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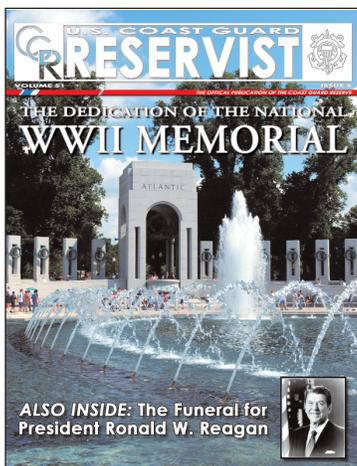
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THE DEDICATION OF THE NATIONAL WWII MEMORIAL



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President Ronald W. Reagan**





The New World War II Memorial

My wife and I went out to dinner April 29 with some folks from out of town. They were excited to be visiting Washington, D.C.

“We don’t live here, but we know there’s something we’ve done in D.C. that you haven’t done yet,” they said.

They were referring to the new World War II Memorial on the National Mall. They continued, “You *have* to visit today so you can say you visited on opening day.” Due to their prompting, we did visit opening night. We were not disappointed — the memorial is a great addition to, and truly enhances the National Mall.

The day before the dedication, May 28, I walked slowly through the memorial. The twin pavilions, fountains, the 56 columns representing each state, territory, and District of Columbia, the inscribed quotes, the 24 sculpture panels, the Freedom Wall — all so well done — and so expansive, symbolic of a great nation, great undertaking and “greatest generation.”

May 29 was dedication day. Dozens of Coasties served as escorts for our World War II veterans who filed onto buses at the Pentagon and RFK Stadium. Many of the veterans were in wheelchairs, but all were in good spirits, and the weather was glorious.

The four-day celebration surrounding the dedication included storytelling, displays, and concerts. The first Memorial Day parade in Washington, D.C. in 60 years added an exclamation point to this festive event May 31. Events commemorating the new memorial will be held all summer long in the nation’s capital. Let me know what you think of the memorial when you visit in the future.

As we were going to press, we learned of the passing of President Ronald Wilson Reagan. This sent Washington, D.C. into a bit of a tizzy the week of June 7-11 planning for the state funeral. As always, the Coast Guard answered the call. From providing a cordon near the U.S. Capitol, marching in the state funeral procession, and serving as escorts, ushers, and drivers, the Coast Guard was well represented as we paid last respects to our nation’s 40th commander in chief (see pages 6-11 for a photo collage).

As I reflect on these recent events and witness a surge of patriotism around the country unmatched since the days just after Sept. 11, 2001, the words of Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address keep echoing in my mind: “...that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

— ED

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D-Day Issue!

I appreciated reading your D-Day article in *The Reservist*, and the follow-up article by LCDR Kevin Brown (May 2004). It was great to read in one place the summary of the various articles you quoted, and Mr. Brown's first-hand experience visiting Normandy.

I'm a retired reservist who was recently assigned as the Coast Guard Liaison to the DoD WWII Anniversary Commemoration Committee. My main job is to research the significant events the Coast Guard and Merchant Marine participated in during WWII, and to make sure our veterans' contributions are recognized and commemorated. It's a big job, but a very important one. Dr. Robert Browning and Mr. Scott Price of the USCG Historian's Office have provided invaluable pictures and information.

I was deployed with the rest of my committee to Normandy for the D-Day commemoration in June. What an opportunity to observe in person our veterans receiving just recognition for the sacrifices they made to preserve our freedom.

I have found several plans to honor WWII veterans which didn't recognize the important role of the Coast Guard and/or the Merchant Marine in those operations. I am doing my best to make sure our role in those events is recognized. If you hear of any, please let me know. Web site is: <http://www.60wwii.mil/>

— LCDR Jack Dunphy, USCGR(Ret.)
Arlington, Va.

Ed's note: Those interested in sharing their stories can contact LCDR Dunphy at: DoD WWII 60th Anniversary, Commemoration Committee, RPN, Suite 5413, 1777 N. Kent St., Arlington, VA 22209; Phone: 703-588-8598 E-mail: Jack.Dunphy@hqda.army.mil

You did a "Yeoman's job" on the May 2004 *Reservist*! Kudos in every department. And my friend Jack Campbell was awesome with the President. It was an honor to have been included in this prestigious publication. Semper Paratus!

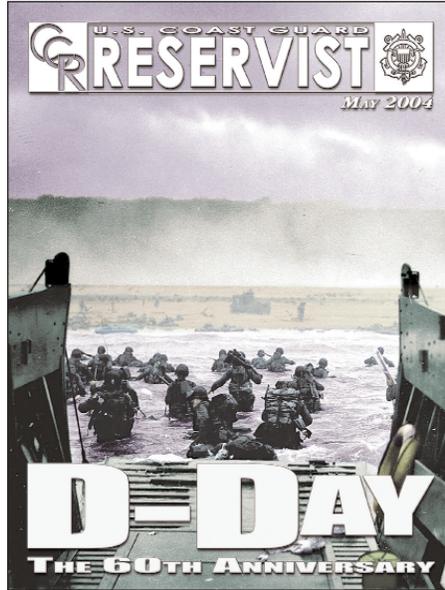
— Marvin J. Perrett
Metairie, La.

That was a nice article on the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association members Jack Campbell and Marvin Perrett (May 2004). LCDR Kevin Brown's photo of our CGCVA plaque at Utah Beach was outstanding. Probably a little known fact was that our late member, CAPT Quentin Walsh, USCG, received the Navy Cross at Normandy when he was in command of a group that captured Fort du Hoc. Semper Paratus.

— Baker Herbert
National Secretary/Treasurer, CGCVA
Westfield Center, Ohio

You and your staff have done it again. Another fantastic issue. The articles and pictures tie each other together. The split picture of one of the beaches on D-Day jumps from the pages and nails the magnitude of the operations.

— PSC Mike Keane, USCGR(Ret.)
Plantation, Fla.



I retired from the Coast Guard Reserve last year. The man in one of the pictures (D-day) in the May *Reservist* is my wife's hospice patient. He is the only man looking to the left in the picture and his name is Bill Caruthers (see photo opposite page). I met him and he had a remarkable career. I assume the person who took the picture was in the Coast Guard also.

— Brad Robinson, USCGR(Ret.)

Preserve Reserve History

This is in response to CWO David L. Wischemann's letter on page 5 of the May 2004 *Reservist*. The Coast Guard is vitally interested in the adventures, exploits and every experience of the Reserve component. Some time ago, I wrote a short article entitled "Preserve Reserve History." However, due to space limitations and other problems, it was

shortened and lost its impact. Again, I implore all reservists — retired, active or inactive — to write their stories. Include pictures and send them to: The Foundation For Coast Guard History, c/o Coast Guard Museum/Northwest, 1519 Alaska Way, Seattle, WA 98134. I also suggest all reservists join the foundation — apply to the same address.

As a footnote, I commanded the *USS Sandusky* (PF-54) during WWII. Only about five of the enlisted crew had ever been to sea, and only two officers were "regular." You can see how much I admire and appreciate the great Coast Guard Reserve.

— VADM Thomas R. Sargent, III, USCG (Ret.)
Lake San Marcos, Calif.

I wanted to take this opportunity to respond to retired CWO4 Wischemann's letter to the editor in the May issue, in which he related an opinion that the Coast Guard of today has little or no interest in the role that the Coast Guard (specifically reservists) played in the amphibious operations of World War II. To not respond to this impression would be to prove its validity. Simply look at the cover of the edition of *The Reservist* that Mr. Wischemann's letter was published in (D-Day 60th Anniversary). I have spent the better part of my Coast Guard career, and my life, prior to entering the Coast Guard, trying my best to relate this very important part of history to every one I possibly can. It is the duty of all personnel in the service to pass their heritage along to junior members of the Coast Guard, in order to keep the stories alive, and I know for a fact that there are plenty of people in the Coast Guard doing just that. Since I came into the Coast Guard eight years ago, I have simply taken it as part of the job to sit down with junior personnel and relate the stories of the men and women who served all through our history, including WWII, because that type of behavior is what I have experienced since boot camp.

I recently had a conversation with several young members at our station, and explained to them my personal views on the subject. The Coast Guard is the smallest of the services, and because of this, we don't get as much public interest in our history. For example, when one turns on the History Channel, you'll find plenty of historians speaking about the other services, simply because they are better known to the general public. Because of this, the average Coastie of today must take it upon themselves to pass the history along to the next

generations, because, otherwise, who will tell our story? The answer is that we are the ones who will pass the stories along, the stories about the 327s on DE duty, the personnel that served on the LSTs, LCTs, LCIs.

Mr. Wischemann didn't mention the fact that in comparison to its size, the Coast Guard suffered higher casualties in World War One than any other service. We also can't forget the role the Coast Guard played in the Spanish-American War, which was rather predominant. I could list numerous occasions when the Coast Guard served gallantly in our nation's wars, all the way back to the Revenue Cutter Service, but that's not my point. My point is that we do care about our history, and we won't let these stories die. But there is reason for concern when it comes to this topic.

The area Mr. Wischemann should be concerned about is in educating the general public on the important role the Coast Guard has played in our national history. My father retired from the Coast Guard in 1981 after 21 years of service, and our family moved to the Midwest. Growing up in our small town, often our family was the only ones who knew that the Coast Guard is even an armed service. Many people back home have never even heard of the Coast Guard. I recall one year that we attended the local Memorial Day service, and the local VFW had all the colors displayed, except the Coast Guard. My father raised quite a big deal over this, and it has since been corrected. There again is an example of a Coastie sticking up for the ones that have gone before us, and making sure that the heritage is passed on.

So, it is my belief that you needn't be worried that your story is now, and will forever be passed along, Mr. Wischemann. But please tell your stories of what happened in the "Old Guard," because there are plenty of us who would like to hear them.

— BM1 Aaron T. Bretz, USCG
Station Depoe Bay, Newport, Ore.



A Quick 32 Years....

It has been a very quick 32 years since those boot camp days in the fall of 1972. A lot of my fellow reservists out there are probably thinking about the fact that they were not even born at that time. When I notice that Uniform-167 is graduating from Cape May, and I tell people I was a member of Uniform-19, it sounds even farther back.

The world has changed a lot in all those years and I have

always been proud to be a Coastie. Several members of my extended family have served in other branches of the military. However, there were no other Coast Guardsmen and no one has served as long.

I am happy to say that [Reserve] integration has opened up many new award doors for reservists. I am very proud to receive a CG Achievement Medal, my last personal award. Years ago, when I received the first Letter of Commendation I had ever seen being given to a reservist, I was amazed. Things have come a long way since then. The integration of forces at MSO Boston has worked out extremely well. Since 9/11 and through multiple activation periods, we have all acted as one team. I applaud my unit officers and my crew for making this happen.

I am wondering if there was any way to find out if there are any other members of Recruit Company Uniform-19 still in the active Reserve program. If so, I'd love to get an e-mail (kfoley@msoboston.uscg.mil)

— MCPO Kenan Foley, USCGR
Milton, Mass.

Ed's note: Reservists are reminded that the magazine does not receive a comprehensive list of awards from any one source. Reservists who would like to see their award published should send a copy of their citation (e-mail is fine) to the magazine and it will be published when space permits.

The Reservist on Reserve Web site!

Thanks for reminding all of us that the magazine is on the Reserve Web site at least three weeks ahead of snail mail. Keep reminding the rest of the force that your fine publication can be seen in all its glorious color much better and faster on the Web. Thanks for all you do....

— CDR Jack Alberts, USCGR(Ret.)
Mission Viejo, Calif.

Ed's note: Thank you, CDR Alberts. And here's some more good news! As of early June, the 1996-99 issues were restored to the Reserve Web site. They had been pulled off the internet due to server space constraints last year. The magazine made its inaugural appearance on the internet in April 1996. Check it out at: www.uscg.mil/reservist

Capitol Hill Coasties...Continued

I would like to continue the discussion from the last two editions of *The Reservist* on Capitol Hill Coasties. In February, while I was still waiting to be officially hired for my new job, I spent six days with my unit responding to the Ricin incident on Capitol Hill. On March 1, I started work as the Deputy Director of Emergency Management for the United States Capitol Police. You may add me to the list of Capitol Hill Coast Guard Reservists.

— LCDR Scott Linsky, USCGR
Atlantic Strike Team

Ed's note: The talent and diversity of skills reservists bring to the Coast Guard is always amazing and interesting! If you have an interesting civilian job, drop the editor a note. Citizen-Sailors are featured occasionally when space permits.

Corrections

In the April 2004 issue, page 41 under, "Promotions," the last name for LTJG Keedah N. is Ayers, not Zayers. Also, the photo of PSU 313 in the May 2004 issue was submitted by LT Andrew J. Niemann, USCGR, not LT J. Andrew Niemann.

IN MEMORIAM
RONALD WILSON REAGAN 1911 - 2004





CWO Teresa Marshall salutes as the Old Guard of the Army's 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment transports the body of former President Ronald Wilson Reagan on a caisson to the Capitol. (U.S. Navy Photo by JOC(SW/AW) Dave Fliesen)



Members of a joint honor guard escort the caisson bearing former President Ronald Reagan's flag-draped casket as it makes its way down Constitution Avenue during the funeral procession from the White House to the U.S. Capitol. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark Suban)

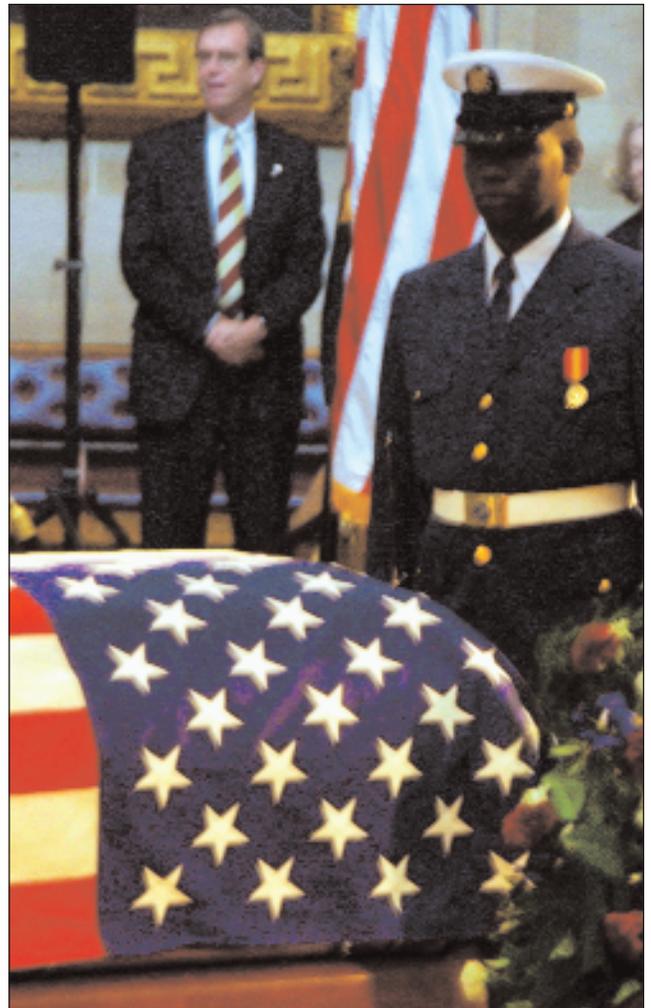


Above: The Coast Guard platoon marches down Constitution Avenue en route the U.S. Capitol during the funeral procession of former President Ronald Reagan.

Left: The caisson carrying the remains of former President Ronald Reagan passes in a funeral procession to the U.S. Capitol in Washington. (USCG photos by Telfair H. Brown, Sr.)



Above: Ceremonial Guardsmen carry the casket of former President Ronald Reagan to Air Force One on the flight line of Naval Base Ventura County, Pt. Mugu, Calif., (U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Arlo K. Abrahamson)



Right: The U.S. Military honor guard stands watch over the casket of former President Ronald Wilson Reagan, inside the Rotunda at the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. (U.S. Army photo by SPC Preston Cheeks)



An honor guard carries the casket of Ronald Reagan up the steps of the Capitol, en route the Rotunda, to lay in state. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sergeant George Sebastian)



Honor Guard members from all branches of service stand guard over former President Ronald Reagan's casket in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda as visitors pass at the public viewing. (USCG photo by Telfair H. Brown, Sr)



Illich Named CGR Recruiter of Year

TAMUNING, Guam — Each year, the Coast Guard recognizes the top recruiters from across the nation, both active and reserve. This year, YNC Thomas R. Illich of Recruiting Office Guam, distinguished himself as the Reserve Recruiter of the Year. Illich's efforts in 2003 resulted in 60 Reserve accessions while assigned to Recruiting Office Mobile, Ala. (an astonishing 275 percent of his assigned mission).

"I love recruiting; it's fun to see a person transform from civilian to military," said Illich. "Recruiting is really a team effort. Without support, no recruiter would be successful."

Recruiting Office Washington was named FY03 Recruiting Office of the Year, while OS1 Isabel Caporale of Recruiting Office Newark, N.J. and ET1 Steven Ramos, Recruiting Office Orlando, Fla., were named Active Duty Recruiters of the Year. OSC Jimmie Hinson of Recruiting Office Boston distinguished himself as the Officer Recruiter of the Year. Selections were announced via ALCOAST 168/04.



Photo courtesy CAPT Dale Rausch, USCGR

CAPT Dale Rausch, Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Marianas Section Guam, left, congratulates YNC Tom Illich of Recruiting Office Guam for being named Reserve Recruiter of the Year.

A New Reserve Admiral!

Coast Guard Commandant ADM Thomas Collins, left, looks on as John Acton is pinned rear admiral by his wife, Jane, and mother, Marcy, right. The frocking ceremony was held May 7 at Headquarters in Washington, D.C.



Photo by LIEG Jae-Won Kwon, USCGR



Photo by Mr. Chris Rose

USAA CGR Scholarship Program

Four \$750 scholarships totaling \$3,000 will be awarded to the winners of this year's United Services Automobile Association USCG Reserve Enlisted Family Scholarship Program for the 2004-05 Academic year. Left to right: Mr. R. Angelo Cleffi, USCG Foundation Director; MCPO Jeff Smith, Reserve Force Master Chief; Mr. Collin Younger, USAA; and Mr. David Guernsey, Jr., USCG Foundation.

Reserve Training Days



FN Yvon Vaughn of Station Charlevoix, Mich. handles a trailer line in a basket hoist training session on Lake Michigan. The helicopter is from Air Station Traverse City, Mich.

Photo by MK2 Eric Seitter, USCGR

MST3 Matt Sherman of MSO Chicago listens as reservist MST2 Ken Brockhouse explains the details of a boom deployment, including proper deployment and possible problems which can occur, during a drill at a steel plant in Hammond, Ind. A team from MSO Chicago helped supervise the drill and made recommendations to plant managers and the deployment team on how to better contain a fuel spill on a waterway.



Photo by PA2 Al Haraf, USCGR

Great Pennsylvania Cleanup

PITTSBURGH — The morning of April 24 found several crewmembers of Marine Safety Office Pittsburgh scrambling up and down a local hillside with some odd items — bowling balls, oil barrels and shoes, in their hands.

A really strange relay race? Not quite.

The crewmembers spent their Saturday working as part of the “Great PA Cleanup,” billed as the most significant and ambitious one-day community cleanup program in Pennsylvania history. It served as a kind of belated Earth Day across the state.

Dressed in long sleeves, gloves and boots, the six members joined other volunteers from local community groups, universities, and businesses to clean up a wooded hillside overlooking Washington Boulevard. Coast Guard members MK1 Robert Brose, BM2 Mike Flynn and YN3 Ryan Southard were quickly assigned the position of team leaders, each in charge of 10-15 other volunteers. After a safety briefing and a few words of thanks from Mayor Tom Murphy, the teams armed themselves with bags and began picking up years of litter from the hillside.

Team members made several passes up and down the steep hill. The first priority was picking up recyclables, then small trash. The third pass was for tires and other large objects. Volunteers at the bottom of the hill sorted the trash and placed it in the appropriate receptacles.

Volunteers had no problem filling their bags with the expected beverage bottles and cans, plastic grocery bags, broken glass and decaying paper. Then there were the larger items: a refrigerator, patio furniture, bowling balls, coolers, bicycles, and even the proverbial kitchen sink.

“Finding a toilet was kind of strange,” said MST3 Tiffany Molinick. “You wonder how some of the stuff ended up there.”

By early afternoon, the volunteers had collected enough garbage to fill a container hoisted on the back of a tractor trailer. The hillside was a little cleaner, all the volunteers were a lot dirtier, but they had accomplished a small part in making their city a little more beautiful.

“I enjoyed helping the community,” said Molinick. “Everyone is part of it, and to help others is to help yourself.”

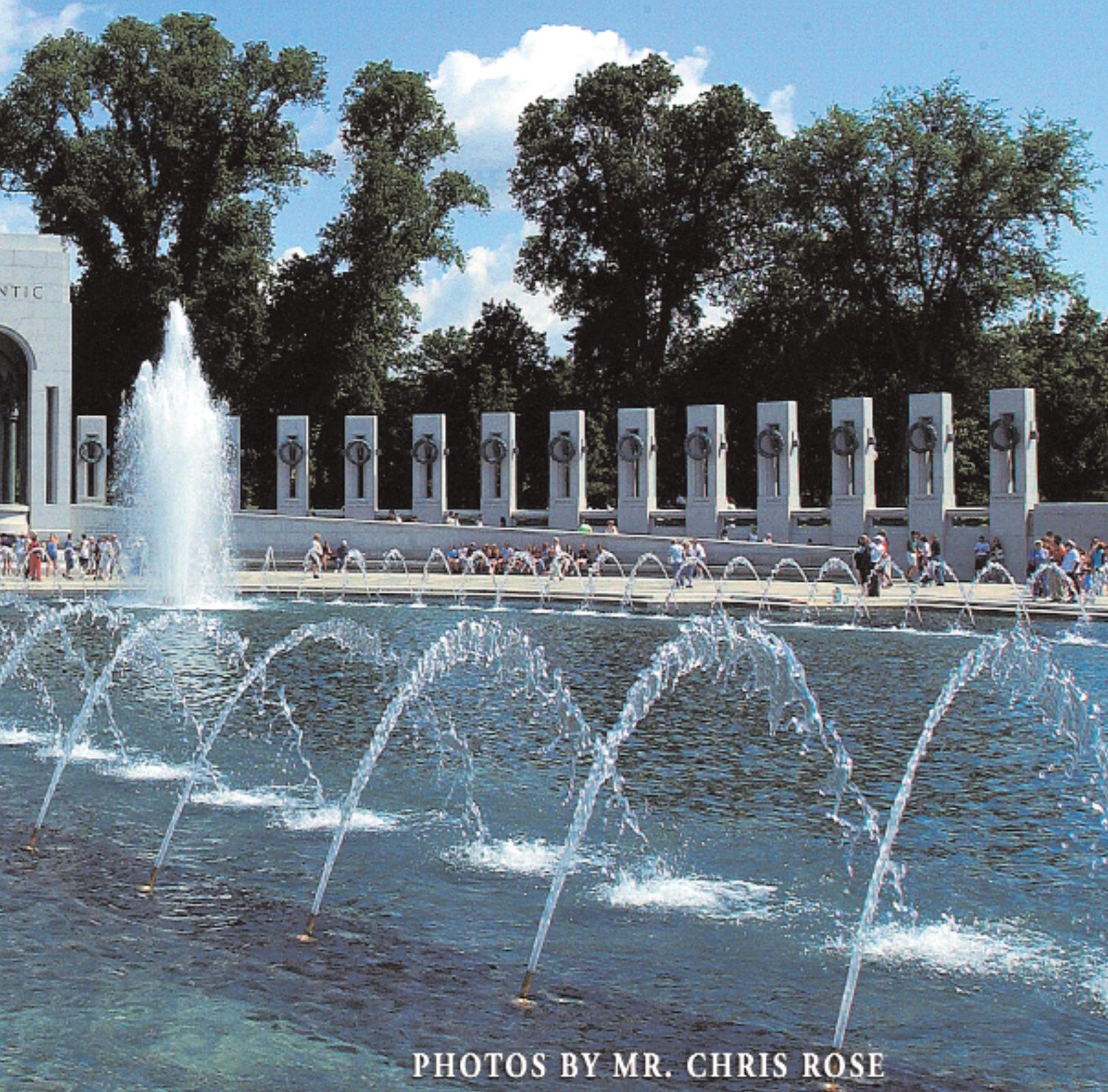


Photo by PA1 Megan Casey, USCGR

MST3 Tiffany Molinick, a reservist on EAD, carries a bag of trash down a hillside during the Great Pennsylvania Cleanup April 24.



THE DEDICATION OF THE NATIONAL WWII MEMORIAL



PHOTOS BY MR. CHRIS ROSE

On April 29, 2004, as a service and tribute to members of the World War II Generation, the National World War II Memorial opened for public viewing. Exactly one month later, on May 29, the memorial was formally dedicated. The World War II Memorial is the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during the Second World War. The memorial, established by the American Battle Monuments Commission, honors all military veterans of the war, the citizens on the home front, the nation at large, and the high moral purpose and idealism that motivated the nation's call to arms. The Second World War is the only 20th-century event commemorated on the Mall's central axis.

Ohio "Fish Fry" Beginnings

A dream that started at a fish fry in a small Ohio township in 1987 came true May 29 on the National Mall when the World War II Memorial was officially dedicated. Ohio Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur was surprised by the question from her constituent, Roger Durbin, who asked why there wasn't a memorial in Washington honoring the men and women who fought in history's largest war. Thinking the Iwo Jima Memorial was the World War II memorial, she was more surprised to learn he was right, before setting out to correct the oversight by introducing legislation to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish such a memorial in the nation's capital.

President Clinton signed Public Law 103-32 May 25, 1993, authorizing the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II and acknowledging the commitment and achievement of the entire nation. The memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S. during the Second World War, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort from home.

Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial is a testament to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people.

The Site

The first step for American Battle Monuments Commission was to select a site. Nine potential sites were considered before the Rainbow Pool site at the east end of the Reflecting Pool was approved as the most appropriate to commemorate the most significant event of the 20th

Century. President Clinton dedicated the site to the World War II generation on Veterans Day 1995.

The memorial sits between the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial — symbols of the 18th century founding and 19th century preservation of the union of states. World War II is the only 20th century event honored with placement on the Mall's symbolic central axis.

In 1996, architect Friedrich St. Florian, of Providence, R.I., was selected from among 406 entrants in a national competition to design the memorial. Leo A. Daly, an international architecture firm, served as the architect/engineer of record and managed the team responsible for designing the memorial.

Also on the design team were sculptor Ray Kaskey, landscape architect James van Sweden, associate architect George Hartman, and stone carver and letterer Nick Benson.

Obtaining approval for a memorial design in Washington, D.C. is often a long and contentious process. The World War II memorial was no exception. St. Florian's design concept was approved by the Commission of Fine Arts, the

National Capital Planning Commission, and the secretary of interior in the summer of 1998. These agencies subsequently approved the preliminary design in 1999, the final architectural design and several ancillary elements in 2000, granite selections in 2001, and sculptures and inscriptions in 2002 and 2003. In all, the memorial was the subject of 30 public hearings over an eight-year period beginning in 1995.



The Design

The principal design feature is a lowered plaza surrounding the Rainbow Pool. Within two 43-foot granite pavilions at the north and south entrances, bronze eagles hold laurels memorializing the victory of the World War II generation, and sculpted WWII victory medals are inlaid on the pavilion floors.

Fifty-six granite pillars represent the 48 states, seven territories and the District of Columbia that comprised the U.S. during the war. To the casual observer, these pillars may appear to be randomly placed within the two semi-circles. However, they are placed in order the states entered the union. Beginning with Delaware on the Pacific side closest to the Freedom Wall, they alternate between Pacific and Atlantic (ie. Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, etc.). Bronze oak and wheat wreaths on each pillar symbolize the industrial and agricultural strength of the nation. A sculpted bronze rope, symbolic of the unprecedented unity of the nation, binds the 17-foot pillars.



“What an honor to be allowed to represent today’s Coast Guard in rendering a salute to the heroes that willingly went forth and accomplished the greatest undertaking the free world has ever known.”

– BM2 Paul Simpson, USCGR

WWII Memorial Day Parade Ceremonial Detail

A field of 4,000 gold stars on a Freedom Wall honors Americans who gave their lives. During the war, a gold star hanging in a window symbolized the loss of a family member in uniform. Waterfalls flanking the field of stars and fountains at the base of the pavilions complement the restored waterworks of the Rainbow Pool. Two-thirds of the 7.4-acre memorial site is devoted to landscaping and water.

Two flagpoles adorned with service seals of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Army Air Forces, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine flank the ceremonial entrance. And along the entrance walls, 24 sculpture panels depict Americans at war on the battlefield and on the home front. Inscriptions within the memorial convey the spirit, sacrifice and achievement of America’s World War II generation.

The memorial is built of bronze and granite from South Carolina, George, North Carolina, California and Brazil. There are 17,000 pieces of granite in the memorial, the heaviest weighing 17 tons.

Funding

The memorial was funded primarily by private donations. The American Battle Monuments commission received more than \$195 million for the memorial: \$16

million from the federal government, \$15 million in earned interest, and \$164 million from a fund-raising campaign that generated support from groups large and small across the nation.

Corporations, foundation, veterans groups, all 50 states and Puerto Rico, civic, professional and fraternal organizations, 1,400 schools, and more than half a million individuals responded generously to national spokesman Tom Hanks’ message that “It’s Time to Say Thank You.”

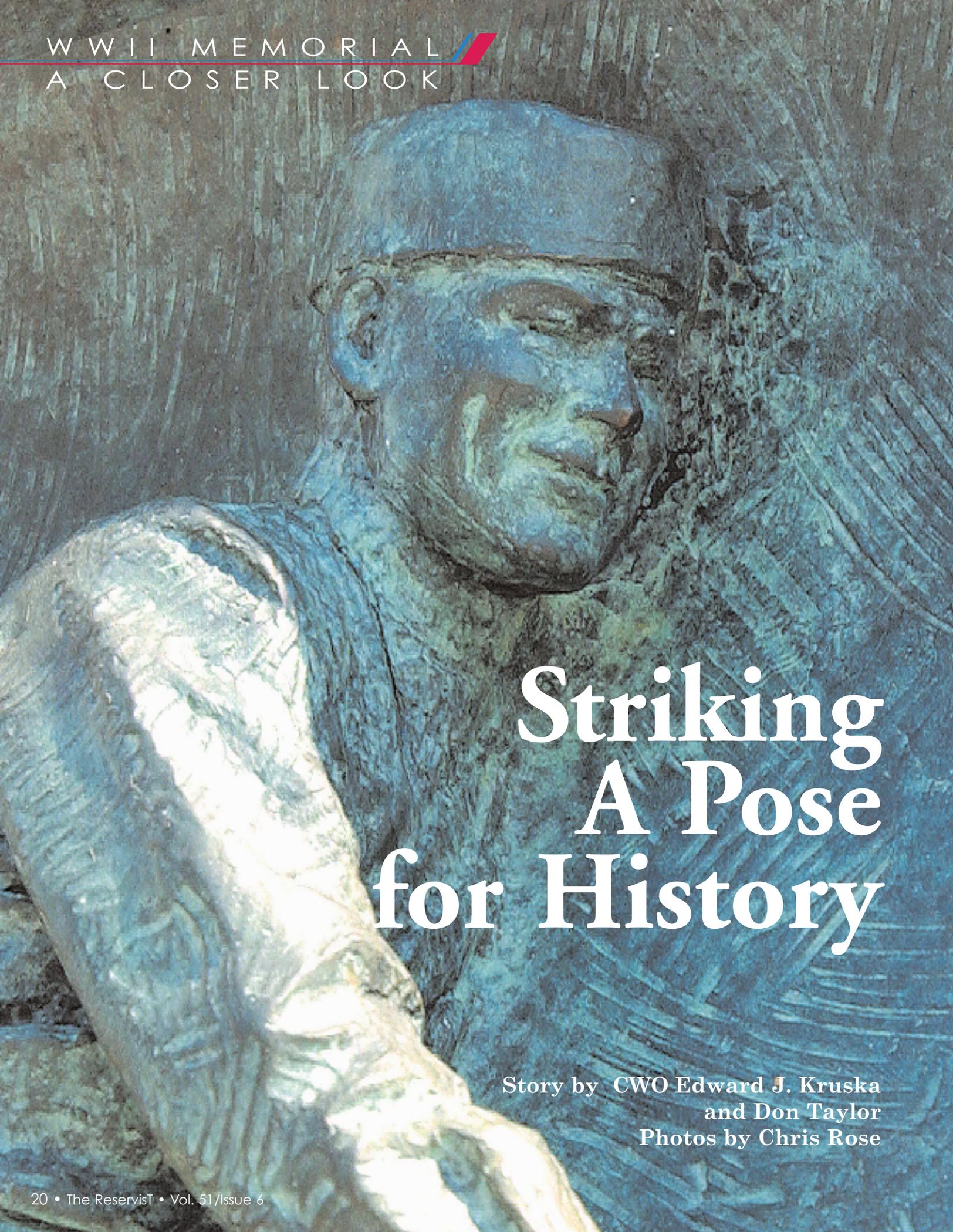
National chairman and former Senator Bob Dole and National Co-Chairman Frederick W. Smith, founder and CEO of Fed Ex Corporation, led the fund-raising campaign. Donations spanned a spectrum from \$14.8 million raised in 3,000 Wal-mart and Sam’s Club stores to the \$195 life savings donated in 1999 by 10-year-old Zane Fayos of Fayetteville, N.Y.

The fund-raising success and approval of the final architectural design in September 2000 cleared the way for a ceremonial groundbreaking on Veterans Day 2000. Construction got underway in September 2001; 31 months later, in late April 2004, the fences came down and the long-awaited memorial welcomed its first visitors.

For the American Battle Monuments Commission, the May 29 dedication ended an 11-year effort; and for America’s World War II generation, it ends a 59-year wait.







Striking A Pose for History

Story by CWO Edward J. Kruska
and Don Taylor
Photos by Chris Rose

The World War II Memorial includes 24 (2.5 by 5-foot) bronze bas-relief friezes — 12 (2.5-dimensional) plaques for each of the two combat theaters of operations. The scenes captured in the bas-reliefs are intended to track the chronological history of America in the war. The sculptures include no written depiction. The first bas-relief in the Pacific Theater section, for example, displays a family huddled around their radio. The concept is that they're listening to FDR declare war on Japan.

Should you visit the memorial, please take a close look at the last of the Atlantic Theater bas-reliefs. It expresses the closing of that theater of operations with a "Meeting at the Elbe" scene. In that scene, four Red Army troops are greeting five G.I.s on a damaged bridge crossing the Elbe River at Torgau.

Should the first of the 18-inch Red Army figures bear a most uncanny resemblance to former Coast Guard Reserve officer Don Taylor, well, it isn't a coincidence.

"I was contacted last fall by artists who said they were commissioned to create these bas-reliefs," said Taylor, a member of a World War II Russian reenactors group called the 193rd Rifle Division of the Workers' and Peasants' Red Army (193 Strelkovaya Diviziya). "They said they might eventually desire one or more models who could provide their own authentic uniforms, weapons, and accouterments to pose as 'Elbe Soviets' for reference photographs upon which to sculpt the bas-relief."

Taylor is frequently approached by folks at events who ask for his contact info for one stated project or another. Almost always, nothing comes of it. So as per usual, Taylor provides his e-mail address and then essentially forgets about it.

"Several months later, however, I was out-of-the-blue contacted and told they needed four folks, including one female, and a few days' hence," said Taylor. "I was told that these four must all appear together without fail at the

appointed time and place in Hyattsville, Md. — an eastern suburb of Washington, D.C. Failure by one model to show would nix the shoot. The scheduled shoot time was about 9 a.m. in the middle of the work week in early-mid December. Under these exigent circumstances, I decided the models should be true-blue, active unit participants, who have a proven track record of reliability, the necessary full, authentic, late-war uniform, weapon, and kit, and live in the local area.

The latter was an important factor because the artists told me they might have to (and almost did) change the date or time with almost no advance notice. We spent about two hours posing at the modest studio."

Taylor adds that while they could have easily ended up on the chiseling-room floor, such was not the case! The "Elbe" bas-relief was not installed until shortly before the dedication ceremony May 29.

"I took a long lunch break and visited the new WWII Memorial recently," added Taylor. "And there we were. I don't think of myself as a narcissist, but I did tarry. I spent quite some time examining and photographing the sculpture, as well as watching and listening to the public's reactions. Many pointed to the sculpture and correctly surmised its meaning. Some also took photos of this bas-relief. On several occasions, I even joined their conversations. I prefaced

my remarks with, 'At the risk of coming across as a nut job, that's actually me up there.' I think most believed me."

Several visitors wanted photos of Taylor standing in front of the bas-relief.

"While it's a pleasure to know the bas-relief will most probably be there long after I am not, I believe I have it in perspective," said Taylor. "I'm merely basking in the reflected glory of the bronze recreation of the actual man who faced down the fascists and at great personal risk defended and liberated his homeland. It was a great honor to assist in honoring him and what he represents."





IWO JIMA: The COAST GUARD Connection

USCG Veteran Provided Stars and Stripes for U.S. Marines

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BOCA RATON, Fla. — In the shadow of Mt. Suribachi, a young quartermaster patrols the deck of LST-758. The year is 1945. Naval guns thunder and the buzz of bullets punctuates the air as a bloody battle rages on Iwo Jima.

“Men were dying by the score. I watched it in utter sadness and terror for them,” said Robert L. Resnick, 82, a Coast Guard veteran and quartermaster on LST-758, beached off the island that historic day. “I thought what a horrible thing is happening. I was an eyewitness to the sad, horrible day. It was a slaughter, a horrible thing right on the beach.”

It was a day that has become the key symbol of the Marine Corps. Resnick was much more than a witness. Shortly after the tide turned in that bloody battle, he provided the stars and stripes and staff that enabled U.S. Marines to plant the American flag on the island, a moment captured on film and relived for generations to come.

Vivid Memories 60 Years Later

Six decades later, the Boca Raton resident vividly recalls the sights and sounds of his historic voyage to Iwo Jima. Ira Hayes, a Native American from Arizona, befriended him. Resnick mimics the rat-tat-tat of staccato gunfire, as he describes the odor of gunfire that fateful day.

“We were scared,” he said, his voice reaching a high pitch as he recounts the mayhem and fear. He recalls the close quarters on his 329-foot LST, a light surface transport ship. “But we didn’t mind, we were committed. Absolutely committed.”

“We were young and impassioned, what can I say?” said Resnick.

Resnick, who started an elastics for children’s wear business 63 years ago, joined the Coast Guard in 1944. A younger brother soon joined the Army.

“We both wanted to do our part,” he said.

A crisp black and white photo on his mantel depicts his innocence and youth circa 1940s (see photo page 25). Resnick sports a wide smile in his dark navy, mounted patrol shore uniform. A darker photo of the volcanic island of Iwo Jima hangs outside his home office. Its pork chop shape shows the overhang of Mt. Suribachi where LST-758 was beached, Feb. 23, 1945. Resnick is also proud of the copy he has of the original invasion plans as penned in October 1944.

Iwo Jima was one of the bloodiest battles of World War II and an American victory that serves as a symbol of the treacherous Pacific conflict. Part of the Volcano Islands, Iwo Jima is about 700 miles south of Tokyo, and the first part of Japan that Allied troops invaded. Americans coveted three airstrips for long-range bombing raids on Tokyo and for the soon-to-come invasion of Okinawa. Mt. Surabachi, a 550-foot inactive volcano at the island’s southern tip, was immortalized when five Marines and a Navy corpsman raised the flag on the fifth day of the raging battle. The iconic photograph shot by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal failed to tell the story of the Coast Guard’s connection. Nevertheless, thanks to Resnick, we now have the rest of the story.

On Iwo Jima, more than 22,000 Japanese soldiers defended the island during the 36-day battle attacked by three Marine divisions.

“Nearly 60 years ago, this spot was filled with agony,” said Resnick, tapping his thin finger on the photo.

“I was a 23-year-old kid born and raised in Bronx, N.Y.,” said Resnick. “No young man raised during the Depression whose thoughts were of basic survival, education and betterment of his life was prepared for this type of carnage. We were never taught to kill, to hate or how to fight. We were only thinking about food, had great



consideration of our friends and our commitments. We were able in those days to enjoy life without the luxuries.”

That fact served him well as he crammed his gear into his hammock with one man above and one below, sailing in cramped quarters with dozens of Marines and other Coasties.

His memories dart back across the decades. He talks of tank turrets jutting over the blackened sands pocked with caves. The island was devoid of foliage, a stark place for a bloody battle.

Marine Requests A Flag

While on watch, Resnick was in charge of the bridge waiting for orders to debark, on the morning of Feb. 23, 1945. Just after 11:15 a.m., a helmeted young Marine with dark sideburns came aboard LST-758. Resnick received the call from the bow and was told a Marine wished to get a flag to raise on the summit of the volcano.

“I said send him up!” said Resnick.

Renee Gagnon, now immortalized by Rosenthal’s image, was the Marine requesting the flag with just a hint of a New England accent in his voice. Resnick recalls climbing the 10-foot steel ladder to the signal bridge. Rummaging around in the wooden bunting box, he worked his way toward the bottom and felt a large flag, still folded. A signalman confronted Resnick.

“He wanted to know on whose authority I was giving the flag away,” Resnick said. Resnick climbed up to the flying bridge, his nose aligned with the heels of the ship’s commanding officer, LT Felix J. Molenda, as he got to the top rung. It was from there he presented his case. Preoccupied with reprimanding a junior officer, the skipper stammered out, “Uh, very well.”

Resnick scampered down the ladder to the Signal Bridge and then back down to the bridge, where he handed the Marine the flag. Gagnon then asked for a 20-30 foot pipe as a substitute. Gagnon headed down to the Tank Deck, where he was given a 21-foot galvanized steel steamfitter’s pipe. It weighed more than 150 pounds, Resnick said. Gagnon slung it over his left shoulder, tucked Resnick’s flag under his right arm, and headed up the volcano as Resnick stood on the deck watching history unfold.

“Renee Gagnon struggled mightily but the sand at the base of the volcano was too soft and Gagnon barely made any headway,” notes Resnick. “Then he dropped the pole and pulled it by its nose. Evidently, he called up to the summit and two other Marines shouldered the pipe and Gagnon carried the flag the rest of the way up.”

Resnick said it was probably a 20-minute journey.

Beached under the precipice of Mt. Surabachi, Resnick’s ship lost track of the men as Mt. Surabachi obstructed their view. As LST-758 began leaving the beach in reverse, Resnick heard, “a tremendous and sudden ovation from every man on the beach.”

“There was a whooping and hollering — a tremendous cheer as the flag went up,” said Resnick. “Every ship tooted its horn,” he said.

“The memory is very clear and compounded by great sentiment and great apprehension as I recall the sites of death,” said Resnick.

Seeing The Famous Photo

Ira Hayes was one of the two Marines that helped shoulder the pipe. Resnick had met Hayes in Saipan about a week prior.

“I thought he was a decent fellow and we talked about

many things,” said Resnick. Three days after the two met, Hayes waited for Resnick as he came off watch at 0800.

“C’mon, I’ll buy ya breakfast,” said Resnick to Hayes. The cook, Willy Howard, came off duty from the galley and the three went down below. Willy had just baked a loaf of bread, which he brought out.

“With great arrogance, a large flour weevil marched out of the bread,” to the disbelief of the trio, said Resnick. “Willy splattered the bug with his moccasin and Ira calmly sliced off a hunk,” says Resnick who recalls the incident with slight disgust. “He told me, you were never raised on a reservation, Bob...I’ll never forget that,” Resnick said.

Hayes was a swarthy, Pima Indian about the same height as Resnick. He was very devoted to his fellow Marines, although Resnick and he became good friends in the week it took to transit the Pacific Ocean toward Iwo Jima. “And as he left the vessel, he gave me his rain poncho. I treasured it for 15 years until my house burned down,” said Resnick.

It wasn’t until months later that he finally saw the AP photograph of Iwo Jima.

“We didn’t have TV, or *The New York Times*, but my father saved the picture to show me,” he said. Resnick was not on the summit the day it was shot, and never had an image in his mind’s eye until he saw the photo.

Four days prior to the flag incident, Resnick sustained a facial wound for what he laughingly calls, “getting shot in the chinstrap.” Taking a sounding, he wore his helmet without buckling it. The strap dangled on the left side of his face when he suddenly felt a tremendous sting on the right side of his face. “I never knew what it was,” said Resnick. “Maj. Wann, a Marine, asked what happened to you? You’re bleeding like a pig.”

Resnick looked down and saw blood all over the life jacket he was ordered to wear while remaining at General Quarters alert.

“I got permission to leave my post and see the Pharmacist’s Mate in Sick Bay,” said Resnick. “He couldn’t staunch the bleeding so he used a styptic pencil and suggested stitches, but initially, I declined.” Eventually, he persuaded Resnick that he was a fine seamstress. The scar remains just inside Resnick’s sideburn and he pats it reassuringly.

“Maj. Wann said, ‘You’re entitled to a Purple Heart, son. You were shot.’ But we were fighting a war; I was busy,” said Resnick, who never filed the paperwork.

Front Seat To History

After the war, Resnick went on to manufacture the hair

for Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls and dresses for the famed Cabbage Patch doll. Gaining unusual perspective, his memories are now framed by his historic feat 60 years ago.

The inspiration that flag gave 70,000 men wasn’t apparent to Resnick until he attended a Fifth Marine Convention in West Palm Beach, Fla. in August 2001.

“I wanted to see if any of the men I remembered would be there,” he said. “War makes for strange bedfellows and we bonded. This is the group that made history,” he said. “They were the most famous Marine division and my ship took them in.”

“Looking back, I had a front seat to the history of this nation,” said Resnick, his voice cracking just a bit. “I am now very proud but I never thought of it that way in those days.”

A former Marine from Texas in his late seventies offered to show Resnick

around the convention. The two struck up a conversation and Resnick told him about the flag. “You’re the guy, he asked? My whole life I’ve been wondering where that flag came from.” Then he called over a group of 35-40 Marines. Word sped through the place. A portly Marine bellowed, “Are you so damn dumb that you mean to tell me, that you don’t realize that you won that battle single-handedly?”

Resnick laughed. He said he was pleased to feel part of the group, leaving word on the bulletin board that he lived in Boca Raton with his phone number. That night, his phone rang at 11:30 p.m. jarring him awake. A Navy corpsman who had tended the 5th Marine Division during the war, was on the other end.

He told me, “I was off the starboard bow of your ship and saw the Marine come out with a pipe on his shoulder and a flag under his arm and I watched him struggle up the mountain,” Resnick said. For decades, Resnick kept his story quiet, unsure of what to

say. A successful businessman, he now frames his life by his involvement in World War II. A father of two and grandfather of three, his own grandson chided him for keeping silent all these years..

“It never occurred to me to seek glory for Bob Resnick,” he said. “But the 779 kept receiving credit for supplying the flag and I wanted to set things right.”

As television anchors and filmmakers call hoping to capture the Coast Guard connection to Iwo Jima, Resnick said he feels very proud. In 2001, the president of the fifth Marine division made Resnick an honorary member.

“It made me feel wonderful. They made me feel like part of the group. As they honored me, a couple of the guys started crying. I cried right along with them,” said Resnick.





TRAINING CENTER CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY

Ed's note: This is the first in a series on USCG training centers. Future issues will feature Training Centers Petaluma and Yorktown.

The United States Coast Guard Training Center at Cape May, N.J. is the home of the Coast Guard enlisted corps, and our nation's only Coast Guard enlisted accession point and recruit training center. Thousands of the finest young men and women in service to the United States of America pass through the gates at Cape May each year.

GOALS AND SCHOOLS:

The training center's goal is to graduate apprentices with the pride, commitment and basic skills to serve the American public in the U.S. Coast Guard. The training center strives to instill in all its people the Coast Guard's Core Values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. In addition to "boot camp," the training center also hosts four other training programs. These include: Recruiter School, Company Commander School, Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination (see sidebar), and the Maritime Academy Reserve Training Program.

A BIT OF CAPE MAY HISTORY:

Prior to falling into the capable hands of the Coast Guard, Cape May belonged first to the Marines, then the Navy. Regardless of who has had "ownership" of Cape May, it has always been used for some type of training. The first Marine Aeronautical Company trained and flew seaplane operations there beginning Oct. 14, 1917. The Navy began using the site as well in December 1917 for seaplanes and "lighter-than-air" dirigible anti-submarine patrols. Called Camp Wissahickon by the Navy, activities continued there until 1922. In 1926, the Coast Guard's second Air Station was founded there (first was at Gloucester, Mass.) to deter rum-runners. It was decommissioned in 1938 but air patrol detachments were maintained at Cape May until 1941. During World War II, the Navy used Cape May for training pilots in aircraft carrier operations. The Coast Guard officially opened its training center May 31, 1948 as "Receiving Center Cape May."

WHAT'S NEW AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

A new E-10 building was dedicated April 2. Attending were six of the nine past and present Master Chief Petty Officers of the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association will dedicate a USCG Vietnam Monument Friday, July 16 at 2 p.m. Sunset parades are slated for Sunday, Aug. 8 and Sunday, Sept. 5 and are open to the public.

Group tours (for veterans or school groups) must be pre-arranged through the Public Affairs Officer, 609-898-6969 or e-mail: wcarson@tracencapemay.uscg.mil

For more information, write:
**USCG Training Center
1 Munro Avenue
Cape May, NJ 08204**

Also, see Cape May's Web site at:
www.uscg.mil/hq/capemay/Index.htm



USCG photo by PAC Patrick Montgomery, USCG

MCPOCG Frank Welch holds a question and answer session with permanent party personnel at Training Center Cape May the day of the E-10 Building Dedication, April 2, 2004.

REBI: NOT YOUR TRADITIONAL BOOT CAMP

The bus pulls up in front of Training Center Cape May's Sexton Hall, and you get your first look at the company commanders who will train you for the next two weeks. If you've been to boot camp before, the "Smokey Bear" covers cause all the memories to come flooding back. The chatter immediately stops, even among the non-prior service members.

The reality is that this is not boot camp in the traditional sense, and the nightmares are for nothing. Reservists who attend the Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination (REBI) course are referred to as recruits because that is what they are; they have been recruited into the Coast Guard Reserve. However, most are direct petty officers and, as such, are treated as the mature professionals they are.

On average, there are 11 companies per year with 28 to 30 men and women per company. Members are formed into Romeo Company and must adhere to the prescribed rules and regulations for the training regiment. All hands are instructed that they do not have to like these requirements but they have to follow them while they are there. Romeo Company members have a stake in reinforcing the training that the non-Romeo recruits receive, and are being watched by those recruits during their entire stay at the training center.

There has been a concerted effort to bring REBI more in line with the recruit-training program. The intent is to expose individuals who may find themselves supervising the new non-rates — to give them the perspective as these new Coast Guard men and women see it. Along with that intent is the desire to set all graduates up for success in the fleet once they leave Cape May. A complete seabag is issued on day one, and uniform appearance and military bearing are stressed

throughout the two weeks. Traditional courses such as rates and ranks, seamanship, Reserve benefits and basic pistol qualification continue to be the core of the program. There is a strong emphasis on meeting the physical fitness requirements for accession into the Coast Guard. As part of this integration, all Romeo companies participate in the formal graduation ceremony along with other graduating recruit companies.

Reservists are being assigned Extended Active Duty (EAD) contracts to fill staff positions within the training regiment. These petty officers and chiefs have the knowledge and experience to answer questions that relate to the Reserve side of the house as well as what the new reservists can expect when they report to their parent commands. Reservists are being solicited to become dedicated company commanders and instructors for the REBI program. Company Commander School is the most difficult training you will receive in the Coast Guard, but also the most rewarding thing you will do for the service. Give serious thought to applying.

There has been and continues to be an evolution in the REBI program. Each of the monthly convenings brings a wealth of talent to the USCG. It is fast paced and demanding, but produces a "Coastie" that is ready to join the ranks of proud and dedicated men and women serving America in the world's premier Coast Guard.

REBI Web Site:

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/capemay/RebiSchool.htm>

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In Brief

• **CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION** —

In April 2004, RADM Robert Papp, former Director of Reserve & Training, signed concurrent clearance on the update to DoD Instruction 7730.54, "Reserve Components Common Personnel Data System (RCCPDS)," which includes a new requirement for all members of the Ready Reserve to provide Civilian Employment Information (CEI). This, however, is not a new requirement for the USCGR. It is already a part of the Annual Screening Questionnaire (ASQ) in Direct Access. The purpose of the CEI initiative is to universally track employment information for the Ready Reserve in all Reserve Components of the Armed Forces. In order to fulfill the CEI tasking, the Coast Guard Reservist simply needs to ensure the occupation tab in the ASQ is completed, reflecting current employment information. The process for entering individual data is relatively simple and will take only a few minutes to complete. Additional specific instructions relating to the CEI will be forthcoming in a future ALCOAST, will be posted to the Reserve Intranet Web site, and will be discussed in a full length article in a future issue of *The Reservist*.



• **ADDITIONAL SPECIAL IDT PAY FOR PSU MEMBERS** —

Effective Oct. 1, 2004, enlisted members assigned to any PSU shall receive additional special IDT pay of \$10 per drill, as authorized by 37 USC 308D. This special pay will be evaluated for continuation each fiscal year. Please see ALCOAST 171/04 for more information.

• **TRICARE WEB SITE** — Interested in finding out what's going on with Reserve component health care? Check out the TRICARE Web site at: www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/

• **RESERVE SERVICEWIDE DEADLINES** —

Wednesday, June 30 was the cutoff for RSWE paperwork, including your End of Course Tests (EOCTs), Enlisted Employee Review (EER) in current rate and rank and Enlisted Performance qualifications (EPQs). The Reserve Servicewide is held on the third Saturday of October (Oct. 16, 2004). For more information, contact YN2 David Lynch, PSC (adv); Phone: 785-339-3400; E-mail: dlynch@hrsic.uscg.mil

• **SMARTFORCE UPDATE** — There is a change in the SmartForce platform as of June 2004. The Coast Guard is moving from the MySmartForce to the SkillPort platform. The plan involves moving all current users from SmartForce to SkillPort. After June 11, you will need to go to <http://uscg.skillport.com> to logon to Skillport as the MySmartForce site will no longer be available. At this

point, your logon ID will be the same (your complete current USCG e-mail address) and the password will be: learning. After logging in for the first time you will need to change your password. At the top of the page after you logon, click on customize, then update your user profile and from here you can



change your password. CG SkillSoft site Web site: <http://cgweb.tcyorktown.uscg.mil/sfweb/>

• **WEEKEND ASSISTANCE FOR RESERVISTS AT PSC** —

Reservists at Personnel Service Center are now "answering the call" one weekend a month to assist and answer questions from reservists nationwide! The weekend schedule for the remainder of 2004 is as follows: July 17-18, Aug. 21-22, Sept. 18-19, Oct. 16-17, Nov. 20-21, Dec. 11-12. Contact PSC at 1-866-772-8724; Web: www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/

• **SALUTE AMERICA'S EMPLOYERS & TROOPS / AMERICA'S CAR** —

Join the drive to gain and maintain active employer support for our guardsmen and reservists. Employer Support of Guard & Reserve (www.esgr.org) is saluting America's employers through a national employer outreach program. You can simultaneously demonstrate your support for the troops by signing banners traveling with America's Car. To allow an opportunity for everyone to participate, you can go to <http://www.esgr.org/americascar/> and sign the banner right on line!

• **USCG CYCLING GEAR** — *The Reservist*

continues to receive requests for information on ordering USCG cycling gear. Contact LT Robert Gardali at rgardali@d11.uscg.mil (Web site: www.uscgcyclinggear.com) or LCDR Bruce Cheney at bcheney@comdt.uscg.mil. This is published as an informational service to our readers and not an endorsement of the products.

• **NAVAL INTELLIGENCE ESSAY CONTEST** —

Aug. 1, 2004 is the deadline for the annual Naval Intelligence Essay Contest. This contest is open to anyone and the winning essay is published in the February issue of *Proceedings* magazine, along with a \$1,000 first prize. Essays should not exceed 3,500 words and may pertain to any subject relating to naval intelligence or intelligence support to naval or maritime forces. Direct entries to: Naval Intelligence Essay Contest, Naval Intelligence Professionals, P.O. Box 9324, McLean, VA 22102-0324. Entries submitted electronically should be sent to navintproessays@aol.com. The Naval Intelligence Professionals select the top three essays. The Naval Institute Editorial Board selects the winning essay. For additional details, go to contests at www.navalinstitute.org.

• **HELP SAVE AN OLD 36-FOOT MLB** —

The old 36-foot Motor Life Boat (36423) is currently next to the Old Coast Guard Station Umpqua River in Winchester Bay, Ore. The plan is to build a structure over the boat and then restore this historic relic. If you are interested in helping and/or funding this project, contact FN Stuart Coplan, 955 Lighthouse Road 7B, Reedsport, OR 97467; 541-271-0820; e-mail: stuartcoplan@yahoo.com www.helpsavethecg36423mlb.com



Upcoming Events

JULY 2004

- **USCG VIETNAM MONUMENT DEDICATIONS** — Friday, July 16, 2 p.m., at TRACEN Cape May, N.J. Sponsored by Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association. A second USCG Vietnam Monument is also being dedicated at the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., weekend of Oct. 22, 2004. Contact Mr. Robert Macleod, 704-455-6868; E-mail: rgbysheast@aol.com
- **COAST GUARD FESTIVAL 2004** — Friday, July 30 through Sunday, Aug. 8, in Grand Haven, Mich. National Memorial Service, Friday, Aug. 6, 4 p.m. Parade and fireworks Saturday, Aug. 7. For info, contact: U.S. Coast Guard Festival, 113 N. Second St., Grand Haven, MI 49417; 1-888-207-2434; E-mail: contact@ghcgfest.org Web: www.ghcgfest.org

AUGUST 2004

- **COAST GUARD DAY 2004** — Is Wednesday, Aug. 4! What is your unit planning for the USCG's 214 birthday?
- **CPOA NATIONAL CONVENTION** — 36th annual, Aug. 23-27, Imperial Palace Hotel/Casino, Las Vegas, Nev. For info, contact CPO Association, 5520-G Hempstead Way, Springfield, VA 22151-4009; 703-941-0395; E-mail: cgcpoa@aol.com Web: www.uscgcpoa.org

SEPTEMBER 2004

- **OLD TIMERS PICNIC** — For over 25 years, the Mobile Chapter of the Chief Petty Officers Association has held an annual picnic in Mobile, Ala. The 2004 "Old Timers" picnic is set for Saturday, Sept. 4, beginning at 8 a.m. at Walters Park adjacent to the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center. The Mobile Chapter is holding a fundraiser to help with its community projects. The winner will receive a 2004 Yamaha

Reunions

AUGUST 2004

- **USCG NATIONAL ASSOC. OF FORMER STEWARDS AND STEWARDMATES INC.** — 15th reunion, Aug. 5-8, 2004 at the Imperial Palace Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev. Contact: BMCM Robert E. Hammond, USCG(Ret.), 97 Curtis Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854; Phone: 732-752-2512; FAX: 732-752-1531; E-mail: reh004@aol.com

SEPTEMBER 2004

- **CGC ANDROSCOGGIN (WHEC-68), Vietnam Deployment 1967-68** — Sept. 15-19, 2004, Charleston Riverview Hotel, Charleston, SC. Contact MKCM James Bridges, USCG(Ret.), 6 Dunvegan Drive, Charleston, SC 29414-6938; Phone: 843-766-1060
- **CGC WESTWIND ASSOCIATION** — Third annual reunion, Sept. 17-19, 2004, Wyndham Hotel, 101 West Fayette St., Baltimore, MD 21201; Phone: 410-385-6700; Special room rate \$99 per night (mention Westwind Association when reserving your room with reservation deadline of Aug. 18, 2004). For more info, contact Alex Mavica, Chairman, Phone: 845-352-7040; E-mail: amavica@optonline.net
- **PSU 305 10-YEAR REUNION** — Saturday, Sept. 18, 4 p.m., rain or shine, at PSU 305 compound, Building 2743, Fort Eustis, Va. Adults, \$7; Children, ages 6-12, \$3.50; no charge for younger guests (money will be collected at the door). Please RSVP by July 31 to Chief Doug Adams, Phone: 757-898-5922, ext. 226; E-mail: dradams@earthlink.com

ATV, \$500, or a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond. You need not be present to win. If you need any further information on the picnic or fundraiser, please contact BMCS Jack Crowley, USCG(Ret.), 2500 Melanie Court West, Semmes, AL 36575; Phone: 251-649-8800; E-mail: jjccc99@mchsi.com

• COAST GUARDSMEN OF YESTERYEAR

BREAKFAST — 5th annual, Saturday, Sept. 4, doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee with breakfast to follow at 9 a.m. at Chincoteague, Va. High School gymnasium. Contact BMC Wayne Merritt, Station Chincoteague, 3823 Main St., Chincoteague, VA 23336-1809; Phone: 757-336-2874; E-mail: jtarr@stachincoteague.uscg.mil

• **FLEET WEEK SAN DIEGO** — Eighth annual, Sept. 25-Oct. 23. For info, call 619-858-1545; Web: www.fleetweeksandiego.org

OCTOBER 2004

• **RESERVE SERVICEWIDE EXAM** — This year's annual RSWE test date is Saturday, Oct. 16. Study hard and make your shipmates proud! For more information or if you have questions, contact YNC Pamela Harris, PSC(adv); Phone: 785-339-3410; E-mail: pharris@hrsic.uscg.mil

NOVEMBER 2004

• **USCG FLAGS ACROSS AMERICA DAY** — Sixth annual, Nov. 6, 10 a.m., Coast Guard Hill, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. If you can't attend, why not plan an event in your local area to honor USCG veterans by placing USCG flags on their graves? Contact USCG Flags Across America, e-mail: uscgflags@yahoo.com or visit the Web site: <http://uscgcpoa-dc.org/faq/>

OCTOBER 2004

• **USS CENTAURUS AKA-17** — 13th Annual Reunion, Oct. 7-10, 2004, World War II Coast Guard-Manned Attack Transport, six Battle Stars and two Kamikaze Splashes, Sheraton Westport, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Kent Price, 837 Orpington Ct., St. Louis, MO 63131; Phone: 314-822-4637; E-mail: kent_p@sbcglobal.net or George E. McCabe, Jr., 116 Knotty Pine Trail, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082; Phone: 904-280-3013; E-mail: congem@bellsouth.net

• **USS LST 767 (WWII)** — Fourth reunion, Oct. 10-13, 2004, Mobile, Ala. Contact Dave Ramsay, One Utah St., Beverly Hills, FL 34465-4378; Phone: 352-527-2869; E-mail: ramshorn@xtalwind.net

• **USCGC BIBB (W-31)** — All crews 1937-1985, 11th reunion, Oct. 14-16, 2004, at Holiday Inn-Mt Pleasant, Charleston, S.C. Contact Bibb Shipmates, c/o Mike Johnson, 277 Brandon, GA 30265-1499; Web site: www.cutterbibb31.com
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• **NAVAL SMALL GROUPS REUNION FESTIVAL** — Nov. 8-12, 2004, Charleston, S.C. Contact A.J. James, Phone: 843-572-2200; e-mail: doscha@lodgian.com

Advancements

Effective June 1, 2004

*From Enlisted Reserve
Advancement Announcement
(ERAA) No. 06-04*

BOATSWAIN'S MATE (BM)

BMC T CONNELLY
BMC J BALZAC
BMC W RITCHIE
BMC T FOLEY
BM1 R BERGERON
BM1 T WILLIAMS
BM1 A MIZELLE
BM1 J WHEELER
BM1 W HICKMAN
BM1 S LILLEY
BM1 M BELL
BM1 K HENDRIX
BM1 J LARIMER
BM1 T CASTRILL
BM1 C GORDON
BM1 T BRIMER
BM1 K MCNICHOL
BM1 K CARNEY
BM2 D DANIELS
BM2 R GRIFFIN
BM2 D ROBERTS
BM2 G GAGE
BM2 S MCGARRY
BM2 S DUCKWORT
BM2 L WELSH
BM2 A DIAZ
BM2 C CARLAN

BM3 D HULIN
BM3 P MCMULLEN

DAMAGE CONTROLMAN (DC)

DCCS D KWIATKOW
DC3 R GASSER

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (ET)

ETC J BADGER

FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST (FS)

FSC D LINEBARG

GUNNER'S MATE (GM)

GM1 J PICINICH
GM1 M BAIZA
GM2 W LARSON
GM2 L FLANAGAN

MACHINERY TECHNICIAN (MK)

MKCM M STAINBRO
MKCS R GOLDENBE
MKC D GODDARD
MKC R ELLISON
MK1 J PARKS
MK1 D HAYDIS
MK1 W BRADLEY
MK1 D JOHNSON
MK1 J UPTON

MK1 C LOUTHAN
MK1 E CABEDO
MK1 M RATCLIFF
MK1 C WARDLE
MK1 T CALIGA
MK1 H HOBODY
MK1 D COMSTOCK
MK2 E PRIESTLE
MK2 S YONKE
MK2 D LEAL
MK2 S HARLEY
MK2 E DETMER
MK2 J STATLER
MK2 E WYMORE
MK2 B INGRAM
MK2 R PEYTON
MK2 T LEMAS
MK2 J SHAW
MK2 B BOGGS
MK2 S WOLFE
MK2 W HARRIS
MK2 J SIMMONS

MARINE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN (MST)

MST1 L BOWERS
MST1 A HEMME
MST1 L MENDEZ
MST1 J URSIN
MST1 R SLAVING
MST1 W CARSON
MST1 D WOOLARD
MST2 P HANLEY
MST2 A SCHULTZ
MST2 W STEWART

OPERATIONS SPECIALIST (OS)

OS1 B FRASER
OS2 N RYAN

PORT SECURITY SPECIALIST (PS)

PSC R MONTGOME
PSC J PLAZA

STOREKEEPER (SK)

SK1 T JELCICK
SK1 R SKRABACZ
SK1 C WARTENBE

YEOMAN (YN)

YNCS G OWENS
YN2 J JOHNSON
YN2 N VALCOURT
YN2 K WREN
YN2 M NATALE
YN2 J CALDERON
YN2 G VOGEL
YN2 J SORIANO
YN2 O FERNANDE
YN3 P ELIAS

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Promotions

*From OPAL No. 06-04
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TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER:

SCHNEIDER, DOUGLAS B., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004 MSST 91102
HAMMER, ELLEN L. RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, GP ATLANTIC CITY
MOORHOUSE, WILLIAM C., RESERVE
29 JUN 2004, HSC

TO LIEUTENANT:

MORGAN, CYRUS I. RESERVE
02 JUN 2004, MSO PROVIDENCE
BARDIN, TODD S., RESERVE
02 JUN 2004, CGPC
BIGA, ERIC C., RESERVE
30 JUN 2004, ICC

TO CWO4:

HETT, WILLIAM F., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, STA GLOUCESTER

DEMPSEY, JOHN, RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, GP WOODS HOLE
MORIARTY, JOHN M., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, SECTOR NEW YORK
DECROSTA, STEPHEN J., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, GP PORTLAND
SIMPSON, JOHN M., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, MSO CORPUS CHRISTI
CONDY, ANTHONY J., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, GP LOWER MISSISSIPPI
ROZIER, WALTER F., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, MSO JACKSONVILLE
PRITCHARD, THOMAS V., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, SECTOR SAN DIEGO
WILSON, JAMES M., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, HDCU 113
NEUHARTH, KELLI A., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, MLCPCAC
SHIELDS, STANLEY L., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, MSO ANCHORAGE
GRADEL, JEFFREY G., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, MSO ST LOUIS
BORRIES, DONALD R., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, ESU ST LOUIS

ATCHISON, LOUIE M., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, MSO MOBILE
SALVA, EDWARD D., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, MSU BATON ROUGE
MAUTER, WILLIAM E., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, ISC MIAMI BEACH
MUELLER, MICHAEL J., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, MSO TAMPA
CALDWELL, STEPHEN A., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, ISC SAN PEDRO
HUNTON, GREGORY P., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, CGD ONE
WOOLARD, LEONARD C., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, MSO SAN FRANCISCO
MCCORMICK, MICHAEL H., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, SECTOR SAN DIEGO
KENTCH, EUGENE S., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, CGRU JTRU US
TRANSCOM
GREGOIRE, STEPHEN R., RESERVE
01 JUN 2004, CGIS DET ST LOUIS

ESGR Announces 2004 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award Recipients

ARLINGTON, Va. — The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense Agency, announced the 2004 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award recipients May 19.

The 2004 award recipients are: American Express, New York City; Bank One Corp., Chicago; Colt Safety Fire and Rescue, St. Louis; Coors Brewing Co., Golden, Colo.; General Electric, Fairfield, Conn.; Harley-Davidson, Milwaukee; The Home Depot, Atlanta; Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Monterey Park, Calif.; Northrop Grumman Corp., Los Angeles; Fisk Corp./OneSource Building Technologies, Houston; Saints Memorial Medical Center, Lowell, Mass.; Sprint Corp., Overland Park, Kan.; State of Minnesota, St. Paul; Strategic Solutions, Inc., Walnut Creek, Calif.; and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Ark.

"At no time in the nation's recent history have the National Guard and Reserve forces contributed so much to the defense of our nation," said Bob Hollingsworth, ESGR Executive Director. "In support of the war on terrorism, and the ongoing operations in Iraq, an essential alliance has been formed with the Department of Defense as many of America's employers have become

inextricably linked to the nation's defense by sharing their most precious asset — their employees. The 2004 Department of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award Recipients represent the highest level of corporate patriotism for their exceptional support of their employees who serve our nation in the Guard and Reserve."



The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, a Waterford crystal eagle, was introduced in 1996 to publicly recognize the significant contributions and sacrifices made by America's employers of guardsmen and reservists. This year's recipients will be recognized Sept. 21, 2004, at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center in Washington, DC.

The unique mission of ESGR is to "gain and maintain active employer support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the Guard and Reserve as defined by demonstrated employer commitment to employee military service." To learn more learn more about ESGR Employer Outreach Programs and volunteer opportunities, please visit ESGR's web site at: www.esgr.com or call 1-800-336-4590.

— Tom Bullock, ESGR

Reservist wins "Spirit of the Chief Warrant Officer" Award

CWO2 Charles Kirby, USCGR, was awarded the "Spirit of the Chief Warrant Officer Award" during the March session of the Chief Warrant Officer Professional Development course at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. The award is presented to the member judged by their peers to best represent the spirit and character of the Chief Warrant Officer.

He was selected for the award by a vote of his classmates from Class 05-04. Although the class was one of the largest CWOPD classes ever convened, Kirby was one of only four reservists in the 26-member class. The award was presented by CWO Moe Etienne on behalf of the Chief Warrant Officers Association during the graduation ceremony at the Academy Officers Club.

Kirby was obviously surprised when his name was announced, and thanked the class for his selection. He then pointed out that his was the last name on the selection list for CWO. He stated that meant there were several names ahead of him, and that those people were

better qualified than him. He asked those in the room to remember those qualified people when they are working with reservists in the future.

Kirby is a drilling reservist assigned to Group Upper Ohio Valley and a civilian police detective lieutenant with the Indian River County Sheriff's Department in Vero Beach, Fla. He was appointed a CWO June 1, 2003.

By CWO Mark Razny, USCGR

Witherspoon, McShan Leadership Awards

CDR Keith Smith of MSST 91103 is the 10th annual recipient of the Witherspoon Inspirational Leadership Award (for officers) while SKC Stacey Dolley of AVDET GTMO is the third annual recipient of the McShan Inspirational Leadership Award (for chiefs). The Commandant presented the awards March 25 at Coast Guard Headquarters. Smith and Dolley were also recognized later that day at the State of the Coast Guard Address held at the National Press Club, Washington, D.C. Bravo Zulu!

Medals and Awards

Joint Service Commendation Medal

CDR Scott F. Ogan,
USTRANSCOM

Coast Guard Commendation Medal

CDR Edward Wingfield,
USCG National Maritime Center

PSCM James J. Bishop,
MSO Tampa

Coast Guard Achievement Medal

PSCM Kenan R. Foley,
MSO Boston

SK1 Mary L. Salazar,
Station Port Canaveral

If you received an award recently and would like to see it published, send a copy of your award citation to the editor. Address and e-mail are on page 2.

38 Candles!

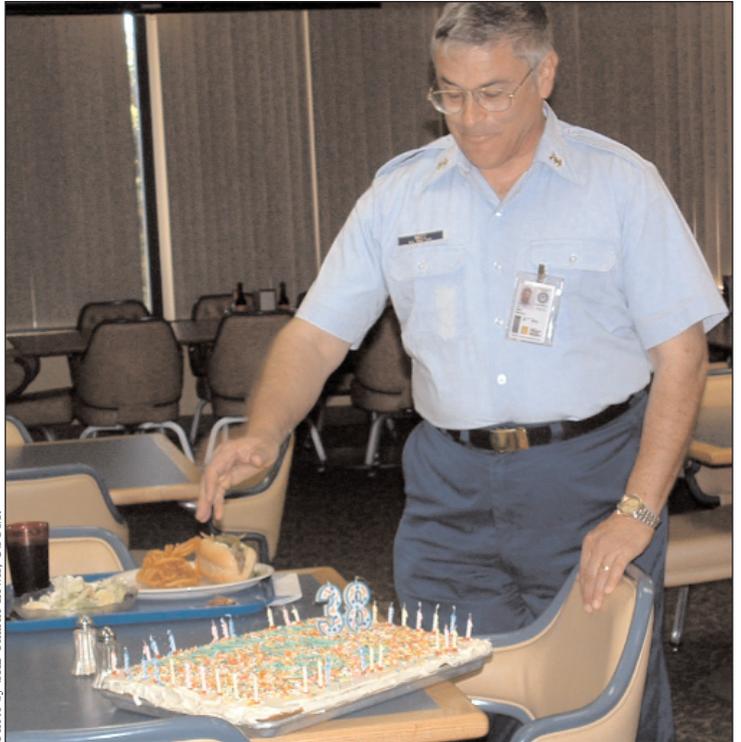


Photo by SK2 Charlie Lewis, USCGR

HSCM Edward I. Matz, USCGR, was surprised by his shipmates with a retirement cake at the Group Mayport, Fla. dining facility March 27. Matz, who served 38 years in the Coast Guard, didn't want a formal ceremony, but still enjoyed a 38-candle cake, one for each year of faithful service.

Retirement List

RET-1 (Retired With Pay)

MAY 2004

CAPT Selden D. Rhodes, LANTAREA

JUNE 2004

CAPT Thomas D. Lincoln, D1
CAPT George L. Mehaffy, D5
CDR Travis J. Aikin, D13
CDR Robert F. Rife, D11
LCDR Dennis A. Tillotson, D7
IVCS Nicholas DeStefano, CGIS
MKCS Raymond C. Mullins, D8
MSTCS Arthur P. Templeton, D5
PSCS Joseph L. Palumbo, D9
PSCS Louis A. Rotondi, D1
BMC Jerome A. Diliberto, D1
EMC Wayne O. Varnadoe, D7
HSC Peter J. Ward, D11
IVC James T. Marriner, CGIS

MKC Michael R. Kelly, D9
MKC William R. Pedrick, D5
ET1 Manfred G. Gleinig, D8
MK1 Edmund M. Foreman, D5
MST1 Brian Davis, D7
PS1 James H. Munden, D5
PS1 John R. Westman, D5
YN1 Miriam Lanum, CGPC
BM2 Lothrop W. Hedge, D1
PS2 Daniel P. Ramseier, D11
SK2 John W. Calnan, D1
SK2 Robert M. Rehmer, D7

RET-2 (Retired Awaiting Pay)

MAY 2004

DC1 Thomas L. Lunderville, D13

JUNE 2004

CAPT Timothy Spangler, D5

CDR Jeffrey Poston, D1
CWO2 Christopher J. Cooper, D7
PSCM Jeanette Abels, D5
BMCS Robert Mitchell, D1
PSCS William A. Morschhauser, D9
BMC Raymond G. Best, D8
BMC Arthur Kushner, D5
HSC Christopher Plummer, D7
MK1 William L. Essig, D7
MST1 Everitte Perry, D1
SK1 Johnny L. Guevara, D8
BM2 Thomas Kayser, D9
BM2 Daniel Torpey, D7
DC2 Henry Gamache, D7
MK2 Robert Vanwyngaarden, D9
SK2 Steven J. Arndt, D9
YN2 Alica Kraemer, D8
BM3 Franklin Malaki, D11

Source: YN2 Kelli Gonzales, Personnel Service Center (ras)

Last Academy '67 Classmate in Uniform Gets...a Plaque and Party!

MK1 Cliff Appel retired May 1, 2004, after more than 24 years service — and an unusual military career. Born into an Air Force family, he entered the USCG Academy, graduating in 1967. He served aboard *CGC Gresham* in Vietnam, *CGC Gallatin* in Alameda, before a tour at the CG Institute. After earning an MS in electrical engineering, he served on the staff of the 14th District in Honolulu. He resigned his commission, and left active duty in 1976.

In 1989, Appel realized he missed the Coast Guard, and called a recruiter to see if he could join the Reserve. The recruiter said he was not eligible to return as an officer, because that year all officer accessions were from the enlisted reserve...and the following year he would be too old for any program. He asked, "What can you offer me?" The recruiter said "MK1," and Appel said "fine."

This gave Appel an opportunity to serve as a machinery technician and give back to the service that



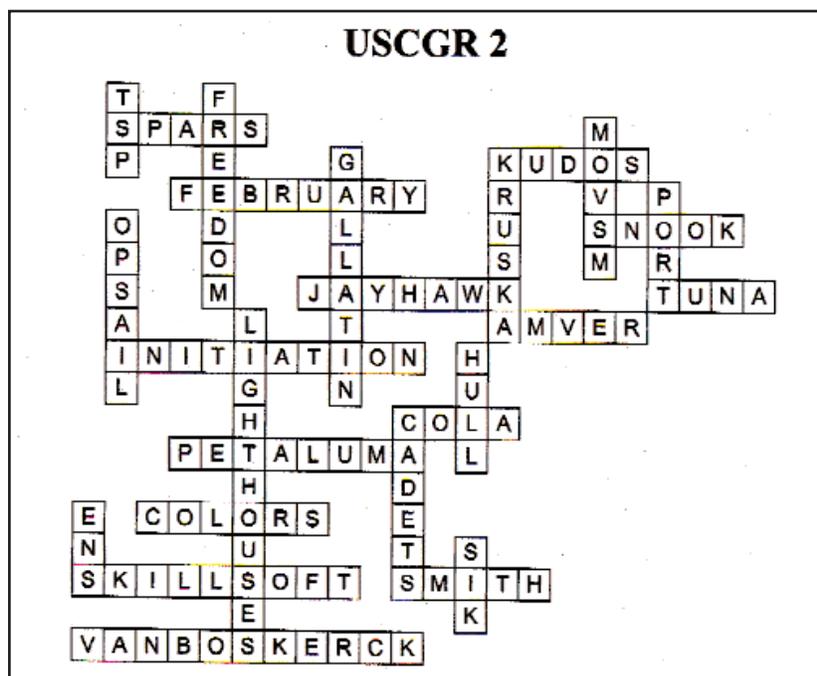
Four Coast Guard Academy classmates surprised MK1 Cliff Appel, center, at his retirement party April 30 at LORSTA George, Wash. Left to right: Jim Wihlborg, CAPT Fred VerPlanck, USCG(Ret.); Appel, Evan Stoll, and CAPT Wayne Till, USCG(Ret.).

had given him his education. As an MK, Appel worked at a small boat station as a boat engineer, and assisted with engineering maintenance on polar class icebreakers. But he really came into his own as an engineer at LORSTA George, Wash. He augmented there since 1990 and his last duties were assisting the station convert to solid-state equipment to replace the "legacy" equipment. ETC Kevin Anderson, the Officer-in-Charge at LORSTA George, arranged a retirement party for Appel April 30.

Four of Appel's Academy classmates surprised him with a visit and presented him with a plaque — he was the last member of the Class of 1967 still in uniform. Appel's shipmates at LORSTA George presented him with a station plaque and several other handcrafted mementos, and wished him a happy retirement.

Story and photo by CAPT Wayne Till, USCG(Ret.)

CROSSWORD ANSWERS



Answers to the crossword puzzle that ran in the April 2004 Issue.

Taps

• **RADM Peter A. Bunch**, USCG(Ret.), 66, May 12, 2004, in Williamsburg, Va. He was promoted to flag rank in 1989 and subsequently served as Commander, Maintenance and Logistics Command Pacific. RADM Bunch became Chief, Office of Engineering, Logistics and Development, USCG Headquarters, Washington, D.C. July 31, 1991. His operational assignments included 10 years afloat including *CGC Rush*, *CGC Midget*, *CGC Morgenthau*. He also served in various naval engineering billets and as Chief of Staff, 14th CG District, Honolulu. A 1959 graduate of the CG Academy, he earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, Calif. He retired in 1994. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis L. Bunch. A memorial service was held in Williamsburg, Va. May 17, 2004. Interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. July 14. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to American Cancer Society, 895 Middleground Blvd., Suite 154, Newport News, VA 23606 or Hospice House of Williamsburg, 4445 Powhatan Parkway, Williamsburg, VA 23188. All Coast Guard units, not underway, shall display the national ensign at half-mast

from 0900 to sunset on Wednesday, July 14, 2004. See ALCOAST 242/04.

- **CDR Daniel M. Pecoraro**, USCGR(Ret.), April 11, 2004, in Daly City, Calif. Survived by his wife, Constance S. Pecoraro.
- **CDR Maurice H. Vaughan**, USCGR(Ret.), May 2, 2004, in Reidsville, N.C. Interment Wilmington, N.C.
- **CDR Robert B. Winship**, USCGR(Ret.), April 14, 2004, in Lakeland, Fla. CDR Winship joined the CGR in Liverpool, N.Y. and served during World War II aboard an 83-footer, and the *USS Admiral C.F. Hughes* in the Pacific theater. He also served as the Commander of a Port Security Unit at the Naval Reserve Center in Liverpool. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and two daughters.
- **CWO4 Gary A. Buetow**, USCGR(Ret.), May 18, 2004, in Milwaukee, Wis. Survived by his wife, Bonita Jean Buetow. Interment Milwaukee, Wis.

CGR SYMBOLISM

Symbolism of the United States Coast Guard Reserve Crest & Shield

The crossed anchors supporting the shield are adapted from the United States Coast Guard's symbol, and the colors dark blue, scarlet, and white are traditional with the organization. Gold is emblematic of achievement and excellence. The sword symbolizes defense and the organization's military heritage. The motto **Professionalism, Patriotism, Preparedness** embodies the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve's total mission to protect our national security. The round shape of the motto scroll alludes to a life preserver and represents the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve's peacetime mission to help others.





Then and Now

While struggling to come up with a topic for this column, I sought the sage advice of my sons. I asked them both what they would like to read about if they were one of my Coast Guard shipmates. My 15 year old thought about this a while and eventually said that since this issue of *The Reservist* features the World War II Memorial, I should discuss the similarities between the sacrifices made by Coast Guard members in World War II and today. My 12 year old, without any hesitation, said, "I'd want to read about me!" As you can see, my youngest is not my shy one. So, I will attempt to do both, starting with the similarities in service and sacrifice between two generations of Coast Guard men and women and finish with something about you.

In the May 2004 issue of *The Reservist*, there was an excellent article regarding Coast Guard involvement in the Normandy invasion. I was surprised by the fact that over 80 percent of Coast Guardsmen in World War II were reservists. Within the same article, I was struck by the mention of casualties from the *USS Bayfield* (APA-33) and the *USS Joseph T. Dickman* (APA-13) on D-Day; all four had "USCGR" behind their names. According to the Coast Guard Historian's Office, 241,093 Coast Guard men and women served in World War II. Of those, 574 died in action.

Sixty years later finds us in a different conflict. Our current struggle may not be as global and large. Clearly, World War II affected the entire world directly with many more service members serving, more casualties, and more human cost and suffering. However, the Coast Guard and our reservists do face some of the same individual challenges and sacrifices as our predecessors did 60 years ago.

Sadly, the cost of this current conflict can sometimes seem as extreme. MK1 Vincent Danz, PS2 Jeff Palazzo, LCDR Gilbert Granados, and Gregory Sikorsky, USCG Auxiliary, paid the ultimate price on Sept. 11, 2001 just as reservists Jessie Patton, Mason Daly, Stanley Glowacki and Jack Rowe did on June 6, 1944. On April 24, 2004, 24-year-old DC3 Nathan B. Bruckenthal, USCG, gave his life and became the first, and hopefully the last, Coast Guard combat death in Iraq.

Like today, World War II created a great challenge to an already stretched Coast Guard. The threat of Japanese and German saboteurs entering the country gave birth to beach patrols. There was a new sensitivity to and emphasis on port security and we issued Port Security Cards and instituted other new port security measures. The Coast Guard

participated in escorting commercial shipping due to the threat of attacks on our merchant fleet. Overseas, Coast Guardsmen worked side by side with their Navy brethren to land troops and supplies, secure beachheads, and protect ports.

Sound familiar?

Today, we do not have beach patrols but Coast Guard boats, cutters and aircraft perform homeland security patrols. We board ships at sea to prevent their use as weapons against our ports. We are implementing the Maritime Transportation Security Act to help better secure our ports. We continue to escort naval ships in our ports as well as passenger vessels such as cruise ships and ferries to ensure their safety. Overseas, we work with the Navy to protect ports and other critical infrastructure.

So, now it is about you. Here you are. You have endured the largest Reserve mobilization since World War II and the hardships, uncertainty, and sacrifices that are inherent in times of war. Many of you had your civilian lives put on hold,



left your families behind, suffered a loss of civilian pay and, in some cases, the loss of jobs and businesses. None of this is easy. However, I continue to be impressed with how our Coast Guard Reserve continues to serve and serve proudly. You accept the responsibility instilled by your knowledge of Coast Guard heritage by enduring sacrifices and selflessly placing yourselves in harm's way to protect others, just like many of your shipmates who gave so much in World

War II, and every conflict in which the Coast Guard has served. The Coast Guard, as well as our nation, will continue to ask you to stay strong, stay vigilant, and stay Semper Paratus. And you will because that is who you are.

Bob Dylan is quoted as saying, "I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom." You and those that came before you understand that responsibility more than most. That makes you all true heroes.

"...I continue to be impressed with how our Coast Guard Reserve continues to serve and serve proudly."

**By MCPO Wayne A. North, USCGR
Reserve Command Master Chief, 13th District
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Showing Off that Coast Guard Spirit

Damage Controlman 3rd Class Kevin Buchheit waves the Coast Guard Standard during the Chicago Memorial Day Parade. Buchheit is a member of Coast Guard Port Security Unit (PSU) 309 stationed in Port Clinton, Ohio.

USCG photo by PA1 Paul Roszkowski

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