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## RESERVE WELCOMES 6-MOS. TRAINEES

### New Eight-Year Enlistment Program Already In Action

#### Coast Guard Third Service To Enlist 6-Months Trainees

Men between 17 and 18½ years of age may NOW enlist in the Coast Guard Reserve for the six months training program. Trainees who enlist in this program for 8 years perform an initial active duty for training period of six months, and then must satisfactorily participate in the Reserve program for the remaining 7½ years. However, during period of the enlistment such personnel are deferred from the draft.

The new Reserve Forces Act of 1955 made this program possible originally and the President of the United States approved the Coast Guard's enlistment of Reserves under the six months trainee plan when he signed Executive Order 10667 on May 9, 1956. The Coast Guard is the third Armed Force to open this training program to Reserve recruits. The Army and the Marine Corps have been enlisting Reservists under this six months training program for several months.

Here is how the young man facing military obligation may volunteer early, serve in a Coast Guard Organized Reserve Training Unit in his own hometown...and take advantage of the minimum six months of active duty for training requirement.

First, this is an 8-year enlistment program. A young man must be between 17 and 18½ years of age to be eligible and he will be required to serve his 8 years as follows:

- (a) Six months of active duty (full-time) for training with the Coast Guard.
- (b) 7½ years' membership and satisfactory participation with a

Coast Guard Organized Reserve Training Unit.

A six months' active duty for training enlistee may be deferred from this call to training duty until he leaves high school, by graduation or otherwise, or until he becomes 20 years-old, whichever status he reaches first. The point is, this deferment privilege ends when a man has his 20th birthday.

Let us now find out about our imaginary friend, Johnny Jones. He's 17 years-old, doing well in high school where he will be graduating early this summer, and looking forward to college in the future. Johnny is also a pretty smart fellow who has intelligently faced and considered how he can best serve his country yet plan his military obligation years with the least amount of snafu occurring in his civilian education plans. His parents have kept up with current events, too, and their mature counsel has helped Johnny decide to take advantage of the present six months trainee opportunity. However, a man likes to choose his own service! So Johnny enlisted in the United States Coast Guard Reserve strictly on his own! He joined early to make sure he could get into the six months active duty for training program. Here's how Johnny went about it.

First, he used his local phone directory to find out about Coast Guard activities in his community. Sure enough, Johnny discovered there was a Coast Guard Organized Reserve Training Unit "in action" right there in his own hometown! Next, he contacted the training center to find out what night during the week this particular ORTU drilled. The following Tuesday evening Johnny was receiving information

### DCR Conference Was Held At Headquarters In May

Directors of the Reserve for the Coast Guard Districts within the continental limits of the United States, convened at Headquarters for a conference from May 14th through the 17th.

All Reserve matters were discussed thoroughly during the conference and special emphasis was placed on the planned expansion.

### Active Duty Billets Still Available To Reservists

Extended active duty billets are still available for officer and enlisted Reservists for a minimum of two years "on the job" full-time. To date, 31 enlisted men and 19 officers have been issued orders to active duty either in connection with the expanded Reserve program or for general assignment.

If you are a Reservist who is interested in a tour of active duty, submit a letter of application to the Commandant (PR) via your unit commander and/or your District Commander, as appropriate.

**REMEMBER!** Apply now! These billets are being filled steadily and the sooner you request extended active duty, the better your chances will be for acceptance and assignment.

and guidance from one of the Coast Guard Reserve unit's officers... right down there at the training center.

Yes, Johnny was told, he certainly could enlist in the Coast Guard Reserve now as a six months trainee. The Reserve officer went into the program thoroughly with the young

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# Shore Units Assigned For ORTUPS' Reservists' ACDUTRA

Among the shore units which will provide summer training for Reservists are; the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut; Coast Guard Training Station, Groton, Connecticut; Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida; Pontchartrain Barracks, New Orleans, Louisiana; the Coast Guard Base, Alameda, California; Coast Guard Base, Gloucester, New Jersey; Berkley Station, Norfolk, Virginia; Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

The Coast Guard Academy is on the west bank of the Thames River in New London, Connecticut. The permanent plant of colonial-style brick construction includes the administration and classroom buildings, hospital and armory, gymnasium, drill hall, cadets' quarters, enlisted quarters, rigging loft and CIC-ASW trainers, chapel, and senior officers' homes. There are also OCS and OIS classroom buildings and barracks, an OCS recreation hall, a theater, the athletic field, an outdoor pistol range, a small boat anchorage and wharf and berthing space for the CGC EAGLE and any of the largest cutters.

Down river on the opposite bank is the Coast Guard Training Station

at Groton, Connecticut. This large and beautiful training facility houses the Coast Guard Institute and fourteen basic and advanced schools for non-rated men and petty officers.

NAS Jacksonville is one of the larger naval air installations, and is near famous Jacksonville Beach. The station houses facilities for some of the Navy's Week-end Warriors.

Berkley Station, Norfolk, Virginia, is a Coast Guard mooring and buoy base located in a harbor which handles more naval traffic than any other waterfront in the world. At Berkley Station Reservists will be provided with housing and messing facilities.

The Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Illinois, is one of the Navy's largest training stations. It includes a "boot" camp and many rate training schools. ORTUPS personnel from the 9th Coast Guard District will train there with the Navy assisting to a high degree in the instruction. This large Navy installation on the shores of Lake Michigan was made available for Coast Guard Reserve ACDUTRA through the cooperation of the Commandant of the 9th Naval District.

## Paid Training Discontinued For Standby Reservists

Beginning on July 1, 1956, members of the Standby Reserve, USCGR-S1, will not be eligible to receive pay for their participation in training activities. This policy applies to all of the Armed Forces.

A directive was recently issued on this change in the pay status of Standby Reserve members, advising present Reservists in this category, USCGR-S1, that they are eligible to request transfer to the Ready Reserve before June 30, 1956, when Standby Reservists will be removed from pay status.

All Standby Reserve personnel (who wish to continue in a drill pay status, or who would like to perform active duty for training with pay) are urged to apply to their District Director of the Reserve for transfer to the Ready Reserve category.

This policy of discontinuing pay for all the Armed Forces' Standby Reserve personnel should not be interpreted as a change that will either limit or deny training to Standby Reservists, USCGR-S1. Members of the Coast Guard Standby Reserve who do not want to request transfer to the Ready Reserve may continue to train as before... only they will participate without pay beginning July 1, 1956.

## Expansion Program Calls For Former Servicemen

Personnel Instruction No. 3-56 covers enlistments and reenlistments of former servicemen for assignment to the Coast Guard Organized Reserve Training Program.

Under the proposed expansion of the training program, due to commencement in the new fiscal year, it will be important that every effort be made to enlist veterans in order that they may be used in performing administrative or training functions in the ORTUs to handle the expected increase in the number of non-prior service personnel.

Personnel responsible for Reserve recruiting are urged to familiarize themselves with Personnel Instruction No. 3-56 in order that the number of applicants who may be enlisted under this Instruction may be increased. In addition, all members of ORTUs should call attention to the provisions of the Instruction to friends and relatives who have had prior service and who might qualify for enlistment in the Coast Guard Reserve in the same or higher pay grade than that previously held.

Veterans from all services within the age groups prescribed in the Personnel Manual, in most instances, will be eligible for enlistment.



Official Coast Guard Photo

CAPT W. C. Hogan, USCG, Chief of Staff, 11th CG District, and CDR B. M. Chiswell, USCG, Director of Reserve, 11th CG District, recently conducted a personnel and seabag inspection of the members of ORTUPS 11-318, Pasadena, California. Other officers are LCDR E. R. Wills, USCGR-R, Commanding Officer of the unit, LT J. E. Mead, USCGR-S1, Training Officer, and LTJG H. A. Johnson, USCGR-R, Platoon Officer.

# Eight-Year Enlistment Program

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man and described what this type of affiliation with this particular Armed Force would include. It was an effective, straight forward, and accurate interview between an experienced Reserve officer and a young, potential recruit who was grateful for the personalized story. Let's listen, too.

The Reserve officer explained to Johnny that he could enlist right there at the training center as a six months trainee; that Johnny would be joining the unit meeting that very night in the classrooms just down the hallway...and that Johnny would be, himself, attending these classes which met every Tuesday evening for two hours. The word about the Reserve recruit receiving a full day's pay for each of these two-hour drill periods was good news to Johnny, also. It wasn't hard to figure on "being paid for learning!"

Then the conversation went into the type of training a man may expect in the Coast Guard Reserve... the indoor lessons and the outdoor active duty for training "on the job", ashore or afloat.

"But when do I start this six months active duty for training stint?" Johnny asked the Reserve officer. "I've got two more months before I graduate from South High."

"You'll have time to finish school, right," explained the Lieutenant. "In fact, we want you to finish. You'll be that much more valuable to the Coast Guard Reserve."

So Johnny found out he would not be called for six months of training duty (full-time) with the Coast Guard until he'd finished high school. He was told this kind of active duty deferment for educational reasons was allowed the fellows today until they became 20 years of age; that during such deferment periods, the young Reservists began serving their 8-year enlistments in Organized Reserve units; that a fellow was pretty apt to find one of these Coast Guard units within driving distance from his own front door. Well, Johnny had already located the unit for him! He liked the whole setup... the training center atmosphere was a new, exciting experience; he had always figured he'd prefer a naval service if, when his military years came due, he was lucky enough to have a choice. Johnny liked the full attention and easy-to-understand facts the Coast Guard Reserve officer was giving him. He was beginning to realize the Nation's Armed Forces and legislative leaders had given a lot of thought to the young fellows, like himself, who had to be called on NOW...but who also had their personal, civilian career plans.

After the Reserve officer showed

Johnny the uniform he would be issued when he enlisted, they sat down together again and talked a bit about the U.S. Coast Guard Receiving Center at Cape May, New Jersey. This would be the station where Johnny and other six months trainees in the Coast Guard Reserve would eventually be called for their active duty for training. "Boot camp", the Lieutenant had called it. He showed Johnny some pictures of the place and it looked okay, really pretty well set up for both training and recreation. Six months of training at Cape May with a good bunch of "fellow-boots" sounded like a person could have some fun times along with the strict training schedule it takes to qualify as a Coast Guardsman in the Reserve.

"So after my six months of active duty for training at Cape May," Johnny continued, "where do I go from there, sir? I figure I'll have about four satisfactory months of service with your unit under my belt...plus the six months of active duty for training at the Cape May Receiving Center on the books."

The Reserve officer added it up. Johnny would have about 7 years and two months of military obligation left.

"But you can take care of this time by remaining in a Coast Guard Reserve Unit," the Lieutenant reminded him. "That means coming back to this unit after you complete your six months at Cape May on active duty for training, or maybe you will find another Coast Guard unit in a city where you might decide to attend college. Just remember, you are legally obligated to participate satisfactorily as a member of a Reserve Training unit. This means you will be required to attend 48 drill meetings per year, but never more than 17 days of active duty for training, or 30 days active duty for training annually. If you should fail to participate in the Reserve training program, as required by law, you may be ordered WITHOUT your consent to 45 days of full-time active duty for training."

Johnny figured he wouldn't fail the law. The six months trainee program offered by the Coast Guard Reserve was too good an opportunity to risk losing. The Reserve officer had already sized Johnny up as the kind of young man he liked to have in his unit. The older man also had an idea the Coast Guard Reserve affiliation would come to mean a great deal more to Johnny, even in his civilian career, than the young man realized now. The Lieutenant had watched a lot of men form lasting attachments in the Coast Guard

## The 6-Mos. ACDUTRA Schedule

The initial training program of six months' duration for these men will be conducted at Coast Guard Receiving Center, Cape May, N. J. The 26-week schedule will be as follows:

One Week: Orientation and Organization  
Eleven Weeks: Recruit training  
Two Weeks: Small Arms firing  
Two Weeks: Leave

NOTE: Half of the group will be on leave while the other half are on the firing range.

Four Weeks: Specialized seaman or fireman training

Three Weeks: Shipboard training aboard the training ship

Two Weeks: Completion of specialized instruction and review of the subjects taught.

One Week: Graduation and travel home.

## New ACDUTRA Order Form Is Now In Use

A new active duty for training order form is now in use. Directions on how to use this form are contained in Reserve Instruction No. 12-56, and the following important changes in procedure are established:

a. Physical examinations to establish eligibility to perform active duty for training will be taken by the Reservist while he is in an inactive status. The Reservist does not assume any active duty for training status until he actually departs home to perform the training duty.

b. The use of a separate order form in cases where the active duty for training period is less than 7 days has been discontinued, and CG-3458-SM (Reserve Instruction No. 14-56) will cover all cases of active duty for training.

Reserve long before Johnny had made the same choice of service.

After his interview, Johnny stayed at the training center a bit longer to meet some of his future buddies. They lit the smoking lamp and let the new Coast Guard Reserve recruit share the evening scuttlebutt.

That night when he went home, Johnny showed his mother and dad

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DRILL ATTENDANCE COMPARISONS, THIRD QUARTER 1956

	Percent					
	50	60	70	80	90	100
FIRST CG DISTRICT	[Redacted]					
SECOND CG DISTRICT	[Redacted]					
THIRD CG DISTRICT	[Redacted]					
FIFTH CG DISTRICT	[Redacted]					
SEVENTH CG DISTRICT	[Redacted]					
EIGHTH CG DISTRICT	[Redacted]					
NINTH CG DISTRICT	[Redacted]					
ELEVENTH CG DISTRICT	[Redacted]					
TWELFTH CG DISTRICT	[Redacted]					
THIRTEENTH CG DISTRICT	[Redacted]					
FOURTEENTH CG DISTRICT	[Redacted]					
SEVENTEENTH CG DISTRICT	[Redacted]					
						NATIONAL AVERAGE 90.6

Attendance Figures-ORTUs

March 1956  
 National Average 90.6%  
 Highest District  
 13th CG District 93.6%  
 Highest ORTUPS  
 ORTUPS 17-205  
 Ketchikan, Alaska 100%  
 Highest ORTUAG  
 ORTUAG 11-195  
 San Diego, Calif. 96.7%  
 Attendance Figures for Third  
 Quarter, FY 1956  
 National Average 90.6%  
 Highest District  
 13th CG District\* 92.8%

The Thirteenth CG District has had the highest average for two of the first three quarters of FY 1956, and the highest average for five months out of the nine months in the first three quarters.

ORTUPS  
 11-635, Bakersfield, Calif. has had the highest average for an ORTUPS three times in the first three quarters.

ORTUAG  
 11-055, Phoenix, Ariz. had the highest average for an ORTUAG three times in the first three quarters.

\*Note: The Thirteenth CG District is listed as the district with the highest attendance average for the third quarter of FY 1956 with 92.8%. The Seventeenth CG District had an average of 94.7% for the same quarter, but inasmuch as there is only one unit in the Seventeenth District, this District is not eligible for top honors in the informal competition.

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 the Coast Guard Reserve pamphlets the Lieutenant had given him. The six months trainee program sounded like the right choice for Johnny. His parents liked his choice of service, too. They thought of many more parents in the community who would like to know the Coast Guard Reserve offered the six months active duty for training program now, too. After all, an 8-year enlistment program like this one was planned for both the young man and the service.

Reminders On Recruit ACDUTRA

Commanding Officers of Organized Reserve Training units should make sure that all personnel assigned to recruit training are thoroughly indoctrinated with the contents and meaning of Reserve Instruction No. 11-56. Proper identification, adequate orders, and the minimum reserve sea bag are basic requirements.

One additional important reminder for the recruit trainee is that no "stop-overs" are authorized and that he should report to his training station as early as his transportation schedule will allow on the proper date. This is particularly important for recruits reporting to the Coast Guard Receiving Center at Cape May, New Jersey where, regardless of the type of transportation used to Philadelphia, a change must be made to the Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Line to complete the trip. This will cause a certain necessary delay enroute. However, Reserve recruits should check their train schedules carefully.

Upon arrival at Cape May, either by bus or train, individual recruits, or the man in charge of a draft, should call the Coast Guard Receiving Center immediately and ask for the Officer of the Day. The telephone number is CAPE MAY 4-3471. They should then remain at the station until transportation from the Receiving Center arrives to pick them up.

Use Official Channels For Correspondence

Some letters from Reservists assigned to training units, as well as the active status pool, are being mailed directly to the Commandant without going through official channels. In the majority of instances no action can or will be taken by Headquarters other than referring the correspondence to the cognizant District Commander for endorsement or action.

Official channels for correspondence to The Commandant for Reservists assigned to ORTUs are: (1) Unit Commanding Officer; (2) District Commander.

Members of the Active Status Pool should write via the District Commander. Exceptions to channels for official mail, as explained in this article, are permitted only in the cases of Reservists residing outside the continental limits of the United States whose records are maintained at Coast Guard Headquarters.

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