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WEST COAST TRAINING CENTERED AT ALAMEDA

The Coast Guard Reserve is small, but vital; young, but with an enviable past; poor in resources, but rich in its most essential quality—the men.

These were points RADM Louis M. THAYER, Chief, Office of Reserve, made during a military review recently at Base Alameda, Calif., when he spoke to nearly 400 officers and men who were the first graduates of a new unified summer training program for western Reservists.

This ACDUTRA program takes more than 1600 Reservists from throughout Western Area and the 2nd, 8th and 9th districts to Alameda during July and August for four two-week training periods and, for the first time, establishes a centralized summer training program on the West Coast.

On the basis of his experience as Chief of the Reserve organization during the past 18 months, Admiral THAYER had high praise for the men of the Coast Guard Reserve.

"I can say to you categorically and with a great deal of conviction," he said, "that there is no other reserve component in the country so blessed with the best element that any reserve can have, which is the men."

The admiral also said that of 2,900,000 men authorized for all the ready reserves, the Coast Guard is the smallest with only 45,000 and pointed out that, while some reserve organizations can trace histories to the Revolutionary War, the Coast Guard Reserve began during World War II.

"Nevertheless," he said, "we have a proud beginning if a short one. Our war record is indeed enviable. With 150,000 men in our Reserve then, we participated in every opposed landing in the Pacific and much of the naval action in the Atlantic. Some of you were in that Reserve."

Continuing, he said that although the Coast Guard Reserve is poor in terms of money and equipment it does not lack ability to carry out its mission and could mobilize 16,000 men in drill pay status within hours after alert.

"So when you go back to your homes," the admiral said, "I leave these thoughts with you. You are in this Reserve because it is important and you are needed. You are a special kind of citizen. You have special training and you are part of the defense forces of the country."

In concluding he said, "I would ask you this. If we must mobilize in defense of our country, let us be as ready as we can with what we have today."

Earlier in the day ADM. THAYER spoke to Reserve petty officers completing a condensed course at the leadership school. Then he moved to the officers' recreation lounge where he talked to Reserve officers completing two weeks' instruction in various courses.

Following the Reserve review the admiral lunched at the Commissioned Officers' Mess where he greeted visiting Japanese Maritime Safety Agency officers who were touring the Base.

During the Reserve review in the morning CDR Charles J. HANKS, USCGR, Training Officer for the summer ACDUTRA program, told the men they were, "the first class to complete the unified training program of the Western (Area) Districts."

"Unified" is the best word to describe the ACDUTRA program at Alameda. It is built on a number of previous summer training programs which were carried out separately at Base Alameda and in the several Western Area Districts. This year these are consolidated under one command and students, staff and courses are centrally located for the entire Area.

This centralization gives three important advantages over the previous programs: fewer personnel are required for staff duties, a wider variety of instruction is available, and better training is offered through standardization of courses and access to training locations and devices.

Captain O. D. WEED, USCG, is the Commanding Officer of Base Alameda. His executive officer is CDR Paul S. HOFMEISTER, USCG. Serving under them is the summer ACDUTRA training officer assigned by the Commandant. About thirty Reserve officers and 25 enlisted men supplement the staff for the ACDUTRA program. Drawn from the western part of the U.S., they will remain on ACDUTRA throughout the two months of operation. A few of the enlisted men are Regulars serving on temporary additional duty.

Five courses for officers, 11 enlisted, and two combined for both commissioned and petty officers are underway this summer. While some are offered during all four training periods, others are conducted during only one or two cycles.

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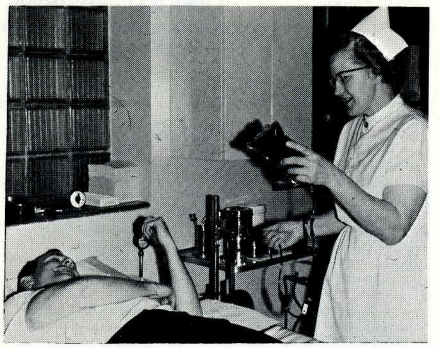

"BLEED A LITTLE FOR THE 'OL COAST GUARD"—Smiles of satisfaction are registered on the faces of a nurse of the King County Blood Bank, Seattle, Washington, and Reservist G. W. SAWYER, FN. As a community project the members of ORTUPS (O) 13-82912, Seattle, help build up the available blood supply and have earmarked much of it for future Coast Guard use.

Yorktown Off Season Program Set

Starting in September of this year, a program of "off-season" ACDUTRA will again be available at the Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia. The courses and on-the-job training offered for officers and enlisted men should allow Reservists to plan and complete their annual two weeks' ACDUTRA with greater flexibility. This year the program will be substantially the same as that conducted during the summer months but adapted to the season and updated for content when necessary.

A complete listing of specific courses and their convening dates is in the table on page 3 of this issue. Also shown in that table are the sessions of on-the-job training.

Trainees may be assigned to repeat a course at the Reserve Training Center within the discretion of the cognizant district commander (r). The purpose of the assignment should be kept in mind and there should be reason for the repetition. For example, failure to qualify for advancement since completing a course would indicate additional training needs for the individual and would be sufficient reason. Also, unsatisfactory performance or failure to complete a course for medical or other reasons would be cause for reassignment to the course. Likewise, an advancement in rate since last attendance at a course could provide reasonable justification for further training on a higher level in the same course.

On-the-job training at the Reserve Training Center may or may not include formal instruction. Normally, an OJT trainee will work in the professional aspects of his rating with opportunity, as available, to demonstrate proficiency in pertinent practical factors. In that regard, the Reserve Training Center is considered a major operating unit of the Coast Guard for purposes of evaluating and demonstrating practical factors for advancement to chief petty officer in the ratings of SK, YN, SD, CS and HM only. OJT in the ratings of PS, DM, FI, QM, SM and strikers for those ratings is not available at Yorktown. Those personnel should be assigned to the appropriate two-week course as scheduled. Such assignment during the winter program may be considered as meeting Phase I or OJT phase requirements established by Commandant Instruction 1571.2B. In other words, assignment to one of the winter courses may be considered OJT phase training if adherence to the phase training objective would preclude assignment to an ACDUTRA course at the Reserve Training Center.

Reservists assigned to the Administrative Reserve Units and 45-day compliance ACDUTRA trainees are assigned to the Reserve Training Center in a reasonable priority over other ACDUTRA sites. These personnel, especially the nonrated men, and particularly those who have not been identified as to rating objective, are assigned to one or more of the formal courses as appropriate. ACDUTRA orders are usually written with this concept in mind and with compatible scheduling so that such training assignment is possible.

Reservists who have not completed their ACDUTRA during the current anniversary year are encouraged to apply for this off-season program as soon as practicable.

HOLIDAY DRILL SCHEDULES

When practicable, ORTU drills should not be scheduled for national holidays and/or Easter Sunday, Good Friday, observances of Rosh Hashana, Yom Kipper, and The Passover. Section 20-7-2 of *Coast Guard Regulations*, CG-300 lists the national holidays to be observed.

Of course, there may be occasions when planning a drill on a holiday is a necessity. If this occurs, make-up duty in addition to that authorized by section 3-12-2, CG-296, as supplemented by COMDTNOTE 1570 of 27 May 1964, will be authorized by commanding officers for personnel of the appropriate religious faith who arrange in advance to be absent on those days.

SCHOOL AND HEADACHES START AGAIN

Well, it's that time of the season, when many Reservists are returning to school and large numbers of active duty for training orders are returned for cancellation due to school or college commitments.

It may not seem very important to one unit that requests cancellation for a few men who are returning to school or college, but the situation becomes a problem when the cancellations from several units are combined. This results in needless expenditures of money, time and effort in the processing of ACDUTRA applications and the ensuing issuance and cancellation of active duty for training orders.

Although it is not desirable for Reservists to take off two weeks from school to perform ACDUTRA, there may be cases where it is appropriate for a Reservist to participate between school terms or at a later time.

Certainly, all Reservists who have college or school commitments should be more careful in the future to plan their ACDUTRA so that conflicts do not develop which require cancellation of training orders. ORTU commanding officers and training officers are expected to advise members of their units so that these conflicts do not occur.

First CF Unit In East

Several weeks ago, a new Reserve training unit was commissioned in Durham, North Carolina. Designated ORTUF 05-88554, it is the first Coastal Force unit to be organized in the Eastern Area and the third such unit in the Coast Guard Reserve. Other CF units are located in Bakersfield and Santa Barbara, California.

In the event of mobilization, this new unit would have as its primary function the prevention of infiltration across United States shorelines. The personnel of ORTUF 05-88554 are being trained through instruction in law enforcement, communications, and combat tactics to detect, report, and prevent infiltration of any nature.

In preparation for this mobilization mission, the Durham unit is training Reservists primarily in the new Coastal Forceman rating. A number of the men in the unit are already graduates of the intensive basic Coastal Forceman training provided jointly by the Coast Guard and the Marine Corps.

Recently, the commanding officer and other members of the unit completed two weeks' ACDUTRA at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, in selected courses of the Marine Corps' Individual Combat Training.

Reserve Officers to Regulars

The opportunity now exists for a limited number of active and inactive duty Reserve ensigns, jaygees, and lieutenants to obtain appointments as permanent commissioned officers in the Regular Coast Guard. This is known as integration.

An officer desiring to obtain such an appointment may submit a letter of application containing name, rank, service number, age, etc., to the Commandant (PO-3) via the normal chain of command.

Applicants for integration are expected to have certain basic qualifications considered necessary to prepare them for effective Coast Guard service.

Each applicant must obtain a qualifying score on the 2-year college level achievement test prescribed by the Commandant, unless he has satisfactorily completed 2 or more years at an accredited college or university. For integration purposes, 2 years' college credit must consist of at least 60 semester or 90 quarter hours of credit. An official transcript of college credits must be submitted with each application, unless the transcript is on file at Headquarters. A failure on this achievement test will disqualify an applicant for integration and a retest cannot be given.

An officer who applies while on active duty must have a minimum of 3 years of active duty, excluding active duty for training, as a commissioned officer of the Coast Guard. He must also be of comparable age with permanent officers serving in the respective grade and must be able to complete 20 years' active service before reaching statutory retirement age of 62.

Normally there will be 3 integration periods each calendar year with cutoff dates for receipt of applications and completion of requirements on 1 March, 1 July and 1 November. A new integration period will start on the day following the cutoff date for the previous period. Unless an applicant requests a specific integration period, a period will be automatically assigned by the Commandant.

Each applicant must satisfactorily complete correspondence courses and end-of-course examinations in Military Justice, Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, and Oceanography prior to the cutoff date for the integration period assigned. Examinations will be the same as those in the Education and Examination Program for commissioned officers. Detailed instructions about the courses and examinations in that program are contained in Commandant Instruction 1520.4 series. An officer on inactive duty should request examinations by letter addressed to Commandant (PTP). Each request should include the title of the examination, date and anticipated location. All such requests will be acknowledged.

An applicant for integration who has completed all the requirements will be considered for integration by a board of senior officers convened at Headquarters. The board, in making its selection, will consider fitness and general files, service experience and examination scores. An essential element for selection is a clearly defined potential for satisfactory service and responsibility in higher grades. As we have said, only a limited number of Reserve officers will be integrated; however, the determination of that number, based on the needs of the Service, will not be made until after the board action is completed. The board shall recommend for appointment an applicant who has completed all requirements and whose record indicates that he is fully qualified to be a commissioned officer of the Regular Coast Guard and shall list those whom it recommends in the order of preference for integration without regard to rank, i.e., the first applicant listed should be the applicant whom the board would recommend if only one officer were to be integrated. If past performance has been barely average or if future potential is doubtful or limited, the applicant in question shall not be recommended. The reasons for nonselection will not be revealed to the applicant. Officers who are selected will be integrated in the grade in which they are serving on the approval date of the board. Date of rank and precedence will not change.

Reservists interested in applying for integration should review Commandant Instruction 1210.2A and then discuss the matter with their commanding officer as he is expected to make a specific recommendation and forward pertinent information concerning the qualifications of an applicant for commissioning in the Regular Service.

OFF SEASON ACDUTRA COURSES AND OJT AT YORKTOWN

The following two-week courses are planned to convene on the dates indicated.

OFFICER COURSES

COTP	4 Oct, 6 Dec, 14 Mar
Communications Officer	31 Jan
MMS (Basic)	13 Sep, 3 Jan, 28 Mar
MMS (Investigation)	22 Nov, 14 Mar, 6 June
Navigation Refresher	17 Jan
Training Officer	22 Nov

ENLISTED COURSES

BM	29 Nov, 21 Mar
EN (Basic)	4 Oct, 3 Jan, 31 Jan, 9 May
EN (Advanced)	29 Nov, 14 Mar
FI	1 Nov, 28 Feb, 28 Mar, 25 Apr
Instructor Training	3 Jan, 14 Feb
Leadership	17 Jan
Port Security	15 Nov, 14 Feb, 9 May
Quartermaster/Signalman	24 Jan

In addition to the formal training to be offered in the courses, on-the-job training for enlisted personnel (a quota of 25 per period) will be scheduled as follows:

4, 18 Oct.	3, 17, 31 Jan.	14, 28 Mar.	9 May
1, 15, 29 Nov.	14, 28 Feb.	11, 25 Apr.	

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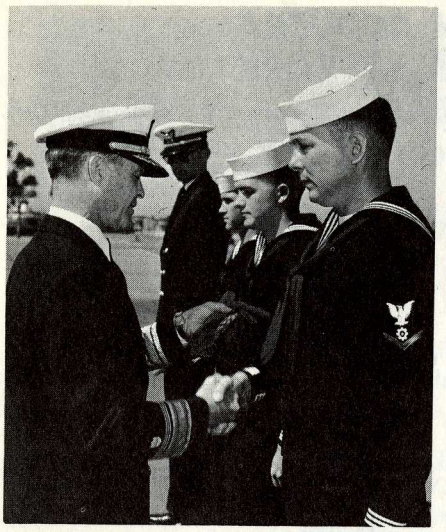
Officer courses include prospective ORTU commanding officer and executive officer training, captain of the port, Reserve officer basic indoctrination (for direct commission officers), training officer, and merchant marine safety.

Enlisted instruction is being given in leadership and in yeoman, storekeeper, boatswain's mate, firefighter, quartermaster, engineman, electrician's mate, hospital corpsman, port securityman and dangerous cargoman ratings.

Basic and advanced classes are held in all enlisted courses with standing assigned on the basis of written and oral examinations.

Dangerous cargo handling and range officer training is offered for commissioned and petty officers.

Judging from the reports we've received, this unified training concept is a great improvement over previous programs. We're glad to see the West Coast getting this type of training and expect it to be highly successful.



"MARKSMANSHIP AT ALAMEDA" —RADM L. M. THAYER, USCG, awards marksmanship medals to members of the range officer class held during the first two-week period of the unified summer training program at Base Alameda, California. Receiving awards left to right are: LTJG G. O. NELSON, ORTAUG 12-83797, San Jose, California, M. J. O'NEILL, EN3, ORTUPS 13-82912, Seattle, Wash., D. H. STONE, SN, ORTUPS (O) 12-82776, Alameda, W. A. KEMP, EN3, ORTAUG 12-83812, Stockton, California.

TANAGER COMMISSIONED

The Coast Guard Cutter TANAGER (WTR-385) was activated in the Reserve Fleet at full-dress ceremonies in July. The commissioning ceremony took place at the Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, Va., with the Administrative Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, A. E. Weatherbee, as the Senior Government Official. The Chief, Office of Reserve led a group of distinguished military guests at the ceremonies and presented the commissioning orders to LCDR Robert G. Von ELM, USCGR.

TANAGER is a former Navy Fleet Minesweeper of the "AUK" class which was originally commissioned into the Navy Fleet in 1944. Shortly after being turned over to Coast Guard Reserve last year, she was transferred from the Navy Reserve Fleet in Orange, Texas, to the Coast Guard Yard, Baltimore, Maryland, for outfitting and reactivation. Reservists contributed greatly to the reactivation during periods of ACDUTRA.

The first series of weekend cruises embarked from the First Coast Guard District during August with the cruises scheduled for September embarking from the Third District. The Fifth District is scheduled for weekend cruises in November and December. In addition two cruises of approximately 6 days each are planned for officer candidates at Yorktown.

The TANAGER can effectively train 6 officers with designator codes 11, 15, 20, 23, 94. At the same time she can accommodate 57 enlisted men in these ratings: BM, QM, RD, SO, GM, ET, RM, YN, SK, CS, HM, MM, EN, DC, SD. Personnel embarking for a weekend cruise must be in the Service Dress Uniform of the day. However, locker space on board will limit all personnel to the following seabag items: two sets of work uniforms, two sets of underwear, one pair of work shoes, one extra white hat, shaving gear, soap, towel, rubber shower shoes, a tooth brush and paste, and a combination lock or padlock. Since TANAGER at present does not have an Exchange these items will not be available on board.

Reservists who anticipate weekend cruises aboard TANAGER are advised to consult COMDTINST 3120.2 and any subsequent district instructions for the details of TANAGER cruises.

Reserve Manual Reissued

Some time ago Amendment number 7 of the Administrative Manual for Coast Guard Reserve, CG-296, was drafted for distribution by the Commandant. However, because of numerous small changes associated with the Reserve reorganization which has been taking place, a majority of the original pages were ultimately scheduled for reissue.

In addition, the existing stock of spare original texts of CG-296 and its amendments are nearly exhausted.

It has, therefore, become necessary to publish a complete reissue of the Manual cancelling the original issue in its entirety.

Units should maintain the hardback covers now in use as the new text will be distributed in a "filler" edition. These will be distributed to the field in about 60 days.

Since this is a reissue of the entire Manual, future changes will begin with Amendment number 1.

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"SYMBOLIC CHANGE"—James L. TOMEY, ETC, USCGR, trades in his 'white hat' for a chief's cap. A member of ORTAUG 13-83893, Portland, Oregon, Chief TORMEY joined the Reserve in 1952. He is typical of the many Reservists who stay in the program beyond their obligated service to enhance the military preparedness of the United States while earning advancement and reitrement benefits for themselves.

Progress comes—not from ideas—but from what you do with them.

ONE MORE CANDLE

On 4 August, the Coast Guard completed its 174th year of service to the nation, highlighted by congratulatory messages from top Treasury Department officials and the Commandant.

In his message, Secretary Dillon expressed his confidence in the Service and applauded the dedication of the Coast Guard to its vital missions in peace-time and to its readiness for wartime.

The Commandant congratulated and encouraged the Service by saying, ". . . we may all look back with pride on the long and outstanding record of our Service as an Armed Force and as our country's foremost agency for maritime safety. Yet I firmly believe that our greatest opportunities for service still lie before us. I am confident that we shall meet the test of the future with the fortitude and competence which has already made the name 'United States Coast Guard' respected the world over."

With the celebration of this anniversary, the Coast Guard can proudly add "one more candle to the cake."

The sailor who brags today what he will do tomorrow probably did the same thing yesterday—NOTHING.