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A View from the Bridge

By RADM John N. Faigle



Chief, Office of Readiness & Reserve

Fifty years is a long time to sustain an exceptionally high level of performance. It is an even longer time to serve with unparalleled loyalty and dedication in the defense of this nation and service to the public.

Truly, the Coast Guard Reserve has always been, is today, and will forever be, *Semper Paratus*. Likewise, *Semper Paratus* has always been, and will forever be, our official march.

However, to highlight the Coast Guard Reserve's 50th birthday — our Golden Anniversary — and to complement *Semper Paratus* during the coming year, the Director of the Coast Guard Band, LCDR Lewis Buckley, has agreed to compose an appropriate commemorative march to be played in conjunction with the many activities marking our first half century.

More information concerning the new march, as well as other Golden Anniversary details, are forthcoming.



Special Golden Anniversary Postmark, Page 23



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Dear Commander Buckley,

I attended the Coast Guard Academy's Band debut at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, and the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall in Portland, OR. To say I was impressed and proud of our Coast Guard musicians is an understatement. All of you are truly superlative and brought great credit to our service.

While watching the band perform in Portland, the Coast Guard Bicentennial March was introduced. It was at that moment that I decided to write and request that you compose a march for the Coast Guard Reserve's 50th Anniversary which begins on 19 February 91. I would envision that this march be named the Coast Guard Reserve, or something suitable, and would be appropriately dedicated at the beginning of the celebration recognizing our anniversary. I would very much like to discuss this initiative, should you wish to undertake the project.

In closing, once again, let me commend all of you who have brought distinction and renown to our service through your great music.

Sincerely,

John N. Faigle
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard

Dear Admiral Faigle:

I am honored by your request that I compose a march to honor the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve on the occasion of the Reserve's 50th Anniversary, and I will be happy to do it. I fully recognize the importance of this upcoming anniversary, one which may become especially meaningful in the coming months in light of the potential impact of the Persian Gulf tensions on all of our Reservists.

I'm excited about this and will start immediately working on ideas for the march. In the meantime, how does the following title and subtitle strike you?

Golden Reserve
The men & women of the
U.S. Coast Guard Reserve

Sincerely,

Lewis J. Buckley
LCDR, U.S. Coast Guard
Director
The U.S. Coast Guard Band



Your Turn . . .

The Bicentennial Ball

Thanks to all who helped to make the Commandant's Coast Guard Bicentennial Ball a truly momentous occasion!

The efforts which culminated on Aug. 18, 1990 at the beautiful Washington Hilton International Ballroom deserve everyone's applause. The Art Show, the Procession of Honor, the Academy Chorus, the Coast Guard Band, the dinner, the entertainment and the dance band...everything was top quality and went like clockwork. And when things go that well, you know people worked hard to make it happen. We all appreciated it. Thank you, each and everyone.

The Ball was a real Coast Guard Family Reunion as we renewed old friendships and made new ones with people from throughout the Coast Guard. After having spent the summer as an instructor at RTC Yorktown, attending the Ball was a fitting climax to the summer of 1990 and our 200th birthday year.

— PSC Maxine Cavanaugh
RU MSO Honolulu

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On the Cover

Members of Port Security Units go through rigorous training at Camp Perry, Ohio, to ensure their battle readiness, prior to deployment to the Middle East. In mid-September, the first port security unit from Reserve Group Milwaukee deployed from Toledo, Ohio. They were followed a few days later by the PSU attached to Reserve Group Buffalo. It was the first involuntary overseas mobilization of Coast Guard Reserve PSUs in the service's 50-year history. This photo was taken Sept. 13, 1990 by PA3 Charles Aumann of Reserve Group Milwaukee.



Editor's Turn... What's new? Plenty!

Many new happenings are afoot at HQ and at *The Reservist*. The top news, of course, is the PSUs heading to the Middle East. ENS Rick DeChant of RU Lake Erie and PA1 Mike Price of Reserve Group Buffalo filed excellent accounts from Camp Perry, Ohio, starting on Page 4. Also, you may have noticed that *The Reservist* is larger. That's right! We've expanded to 24 pages for FY91. This means better and expanded coverage coming your way. And, it also means, as I promised in my last Editor's Turn, that Officers' Call and Tip o' the Hat have returned. Also, as promised, we have included a four-page photo feature entitled "Remembering the Bicentennial." This begins on Page 12. We could have done an entire issue just on the Bicentennial, but we gave you the best possible coverage considering space constraints. Unfortunately, our nationwide TEMAC listings have been left out due to the uncertainty of the budget. We have some new items this month. On Page 21 is "Uniform Matters," a column by PSC Cavanaugh of RU MSO Honolulu. It promises to keep you up-to-date on CG dress. On Page 23 is a story on a special CGR postmark for our 50th Anniversary coming in 1991. On the back cover, we salute the SPARS in this 48th year since they were first established. Finally, you can now submit stories by E-Mail if you're working on a standard terminal (see box below). Happy reading!

— Ed Kruska

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Port Security Units move out for Middle East deployment

Editor's note: As The Reservist went to press, over 700 Coast Guard reservists had been called up in support of Operation Desert Shield. In mid-September, the first port security unit, a 100-person detachment from Reserve Group Milwaukee, deployed from Toledo, Ohio. A few days later, another PSU from Reserve Group Buffalo followed suit. The third and final PSU from Cleveland was standing by for orders to ship out. It was the first involuntary overseas mobilization of Coast Guard Reserve PSUs in the service's 50-year history. The stories that follow are accounts of the port security units' training at Camp Perry, Ohio, just prior to the overseas deployment.

Camp Perry final stop before heading overseas to Middle East

By ENS Rick DeChant, RU Lake Erie

CAMP PERRY, Ohio — The Coast Guard motto was put to the test on Aug. 20 when approximately 150 reservists from around the 9th District reported for active duty at Camp Perry, an Ohio National Guard base located 30 miles east of Toledo on the shores of Lake Erie.

All had volunteered with just 48-hours notice to take part in a week of intensive training in port security operations and procedures.

Some came from as far away as Milwaukee, Chicago and Green Bay, while others traveled from Buffalo, Erie and Cleveland.

"This training was originally scheduled for late September," said CAPT Carmond Fitzgerald, Chief of 9th District (r). "It was to have been part of a two-week exercise known as Flame River '90. The training was moved ahead on the calendar, however, because of increased tensions in the Mideast."

CDR Gale Fisk, 9th District(rs), said the voluntary call-up was made in the hope of soliciting at least 75 reservists for training as a port security unit. "We were extremely pleased and proud when we heard the total number of volunteers exceeded 150," said CDR Fisk.

No room for R&R

The schedule change for the exercise meant that a training agenda had to be put together quickly. The burden of this task was handled by 9th District (rst). Working hand-in-hand with instructors from RTC Yorktown and the Ohio National Guard, the training team developed a demanding five-day curriculum that included: command and control; Raider boat handling and tactics; chemical, biological and radiological warfare training; advanced weapons training; and port security procedures and tactics.

The agenda left no room for any R & R. The reservists would constantly be on the move, from the moment they reported to the day they departed. All were restricted to base.

First stop upon arrival was the office of the Mobilization Processing Team. The MPT, comprised of active duty personnel from D9(r) PERSRU, tamed a monstrous amount of paperwork as they processed the reservists for mobilization. Records were updated, active duty I.D. photos taken and Direct Deposit forms completed. CG attorneys also were on hand to assist with the preparation of wills and power-of-attorney documents.

The next stop was the supply warehouse. For many, the reality of the situation set in as they were issued their

sand camouflage uniforms, as well as items such as goggles, two-quart canteens and sand-storm scarfs. The look on a number of faces quickly went from that of curiosity to the "thousand-yard stare."

The potential for possible overseas deployment in the Persian Gulf was confirmed that evening at an all-hands briefing. All eyes were affixed intently on CAPT

Fitzgerald as he detailed what may or may not lay ahead for the men and women of the all-volunteer unit.

It was at that moment that some 150 individuals from a half dozen different PSUs and a variety of civilian backgrounds jelled as a team. From that point on, it was all business — Coast Guard business.



Photo by PA1 Mike Price, Reserve Group Buffalo

The PSU attached to Reserve Group Buffalo prepares to depart from Air National Guard Base Niagara Falls for Toledo for last few days of training before moving out for the Middle East.

PSUs Move Out

A whirlwind of activity

For the next several days, Camp Perry was nothing short of a whirlwind of activity. The whine of twin-engine Raiders echoed down the Lake Erie shoreline as boat crews sharpened their skills, maneuvering at high speeds through four to six-foot waves to protect "vital assets" from "unwanted harbor intruders."

The steady "thump, thump, thump" of 50-caliber machine guns reverberated across the firing range as gunnery mates took aim at floating targets some 200 to 300 yards out in the lake. The handling of the 50s was made even more difficult because the gunners were firing from a trailered Raider as it was towed down the range by a pick-up truck.

The private beach near the base officers' quarters looked like the scene of an invasion from outer space. Under the watchful eye of Ohio National Guard trainers, reservists marched and ran through the sand and 90-degree heat in full chemical warfare suits.

"Improvise" was the key word as mess halls were quickly converted to classrooms for command and control training. Throughout the day and into the evening, officers worked through a variety of port security scenarios developing operational plans to handle a multitude of situations.

At night, the maple groves near the south end of the base came alive with the loud pops of automatic weapon fire and the bright burst of M-16 muzzle flashes. Marine Security Teams made their way under cover of night to confront, drive back and capture "terrorist forces" that had entered a simulated compound. One team would crawl forward, spurred on by the barking commands of the RTC Yorktown instructors, while the remaining two teams provided cover fire. Slowly, but surely "Alpha, Bravo and Charlie" would surround and secure the terrorist gun emplacement.

Proud of accomplishments

If there was any free time, it was at chow call. The evening meal provided a little break from the non-stop training. An impromptu evening newscast was delivered each night by a junior officer. Complete with sports and weather updates, the newscast was the only link most of the reservists had with the outside world.

Chow call also was the "hunting ground" for the

corpsmen. As reservists waited in line for their meal, the corpsmen would make their way through the ranks looking for victims in need of overseas shots.

"Say there, had your cholera or typhoid vaccination yet?" they would inquire. "No? We'll see you at the infirmary at 1800."

"I feel like a goalie on a dart team," replied one petty officer from Milwaukee following his fourth encounter with a needle in three days.

Eventually, the week that seemed like a month drew to a close. The volunteers were dirty, sore and tired. But they were proud of what they had accomplished in just a week. And very proud of what they had accomplished as a team — a Coast Guard team.

In the two weeks that followed, another 170 9th District reservists would take part in the same intense training. They, too, would be put through the paces from early morning to well past sunset.

And what would the future hold for the men and women of the 9th District PSUs? No one knew for sure. Only time would tell. But one thing was certain — all were ready for the call.

More PSU coverage on Pages 6-7

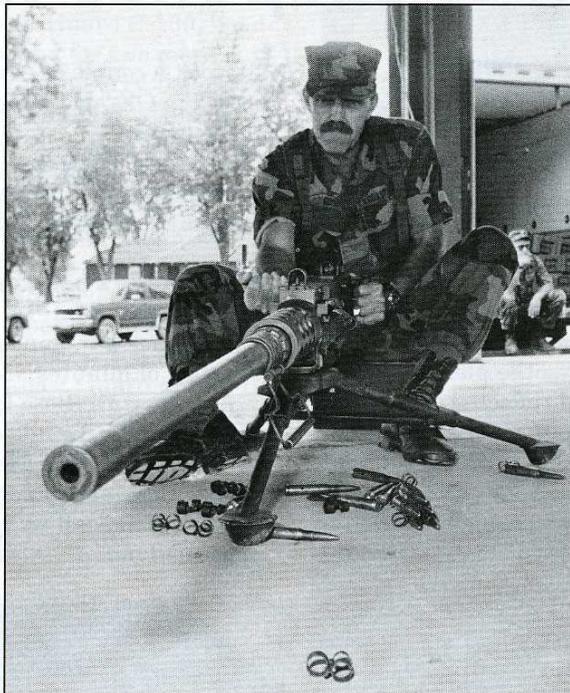


Photo by PA3 Chuck Aumann, Reserve Group Milwaukee

BM2 Joe Gosh of Reserve Group Milwaukee chambers a 50-caliber round while practicing with a 50-caliber machine gun.

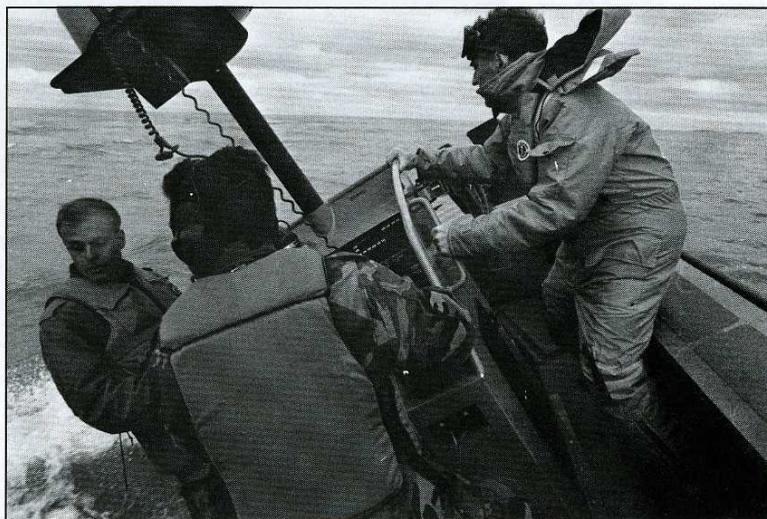


Photo by PA3 Chuck Aumann, Reserve Group Milwaukee

Coxswain BM3 Gene Rossano, center, shows RADM Fred Golove, right, the Raider boat's quick turning capabilities while crewmember MK3 Ray Schuessler, left, holds on. The boat is capable of turning 360 degrees within a 20-foot circle at speeds of over 30 mph.

PSUs: A lightning-quick response to "the call"

**A first person account by PA1 Mike Price
Reserve Group Buffalo**

CAMP PERRY, Ohio — "OK gang, let's give it our all. Let's do it, and do it right, for ourselves, our families, our country, and the U.S. Coast Guard."

That was a voice I heard aboard a Coast Guard C-130 bound for Camp Perry, Ohio, and the final days of preparation before the Port Security Unit attached to Reserve Group Buffalo was deployed to the Middle East.

I know most of these people very well. I've served with many of them for several years. So, as the plane headed for Camp Perry, I looked around and reflected on what all of this meant. Here was this group of reservists, on the eve of the 50th Anniversary of the Coast Guard Reserve, doing something that had never been done before — responding to the first involuntary overseas mobilization in the history of the Coast Guard Reserve. This was history in the making!

Grueling training but great morale

An important factor in the success of the call-up of these citizen-sailors was their feeling of confidence — about their own abilities and that of their fellow unit members. It's a feeling that has come about after a half dozen years of specialized training in the field of Port Security.

CAPT Carmond Fitzgerald, Chief of 9th District (r) and CDR Gale Fisk, Chief of 9th District(rs) made it very clear, "that the training you receive here at Camp Perry may be the toughest you've ever had in the Coast Guard, and that shortly thereafter, everyone may be going on a trip to the Middle East."

One of the things that stands out most in my mind about the training was the positive attitude and great morale of everyone. An example of that spirit was displayed one afternoon when one of the men went down hard on his rifle butt, bruising his ribs. In obvious pain, it was suggested that he go to sick bay to be checked for broken ribs. He thought about it for a few seconds, winced a

bit, took a couple of deep breaths, and said, "Ah, what the heck, I'm OK." He was immediately back down crawling in the grass.

And that individual was just one of many who carried on with blistered feet, aching thighs, and sore backs. It was tough, but they did it.

"Milwaukee's been called-up!"

On Friday, Sept. 14, in the barracks, on the grounds, at the snack bar, and across the base, the word spread in a matter of minutes: "Milwaukee's been called-up!"

And so, with those four words, reality set in. The Reserve Group Milwaukee PSU would be leaving in a few days for the Middle East, and shortly after that, Reserve Group Buffalo's PSU would follow.

The official call up release read like this: *It has been confirmed that an involuntary call up of a portion of the*

U.S. Coast Guard Reserve forces in the Great Lakes has taken place. Elements of the Coast Guard Reserve will be deployed for duty in the Middle East. Their function will be to provide security to port facilities in support of Operation Desert Shield.

For the reservists involved and their families, it was a time in their lives that they would not forget. At the airports in Milwaukee, Buffa-

lo, Rochester and Syracuse, there was fear and apprehension, coupled with hugs, kisses and farewells. The devotion of families and their love for each other was something to see. The sorrow and tears of loved ones being separated in this way was overwhelming.

But I knew as I looked around that these were fine people. It was a good feeling to know them and be around them because these were America's best. There was sorrow all around, but there was no bitterness.

Honor — Duty — Devotion

And then I remembered that last day of training at Camp Perry, when the troops were visited by RADM Fred

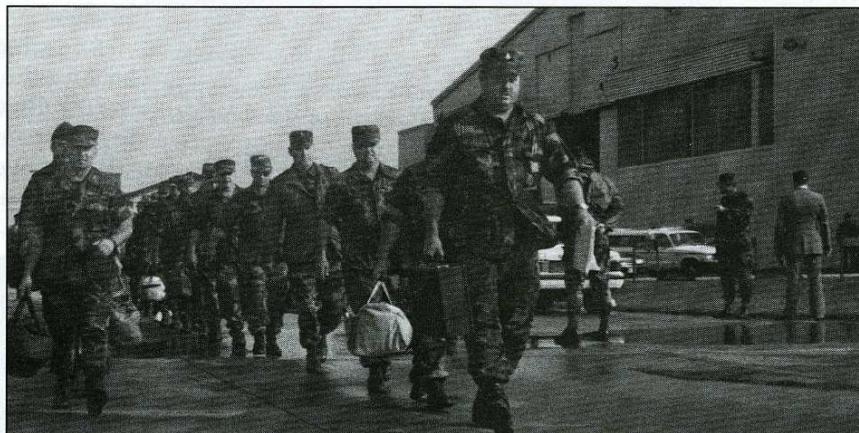


Photo by PA1 Mike Price, Reserve Group Buffalo

The PSU attached to Reserve Group Buffalo marches from the hangar, at right, at ANG Base Niagara Falls to a Coast Guard C-130, awaiting to whisk them off to Toledo and Camp Perry.

PSUs Move Out

Golove, the Senior Reserve Officer in the Coast Guard, who asked many, "What would you be doing if you weren't here?" Among the group, RADM Golove found: plumbers, electricians, doctors, lawyers, college professors, teachers, TV reporters, photographers, nurses and salesmen, police officers and firefighters.

But now, here I am aboard a Coast Guard C-130, heading home, while these people are bound for two more days of training and final processing at Camp Perry, before deployment to the Middle East. There's an inescapable feeling aboard the plane...the combined wish that this whole scenario in the Middle East had never happened.

But, it did, and now they're ready to do their duty to assist their country in any way that they can. And words that sometimes seem old fashioned — words like honor, duty and devotion — are not old-fashioned at all.

That's what these Coast Guard reservists feel. They don't talk about it, but you know it's there. You know they will do their country, and the U.S. Coast Guard proud. Because when the call came, they were ready. And for the past 200 years, that's what we've been saying: we're "Always Ready."

And these Great Lakes reservists have lived-up to that motto in the highest tradition. They're ready!

In addition to being a CG reservist, Mike Price is a feature reporter for Channel 9 WIXT in Syracuse, N.Y.



PSU Facts



- Port Security Units are found only in the CG Reserve. They are responsible for ensuring port security, enabling safe vessel transit through waterways, safeguarding cargo handling associated with the transportation of military supplies and equipment, and also intercepting suspect vessels. They are specially trained and specifically designated for overseas operations.
- During its participation in Operation Desert Shield, the Coast Guard's Port Security Unit will be reporting to the theater commander, while those CG operations in the United States will continue to report to the Commandant and the Secretary of Transportation.
- The Coast Guard has three PSUs located in Buffalo, Milwaukee and Cleveland. There are approximately 100 members per unit.
- PSUs only become units upon mobilization. That is, they are only used in operations similar to the current operations in the Middle East.
- PSUs use a modified Boston Whaler, 22 to 25 feet in length to carry out their mission: establishing and maintaining the safety and waterside security of assigned ports and their facilities.
- CG reservists, called under Title 10 U.S. Code, Section 673 b., can be deployed initially for 90 days but that can be extended to 180 days. This is the first-ever involuntary mobilization of PSUs for deployment overseas.



Photo by PA1 Mike Price, Reserve Group Buffalo

CDR Dan Gregorio, Commander, Reserve Group Buffalo, says farewell to his son, SS3 Joel Gregario, as he prepares to board a C-130 bound for Camp Perry.

CBR training: It IS for everybody

By PA1 Mike Price, Reserve Group Buffalo

CAMP PERRY, Ohio — While all of the training at Camp Perry was important, there was one aspect of it that was mandatory for everyone, including support staff. That training was CBR: chemical, biological and radiological instruction.



Under the guidance of a team of CBR specialists from the Ohio National Guard, the Coast Guard reservists were given a full day of instruction on the dangers inherent in chemical agents, and the proper use of protective clothing and gas masks.

After a half day of classroom instruction, in which the proper procedures for donning charcoal-lined Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) suits and gas masks were explained, the students spent an afternoon practicing what they had learned. This included the process of clearing the mask of any possible toxic agent, and then sucking-in with the intake valves covered, to create an air-tight seal around the face — all accomplished within 15 seconds.

After getting into the suit, the instructors took the class for a short walk that included a 50-yard sprint on the beach. With temperatures in the mid-80s, coupled with very high humidity, the CBR training was difficult, but viewed by everyone as something that could mean the difference between life and death. The key to wearing the mask and MOPP suit seemed to be: "remain calm and establish a breathing rhythm."

Perhaps the most often heard comments following the CBR training were: "I'm going to practice this on my own, until I can put the mask on in 15 seconds," and "this might be the most important thing we learn all week."

Stay tuned to *The Reservist* for Middle East CGR news.

1st District



Exercise tests American — Canadian preparedness

By PA3 David P. Lampel
Reserve Group New York

NEW YORK, N.Y. — A classified military exercise in the Port of New York brought together the seagoing services of the United States and Canada to test and fine-tune plans for protecting that Port.

The two-week exercise, led by CAPT Robert C. North, USCG Commander, Group New York, brought together Canadian Naval Forces with contingents from the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, U.S. Navy Reserve and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

This sensitive evolution — the dates and times of which are still classified — was designed to test contingency plans created for protecting one of this nation's busiest and most strategic ports. It also determined how well military and civilian assets can respond in a coordinated manner, in time of emergency.

The Five Armed Services continuously train and exercise for every conceivable emergency — from civil disturbances to enemy attacks. In the view of modern military planners, hijacking, kidnapping, terrorism and sabotage will likely replace the massive sneak attack (such as that at Pearl Harbor in 1941), as the strategic nightmare of the 90s. Civilians and non-military assets present targets of opportunity in this kind of "low intensity" conflict.



"The active duty planners developed a scenario that would be plausible in today's world, principally the potential horror of terrorism," said LT Chuck Gullage, USCGR, one of the planners for this exercise. "If there is a terrorist incident, there may be a number of diversionary activities such as demonstrations and strikes engineered by terrorists to draw defenders away from the real action. The Coast Guard excels in its peacetime missions of Port and Environmental Safety. We work effectively with other military organizations and with local and state

authorities. During this exercise, we relied upon these good relationships, developing imaginary terrorist incidents to test our existing plans," said Gullage.

Commenting on what was learned from this exercise, CAPT George H. Geller, at the time Commander, Reserve Group New York, added, "the exercise was successful in that it confirmed the overall soundness of our plans for protecting this port.

"As expected, we found areas that needed strengthening," added CAPT Geller, "both in coordinating efforts

among agencies and in providing better guidance for managing particular scenarios. We already are working to improve our plans in these areas."

A major benefit of any exercise is the outstanding training it provides to the reservists. Enthused SK1 Tom Stanton, a Staff Specialist with Reserve Group New York said, "I gained more practical experience during these 12 days than I did from any other ADT period in my 12 years in the Reserve Program. If the real thing comes along, this will have helped me to prepare."



Photo by PA3 Dave Lampel, RESGRU New York

The active and reserve air and boat crews of the seagoing services of both the United States and Canada refined plans for handling emergencies like this medical evacuation of personnel "injured" in a recent mobilization exercise.



5th District



CG reps join Delaware ARNG in aerial ops

By CW04 A.E. Farmer, RU Indian River Inlet

INDIAN RIVER INLET, Del. — Gov. Mike Castle of Delaware recently directed the training flights of the Delaware Army National Guard aircraft to assist other law enforcement agencies in the interdiction of illegal drugs.

Personnel from U.S. Coast Guard Station and RU Station Indian River are cooperating with the Delaware Army National Guard by participating as observers on these aerial operations. Five to six area overflights are scheduled each weekend as weather and circumstances will permit. Landing at Station Indian River, the UH-1H Helicopter takes on the assigned Coast Guard representative and then covers the entire southern portion of Delaware.

On one of the first helicopter flights, pilot LT Hans Reigle and Coast Guard representative CW02 John Dixon, Commanding Officer, RU Station Indian River, engaged in the aerial pursuit of a surface craft that was attempting to elude a 41-foot patrol boat from a nearby station. The airship maintained a position overhead until the surface vessel heaved-to and allowed a boarding party to be set aboard.

Current plans are to continue these joint training flights as a regular part of the training for both regular and reserve personnel assigned to the Indian River Coast Guard Station.



7th District



MSD at Port Everglades up and running

By PS1 N.J. Calise, RU MSO Miami (Port Everglades Field Office)

PORT EVERGLADES, Fla. — In September of 1989, MSO Miami opened a remote field office at Port Everglades, one of southeastern Florida's busiest ports, with a staff of two Marine Inspectors and two Port Operations petty officers.

Then, during April 1990, Reserve personnel from RU MSO Miami and RU STA Ft. Lauderdale combined efforts to begin augmenting the field office on weekends. Under the supervision of PSC Michael Keane of RU MSO Miami, reserve personnel will provide an increased Coast Guard presence at the port.

Port Everglades has the distinction of being both the world's second largest cruise ship port and the nation's second largest refined petroleum product port. As such, the port presents a challenging future for the newly formed field office and the augmenting reservists. Not only will reservists be performing regular functions previously conducted by personnel dispatched from MSO Miami, but the increase in facility spot checks and cargo monitors will serve to reduce the

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number of pollution incidents by increasing pollution prevention awareness. Furthermore, the response time to emergency incidents in the northern part of the MSO Miami Zone, including the Ports of Palm Beach and Ft. Pierce, will be greatly reduced.

Port Everglades operates under an unusual jurisdictional authority as it is divided among several municipalities and a variety of state and federal agencies. PSC Keane anticipates the creation of exciting and practical training programs which will draw upon the expertise of agencies at all levels. Plans are already being formulated which will allow Reserve personnel to work and train with the State's Department of Environmental Regulation, the Port Authority and the U.S. Customs Service.



8th District



Survey leads to spouse's seminar

By PA3 R.I. Hadley, RU Dallas

DALLAS, Tex. — Since joining RU Dallas as ombudsman in 1989, Susan Clark has taken this 8th District Reserve unit one step beyond its present standing as the 1989 ROA Congressional Award winner. Susan, wife of EM3 Larry Clark, initiated and distributed a detailed questionnaire to all reservist's spouses to gather information about their spouse's involvement in the Coast Guard.

Upon reviewing the survey, Susan determined the primary complaint

was that the non-military spouse was left totally out of the military career of his/her spouse.

Mrs. Clark immediately organized a spouse's seminar at NAS Dallas

in conjunction with the unit's All-Hands drill. The half-day seminar was geared toward in-

forming the spouse of every aspect of a reservist's career, along with the rights of the reservist's family. The day was topped off with a family picnic.

LCDR J.M. Lietner, Commanding Officer of RU Dallas, said, "Hats off to Susan Clark. We are blessed with the most sincere and hardest working ombudsman in the Coast Guard Reserve."

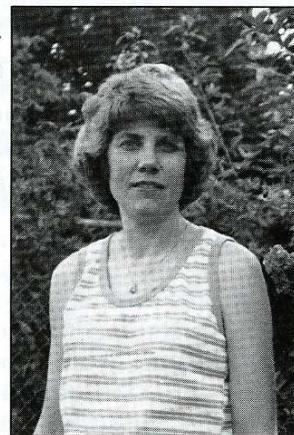


Photo by R.I. Hadley, RU Dallas

RU Dallas' ombudsman Susan Clark recently conducted a survey of reservist's spouses. The results lead to a spouses seminar during the unit's All-Hands drill.



9th District



CG joins Army Guard & Reserve in Op Northern Pines

By EM(PS)3 Kevin Carroll
RU Detroit

DETROIT, Mich. — The white smoke canister arced through the air, cracking noisily upon detonation. With the thickening cloud wafting toward the complex of low buildings, elements of RU Detroit's assault team stealthily advanced on the barricaded suspects, expecting hostile fire at any moment. Soon, the entry door was forced open, and the strike team was rapidly moving through the interior, disabling booby traps and suppressing enemy fire while neutralizing the group of "terrorists" inside.

This field exercise was the culmination of five months of intensive training. The program, named Operation Northern Pines '90, was the product of close cooperation between RU Detroit, Company B of the U.S. Army Reserve 11th Special Forces Group, and assistance from the Michigan National Guard.

CDR James White, Commanding Officer of RU Detroit, was responsible for the initiation of the training plan while LT Kim Valentine, Training Officer for RU Detroit, coordinated the joint training. Fifteen members from RU Detroit and two from RU Cleveland participated in the program.

Operation Northern Pines '90 was designed to provide needed training for the Coast Guard reservists in the Port Security field, specifically in the area of Maritime Physical Security. MSGT John Greenlee, Co.B, 11th Special Forces Group, provided coordination with his unit. In addition, he brought in specialists in personal security from the U.S. Marine Corps and the City of Roseville Police Department.

The Special Forces unit provided training in unit communications,

weapons familiarization including the M-16 rifle, M-60 machine gun, hand grenades, use of night vision devices by security personnel, special assault tactics, and fire team movements and techniques. CPR training and certification was also provided.

First SGT Kenneth Peters of the Michigan National Guard provided training in communication security, establishing security perimeters around installations, and familiarization with CBR warfare protective equipment.

CG personnel were able to obtain training that was necessary to perform their job as Port Security

tymen, in one comprehensive program. The training sessions began in January with classroom instruction, and was followed up in April and May exercises with opportunities to obtain hands-on experience while working together as a security team.

The close cooperation between RU Detroit and the Special Forces unit resulted in a mutual exchange of ex-

perience and knowledge, allowing the Coast Guardsmen to receive training from the Green Berets that would have been difficult to obtain otherwise.



Photo by EM(PS)3 Kevin Carroll, RU Detroit

RU Detroit members practice maneuvering in MOPP gear at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

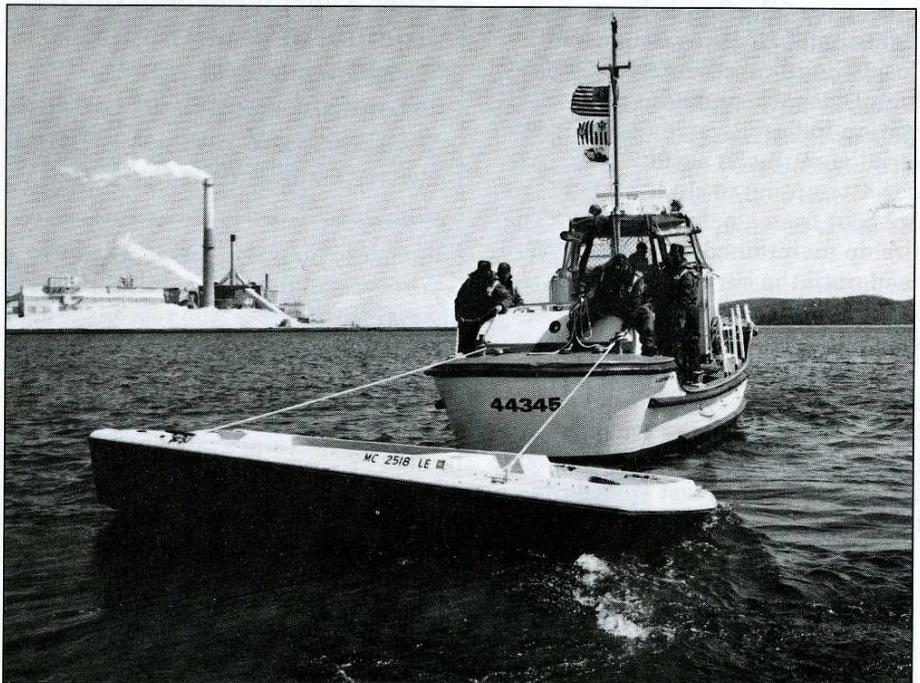


Photo by Todd Reed, RU Traverse City

9th District reservists practice a self-righting exercise during a two-week Reserve small boat school which prepared the reservists for the busy SAR season on the Great Lakes. The school, held at CG Station Ludington, received high marks and drew reservists from hundreds of miles around. The same school is tentatively scheduled for spring of '91.

11th District



RU Monterey gives thumbs up to vessel augmentation

By QMC D. Griffith, RU Monterey

MONTEREY, Calif. — With high priority on augmentation by reservists at regular Coast Guard units, RU Monterey has a program that works. The present Reserve crew consists of 11 members that literally "take over" for Reserve weekends. At last count, approximately 25 percent of boardings, SAR cases and law enforcement patrols during the past six months were performed by the Reserve crew.

During the summer months, Group Monterey provides a weekend SAR unit at Santa Cruz Harbor due to its heavy boating traffic. This duty is normally performed by either a 41 or 44-footer. However, one weekend a month, the POINT BARROW assumes the SAR duty and the reserve crew has augmented on several of these weekends, gaining valuable experience in SAR and law enforcement duties.

Recently, while moored in Santa Cruz Harbor, the POINT BARROW was notified that a person had fallen off the rocks into the surf. The cutter was on-scene in 10 minutes — the small boat was launched with BM3 Ames as coxswain, while MK1 Schrednitz and FS2 Dellamonica served as rescue swimmers. It was extremely dark with numerous kelp beds between the cutter and the victim, who was be-



Photo by QMC Dave Griffith, RU Monterey

MK1 Schrednitz, left, and FS2 Dellamonica discuss proper handling of rescue lines.

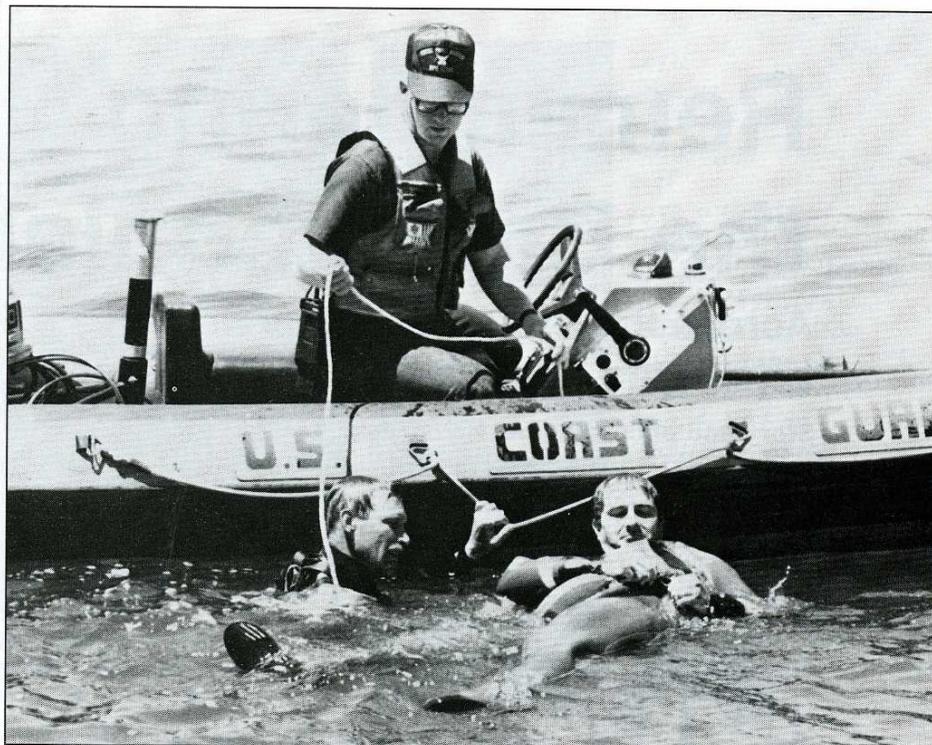


Photo by QMC Dave Griffith, RU Monterey

LTJG Clay Wild, in boat, trains FS2 Dellamonica, left, and MK1 Schrednitz, right, in rescue swimming. Both swimmers, of RU Monterey, are now certified by the regular command.

ing kept afloat by Santa Cruz Fire Department rescue swimmers.

He was then transported to the POINT BARROW by small boat where BM2 Soler, EMT, performed patient assessment — the victim was hypothermic and was transported to the Santa Cruz pier for further treatment and transportation by PACMED paramedics. The hospital reported that the victim would recover, but further exposure to the 55 degree water would have been fatal.

Vessel augmentation is a fulfilling experience for an active reservist. To qualify, a reservist must dedicate numerous hours to training, but the reward of a "job well done" is worth it.



14th District



CGR joins in Massive FTX / CPX

By LCDR D.R. Flood
Reserve Group D14

HONOLULU, Hawaii — MDZ Sector Hawaii staged a massive FTX/CPX that involved active and Reserve Forces from the Coast Guard, Navy, Marine Corps, and Army, Aug. 13-24.

Included in the exercise was the Coast Guard Reserve's 17-member RU D14/SECHI Intelligence Team. They provided exercise and real world intelligence collection and analysis on a 24-hour basis for RADM W.C. Donnell, Commander, MARDEZ Pacific Sector Hawaii.

Half of the personnel from both RU MSO Honolulu and RU HILO augmented Sub-Sector Honolulu. The following Hawaii-based units provided personnel as well: RU Maui, RU Cutters, RU Base Honolulu and Reserve Group D14.



Remembering the Bicentennial...

Across the U.S.A., CG reservists
celebrated & saluted our 200th year



Story and photos by PA2 E.J. Kruska, G-RS-1

GRAND HAVEN, Mich. — A spectacular fireworks display over the Grand River climaxed the Coast Guard's Bicentennial year here on Coast Guard Day, Aug. 4. It was a fitting conclusion to a year-long celebration that began the previous summer in Newburyport, Mass., and ended with the two-week Coast Guard Festival in Coast Guard City, USA. The Coast Guard Festival, attended



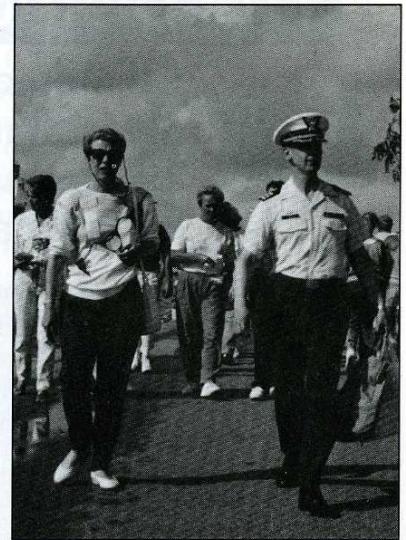
by thousands from across the nation, included events such as: a memorial ceremony, quilt show, polka fest, parade, band competition, reunion gatherings, ship tours, 10K race and fireworks.

Not only in Grand Haven, but across the nation, in such places as Boston, Boothbay Harbor, Maine, Yorktown, Leavenworth, Kan., and San Francisco, communities celebrated with the Coast Guard as they paused to reflect on the grand and glorious past of our nation's oldest continuous sea-going service. And Coast Guard reservists everywhere saluted and celebrated along with the rest of the nation. The following pages, though they hardly do it justice, are a salute to our 200th year as we "Remember the Bicentennial..."

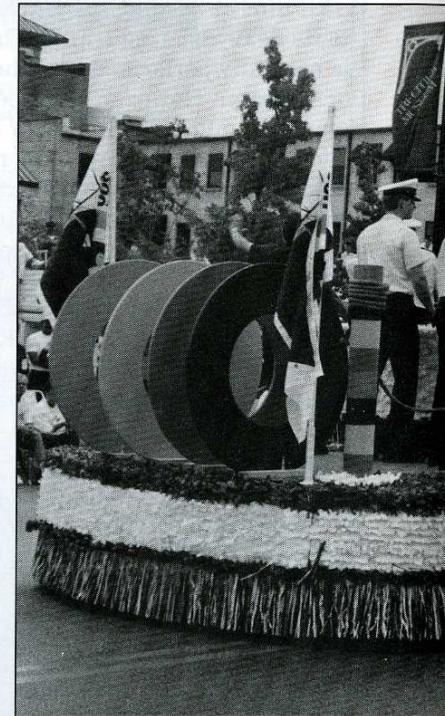
Right: LCDR Eva Schmidt, USCGR(Ret.) of White Earth, N.D. and YNC Juanita McKain of New London, N.H., pause in front of the Coast Guard Festival Hospitality Center in Grand Haven. LCDR Schmidt served from 1943-1979 while YNC McKain served between 1943-1946. LCDR Schmidt marched in the CG Festival parade with other SPARS (below).

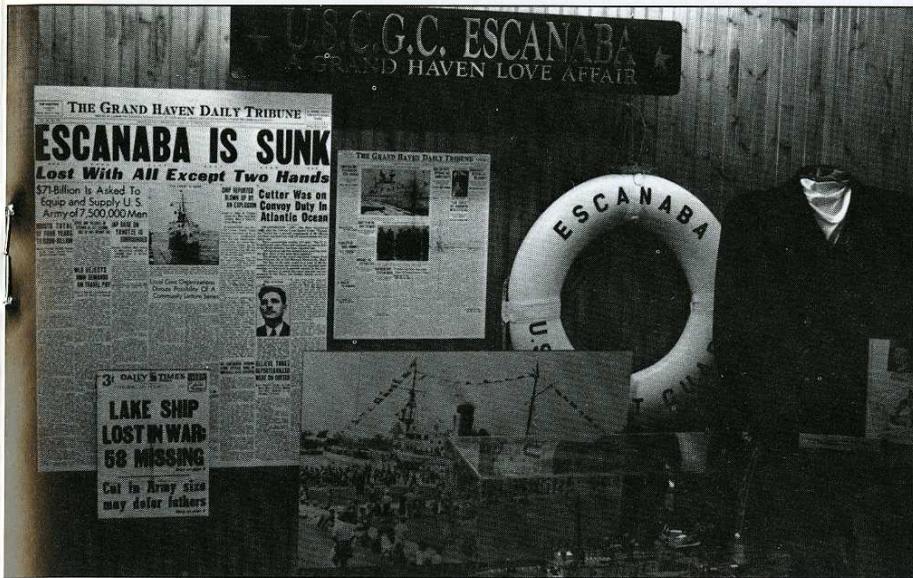


World War II SPARS march up Washington Street before thousands during the Coast Guard Festival parade in Grand Haven. In the background: Dewey Hill, site of the World's Largest Musical Fountain.



CDR Roger Huff, Commander, Reserve Group Grand Haven and Kathy, his wife, stroll the Grand Haven boardwalk enjoying the sites and sounds of the CG Festival.

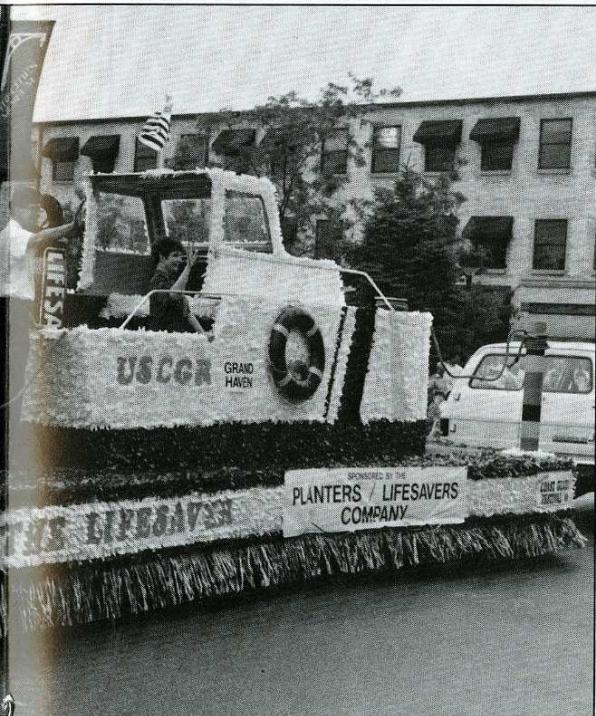
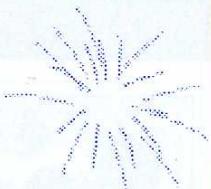




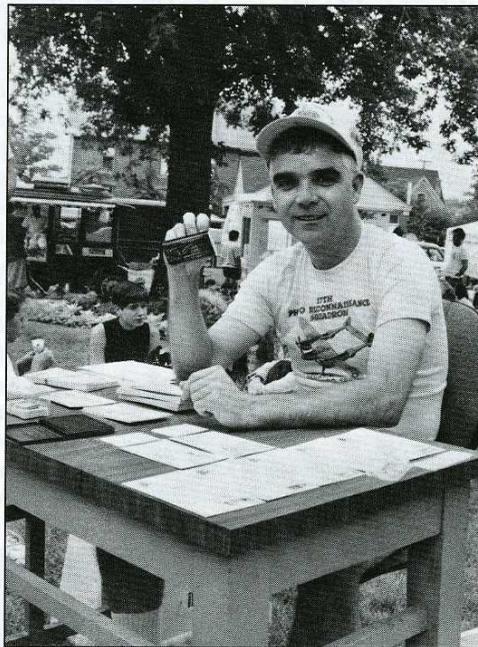
This display case in Grand Haven's Tri-Cities Museum gives a glimpse of how Grand Haven became Coast Guard City. The Coast Guard Festival began as a picnic during the 1930s for those on-board the original CGC ESCANABA.



Left: "You've got to be kidding me?" says a tired but surprised PA1 Spring de Haviland in Grand Haven's Mulligan's Hollow following the CG Festival's 10K race Aug. 4. PA1 de Haviland, of RU Long Beach / Los Angeles, worked in Grand Haven for several months prior to and during the CG Festival as a public affairs specialist.



Above: Members of Reserve Group Grand Haven ride "The Lifesavers" float along the CG Festival parade route. Left: CG Senior Reserve Officer RADM Fred Golove and his wife, Sandra, motor down the CG Festival parade route enroute to the viewing stand.



Left: CDR Robert Marcotte, of Reserve Support Center Boston and a postal employee, pauses from his busy day at the Arts & Crafts Fair in Grand Haven to display the postmark cancellation he designed for the Coast Guard's Bicentennial. Over 10,000 individual cards and letters were hand-cancelled as requests poured in from around the world, keeping the post office working around the clock for three straight days. John Masuga, postmaster at Grand Haven, says the Bicentennial cancellation was a "phenomenal success."



Serendipity Singers delight a packed house at Grand Haven's Waterfront Stadium prior to the grand finale of the Bicentennial year: a spectacular fireworks display.



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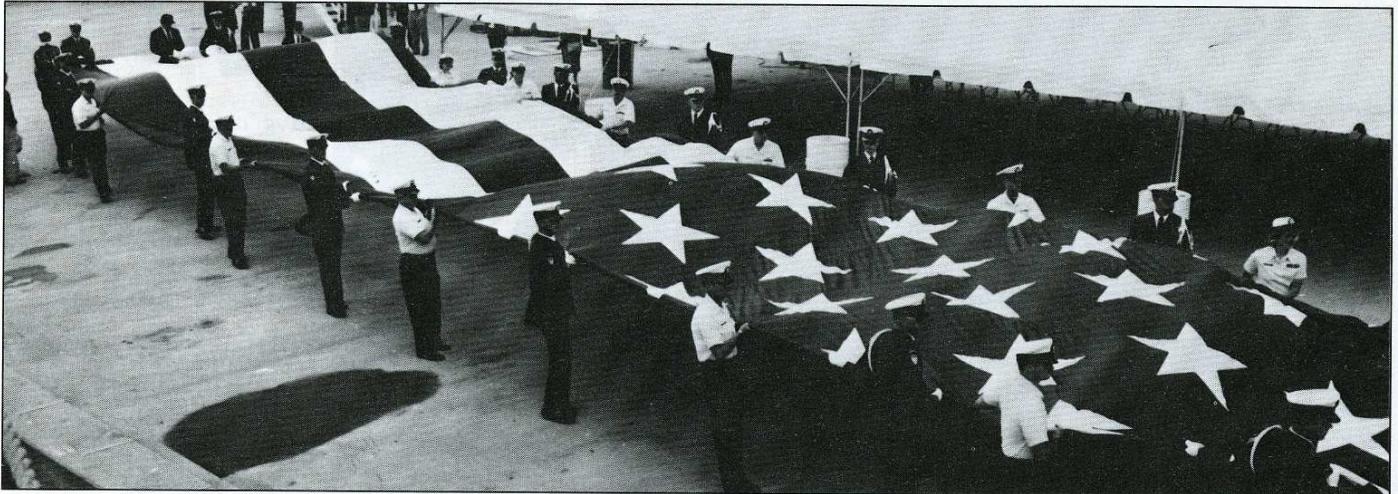


Photo by RD2 Mike McLeod, RU Boothbay Harbor

Thirty-five Coast Guard reservists from the 1st District formed the Bicentennial Action Team (B.A.T.). They supported local communities celebrating the Bicentennial while allowing local SAR and MSO units to function at full capacity. The "BAT Team" worked at Windjammer Days in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, Boston Harborfest, and at the Fall River Celebrates America celebration. Above, BAT Team members work with the Coast Guard ceremonial drill team in the Mt. Rushmore Flag Ceremony. The Mt. Rushmore flag was transported by CGC EAGLE where it was offloaded at Boston during Harborfest's "Salute to the U.S.C.G. Bicentennial."



Photo by Sandra Quigley, a fifer's spouse

Left: The Martial Musicians, a southern New England group of semi-professional musicians, perform authentic period military fife and drum music from the Revolutionary War through the Civil War period. The group, formed by YN2 Peter Stevens of Reserve Group Boston, (third from left), played aboard the USS Constitution as part of Boston's Harborfest and "Salute to the U.S.C.G.'s Bicentennial." Historically, a small Marine contingent was attached to the original Revenue Cutters.

Right: In San Francisco, CG reservists were on hand to provide dockside security and public affairs coverage during the historic visit of the Soviet ice breaker MBG Volga in late spring. The Volga, shown here moored alongside CGC SHERMAN, was the first Soviet Navy vessel to dock in San Francisco since 1945 and visited to participate in the CG Bicentennial celebration along with ships from Canada, Mexico and Japan. Besides the SHERMAN, the CG was represented by the BLACKHAW, which had a role in the filming of "Hunt for Red October," the EDISTO, and POINT CHICO. Thousands of Americans spent hours in line waiting to go aboard the Volga. Though a bit shy at first, the Soviet sailors proved friendly and when they departed for their home port in Petropavlovysk, Russia, it is said they left their "hearts in San Francisco." This report filed by PA1 Ron Cabral, USCGR, D11 North Public Affairs



Photo by PA1 Marshall Berman, USCGR, D11 North Public Affairs

Remembering the Bicentennial...



Photo by Carol Dickerson, wife of CAPT Dennis Dickerson, USCGR

Left: In Washington, D.C., reservists from CG HQ again put on a sizzling performance as grillmasters at the annual HQ picnic Aug. 4 at Alexandria ISC. Grillmasters were recruited from the entire HQ Group and were organized by LCDR J. Bragg.

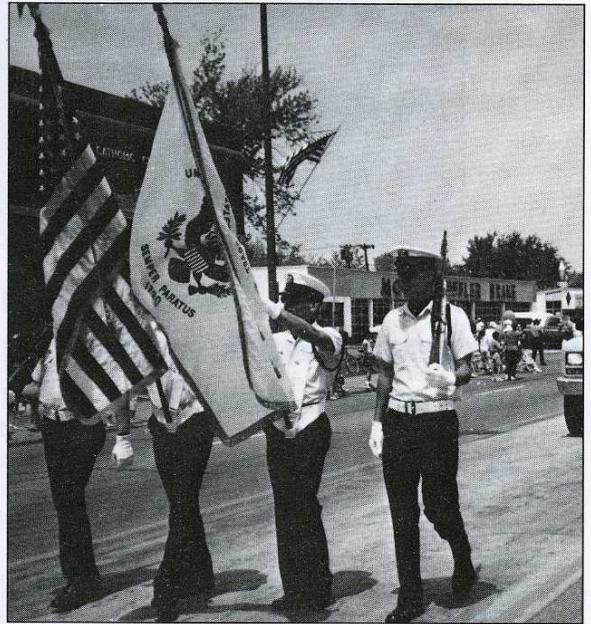


Photo by PA1 Robert Kelly, Reserve Group Buffalo

Above: Members of Reserve Group Buffalo and RU Niagara River teamed up to show the colors in the Kenmore, N.Y. Memorial Day parade. The CG Raider and 21-foot Boston Whaler were also a hit with thousands of viewers who were surprised to see CG craft so far inland.

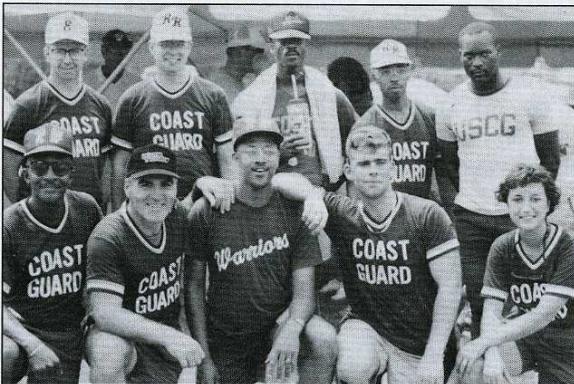


Photo by CAPT Henry Plimack, USCGR

Left: The Office of Readiness & Reserve (G-R) is number one following the softball tournament held in conjunction with the annual CG Headquarters picnic held at Alexandria ISC Aug. 4.

Right: In Cleveland, some of it is old — some of it is new. But every stitch is Coast Guard blue! That's the best way to describe the Bicentennial quilt put together by reservists from RU Cleveland, RU Lake Erie and RU District Office. The project, which began in the summer of '89, was spearheaded by SK1 Cecelia Jaskowski and YN3 Roberta Brumit, both of RU Cleveland, and SS2 Marge Vandestadt of RU Lake Erie. All three undertook the tedious task of gathering old rating patches and other uniform items from members of the three Cleveland reserve units. The pattern features Ohio and Lake Erie surrounded by a variety of rating patches. A CG cutter and a lighthouse have been affixed just off the quilt's "shoreline." A large star marks the City of Cleveland, home to all three units. The quilt was actually designed by SK1 Jaskowski and was sewn in six months time by Doris Atkinson, mother of YN3 Brumit. The quilt was displayed at Grand Haven's Bicentennial Quilt show where it drew considerable praise from onlookers. Current plans are to permanently display it at the Enlisted Club in Cleveland.



Photo by ENS F. Wasco, Reserve Group Detroit

Other Highlights

BICENTENNIAL RELAY — An Olympic-style marathon along the U.S. coast of the Great Lakes highlighted the 9th Coast Guard District's busy Bicentennial. The relay consisted of two legs — one started in Baudette, Minn., the other in Alexandria Bay, N.Y., with both finishing simultaneously

in Grand Haven Aug. 4. The relay, coordinated by CDR N. J. Norman of RU Duluth, attracted many CG reservists. **LEAVENWORTH, Kan.** — RADM W. Ecker, RADM Fred Golove, and 60 members of RU Leavenworth completed the 10K Bicentennial Volkswalk through flooded streets. **RESERVE TRAINING CENTER YORKTOWN** — Over 3200 attended Coast Guard Day festivities!





First Call...

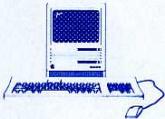
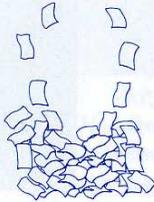
On the horizon: UMIS to help reduce paperwork overload

By LT D. Johnson, G-RS-2

In the not too distant future, the way your reserve unit's administrative team goes about it's business may be changing.

That change will come about through a database application known as the Unit Management Information System. UMIS is an automated office environment containing information from the Personnel Management Information System (PMIS), the Mobilization System (MOBSYS), and the District Reserve Management Information System (DRMIS). Also, UMIS contains applications and management reports in the areas of training, administration and mobilization.

The system is being developed by Systems Resources Corporation of Burlington, Mass., under contract from the Coast Guard Research and Development Center. It will run on Coast Guard standard work stations and on MS-DOS compatible computers. A typical installation will consist of three or four computers, printers, and a full complement of software. In addition to the UMIS systems application itself, each computer will provide word processing, spreadsheet, and electronic mail capabilities.



Electronic forms

Under UMIS, the Inactive Duty for Training (IDT) function provides modules to schedule drills, record attendance, and produce the Unit Attendance Report (UAR) in hard copy and electronic form. The drill schedule can be built from scratch, or by making small changes to a previous schedule. Frequently used drill sites can be stored for quick recall, and members who tend to drill together can be put in sections that can be assigned a date, time, and drill site as a group.

Once the drill schedule has been created, dates and times of drills for that month never need to be entered again. The system retains the records and the user simply attaches a completion code to record attendance. The UAR is automatically generated, including the cumulative counts of the number of drills and unexcused absences for each individual member. These individual statistics can be displayed during the creation of the drill

schedule or reviewed at any time. The UAR can then be electronically transmitted to the Pay and Personnel Center (PPC) in Topeka, Kan., with a signed hard copy follow-up for record purposes.

Testing of the UMIS began during the summer of '90 with installation of a pilot/prototype system at two test sites in the 1st District, RU Vessels New Bedford and RU Station Pt. Judith. An August installation also took place at a site in the 5th District, RU Philadelphia #2. All three units will be evaluating UMIS, while further HQ development hones the system for possible Reserve-wide release in 1991.



Other UMIS features

- A weight check program, which calculates: allowable weight; amount overweight; and date due at allowable weight. The program also tracks the members' progress, and prints a hard-copy page 7 entry, if necessary.
- An interactive mobilization billet-matching program that generates the "scratch and match" request.
- An active duty training program that implements the new Career Development Program planning form and generates the ADT request.
- A mailing list and call-up tree program that includes a place for frequently used addresses of people and organizations not in the member address data base.
- Various management reports and functions such as: physicals due in the next 'x' months, enlistments expiring in the next 'x' months; unit rosters; evaluation tracking; tickler files; etc.

Electronic library to catalogue CG Reserve standard forms

By LT Don Johnson, G-RS-2

The Reserve Program is in the midst of a major project to streamline the administration of Coast Guard Reserve units. This streamlining will take many forms: the purchase of portable computers, computerizing many administrative functions of the units, electronic mail between members/units/groups/districts, etc.

To help with the streamlining, the creation of a "library" of standard Reserve unit documents is underway — organization manuals, letters of assignment to

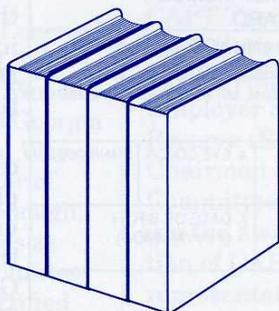


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various positions/duties, standing orders — anything that units may have to produce in order to conduct their business.

We feel that much time is being wasted throughout the program "re-creating the wheel" - i.e. there are many outstanding unit organization manuals which, with minor modifications, could be used by any similar command. Through HQ review of various documents, selection of those we feel are the best, and then providing the standard format document to all units in various word processing formats, we may be able to reduce the administrative burdens of reserve groups and units.

Accordingly, we are asking that units which have developed documents that would lend themselves easily to standardization, and which have Coast Guard Reserve-wide applicability, please send a copy to us. The documents can be sent in paper form, however, we would greatly prefer to receive them in some electronic medium, either CTOS/BTOS, MS-DOS, or MacIntosh.



Send them to: Commandant (G-RS-2), 2100 2nd St. SW, Washington D.C. 20593, Attn: LT Don Johnson or B-Mail "LT Johnson/G-RPOST." LT Johnson can be reached for questions or comments at commercial (202) 267-1970 / FTS 267-1970.



New CHAMPUS handbook available

The new Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services CHAMPUS) Handbook has been published, written in everyday language for service families and their sponsors.



The handbook has the latest information about the basic CHAMPUS program's benefits and procedures, and lists military medical facilities worldwide.

Individuals who want copies of the new handbook should contact their nearest Health Benefits Advisor. For more information on CHAMPUS write: CHAMPUS Public Affairs Office, Aurora, CO 80045-6900 or call (303) 361-3800.



IRS says employers can't cut health care to activated reservists

The Internal Revenue Service has given notice that employers must continue health care coverage for called-up reservists and their families, if the reservists so desire and if they are willing to pay the premium for the coverage.



The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) allows employees who leave their jobs for any reason to continue being covered by their ex-employer's health plan, at their own expense, for up to 18 months. The former employer may end the coverage if the person and his or her family begin coverage under another group health plan.

But the IRS has said that military health benefits (including CHAMPUS) available to the families of activated reservists are not a "group health plan" as the IRS code defines it. Therefore, employers may not stop health benefits to reservists called to active duty, or to their families, without their consent.

The IRS ruling will also affect other CHAMPUS-eligible persons who leave their private-sector jobs for any reason and who want to continue being covered by their ex-employer's health plan.

The IRS notice on its ruling appears in Internal Revenue Bulletin 1990-40, published Oct. 1, 1990.



DEERS update: deadline for enrolling is Jan. 1, 1991

By LCDR Gary Domnise, G-RSM

As this article goes to press, over 700 Coast Guard reservists have been called to active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield. A number of questions have arisen since the call-up began like: What impact does DEERS enrollment have on my benefits and entitlements as a Coast Guard Reserve member? How important is it for me to ensure that my dependents are enrolled, and how do I become enrolled?

Congress mandated that all Selected Reservists and their dependents be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) data base beginning Oct. 1, 1989. Each member of the Selected Reserve is

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automatically enrolled in the DEERS data base, but not their dependents. Reserve family members must be enrolled in DEERS before they can receive military benefits and entitlements.

Many reservists who were called to active duty had dependents who were not enrolled in DEERS, and they had to do so after reporting for duty at their mobilization site. By waiting to enroll at the mobilization site, they may have jeopardized their dependents' immediate access to benefits and entitlements, including medical care.

DEERS and medical care

Probably the most important benefit of enrollment in DEERS is medical care — care provided at Uniformed Services Health Treatment Facilities (USHTF) or civilian health care covered by CHAMPUS. (See the October 1990 *Reservist*, Page 12 for a detailed discussion on CHAMPUS benefits). Unless your dependents are enrolled in DEERS, they will not be admitted to a USHTF for non-emergency care and CHAMPUS claims cannot be processed. Remember, if dependents aren't enrolled in DEERS, they cannot receive non-emergency military medical care even if they have a military ID card discussed below.

New DoD Family Member ID Cards

Coinciding with enrollment in DEERS is issuance of the new DoD Guard and Reserve Family Member Identification Card, DD Form 1173-1. Beginning Jan. 1, 1991, Coast Guard Reserve family members will not be able to obtain military benefits without the CG Reserve family member ID card. Indeed, heightened security levels resulting from current activities in the Middle East have made a military ID card mandatory for entry into some facilities for any reason, including shopping at a commissary or exchange.

Issuance of the Reserve Member ID Card should coincide with enrollment / update in DEERS. All concerned should take the appropriate steps to ensure data on the DEERS enrollment form, DD Form 1172, is accurately entered in DEERS when a Reserve family member ID card is issued.

Use of commissaries and exchanges

To receive benefits while a Reserve sponsor is on active duty, the Coast Guard Reserve family member ID card must be accompanied by a copy of the member's orders. Otherwise, dependents must present a Commissary Privilege Card (DD Form 2529) along with the ID card to enter the commissary, and a CG Reserve Earnings Statement

(CG-4458A) to shop at a military exchange. The CG Reserve family member ID card is available for issue at most military ID issuing activities upon presentation of a verified DD Form 1172. (Please see the August 1990 *Reservist*, Page 12, for a discussion on Commissary Privilege Cards).

Enrolling in DEERS a simple process

The DEERS enrollment process is fairly easy and should take only a few minutes of your drill time if you come prepared. All you need is your marriage certificate, divorce decrees, birth certificates, or other documents indicated by your Reserve unit yeoman.

Each Reserve unit has been provided a supply of DD Form 1172s. Fill one out and sign it, making sure the information on it is correct. Your commanding officer will verify the DD Form 1172 and send it to the district for entry into the DEERS data base.

Deadline Jan. 1, 1991

Current enrollment data indicates only 30 percent of the SELRES with dependents have enrolled them in

DEERS. This level of enrollment is disappointing, since the enrollment process began in December of 1989. **The DEERS enrollment deadline is Jan. 1, 1991.**

For more information concerning DEERS enrollment, please contact your Reserve unit commanding officer, district (rsa), or call the Coast Guard Reserve Hotline at 1-800-283-USCG and ask for the DEERS project officer.



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GUARD AND RESERVE FAMILY MEMBER IDENTIFICATION CARD				
(Attach 1" x 11/4" photograph here)	For identification only. NOT a pass to restricted or controlled areas.			
	1. ISSUED TO: NAME (Last, First, MI) AND RELATIONSHIP			
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	6. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		7. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD)	
8. EXPIRATION DATE (YYYYMMDD)	9. SIGNATURE			

A sample of the new Guard and Reserve DoD Family Member Identification Card, DD Form 1173-1

CG Reserve retiree benefits

Effective Oct. 1, 1990, retired Coast Guard reservists in a non-pay status, eligible for pay at age 60 (Ret. 2), were granted access to exchanges as well as Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities.

Instructions on obtaining a new Reserve Identification Card and Reserve Dependent I.D. card will be mailed to each retired reserve member entitled to these benefits. If you have questions, call 1-800-283-USCG.



Selected Reserve Strength by District

First	2,293	Eleventh	1,728
Second	1,015	Thirteenth	1,060
Fifth	1,753	Fourteenth	226
Seventh	1,569	Seventeenth	81
Eighth	1,198		
Ninth	1,177	Totals	12,100

Source: G-RS-2



Tip o' the Hat

Wood named CG top military citizen of Ga.

By CDR D. Hagan, RU STA St. Simons

YN2 Mary Susan Wood of RU STA St. Simons has been selected as Georgia's 1990 Coast Guard Outstanding Military Citizen. YN2 Wood was recognized by **Lt. Gen. C.W. Stiner**, U.S. Army, Commanding General XVII Airborne Corps-Ft. Bragg and Georgia **Gov. Joe F. Harris** before 1,700 present at the 40th annual Armed Forces Day Luncheon in Atlanta, May 17.

Described as a "dynamo of energy" by **CDR D.V. Hagan**, CO of RU STA St. Simons Island, YN2 Wood is a technical instructor for the Georgia Department of Corrections in Waycross, Ga. She is also a mother of seven children. If that isn't enough, in her "spare time," she serves as Vice President of the local Volunteer Fire Department and is a certified fire fighter. Congratulations!



Left: YN2 Wood, center, receives Georgia's 1990 CG Outstanding Military Citizen award from MG J. Griffin, left, Adjutant General of Georgia and Wade Mitchell, right, Chairman of the Board, USO of Georgia.

City of Jacksonville honors lifesaver

BM3 Mark W. McRae of RU Mayport, Fla., was honored with the City of Jacksonville's Life Saving Medal for saving two lives within a five-month period. McRae attributes his acuteness at identifying potential dangers to the training he received while working as a CG reservist.

Travers awarded Pennsylvania Medal

CAPT Thomas J. Travers, USCGR-Ret2, has by order of **Gov. Robert P. Casey**, been awarded the Pennsylvania Commendation Medal. The award was given in recognition of CAPT Travers' activities as co-chairman of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and as Operations Chairman of the Pennsylvania ESGR Committee. The citation accompanying the award makes specific mention of CAPT Travers' enthusiastic representation of the CG and its support of ESGR operations.



Left: "Coastie the Clown" routinely brings many a smile to disabled and disadvantaged children in the Buffalo, N.Y. area. "Coastie" is CPO Sherwood "Woody" Littlefield, USCGR (Ret.). Photo by PS2 Dan Dill, RU Buffalo.

Awards & Medals

CG Commendation Medal

CAPT Michael T. Bohlman, RESGRP Phil.
LT William Doty, RESGRP Philadelphia
QM1 Thomas Rau, RU Long Beach
CAPT Wayne Till, VTU San Francisco

Joint Service Achievement Medal

PSC Johannes Verhaeg, Governor's Island

CG Achievement Medal

LCDR Deborah J. Fontaine, RU Fla. Keys
LCDR William F. Knutson, RU Denver
CDR Michael J. Perper, while at CG HQ
* CDR Eddie Walker, RU Elizabeth City
* (please see Taps below)

Commandant's Letter of Commend.

FSCM William Guido, RU COTP NY2

CG Meritorious Unit Commendation

RU Cape May, N.J.
RU Buffalo, N.Y.

Retirements

PSC Clyde Queen Sr., RESGRP LA/LB
CAPT Wayne Till, VTU San Francisco

Taps...

* **CDR Eddie Walker**, 43, Deputy Commander, Reserve Group Wilmington, passed away May 4, 1990, in Tarboro, N.C. Prior to Wilmington, CDR Walker was Commanding Officer of RU Elizabeth City. He served 23 years in the USCG. Internment was in Ashboro, N.C., with full Coast Guard military honors.

Auxiliary appreciates CGR Color Guard

Reservists from Reserve Group Portland served as Color Guard for the opening of the CG Auxiliary annual conference in Portland, Maine, May 11. **SA David Darling**, **SA Palmer**, **SA Jeffrey Morin** and **SA Nathan Bowie** were presented certificates of appreciation.

Fit for Duty — Fit for Life



The Pre-Holiday Family Stress Test

As the busy Holiday Season approaches, take inventory of your family's stress level by taking this quiz. Read each question and then score according to the criteria given at right:

Score Each Question as Follows:

Score 0: if the statement is **never true** for your family.
Score 1: if the statement is **rarely true** for your family.
Score 2: if the statement is **sometimes true** for your family.
Score 3: if the statement is **always true** for your family.



1. ___ We often talk about our feelings.
3. ___ I know what's important to my kids.
5. ___ (For single parents) I'm comfortable being single.
7. ___ We have enough money for the important things.
9. ___ Work is important, but family is our top priority.
11. ___ (For couples) Our relationship is strong.
13. ___ (For couples) We both feel good about our roles as parents.
15. ___ (For single parents) The kids like my choice of dates.
17. ___ Tension in our house is rare.
19. ___ The kids are doing well in school.
21. ___ Everyone in the family has a job, and does it without being nagged.
23. ___ We eat together every day.
25. ___ Vacations together turn out well.
2. ___ It seems like we argue a lot.
4. ___ (For couples) Sometimes marriage is disappointing.
6. ___ The kids get upset that we argue.
8. ___ We have conflicts about how much to spend and on what.
10. ___ We don't listen enough.
12. ___ (For single parents) My kids are upset when I date.
14. ___ It seems as if someone's always mad at someone else.
16. ___ Too much work is getting to me.
18. ___ (For single parents) Being single has been very hard for me.
20. ___ There's never enough time.
22. ___ (For couples) We argue about who should do what with the kids.
24. ___ It's impossible to get the kids to do anything around here.
26. ___ I've been called in to school to discuss my child's behavior.

Total Odd-Numbered Score: _____

Total Even-Numbered Score: _____

What Your Score Means

- **For scores of 33-above (odd) or 17-less (even):** Congratulations! Your family has good skills and attitudes which help you handle life's stresses. This makes your home life rich and satisfying.
- **25-32 (odd) or 18-24 (even):** You have a strong start. Try practicing your good skills and positive attitudes more, to create even more harmony at home.
- **18-24 (odd) or 25-32 (even):** You're probably under many stresses. Look carefully at these questions and think about ways to improve your score. Remember: it's not a sign of weakness to ask for help.
- **17-less (odd) or 33-above (even):** Taking action now is very important for your family's health and happiness. Reach out to friends, family or professional help for a great boost when times are tough.

If you have questions about any aspect of Fit for Duty — Fit for Life, Call G-RSM at 1-800-283-USCG

Your...

Uniform Matters

By PSC Maxine Cavanaugh
RU MSO Honolulu

Editor's Note: "Uniform Matters" is a new addition this month that will appear periodically. We hope you find it useful in keeping abreast on uniform updates/protocol. PSC Maxine Cavanaugh, who has taken an interest in uniform matters since 1978 when she joined the Coast Guard Reserve, has made several suggestions to the uniform board which have been recognized and accepted. Chief Cavanaugh was also NERA's Outstanding Enlisted Reservist in 1985. She is the primary author of this column. However, we will have "guest" columnists from time to time. If you have questions about any aspect of uniforms that can't be answered by your chain of command or by reading the uniform manuals COMDTINST M1020.6B Uniform Regulations and COMDTINST M1020.7 Uniform Tailoring and Fitting Guide, either call or write The Reservist and we'll make sure Chief Cavanaugh hears about your concern. You may also write Chief Cavanaugh at P.O. Box 1241, Aiea, HI 96701 or call her at (808) 536-8944. If you do call the Chief, please remember Hawaii is six hours behind Eastern time.

Formal Uniforms for E4 through E6

The July 1990 *Commandant's Bulletin* (page 33) noted that the formal dinner dress Navy style uniform is authorized for E4 through E6. These uniforms are great looking outfits, and if you have occasion to participate in formal situations, you might find it worth your while to invest in this uniform. They are considered optional.

Illustrations of these uniforms can be seen on pages 2-86 through 2-89 of the Uniform Regulations (COMDTINST M1020.6B). They are available through the Navy Resale and Service Support Office (NAVRESSO). Ordering and pricing information is available by calling 1-800-368-4088 or 1-800-368-4089.

There are a few things you need to know about these uniforms so that they will meet all Coast Guard standards:

- **Availability:** Female uniforms are not normally carried at Navy Uniform Lockers and must be ordered from the above numbers. Be aware that the jackets tend to run small in size, even smaller than the new serge uniforms so take this into consideration when ordering. Male uniforms are usually carried at the Navy Uniform Lockers but can also be ordered by phone. Male sizes apparently fit normally and adjusting for size is not necessary.

- **Shield:** As with your standard blue jacket, the gold Coast Guard shield (with appropriate background: color

and fabric must match the jackets) is worn on the right sleeve midway between the wrist and elbow.

- **Insignia/Service Stripes:** For the Navy blue formal jacket, the enlisted crow and service stripes are red on Navy blue and on the white formal jacket, the crow and service stripes are black (with appropriate background). Red on white background is **not** available nor authorized at this time.

- **Buttons:** These jackets come with the Navy buttons so you must order the Coast Guard buttons to replace them. The buttons for the men's jacket come in a package already made up. The women's jacket buttons should be the sew on type, size "22 and one-half line" which are about five-eighths of an inch across.

- **Cumberbunds:** These are worn with the pleats opening to the top. Women's come in waist sizes and men's are adjustable. Pleats open to the top.

- **Shirt/Tie or Crescent:** Men's formal shirt and gold stud buttons and the bow tie are normally available at the Navy Uniform Locker. Women's formal blouse with the pearl buttons and crescent tie are available at some Navy Uniform Lockers. The CG Uniform Regulations call for a velvet crescent but the one that comes with the blouse is appropriate to wear.

- **Miniature Medals:** These are worn with the formal dinner dress uniforms. The lapel on the men's jackets will accommodate the medals bars. However, because of the narrow lapel on the women's jacket, only two miniature medals can be placed on the lapel, and if you have more than two, wear them in the same position as other regular uniforms. See Medals & Awards Manual (COMDTINST M1650.25) or the Armed Forces Decorations and Awards chart for more info.



PSC Maxine Cavanaugh, RU MSO Honolulu and BM2 Robert Wells, RTC Yorktown, wore the now authorized petty officers formal wear at the Bicentennial Ball in Washington, D.C. recently.

- **Hats and Gloves:** Combination hats & white gloves are integral parts of the formal uniform. However, each command will set the criterion to accommodate the situation. This info. should be included with the uniform announcement.

- **Trousers & Skirts:** Do not require any special explanation. Trousers do not have belt loops and may have to be supported by suspenders, which would match the color of the jacket.

Officers' Call



CGR's officer corps lowest minority population of all military services

By LTJG Mike Pittman, G-RST

Proportionally, the Coast Guard Reserve officer corps has the lowest minority population of all military service components (active and reserve). There are only 66 minority officers, or approximately four percent of the total officer force in a Selected Reserve officer corps of 1,629 officers. The table below provides a breakdown by minority grouping of the CGR officer corps.

Minority youth want to see a proven track record of minority successes before committing their futures. "What's in it for me?" they ask. "How can I succeed by joining your organization?"

Successful minority officers are the best role models for minority youth and minority enlisted personnel. As minorities continue to make up a larger portion of the

recruitable youth pool, it is important that we make a career in the Coast Guard Reserve more attractive to them. We must recruit and retain minority officers in order to meet future mission requirements. The other armed services recognize the need to attract more minorities and are investing more marketing muscle in their minority recruiting efforts.

We have used "lack of funding" as an excuse for not spending sufficient money on minority recruiting efforts for long enough. Sure, our budget is small. However, if we are truly serious about increasing the number of minorities in our Reserve, we must invest more time, money, and efforts now, in order to achieve our goals of parity in our future force make-up.

We must involve headquarters and district staffs, recruiting commands and recruiting units, SELRES units, VTU's and ETU's in our recruiting and retention efforts. We need volunteers and fresh ideas. Contact: LTJG Mike Pittman, G-RST, at (202) 267-0628. 

CGR officer corps breakdown

	Men & Women	Women Only
Caucasians	1,563 — 95.9%	103 — 93.6%
Blacks	36 — 2.2%	3 — 2.7%
Hispanics	19 — 1.2%	1 — 0.9%
Pacific Islanders	8 — 0.5%	2 — 1.8%
American Indians	3 — 0.2%	1 — 0.9%
TOTALS	1,629 — 100%	110 — 100%

Tips for recruiting minorities

Here are some suggestions for helping recruit minorities into the Coast Guard Reserve:

- 1) Familiarize yourself with advancement programs leading to a commission in the Coast Guard Reserve.
- 2) Identify minority enlisted personnel in your command and advise them on available commissioning programs.
- 3) Assist minority personnel in planning realistic goals which will enable them to receive a commission.
- 4) Ensure minority enlisted performance evaluations for deserving candidates include appropriate recommendations for entry into Coast Guard Reserve commissioning programs.
- 5) Keep your eyes and ears open for promising minority prospects in your civilian job, at social functions, and in all your undertakings.
- 6) Pass names of prospects directly to COMDT (G-RST) or your district (rs) staff.

OCS Class 1-71 holding reunion

OCS Class 1-71, commissioned in January of 1971, will have its 20 year reunion in conjunction with the Annual ROA Mid-Winter Conference, Jan. 20-23, 1991. The functions will be held at the Washington Hilton and Towers, headquarters for the conference. Class members will be contacted by separate correspondence. Contact CDR Ron T. White by writing: 15235 Birmingham Hwy., Alpharetta, GA 30201 or call him at (404) 526-2285 (work), (404) 475-9493 (home).

Officer EAD openings

- **CG HQ External Affairs Branch (G-RS-1):** 2 - 3 year EAD position for CWO - O3. Should be capable of working independently. Knowledge of CG Reserve program, CG correspondence requirements, good writing and organizational skills a definite plus. Deadline for resume and application cover letter is Nov. 15, 1990. Looking to fill position by Nov. 26, 1990. Contact LTJG Jennifer Brothers at (202) 267-2539 or FTS 267-2539.
- **CG HQ (G-NSR):** LTJG or LT needed for four years EAD planning and coordinating a major international lighthouse conference. Contact Frank Parker at (202) 267-0629.

It's our 50th...

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



Proposed postal cancellation promises to leave its "mark" on the CG Reserve's 50th

By CDR R. Marcotte, Reserve Support Center Boston

Remember the postmarks used at Newburyport and Grand Haven to help celebrate the Bicentennial this past year?

Well, CDR Robert C. Marcotte of the First District, the designer of those postmarks, has been enthusiastically designing a postmark to be used to promulgate the Coast Guard Reserve's 50th anniversary in the Boston area. The good news is that you too can design one, rather inexpensively, to be used to promote awareness of the CG Reserve in your local area. Here's how to go about it.

Local postmarks

The United States Postal Service guidelines in the Domestic Mail Manual, Section 173, give details and regulations for producing a "Special Cancellation Die Hub." These hubs are used in high-speed facer cancelling machines, used to cancel mail. The lines next to the postmark circle are replaced by a slogan cancellation pertaining to a special event or celebration (see example at right).

Section 173 states that an application for a purpose such as the Coast Guard Reserve's 50th Anniversary

must be submitted in writing to the postmaster at the post office where the special cancellation is to be used. It must be submitted by the sponsor (that's your unit or group) at least four months before the date the special cancellation is to be used. This means if you start now, your postmark should be ready to go by February of 1991 and depending on the volume of mail your post office processes, your die hub should last two to three months.

The wording on your proposed cancellation postmark is limited to three lines of not more than 20 letters, numbers, or spaces each. The wording must directly reflect the event to be commemorated as in the example here.

The cost of the die hub is in the \$150 to \$200 range. Illustrations or designs are discouraged since such

designs are not easily reproduced on a die hub, and because they are much more expensive.

Feb. 19, 1991 hand stamp

In addition to the above mentioned local postmark, a special postmark is being developed for use on the 19th of February — the day the Coast Guard Reserve turns 50. A special postal booth will be set up to hand stamp mail, in a location as yet to be determined. *The Reservist* will give you more details on this special one-day postmark in the next two issues.

Meanwhile, if you are anxious to get started on your local postmark, consult the Postal Service's Domestic Mail Manual, Section 173. If you have any questions, contact CDR Robert C. Marcotte, 44 Vermont Avenue, Lynn, MA 01904 or call (617) 592-2392 (home); (508) 531-5400 (7-9:30 am Eastern time).



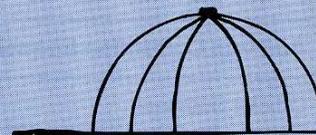
50TH ANNIVERSARY

COAST GUARD RESERVE

1941 - 1991

Here is a proposed Coast Guard Reserve 50th Anniversary cancellation postmark. You and your unit can make a similar one for your area. Note that Sec. 173.13 b.1 of the U.S. Postal Service Domestic Mail Manual precludes the use of more than 20 letters / spaces on any line. Therefore, addition of the letters U.S. in front of Coast Guard Reserve is not possible.

Ball caps with CGR emblem now available



Ball caps embroidered with the new CG Reserve's emblem may be ordered through CGRU HQ (G-M) by sending a check in the amount of \$10 for each ball cap to LCDR Dave Dickey, 14268 Princedale Dr., Woodbridge, VA 22193. To phone orders in, call (202) 267-0067 (office) or (703) 590-9354 (home).



Saluting the SPARS on their 48th!

Congress established the CG Women's Reserve, Nov. 23, 1942

By PA2 E.J. Kruska, G-RS-1

Forty-eight years ago this month, Congress established the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard (Public Law 773).

Dorothy C. Stratton, former Dean of Women at Purdue University and a Captain of the Navy's WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service), was appointed to organize this new women's program.

CAPT Stratton came up with the name SPARS, an acronym of the service's slogan and English translation: "Semper Paratus — Always Ready." The Navy WAVES' attire was chosen as the SPARS' uniform with the Coast Guard shield replacing the Navy insignia.

SPARS enlisted for the duration of World War II plus six months and by war's end, more than 10,000 had served on active duty. Originally, the SPARS' primary purpose was to replace Coast Guardsmen performing administrative duty at shore stations. However, by January of 1945, there were SPAR boatswain's mates, coxswains, gunner's mates, carpenters and machinist mates.

At first, SPARS trained at Navy facilities, but by mid-1943, the officers were being trained at the Coast Guard

Academy at New London, Conn. Enlisted SPAR recruits were prepared for service at the Coast Guard Training Station in Palm Beach, Fla. During the 1950s and 1960s, SPARS trained at Bainbridge, Md.

SPARS were separated from the service at the close of World War II, only to once again be activated during the late 1940s and 1950s. The war in Korea returned approximately 40 women reservists, both officer and enlisted to active duty. However, by 1971, only two officers remained on active duty.

The following year, a Coast Guard panel studied the utilization of women and recommended expansion of the Reserve program in anticipation of admitting women into the regular Coast Guard. Thus, in 1973, Public Law 93-174 amend-

ed Title 14, U.S. Code, and abolished the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard, transferring women into the Coast Guard Reserve, and making them eligible to serve in the Coast Guard.

In 1973, five young women were commissioned ensigns and commenced three years of active duty with the Coast Guard. In 1976, the Coast Guard became the first service to admit women into its academy. 

SPARS helped celebrate the CG Bicentennial! See Page 12



Official Coast Guard photo

SPARS marched in the funeral procession for President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1945. SPARS were positioned immediately in front of the caisson bearing the flag-draped coffin and marched from Union Station to the White House in our nation's capital. Here, the SPARS proceed slowly along 15th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues.

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