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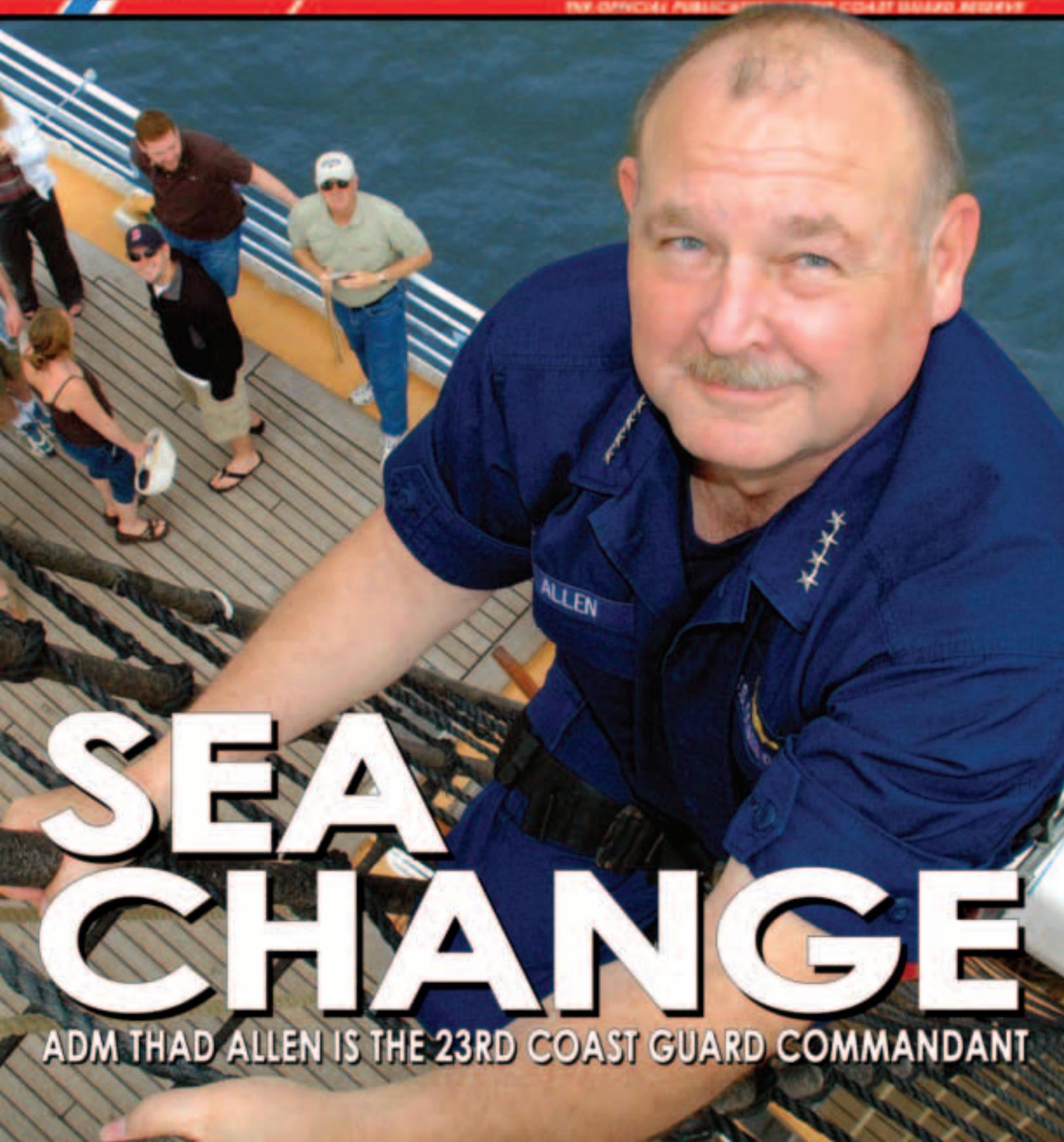
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ADM THAD ALLEN IS THE 23RD COAST GUARD COMMANDANT



Sea Change

A new era has dawned in the United States Coast Guard! ADM Thad Allen became the Coast Guard's 23rd Commandant May 25, relieving ADM Thomas Collins, who retired after 38 years of service. The Commandant's Change of Command occurs every four years, so it really is a special event as documented in this issue. This year's ceremony had a special visitor — our commander in chief, President George W. Bush — the first time a president has attended a Coast Guard Commandant's change of command. Five members of the president's cabinet, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and five previous commandants were in attendance along with approximately 1,000 guests.

ADM Allen and his father, DCC Clyde W. Allen (USCG Retired), teamed up to write what I think is a unique father-son tale documenting their USCG memoirs. I would like to thank *The Chief* magazine for allowing me to reprint it here. In the story, they mention ADM Allen's father attending DC "A" school at the Coast Guard Training Center in Groton, Conn., now home to the Coast Guard's Research and Development Center (RDC). Coincidentally, in this issue, I'm finally getting a chance to run a long-awaited feature story on the RDC.

A few days after ADM Allen took the helm, VADM Vivien Crea assumed the duties of Coast Guard Vice Commandant, becoming the first woman to serve as second-in-command of a U.S. military service. She replaced VADM Terry Cross at a ceremony at TISCOM in Alexandria, Va. June 2. VADM Robert Papp, Director of Reserve and Training from 2002-04, assumed the duties as the Coast Guard's Chief of Staff. On Flag Day, MCPO Charles "Skip" Bowen took over the reigns of the Coast Guard's top enlisted position from MCPOCG Frank Welch. MCPOCG Welch says farewell as a special guest columnist (see "On Deck" inside back cover).

We have a great new team in place to lead our Coast Guard during the next several years. So please come aboard, stow your gear, and let's get underway!

— Ed.

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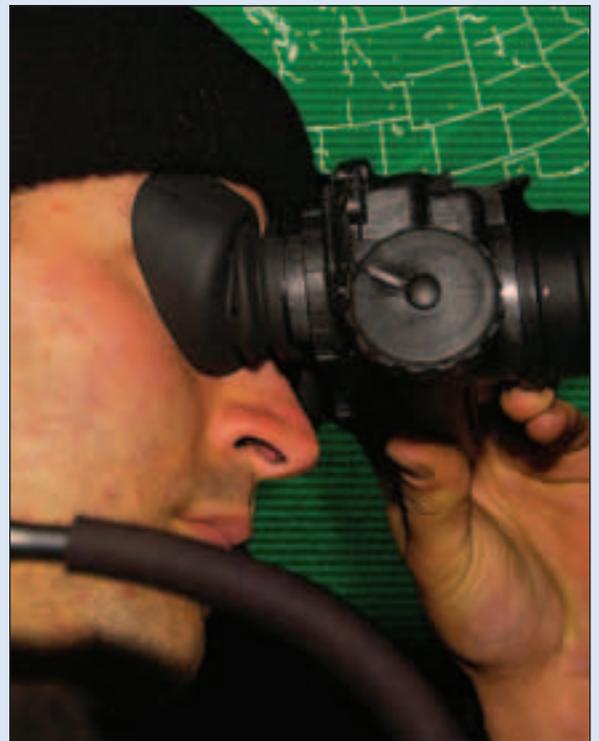
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Commandant's Change of Command

For the first time in my 35-plus-year Coast Guard career, I had the pleasure to attend the Commandant's Change of Command May 25. I recommend that each of you attend a Commandant CoC at least once in your career!

It may seem too far distant from Station Manasquan, Jones Beach, Clearwater, San Francisco, Cape Disappointment and the hundreds of other stations and ships around our nation. Yet the Commandant's Change of Command does impact each of us who call the Coast Guard our military organization of choice.

During the Change of Command, the President of the United States presented the Coast Guard with a Presidential Unit Citation with Hurricane Device. Secretary Chertoff highly praised the Coast Guard as I have never heard before. Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman of

the Joint Chiefs of Staff, recited from memory the history of the Coast Guard and the statistics of "A Day in the Coast Guard."

As a backdrop representing the Coast Guard's multiple mission areas were America's Tall Ship — the USCG BARQUE EAGLE, the USCGC FRANK DREW, the USCGC DEPENDABLE and a 25-foot boat from Station Washington. There was a static display of three helos as well!

Flag officers from the Coast Guard and other services attended the ceremony. There were a number of past commandants in attendance as well. Most importantly, there were a number of members from the Coast Guard family: Civilian, Auxiliary, Reserve, Active Duty. All pay grades were well represented. It was as if I was watching the history of the Coast Guard play out before me.

Later that afternoon, I had to drive to Fort Meyer — which stands guard over Arlington National Cemetery. As I drove out of Washington, I purposely drove past the various memorials to those who served our great nation. I noted the long lines of people waiting to get into the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam Memorials.

I then headed home — taking Pennsylvania Route 15 past Gettysburg — yet another memorial to those who responded to the call from our nation in its time of need. I then passed the new National Cemetery at Indian Town Gap and the headquarters of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

As I reflect upon the events of these days, I realize that it is not the Service that makes the people, but the people who make the Service.

I remember EM1 David Kelly, who would toil till the task was completed. He now rests eternally less than three blocks from my house. I visit with him a few times a year to place a Coast Guard flag on his grave.

I remember friends who helped shape my character and from whom I took the best they gave. CAPT R.D. Johnston — who always looked for the good in people. He was CO of my first ship and Chief of D1(p), when I was there — a second father.



There was LCDR Jim Currey, who asked a young seaman apprentice if he would ever make anything of himself — challenging me to strive, to achieve — and who smiled with the same pride I did when I put on YN2 less than 24 months later.

Then there's CWO4 Jim Kurz who could not do enough for the Coast Guard and especially the Coast Guard Reserve!

There are the old shipmates: CWO4 Ralph Hawkins, Jimmy O'Brien, Jammie Marmentini, "Animal", Roy Yoshikowa, Buzz Burris, Timmy, Mike Barry.

There are those with whom I have been privileged to serve with during my Reserve duty — Coasties and friends from all brother/sister Services!

Each person has touched my life and left a lasting impression. I just hope that the impression I have left with them has been a good one!

— CAPT John Marks, USCGR
Easton, Pa.

Physical Fitness: Interested or Dedicated?

Are you truly "dedicated" to physical fitness or just "interested?" This is a question that I challenge each of you to ask yourself. Before you respond, realize that your answer will require two distinct mindsets. With commitment to family, friends, a civilian job, and the Coast Guard Reserve, being merely interested in physical fitness is just not enough. I have found that dedication to physical fitness is the only plan that provides results.

Completing two easy steps has worked very well for me and I encourage you to try the following. Step one: Based on your current level of physical fitness, set a realistic annual physical fitness goal. Keep in mind that your goal needs to be a stretch that will require hard work and dedication, but it also should be achievable. Step two: Schedule small, but consistent blocks of time to work out keeping your ultimate goal in sight. You may need to start small, but continue to challenge yourself right to the finish line.

During this process, go for the biggest bang for your buck. Encourage your spouse and kids to work out. Seek out different tips to positively change your eating habits. Healthy foods and increased family activities will get everyone out of the house and living a more active lifestyle.

My wife, Jeanette, and our three children (four year old triplets Jake, Ty and Lea), and my command (MSU Savannah, Ga.), all support physical fitness and have significantly contributed to a healthier and more positive lifestyle. This past Feb. 19, I had the opportunity to run in a marathon in Pensacola, Fla. This was my second marathon that I've had the privilege to complete with my long time active duty friend, Tim Tobiasz (Ops AIRSTA New Orleans). Not only was it a great time with my family and friends, but it was a great sense of accomplishment to realize my personal fitness goal.

So, did you answer the question? Don't just be interested in physical fitness, get dedicated, and reap the rewards for your entire family.

— LCDR Matt Duben
MSU Savannah, Ga.

Two Questions

I have two questions which I can't find answers to locally. First, where can we purchase the Dinner Dress Blue Jacket Uniform? According to Uniform Distribution Center, they don't carry it. I'm scheduled to go to the CPO Academy later this year and have been told that Dinner Dress Blue Jacket is an option for the graduation dinner but haven't been able to locate a supplier. Second, do you have any idea who the first Master Chief Port Security Specialist was?

— **PSC Robert W. Young, Jr.**
Sector Charleston, S.C.

Ed's note: PS rating manager PSCM Gary Sherrill weighed in on the answers. First question: There are two sources for the jacket, either Vanguard or your friendly local Navy uniform shop. Sherrill bought his Mess Dress via the Navy Annex by the Pentagon and paid full price, about \$400 for all the bells and whistles. Since you are in Charleston, check the local Navy thrift stores if there are any and you might be able to get a used one for considerably less money. FYI, UDC does not stock nor sell any of the higher-level uniforms, only the items that are required for your seabag. Second question is a bit harder and will require some research. If any of our readers know who the first PSCM was, please send the editor a note.

Impressed by In Memoriam Ribbon

I was impressed by the medal/pin that was shown in the Reservist magazine for the farewell to friends and would like information on how to obtain this medal. My husband was stationed at Cape May in 1973 when an explosion occurred and several personnel were killed. He was one of the first to arrive after the explosion and was deeply impacted even today by these deaths. This pin/medal would be a fitting remembrance to those that died that day. Thank you.

— **Nancy Dillman**
Moxee, Wash.

Ed's note: The ribbon you refer to was an artistic creation by our talented graphics artist, Mr. Chris Rose. The Coast Guard Exchange System is looking into the possibility of producing the pin.

Reservists Weren't Considered Part of Crew

The letters on Integration touched a chord with me. At the 2002 TANEY reunion at Alameda, there were four of us who made the OS Romeo patrol up near the Aleutian Islands in November 1958. I remembered two of them but the third person was unknown to me. I later discovered that he was a reservist on his first training cruise. We never had any contact with reservists, and yes, their job was to chip and paint. I had a copy of the Thanksgiving menu from that patrol that listed all the crew members. He was not listed, as reservists at that time were not considered part of the crew.

— **Paul Dragon, USCG(Ret.)**
Tonawanda, N.Y.

ROA Awards

As an active participant in the Reserve Officers Association (ROA), I also continue to appreciate your coverage of ROA events that honor active and reserve Coast Guard members. On Page 17 of Issue 2-06, I was pleased to see the pictures and comments about the Waesche Award and the Outstanding Junior Officers. However, while I know what was going on with those awards, there was no direct mention that these were awards provided by ROA to acknowledge the awardees, something that I know you normally do. It might be confusing to some readers from where these particular awards originate.

— **LCDR Art Curtis, USCGR (ret)**
Colma, Calif.

Yellow Pages Reprint?

Back in April 1999, there was an insert published in The Reservist entitled "The Coast Guard Yellow Pages Reserve Edition." It would be great to have an updated version of this. That was some of the best information available. Even active duty Coasties commented on the content. Thanks for continuing to publish an exemplary product.

— **YNC Barbara J. Bebout, USCGR**
Cleveland, Ohio

Ed's note: Thanks for the idea, Chief! Hopefully, the "CGR Yellow Pages" helped a lot of our members nationwide. An updated version was planned for 2000-2001 but it was OBE by the events of 9/11 and fell off the planning table; we'll consider this idea for a future issue. Interestingly, even in the age of online publications, our informal surveys still reveal that most readers still prefer the hard copy. By the way, Coast Guard Headquarters is transitioning to a new prefix telephone number, from 202-267- to 202-372-. It will be fully online by mid-to-late summer.

Retirement Follow-Up

In response to CAPT Dennis Dickerson's inquiry about retirement, Issue 2-06, it reminded me of a column I wrote back in 2001 ("It's Time to Go," On Deck, Special Issue 2002). The info is old, but the premise is the same. Quoting from that column, I wrote: "First of all, review the April/May 2000 (and Issue 3/05) issue of The Reservist that covered retirement. Next, tailor the retirement ceremony to fit you. Some prefer to leave quietly with little fanfare, while others prefer an extravaganza. Having devoted 30 years of your life, you deserve the best. Remember, you must request retirement utilizing Form 2055A."

Question 11 asks if you want a retirement ceremony. Planning is the key to a successful retirement ceremony. You must be included in the entire planning process. Decide how big or small you want it as it is you who has to bear the financial costs for any food or drink at any social gathering after the ceremony. Pay close attention to the context of the formal ceremony. Make it meaningful. You must determine who to invite. The Coast Guard is not authorized to pay for the cost of printing and mailing invitations for retirement ceremonies. The point of contact for planning purposes is usually the master of ceremonies. A retirement package from HRSIC includes a retirement certificate, a retirement button, a Good Conduct award if applicable, and a Certificate of Appreciation for your spouse and retirement orders. Your unit is authorized to present a plaque using non-appropriated funds. Units are authorized to present a flag.

— **MCPO Tom O'Neill, USCGR(Ret.)**
Greenville, Maine

Geneological Request

I am seeking information about my great-grandfather, Esau O'Berry (name later changed to Berry) whom I was told was shipwrecked on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The date would have been before 1854. He was from County Cork, Ireland. His name may have included John. I will appreciate any information sent. Please contact me via phone: 011.39.095.780.2330, E-mail: ciaomeow1999@yahoo.com

— **PSCM Philip T. Williamson, II, USCGR(Ret.)**
Trecastagni, Sicily, Italy

Ed's note: Readers interested in geneology may also want to check in with the Coast Guard Historian. The CG Historian's Web site is: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/history/collect.html>





WASHINGTON (May 25, 2006) — President George W. Bush, alongside ADM Thomas H. Collins and MCPOCG Frank A. Welsh, presents the Presidential Unit Citation to the Coast Guard for outstanding efforts during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita during the 2006 U.S. Coast Guard Change of Command. USCG photo by PA1 Barry Lane.



ALEXANDRIA, Va. (June 2, 2006) — ADM Thad Allen oversees the change of watch of Vice Commandant. VADM Vivien Crea assumes the job from VADM Terry Cross, and becomes the first woman second-in-command of a U.S. military service. CG photo by PA1 Barry Lane.







WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 21, 2006) — VADM Terry Cross oversees the change of watch of Coast Guard Chief of Staff. VADM Robert J. Papp, left, assumes the job from then VADM Thad Allen. CG photo by PA1 Barry Lane.





ALEXANDRIA, Va. (June 14, 2006) — ADM Thad Allen oversees the change of watch of Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard. MCPO Skip Bowen assumes the job from MCPO Frank Welch. CG photo by PA1 Barry Lane.



By

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USCG Pacific Area**

“Our Service is undertaking the means to provide the training and experience so that each of us can carry out our duties when required. But each and every one of us has a personal responsibility to ensure our individual readiness.”

Values or Metrics?

Many of you who have heard me speak in the last couple of years know that I always emphasize the core values of the United States Coast Guard. The values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty embody the very essence of our Service and our participation as members of the Coast Guard ... whether in the Active or Reserve component. These values stem from the very beginnings of our Service in 1790 as established by Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton.

Without these core values, we are just another group performing specified tasks. With them, we are public servants upholding what our nation stands for, both foreign and domestic. As reservists, we have three additional watchwords: Preparedness, Professionalism, and Patriotism. Look through this edition of The Reservist or visit the Coast Guard Reserve web site and you will see these words emblazon the shield of the Reserve component. It is the heart of what we as a Reserve component represent.

It is important to note, however, that these three watchwords do not take the place of, but rather, are complementary to the Service's core values. As the newly released U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Policy Statement emphasizes, we, as reservists, are additionally challenged to ensure we will be always ready “to respond to a wide range of contingencies at home and abroad in accordance with the authorities and responsibilities vested in the Service by law.” We are to provide a surge capacity to meet any arising contingency our Service may face. We do this by being prepared to go, professional to act, and patriotic when we serve.

Throughout the Coast Guard, we are establishing ways to ensure we live up to these watchwords. To do this, various measures of readiness, or metrics, have been employed to determine just that. Our Service is undertaking the means to provide the training and experience so that each of us can carry out our duties when required. But each and every one of us has a personal responsibility to ensure our individual readiness. Each of us needs to ask the following questions:

1. When was my last medical examination?
2. When does my current medical qualification expire?
3. When was my last dental examination?
4. When does my current dental examination expire?
5. What are my current qualifications to perform my assignment?
6. When was my last date of advancement?
7. Did I complete the Annual Screening Questionnaire (ASQ) in October 2005 and make plans to reaffirm it again annually?
8. Am I on course to complete 48 drills and 12

days of ADT in Fiscal Year 2006?

9. Did I meet weight standards in April 2006 and am I going to meet them again in October 2006?
10. Am I on a personal fitness program?
11. Do I have an account with Coast Guard Central (CGCENTRAL) or have I contacted “customer support@osc.uscg.mil” or 877-872-4797 to get one?
12. Do I have access to the Coast Guard intranet at my drilling location?
13. Do I have access to the Coast Guard Reserve homepage at home or work?
14. Do I have access to Direct Access?
15. Do I have access to the Resource Management System (RMS)?
16. Do I know when my next marking period is due?
17. Do I know when my next OER is due?
18. Do I know where my mobilization site is located?
19. Do I know what the required qualifications are expected of me at my assigned mobilization site?
20. Have I prepared my family and employer in the event I am mobilized?

Each of these questions has a firmly established objective linked to preparedness, professionalism, and patriotism. Each has a corresponding metric that is monitored by your command. Providing the means to achieve these objectives so you meet the readiness standards demanded by our Service is the responsibility of your superior officers and leading petty officers. It is a responsibility that is taken seriously. Undertaking the effort to achieve and be current in each of these objectives is the individual responsibility of every reservist — and it's a responsibility each and every one of us must take seriously.

What are more important, values or metrics? There is no separating these two. Being prepared, professional performance, and patriotic action, demand that each of us focus and achieve these readiness measures. These metrics support our watchwords of preparedness, professionalism, and patriotism. These metrics ensure we can uphold the traditional values of our Service of honor, respect, and devotion to duty. Our ability to respond to a maritime homeland security incident, provide for the national defense either domestic or expeditionary, and respond to domestic, natural or man-made disasters relies on each of us being fully qualified and ready. I ask that each of you in the Reserve engage in a revival of these core values and watchwords and meet these metrics head on.

Be prepared. Be professional. Be a patriot. Semper Paratus.

Important Announcement from Department of Veterans Affairs

Update on Veterans' Info Stolen From VA Employee's Home

Ed's note: This announcement was taken directly from the Department of Veterans Affairs Web site, www.va.gov, in June 2006.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has recently learned that an employee, a data analyst, took home electronic data from the VA, which he was not authorized to do. This behavior was in violation of our policies. This data contained identifying information including names, social security numbers, and dates of birth for up to 26.5 million veterans and some spouses, as well as some disability ratings. Importantly, the affected data did not include any of VA's electronic health records nor any financial information. The employee's home was burglarized and this data was stolen. The employee has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation.

Appropriate law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and the VA Inspector General's office, have launched full-scale investigations into this matter. Authorities believe it is unlikely the perpetrators targeted the items because of any knowledge of the data contents. It is possible that they remain unaware of the information which they possess or of how to make use of it. However, out of an abundance of caution, the VA is taking all possible steps to protect and inform our veterans.

The VA is working with members of Congress, the news media, veterans service organizations, and other government agencies to help ensure that those veterans and their families are aware of the situation and of the steps they may take to protect themselves

from misuse of their personal information. The VA will send out individual notification letters to veterans to every extent possible. Veterans can also go to www.firstgov.gov as well as www.va.gov/opa to get more information on this matter. The firstgov web site is being set to handle increased web traffic.

Additionally, working with other government agencies, the VA has set up a manned call center that veterans may call to get information about this situation and learn more about consumer identity protections. That toll-free number is 1-800-FED INFO (333-4636). The call center opened May 22, and operates from 8 am to 9 pm (EDT), Monday-Saturday as long as it is needed. The call center will be able to handle up to 20,000 calls per hour (260,000 calls per day).

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs R. James Nicholson has briefed the Attorney General and the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, co-chairs of the President's Identity Theft Task Force. Task Force members have already taken actions to protect the affected veterans, including working with the credit bureaus to help ensure that veterans receive the free credit report they are entitled to under the law. Additionally, the Task Force met May 22, 2006, to coordinate the comprehensive Federal response, recommend further ways to protect affected veterans, and increase safeguards to prevent the reoccurrence of such incidents.

The VA's mission to serve and honor our nation's veterans is one we take very seriously and the 235,000 VA employees are deeply saddened by any concern or anxiety this incident may cause our veterans and their families. We appreciate the service our veterans have given their country and we are working diligently to protect them from any harm as a result of this incident.



A New Reserve Rear Admiral

RDML Mike Seward, USCGR, left, is congratulated by then VADM Thad Allen after his O7 frocking ceremony held at U.S. Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. April 18. Seward will replace retiring RADM Duncan C. Smith, III, as the Deputy Commander, Mobilization & Reserve Affairs, USCG Pacific Area.



Photo courtesy RDML Mike Seward

Lightning Strikes Tampa Bay: Local Law Enforcement Agencies Join in Bay Operation

Story by PA1 Tasha Tully, PADET St. Petersburg, Photo by PA2 Bobby Nash, PADET Jacksonville

TAMPA, Fla. — Several local and federal law-enforcement agencies in and around the Tampa Bay area joined together April 21 for Operation Lightning Strike, an operation focusing on vessel safety inspections, background checks and port security.

The operation consisted of Coast Guard units from Sector St. Petersburg, Station St. Petersburg, Station Sand Key, Station Cortez and Air Station Clearwater. The law enforcement agencies included were the Hillsborough, Pinellas and Manatee County Sheriff's Department Marine Units, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the Tampa Police Department. Agents from the Defense Criminal Investigation Service, FBI and Border Patrol also assisted in the effort.

"The operation has several purposes, mainly port security," said Coast Guard LT Nelson Santiago, Sector St. Petersburg's vessel boarding and security team leader. "We want everyone to know we're here. Inter-agency cooperation is another main focus in this operation. It is important for law enforcement agencies to work together towards a common goal."

Collectively, the agencies conducted 155 boardings in a six-hour period, which consisted of officials inspecting the vessel's safety, checking for required safety equipment and 100 percent identification checks on each individual in the vessel.

"Identities are checked to ensure the security of Tampa Bay," explained Santiago. "We verify that they are, in fact, the person they say they are. We check for warrants or criminal history, immigration violations, drugs and possible terrorist activity."

In addition to vessel checks, Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg's Prevention Department conducted 11 facility inspections. Under the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA), port facilities are required to maintain a federally approved security plan. The Coast Guard is tasked with ensuring port facility operators comply with the provisions of their approved plans.

"Part of these enforcement actions include random inspections like the ones conducted today," said LT Ken Morton, Sector St. Petersburg's Prevention Department Facilities Compliance Branch Chief. "It ensures that facilities are compliant with security regulations, which, in turn, creates a more secure port."

Last fiscal year, Seventh Coast Guard District personnel inspected 2,956 MTSA regulated shore-side facilities and conducted



BM2 Matt Moskowicz instructs boaters where to place their garbage placard during Operation Lightning Strike. Moskowicz completed a safety boarding on the vessel to ensure it had all the required items on board.

1,565 security examinations of regulated vessels to help ensure the safety of America's ports and waterways.

In total, Operation Lightning Strike was a success. Three citations were issued to boaters for violating safety requirements. With more than 300 identities checked, no persons with outstanding warrants were found and no arrests were made. Among the MTSA regulated facilities, no significant discrepancies were noted and no notices of violation were issued.

"Our law enforcement partners, the maritime industry, and the Coast Guard continuously work together to ensure our ports and waterways are operated in the most secure manner possible," said CAPT Joseph Servidio, Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg. "Through forums such as the Regional Domestic Security Task Force and the Area Maritime Security Committee, port security focused coordination and cooperation between Tampa Bay agencies is among the best in the country. We look forward to continuing to build our security partnerships through exercises and operations such as this."

The Coast Guard Reserve goes to Central Command

Coast Guard Reservists attended a Security Cooperation conference March 13-17 at Central Command (CENTCOM), MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla. From left to right: LCDR Chris Fink, PSC Ed Croissant, PSC Ed Messina, OS1 Brendan Fraser, CDR Alan Reagan, CDR Chris Carter (active duty), and LCDR Steven Hill.



Photo courtesy LCDR Steven Hill, USCGR

After the Storm: Reservists Continue Hurricane Clean Up Along Gulf Coast

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. — Although Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast in August 2005, the clean up and rebuilding continues in the Gulf region. Recently, 41 Sector Mobile Incident Management Action Team (IMAT) reservists assisted with a coastal beach clean-up in Hancock and Harrison counties along the hurricane-ravaged coast.

This was the first of three clean-up days that are scheduled for the coastal beach areas. The Coast Guard has been working in conjunction with other federal agencies and the State of Mississippi to remove debris from the waters of Mississippi, from I-10 to approximately four miles south of the beaches in the Mississippi sound. Coast Guard personnel are teaming up with the Marines, Air Force, FEMA, Environmental Protection Agency, and AmeriCorps to conduct these clean ups.

Reservists assisting with the coastal clean up pictured at right include, l to r: MSTC Timothy Hubbel, MK3 Daniel Plotner, LCDR Steven Bitowf, MSTC Ron Emrich, PS3 LeMarcus Townsend, CDR Carl Edmiston, SK3 Russell Gibson, MST3 Brandon Gallups, LCDR Dwight Campbell, and PSC Kenneth Harris.



Photo courtesy: MSTC Ronald Emrich

Port Aransas Reservists Try Out New SIG Pistol Consensus: Weapons Performed Well

Story and photos by BMCS Jeanne Morales, USCG



Top: MK1 Daniel Leal shoots under normal light conditions. He achieved a perfect score on the PPC. • Bottom: MK1 Christopher Botello, left, and BM3 Israel Gomez shoot the new SIG Sauer P229-DAK .40 caliber pistol.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Members of Reserve boat forces serving at Coast Guard Station Port Aransas got a chance to try out the new SIG Sauer P229-DAK .40 caliber pistols at the range April 11. The reservists are integrated with the station's active duty crew to help shoulder the burden of additional port security and military out load missions.

Boat crews are required to qualify with weapons every six months; previously, the boat crews would have carried and fired the Beretta 9 mm. However, Station Port Aransas recently received its allocation of the new SIG Sauer firearms, so the practical pistol course (PPC) was fired using the new weapons. The overall consensus was that the weapons performed well.

In addition to the experience of training on a new weapon, the shooters had the opportunity to fire under “low-light” conditions. The Ordinance Manual allows shooters who qualify on the PPC course to fire the course again under “low light” conditions. This is to prepare the shooter for situations that may be more realistic than standard range conditions. Small Arms Instructor GM1 William Ellis arranged for “low-light” conditions in the indoor range with the use of strategically placed chem lights. The shooters did well under “low light” conditions and felt the experience increased their shooting ability.

During this exercise, all shooters wore proper hearing and eye protection, even if not evident from the photos. Everyone present was cautioned that a camera would be used during firing sessions, to avoid startling a shooter. Extra precautions were taken to achieve the photos during low light conditions. Normally boat crews would shoot with body armor and a lifejacket on to simulate actual conditions. Station Port Aransas utilizes the new inflatable Personal Flotation Device (PFD), which is much less bulky than a traditional Type III PFD, and less likely to affect shooting. In addition, since this was a test of the low light-shooting scenario, the decision was made to forgo the PFDs.

Passing in Review

NASCAR Coast Guard Race Car #21 passes in review at the Coast Guard Training Center Cape May graduation ceremony May 26. CAPT Curtis B. Odom, CO TRACEN Cape May, and Company Mentor PO Christie Moore, take review at graduation ceremonies for Reserve Company Romeo 7-06 and Recruit Companies A-174 and B-174.



Photo by PO Brookes Evans, TRACEN Cape May

Disney Grand Marshals

LTJG Don Davis and his wife, Wendy, enjoy being Grand Marshals of the Share a Dream Come True Parade in the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. April 21. Davis was honored as part of a program at Walt Disney World to honor service members who have returned back to work from active duty. Davis recently spent 18 months in Anchorage, Alaska and also performed salvage operations in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. He is a nine-year Walt Disney World Cast Member who has served in the Coast Guard Reserve for three years. Davis is part of the Security Division and works at Disney's Animal Kingdom.



Photo courtesy Bonnie McGuire, WDW Media Relations

Spray, Rinse, Repeat

BM3 Kurtis Jinks of Station Barnegat Light, N.J., recuperates from OC Spray training. The training was part of a Sector Field Office Atlantic City "All Hands" held at TRACEN Cape May recently.



Photo by HSC Randi Ward, USCGR, SFO Atlantic City, N.J.



Photo by Mr. Scott Prince

REBI Class Romeo 5-06

Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination Class Romeo 5-06 graduated April 7, 2006 at Training Center Cape May, N.J., and is shown here in front of the 44-foot MLB static display. Company commanders, standing in front, left to right: MKCS Wayne Self, MK1 Dennis Croyle, YN1 Jamie Howe. Second row, l to r: SN Anthony Rivera (holding guidon), SN Jason Hamill, IV2 Barry Sutton, PS3 Kevin Joyce, SN Michael Miller, SN Paul Slavik, SN Jennifer Spears, SN Lori Trammell, PA3 Gina Ruoti. Back row, l to r: IV3 Michael Hagen, PS3 Kevin Colletti, SN Jeremy Collis, SK3 William Bosch, SN Nicole Kraynik, BM2 Jeffrey Ruggiero, SN Todd Price, SN Evints Dugue.

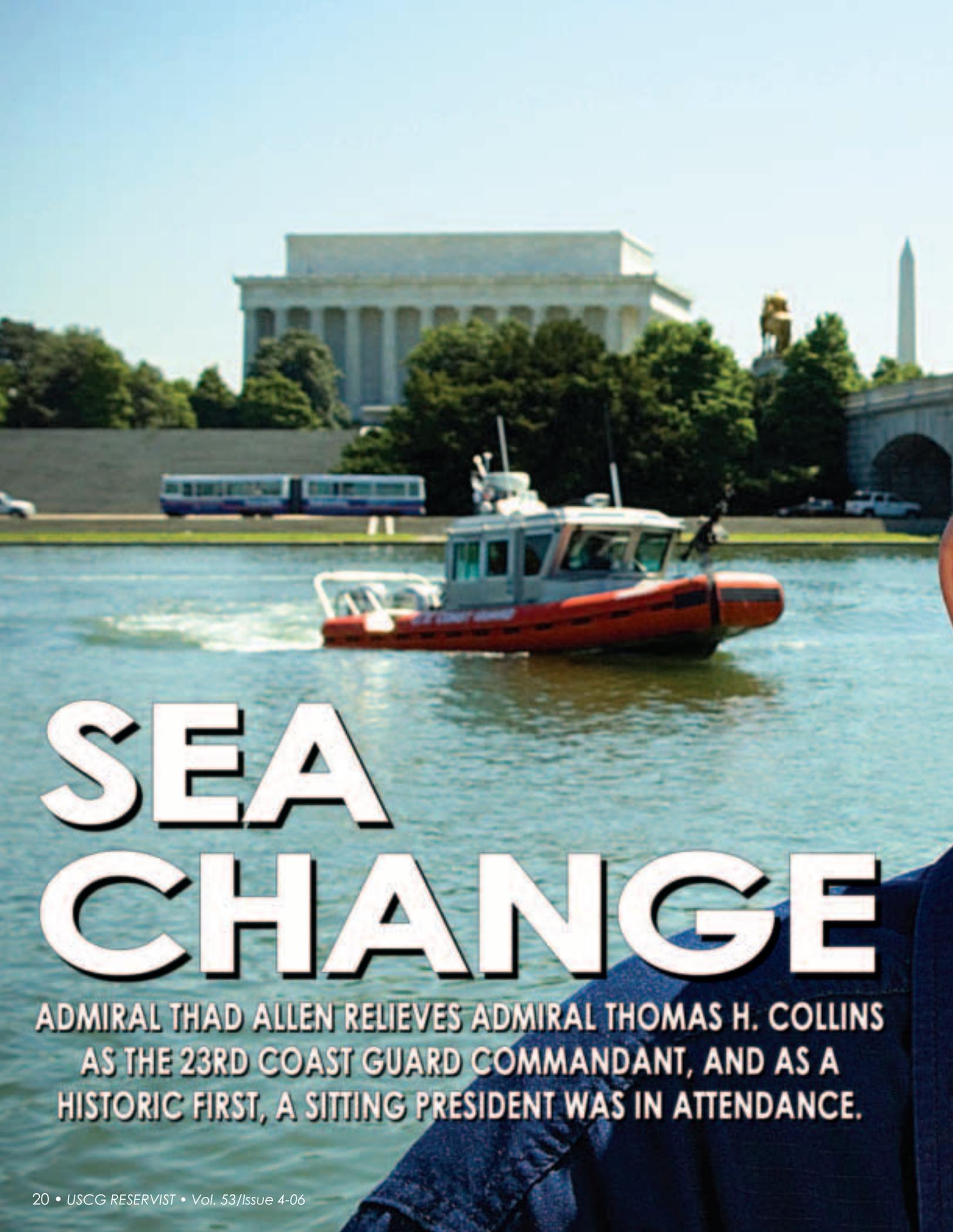


Photo by Mr. Tim Clements

PS "A" Class 2-06

Port Security Specialist "A" School Class 2-06 graduated March 31, 2006, at USCG Training Center Yorktown, Va. Front row, left to right: BM1 Mark Hill, Class Advisor and PS "A" Instructor; SNPS Thomas Crouch, PSU 305; SNPS Michael Canning, PSU 312; SNPS Renee Hensyel, PSU 313; SNPS Katie Flohr, Class Yeoman, PSU 312; SNPS Christen Medeiros, PSU 301; SNPS Ryan Patton, Class Leader, MSO Port Arthur, Texas; SNPS Courtney Caldwell, Class Honor

Graduate, PSU 305; GMC James Clarin, Assistant School Chief, PS "A" Instructor. Back row l to r: SNPS Jeremy Ingram, PSU 305; SNPS Brian Cash, Sector Field Office Atlantic City; SNPS Jerome Shipley, PSU 305; SNPS Nicholas Roper, PSU 312; PS3 Sean McLeland, PSU 311; PS3 Justin Rodgers, Class MAA, PSU 308; PS3 George Price, Sector Field Office Atlantic City; SNPS Dustin Hall, PSU 309; PS3 Timothy Smith, PSU 308.



SEA CHANGE

ADMIRAL THAD ALLEN RELIEVES ADMIRAL THOMAS H. COLLINS AS THE 23RD COAST GUARD COMMANDANT, AND AS A HISTORIC FIRST, A SITTING PRESIDENT WAS IN ATTENDANCE.





WASHINGTON, D.C. — President George W. Bush presided over the Commandant's Change of Command at Fort Lesley J. McNair during which ADM Thad M. Allen became the Coast Guard's 23rd commandant, relieving ADM Thomas H. Collins, who retired after 38 years of service.

"Our nation thanks a fine patriot, Admiral Tom Collins, for his leadership these past four years," said Bush. "And we thank his wife, Nancy, and their family for joining us today. We also congratulate Admiral Thad Allen, as he begins his duties as the 23rd Commandant of the United States Coast Guard. And we appreciate the love and support of his wife, Pam, and their fine family, as well."

It was the first time a president has ever attended a Coast Guard Change of Command. He was given a 21-gun salute.

At the conclusion of his remarks, the president conferred a Presidential Unit Citation on the Coast Guard for its valiant response to Hurricane Katrina for the period between Aug. 29 and Sept. 13, 2005. Bush described the relief effort as "one of the finest hours in the Coast Guard's 216-year history."

Collins acknowledged, and thanked, his family — wife, Nancy, and two daughters, saying he's the "luckiest guy in the world." He also paid tribute to fellow classmates from the Academy Class of 1968 that were present.

"I've had the honor to lead the best our service has to offer," said Collins. "We have made great progress but there's so much more to do. I wish Admiral Allen and his team the very best."

Allen, a 1971 Coast Guard Academy graduate, is a native of Tucson, Ariz. In his most recent assignment, Allen has served as USCG Chief of Staff and Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C. since May 2002. Following Hurricane Katrina, he served as the Principal Federal Official overseeing hurricane response and recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast region.

"Mr. President, you honor the men and women of the United States Coast Guard by your presence here today. We thank you, sir," said Allen in his opening remarks.

He also thanked the Academy Class of 1971 and his family for venturing into Washington, D.C. and thanked his wife, Pam, for "playing hooky" from her deanship at George Mason University's School of Management.

"We in the Coast Guard do our work on the world's last global commons," said Allen. "We execute our mission at the confluence of great waters and often at the intersection of political and ideological passions."

Allen added that the Coast Guard cannot retreat from its commitment to mission execution. "Our challenge is to attack each day and each task with a purpose grounded in who we are, what we have been, and what we must become," added Allen. "Mr. President, Mr. Secretary, I have reported for duty, and the Coast Guard is mustered. We are on watch. Semper Paratus — Always Ready."

Providing a ceremonial backdrop at the May 25 quadrennial event were Coast Guard Barque EAGLE, CGC DEPENDABLE, CGC FRANK DREW, and a 25-foot response boat, all moored on the adjacent Washington Channel. The Coast Guard Band, Honor Guard and a Color Guard were on-hand to add ruffles and



Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, center, looks on while ADM Thad W. Allen, left, salutes outgoing Commandant, ADM Thomas H. Collins, right.

flourishes on an overcast but warm day in our nation's capital. CAPT Vince Atkins served as master of ceremonies and CAPT Wilbur Douglass, Chaplain of the Coast Guard, gave the invocation. MU1 Lisa Taylor sang "Home From the Sea" prior to the ceremony.

In attendance were former commandants ADM James Gracey, ADM William Kime, ADM Robert Kramek and ADM James Loy. Members of the president's cabinet at the ceremony included: DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff, Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao, Transportation Secretary Norm Mineta, Energy Secretary Sam Bodman and Acting Interior Secretary Lynn Scarlett.

Gen. Peter Pace, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, also gave remarks, saying it was a "great Coast Guard Day" adding that ADM Collins represented all that is good about the Coast Guard, and that ADM Allen would proudly give the Coast Guard the forward looking leadership that it so richly deserves.

The Commandants Change of Command has been held at Fort McNair four times since 1994. Prior to that, it was held at the Washington Navy Yard.



The Lineage of Commandants of the Coast Guard

2006-	ADM Thad W. Allen	1954-1962	ADM Alfred C. Richmond**
2002-2006	ADM Thomas H. Collins	1950-1954	VADM Merlin O'Neill
1998-2002	ADM James M. Loy	1946-1949	ADM Joseph F. Farley
1994-1998	ADM Robert E. Kramek	1936-1946	ADM Russell R. Waesche
1990-1994	ADM J. William Kime	1932-1936	RADM Harry G. Hamlet
1986-1990	ADM Paul A. Yost, Jr.	1924-1932	RADM Frederick C. Billard
1982-1986	ADM James S. Gracey	1919-1924	RADM William F. Reynolds*
1978-1982	ADM John B. Hayes	1911-1919	CMDR Ellsworth P. Bertholf, USRCS
1974-1978	ADM Owen W. Siler	1905-1911	CAPT Worth G. Ross, USRCS
1970-1974	ADM Chester R. Bender	1895-1905	CAPT Charles F. Shoemaker, USRCS
1966-1970	ADM Willard J. Smith	1889-1895	CAPT Leonard G. Shepard, USRCS
1962-1966	ADM Edwin J. Roland		

* The specific title "Commandant" dates to 1923.

** Appointed Commandant as Vice Admiral; appointed full Admiral June 1, 1960 by Act of May 14, 1960, Public Law 86-474, under which all USCG Commandants thereafter automatically became full Admirals.

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A HISTORY OF SERVICE

A FATHER & SON REFLECT
ON THEIR LIVES IN
THE COAST GUARD.

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&
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THE FATHER

By DCC Clyde W. Allen

Father of ADM Thad W. Allen, Commandant, USCG

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, everybody was ready to fight. People left school, went to local recruiting offices and enlisted. I was 16, too young to join, and a junior in high school in Parker, Ariz. At the post office in Bowie, Ariz., I had seen a poster saying “join the Coast Guard” and that is what I decided to do. It was a long wait but in May, before my 17th birthday, I went to the Coast Guard Recruiting Office in Phoenix, said I was 18 and signed up. Boot Camp at Alameda, Calif. was a challenge for me, with classes, marching and a cold wind blowing off the bay. Then, it was on to Oregon for coastal lookout and beach patrol. I celebrated my 17th birthday on beach patrol and it was dull and boring.

I asked for sea duty and in three days I was on my way to San Francisco where I was assigned to the GENERAL H. L. SCOTT, a troop ship, 500-feet long, with a crew of 500. The ship was able to transport 4,000 troops at a time and for the next year we covered a large area of the South Pacific. We landed troops in different battle areas, brought back the wounded and those troops who were rotating out of the combat zones. The trips were rough, with air attacks, but the ships were well guarded and we came through it. I found myself, at times, being mad as hell because of the situation we were in. After 16 months, having traveled 59,747 miles, we returned to San Francisco where transfers were waiting for many of us, and I was transferred to the GENERAL H. F. HODGES. My first trip was along the New Guinea coast and into the Philippine Islands. Our last stop was Manila, where the city was burning and troops were fighting on the outskirts of town. We loaded the wounded and headed back to San Francisco.

We were now told all troop ships were to sail to Europe, pick up troops and transport them to assist with the invasion of Japan. We departed San Francisco, sailed through the Panama Canal, to New York City, loaded supplies, and departed for Europe. As we entered the Straights of Gibraltar, the war ended, so we sailed to Naples, Italy, loaded up troops and brought them to New York City. Over the next six months we sailed from New York City, to Calcutta, India, and to Karachi, Pakistan. Our last trip into New York City Harbor was on a bitter cold Christmas Eve. What a great welcome awaited us — fireboats came out to greet us, bands played, etc. What a sight.

I now had enough points to be discharged so I left the Coast Guard (Coxswain – BM3) and went to Tillamook, Ore. to become a lumberjack. Here I met Wilma Bailey. We knew we were meant for each other and within 10 days were married. After 18 months of working the woods in cold wet weather, I thought about rejoining the Coast Guard. I had already completed four years of active service and I knew I would be able to retire after serving only 16 more. So, with a year-old son and a pregnant wife, I went to the recruiting office in Los Angeles, Calif. and reenlisted. The BM rate was frozen, so I had to rejoin as a seaman and start over again. My first assignment was on the CGC MINNETONKA.



Chief Clyde W. Allen at his retirement ceremony from the Coast Guard in 1965 at Alameda, Calif.

Photo courtesy of *The Chief* magazine

While on a weather patrol in January 1949, I received a message I had a new son. My wife tried out different names and came up with Thad, a great name for a future Commandant of the USCG.

Since the BM rate was still frozen, I opted to become a DC and attended Damage Control School, in Groton, Conn. Upon completion of the school, I returned to Long Beach and was assigned to a repair gang that worked on lighthouses. It was here we added our daughter to the family. When TRACEN Alameda was reopened, I was transferred there for two years. Then it was on to the CGC KUKUI which serviced the LORSTAs in the Pacific. When they unloaded materials to build a station on Batanus Island, Philippines, I, along with the whole crew, were left to man the new station. It was a long time away from my family and at the end of the tour, I was transferred to Mobile, Ala.

To qualify for another rank, I needed sea duty, so I asked for a transfer, and was assigned to the CGC SWEETBRIER at Base Ketchikan. My family enjoyed both the assignment and the company of many fine people. After two years it was on to Portland, Ore., where I served four years as a recruiter. It was a happy tour and, having been in Oregon before, it was like being back home.

After Portland, I went back to San Francisco to a maintenance and repair gang, and worked on lighthouses in the 12th District. When I made chief, I was transferred to Base Alameda but spent most of the time supervising the loading of ammunitions at Port Chicago. It was a good job and I worked with a lot of nice people. Vietnam was now being talked about and since I was due for a transfer, I decided to retire. Alameda was where I started my Coast Guard career and so it seemed fitting to retire from there and on Oct. 1, 1965 (after having sailed across all the oceans, South China Sea, and Bering Sea), I retired from the Coast Guard.

I thank the Coast Guard for a good career and my wife for a fantastic family.

THE SON

By ADM Thad W. Allen,
Commandant, USCG

My earliest recollection of the Coast Guard came from living at Coast Guard Station, Samoa, Calif. (now Station Humboldt Bay). Coast Guard personnel and holdovers from the Lifesaving Service were there and according to my dad, didn't "hang out" together very much. I also learned you do not dump soap into a fishpond the Officer in Charge had built and not get into trouble.

Later, I remember my mom taking my sister, brother, and me by train, cross-country to New London, Conn. where my dad met us. He was attending DC "A" School at the Coast Guard TRACEN in Groton (now home of the R&D Center). During this period, we lived in Niantic, Conn. and my dad only had liberty on weekends. This made for a long hard winter for my mom.

As my dad mentioned in his article, he was deployed to the old KUKUI as part of a construction team to build a LORAN "A" Station in the Philippines. I remember halfway through this one-year tour; a typhoon hit the islands and destroyed the station. This meant that he and his crew had to start rebuilding the station all over again which increased his tour of duty to 15 months instead of the original 12. All this time, my poor mom was home alone providing for three small children with no family or friends to assist. Good woman, my mom.

My next memory was when my dad was assigned to the base at Choctaw Point in Mobile, Ala. It was the 1950s and life in the "Deep South" was very different then than it is now. This assignment was short-toured when dad was ordered to the CGC SWEETBRIAR in Ketchikan. Alaska was a terrific place to live and grow up. My brother, sister and I were allowed to play outside a lot and probably in some places where we shouldn't have been, but no one got into trouble. Dad was deployed a lot on this assignment. My Mom, my brother and my sister all agreed that this was one of the best places we ever lived and where we grew very close to each other.

From Alaska, we went to Seattle when dad was assigned as a Coast Guard recruiter in Portland, Ore. We lived there for four years and it became a very important time in my life. We spent almost every weekend and most of the summers with friends who lived in Garibaldi, Ore. (Station Tillamook is located here). In those days, they still gill netted for salmon in the bay and our friend was a commercial fisherman.

After Portland, we moved to the San Francisco Bay Area where I was halfway through my sixth grade year when my



ADM Thad W. Allen, left, sits next to President George W. Bush at the Change of Command at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. May 25.

USCG Photo by PA1 Barry Lane

parents purchased a house (our first) in El Sobrante, Calif. We did not move in until the summer so I could finish sixth grade at Coronado Elementary School in Richmond, Calif. It was here I learned a lot about fitting into a new culture. From seventh through tenth grade, I attended the De Anza Junior/Senior High School in El Sobrante, Calif. My dad worked in the carpenter shop at YBI (Yerba Buena Island) and I was fortunate to spend a lot of time with him in the summer while he was TAD as part of a maintenance and repair team. I visited nearly every lighthouse in the old 12th District. I visited Alcatraz when it was still a prison, Farallon Island when it was still a family-manned station, Point Reyes, Point Bonita, Point Cabrillo, Angel Island, East Brothers, Piedras Blancas and most notably, Station Lake Tahoe, where my dad laid the water lines into the "new" station. I remember on one occasion climbing up the water pipe that led from the industrial base at YBI to the Area Commander's Quarters. Dad was counseled on my intrusion in the Flag Quarters area.

It was here my dad made chief and was assigned to the Port Security Detail that oversaw the outload of ammunition from Port Chicago to Vietnam. It was here he elected to retire (having served in World War II and in the Philippines during the Korean War) and move to Arizona. In Arizona, I completed my high school years at Palo Verde High School and attended the Coast Guard Academy (Class of 1971), where, by now, you guessed, I successfully graduated.

My sister, Wanda, married Tom Yearout, a member of Coast Guard Academy Class of 1972. They ended their Coast Guard Career when Tom retired as Chief of Staff from the 14th District and moved near my parents in Tucson, Ariz.

I thank all of you for allowing my dad and me to share our thoughts with you.



FUTURE DELIVERY

STORY BY

PA2 JUDY SILVERSTEIN, USCGR

IN AN OLD BARRACKS BUILDING ON THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT AT AVERY POINT, COAST GUARD EQUIPMENT OF THE FUTURE IS BEING DEVELOPED. THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE COAST GUARD'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER ARE NOT ONLY ENSURING THE SERVICE HAS THE MOST STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY, THEY ARE ALSO DELIVERING TOMORROW'S COAST GUARD —

TODAY.

In recent years, the Coast Guard has harnessed technology to deploy differential global positioning systems, used underwater robots to inspect hulls for explosives, cast a netlike device that halts an elusive vessel, and refined techniques for oil fingerprinting vital to successful prosecution of response cases. The Coast Guard's Research and Development Center (RDC) develops these technologies — and many others — on the campus of the University of Connecticut at Avery Point in Groton, Conn. Originally designed as a Coast Guard barracks during World War II, the work within its walls epitomizes “transformation.” And, for three decades, the center has produced tools and products that help Coasties perform across all mission areas.

In 1985, the RDC debuted the Automated Aids to Navigation Positioning System. A decade later, the talented RDC staff created the Self-Locating Datum Marker Buoys, followed by a Cutter Scheduling Assistance Program. In between, there have been an array of other projects.

The RDC staff reviews mission requirements, while staying current with emerging technologies. Their work ranges from computer-based programs to mission-responsive tools that harness available technology and apply it to Coast Guard-specific requirements.

“It’s a blend of ingenuity, creativity and serving as technical advisors and brokers to bring the pieces together,” said CAPT Thomas W. Jones, commanding officer of RDC. “It’s about solving problems. We focus on discovering and developing technology by working with other government agencies, contractors, technical organizations and Coast Guard program offices.”

WINDS OF CHANGE

Although search and rescue remains a core Coast Guard mission, maritime domain awareness (MDA), risk-based decision-making, communications, and weapons of mass destruction (WMD) countermeasures are critical areas, according to Jones. As such, the RDC team looks at available technologies, available research and design resources, and hammers out specific applications to match Coast Guard operational needs.

In a post-9/11 world, the need for increased MDA has led to redefinition of the Automated Identification System (AIS), originally designed as a port safety tool for traffic management. Teams are also investigating Acoustic Detection Systems for underwater port security and barrier technology to understand its effectiveness in protecting critical port infrastructure and creating a more robust wide-area surveillance sensor technology.

The goal is to collect data, analyze threats to border safety and security, and increase situational awareness and response. All of this involves greater interoperability and better communications, other investment areas tackled by the RDC staff. Jones pointed to a project in the works that provides improved communications for boarding teams.

“If a vessel is made of steel, normal radios can’t transmit within

its confines,” said Jones. “Yet boarding teams often need to check data and transmit to one another for safety reasons. By aggressively working on hardware and software components, the RDC staff has been crafting solutions in the form of miniaturized repeaters. The repeaters are portable, able to overcome previous transmitting difficulties between boarding team members and back to the cutter or watch stander. Clearly, meeting our boarding teams’ safety needs are an overarching goal.”

Since the day terrorists struck within our borders, the ability to create a common operating picture and track our assets (blue force tracking) has been the driving force behind many military and law enforcement projects. Sharing knowledge and investigating new technologies is critical to developing best practices.

Working collaboratively with other military research facilities such as the Space and Naval Warfare Command (SPAWAR), Naval Undersea Warfare Command, Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate, and the Office of Naval Research, the RDC staff shares its vast expertise and knowledge. Maintaining a close working relationship with project managers at Coast Guard Headquarters is also critical to successful project deployment.

“In addition to communications within the agency, a continuous learning atmosphere within the team adds an element of excitement to the work at the RDC,” said Jones.

LABS WITHOUT WALLS

Given the long list of projects, 10 percent of the staff is deployed to the field on any given day. This helps them more effectively determine evaluation requirements for a product or to field-test an intricate piece of hardware at a small boat station or sector. In-depth understanding of Coast Guard missions and roles in preventing weapons of mass destruction from reaching our shores makes the RDC team unique. The staff of the self-described in-house technology solutions center includes active duty military and civilian scientists, project managers, systems and electrical engineers, and physicists.

While the team doesn't necessarily create new technology, it does craft ways to harness off-the-shelf technology and blend it to meet Coast Guard needs.

“They test and evaluate these solutions alongside the actual operators,” said Jones. “We value and need the input of field personnel.”

A typical day at the RDC involves technical work and questions such as, “What happens if we join these two black boxes together?”

Other teams work internationally to develop standards and tools to protect the environment or improve communications. The RDC is working with the British Home Office on entanglement systems, with the governments of New Zealand and Singapore on aquatic nuisance species management, and with Canadians on oil spill response and maritime domain awareness.

Partnerships, essential to the success of the RDC, have led to a



current project with the international shipping community at the request of the International Maritime Organization within the realm of Digital Selective Calling (DSC). While DSC radios are becoming more widely available and used, there had been no international standard. In 2011, when the Coast Guard's Rescue 21 system is fully operational, boaters will use DSC as a primary way to contact the Coast Guard. The RDC is also working with the International Maritime community to make shipboard DSC maritime radios as simple and reliable as possible.

Current efforts focus on using software automation to embed DSC operational procedures into shipboard DSC radios and to develop a test standard to certify shipboard DSC radios operate properly. The new test standard will ensure all shipboard DSC radios are interoperable by certifying them prior to sale. At the U.N.'s International Telecommunications Union Working Group meeting, the RDC presented a prototype they had developed that met all necessary specifications.

Jones further describes the RDC as a group of professionals with exceptional institutional knowledge, accustomed to being agile and flexible to accommodate evolving missions. Currently, the RDC is prototyping the Command Center of the Future, Command 2010 in the Seventh District at Sector Miami.

Watchstanders have high praise for the new MDA components but are anxious to offer their views — something the team values.

"Something can work well in the lab," explained Jones. "However, field personnel can offer honest feedback on comfort, ease and reliability — what project teams call the Human System Interface, or HSI."

Though the work tempo at the RDC is fast-paced, it's gratifying, said Jones. As leading edge technologies are identified, tested, tweaked and approved, the RDC is often at the leading edge of change within the Coast Guard.

"Working with Coast Guard programs to develop solutions is satisfying," said Jones. "Working with such a high-level team is an honor."



RDC FAST FACTS

- **LOCATION:** University of Connecticut, Avery Point, Groton, Conn. RDC also has a Fire and Safety Testing Detachment in Mobile, Ala.
- **STAFF SIZE:** 100 total, approximately 70 civilians, 30 active duty military.
- **RESERVISTS:** Two RPAL billets are located at RDC's Fire and Safety Testing Detachment. Other reservists work as civilians at the Avery Point location.
- **COMMAND CHANGE:** Plans for RDC include a change in the reporting chain as they move under the auspices of the Acquisition Directorate. The move, which more closely mirrors the U.S. Navy acquisition model, allows RDC to conduct both developmental and operational testing for Coast Guard acquisition projects.
- **WEB SITE:** www.rdc.uscg.gov

RDC PROJECTS

The following brief descriptions offer a glimpse into projects under way at RDC:

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION COUNTERMEASURES (WMD)

The Coast Guard's ability to detect chemical, biological, radiological/nuclear, explosives (CBRNE) WMD and to protect personnel against exposure hazards is critical as we move into a global and sometimes unpredictable arena. Research includes increased standoff distance detection, improved equipment usability, increased portability of devices, multi-purpose detection devices, and protection for Coast Guard personnel.

VESSEL INTERCEPTION, DISABLING AND MARKING (VIDM)

Testing of new technologies to improve night vision capabilities on small boats is ongoing. Simultaneously, non-lethal technologies to disable and/or mark vessels that appear to be the "bad guys" are being developed. Entanglement net systems are also proving to be a valid methodology for port security and interdiction teams.

RISK COMPETENCY

Developing risk-based decision-making tools and models to assist the Coast Guard in analysis/evaluation of maritime security risks, priorities and acquisitions is another exciting facet of work at the RDC.

SENSOR TECHNOLOGIES

This includes evaluation of methods to improve Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA), including development of systems in support of Coastal Wide Area Surveillance and exploration of High Frequency Surface Radar as an MDA tool.

VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT RESEARCH

The RDC has been instrumental in pushing the boundaries of the initial Automatic Identification System (AIS) into an updated homeland security capability. As a surveillance tool, it increases port security by providing automatic exchange of vessel information around the globe. This will aid search and rescue operations, provide real-time navigation, and give a more common, relevant operational picture of maritime operations. Low-power radios broadcast vessel name, size, location, course, and speed via a transponder. If a transponder is not transmitting properly, authorities are notified.

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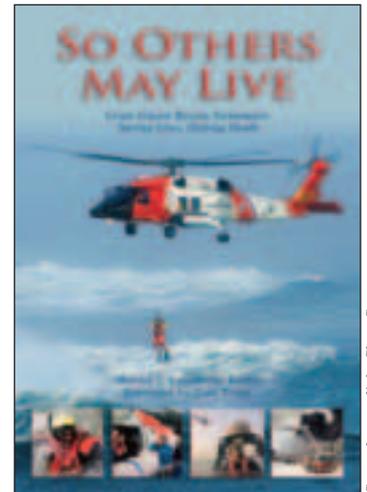
Saving Lives, Defying Death with the Coast Guard's Rescue Swimmers By Martha J. LaGuardia-Kotite

So Others May Live is the previously untold story of the history of the U.S. Coast Guard helicopter rescue swimmer. It contains 12 heroic stories that chronicle the greatest maritime rescues attempted since the inception of the program in 1985. These feats, told through the eyes of the Coast Guard rescue swimmer, reveal an understanding of how and why the rescuer risks his or her life to reach out to save a stranger.

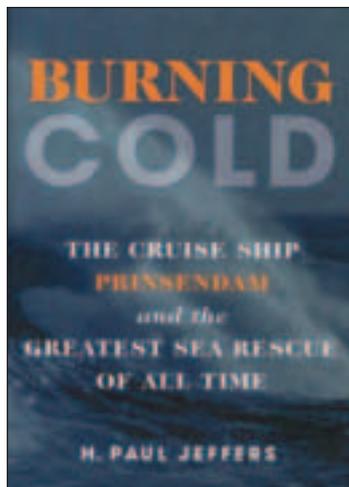
The events unfold in diverse geographic areas and environments: oceans, hurricanes, oil rigs, caves, sinking vessels, floods, Niagara Falls and along the Gulf Coast during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Working from survivor and rescue swimmer interviews, official documents, and period photographs, the author tells their courageous stories. The book includes a foreword by former Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge.

Author LaGuardia-Kotite is a 1989 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, a commander, in the Coast Guard Reserve, and has written hundreds of magazine articles. A portion of the author's proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to the Coast Guard Rescue Swimmer School for the development of a new aquatic facility in Elizabeth City, N.C.

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Burning Cold:

The Cruise Ship Prinsendam and the Greatest Sea Rescue of All Time

By H. Paul Jeffers

Burning Cold is the story of the Coast Guard's rescue of the PRINSENDAM cruise ship, and every heart-stopping detail. It's a saga of people struggling against the odds to survive, and also a riveting account of how the U.S. Coast Guard rallied to confront one of the greatest challenges in its history. On Oct. 4, 1980, an engine fire gradually overtook the PRINSENDAM. Before the era of reality TV, Americans sat glued to their sets watching the heroic rescue of 200 crew members and more than 300 passengers stranded aboard the PRINSENDAM in the middle of the freezing Gulf of Alaska. The PRINSENDAM rescue was so dramatic that it overshadowed news of the 1980 Carter/Reagan presidential race, the Iran Hostage Crisis and the Iran/Iraq War.

Author H. Paul Jeffers has been a broadcast journalist for more than three decades and has published 60 works of fiction and non-fiction.

Burning Cold was published by Zenith Press in March 2006, is 304 pages, including 32 black and white photos. The 6x9-inch hardcover goes for \$24.95. Web: www.zenithpress.com, 1-800-766-2388. ISBN 0-7603-2079-9.

Maritime Grand Haven: Coast Guard City USA

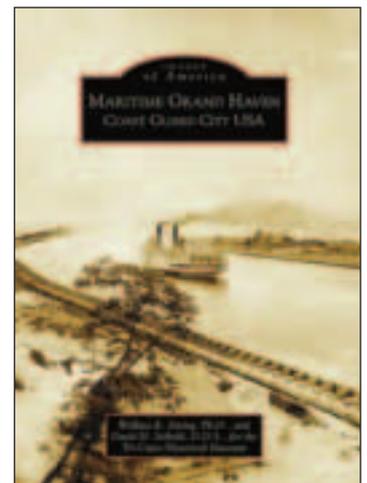
By Wallace K. Ewing and David H. Seibold

Settlers arrived in Grand Haven, Mich. Nov. 2, 1834. They named it Grand Haven because it offered a secure harbor. The logging and shipping industries increased the town's notoriety, and it became especially busy during the financial boom and westward expansion that followed the Civil War.

In 1871, Grand Haven implemented a crew of lifesavers to protect against shipwrecks. The town and the Coast Guard have been inextricably linked ever since. In fact, Congress passed legislation in 1998 that officially declared this town on Lake Michigan's eastern shore "Coast Guard City USA." It's the site of the Coast Guard Festival every summer.

Maritime Grand Haven: Coast Guard City USA is the third component in the Images of America series for Grand Haven. Authors Ewing and Seibold have also co-written *The Grand Haven Area: 1860-1960* and *The Grand Haven Area in Vintage Postcards: 1905-1975*.

Printed in April 2006, this paperback features many rare photos and other images including old ships that visited the Port of Grand Haven, and pictures of early ship wrecks in the area. It is 128 pages and printed by Arcadia Publishing. It is available for \$19.99 through area bookstores, or through Arcadia Publishing at 1-888-313-2665; Web: www.arcadiapublishing.com. All proceeds will be donated to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum in Grand Haven. ISBN: 0738539848



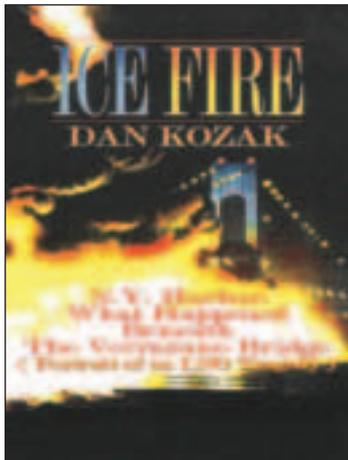
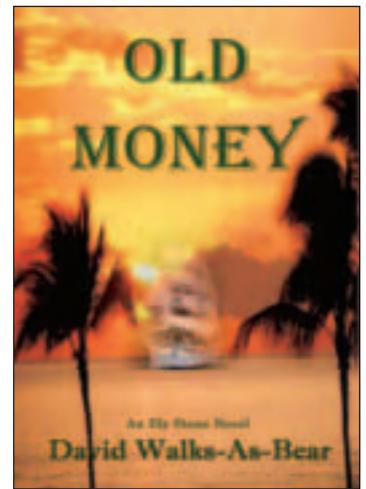
Old Money

By David "Walks-As-Bear" Davis

Old Money takes place in Hawaii and is the second of the Ely Stone mystery novels by Davis. In *Old Money*, Tribal cop and protagonist Stone returns and falls into another case in which mysticism and death twists at every turn! This one involves Mark Twain, beautiful women, Hawaiian medicine, and American Indian culture. Also drifting in this haunting sea is an old Confederate warship called the CSS Shenandoah. Why is this eerie man-o-war sailing in Stone's already crowded world? Whatever the answer, all of these things come into play on the Big Island of Hawaii in *Old Money*.

The first Ely Stone novel by Davis was *The Murmurings*, published in 2002. He also published *The L.P.*, a fictitious story about the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Davis has served in the CGR for over 20 years, is a newspaper columnist, private investigator and game warden.

Old Money, released March 31, 2006 and published by Lulu Press, is a 405-page paperback, \$25.00. It is available online at: www.wildlandpress.com or through www.amazon.com. ISBN: 978-1-4116-8172-9



Ice Fire

N.Y. Harbor: What Happened Beneath The Verrazano Bridge

By Dan Kozak

When a drug smuggling freighter and a Russian tanker loaded with liquefied natural gas (LNG) collide beneath New York City's Verrazano Bridge, the consequences put the city squarely in the sights of a terrorist plot in Kozak's new first novel. The story is based on Kozak's published magazine story about an actual incident involving a container ship and an oil taker in New York Harbor June 2, 1973. *Ice Fire* examines the potential for imminent disaster when dangerous cargo is not vigilantly protected.

"The theme of this book strikes two chords: nautical terrorism and the dangers of LNG," writes Kozak. The author served with the U.S. Merchant Marine from 1946-86, the New York City Fire Department, and retired from the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve as a lieutenant in 1990.

Ice Fire was published by AuthorHouse in 2006, is a 5x8-inch paperback, and sells for \$18.70. ISBN: 1420868985. 1-800-839-8640; Web: www.authorhouse.com

The War Tapes

Winner, Best Documentary
Feature 2006 Tribeca
Film Festival

In Select Theaters



In March 2004, just as the insurgent movement strengthened, several members of one National Guard unit arrived in Iraq, carrying digital video cameras.

The War Tapes is the movie they made with Director Deborah Scranton and a team of award-winning filmmakers: Producer Robert May, *Fog of War*; Producer and Editor Steve James, *Hoop Dreams*; and Executive Producer Chuck Lacy.

The War Tapes is the first war movie filmed by soldiers themselves on the front lines in Iraq. The film follows three men: Sgt. Steve Pink, Sgt. Zack Bazzi, and Spc. Mike Moriarty. You will see *Operation Iraqi Freedom* through their eyes.

All three men leave women at home – a mother, a girlfriend, and a wife. *The War Tapes* – like any true story about war – engages the hard, tense, passionate, always difficult and sometimes beautiful way these relationships develop and change.

The soldiers were not picked by casting agents or movie producers — they selected themselves. Ten soldiers from Charlie Company carried cameras on IED-riddled roads and into combat — and into their own internal conversations. They learned how to choose and tell their stories in constant instant message conversations with Director Scranton. They filmed under unbelievable conditions. The unit was based at LSA Anaconda in the deadly Sunni Triangle, under constant threat of ambush

and IED attacks. They traveled, as a unit, 1.4-million miles during their tour, and lived through over 1,200 combat operations and 250 direct enemy engagements.

Because it's filmed by citizen soldiers telling their own stories, *The War Tapes* is funnier, spicier, and more wrenching than stories other people might tell about them. With Scranton's guidance, the soldiers shot over 900 hours of videotape during their yearlong deployment. Another 200 hours of footage was shot back home by Scranton and her crew – all distilled into a 94-minute film.

For more info: www.thewartapes.com

The War Tapes, Winner, Best Documentary Feature 2006 Tribeca Film Festival, is un-rated. In expanding release on the following dates and cities:

- 06/02 – NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.
Sunshine Cinema
- 06/22 – CONCORD, N.H.
Capitol Center for the Arts
- 06/23 – MANCHESTER, N.H.
Regal Cinemas 9
- 06/30 – WASHINGTON, D.C.
E Street Cinema
- 06/30 – BOSTON, Mass.
Kendall Square Cinema
- 06/30 – SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.
The Castro Theatre
- 07/07 – CHICAGO, Ill.
The Music Box Theatre

Reserve Service Wide Exam: How the Process Works

By YN2 Andy Stafford and Mr. Curtis Jones, CGPC-rpm

The objective of the enlisted advancement system is to ensure a required degree of proficiency at the various grade levels within each specialty and advance those best qualified to fill vacancies that occur. Developed by subject matter specialists at Coast Guard training centers, the Reserve ServiceWide Examination (RSWE) is the primary means to evaluate a reservist's aptitude and knowledge. The RSWE for E-5 through E-9 is administered once per year and will be held this year, on Oct. 21.

Before a reservist can compete in the examination, a member must first meet the eligibility criteria and be in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Coast Guard Personnel Manual (PERSMAN). The first requirements are to have all the End of Course Tests (EOCT) and Performance Qualifications (EPQs) completed, and Enlisted Evaluation Reviews entered into Direct Access approximately three months prior to the examination date (normally June 30 each year).

Even if a member meets the eligibility requirements, the commanding officer must recommend — or not recommend — the member for advancement based on the most recent enlisted evaluation.

Approximately two months prior to the examination date, Personnel Data Extracts (PDEs) will be sent to the unit and the member. The PDE indicates the member's qualification for RSWE participation. Members should review their PDEs for accuracy and submit corrections to their unit "admin" at least one month before the RSWE date. The exact date of the RSWE and corresponding deadlines will be announced via an ALCGRSV message (this year's test is Oct. 21 and the message is ALCGRSV 003/06 (R 241630Z APR 06)).

There are special requirements for members desiring to compete in the RSWE for pay grades E-7, E-8, and E-9. Members must have less than 28 years of service and cannot have reached their 58th birthday as of Jan. 1 following administration of the RSWE. More detailed information on these eligibility requirements can be found in PERSMAN, Art. 5.C.4.b.

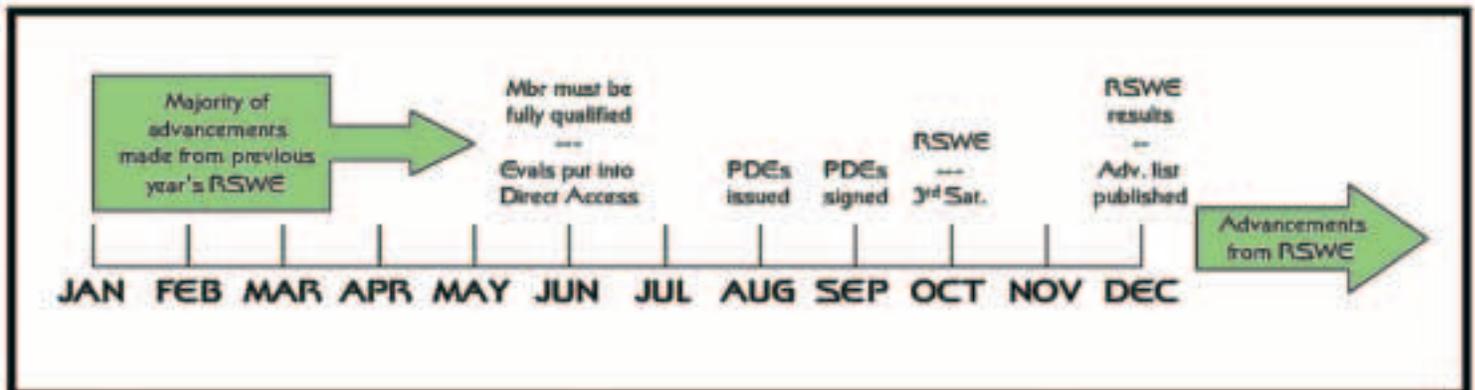
The advancement list is established for each rating, and rates are based upon vacancies anticipated at the time the eligibility list is compiled. Placement on the advancement list is based on the member's final multiple score. This is composed of the member's examination score, performance evaluations, time in service, time in pay grade, medals and awards, and sea



duty (please note that according to the Reserve Policy Manual [RPM], there are no sea service requirements for Reserve enlisted advancements). The Reserve Policy Manual, Section 7.C, illustrates how a reservist's final multiple will be computed. Personnel Service Center (PSC) Topeka will compute the final multiple, and determine each member's ranking on the advancement list. The results are then forwarded to Coast Guard Personnel Command, which will publish the final list about two months after the RSWE date. The list will be posted on PSC's Web site: www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/adv.htm (see Advancement Lists; please note that Advancement Lists can only be accessed from CG Intranet, CG Central or CG Web. These lists are not Internet Release Authorized). Once the list is published, advancements are made accordingly and are usually executed at the beginning of each month.

While it cannot be guaranteed that any one person will be advanced, the RSWE ensures a fair and impartial opportunity for advancement for all competitors. Personnel who place below the cutoff point should plan on participating in subsequent RSWEs in order to maintain their eligibility.

Further information on RSWE responsibilities and processes can be found in the Servicewide Examination (SWE) Guide (PSCINST M1418.1b). Statistics for previous RSWEs can be found at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/adv.htm> and clicking on the "Advancement Lists, Cutoffs & Stats" block.



The Coast Guard Ensign

Ed's note: We continue with the series on various USCG Flags. Source of this information is the Coast Guard Historian's Web site and The Coast Guardsman's Manual, Ninth Edition, Pages 76-78.

The ensign was filled with historical detail. There are 13 stars, 13 leaves to the olive branch, 13 arrows and 13 bars to the shield. All corresponded to the number of states constituting the union at the time the nation was established. The 16 vertical stripes in the body are symbolic of the number of states

composing the union when this ensign was officially adopted in 1799.

This ensign soon became very familiar in American waters and served as the sign of authority for the Revenue Cutter Service until the early 20th century. The ensign was intended to be flown only on revenue cutters and boats connected with the Customs Service. However, over the years, it was found flying atop custom houses as well. So President William Howard Taft issued an Executive Order June 7, 1910, adding an emblem to the ensign flown by the revenue cutters to distinguish it from the ensign flown from the custom houses, which read: "By virtue of the authority vested in me under the provisions of Sec. 2764 of the revised Statutes, I hereby prescribe that the distinguishing flag now used by vessels of the Revenue Cutter Service be marked by the distinctive

emblem of that service, in blue and white, placed on a line with the lower edge of the union, and over the center of the seventh vertical red stripe from the mast of said flag, the emblem to cover a horizontal space of three stripes. This change to be made as soon as practicable."

At about this time, cutters began flying the U.S. flag as their naval ensign and the revenue ensign became the Service's distinctive flag. When the Service adopted the name Coast Guard, the Revenue Cutter Service's ensign became the distinctive flag on all Coast Guard cutters as it had been for the revenue cutters.

The colors used in the Coast Guard ensign today, as in the Revenue Cutter Service, are all symbolic. The color red stands for our youth and sacrifice of blood for liberty's sake. The color blue not only stands for justice, but also for our covenant against oppression. The white symbolizes our desire for light and purity.

As it was intended in 1799, the ensign is displayed as a mark of authority for boardings, examinations, and seizures of vessels for the purpose of enforcing the laws of the United States. The ensign is never carried as a parade or ceremony standard.

There is no set procedure on how to fold the Coast Guard ensign, and units may vary from another. If your unit does not have a specific folding procedure, fold the ensign neatly and store it with care.

The initial job of the first revenue cutters was to guarantee that the maritime public was not evading taxes. Import taxes were the lifeblood of the new nation. Smuggling had become a patriotic duty during the revolution, but if the new nation under the Constitution were to survive, this activity needed to be stopped.

Working within a limited budget, cutters needed some symbol of authority. Neither officers nor men had uniforms. How could a revenue cutter come alongside a merchant ship during an age of pirates and privateers and order it to heave to?

The solution was to create an ensign unique to the revenue cutter to fly in place of the national flag while in American waters. Nine years after the establishment of the Revenue Cutter Service, Congress, in the Act of March 2, 1799, provided that cutters and boats employed in the service of the revenue should be distinguished from other vessels by a unique ensign and pennant.

On Aug. 1, 1799, Secretary of the Treasury Oliver Wolcott issued an order announcing that in pursuance of authority from the president, the distinguishing ensign and pennant would consist of, "16 perpendicular stripes, alternate red and white, the union of the ensign to be the arms of the United States in a dark blue on a white field."





In Brief

• **TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL PROGRAM WAIVER** — National Guard and Reserve personnel who elect to enroll in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) within 120 days after retirement are eligible to skip the 12-month waiting period normally required for certain TRDP benefits (such as crowns, bridges, and braces). All new enrollees seeking to obtain the waiver should submit a copy of their retirement orders along with their enrollment application. It is important to note that as with all new retirees, the 120-day period during which RET-2 retired reservist or Guard member can enroll in the TRDP to qualify for the 12-month waiting period waiver begins with his/her retirement effective date, not the date he/she reaches age 60. For more program info or to enroll, call 1-888-838-8737 or visit TRDP's Web site: www.trdp.org

• **ROA MINUTE MAN MEMORIAL BUILDING RENOVATION** — The Reserve Officers Association is embarking on a campaign to refurbish the Minute Man Memorial Building on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. For more info, contact RADM Bob Merrilees at 407-452-5426, E-mail: rmerrilees@cfl.rr.com Web: www.roa.org/development/cap_campaign.asp

• **SELECTED RESERVE DENTAL READINESS** — ALCOAST 278/06 outlines guidelines for improved dental readiness. Commanding officers are responsible for dental readiness of the Selected Reservists (SELRES) assigned to their unit. SELRES members are responsible for completing their dental exams at Coast Guard or DoD dental clinics using Inactive Duty Training (IDT) drills, Readiness Management Periods (RMPs) or Active Duty for Training (ADT). SELRES members unable to be examined by a Coast Guard or DoD dental clinic, or who do not participate in the TRICARE Dental Plan or have private dental insurance, may use a civilian dentist with approval of the respective MLC(k). MLCs may authorize payment of SELRES dental exams obtained from civilian sources but are not authorized to pay for dental cleaning and follow up dental treatment. SELRES dental exams shall be recorded on DD Form 2813; the original DD 2813 shall be included in the member's Coast Guard health record and a copy submitted to the respective MLC(k). Questions should be submitted to the MLC(k) health benefits help line at 1-800-9HBA-HBA (1-800-942-2422).

• **COAST GUARD RESERVE DIVERSITY STRATEGIC PLAN** — ALCOAST 291/06 announced approval of the CGR Diversity Strategic Plan. The goal is to increase awareness and commitment of all members to the importance of cultural, ethnic, and gender diversity in building a strong and effective Reserve workforce, and also to increase minority and women membership in the CGR. The plan is based on three basic principles: training, targeted recruiting efforts and maintaining a positive work environment that allows everyone to achieve their full potential. The plan will be phased in over five segments beginning July 2006. The plan can be reviewed at: www.uscg.mil/reserve/downloads/reservediversityplan.pdf.

• **IMPLEMENTATION OF TRICARE EARLY IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (E-ID)** — ALCOAST 251/06 implements early TRICARE medical and dental benefits for reserve members and their families who are issued active duty orders 31 days or more in support of a contingency operation. Eligible members benefits begin on either the date their active duty orders were issued or 90 days before they report to active duty whichever is later. These early active duty orders are called delayed-effective-date active duty orders. Please see the following Web site for the E-ID fact sheet:

www.tricare.osd.mil/factsheets/viewfactsheet.cfm?id=328. Please see ALCOAST 251/06 for eligibility, procedures and termination. TRICARE benefits questions can be referred to the local TRICARE Service Center or the USCG's toll-free TRICARE info line, 1-800-9HBA-HBA (1-800-942-2422). E-ID program point of contact is LT Melissa Cohen, COMDT (CG-1312), 202-267-1330, tricare@comdt.uscg.mil

• **CHAPTER 1607 RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (REAP) AND TUITION ASSISTANCE REVISION** — ALCOAST 258/06 clarifies guidance on how Chapter 1607 entitlements are to be used in conjunction with Tuition Assistance (TA). Drilling reservists eligible for Chapter 1607 benefits shall fully utilize Chapter 1607 benefits prior to receiving TA. Total combined benefits may not exceed the full cost of the course(s). As stated in ALCOAST 045/06, reservists serving on active duty may use either TA or REAP (if eligible) but, cannot combine the two benefits, regardless of the cost of a course. The amount of TA a member may be eligible for is the difference between the total REAP entitlement over a given semester and the TA cap over the same time period. The exact amount of TA a reservist may be authorized will be determined based on the amount of REAP entitlements previously received. The TA cap is \$250 per semester hour or \$4,500 per fiscal year. The monthly rate for REAP is determined by the number of days the member was activated. Actual REAP entitlements are determined by the VA. Please contact your Educational Services Officer for further clarification. For more info, see the VA REAP pamphlet at: www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/ch1607/ch1607_pamphlet.pdf.

• **ADDRESS CHANGES** — When updating your address in Direct Access, there are two different address fields you must change — both a home address as well as a mailing address. Please ensure they are both updated. An example of this would be a member whose home address is a street address but mailing address is a post office box. Personnel Service Center (PSC) receives many calls from members stating they are not receiving any correspondence from the Coast Guard since they moved. In researching these inquiries, PSC has found that the home address has been updated but the mailing address has not. Questions may be directed to Lynn Couch, PSC(ras), 1-800-772-8724, ext. 3412; E-mail: lcouch@hrsic.uscg.mil

• **RESERVE CPO ACADEMY** — This two-week academy is highly recommended for Coast Guard Reserve senior enlisted personnel. E7, E8, and E9 may attend. For all CPOs advanced after Jan. 1, 1999, it's a professional requirement for advancement to E-8. Located at TRACEN Petaluma, Calif. Web site: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/tpet/cpoa/index.shtm>. The next class, Reserve Class XXI, will convene Aug. 5-17, 2006. For info, contact the Reserve Senior Enlisted Leadership Academies Liaison, MCPO Mark Allen, at 202-267-6235; E-mail: mallen@sgt-inc.com



Upcoming Events

JULY 2006

• **ROA NATIONAL CONVENTION** — July 19-22, San Antonio, Texas, Marriott Rivercenter. Contact Reserve Officers Association, 1 Constitution Ave. N.E., Washington, DC 20002; 202-479-2200; Web: <http://www.roa.org/>



• **JOINT OFFICER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING SEMINAR (JOLDTS)**— To be held in conjunction with the ROA National Convention in San Antonio July 18-22. This is a great professional development opportunity for all officers (CWO2 to LCDR). Online registration at www.roa.org with on-site registration subject to space availability. For more info, contact Col. Obenland at col.obenland@member.roa.org. Web: http://www.uscg.mil/reserve/HOT%20ITEMS/2006_joint_officer_leaders_hip_de.htm

• **COAST GUARD FESTIVAL** — July 28-Aug. 6 in Grand Haven, Mich., Coast Guard City, USA! For all current and former Coast Guard men, women, SPARs, auxiliaries, reservists and civilian employees. Parade, birthday picnic and fireworks are Saturday, Aug. 5. Reunion groups are welcomed and accommodated. For info, contact CDR M.J. Smith, USCG(Ret.), U.S. Coast Guard Festival Inc., 113 N. Second St., Grand Haven, MI 49417; 616-846-5940; 1-888-207-2434; E-mail: cgfexdirector@chartermi.net; Web: <http://www.ghcgfest.org/>



AUGUST 2006

• **COAST GUARD DAY** — Is Friday, Aug. 4th! What is your unit planning to commemorate the Coast Guard's 216th birthday?

• **DUNK FAN 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** — Spend Coast Guard Day playing basketball in memory of PO Brian Colletti at the second annual tournament/scholarship fundraiser, Aug. 4-5, Northwood Temple Academy, 4200 Ramsey St., Fayetteville, N.C. For more info,

contact Lynda Simmons, 572 Andover Road, Fayetteville, NC 28311; 910-488-0476; E-mail: lsimmons@nc.rr.com; Web: www.brian-eddie-colletti.memory-of.com. For a review of last year's event, see The Reservist, Issue 8-05, Page 18.

• **38th ANNUAL COAST GUARD CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION** — Aug. 14-18, Marriott Center, Indianapolis, Ind. Convention chairman is CWO William Giessman, USCGR (Ret.). When making reservations, make sure you mention the CPOA. Web: <http://www.uscgcpoa.org/>



• **PORT HURON COAST GUARD APPRECIATION DAYS** — Aug. 25-27, Port Huron Mich. Activities include a Memorial Service at International Flag Plaza Friday, Aug. 25. On Saturday, Aug. 26, tour USCG Station Port Huron, CGC HOLLYHOCK and decommissioned CGC BRAMBLE, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, museum lightship HURON, Port Huron Museum and more. The Seaway Terminal will host a Saturday evening dinner to honor local active and retired Coast Guard members. For more info, go to: www.porthuron.org (under "Calendar," then go to "Coast Guard Days, Aug. 25-27").

SEPTEMBER 2006

• **TWIN CITIES JOINT MILITARY SERVICES' RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY** — Saturday, Sept. 30, Mystic Lake Casino/Hotel, 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd., Prior Lake, Minn., begins at 7:30 a.m. Registration fee: \$26 per person. Contact: YN2 Dave Harms, USCGR(Ret.), 1003 W. Lyon Ave., Lake City, MN 55041; 651-345-4431; E-mail: crookcatcher@mchsi.com

• **FLEET WEEK SAN DIEGO 2006** — Sept. 23-Oct. 28. For info, call 1-800-FLEETWEEK. Web: www.fleetweeksandiego.org

OCTOBER 2006

• **RESERVE SERVICE WIDE EXAMINATION** — Mark your calendar if you're planning to take the test! This year's date is Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006! Deadline for paperwork (EOCTs, marks, etc.) is July 1, 2006.

Reunions

AUGUST 2006

• **CUTTERMAN'S ASSOCIATION REUNION** — 20th Cutterman's Association reunion, Portland, Maine, Aug. 4-6. The Association was founded in 1986 and the reunion is held every four years. All former shipmates from Portland cutters are encouraged to attend. For info, contact Wes Spletstoesser, 207-799-5475. E-mail: wessplets@msn.com

• **USCGC BARATARIA (WHEC-381) VIETNAM REUNION** — Held in conjunction with Cutterman's Association of Portland, Maine, Aug. 4-6. Other cuttermen sailors who served on cutters in the Portland area are also encouraged to attend. For info, contact James Jones, 412-638-7529; E-mail: bosunj@aol.com; Wes Spletstoesser, 207-799-5475, E-mail: wessplets@msn.com; Larry Minott, cuttermansprez@aol.com

• **GOVERNORS ISLAND "BRATS" REUNION** — Aug. 4-6, in New York City. Brats who grew up on Governors Island from 1968-1985 are invited. Rooms are being blocked at the Hotel Pennsylvania near Penn Station. Events to include tour of Governors Island and dinner dance. For more info, check the Brats Web site at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GovernorsIslandBrats2> or contact Dawn Fenner-Dreizler, 1405 E. Amberjack Drive, Hernando, FL 34442; 352-637-2697; E-mail: dreamer7772000@yahoo.com

SEPTEMBER 2006

• **USCG COOS BAY (WAVP-376) / USS COOS BAY (AVP-25)** — Coos Bay Reunion Association, Sept. 13-17, in St. Louis, Mo., 14th annual reunion of crew members and friends of Coos Bay. For info, contact Tom Przyzycki, Reunion Chairman, 6940 Jamison, Apt. 2 N, St. Louis, MO 63109; 314-352-2243; E-mail: tprzyzyc@charter.net; Bill Hardy, President, 7036 Valley St., Port Sheldon, MI 49460; 616-738-0765; E-mail: hardyb643@sbcglobal.net

• **DUNKIRK LIGHTHOUSE NAVY REUNION** — Sept. 24-28, Dunkirk, N.Y. at Dunkirk Historical Lighthouse and Veterans Park Museum. Special guests will be former crews from USS SPHINX (LST 963 ARL 24), USS LSMR 517, members of the United States, Pennsylvania and Ohio LST Associations, and the New York State Amphibious Forces Association. The event will include expo of U.S. history, U.S. Navy displays, artifacts, and memorabilia. Tour Dunkirk Lighthouse and Veterans Park which includes a 45-foot USCG buoy tender, a dozen life saving and rescue boats, anchors, ships bell, and the Avenue of Flags memorial. Attendees need to register. For info, contact George Sharrow, 1040 Stoney Creek Road, Dauphin, PA 17018; 717-921-2963, E-mail: whitehats@paonline.com

• **USS CENTAURUS (AKA-17)** — World War II Coast Guard-manned USS CENTAURUS' 15th reunion is set for Sept. 28-30, at the Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, Va. For info, contact G.E. McCabe, Jr., 116 Knotty Pine Trail, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082; 904-280-3013; E-mail: congem@comcast.net

• **COAST GUARD RESERVE COMPANY R4 50-YEAR REUNION** — Sept. 29 – Oct. 1, at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May, N.J. All R4 graduates are encouraged to attend. R4 was one of the first 6x8 Reserve training companies to train and graduate from Cape May (Oct. 1956 to March 1957). A variety of reunion activities will include a welcome reception on Thursday, attendance at a recruit graduation on Friday, base tour and update on changes at Cape May since the 1950s, banquet dinner Friday evening and opportunities to share our experiences. Visit R4's Web site for vintage photos, agenda, lodging options and more info at: www.USCGR4.org or contact: CDR Mike Nilsson, USCG (Ret.), 213-248-0147, E-mail: mnnilsson@aol.com or CDR Vic Saucedo, USCG (Ret.), vic.saucedo@lmco.com or Richard Storek at rich@storekstudio.com

Advancements

Reserve Enlisted Advancements

Effective May 1, 2006

From Enlisted Reserve Advancement

Announcement (ERAA) No. 5-06,

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BOATSWAIN'S MATE(BM)

BMC A J MAGLIACANE
BM1 T R CARROLL
BM1 D J DANIELS
BM1 S D BARADO
BM1 G L FEISTER
BM2 D A SCHNEIDER
BM2 C M CONLEY
BM3 J S BATES

GUNNER'S MATE(GM)

GM1 K R SMITH

HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIAN(HS)

HS1 G M LEWIS
HS2 D G HERNANDEZ

MACHINERY TECHNICIAN(MK)

MKC G R MATT
MK1 S P YONKE
MK1 G A WALKER
MK2 J N HAYS
MK3 C D STRATTON

MARINE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN(MST)

MSTC T A CINKO

OPERATIONS SPECIALIST(OS)

OSC W B STANIFER
OS2 B L ROBEY

PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST(PA)

PA1 B S HUTH

PORT SECURITY SPECIALIST(PS)

PSC P R ZINCK
PSC E A YOUNGQUIST
PS1 L K DOBROWOLSKY
PS1 G W DRURY
PS1 J D CALLESTO
PS1 E R SWANSON
PS1 J R WETHERINGTON
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BOATSWAIN'S MATE(BM)

BMCS D P WRIGHT
BM1 L L PACHECO
BM1 M A BIANCA
BM1 R P BRYANT
BM1 D C KRAKOWSKI
BM2 E C KENNEL
BM2 T S DENHAM

DAMAGE CONTROLMAN(DC)

DC1 H J DOWNES

GUNNER'S MATE(GM)

GM2 L M BARRETT

HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIAN(HS)

HS1 R J HARTOGH

INVESTIGATOR (IV)

IVC J A SCHROEPFER

MACHINERY TECHNICIAN(MK)

MK1 C CAULFIELD
MK1 W A HARRIS
MK1 J L HENDERSON
MK1 V E KIGER
MK1 W RODRIGUEZ
MK1 M D COLE
MK2 T J HALL
MK2 J J WILLIAMS
MK2 J A DARCY
MK2 J W CLIFFORD

MARINE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN(MST)

MST2 J R GUNN

OPERATIONS SPECIALIST(OS)

OSC R C BELL
OSC S E SPRAGINS
OS2 T C ZEINER

PORT SECURITY SPECIALIST(PS)

PSCS E L JOHNSON
PSC D A TELFER
PS1 O A CARBAJAL
PS1 K BENRAJAB
PS1 J D THACKSTON
PS1 M L SMITH

STOREKEEPER(SK)

SKCS H S BACA

YEOMAN(YN)

YNC G S SABIK

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Medals and Awards

DEFENSE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

YNC Mary T. Adams, CGRU USTRANSCOM

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

LTJG Todd A. Remusat, RAID Team

JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL

LTJG Bob Lindsay, CGRU USTRANSCOM

COAST GUARD COMMENDATION MEDAL

LCDR Gerald Nauert, Sector Ohio Valley
BMCM Mark H. Allen, CGHQ

ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

ENS Ryan Dilkey, Sector Jacksonville
ENS Casey E. Johnson, Sector Jacksonville
ENS Kristi Nadler, Sector Jacksonville
ENS Michael Shuster, Sector Jacksonville
PS1 George Juaristic, Sector Jacksonville

PS1 Michael Pevear, Sector Jacksonville
MST2 David Creager, Sector Jacksonville

NAVY & MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

LTJG Todd A. Remusat, D7
BMCS Joseph R. MacDonald, D7
BMCS James A. Pancari, D7
BM1 Nathan L. Long, D7
MK1 David D. Lucas, D7
MST1 John M. Cynkar, D7
PS1 David K. Allen, D7
PS1 Thomas M. Walker, D7
BM2 Karl W. Kuster, D7
BM3 Catherine Buria, D7
BM3 Jonathan M. Norman, D7
BM3 Timothy B. Sheridan, D7

COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

LT Todd P. Boze, Sector Seattle

RESERVE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

YN2 Jason Warner, CGRU USTRANSCOM(2nd)

Retirements

RET-1 (Retired With Pay)

MARCH 2006

CAPT William J. Vanorden
 LCDR Larry T. Barninger
 LCDR John L. Burgy
 LCDR Nancy E. Dean
 LCDR Ronald C. Kuhn
 LCDR Scott R. Norton
 LCDR John D. Vanpatten
 CWO4 Donald W. Davis
 CWO4 Donald A. Fagerstrom
 PSCS Leon F. Artac
 MKC James P. McGuire
 MKC Richard G. Staats
 EM1 John P. Watson
 ET1 Jerome F. Kovacs
 IV1 John B. Daley
 IV1 Stephen F. McDonald
 MK1 Lawrence T. Schwamb
 MST1 Robert C. Golden
 SK1 John E. Hartle
 YN1 Judith A. Feinauer
 YN1 Mary Francis Lala
 BM2 James L. Lambert
 FS2 Paul T. Chenette
 PS2 Thomas Silechia
 EM3 Eugene P. Schoene

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CDR Larry E. Hunter

CDR Mark A. Revett
 CWO4 Peter F. Burdett
 CWO3 Laura E. Rivera
 CWO3 Mary H. Waters
 OSCS Michael J. Antidormi
 BMCM Paul J. Debold
 DPC Terrell L. Haines
 OSC Dayne M. Ventura
 PSC Samuel N. Kessell
 YNC Delbert L. Lappin
 DC1 Roy R. Robinson
 ET1 David E. Koons
 PS1 George D. Garner
 PS1 McKenzie Jenkins
 PS1 Gordon T. Landon
 PS1 George M. Noll
 YN1 Robin Y. Wong
 MK2 Ronald R. Ketelaar
 OS2 Donn S. Grover
 PS2 Robert S. Drew

RET-2 (Retired Awaiting Pay)

MARCH 2006

CDR Lee A. Handford, LANTAREA
 CDR Mark G. Maser, D1
 LCDR Ronald H. Kohlstaedt, LANTAREA
 LT Stephen S. O'Neill, LANTAREA
 PSCS Carl W. Boss, CGPC
 MKC Tom Landrigan, D1
 MSTC Mark P. Manthei, D9

MSTC Gary E. Quimby, D7
 OSC Dale R. Kinney, D11
 BM1 Kevin W. Carney, D8
 EM1 Jay S. Huss, D8
 EM1 Byron L. Taylor, D7
 ET1 Steven L. Krenek, MLCLANT
 IV1 John D. Brunsluk, CGIS
 MST1 Janet I. Hagemann, D13
 PS1 John C. Karl, CGPC
 YN1 Bruce E. Borthwick, D13
 YN1 Jonathan L. Brooks, D8

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LCDR Roger D. Bullock, LANTAREA
 LT Matthew R. Wannamaker, D9
 DCCM Michael P. Ledoux, TC Yorktown
 BMC Freddy W. Harris, CGPC
 HSC Steve Demko, CGPC
 MKC Stefan H. Krzeszowski, D13
 OSC Sanford M. Needle, D11
 PSC Paul B. Dick, CGPC
 SKC Kenneth G. McGruder Sr.
 PS1 David L. Garibay, PACAREA
 YN1 Rosemary W. Bigger, TC Yorktown
 YN1 Karen E. Pastoriza, D7
 BM2 Patrick D. Donnelly, D7

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Clockwise from upper left: YNC Marty T. Adams, USCGR, right, receives her retirement certificate from CAPT Deborah A. Dombeck, Commanding Officer of CGRU USTRANSCOM, at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. April 9.

Reservists salute the flag at their combined retirement ceremony May 13, left to right: MST2 Steve Carlson, MSTCS Stephen Jones, and CWO4 Michael McCormick, while CAPT Charles Strangfeld, far right, Sector San Diego Commander, presided at the ceremony.

CAPT Richard Tinsman, second from right, is presented with a Meritorious Service Medal by RDML David Pekoske, Commander, First CG District, at a retirement ceremony at Portland Head Light, Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Tinsman served 37 years.

• **CAPT Louis Ball, USCGR(Ret.)**, April 17, 2006, in Santa Monica, Calif. Survived by his spouse, Selma Ball.

• **CAPT William J.L. Parker, USCG(Ret.)**, 90, April 28, 2006, at Penobscot Bay Medical Center, Rockport, Maine. Parker, also known as Lew, was born Nov. 17, 1915, in Kentville, Nova Scotia. Near Digby, Nova Scotia about 1919, he witnessed a dirigible flying overhead — the first east to west Atlantic crossing of such a craft. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1938 and then attended Columbia University for a master's degree in history. His master's essay, *The Great Coal Schooners of New England*, was published in 1948, and is still considered one of the definitive works in its field. In 1941, he joined the newly formed U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and found himself on active duty the day

after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He served aboard the attack transport ship, HUNTER LIGGETT, in the South Pacific and the GEN. J.C. BRECKINRIDGE, a P2-class transport in the North Atlantic. After the war, he was stationed on the Coast Guard North Atlantic weather patrol vessels DEXTER and OWASCO and was then stationed at New York for three years. From 1952, until his retirement in 1969, he had a distinguished career in Coast Guard marine inspection, stationed in Houston and then Yokohama, Japan. In 1964, he was appointed officer in charge of marine inspection at Boston, a position he kept until retirement. For many years, he was the undisputed worldwide leading authority on the large cargo schooners of the Eastern Seaboard. In 1961, he married Frances Dailor who was in the Foreign Service at Yokohama. She passed away in 2002. Funeral services were held May 13 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Camden, N.J. Interment All Souls Memorial Garden at the church. Memorial donations may be made to the Maine Maritime Museum, 243 Washington St., Bath, ME 04530.

• **CAPT Robert B. Rabon, USCGR(Ret.)**, April 14, 2006, in Kure Beach, N.C. Survived by his spouse, Carol Rabon.

• **CAPT Matthew J. Kavanaugh, USCGR(Ret.)**, May 4, 2006, of Chicago, Ill. Survived by his spouse, Jimmie Kavanaugh.

• **CAPT Thomas K. Thorpe, USCGR(Ret.)**, March 28, 2006, in Portland, Ore. Survived by his spouse, Catherine Thorpe. Interment Portland, Ore.



CAPT William J.L. Parker

• **CAPT Edward C. Phillips, USCGR(Ret.)**, May 2, 2006, in Ledyard, Conn. Survived by his spouse, Nancy Phillips.

• **CDR Daniel J. Goggins, USCGR(Ret.)**, March 14, 2006, in Westlake, Ohio. Survived by his spouse, Janice Goggins.

• **CDR William H. Latham, USCGR(Ret.)**, Jan. 23, 2006, in Hyannis, Mass. Survived by his spouse, Anne Latham.

• **CDR Michael J. McQueeney, USCGR(Ret.)**, March 17, 2006, in Kansas City, Mo. Survived by his spouse, Nancy McQueeney. Interment Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kan.

• **CDR Carl D. Swanson, USCGR(Ret.)**, April 21, 2006, in Sonora, Calif. Survived by his sons, John and Ralph Swanson.

• **LCDR Thomas D. Crittenden, USCGR(Ret.)**, April 5, 2006, in

Norfolk, Va. Survived by his spouse, Katharine Crittenden.

• **LCDR David S. Saylor, USCGR(Ret.)**, March 9, 2006, in Savannah, Ga. Survived by his spouse, Janet Saylor.

• **CWO3 Roger J. Lantieri, USCGR(Ret.)**, March 29, 2006, in Cape May, N.J.

• **PSCS Kenneth C. McDannald, USCGR(Ret.)**, April 13, 2006, in Wenatchee, Wash. Survived by his spouse, Anna McDannald. Interment Everett, Wash.

• **MKC Bernard R. Allen, USCGR(Ret.)**, April 8, 2006, in Corbin, Ky. Survived by his spouse, Bette Allen.

• **SSC James W. Vassas, USCGR(Ret.)**, March 21, 2006.

• **EM1 Allen J. Buttke Sr., USCGR(Ret.)**, 68, March 21, 2006, in Burnsville, N.C. A native of Weehawken, N.J., he served in the U.S. Marine Corps and USCGR, retiring in August 1997 after 32 years service. Survived by his spouse, Michele Buttke.

• **MK1 Charles B. Cole, USCGR(Ret.)**, 73, April 8, 2006, of Traverse City, Mich. Born Dec. 30, 1932, in Traverse City, he served in the U.S. Navy, Air Force Reserve and the Coast Guard Reserve. He last unit was Coast Guard Reserve Unit Traverse City. As a civilian, he was a lineman for Consumers Energy, and was a life member of the Cherryland V.F.W. Post 2780. Memorial services were held at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral



Home in Traverse City with military rites given by an honor guard from VFW Post 2780. His last wishes were to be buried at sea by the United States Coast Guard. Arrangements were made by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City.

- **SK1 Clifford R. Trevena, USCGR(Ret.),** March 23, 2006.
- **EM2 John A. Robinson, USCGR(Ret.),** Feb. 1, 2006. Survived by his son, Jason Robinson.
- **GM2 Dennis F. Green, USCGR(Ret.),** Feb. 25, 2006, in Whitehall, Mich. Survived by his spouse, Elizabeth Green.
- **George F. Haines, USCGR World War II veteran,** 82, May 1, 2006, in Carmichael, Calif. Born March 9, 1924, in Huntington, Ind., he trained U.S. swimmers for seven Olympics and is considered by many to be the all time greatest swim coach. Haines enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard Dec. 12, 1942, and for two years, taught swimming survival skills in San Francisco. Seaman First Class (SN1/c) Haines later served on the USS CASPER. He met his spouse, June, at a USO dance while serving on Treasure Island at Alameda, Calif. They were married in Oakland, Calif. on July 20, 1945. He was honorably discharged Feb. 12, 1946. After the war, he enrolled at San Jose State University where he was conference champion in the 50-meter freestyle, graduating in 1950. He then began a 24-year career teaching physical education and coaching football and swimming at Santa Clara High School, Calif. His high school boy's swim teams held every national high school record in every stroke and distance

including relays in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He produced 300 high school All Americans who set over 200 national high school records. Haines also started the Santa Clara Swim Club in 1951, a team that won 44 U.S. Senior National titles. Haines was a great motivator who produced 53 Olympic swimmers including Don Schollander, Donna de Varona, Chris von Saltza, Steve Clark, Claudia Kolb and Mark Spitz. Olympians he coached won 44 gold, 14 silver and 10 bronze Olympic medals. He also coached the UCLA men's swim team four years in the 1970s and the Stanford women's swim team six years before retiring in 1988. He later coached senior softball and led a team to the Senior Softball World Series in West Palm Beach, Fla. Despite producing hundreds of great individual athletes, he always stressed teamwork and always kept his sense of humor. He was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1974, and the Santa Clara Swim Club's pool was recently renamed The George F. Haines Swimming Pool. His statue at the pool is a reminder of his great legacy to the sport of swimming. He is survived by June, his spouse of 61 years; five children, Kerry, Janice, Jody, Paula and G. Kyle; three brothers; a sister; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandson. There were no services but the Santa Clara Swim Club plans to honor him at the club's 55th anniversary celebration June 23-25. More than 40 of Haines' Olympic swimmers are expected to attend. Memorial donations may be made to the Huntington, Ind. YMCA, 607 Warren St., Huntington, IN 46750.



George F. Haines

Don't Forget the Sunscreen...

As authorized Coast Guard Morale, Well-being and Recreation (MWR) patrons, your family members and you are eligible for the benefits of the Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC). In an effort to enhance AFVC benefits, customers may choose to stay for one or more nights to better suit vacation time needs. "Nightly Getaway" rates start as low as \$75 per night during peak season. Seven-night stays are still available for only \$299.

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If you do not have internet access, simply call the central reservation center at 1-800-724-9988 for weekly "Space-A" reservations or 1-888-338-0970 for "Nightly Getaway" reservations. A vacation counselor will assist you with searching for a vacation opportunity and credit the rebate to the participating Coast Guard installation of your choice. To make an AFVC reservation, patrons will need their AFVC installation identification number from a participating MWR Office or use number 228 for all other Coast Guard Installations. "Nightly Getaway" reservations must be made within 60 days of travel. Weekly rentals may be made up to 12 months in advance.

If you are a Coast Guard Reservist with a current valid ID, then you are authorized as a patron for the Armed Forces Vacation Club. For more information about the Armed Forces Vacation Club, please contact your nearest MWR Office.



Fair Winds, Shipmates!

It is hard to believe that my assignment as the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard is quickly coming to a close. On one hand, it seems as if I just reported in; on the other, it seems like I have been here forever! However, the fact is, I will be relieved by MCPO Charles Bowen on June 14, 2006, at TISCOM in Alexandria, Va.

I must admit, the last four years have been an absolute blur for me and my family — just as they have been for so many of you. Our great country has faced many major challenges, and as you would expect, most of those challenges have directly impacted our nation's Coast Guard. In typical form, our Coast Guard Reserve has been at the forefront of ensuring the continued safety and security of the United States and further strengthening our rightful reputation as the premier maritime service throughout the world. I have never been more proud of our Service than I am now!

Your selflessness and exemplary performance of duty in response to the devastation left in the wakes of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita clearly demonstrated to the remainder of the world what we in the Coast Guard already knew — that in a moment of crisis, the collective shipmates of the Coast Guard team can be relied upon to protect and serve our fellow Americans even when facing dire personal hardships themselves. Additionally, the recent service of our Reserve force in support of domestic port security operations as well as the U.S. Navy's fifth and sixth fleet has earned the newfound respect of our counterparts in the Department of Defense. I commend all of you for the stellar example that you set for our service, and for the many sacrifices that you make in order to serve.

As you are well aware, the events of Sept. 11, 2001 vastly expanded our mission portfolio to the point where we have never been busier doing more important work than we are today. In the past, positive performance seemed to be rewarded by even higher expectations and more demands — but absent the rewards. That trend has finally diminished due to long-awaited and necessary enhancements made to the Reserve military compensation package. Your proven value enabled those improvements to happen and you should be proud of what you have achieved for the next generation of reservists!

Without question, the past four years have brought forth major improvements in your compensation and healthcare benefits. Recent changes to the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for our Reserve Force now permit all reservists to receive full BAH when ordered to active duty for more than 30 days as compared to the original 139 day minimum. This was simply the right thing to do for our reservists, because as I have said countless times before, "A reservist on active duty is on active duty!" Other compensatory initiatives that were enacted to benefit the

Reserve Force were the critical skills retention bonuses, higher enlisted/affiliation bonuses for enlisted personnel, accession/affiliation bonuses for Reserve officers, more generous bonus eligibility criteria, and increases in the foreign language proficiency bonus and high priority units assignment pay. These are just a few of the many positive changes that took place with regard to your compensation, and they are all well-deserved and long overdue!

Healthcare benefits for our reservists have also improved dramatically within the last few years. TRICARE Reserve Select permits reservists and their family members to participate in TRICARE within a three-tier system at varying costs. Healthcare benefits have always been a priority for our reservists and this initiative is a significant step forward in providing adequate and affordable coverage. We have also seen vast improvements in educational benefits afforded to mobilized reservists and expanded utilization of the Montgomery GI Bill for Selected Reservists, including financial assistance for licensing and certification testing.

In retrospect, my overarching goal during my assignment as your Master Chief was to simply leave the Coast Guard better than it was when I found it, and I believe that we have collectively achieved exactly that. This watch has not been easy, but I have received tremendous assistance from the Master Chief of the Coast Guard Reserve Force Jeff Smith and the command master chief network.

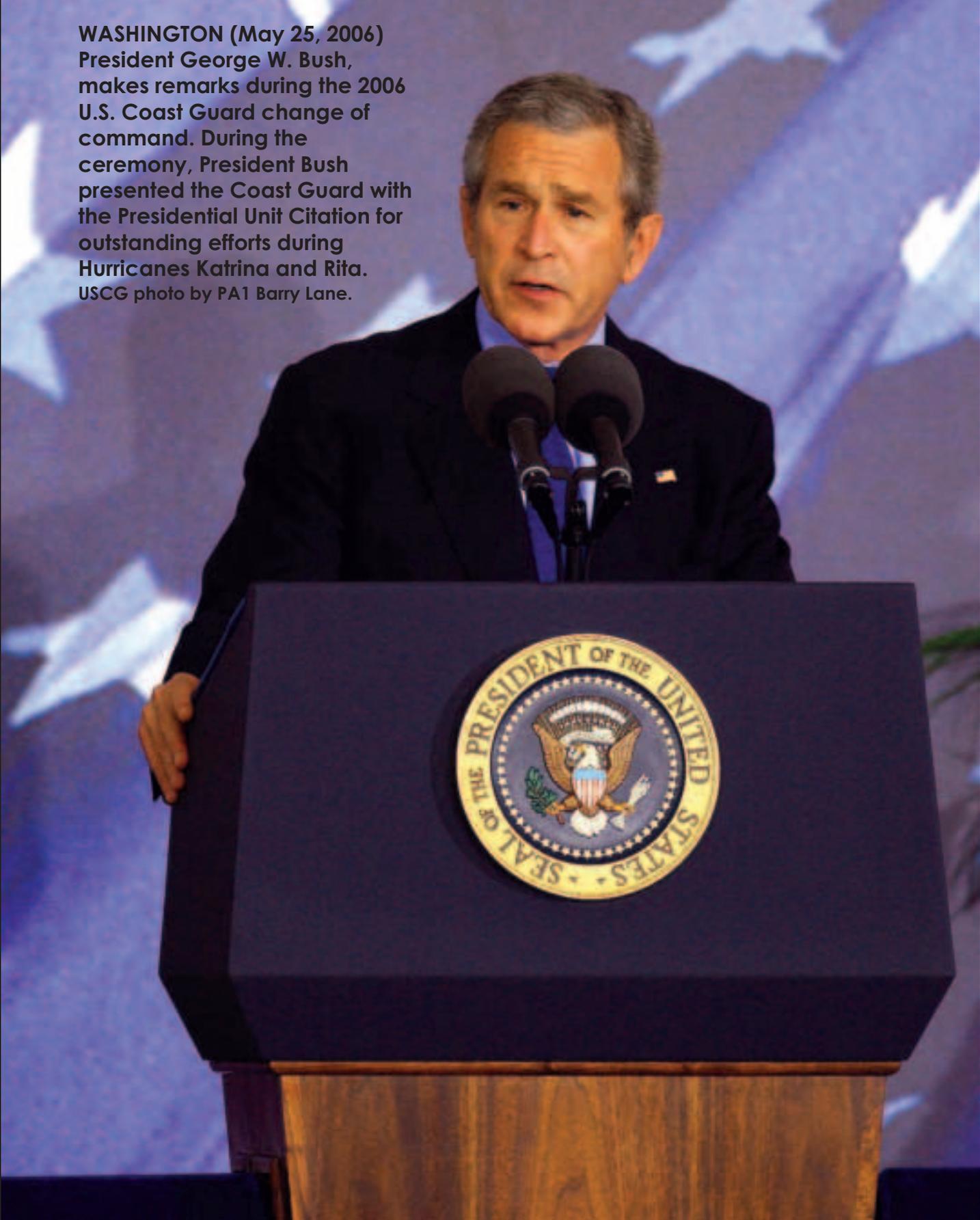
In closing and above all else, I offer you all my sincere thanks for your dedication to duty and unwavering ability to complete the mission despite sometimes overwhelming odds. We have made great progress throughout our watch, but there is still much to do in order to prepare us to conquer the even greater challenges that we will face as we continue to navigate the shoal water of the 21st century. I have every confidence that you will continue to excel and to make our country proud at every opportunity. Please accept my best wishes for continued success wherever life's roads may take you, and thank you for the terrific privilege to serve alongside each and every one of you.



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**By MCPOCG Frank A. Welch, USCG
Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard
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WASHINGTON (May 25, 2006)
President George W. Bush,
makes remarks during the 2006
U.S. Coast Guard change of
command. During the
ceremony, President Bush
presented the Coast Guard with
the Presidential Unit Citation for
outstanding efforts during
Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
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