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'PROUD ASSOCIATION' SAYS DEPARTING CHIEF

On 1 February, RADM Louis M. THAYER, USCG, ended 22 months of service and accomplishment as the first Flag Rank officer for the Coast Guard Reserve. Twenty-two months ago Admiral THAYER came to Washington from the Operations Division, Fifth Coast Guard District, to assume the newly created billet as Chief, Office of Reserve. Only a month before his arrival in the Nation's Capital he had been selected by his seniors for Flag Rank.

Having graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1933 Admiral THAYER was a highly decorated "skipper" of destroyer escorts in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres during World War II. His close associations with the Reserve began when he was attached to the Officer Indoctrination School at St. Augustine, Florida, during the war. In 1959, he placed the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve Training Center at Yorktown into commission and became its first commanding officer.

During his tour as Chief, Office of Reserve, Admiral THAYER has been responsible for the development of a significant number of new Reserve programs. The first, and one of the most important was the creation of the Coastal Force training program, and CF Rating (see *Reservist*, VOL. X, No. 7, July 1963). The revitalization of the Coast Guard Reserve Pistol Team and its participation in national competitions followed. The admiral then went to bat for the "troops" to insure their privileges at military exchanges and that these rights were widely publicized.

To improve the summer training Reservists receive in the western districts, Admiral THAYER presided over the reorganization and "polishing" of the Reserve training at Base Alameda, California. Soon after, he went to Capitol Hill to call upon the Congress for more and better equipment and for adequate Reserve personnel to fill our mobilization assignments.

His pleas for an adequate budget and improved equipment were taken to heart by high officials of the Treasury and the Congress, for soon thereafter the Reserve acquired its first exclusively Reserve training ship, the CGC TANAGER. This was followed by the procurement of the CGC COURIER and USS LAMAR, two ships currently in transition into the Reserve Fleet.

Laurels, however, were not to be rested upon and little time elapsed before an important new effort was made: improving the Reserve in the aviation business. This began with an increase in the number of aviation support units. Later Admiral THAYER saw to it that aviation-rated Reservists were authorized flight orders with pay and that Reserve officer-fliers were approved for flight status as observers. Even today, work is continuing to expand and improve the aviation capabilities of the Reserve.

One of the major accomplishments of Admiral THAYER's administration has been the development of the RL Programs. These programs provide a new enlistee with a choice of active duty training ranging from a 4 months' non-technical period to a highly specialized program of 12 months. Each



FRIEND OF RESERVE—The former Chief, Office of Reserve, reviews the troops. RADM THAYER has stepped out to command the Seventh Coast Guard District, Miami, Florida.

of the programs requires a six-year obligation in inactive duty training (see *Reservist*, Vol. XI, No. 7, June 1964). Admiral THAYER was also instrumental in expanding the "off-season" training at Yorktown which allows Reservists greater flexibility in completing their ACDUTRA.

Finally, the admiral authorized an incentive training program which offers hard-working petty officers an opportunity to complete their drill obligation in a year less than ever before (see *Reservist*, Vol. XII, No. 1, November 1964). One of the last

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SUMMER HELP NEEDED; EAST AND WEST

As in past years, instructor/administrator personnel will be needed to supplement the regular staffs at both the Coast Guard Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia, and the Coast Guard Base, Alameda, California. These Reservists will be assigned for the purpose of conducting summer ACDUTRA for 1965, and assignment to this duty will take precedence over unit assignments in most cases.

Yorktown plans to conduct six two-week periods of active duty for training during the summer, commencing 6 June and terminating 27 August. Instructors are needed for the following courses:

OFFICER

Navigation Refresher	CIC/ASW	Training Officer
Communications	Dangerous Cargo	Captain of the Port
Gunnery Officer Refresher	Leadership	Prospective CO-XO
Basic Indoctrination		

ENLISTED

Port Securityman	Leadership	CIC/ASW
Dangerous Cargoman	Instructor Training	Gunnery
Engineman	Boatswain's Mate	Fire Fighter
Quartermaster		

Support personnel are also needed to assist in administering the program in the following areas and/or ratings:

Barracks and BOQ officers	Stewardsman	Commissaryman
Master at Arms	Photographer	Hospital Corpsman
Swimming and lifesaving	Journalist	Storekeeper
Bus drivers	Boatswain's Mate	Yeoman
Physical education		

For Yorktown, inactive duty officers and enlisted personnel should submit a letter of application via the chain of command to the Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Training Center. Travel distance from home to Yorktown will be a selection factor and Reservists living west of the Mississippi River should not expect to be selected.

While Yorktown conducts its program in the East, Alameda will conduct similar training in the West. Five two-week periods have been planned beginning on 27 June and ending on 3 September. At Alameda, instructors are needed for these courses:

OFFICER

Prospective CO-XO	Training Officer	Merchant Marine Safety
Captain of the Port	Basic Indoctrination	Leadership

OFFICER/ENLISTED

Range Officer	Dangerous Cargo	Instructor Training
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ENLISTED

Leadership	Port Securityman	Dangerous Cargoman
Hospital Corpsman	Engineman	Quartermaster
Storekeeper	Boatswain's Mate	Damage Controlman
Yeoman	Fire Fighter	Electrician's Mate

Support personnel are also needed to assist in administering the program in the following areas and/or ratings:

Yeoman	Gunner's Mate	Engineman
Storekeeper	Master at Arms	Bus drivers
Hospital Corpsman	Boatswain's Mate	Physical Education

Application letters from inactive duty Reservists for this duty should be forwarded via the chain of command to the Commandant (RT). In this case also, travel distance will be a determining factor and Reservists living east of the Mississippi River are not likely to be selected.

For both Yorktown and Alameda, preference will be given to Reservists who request assignment for the entire training period; however, 27- and 13-day ACDUTRA personnel are also needed. Applications for either location can be made immediately. Selections will be made on a best qualified, first-come, first-served basis. Course subjects and support areas in which you are qualified should be noted. Civilian and military education and the period(s) of availability should be included.



SAR WINGS FOR 16—Wilfred G. BONNEWELL, AO2, is the first of 16 Reservists to qualify for SAR Aircrewman wings at ORTUAV 09-86617. The Traverse City, Michigan, unit has been working closely with CG Air Station nearby. LTJG W. A. MITTAG, Air Station Liaison Officer made the presentation.

32 SELECTED FOR WARRANT BY COAST GUARD RESERVE

Thirty-two Coast Guard Reserve enlisted men and one SPAR have been selected for warrant. Promotions become effective upon their accepting appointments, but all will have 1 January date of rank.

The Commandant has approved the selections, and appointment letters have been mailed.

The selection process is competitive, based on Service-wide Exam grades, length of service and other factors.

Here are the selectees by specialty and precedence within specialty:

Boatswain—Ira A. REAL; Eugene J. FOTTRELL; Wilbert A. PINA; Ralph A. GARDNER; Pat S. LANGLEY; Ernest P. FOLINO; Raymond E. STEARNS; Harry B. SLADE; Frederick J. OCZKOWSKI; Thomas R. SKAIFE; Franklin H. NEUMAN; Charles W. CROUCH; Rodney O. NEERING; Salvatore R. QUATRONE; Warner L. GUY; Joseph P. RENNA; Franklin KEMP.

Ships Clerk—Antonio C. CASO; Emma M. GIFFORD; Arthur E. WORTHINGTON; Robert E. WHITE; James J. SULLIVAN; Charles E. SPICER.

Machinist—Roger D. TUCKER; James D. DICKERSON; Stephen H. DWYER; Thomas M. BLOOD; William E. WOODROW; William H. FREEMAN.

Supply Clerk—Edward L. MILLER.
Radio Electrician—James R. ABELE.
Gunner—Eugene C. BRANDAU.

Making time count is more important than merely counting time.

Downing Calls For Specialized Careers

"The long-revered concept of the 'general-duty officer' is no longer adequate," said Representative Thomas N. Downing at the recent graduation exercises of OCS Class 1-65. Congressman Downing then challenged the new ensigns to plan their Coast Guard careers to concentrate experience in selected specialties in order to produce and maintain the level of professionalism that today's Coast Guard requires. He particularly encouraged the graduates to "... take advantage of advanced educational opportunities both on and off duty."

Congressman Downing represents the First District of Virginia which encompasses the Reserve Training Center at Yorktown. He was the featured speaker at the exercises and was accompanied by ADM E. J. ROLAND, USCG, Commandant of the Coast Guard. ADM ROLAND presented commissions to 134 new ensigns. Ninety-one of them were college graduates from 81 institutions across the nation and with degrees of all types, and 46 were petty officers in the Regular Service collectively representing 378 years of military service.

These officers had completed a 17-week training period in preparation for assuming their new duties. As ensigns, they were sent on their way to new duty stations around the globe. Thirty-five of the new one-strippers went to the Naval Air Station at Pensacola for flight training, 13 remained at Yorktown for further schooling in port security, and the remainder went to the fleet.

Also on hand as guests of CAPT MARK A. WHALEN, commanding officer, were RADM Oscar C. ROHNKE, Commander of the Fifth Coast Guard District at Portsmouth; RADM L. M. THAYER, Chief, Office of Reserve; Lt. Col. Cecilio Castro, military attaché and Richardo Cuniga, commerce attaché of the Honduran Embassy, and R. Burlington King, first secretary of the Liberian Embassy, the latter three to observe graduation of students of their respective countries.

The Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association Award was presented by Admiral ROHNKE to George A. BLANN, who attained the highest academic average. The Reserve Officers Association Award was presented by LCDR Robert R. FREDLUND of Washington to Robert E. GRADY, Jr., who achieved greatest academic im-

OFFICER STATUS

RESIGNED

3 November 1964

LT John M. GOODFELLOW
LT Herbert F. HELBIG
LT Charles L. JAFFIN
LT Robert D. MUDD

15 December 1964

LT Frances M. BYRNE
LT Bruce C. GREENLEE
LT Robert A. HETHERINGTON, Jr.
LT John A. NEVIN
LTJG J. Sidney FITZGERALD
LTJG Joseph F. LUCAS
LTJG Chapin O. SAINT

RETIRED

1 October 1964

CDR Frederic J. ACORD
CDR Frank E. MINER
LCDR Charles E. CUNNIFF
LCDR David H. WEINER

1 November 1964

CDR William J. AHEARN
CDR Joseph E. JOHNSON
CDR George A. McCOUBREY
CDR Richard J. WALSH
LCDR Emily L. LUCAS
LCDR Amie H. MEDARY

1 December 1964

LSDR Frank A. KISH

Chief's History Lesson

Michigan State automobile license tag of William D. MEAKIN, Senior Chief Engineman, USCG, officer-in-charge of Detroit's Coast Guard Recruiting Station, not only carries a CG for Coast Guard but also the 1790 for the year of the founding of the service. (Thanks to *Navy Times*)

provement during instruction. He is a graduate of the University of California. The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution Award, was presented by Mrs. Robert Bruce Smith, State Regent, to Robert F. DOUGHTY, as the candidate attaining the highest average in theoretical and practical seamanship. The Reserve Training Center Physical Fitness Award was presented to Rodney B. SMITH. The Commanding Officer's Award was presented by CAPT WHALEN to Edward A. HARMES III. The award, a sword, is given to the man in each class adjudged to be "the outstanding officer candidate." HARMES is from Portland, Maine, and has a B.S. in marine science from the Maine Maritime Academy.

RESERVE DRILL ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 1964

Officer Average	96.8%
Enlisted Average	87.6%
National Average	88.7%
Highest District	
Fourteenth CGD	97.8%

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official acts as Chief of Reserve was to create the SPAR Enlistment Program. This action will provide qualified young women to handle administrative and stenographic work in Reserve units.

While these "major" programs were developed and executed, Admiral TRAYER was frequently on the move inspecting units, speaking at conventions, reviewing the "troops," and generally making friends for the Coast Guard and its Reserve.

He left a tour of duty marked by tremendous achievement. After almost two years as the first Chief, Office of Reserve, he has become the Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, Miami, Florida. As he moves to one of the real "hot spots" in the Coast Guard, he will be missed by his many friends in the Reserve, but he will be long remembered for lasting actions which have so markedly improved the Reserve Program.



SPAR AND BOSS TAKE OATH TOGETHER—Miss Harriet L. WRIGHT, the youngest SPAR ever recruited in Boston, took the oath of enlistment simultaneously with her Commander-in-Chief, Lyndon B. Johnson. She departed for basic training at Bainbridge, Maryland, in late January. Later she will report to Yeoman School at the CG Training Center, Groton, Connecticut, and assignment to one of the CG district offices. Administering the oath to Miss WRIGHT at the Custom House is LTJG J. A. HOPKINS, USCGR.

ADIEU, ADIEU

To all members of the Reserve and to the officers, enlisted and civilian personnel who administer the Reserve Program.

When I left my assignment as Chief of the Office of Reserve on 1 February 1965 to become Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, Miami, Florida, I had been at Headquarters 22 months.

During that time we of the Reserve enjoyed outstanding cooperation from the Treasury Department and from our counterparts of the Regular Service. We have a program which is designed to develop our mobilization capabilities. We have made some progress in overcoming our deficiencies in personnel, vessels and equipment. We have what I consider to be the most important element—outstanding personnel.

I am very proud of my association with you and I shall look forward to opportunities to work with you again.

L. M. THAYER

Drill 'Cuts' A Privilege

There are many members of the Coast Guard Reserve who are either college students or recent college graduates, and as such, are familiar with the collegiate system of class "cuts." The well known "cut system" varies in each university and covers a range from a maximum of 3 per term to an unlimited number.

It is possible, then, that college-oriented Reservists could develop a happy-go-lucky attitude about attendance both on campus and at other regularly scheduled meetings. This attitude in relation to attendance in the Coast Guard Reserve can only be considered sophomoric!

Reservists who are obligated under Training Category A are expected to attend 48 scheduled unit drills each anniversary year and complete 2 weeks' ACDUTRA annually. They are, however, *PERMITTED* to be absent from five of these drills, and, in addition, are *PERMITTED* to make up eight more drills. Recently, an alarming number of Reservists have incorrectly assumed that the five allowed absences were an unalienable right of each member. As a result, some of these members have found themselves in real

difficulty because of absences accrued after the maximum tolerance has been reached.

The allowance of five absences is a liberal one by any standards. To accommodate unit members even more, the commanding officer is authorized to allow drills to be made up by the performance of equivalent duty (E make-up) of at least two hours' duration. To use this make-up procedure, however, absences must have been due to sickness, injury, emergency, or other circumstances beyond the control of the member. Inconvenience to the Reservist involved is not satisfactory reason for absence. Examples of circumstances beyond the control of the unit member are serious illness, injury, or death within his immediate family. Upon satisfactory performance of make-up duty, the absence is excused and the number of accumulated absences is reduced accordingly. Make-up duty must be performed without pay, but is creditable for retirement point purposes. When an excusable absence occurs near the end of an anniversary year, a grace period not to exceed 60 days beyond the end of the anniversary year is authorized for the make-up of the absence.

When serious illness or injury of a Reservist is of a nature that prolonged absence from drills is necessary, he may, at the discretion of the cognizant district commander, be retained on the unit's rolls in a sick status or transferred to the Administrative Reserve Unit until he is sufficiently recovered to attend drills. In such cases, the attendance system discussed above does not apply.

Attendance at scheduled drills is computed on an anniversary year basis. Members who join units during the anniversary year have the attendance standards applied on a proportionate basis. For example, a Reservist who joins a unit in the middle of his anniversary year is permitted two absences and may be allowed to make up four additional drills. Absences accumulated during one anniversary year are not carried over to the succeeding anniversary year, except where the absence is excusable and make-up has been authorized during the succeeding year under the 60-day grace period.

Obligated Reservists should know their contractual agreement for Reserve participation. Certainly, the attendance attitude often prevalent on the college campus will not meet the standards of the Coast Guard Reserve.

The moral of this story: don't use those permitted absences unless they're absolutely needed!

NEW GI INSURANCE SET

The Congress has recently passed a new law to be effective 1 May 1965, which will give certain veterans an opportunity to purchase new Government Life Insurance, or increase any existing Government Insurance they now have, to a maximum of \$10,000. To be eligible, they must have served on active duty on or after 8 October 1940 and prior to 1 January 1957. In addition, the veteran must have a service-connected disability and be insurable under VA standards. This category will include many veterans with a so-called "0%" service-connected disability who are not receiving VA compensation. Or he must be uninsurable by VA standards because of a service-connected disability but be otherwise in good health. Or a veteran must be unable to purchase *commercial* life insurance at the highest rates because of a *non-service* connected disability. A good example could be a veteran with a severe heart condition which was *not* caused by his service and, because of it, he cannot buy life insurance at any cost.

Those veterans who presently have Government Life Insurance also have the option of converting to a new insurance plan called "Modified Life."

Eligible veterans may apply for this insurance from 1 May 1965 and not later than 2 May 1966. Application blanks will not be available until April of 1965. Veterans who are receiving VA disability compensation or who already have an active Government Insurance account will be contacted by the VA directly. All other veterans who feel they are eligible and are interested may be placed on the VA mailing list by writing, visiting or calling the Contact Officer at the nearest Veterans Administration Regional Office. If you write, please make sure your name, address and date of birth are legible.

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