist* magazine! I look forward to each issue and your articles are very informative. Keep up the great job and don't let the critics get you down!!

— BM1 Tom Don, USCGR (Ret.)
Brick, N.J.

MST rating badge

Some one should have done some research on the new MST rating badge (January 1999 cover). The trident symbol you feature is similar to the Folks Nation. They are a gang known to local law enforcement in the south and midwest.

— CWO Guy M. Joseph
USCGR(Ret.)
Charleston, S.C.

Ed's note: While the MST rating for reservists is new, the MST rating badge is not new. In fact, some Coasties here at HQ even remember seeing it when they were in boot camp in the late 1960s. The trident is defined by Webster's Dictionary as "a long, three-pronged fork or weapon, especially the three-pronged spear carried by Neptune or Poseidon." Thus, the nautical basis for its use.

Content outranks form

May I be among the first to point out gently that Sam Houston and Davy Crockett were in fact enthusiastic volunteers but that neither of them, despite LT Walter Williams'

enthusiasm for Tennessee in the January *Reservist* ("License Plate of the Month," page 5), is likely to have stepped forward for the Mexican-American War of the 1840s (actual date 1846-48).

The reason? Sen. Houston of Texas was probably busy in Washington, D.C., and Col. Crockett, one of the gallant defenders of the Alamo in Texas' War for Independence, had been dead for a decade.

Nevertheless, the redesign of the magazine is nice looking, including the "priority" cover gimmick. Just please remember that content outranks form.

— CAPT Welton Jones, USCGR (Ret.)
San Diego, Calif.

Ed's note: CAPT Jones is a columnist for The San Diego Union-Tribune who says he has a "lingering soft spot for the Coast Guard."

Recruiting Awards

I have been searching in vain for message traffic I recently saw on Coast Guard recruiting incentives. Was there something in *The Reservist* about this?

— LT Ken Hines
MSO St. Louis, Mo.

Ed's note: Yes, it was posted on the message board in the November 1998 issue. Reservists can find the detailed message, ALCOAST 095/98 (R061345Z OCT 98), on the Reserve website (www.uscg.mil/reserve).

Surfman Badges

On a recent trip to RTC Yorktown, Va., I came across a supply of what were the old surfmen badges. I asked the lady in the shop what they were for and she told me it was something new. Could you tell me what the Coast Guard is now using the Surfman badge for and when they brought it back? I have a rather nice collection of Coast Guard uniforms and items but this is different as it is silver and the original badge was brass. Thank you for any help that you can give me.

— QMC Chuck Sass, USCGR(Ret.)
Kingston, N.Y.

Ed's note: Mr. Robert H. Gitschier, Chief of the Uniform Section at Coast Guard Headquarters, told us that the Commandant approved the reintroduction of the Surfman Insignia and published the qualifications for its wear via ALDIST 167/97 and ALDIST 270/97 (for copies, see the Reserve web site message section (www.uscg.mil/reserve). It is slightly different in appearance from the previous version (antique pewter finished instead of bronze) but it is definitely a strong link to the old design. The initial prototype was literally made by BM1 Stentz, a Surfman qualified BM, and it was used as the model for the current version. The Surfman Insignia may be worn by all who ***fully qualify*** *under the criteria listed in the Personnel Manual (Section 6.B.2.A), or who qualify as Surfmen at an operational unit, or by graduating from the National Motor Lifeboat School and have been assigned the qualification code. Those currently serving as qualified surfmen, and those who can prove they met the qualifications at a previous unit can apply for the authorization to wear the device (an award certificate goes with it). This applies to Coast Guard Reservists as well. Members may apply for the certification and initial issue of the qualification insignia via the unit at which they served as a qualified surfman. Questions may be directed to Mr. Gitschier, Commandant (G-WPM-1), 202-267-0730, Email: rgitschier@comdt.uscg.mil.*

License Plate of the Month

Ohio - "The Buckeye State"

The "Buckeye State" gets the nod this month for two reasons. First, March is birthday month for Ohio (March 1, 1803), and second, as retired Coast Guard Reservist ***EMC Richard A. Lott*** put it, "he hasn't seen Ohio featured yet." Lott is shown here next to his 1992 Ford F-250 pick up with the Ohio "Coast Guard" plate that he has had for four years.

Chief Lott served in the Reserve for 28 years (1960-88), drilling at Coast Guard stations on Lake Erie from Ashtabula to Marblehead, Ohio. But retirement didn't mean the end of involvement for the chief. No sir! Since 1988, he has served as a Coast Guard Auxiliarist and is now Vice Captain of Division Eight. Chief Lott lives in Akron, Ohio, with his wife, Carol.

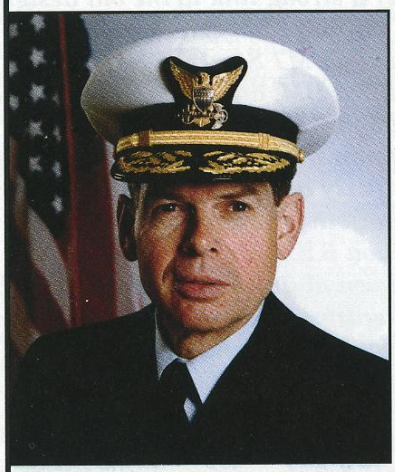
Photo courtesy of LT Walter Williams, USCGR

BMC Richard Lott with his Ohio state plate.

View from the Bridge

"Port Wing"

Beyond Integration



During the recent mid-winter meeting of the Reserve Officers Association, RADM Thomas Barrett, Director of Reserve and Training, addressed the Coast Guard Affairs Committee. He stated that we are now beyond the transition period for Integration of reservists into the active duty Coast Guard. With the exception of specialized units, primarily assigned national security or national defense missions, active duty commands provide both administrative support and operational control of approximately 90 percent of the Reserve Component. During calendar year 1998, Coast Guard Reservists contributed more than 300,000 days of duty to all Coast Guard mission areas.

There are a few remaining issues following the Integration process, most of which are based in the funding or administrative requirements unique to the Reserve program. These issues will be addressed by the new Reserve Policy Board in an effort to better facilitate the training and development of reservists. The efforts of the Reserve Policy Board and new initiatives planned for the upcoming year are designed to make the Coast Guard Reserve even ***more responsive*** to the active duty. For example, work has already begun to develop a prototype software program to identify civilian skills (professional, vocational and secondary languages) so that the active duty can better fill not only mission critical solicitations, but be able to immediately (and selectively) respond to surge requirements for various contingencies.

Keeping with the spirit of Integration, both Reserve Flag Officers have assumed new duties, again aimed at better serving the active duty Coast Guard. Both RADM Riker and I have acquired new titles and responsibilities. We are assigned to our respective Area Commanders and serve as Deputy for Mobilization and Reserve Component Affairs. This requires, among other things, the review of various contingency plans to determine our readiness to respond effectively. Where gaps exist in terms of personnel, qualifications, equipment or planning, we are to recommend remedial measures. Some plans will receive special attention in the very near future. These are plans that address certain domestic threats to national security.

Very recently, homeland defense issues have been raised by Congress precipitating a comprehensive "National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction Study." In response to this study, RADM Barrett recently wrote to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Mr. Charles L. Cragin, citing organic capabilities within the Coast Guard to address this emerging threat. He states, "Additional interagency work should be done to better assess preexisting capabilities in other (non-Department of Defense) agencies including the USCG and Environmental Protection Agency, and use already existing systems in the areas of contingency planning, force integration, exercises, special technology support, special scientific support, equipment and notification systems."

> **"...we are now beyond the transition period for Integration of reservists into the active duty Coast Guard."**

It was not by coincidence that Mr. Cragin, at a keynote address at the ROA Mid-Winter Conference stated, "The potential magnitude of a Weapons of Mass Destruction event means that there will be plenty for all of us to do. Coast Guard units, particularly in strategic ports, are participating in local exercises that are attempting to train first responders and which are addressing the new threats posed by terrorism here at home."

As we have done in the past, I envision that the Coast Guard Reserve will play a major role in meeting this new challenge, providing trained and ready people to the active duty Coast Guard in support of our national security objectives.

Finally, as you can see from this issue's cover, we're honoring a very special Coast Guard SPAR this month. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the first Director of the Coast Guard's Women's Reserve, CAPT Dorothy Stratton, a very happy birthday as she turns 100 years young on March 24. CAPT Stratton, I salute you on this very special occasion. It is because of individuals like yourself that reservists were first given the opportunity to demonstrate the value they provide to the Service and to the nation.

By Rear Admiral Carlton Moore, USCGR
Deputy for Mobilization & Reserve Component Affairs, Pacific Area

GARLAND WINS GEICO AWARD

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — ***PS1 William Garland*** of MSO San Diego has been selected as the Reserve winner for the GEICO Military Achievement Award for Outstanding Service in the area of Fire Prevention and Fire Safety. The Reserve award is given to only *one* person from the seven Reserve Components. With a 26-year career with the city of Santee, Calif. Fire Department, he brings an enormous amount of technical and leadership experience to his Coast Guard assignments. He has been responsible for developing and leading the widely publicized San Diego Burning Ship Exercises since 1990. The goal of these exercises is to prepare local community fire departments, hospitals, and private and government air rescue services for a shipboard fire on a large passenger vessel. He also has been a key player in a Shipboard Familiarization Program for all San Diego firefighters who could potentially be involved with a marine firefighting incident.

At his Coast Guard unit, Garland developed a team of Coast Guard Reserve firefighters to train city firefighters in shipboard firefighting techniques. Over 150 firefighters were trained. The program was such a success that many ports across the country have inquired about adopting the program for their area.

Prior to serving in the Coast Guard Reserve, Garland served four years in the Navy, including one year in Vietnam while aboard *USS Enterprise* (CVAN-65). He also served two years in a Naval Reserve Helicopter Squadron. Garland's career in the Coast Guard began in 1988 at MSO San Diego where he continues to drill as the Marine Firefighting Coordinator and as a disaster planner for Captain of the Port San Diego.

Photo courtesy PS1 Garland, USCGR

PS1 William Garland

"I feel extremely honored to have been selected for this award and even though it is an individual award I can't accept it without recognizing the rest of the team that made this possible," said Garland. "I am a member of a four-person Marine Firefighting Coordinator team that operates under the direction of one of the finest MSOs in the Coast Guard. Our team consists of ***CWO Michael McCormick***, ***Chief Steven Jones*** and ***PO2 Steven Carlson*** and myself. We are responsible for assisting the Captain of the Port ***CDR J. Farley*** and Chief of Port Operations ***LT Mark Cunningham*** with contingency planning for a burning ship disaster in the Port of San Diego. The team is finely integrated and has produced some great products such as the *BURNEX 98* burning ship exercise and the Burning Ship Contingency Plan for the port."

Garland, 51, who has won numerous awards in the area of firefighting, will be honored at an awards ceremony sponsored by GEICO April 26 in Washington, D.C. He has also been selected for warrant officer and will pin on the shoulder boards June 1, 1999. Bravo zulu to Petty Officer Garland!

WELCOME TO THE FLEET...

• ***CGC Frank Drew (WLM 557)*** was christened and launched at Marinette Marine Corp., Marinette, Wis. on Dec. 5, 1998. *Frank Drew's* namesake was a lighthouse keeper at Green Island Light-Station, Wis. from 1903-1929. He was the longest-serving keeper in the history of that light and saved more than 30 people between 1912-1914. *Frank Drew*, the seventh cutter of the Keeper Class of Coastal Buoy Tenders, was sponsored by ***Lillie Wadel Basso***, wife of ***Peter Basso, Jr.***, Assistant Secretary for Office of Budget and Programs, Department of Transportation. *Frank Drew* will be homeported in Portsmouth, Va.

• ***CGC Anthony Petit (WLM 558)*** was christened and launched at Marinette Marine Corp, Marinette, Wis. on Jan. 30, 1999. *Anthony Petit's* namesake was assigned as keeper of the Scotch Cap Lighthouse in Alaska, one of the Coast Guard's most isolated duty stations. On April 1, 1946, a double earthquake sent a tsunami over 100 feet high crashing into the lightstation, killing Chief Petit and his four-man crew. *Anthony Petit*, the eighth cutter of the Keeper Class of Coastal Buoy Tenders, was sponsored by ***Mrs. Nancy Murkowski***, wife of former Coast Guardsman ***Sen. Frank Murkowski*** (R-Alaska). The new cutter will be homeported in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Photo by CPO John Burkee, USCG

The launching of the CGC Frank Drew (WLM 557).

Atlantic Area gets new Reserve CMC

Photo courtesy MCPO Jeff Smith, USCGR

PSCM Jeffrey D. Smith

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — ***PSCM Jeffrey D. Smith*** has been selected as the first Reserve Command Master Chief for the Atlantic Area. This is a newly created position to assist both LANTAREA and MLCLANT Command Master Chiefs with their normal duties. Smith will serve as an additional communications link providing input and feedback on various Coast Guard issues and initiatives from active duty and reserve members.

Smith has over 20 years of Coast Guard service and is currently assigned to Recruiting Office Providence, R.I. Smith's selection was announced Feb. 26. He lives in Orleans, Mass. with his wife, ***Marilyn***, and three sons.

Reservists assist with SWIII Computer Migration

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The Coast Guard's migration from Standard Workstation II to III (SWII to SWIII) has been a huge undertaking and reservists have stepped in to help in many places. Take, for example, reservists from Electronic Support Unit (ESU) Boston and Electronic Support Detachment (ESD) New York. They were the primary Coast Guard personnel utilized for the computer migration at the Battery Building in Manhattan.

Migration of SWIII included removal of some of the "green screen" workstations and installation of the newer personal computer (PC) equipment that utilizes Windows NT instead of the previous CTOS operating systems. This project was part of the Coast Guard-wide process to upgrade and change the Coast Guard to a Windows NT-based operating system.

Reservists working on the migration included ***DPC Fran Condon*** and ***CWO3 Tom Liveston*** of ESU Boston and ***ET2 Wes Burguess*** of ESD New York. They installed more than 50 units at offices in the Battery Building including Recruiting Office New York, Public Affairs, Auxiliary, AMVER and Bridge Administration. With the project completed in one week, reservists also worked on projects at Sandy Hook, N.J. and Activities New York on Staten Island.

— By CWO Tom Liveston, USCGR

Reservists assist in recovery from Hurricane Georges

GULFPORT, Miss. . — When *Hurricane Georges* slammed into the Gulf Coast late last September, an involuntary recall of D8 reservists was ordered

Group Galveston recalled 23 reservists and assigned three active duty personnel for TAD. Reservists ***BMC Eric Fritz, BMC Tom Geiger, BM2 Mike Summers, MK2 Charlie Huffman, BM3 Tom Flescher and SN Christopher Caulfield*** from Station Galveston were assigned to Aids to Navigation Team (ANT) Gulfport. Navigation of the Gulfport ship channel was deemed too risky and was closed to all deep draft traffic. The reservists' mission was to repair the severely damaged aids to navigation (ATON).

ANT Gulfport normally consists of seven personnel, but the arrival of the reservists doubled their manpower. In fact, within a few days, the integrated crew was working seamlessly.

"The work was hard and days long but rewarding," said Fritz. "There was great satisfaction in knowing our assistance was needed and used productively. I cannot say enough about the open attitude ***BMC Jeff Wheeler*** and his crew displayed during our stay."

After 10 straight days of work, approximately 80 percent of the aids in the Gulfport AOR were repaired. The ship channel was reopened within three days of the storm.

Fritz says that due to the group's qualifications, they had a very positive experience.

"We demonstrated our skills and knowledge acquired during our IDT and ADT training," said Fritz. "That is the true value of the reservist. "

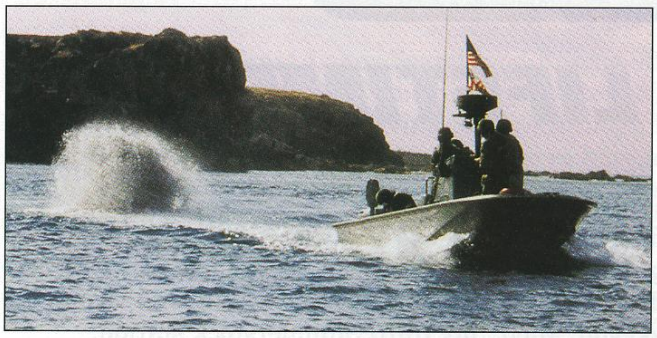
Fritz also credits Group Galveston and Station Galveston for resources and support.

Photo courtesy BMC Eric Fritz, USCGR

MK2 Huffman, BM2 Summers and BM3 Flescher work on an ATON.

"I realize I'm only talking about our experience, but after contacting other reservists (involuntarily recalled but serving elsewhere), their time was just as rewarding," said Fritz.

Bombs Away!



QMCS Neil C. Holmdahl, USCGR

Reservists with PSU 311 deploy MK3A2 concussion grenades at San Clemente Island, Calif. during PATRIOT HOOK 98. The PSU successfully deployed 120 grenades while qualifying its boat crews in this anti-swimmer defensive tactic. PATRIOT HOOK is an Air Force training evolution which specifically requires members to load out non-standard loads including PSU 311, the Navy's MIUW 106, EOD 7 and the USMC 3rd ANGLICO out of Miramar USMC Air Station to San Clemente Island and back.

Firefighters Re-Enlist

CDR Frank Bateman, USCGR, left, administers re-enlistment oaths aboard the Oakland fireboat "Seawolf" to PSCM J.R. Stafford, center, and PSCS Forest Adams, reservists attached to MSO San Francisco. The three reservists have 90 years of firefighting experience among them.

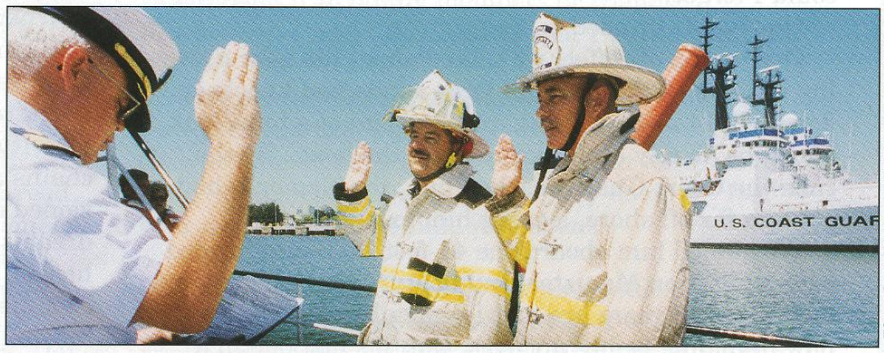


Photo by PAC Marshall Berman, USCGR.

Citizen-Sailor of the Month

SCHHMMOKINNN'

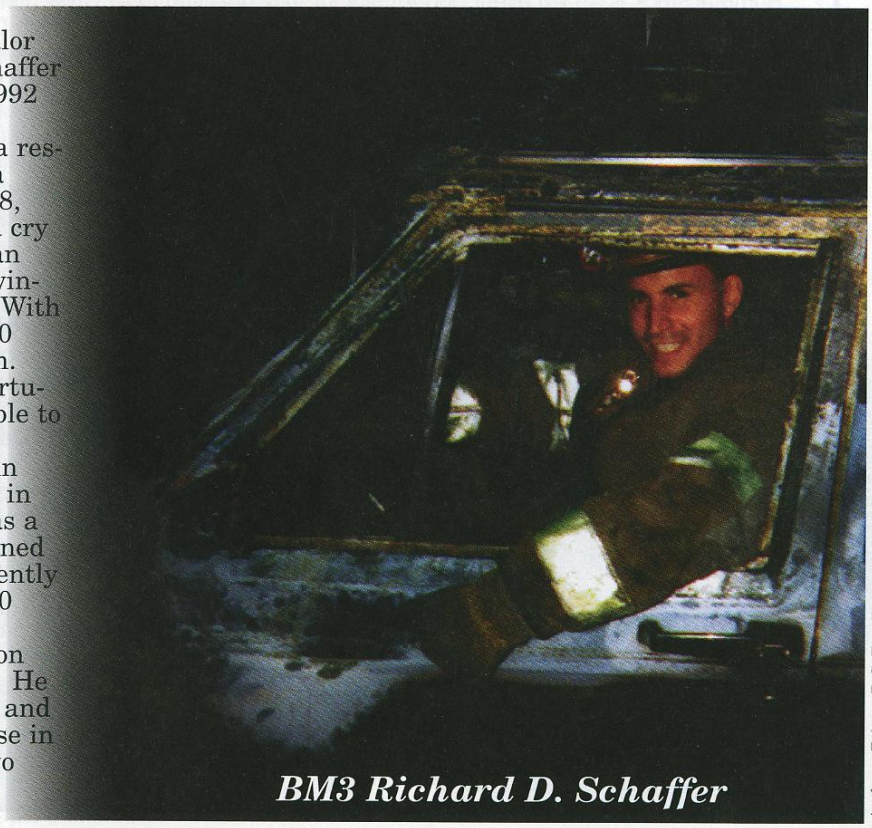
BM3 Richard D. Schaffer, Firefighter, Washington D.C. Fire Department

During the month of March, ***BM3 Richard D. Schaffer*** will be awarded the Silver Medal for Valor by the District of Colombia Fire Department. Schaffer has served as a firefighter for the District since 1992 and as such, rarely sees a routine day on the job.

Case in point: The award he is receiving is for a rescue that almost cost him his life. While fighting a smoky high rise apartment fire during spring 1998, Schaffer abandoned the attack crew in search of a cry for help. He and another firefighter encountered an unconscious 250-pound woman on the ledge of a window. She fell, but they caught her by the wrists. With the woman dangling completely out the window 60 feet above the ground, the fire roared behind them. They were nearly pulled out of the window, but fortunately, the fire was extinguished and they were able to pull her to safety.

While assigned to a swift water rescue station in Great Falls, Md., Schaffer developed a proficiency in both boat handling and search and rescue. He was a natural for the Coast Guard Reserve, which he joined in November 1996. The 33-year-old Schaffer currently serves as a reservist at Station St. Inigoes, Md., 90 miles south of Washington, D.C.

When he's not busy rescuing people on land or on sea, Schaffer is busy rescuing historic landmarks. He has an interest in preservation of old lighthouses, and recently founded a group to restore an old firehouse in D.C. He serves as curator for the collections of two non-profit historic preservation groups and is a licensed Washington, D.C. tour guide.



BM3 Richard D. Schaffer

Anthony Prince, D.C. Fire Department

EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

Story By QMC Tom Rau, USCGR

As I entered the Station Manistee, Mich. mess deck, an older gentleman strolled toward me.

"Do you remember me?' he asked, extending his hand. "You saved my life."

"Of course I do, Mister Smith," I responded. "How could I forget?"

Our hands gripped.

Over a cup of coffee, we talked about his near drowning in Lake Michigan. Gail force winds had knocked down his 14-foot sail boat, and, in spite of a tenacious effort, he simply could not re-right the boat. By the time the Coast Guard reached him, the elements had set him far off shore, leaving him exhausted.

We hauled him aboard the 41-foot UTB and headed back to Station Manistee, sail boat in tow. That rescue took place 13 years ago and I remember it as if it were now unfolding before my eyes. But, it's just one in a score of fond and meaningful memories in my 16 years in the SummerStock program.

I first signed onto Summerstock back in 1983, and if I knew then that I would still be performing SummerStock on the eve of the 21st century, I would suggest you take a urinalysis test. Yet, here I am, ready to begin my 17th season, this year at Station Muskegon, Mich., my third Summerstock station. Looking back, I wonder whether it was SummerStock or the nature-blessed environment that drew me here.

When I arrived at Station Manistee from congested, smog-infested Los Angeles, I thought I had reached the promised land: clean pristine lakes, abundant rivers and streams, fresh air, gentle forest, and a settled people. It seemed so far removed from my corporate chains and the L.A. spin. These natural riches I envisioned existed only in movies, travel brochures, and dreams. I suspect, though it was the environment that hooked me and perhaps keeps me here, it isn't to say SummerStock itself didn't spin its magical web over me.

Looking back across the years, I've seen lives saved and lives lost, and I've experienced the awesome

SUMMERSTOCK UPDATE

SummerStock is an excellent opportunity for fully qualified Boat Crew members. Ideal for full-time students and teachers seeking full summer employment. Each Coast Guard billet listed at right is available from 24 May 1999 through 10 Sep 1999. ***Reservists in any rating may apply!*** Orders are authorized for continuous periods of 60 days or more. Personnel with previous Summerstock experience are particularly desired and will be placed at the Station where previously served, if possible. Please respond as soon as possible! It is imperative that we know as early as possible that you are willing to serve. Interested personnel should submit a Request for Reserve Orders (CG-3453) via the chain of command to arrive at CCGD9 (osr). Applications will be accepted through the end of April. Advance copies of your CG-3453 are encouraged for planning purposes. Ensure that the following information is listed on your CG-3453: Your current servicing PERSRU (very important – they cut your orders), date of last physical, pay base date, qual codes, date of rank, your regular drilling unit point of contact (POC), your yeoman's name and their phone numbers. Summerstock point of contact is YN1 Muller - ISC (fot) at (216) 902-6388 or YN2 Feeney (osr) at (216) 902-6116. E-mail: *pfeeney@d9.uscg.mil*

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responsibility Great Lakes Search and Rescue offers. It also offers a great maritime history written by members of the U.S. Lifesaving Service through harrowing rescues. Many Coasties who serve here admit they've seldom experienced anywhere in the Coast Guard the respect and admiration these Great Lakes people show for their Coast Guard. I certainly haven't seen anything like it.

Those who come to SummerStock must be prepared to carry forth that trust. You must be duty bound, but, in addition, you must possess the tools: boat crew, law enforcement and watchstanding qualifications. If you don't possess them, you must quickly strive to acquire them.

I've watched people arrive with little more than desire and leave with the tools, and I've seen people arrive with tools but lack desire and leave with little more. For most, the journey ends on the high road. Take MK3 David Thompson, for example. I remember when his dad, Coast Guardsman MK1 Pete Thompson, brought his 17-year-old college-bound son, David, to Station Manistee to discuss the Coast Guard Reserve and the Summerstock program. David signed up and along with the GI bill and in between seven Summerstock tours, earned both his undergraduate and law degrees.

Oh, and there have been so many David's along the way. Engineers, teachers, pilots, and so many others, including many full-time Coasties — officer and enlisted — have benefited from Summerstock. I've also served with policemen, college professors, commercial boat captains, retired people and even a donut maker.

I can hardly speak for them as to whether they would do it again. But me? In a heartbeat. Would I recommend it to family members or friends? Absolutely — and I do. And to you, I would plead do it if you can.

There's another aspect here beside seeking one's own gain and that's helping out our full-time Coasties; never before have I seen them welcome and need Summerstock personnel as they do now. It's your call — it will be time well spent.

QMC Rau, who now lives in Manistee, Mich., writes a weekly column called "Boat Smart." It is published weekly in a dozen Michigan newspapers that reach a half a million readers.

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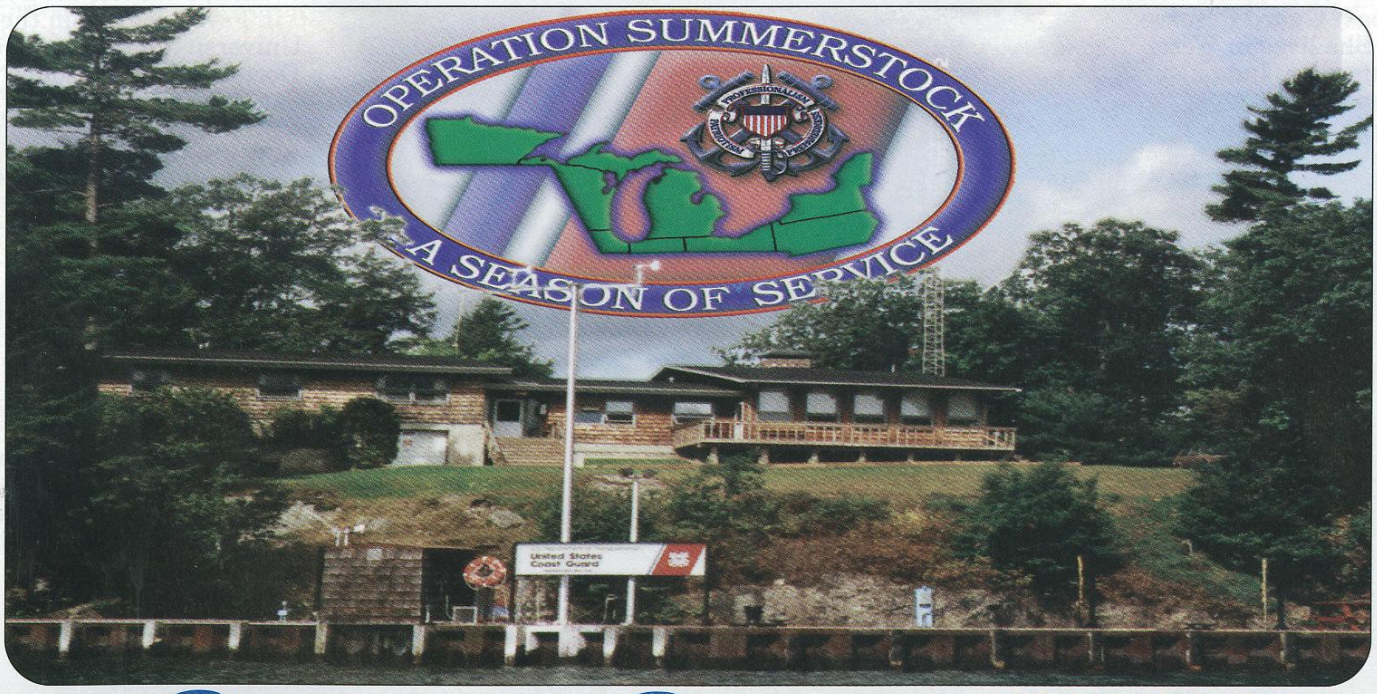

SUMMERSTOCK 1999

Living Legend

STORY BY YN2 SUSAN SHANAHAN, USCGR

I believe it was no coincidence that Dorothy Stratton was born on the heels of a new century and in March — the month in which we celebrate women's history. She was indeed one of the first pioneers for Coast Guard women; one who helped pave roads that many of us today are still trying to complete. For those of us who sometimes encounter barriers in the road toward future achievement, it often helps if we look back for inspiration, and remember collectively, how it all began.

There are some roads that can actually take you back in time...to a place, a memory, an era when things were different. I traveled that road Feb. 4, and it led me to the residence of CAPT Dorothy Stratton, the first female officer in the Coast Guard Reserve.

She lives in West Lafayette, Ind., a small midwestern city that you would not normally associate with someone who once belonged to a seagoing service. It is 60 miles northwest of Indianapolis — the land is flat farmland and far from any ocean.

My memories collectively are less than 30 years old, yet the woman I am about to meet has 70 years on me. This, of course, is the main reason I've come to visit her. It's not everyday that someone turns 100, but this isn't just someone to me...or to many other people.

In the Beginning...

Dorothy C. Stratton was born on March 24, 1899 in Brookfield, Mo., daughter of the late Anna Troxler Stratton and the Rev. Richard Stratton, a Baptist preacher. She attended high school at Lamar, Mo. and Blue Rapids, Kan. She then earned a Bachelor of Arts from Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kan.; a Master of Arts in Psychology from the University of Chicago; and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Student Personnel Administration from Columbia University. She was also awarded several honorary degrees.

While working on her advanced degrees, she taught at Brookfield, Mo., Renton, Wash. and San Bernardino, Calif. She then joined the staff of Purdue University as Dean of Women and Associate Professor of Psychology in 1933, becoming a full professor in 1940.

At Purdue, Dr. Stratton had already begun to hone the leadership skills for which she later became famous as Director of the Coast Guard SPARs. She remembers part of her role as Dean of Women was to act as

disciplinarian.

"I tried from the beginning to establish a more positive atmosphere," recalls Stratton.

She did so initially by moving her fourth floor office to the ground floor, in efforts to make it easier for students to visit. At a university where the ratio of men to women was 7:1, Stratton understood that having an open-door policy provided an equally beneficial learning experience for her and her students.

The university was renowned for its agricultural and engineering studies, but did not offer a Bachelor of Arts. Its curriculum largely attracted students interested in scientific studies, so Dr. Stratton adopted a vision to make science more appealing to women, and devised an experimental curriculum for women. The experiment proved successful as undergraduate enrollment of women at Purdue increased from 600 to over 1,400. She also managed the construction of three new residence halls and an employment placement center for women. With Helen B. Schleman, a colleague at Purdue who would later become a commander and Assistant Director of the SPARs, Dr. Stratton co-authored an undergraduate social usages book titled *Your Best Foot Forward*.

With these successes at Purdue already behind her, the black cloud of World War II loomed ahead. Like many veterans of World War II, she felt an urgent need to serve her country. So in June 1942, she took a leave of absence from Purdue and joined the Women Appointed Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), otherwise known as the Naval Women's Reserve. She received her commission in the Navy as a lieutenant after completing the first WAVE indoctrination class at U.S. Naval Training Station at Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

While serving as Assistant to the Commanding Officer of the Radio School for WAVES in Madison, Wis., LT Stratton received a telegram to come to Washington, D.C. On Nov. 23, 1942, the president signed an amendment to Public Law 773, thereby establishing the Coast Guard Women's Reserve. Newly promoted LCDR Stratton was sworn in as its director just a few hours later, simultaneously becoming the first woman officer accepted for service in the history of the Coast Guard.

She immediately took to the task of creating another first. In a November 1942 memo to wartime Coast Guard Commandant ADM Russell R. Waesche, Stratton wrote:

> *The motto of the Coast Guard is "Semper Paratus — Always Ready." The initials of this motto are, of course, SPAR. Why not call the members of the Women's Reserve SPARs?....As I understand it, a spar is often a supporting beam and that is what we hope each member of the Women's Reserve will be.... I like SPARs because it really has meaning."*

Stratton's choice title for women in the Coast Guard was in every way appropriate. The Coast Guard was well aware that no ship can function without its support, and indeed the Coast Guard might not have succeeded in its war effort had it

Photo courtesy of CWO 4 Betty Splaine, CG SPAR

Celebrating the 46th SPAR birthday in St. Louis in 1988 are CAPT Helen Schleman, left, Stratton, center, and Betty Waesche, right.

not been for the dedication of all of its SPARs.

Promotions came quickly for LCDR Stratton. She was promoted to commander on Jan. 1, 1944, and to the rank of captain one month later. During the war, her only brother, the late Capt. Richard C. Stratton, served in the Medical Corps Reserve of the U.S. Army.

Still "Semper Paratus Always Ready!"

Today, CAPT Stratton has good reason to brag of her many accomplishments, including making it to the age of 100. Yet bragging is the one thing she doesn't do. Her intelligence, grace, wit, and most of all, humility, are striking. I am wandering the halls of her residence building trying to find the world's first SPAR officer, and it is she who finds me.

CAPT Stratton is walking toward me, and she is neatly dressed in a cream silk blouse, black and white checkered trousers, and azure blue blazer. Though she uses a cane to help her walk, it is only the slightest of aid. Her shoulders and small frame stand upright as she moves her slim figure with an ease akin to Ginger Rogers. Her soft eyes and face are framed by a modest and recently coifed hairdo because she just came from a hair appointment. The captain recognizes me immediately since I am in uniform. She smiles and extends her hand with a warm hello as I introduce myself.

CAPT Stratton guides me to her room, marked by her nameplate on the door. There are no "I love me" pictures or trophies or anything of the like in view. There is merely a bed, a dresser, some bookshelves, a few chairs, and two small tables. We sit down in the chairs near her solitary window.

I ask the captain if she has read the ten or so questions I sent to her. I am immediately taken by the fact that she appears more organized than I. Slightly intimidated, I am glad that I did my homework in reviewing her biography.

She seems more inclined to ask about me than to talk about herself. But it's not long before I move to an easy and obvious question — a question that you might ask anyone who is about to turn 100 years old.

"What's your secret to longevity?" I ask.

She replies with the same simple answer that my great Aunt Ruth once gave me at her 100th birthday party.

"I don't know," she says.

OK, so I asked her what prompted her to join the Naval Reserve and take a leave of absence from Purdue?

"Lilian Gilbreath," she replies, and asks if I had heard of her.

I confess that I hadn't. She explains that Dr. Gilbreath was a very influential woman as professor of Engineering at Purdue. It was she who encouraged Stratton to consider serving her country via the military, but in the case of Dorothy Stratton, as was the case for many WWII veterans, little encouragement was needed.

"I was willing to do whatever I could to serve my country," she recalls.

At that time, another woman trustee at Purdue said, "Dorothy, you can't afford to do this."

To which Stratton replied, "I can't afford not to."

Always Interested in the Future...

Because of her good humored friendliness and reputation as a "talented raconteur," Stratton easily earned the affections and admirations of all who knew her. So, I asked her to recall a lighthearted moment from her time in the Coast Guard Reserve.

She obliges, remembering her attendance at a formal dinner with several other female dignitaries. CAPT Stratton had been asked to speak but during introductions, the emcee made a humorous and memorable folly. Chuckling, she recalls how the introductory speaker tried to explain the definition of the word SPAR and its translation as the motto for the Coast Guard Women's Reserve. Mistakenly, the emcee repeated the motto as "Seldom prepared, always ready!"

When CAPT Stratton completed her service to the Coast Guard in January 1946, then Commandant ADM Joseph F. Farley awarded her the Legion of Merit. The accompanying citation, signed by then Secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal includes the following comments:

"A brilliant organizer and administrator, CAPT Stratton demonstrated a keen understanding of the abilities of women and the tasks suited to their performance....under her inspiring leadership, the organization expanded to include approximately 1,000 officers and 10,000 enlisted women assigned to shore billets at the peak of the Coast Guard war program."

Upon receiving her award, CAPT Stratton replied:

"I am glad this medal is called the Legion of Merit, for it is to the Legion that it is awarded, the Legion of 11,000 who volunteered to do a wartime job. As representative of the Legion of SPARs, I am happy to accept this award and to say how much we have appreciated the opportunity to serve in the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard utilized the highest percentage of women of any of the services. This is adequate testimony to the adaptability of the Coast Guard, and to the ability of the women who entered its service. We have liked serving in the Coast Guard and we shall always be interested in its future."

Though her brilliant career as Director of SPARs ended in 1946, it certainly didn't mean the end of her service to America. She served as the Director of Personnel for the International Monetary Fund from 1946-50, and then as National Executive Director of

the Girl Scouts of America from 1950-60. She is still a member of the National Association of Deans of Women, American Association of University Women, Business and Professional Women's Club, National Education Association, American Association for the Advancement of Science and an associate member of the American Psychological Association.

Even though the Coast Guard has changed dramatically since the era of World War II, milestone makers like CAPT Stratton bid us to recall some of the positive things that have not changed. The Coast Guard still continues to utilize women to their utmost capabilities. Despite the many changes in the Coast Guard between CAPT Stratton's time of service and mine, one timeless common bond remains — we are both proud to have served in the Coast Guard, and, as CAPT Stratton noted in 1946, "we shall always be interested in its future."

For the women who are serving in the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve today, and for those who are considering service to the Coast Guard in the future, CAPT Stratton sends her best wishes. She is grateful to have served the Coast Guard as the first Director of its Women's Reserve and is the last survivor of the original women's directors from World War II.

As a Coast Guard Reservist, I am thankful for her.

As our interview comes to a close, I find that I have a few more things in common with CAPT Stratton. I now know that we also share a love for reading (she just finished a large book on Charles Lindbergh) and a fondness for chocolate ice cream. So I hope that on or around March 24, CAPT Stratton will have the chance to enjoy some birthday cake with plenty of chocolate ice cream.

Happy 100th birthday CAPT Stratton! Thank you for your dedication, service, legacy to women, and to the Coast Guard and its Reserve.

Photo courtesy of CAPT Jeanne Gleason, CG SPAR

CAPT Stratton, center, cuts a SPAR birthday cake aboard the CGC Unimak during the November 1967 SPAR 25th reunion. Assisting are RADM Russell R. Waesche, Jr., left, and CDR Herb Hartlove, right.

BIRTHDAY WISHES
FROM AROUND THE WORLD

"As you celebrate your birthday, know that the men and women of Team Coast Guard salute you and wish you continued health and happiness in the coming year." *— ADM James M. Loy, Commandant, USCG*

"Your contribution to our Coast Guard will always be remembered." *— ADM Paul A. Yost,Jr., Former Commandant, USCG (1986-90)*

"Over the years, I have had the pleasure of knowing and serving with a host of women who were your SPARs. What a legacy you gave us...reaching the century mark is certainly special and I heartily congratulate you." *— ADM James S. Gracey, Former Commandant, USCG (1982-86)*

"You are indeed an inspiration to us all. It is quite an honor to help share in your celebration...." *— VADM Timothy W. Josiah, USCG, Chief of Staff*

"Have a most wonderful celebration. You most certainly deserve it. We wish you many more birthdays and the very best health." *— RADM F.L. Ames, USCG HQ*

"Your exemplary service to the Coast Guard and our nation shines as inspiration to all of us. From everyone in the Reserve community, Bravo Zulu and happy 100th! *— RADM Tom Barrett, USCG, Director of Reserve & Training*

"Do you really know what a remarkable job you really did?" *— CAPT William I. Norton, USCGR (Ret.), Frankfurt, Germany*

"A big thank you for pioneering the way for us!" *— MCPO Marian C. Bayus, USCGR, MSO Philadelphia*

"What wonderful news when I heard that you will be celebrating your 100th birthday! I am glad to be part of your celebration, even though it is from afar." *— SK1 T. Vincent Jang, USCGR, Group San Francisco, Calif.*

"Aloha and Hauoli La Hanau." *— LCDR Jack Laufer, USCGR, D14, Hawaii*

"I'm proud to be maritime woman! Thanks for helping to make it possible. *— LTJG Amy Long, USCGR, CGHQ*

"You are defying the actuarial tables established for the Coast Guard retiree pension system. God bless you!" *— LCDR John E. Engelberger, USCGR(Ret.), Morrisville, Pa.*

"I was once told that to live long I needed to do three things: live simply, expect little, and give much. Congratulations on mastering all three and thank you for being such a positive influence on a Service we both love. *— CDR William J. Diehl, USCG, MSO Detroit, Mich.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 1999

• **USCG MUTUAL ASSISTANCE CAMPAIGN** — 1999 campaign is running through April 30th. See the back cover for more information.
• **COAST GUARD BAND CONCERT** — March 28, 7:30 p.m., CG Academy's Leamy Hall Auditorium, New London, Conn. Free admission. No tickets required. 860-701-6825. Band web address: *www.cga.edu/band/*

APRIL 1999

• **CHIEF WARRANT OFFICERS ASSOC. ANNUAL MEETING** — April 15-17. Site is Delta Orlando Resort, 5715 Major Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819-7988. Contact: CWOA, c/o James Creek Marina, 200 V St. SW, Washington, D.C.29924. 1-800-792-8447 or 202-554-7753. FAX: 202-484-0641. E-mail: *CWOAUSCG@aol.com*

MAY 1999

• **NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK** — May 22-28. Campaign kits are available from the National Safe Boating Council, P.O. Box 1058, Delaware, OH 43015. 740-666-3009. FAX: 740-666-3010. Website: *www.safeboatingcouncil.org*

JUNE 1999

• **COAST GUARD GOLF TOURNAMENT** — June 2-5 at Wintergreen Resort, Wintergreen, Va. Open to all Coast Guard personnel. Reservations are first-come, first served basis. Deadline is March 31. Contact Dr. Mike Parnarouskis, 202-267-0086 or CAPT Thomas Taylor, 202-267-2321.
• **ROA SUMMER CONVENTION** — At the Marriott in Anaheim, Calif., June 23-26, Contact ROA, 1 Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. 202-479-2200. FAX: 202-479-0416. Web: *www.roa.org*

JULY 1999

• **CGC SUMAC DECOMMISSIONING** — Friday, July 9, in St. Louis, Mo. The 54-year-old Sumac (WLR-311) is the oldest river tender, and has been homeported at eight different sites during its tour of service. An open house will kick off festivities at 3 p.m. The formal decommissioning ceremony will be held at the foot of the Gateway Arch starting at 6 p.m. Former crewmembers are invited to attend. For additional info., contact LT Ed Lutsky, 314-282-0229 or BMCM Robert Hunsaker, OIC, at 314-481-6793.
• **COAST GUARD FESTIVAL** — 75th annual! July 30-Aug. 8. Parade and fireworks on Aug. 7. Entire CG family 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 address is: *http://www.grandhaven.com/uscgfest*

AUGUST 1999

• **COAST GUARD DAY** — Is Wednesday, Aug. 4th. Start planning your big event now!
• **NATIONAL CPOA CONVENTION '99** — Aug. 16-20, Las Vegas, Nev., at Hotel California, 31st annual, contact CPOA, 5520-G Hempstead Way, Springfield, VA 22151-4009. 703-941-0395.

SEPTEMBER 1999

• **MID-SOUTH RIFLE TOURNEY** — At the Memphis, Tenn. Sports Shooting Association range, Sept. 18. Units or individuals wishing to compete should contact the Tournament Committee, P.O. Box 18032, Memphis, TN 38181-0032.
• **COAST WEEKS INTERNATIONAL CLEANUP** — Saturday, Sept. 18; help kick off Coast Weeks by helping clean-up our shorelines. Any unit or group interested should contact their state cleanup coordinator. Contact Center for Marine Conservation at 1-800-CMC-BEACH or 202-429-5609. Website: *www.cmc-ocean.org*

REUNIONS

• **PORT SECURITY REUNION** — Saturday, April 17, 1999 in Port Clinton, Ohio (home of PSU 309). All former PSU members of old PSUs (301, Buffalo; 302, Cleveland; 303, Milwaukee) and all current PSU members (including TRADET members) nationwide are invited (spouses & friends, too). Contact CDR Maureen Harkins, 3657 Simpson's Trace, Maineville, OH 45039, 513-683-3686. E-mail: *MBHarkins@aol.com* or LT Rick DeChant, 216-520-0092. E-mail: *RDechant@prpartners.com*
• **LCT FLOTILLAS of WWII** — ETO & PTO 16th, April 29-May 1, 1999, in Denver. Contact: Bud Farmer, 1312 Cheshire Dr., Nashville, TN 37207. 615-865-0579.
• **CGC CAMPBELL (W-32 & W909)** — May 19-22, 14th Annual, at Sheraton Inn Airport, Warwick, R.I. Contact Dave Blum, Pres., 8341 Sands Point Blvd., Tamarac, FL 33321. Phone 954-722-8161.
• **CGC EASTWIND (WAGB 279)** — May 28-31, 1999, at Ramada Inn Boston. Contact: Earl Ellis, Jr., 37-C Jefferson Drive, Maple Shade, NJ 08052. 609-304-4761; FAX: 609-234-2592. E-mail: *eellis@voicenet.com* or Allan Brier, 238 Lincoln St., Berkeley Hts, NJ 07922. 908-464-1437.
• **CGC BURTON ISLAND (WAGB 283)** — May 31-June 4, 1999, 3rd annual, Louisville, Ky. Contact: Greg Reel, 816-454-7991. E-mail: *greel@discoverynet.com* Burton Island Web: *http://www.discoverynet.com/~greel/*
• **USS BAYFIELD (APA-33)** — Oct. 8-12, 1999, in San Antonio, Texas. Contact George Sargent, 8861 South 3rd Street, Franklin, WI 53132-9193. 414-761-0829. E-mail: *BFSLR1.aol.com*

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IN BRIEF

• **CPO ACADEMY RESERVE COURSE CHANGES** — Due to the increase of active duty advancements to E-7, the CPO Academy Reserve course convening date has been changed from the previously announced 18 July 1999. Also, two Reserve courses will be offered and both will be held at CPO Academy East at New London, Conn., not TRACEN Petaluma as previously announced in the November 1998 issue. The new course dates are: 21 Aug. - 2 Sept. and 12 Sept. -23 Sept. All newly advanced E-7s will attend and remaining chiefs on the CPO Academy waiting list will also attend. Please call YNCS Alex Keenan at 202-267-2441 to reserve a seat. E-mail: *akeenan@comdt.uscg.mil*

• **PERFORMANCE QUALS** — For DC, MK, PS, QM, RD, SK and YN are now on the web at: *www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wt/g-wtt/g-wtt-2/trapol/quals.htm*

• **SUMMERSTOCK 99** — Made your plans for this summer? Why not check out Summerstock: Great Lakes & Great Training! See story on pages 10-11.

• **OFFICER CAREER DEVELOPMENT GUIDEBOOK** — Has been published on the web at: *www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wt/g-wtl/ocgb/index.htm*

• **DEADLINE FOR *RESERVIST MAGAZINE*** — Submissions are always welcome, including your personal awards and stories! Deadline is always the first day one month prior to publication date. For example, deadline for the May 1999 issue is Thursday, April 1, 1999. Address is on page 3.

• **WWII RESEARCHER** — Seeks information from Coasties who were members of USCG Reserve "Temporary" in World War II, including personal stories, documents and photos. Contact John T. Lincoln, 05NR Historian, 1309 Emerson Ave., N. Cape May, NJ 08204-2108. 609-886-6364 (after 4 p.m.).

• **DOD MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM WEB SITE** — The new website address is: *www.tricare.osd.mil*

Front & Center

Medals and Awards

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL
CAPT David V. Edling, HDC110
LCDR Bill Edgar, HQ*
BM3 Scott Lilley, Station Manasquan Inlet, N.J.

JOINT SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
CDR William J. Van Orden, USTRANSCOM
CDR William C. Hansen, USTRANSCOM
CDR Steven Ohms, USTRANSCOM
CDR Timothy M. Butler, USTRANSCOM
LCDR Donald M. Hughes, USTRANSCOM
PSCM Louis E. Hoskins, USTRANSCOM
YNCS James B. Davidson, US SOUTHERN COMMAND
SKC Bernard W. Steele, USTRANSCOM
YN1 Mary Adams, USTRANSCOM
YN1 Linda Kentch, USTRANSCOM

COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
CAPT Claudio Azzaro, MSO San Francisco
LCDR Jeffrey Saine, MSO San Francisco
PSC Andrew C. Aguilar, MSO San Francisco
PS1 James M. Edwards, MSO San Francisco

COMMANDANT'S LETTER OF COMMENDATION
LT Michael B. Bee, MSO San Francisco
LT Kenneth Hines, USTRANSCOM
QM1 Gary A. Durham, MSO San Francisco
PS1 Michael D. Holmes, MSO San Francisco

CG MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION
PSC Andrew C. Aguilar, MSO San Francisco
PS1 Merlin E. Nygren, MSO San Francisco

MILITARY OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL
CDR William C. Hansen, USTRANSCOM
CDR Steven Ohms, USTRANSCOM
CDR Lawrence A. Gass, USTRANSCOM
LCDR Bill Edgar, HQ*
** Award received while at HQ, now serving in D13*

Taps

■ **LCDR Frank Cabral**, USCGR(Ret.), 68, of Portsmouth, R.I., passed away Dec. 5, 1998. Born April 12, 1930, he was a computer operator at a Navy Supply Depot in Newport before his retirement in 1988. He served 35 years in the Coast Guard Reserve, including the Korean War. In 1982, he served as a military attache to Sen. Claiborne Pell. He was a member and former vice commodore of Tiverton Yacht Club. Survivors include his wife, Maureen (Quinn); son, David of Nashua, N.H.; daughter, Lorri Barrett of Chesapeake, Va.; two brothers, John of Fall River, Mass. and Arthur Cabral of Florida; a sister, Louise Cahoon of Governeur, N.Y.; and seven grandchildren. A graveside service was held on Dec. 9 at Trinity Cemetery, Portsmouth, with military honors. Donations in his memory may be made to the Portsmouth Ambulance Fund, 2300 East Main Road, Portsmouth, R.I. 02871.

■ **PSCS Mark C. Yost**, USCGR, 38, of Huntington Beach, Calif., passed away Jan. 29, 1999 at Orange Coast Medical Center, due to an embolism following tonsillectomy surgery. Born in St. Louis, Mo., he was a special agent with the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Huntington Beach. He joined the Coast Guard Reserve in 1978, served one season of Summerstock at Station Harbor Beach, Mich., four years active duty at MSO Louisville, Ky., and was assigned to the Investigation Department of MSO San Diego at the time of his passing. He is survived by his wife, Miriam of Huntington Beach; a son, Daniel; parents, Katherine and Charles Yost of San Diego; sister, Christine Czyzewski of Atlanta, Ga.; and brother, Matthew of San Antonio, Texas. A memorial service was held Feb. 6 at Activities San Diego with a large contingent from Team Coast Guard and INS in attendance. Following eulogies, a bagpiper played *Amazing Grace,* the colors were presented and an honor platoon fired a 21-gun salute. PSCS Yost's remains were committed to the sea from *CGC Point Hobart*.

Retirements

JANUARY 1999
CWO3 Gilman H. Rogers, D8
MKC Gary M. Koceja, D9

FEBRUARY 1999
CDR Ronald E. Elliott, D7
LCDR Alan L. Wentzell, D7
CWO4 Ronald A. Sylvia, D11
BM1 John A. Heber, D8

MARCH 1999
CAPT Patrick J. Heifferon, D7
CAPT Samuel R. Volpentest, D13*
CDR Ronald D. Biller, D1*
LCDR Harvey B. Firestone, D9*
LCDR Herbert E. Ireland, D7*
LCDR Bruce A. Scharen, D13*
LT Richard R. Parks, D7*
PSCM Michael Hennessy, D1*
PSCS John F. McGovern, D7*
IVCS Michael R. Pretzer, D11*
MKCS Joseph E. Shortino, D9*
MKC Darryl A. Robertson, D7
MKC Victor R. Straubinger, D9*
PSC John M. Albert, D8*
PSC Lowell R. Porter, D8*
PS1 Dieter Buerger, D7*
PS1 Quentin E. Tabscott, D5*
IV1 Leroy E. Prior, D1*
EM1 Stephan E. Trebaol, D11
SK1 Eloy Davila, D8*
YN1 Ronnie T. Sauger, D9*
YN1 Lizabeth V. Valencia, D7
** RET-1 (Retired With Pay)*
*All others without * are RET-2 (Retired Awaiting Pay)*
Source: HRSIC (ras)

FORCE UPDATE

Things here at Headquarters continue at their normally hectic pace. The following are updates since my last column in January:

• **Military Support Organizations:** Due to a lot of hard work done behind the scenes by various military support organizations, the 1999 Defense Appropriations Bill started our year off with a 3.6 percent pay raise and 24 commissary days. Unlike your civilian employers, the Commandant is barred from negotiating a raise or change in benefits. This is done via congressional representatives of these organizations. They work for you. Please take the time to review the list of these organizations (The Military Coalition) which will be included in the *Coast Guard Reserve Yellow Pages* in a future issue. Please consider giving one or more your support.

• **Getting Closer to 8,000:** We have crossed the 7,600 barrier and are closing in on 8,000. At the end of February, we stood at 7,658. Great job! Keep up your recruiting efforts.

• **Y2K and You:** I know you all have read and heard numerous reports about the Y2K or the Year 2000 computer problem. Have you thought of how it will affect you and your family? Computer chips are in just about everything we have from your refrigerator to the family car. Are you prepared to survive for a week without power or being able to get food? Do you have a water supply stored? I don't want to cause panic but ***now*** is the time to think of preparedness.

• **Qualification Sheets Are On-Line:** ***MCPO Dave Johnson*** has put the qualifications sheets for DC, MK, PS, QM, RD, SK and YN on the Reserve website (*www.uscg.mil/reserve*). For those of you with computers or who have access to computers, this means that you can pull down the quals at any time. It also means that they can easily be updated. However, you will still be able to get them the old fashion way in hard copy form via your Integrated Support Commands or units.

• **Congratulations:** ***PS1 William Garland*** of MSO San Diego has had a great year so far. He is number one on the PSS Warrant Officer List and is also the Reserve winner for the GEICO Military Achievement Award for Outstanding Service in the are of Fire Prevention and Fire Safety (see page 7). The Reserve Award is given to only *one* person from the seven Reserve Components. This is a great honor for PS1 Garland and the Coast Guard. Bravo Zulu! Also, congratulations to all of those who took the service wide examination and made the cut.

• **Personal Responsibility:** In the past few months, I have been involved with a growing number of complaints from reservists not informed or misinformed of the limitations to the various contracts they had signed. This covered the gambit from Extended Active Duty (EAD) contracts to re-enlistment bonuses. You wouldn't buy a house or a car without reading the fine print so please ensure you know what you're getting into before you sign a legal document with the Coast Guard.

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• **A Somber Note:** I was saddened to read that PSC Mark Yost of MSO San Diego had died from complications of a tonsillectomy operation on Jan. 29, 1999 at a civilian hospital (see "Taps," page 18). I wish to convey to his family our sincere condolences from the whole Coast Guard family. Chief Yost was posthumously promoted to senior chief as he was above the cut for PSCS at the time of his death.

• **Beneficiaries:** We are all required to check our records once a year to make sure they are correct. One important area to check is ***who*** are the beneficiaries on your various insurance policies (SGLI, Disability Insurance, etc). If you have had a change in your status; ie, marriage, divorce, birth of a child, etc. make sure your records reflect what you want. DO IT NOW!

• **Happy Birthday:** My sincere best wishes and birthday greetings to ***CAPT Dorothy Stratton***, USCGR(Ret.) on her 100th birthday. She was the first Director of the Coast Guard SPARs (Women's Reserve). Many happy returns from your Coast Guard Reserve family.

In closing, I wanted to share with you that I constantly hear great things about the Reserve Component as I travel around to various units. This is a tribute to the great job you all do day after day. This is indeed an exciting time to be a member of the Coast Guard Reserve.

By MCPO George P. Ingraham, USCGR
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