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Front: A Coast Guard Auxiliary patrol boat plies the waters of Wassaw Sound during the 1996 Olympic yachting events near Savannah, Ga. Photo by PA1 Edward J. Kruska, USCGR.

Back: Big Sable Point Lighthouse in Ludington State Park north of Ludington, Mich. serves as a backdrop for this frosty winter holiday scene while the lighthouse signpost points the way to a nearby trail for hikers and cross country skiers. Photo by Lisa M. Kruska.

Enjoyed Pea Island

The October 1996 *Reservist* article on Pea Island was great. Overall, it was one of the best issues I have read. Keep up the great work.

— LCDR James F. Reda, USCGR
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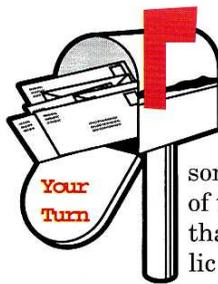
Editor's note: See Page 9 for a Pea Island Centennial ceremony photo. The October 1996 Reservist contained an extensive article on Pea Island.

'M' Device questions

Several questions came to mind while reading about the new Mobilization 'M' Device mentioned in the October 1996 *Reservist*. The article stated that, "Reserve component members who volunteer for and serve on active duty in support of a contingency operation would qualify for the 'M' Device." Does that include those who were called to support these contingencies in theatre only or does that include INCONUS operations as well? Also, if eligible, do I have to apply for the device or will I receive some type of hard copy verifying my eligibility? Or is the fact that the president signed the Executive Order enough for those eligible to wear the device. I think many of us that served stateside would like to know the answer to these questions.

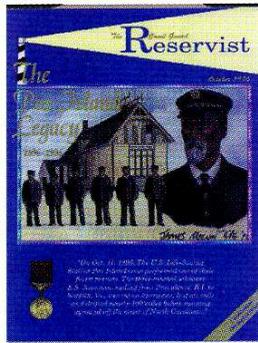
— CDR Mark Bradbury, USCGR
Berwick, Maine

Editor's note: ALDIST 211/96 states that as long as the reservist was mobilized in support of these operations (Desert Shield / Desert Storm [Persian Gulf War], Operation Uphold Democracy [Haiti]), CONUS or OCONUS, they are eligible. A copy of a member's orders and/or DD214 that explicitly state that duty was in support of the operation will establish eligibility. No hard copy will be provided to individual reservists. Your commanding officer is authorized to award the 'M' Device to you, providing you have this documentation. As "The Reservist" went to press, 'M' Devices were not yet available at Coast Guard Exchanges. Readers are urged to review ALDIST 211/96 for other details.



C&O Canal clean-up

I noticed in *The Reservist* (September 1996), that USCG personnel were assisting in cleanup efforts of the C&O Canal National Park. I feel that this effort is indicative of the public spirit that the CG is noted for. Since my husband, LCDR Dave Strickland, retired from the Reserve a couple of years ago, he missed doing some sort of U.S. public service. So, last summer, we helped at the park in Hancock, Md. for four days, and then in October during Hurricane Fran recovery efforts. We encourage other Coast Guard personnel to assist in the various projects as the park is a great resource to get away from the grind of the city and is also a historical treasure. You can find out about projects by getting on the internet and contacting the Canal Web page (www.canal.com).
— Billie Strickland
Roanoke, Rapids, N.C.



Proud of USCG TWA efforts

I noticed in September's *Reservist* a reference to the Coast Guard's efforts in helping with TWA Flight 800 recovery operations. I wrote a letter published in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* that I wanted to share with *Reservist* readers also. It reads:

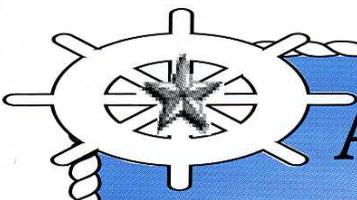
"In the wake of TWA Flight 800, the country has gasped in shock and horror at the magnitude of the tragedy. Many prayers have been said, both publicly and privately, for the families of the victims. I would simply like to say, as a former Coast Guardsman who participated in many search and rescue operations and a tour in Vietnam, I am proud of how the Coast Guard has performed in this tragedy. I can tell you from personal experience that the young men and women of the Coast Guard will remember this mission for the rest of their lives. So, while saying a prayer for the families of the victims, perhaps one might be added for the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard."

— Dr. Richard E. White
Kennett Square, Pa.

Winter Ops Photo Contest

It's time once again to pull out your camera and take some USCG snapshots for the second *Reservist Magazine* photo contest. Theme this go-around is Winter Ops (yes, even if you live in a sunny southern climate). Deadline is March 1, 1997. Winners will be published and will receive plaques.





A View From the Bridge



Rear Admiral Richard M. Larrabee, USCG

Director of Reserve & Training (G-WT)

What a year 1996 has been! In the midst of reorganizing the entire Coast Guard, we made headlines responding to the loss of TWA Flight 800, to devastating hurricanes and floods and to several major oil spills. We launched a major drug interdiction effort in the waters of the 7th District and deployed Coast Guard personnel to Turkey and Korea for training. A common thread through each of these events has been Coast Guard Reservists. Capable, highly-motivated reservists have played key roles in these, as well as innumerable other Coast Guard operations (see chart)... yet, you number fewer than 8,000 citizen-sailors!

You have taken time away from your children's birthday parties, their soccer and baseball games and their school plays. You've missed one or several days' work, then put in extra hours catching up. You've given of your leisure time to fix that aid-to-navigation, work at that pollution site or train in a country that you'd only heard of in the news. And you've done it with pride.

Throughout 1996, Coast Guard Reservist has revalidated itself as a synonym for ready, willing and able. That's quite a compliment. However, we really need more of you. Congress has authorized and funded a Selected Reserve of 8,000. Today, our strength is only 7,650. That means that there are 350 fewer people who we can call on to perform Coast Guard missions. That also means that we have to call on the same people more frequently.

As you'll read elsewhere in *The Reservist*, we've defined success to be a **fully staffed** and **fully capable** Coast Guard Reserve that **maximizes our return on investment**. Fully staffed means we have 8,000 Selected Reservists. Sounds simple. However, since the middle of 1994, we have not achieved that number.

Reaching 8,000 is this coming year's top priority. We have challenged the Coast Guard Personnel Command, which manages the recruiting work force, to enlist 500 new Coast Guard Reservists. We plan to attract 500 personnel coming from active duty; and 200 from the non-drilling Reserve. Unfortunately, even if each of these tactics succeeds, we still will end the year just short of 8,000.

That's where you come into the picture. I ask that you play two key roles. The first is to help us retain our current work force. Each reservist who plans to leave the

SELRES voluntarily in 1997 but remains instead, reduces our recruiting quota by one. The second is only a bit more complicated. Historically, reservists are our best recruiters. When our numbers were down, we used to call Reserve unit commanding officers and ask them to put their people to work finding new recruits. Frankly, we always were amazed at how quickly you responded.

With our new organization, we've lost the ability to ask Reserve unit commanding officers to energize their reservists to recruit daughters and sons, neighbors and coworkers. However, we need you again to become energized. This time, you'll have to do it yourself. I ask that each drilling reservist find one new member in FY97. If only 10 percent of you do so, we will end up with a waiting list for enlistment. I've challenged you to directly help the CGR grow. I also seek your

ideas to help us with recruiting. If you know a candidate or have a good idea, please drop me an e-mail at: rlarrabee@comdt.uscg.mil. With your help, we will make 8,000 a reality in 1997.

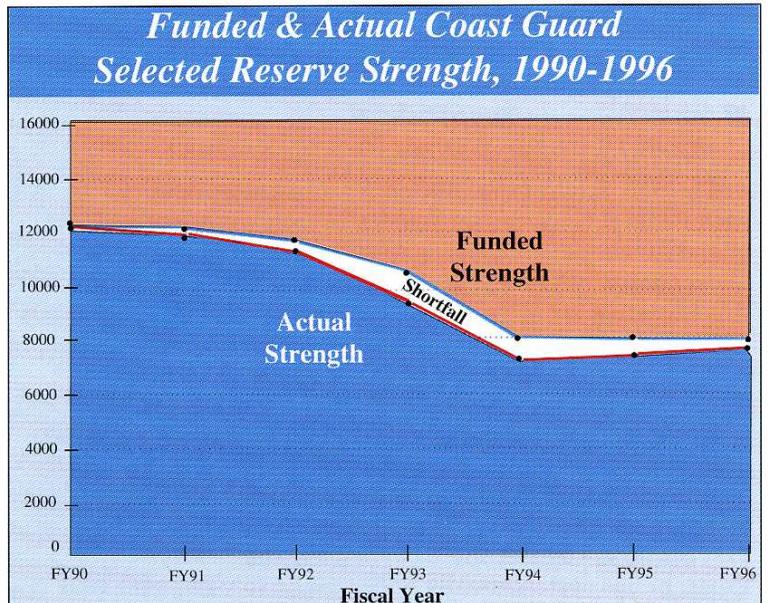
Finally, I would not consider the December issue complete without offering my most sincere wishes to all reservists and their families for an outstanding holiday season and, of equal importance, without saying thanks for a great year!



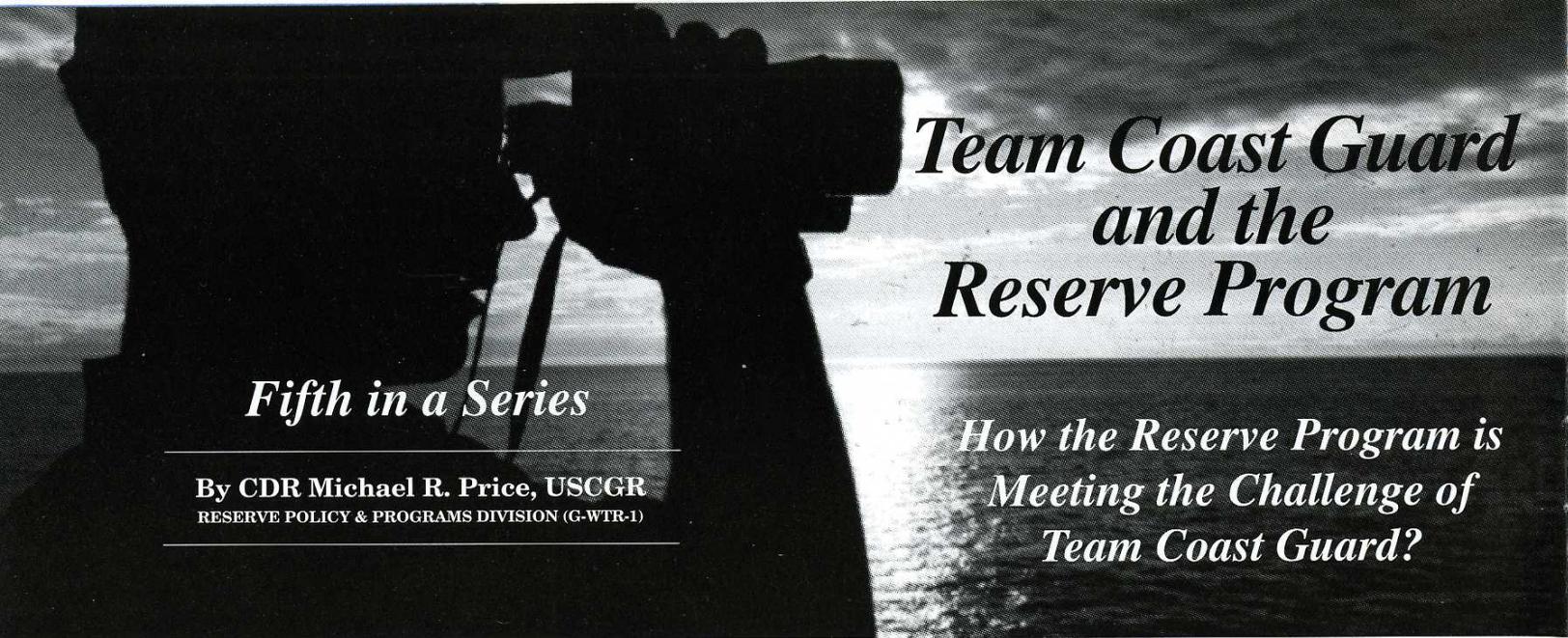
1996 Coast Guard Reserve Recalls*			
Event	Dates	CGR Duty Days	Reservists Recalled
Barge North Cape Grounding	January 1996	211	38
Midwest Floods	March 1996	323	51
Hurricane Bertha	July 1996	8	7
TWA Flight 800	July-Nov. 1996	1537	98
Hurricane Fran	August 1996	75	29
T/S Julie N. Oil Spill	October 1996	63	18

* Authorized by Titles 10 and 14, United States Code

Funded & Actual Coast Guard Selected Reserve Strength, 1990-1996



Source: Commandant (G-WTR-1)



Team Coast Guard and the Reserve Program

Fifth in a Series

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How the Reserve Program is Meeting the Challenge of Team Coast Guard?

The Challenge

Over the past several years, the Reserve Program significantly reengineered itself in response to three major initiatives:

■ **The Streamlining/Downsizing of the CG**

On its own initiative, the Coast Guard committed to downsizing itself without reducing service to the public. To accomplish this required a dramatic organizational change which resulted in a flattened management structure (reduced levels of supervision) and a separate and consolidated support organization (creation of Integrated Support Commands, or ISCs).

■ **Changes Required by the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)**

This act requires all Federal Government Agencies to develop and implement specific Measures Of Effectiveness (MOEs) which will be monitored by the Administration and Congress to determine each agency's Return On Investment (ROI) to the American public. Failure to show a creditable ROI could lead to reduction in funding for that agency.

■ **Assessments Required by the National Performance Review**

This initiative of the Clinton Administration directs each Federal Government Agency to seek out organizational and functional efficiencies within its organization. "Team Coast Guard" was fully implemented as a direct result of this initiative.

The Response

Knowing that the aforementioned initiatives would have dramatic impact on the Reserve Program, it quickly became clear that "business as usual" was no longer acceptable if the Reserve Program was to flourish in the 21st century. To meet these challenges, the Reserve Program has systematically and aggressively implemented

organizational and functional changes to better serve its customers. Here's how it was done:

■ **Integration of Reserve Forces into Active Duty Commands**

With the exception of some Reserve staffed contingency units (port security units, harbor defense command units, mobile support units, and the TRANSCOM Joint Transportation Reserve Unit), traditional Reserve units were disestablished and their personnel were transferred directly to operational commands. Active service commanders were given full operational and administrative control of their assigned reservists. In addition, all Reserve-owned equipment was transferred to the active service. This new integrated organization is now known as "Team Coast Guard."

■ **Implementation of the Force Optimization and Training (FOT)**

Reserve mid-level management functions were transferred from the District (at) staffs to the ISCs. Concurrently, the number of personnel devoted to Reserve support at the district level was reduced. Through development of and advocacy for the FOT system, the Reserve Program ensured that effective Reserve Program management at the Area, District/ISC levels was not "lost" in the Coast Guard streamlining process. While Reserve management is only one of the MLC and ISC (FOT) staff responsibilities, it gives the Coast Guard, and the Reserve Program in particular, a centralized contact point to address Reserve unique issues and provides field-level positions to effectively place limited Reserve Program experts and advocates to deliver maximum service to its field customers.

■ **Reorganization of Reserve Affairs (G-WTR) at Headquarters**

In March 1996, Reserve Program support personnel at Coast Guard Headquarters were reduced by 53 percent. Additionally, Reserve full-time support (FTS) billets, including those traditionally filled by Reserve Program

Administrator (RPA), were reduced throughout the Coast Guard. With full staff participation, the traditional military layered management organization was disestablished and the team management concept was introduced. Key Reserve Program customers and stakeholders were identified and seven customer/stakeholder service-based teams were established.

■ *Creation of the Office of Reserve Affairs Business Plan*

While other Reserve Program Business Plans have been developed over the past several years, this plan is completely different. The concept of the document is to serve as an 18-month plan that addresses and resolves strategic program issues/problems that have been identified by our customers. Resolution of all or part of these root problems would lead to resolution of numerous minor Program problems. Input used to develop the Reserve Program Business Plan included: Commandant's Goals, the Human Resources Directorate and Director of Reserve & Training Vision and Mission statements, survey data from the 1993 and 1995 Reserve Customer Satisfaction Surveys (in which many of you participated), Reserve Policy Board inputs, and recent correspondence from reservists and active duty units concerning Reserve issues. The Business Plan was organized around three critical elements that we must accomplish to be successful as an organization. The Reserve Program needs to be: **Fully Staffed, Fully Capable**, and must

Maximize its Return on Investment. Nine business plan priorities were identified and assigned to one of the three appropriate plan categories. The nine priorities are listed in the box at right. The Reserve Affairs Business Plan was implemented in early July 1996.

■ *Completion of Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award Self-Assessment*

Completion of the Baldrige Self-Assessment provides a systematic approach for an organization to identify key customer requirements, key operational requirements, and to identify organizational strengths and Areas For Improvement (AFI). Of the eight Key Assessment Categories, major deployment gaps were noted in three categories: **Information & Analysis, Business Results**, and **Customer Focus** /

Satisfaction. As a result of the assessment, the Business Plan was modified, a series of Customer Alignment Visits were initiated, and measures were put into place to monitor our actions to address our AFIs. The Office of Reserve Affairs Baldrige Self-Assessment was completed in late July 1996.

■ *Completion of Field Customer Alignment Visits*

Based on the results of the Business Plan and the Baldrige Self-Assessment, the Reserve Program initiated a series of Field Customer Alignment Visits. The purpose of the visits was to provide the Reserve Program with a "snap shot" of the current state of its management and communications infrastructure, the "Team Coast Guard" concept (Integration), and the FOT concept. Additionally, the Reserve Program wanted to ensure, through customer input, that the Business Plan was complete and on target. Standardized surveys were developed for the following four customer groups: field commands (operational & support), individual reservists, ISCs, and MLCs. Over a four-month period, team leaders from the Reserve Policy and Programs Division traveled throughout the United States conducting survey interviews. Survey participants included:

- 66 Individual Reservists
- 28 Active Field Commands (Primarily large Groups, MSOs, & PERSRUs)
- 10 Integrated Support Commands
- 2 MLCs (LANT & PAC)
- 1 Harbor Defense Command Unit
- 1 Port Security Unit

Based on the overall input provided by all customer groups, four central issues emerged:

1 • Communications: All customer groups noted the lack of timely and consistent Reserve Program policy and procedures information.

2 • RPAL Management: Currently the Reserve Personnel Allowance List (RPAL) is a draft document. Since the RPAL is the primary source document for the Reserve Program, it is critical for planning and assignment purposes that the document be approved and distributed to the field.

Office of Reserve Affairs Business Plan Priorities

- *Achieve Funded SELRES Strength.*
- *Define and Establish a Responsive RPAL.*
- *Develop Reserve & Training Program Measures (Return on Investment, Customer Satisfaction).*
- *Develop Methods to Identify Desired Accession and Attrition Targets.*
- *Maximize Application of Reserve & Training Program Resources.*
- *Monitor Reserve Training and Consult with Office of Training & Performance Consulting (G-WTT).*
- *Improve Communications Between Reserve & Training Program and its Customers.*
- *Seek Methods to Increase Augmented Unit Accessibility to Reservists.*
- *Identify Practices that will Assist the Reserve & Training Program in Better Meeting its Customer Needs.*

3 • Reserve Administration

Procedures: With Team Coast Guard still evolving, many Reserve policies and procedures still need to be reviewed for modification or deletion as appropriate. Also several customers noted the Reserve Administration and Training Manual (RATMAN) is very outdated and needs major revision or replacement.

Lack of an accurate policy guide is significantly hindering Reserve management at all levels of the organization.

4 • Future Reserve Career Opportunities: Several of the reservists interviewed indicated a concern about the lack of clear career paths. This was especially true of senior officers and enlisted personnel.

Overall customer input also provided the following general observations/opinions:

- *Integration is basically working*
- *Overall, Reserve morale is good*
- *Relations between Active commands and their assigned reservists are rated as good and improving*
- *Overall, Active commands are pleased with the quality of reservists assigned*
- *The Reserve Affairs Business Plan is valid (see box on Page 5). However, some priority changes are needed.*

■ Completion of Reserve & Training Workshop

In September 1996, a Reserve & Training Workshop was held as a follow-on to the Customer Alignment Surveys (see *The Reservist*, October 1996 issue, page 3). Representatives from all ISCs, MLC(FOTs), PPC, CGPC, and CG Headquarters were present. The primary goal of the workshop was to define and standardize the roles of the new Force Optimization and Training Branches. Additionally, issues raised through the Customer Alignment Surveys and other sources were addressed and prioritized for corrective actions.

The Future

■ Strategic Program Goals

Based on our organizational efforts to date, we have established key program goals to maintain continuous improvement within the Reserve Program. Our strategic goals are to:

1. Provide the Coast Guard with a Reserve Force that is:

- Fully staffed (all RPAL billets filled)
- Fully capable (reservists are fully qualified to perform their duties)
- A maximum return on investment to the public (establish business practices that foster a Reserve Program that is as cost-effective as possible)

2. Supply the active service with a continuous surge capacity to quickly respond to national defense contingencies, major disasters, and humanitarian relief operations.

■ Immediate Goals

Our immediate goals are to:

- **Achieve a Selected Reserve of 8,000**
- **Improve Communications**
 - Leverage the World Wide Web (WWW) and Standard Workstation III e-mail to provide rapid dissemination of Reserve Program information.
 - Promulgate a new *Reserve Policy Manual* to replace the *Reserve Administration & Training Manual (RATMAN)*. This new manual is being finalized and should be out during spring of 1997.
- **Establish Reserve Personnel Allowance List (RPAL)**
 - Upon Commandant approval, promulgate an official Reserve Personnel Allowance List.
 - Establish clear and responsive RPAL management procedures.
- **Improve Customer Alignment**
 - Establish a standardized Reserve Program measurement process.
 - Conduct periodic unit and member surveys.
 - Continue field visits and workshops.
 - Continue to align the Reserve Affairs Business Plan with customer inputs.
- **Stabilize Reserve Career Opportunities**
 - Identify specific impacts of integration on Reserve career opportunities.
- **Identify viable post-integration career paths** (see *The Reservist*, November 1996, Page 8).

As Team Coast Guard matures, the Director of Reserve & Training, within the Human Resources Directorate, will continue seeking innovative business practices and management methods to enhance the Reserve Program's value to the Coast Guard and the American public. In particular, we will expand those practices that enable us to better focus on our external and internal customers including **YOU**, the reservist. ■

Author's Note

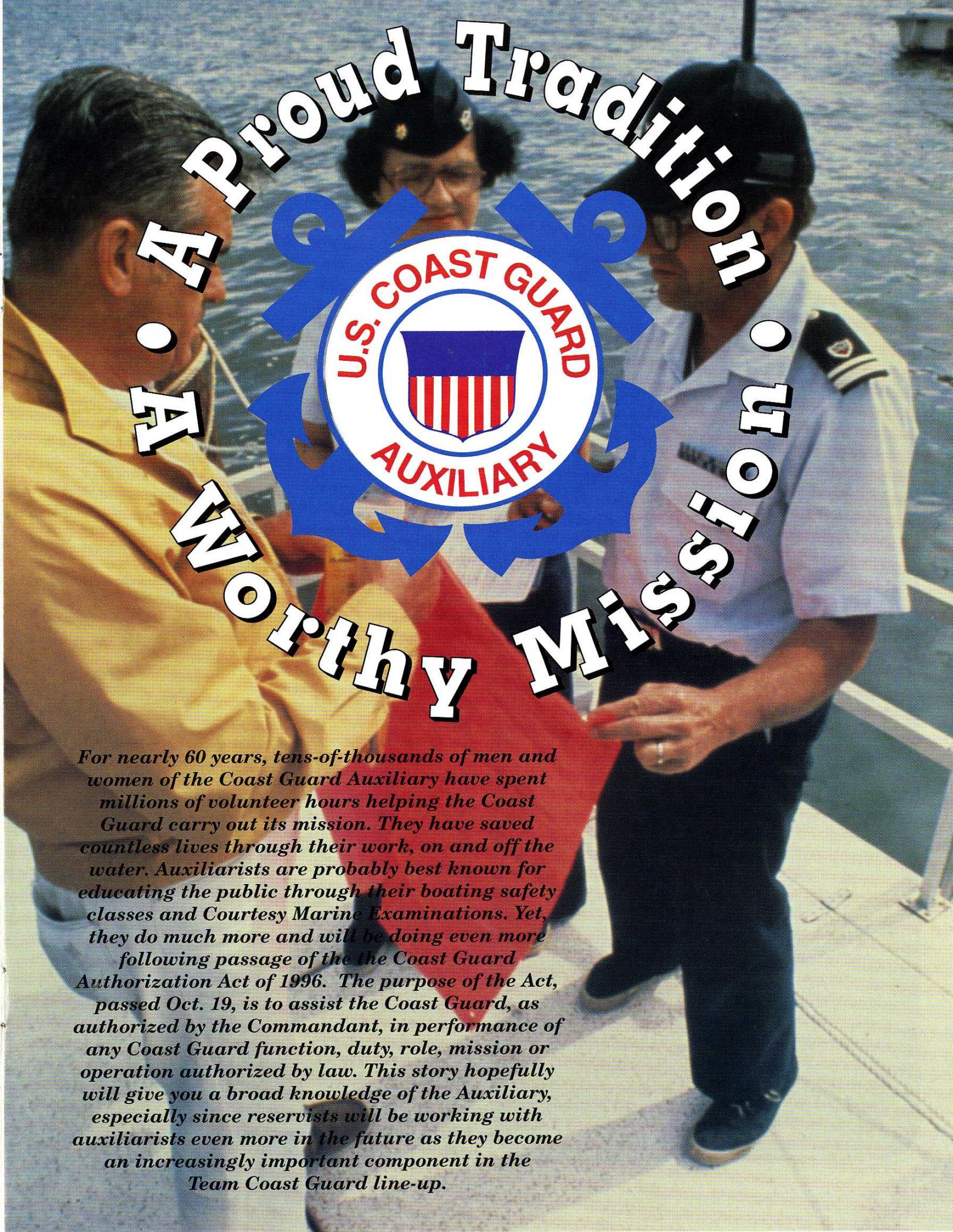
On behalf of the G-WTR-1 Team Leaders, the author of this month's article wishes to extend a personal thank you to each of you who were Customer Alignment Survey Participants. Your dedication of time and candid responses to this survey were appreciated. Your observations provided excellent input for our Business Plan and recent business decisions. I can be reached by e-mail at: mprice@comdt.uscg.mil or by phone at (202) 267-0564

Series Index of Articles*

Here is a list of what has been published in *The Reservist* since the "Team Coast Guard and the Reserve Program" series began in August:

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October 1996 (III)	Always a Military Force	Dr. Stephen Wehrenberg
November 1996 (IV)	New Career Paths for Senior Reservists	CAPT Douglas Clapp
December 1996 (V)	Meeting the Challenge of Team Coast Guard	CDR Michael Price

* Beginning with January 1997, the next four issues will review specific ratings. .



A Proud Tradition
A Worthy Mission

For nearly 60 years, tens-of-thousands of men and women of the Coast Guard Auxiliary have spent millions of volunteer hours helping the Coast Guard carry out its mission. They have saved countless lives through their work, on and off the water. Auxiliarists are probably best known for educating the public through their boating safety classes and Courtesy Marine Examinations. Yet, they do much more and will be doing even more following passage of the the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996. The purpose of the Act, passed Oct. 19, is to assist the Coast Guard, as authorized by the Commandant, in performance of any Coast Guard function, duty, role, mission or operation authorized by law. This story hopefully will give you a broad knowledge of the Auxiliary, especially since reservists will be working with auxiliarists even more in the future as they become an increasingly important component in the Team Coast Guard line-up.



CG Auxiliary At A Glance...

(As of Oct. 25, 1996)

Membership

Total Number of Members	34,870
Net Change (1996 to date)	+616

What They Do

Number of Courtesy Examiners	7,772
Number of Instructors	10,282
Number of Coxswains	7,294
Number of Boat Crew	9,150
Number of Pilots	361
Number of Air Observers	648

Organizational Structure

Number of Flotillas	1,190
Number of Divisions	198

Auxiliary Facilities

Number of Surface Facilities	6,736
Number of Air Facilities	126
Number of Radio Stations	2,206

Auxiliary Accomplishments (Year to Date)

Number of Lives Saved	417
Number of Persons Assisted	12,751
Hours Operational Support to CG	201,855
Hours Administrative Support to CG	53,777
Hours Recruiting Support to CG	12,667
Number Courtesy Marine Exams Given	139,856
Number of Marine Dealer Visits	30,219
Number Public Ed. Students Taught	63,473
Number Public Ed. Youths Taught	204,324

Source: Office of Auxiliary (G-OCX)

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hen the Coast Guard "Reserve" was authorized by act of Congress on June 23, 1939, the Coast Guard was given a legislative mandate to use civilian volunteers to promote safety on and over

the high seas and the nation's navigable waters. The Coast Guard Reserve was then a non-military service comprised of unpaid, volunteer U.S. citizens who owned motorboats or yachts.

Two years later, on Feb. 19, Congress amended the 1939 act with passage of the Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941. Passage of this act designated the Reserve as a military branch of the active service, while the civilian volunteers, formerly referred to as the Coast Guard Reserve, became the Auxiliary. So, Feb. 19 is formally recognized as the birth of the Coast Guard Reserve while June 23 is recognized as birthday of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

When America entered World War II, 50,000 Auxiliary members joined the war effort. Some auxiliarists served weeks at a time with the Temporary Reserve. They guarded waterfronts, carried out coastal picket patrols, rescued survivors from scuttled ships and did anything else they were asked to do. Many of their private vessels were placed in service.

After the war, auxiliarists resumed their recreational boating safety duties. The Auxiliary's four cornerstones — **Vessel Examination, Education, Operations and Fellowship** — were established and remain the Auxiliary's pillars in the 1990s.

The Vessel Examination program evolved into the well known Courtesy Marine Examination (CME), a free examination available to any recreational boater. CMEs help boaters ensure their craft complies with Federal regulations.

As for education, the Auxiliary teaches boating safety to recreational boaters of all ages. The Auxiliary



USCG Historian



offers Boating Skills and Seamanship (geared toward power boaters) and Sailing and Seamanship (for sailboaters) as well as basic and advanced navigation courses.

The Auxiliary operates safety and regatta patrols and is an integral part of the Coast Guard Search and Rescue team. Auxiliarists also stand communication watches, assist during mobilization exercises, perform harbor and pollution patrols, provide platforms for unarmed boarding parties and recruit new people for the Service. During Olympic yachting events in Savannah, Ga. last summer, the Coast Guard Auxiliary had 29 boats and a CG Auxiliary aircraft on hand for security operations.

Today, as in 1939, auxiliarists are civilian volunteers who are authorized to wear a uniform similar to the Coast Guard Officer's uniform. Distinctive emblems, buttons, insignias, and ribbons are employed to identify the wearer as a member of the Auxiliary. One such insignia is the letter "A" on the shoulder boards of an auxiliarist. Despite

their silver shoulder boards (versus gold for Coast Guard officers), auxiliarists hold no rank. The shoulder boards symbolize the office and level to which an individual auxiliarist has been either appointed or elected.

The Auxiliary has members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam. Membership is open to men and women, 17 years or older, U.S. citizens of all states and territories, civilians or active duty or former members of any of the uniformed services and their Reserve components, including the Coast Guard. Facility (radio station, boat or aircraft) ownership is desirable but not mandatory.

Although under the authority of the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, the Auxiliary is internally autonomous, operating on four organizational levels: Flotilla, Division, District Regions and National.

• **Flotilla** — The flotilla is the basic organizational unit of the Auxiliary and is comprised of at least 15 qualified members who carry out Auxiliary program activities. Every auxiliarist is a member



A Courtesy Marine Examination is available to any and all boaters...including former President George Bush.

CG Auxiliary Missions

- Courtesy Marine Examinations
- Commercial Fishing Vessel Examinations
- Public Education
- Recreational Boating Safety
- Marine Environmental Protection
- Search & Rescue
- Air Operations
- Aids to Navigation/Chart Updating
- State Liaison Programs
- Recruiting
- Public Affairs
- Bridge Administration
- Merchant Mariner Exam Administration
- Training
- Work-Life Program Administration

An Average Day in the USCG Auxiliary...

- Educated 929 People on Recreational Boating Safety & Marine Environmental Protection
- Completed 7 Regatta Patrols
- Completed 91 Safety Patrols
- Accomplished 19 SAR Assists
- Saved \$729,000 Worth of Property
- Assisted 56 People in Trouble on Water
- Completed 15 Recruit Support Missions
- Performed 615 Courtesy Marine Exams
- Participated in 120 USCG Operational Support Missions
- Participated in 42 USCG Administration Support Missions
- Completed 122 Public Affairs Missions
- One or two recreational boaters, whose death was certain — somewhere on the waters of the U.S. — had his or her life saved by a Coast Guard Auxiliarist.



of a local flotilla. Each flotilla is headed by a Flotilla Commander (FC).

• **Division** — For maximum administrative effectiveness in carrying out Auxiliary programs, flotillas in the same general geographic area are grouped into divisions. The division provides administrative, training and supervisory support to flotillas and promotes district policy. Each division is headed by a Division Captain (DCP), and Division Vice Captain (VCP) and usually consists of five or more flotillas.

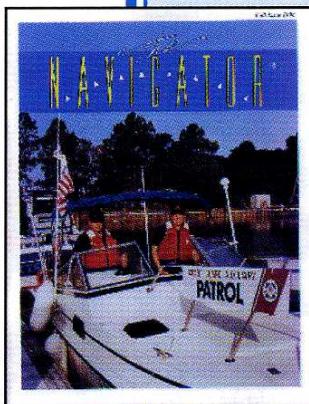
• **District/Region** — Flotillas and divisions are organized in districts comparable to the Coast Guard Districts and must be assigned the same district number. Some districts are further divided into regions. The district/region provides administrative and supervisory support to divisions, promotes policies of both the district commander and national Auxiliary committee. All districts and regions are governed by a District Commodore (DCO), District Vice Commodore (VCO), and District Rear Commodore (RCO), under the guidance of the Coast Guard District Commander. At this level, Coast Guard officers are assigned to oversee and promote the Auxiliary programs.

• **National** — The Auxiliary has national officers who are responsible, along with the Commandant, for the administration and policy-making for the entire Auxiliary. These officers comprise the National Executive Committee (NEXCOM) that is composed of the Chief Director of Auxiliary (an Active Duty officer), National Commodore and the National Vice Commodores. The current National Commodore is Peter W. Melera.

NEXCOM and the National Staff make up the Auxiliary Headquarters organization. The Chief Director is a senior Coast Guard officer and directs the administration of the Auxiliary on policies established by the Commandant. The overall supervision of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is under the Assistant Commandant for Operations (G-O), who reports directly to the Commandant.

Interested people can learn more about the Coast Guard Auxiliary in the *Auxiliary Manual (COMDTINST M16790.1D)* or by contacting the sources listed at right.

Auxiliarists are dedicated civilians who believe strongly in the Coast Guard and its missions. A hearty thank you is the only pay an auxiliarist expects. Personally, they receive tremendous satisfaction for a job well done. They have proven valiant throughout the years and take the oath of membership seriously. They contribute immeasurably to our Team Coast Guard efforts. ■



CG Auxiliary Membership Rank-Ordered by State/Territory

(As of March 1996)

RANK	STATE	NO. MEMBERS	RANK	STATE	NO. MEMBERS
1	Florida	4,297	29	Maine	280
2	California	3,262	30	Georgia	273
3	New York	2,568	31	Arizona	265
4	Massachusetts	1,966	32	Louisiana	215
5	Pennsylvania	1,931	33	Arkansas	195
6	New Jersey	1,661	34	Iowa	184
7	Michigan	1,467	35	Idaho	181
8	Virginia	1,380	36	Colorado	162
9	North Carolina	1,241	37	Kentucky	161
10	Maryland	1,215	38	Oklahoma	159
11	Ohio	1,165	39	Nebraska	136
12	Illinois	1,107	40	Mississippi	133
13	Texas	952	41	Utah	127
14	Washington	816	42	New Hampshire	121
15	Connecticut	616	43	Nevada	117
16	Missouri	592	44	Kansas	96
17	Oregon	553	45	New Mexico	80
18	Wisconsin	509	46	Guam	75
19	Tennessee	421	47	Virgin Islands	69
20	Hawaii	399	48	West Virginia	68
21	Alabama	380	49	Montana	56
22	Minnesota	375	50	District of Columbia	43
23	Alaska	366	51	Vermont	28
24	Indiana	327	52	South Dakota	17
25	Puerto Rico	310	53	North Dakota	15
26	South Carolina	308	54	North Marianas	11
27	Rhode Island	306	55	Wyoming	7
28	Delaware	293	TOTAL		34,057

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■ **LT Olen F. (Frank) Roberts**, of CG Marine Safety Office Wilmington, N.C., has been named the Coast Guard Reserve's 1996 Outstanding Junior Officer. The award, sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association, will be presented to Roberts at the ROA Mid-Winter Conference this February in Washington, D.C. He was the nominee of the 5th CG District. Also nominated: **LT Andrea Moorhouse**, Group/MSO Long Island Sound, (D1 nominee); **LT Armin D. Cate**, MSO

Miami, (D7); **LT Ralph L. Tieszen**, MSO Mobile, Ala., (D8); **LT Bruce F. Bruni**, MSO Buffalo, (D9); **LT Steven J. Craig**, MSO Puget Sound, (D13); **LT Robert W. Ritchie**, Joint Rescue Coordination Center, Honolulu, (D14); **CWO4 Bernadine A. Wilson**, ISC Seattle, (MLC-PAC). A profile of LT Olen Roberts will appear in the February 1997 *Reservist*.

■ **Secretary of Defense William J. Perry** recognized **Schneider National**, a Green Bay, Wis.-based

transportation company for its outstanding support as an employer of National Guard and Reserve members.

Schneider received the first ever National "Employer Support Freedom Award" in ceremonies in the Pentagon Press Room Nov. 4. CG Reservists **CDR John P. Lanigan, Jr.** of Group Milwaukee is the company's transportation sector president while **MK Mark Stainbrook** of Station Milwaukee works for Schneider as a diesel mechanic in Milwaukee.

Approximately 1,000 of Schneider National's employees are active in the National Guard and Reserve.

Awards

U.S. Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation

CDR S. T. Penn, D13
LCDR C.J. Kinney, D13
CWO4 J.R. Cox, D13
CWO4 D.A. Fagerstrom, D13
CWO3 T. Nance, D13

CG Meritorious Team Commendation

Activities Baltimore (Poole's Island Lighthouse Restoration Team)

BMC Peter L. Wright, BMC Lester S. Bellerive, DCC Charles F. Satterfield, MK1 Brance L. McCune, EM2 James B. Watson, MK3 Daine L. Lawson, EM3 Paul T. Neal, BM3 Carl J. Sefu, DC3 Kenneth D. Williams, SABM Donald R. Patterson, MSO Tampa (Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Team)
LT Armin D. Cate, PS1 Ignacio A. Palacio, PS1 Pedro N. Mesa, RD3 Jason W. Hall, U.S. Coast Guard Academy (Commencement Logistics & Security Team)
LCDR Joseph J. Riordan, Special Agent James L. Miller

Retirements

OCTOBER 1991

HS1 Charles H. Irwin, D9**

NOVEMBER 1991

HS2 Timothy P. Randolph, D11**

FEBRUARY 1992

LCDR Richard L. Cassioli, D11**

JUNE 1992

DC2 Douglas M. Haag, D9**

OCTOBER 1992

EM2 Edward C. Kaufold, D1**

SEPTEMBER 1993

DC1 William J. Alexander, D5**

DECEMBER 1993

ET1 Jerome F. Kovacs, D8**

JANUARY 1994

PS1 Robert W. Ray, D8**

MARCH 1994

MK2 Eddie Lowrance, D8**

JUNE 1994

SK3 Cornelius J. Cadigan, D1**

NOVEMBER 1994

SS1 Jeffrey A. Shadrack, D1**

FEBRUARY 1995

MK2 Thomas L. Kelly, D1**

APRIL 1995

EM2 Neil A. Novicka, D1**

JULY 1996

PS1 Roy N. Burt, D13*

OCTOBER 1996

CWO3 Eugene R. Hall, D8**
BMCM Thomas R. VanDyke, D8**

NOVEMBER 1996

PS1 Lanny W. McDonald, D5*

DECEMBER 1996

SS1 Timothy L. Bidiman, D13**

FEBRUARY 1997

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CAPT Thomas P. Noe, D5*
CDR William W. Boorman, D7*
CDR Thomas A. Techentin, D11*
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BMCS Thomas W. McLaughlin, D1*
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PS1 Jackie R. Mariner, D8*
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PS2 Eugene R. Franzoso, D1*

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PSCM Robert L. Huber, D5*
SSC Charles D. Alewine, D13*
YNC Harold E. Opfer, D1*
BMC Arthur D. Rorvik, D13*
PSC Norman W. Loveland, D8*
SK1 Harold D. Willard, D13*
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PS2 James T. Sheil, D7*

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** RET-1 (Retired Without Pay)

Source: Pay & Personnel Center (RAS)
If you are retired or received an award and have not seen your name published here, mail a copy of your retirement letter and/or award citation to *The Reservist* and we'll ensure it is published in a future issue.

Taps

■ **LTJG Brian J. Whetstone**, USCGR, 36, of Springfield, Ore., passed away Oct. 11, 1996. Born in Eugene, Ore., he was a freelance writer researching a story on airshows when the two-seat Czechoslovakian "L 19" Dolfin jet trainer in which he was a passenger crashed in a field west of



Tillamook Airport, Ore. The plane was practicing for an airshow scheduled for the following day. Also killed in the crash was the pilot, **CDR John H. Matlock**, USN(Ret.), 45, of Tillamook, Ore. LTJG Whetstone was the author of *The Roger B.: The History of the USCGC Taney (WHEC-37)* published in 1993 and two articles on the USCG and Army posthumously published in the *Navy Times* (Nov. 18, 1996). A CG Reservist since July 1991, he also served in the U.S. Army from 1980-1984, and was a member of the Group Astoria, Ore. Operations department, where he served as a SAR Mission Controller and Group Duty Officer. He is survived by his wife, Tamara May of Springfield; his parents, James Whetstone & Martha Thomas; brothers Mike and Chris Whetstone; a sister, Rebecca Whetstone. A memorial service was held at Buell Chapel in Springfield, Ore. on Sunday, Oct. 20, 1996.

■ **IV1 Ian M. Shipley, Jr.**, USCGR, 55, of Chesapeake, Va., passed away following a heart attack on Oct. 6, 1996. He served in both the National Guard and Army for seven years before enlisting in the CGR in 1980. As a civilian, he was

the Chief of Police for the City of Chesapeake, Va. He is survived by his wife, Dixie F. Shipley of Chesapeake; two sons, James and John; sisters Peggy Grant, Dotty Hase and Kathy Williams; brothers Allen and Bruce Shipley; stepmother Ronnie. Funeral services and interment were held Oct. 11, 1996 at Chesapeake Memorial Gardens, Chesapeake, Va.

■ **SN Justin M. Venable**, USCGR, 23, of Livingston, Mont., passed away Oct. 16, 1996 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings, Mont. as the result of injuries he sustained in an automobile accident. After graduating from Park High School in June 1991, he entered the U.S. Coast Guard and served on Governors Island, N.Y. Following his release from active



duty in January 1996, he attended Florida State University in Tallahassee for a semester. Survivors include his parents, Tom and Dee Venable; a brother, Jace; his paternal grandparents, John and Mary Venable; maternal grandparents, Duane and Mabel Refer; aunts, uncles and cousins. Memorial services were held Oct. 21, 1996 at Holbrook United Methodist Church in Livingston with interment at Mountain View Cemetery with military honors. The family requested his tissues and organs be donated to improve the lives of others. Memorials may be donated to the Humane Society of Park County, P.O. Box 705, Livingston, MT 59047 or to Park County 4-H Council, c/o Park County Extension Office, 414 E. Callender St., Livingston, MT 59047.

BM2 Paul Cormier sets up educational foundation for Haitian children

D9 Reservist "Hooked on Haiti"

By Helen Lounsbury

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BAY CITY, Mich. — When Coast Guard Reservist BM2 Paul Cormier deployed to Haiti as part of Operation Uphold Democracy with PSU 302 in 1994, he stood ready to pull the trigger on insurrectionists.

"I expected to find bad guys," said Cormier. "I was ready to shoot."

In the two years since America's intervention, Cormier, Emergency Services Director for Bay County, Mich., has spent every vacation on the Caribbean island. He has learned the native Creole language and keeps a charitable trust in a Haitian bank. He's in the process now of establishing an education foundation for Haitian children.

What happened? Cormier himself is at a loss to explain it.

"I'm not a charitable kind of guy," said Cormier, a graduate of Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich.

As Americans arrived in 1994, Haitian rebels fled and the Port-au-Prince harbor Cormier patrolled as part of PSU 302 (now PSU 309) remained peaceful through the 24-hour watches. As the monotonous days turned to weeks, Cormier befriended a dozen fishermen from a seaside village near Port-au-Prince. That village is nameless because its 75 residents, living in scrap huts, are considered squatters.

Welcome to the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation where three-quarters of Haiti's 6 million people live in what the World Bank classifies as abject poverty. The fishermen Cormier befriended start their careers at 8 or 10, the age most Haitians leave their families to fend for themselves. But everyone is young in Haiti, where the average life expectancy is 43 and disease and starvation kill more than 50 percent of children before age five.

"If you make it to 20, you're in mid-life crisis," said Cormier. "You can't imagine how these people live. Put it this way: Detroit's worst slums

look like easy living compared to Haiti."

And Haiti's fishermen are considered the island's poorest poor. Most fish from rented dugout canoes because they can't afford their own. The tiny mackerel they catch and sell are among the few fish living in Haiti's sewage-flushed harbors.

"Paul, Paul, give me your garbage," came to be the fishermen's call that Cormier and the crew heard daily in the harbor. Plastic bags, containers, disposables of any sort were recyclable treasure to Haitians. This poverty riveted

Cormier so much that he launched a personal crusade. "The unit nicknamed him Mayor of Port-au-Prince," said fellow Coast Guardsman DC2 Tim Montowski. "Paul solicited us for everything — our toothpaste, T-shirts, water, M&Ms. He started this whole big giving thing...."

Cormier took truckloads of provisions he collected from the 1,100 soldiers housed with

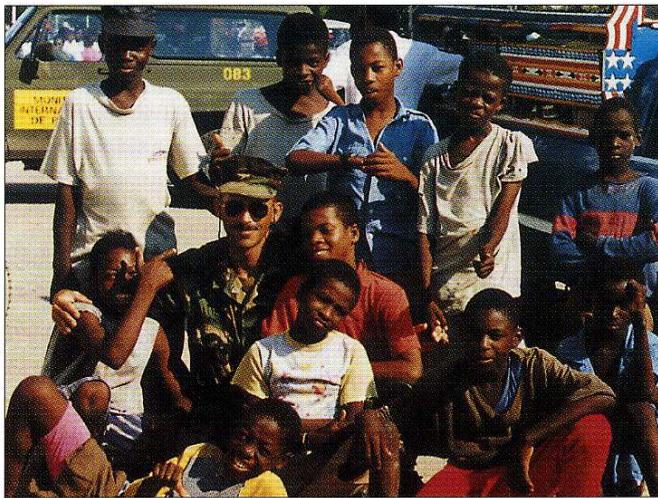
him in a Port-au-Prince warehouse to give to his fishing friends. One day, one of the fishermen, Mitou Rosais, 20, asked Cormier to photograph his first-born child.

"He'd had a son just a few days before and the baby was dying," said Cormier. "He wanted a picture so he'd have something to remember him by."

Cormier snapped pictures of Mitou's 5-day-old baby, limp and dehydrated with a virus and dysentery. Then, taking Mitou aside, handed him \$50 to have his son treated. The money paid for a three-week hospital stay, and saved the infant's life.

"Their outpouring, their affection...I couldn't help but love them," Cormier said. "They have less than us but they have more than us. It's like they make up spiritually what they lack materially."

As the deployment wrapped up and troops clamored to be the first to leave, Cormier volunteered to stay, participating in load out activities. He spent his free time gathering supplies for Mitou's family and his fishing friends.



BM2 Paul Cormier photo collection

BM2 Paul Cormier, left center, is surrounded by the Haitian children at the fishing village in 1994.

Now, back in the U.S., Cormier can't get his mind off Haiti. Mitou has renamed his son, now 2, after Cormier — Paul Andre. And Mitou asked Cormier to be little Paul's godfather. His Haitian fishermen friends call him collect every other Sunday and Cormier holds a joint savings account with Mitou in Haiti to ensure money he sends is not stolen. Cormier says mail typically gets pirated.

Cormier's goal now is to enroll as many children in school as he can as few Haitians can afford the \$35 tuition.

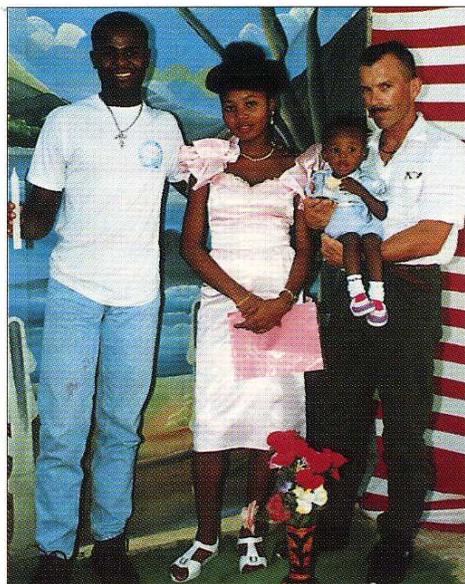
"You can pour money on Haiti's poverty, but it won't solve anything," said Cormier. "Education can."

Cormier has set up an education foundation for the children called the "Soleil Foundation." Soleil is Creole for "sun."

Mitou tells Cormier that God chose him to save his son and help his village. Cormier's actions suggest he feels the same.

"He got some kind of a wakeup call when he went down there," said Montowski. "He'd go down there every month if he could. It's a destiny thing. He feels this is what God put him on Earth to do."

Editor's note: If you would like to contribute to the Soleil Foundation, you may do so by making checks out to "Soleil Foundation," and mailing to BM2 Paul Cormier, 405 N. Henry St., Bay City, MI 48706.



BM2 Paul Cormier photo collection

Mitou Rosais, MyGirl, Little Paul and BM2 Paul Cormier at Little Paul's baptism Oct. 26, 1996.

A lifesaving bond revisited...



PA1 Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

CAPT Dwight Meekins, USCG, left, and Daniel Gardiner, right, a fire chief from Fairfield, Conn., flank the Station Pea Island monument at the North Carolina Aquarium in Manteo, N.C. during centennial ceremonies commemorating the rescue of the three-masted schooner E.S. Newman by the Pea Island life-savers. CAPT Meekins' grandfather, Theodore, along with the then all-black Pea Island, N.C. Lifesaving Station, saved Daniel Gardiner's grandfather, CAPT S. R. Gardiner and eight others aboard the E.S. Newman during a hurricane on the Outer Banks of North Carolina Oct. 11, 1896.

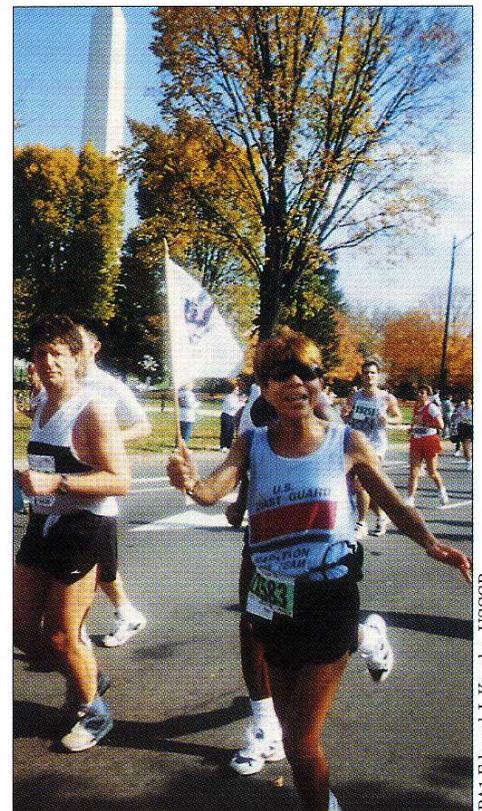
Reservists respond to Hurricane Fran

By **ENS M. T. McGrath, USCGR**
GROUP FORT MACON, N.C.

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. — Twenty-nine reservists reported for recovery operations in the wake of Hurricane Fran. The storm pounded the Southeastern North Carolina coast Sept. 5. Group Fort Macon was one of the primary units in the hurricane's strike zone with Station's Wrightsville Beach and Swansboro dealt the greatest level of damage.

Reservists were notified of an involuntary recall during the late afternoon of Sept. 5 and told to report as quickly as possible. Fran hit that night wreaking havoc all over the state of North Carolina. This presented a real challenge for reservists travelling to the Group, some from up to six hours away, as driving through high winds was difficult on the debris strewn and damaged roads left by Fran.

Reserve members were primarily involved in restoring the facilities where the Group is located. Members assisted in repairing the roofs, cleaning up debris and restoring facilities to their clean, professional look.



PA1 Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

Coast Guard Reservist CWO2 Margie Jackson shows her Coast Guard spirit by running the entire 21st annual Marine Corps Marathon carrying a Coast Guard flag. Jackson was one of 120 Coast Guardsmen and more than 19,000 runners who participated in the Oct. 27 race in our nation's capital.

Officers' "Fax-On-Demand"

Starting with the Promotion Year 1997 Promotion Board season, CGPC-rpm will be offering reserve officers certain personnel management information via FAX from any touchtone phone. To access the automated information service, call 1-800-432-2282. Instructions for "Fax-on-Demand" use are self-explanatory. The user will need to provide the document control number(s) for the requested information as well as a phone number for the FAX machine to which the requested information is to be sent. Document Control Numbers for all Reserve Personnel Management (rpm) documents are available via "Fax-on-Demand" and can be obtained from the "Fax-On-Demand" catalogue. The following are documents that specifically pertain to reservists, with the document control number. These documents become available after each board report is approved. **Most of these are now available for use.**

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Ride with Pride: CGR License Plates

Next year when it's time to renew your license plates, you may want to consider buying plates that show you belong to a unique team. Several states offer special license plates for members of the Coast Guard Reserve that often feature the Coast Guard seal, logo or shield, and offer reservists a chance to show their place in Team Coast Guard.

According to the 1996 Reserve Forces Almanac, the following states offer these distinctive plates: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana,

Maryland, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

These plates require advance application and/or additional charges. Generally these special plates add \$10 to \$25 to

your normal registration fees and often require initial authentication by your command. In some cases, however, veterans may be eligible for discounted registration fees. Please check with your state department of motor vehicles (DMV) for more information and the application process.

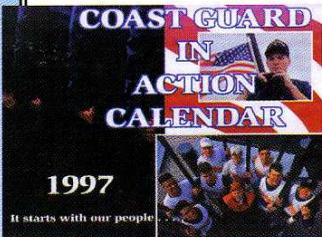


"Coast Guard in Action" 1997 Calendars

Coast Guard calendars for 1997 are now available by mail and at CG Exchanges! This is the second year that CG Reservist CWO4 Tom Fletcher is offering the calendars. They can be mail-ordered for \$8.95 each plus shipping and handling (\$1.90 for orders to \$9.99; \$2.90 for \$10-\$19.99; \$3.90 for \$20-\$35). Contact:

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While special plates are available to reservists in these states, a reservist in New York is trying to get a plate issued that will be available to all New York residents in the Coast Guard. ENS Sergio Villaverde is working with the New York DMV to have a Team Coast Guard plate available to active duty, reservists, retirees and auxiliaries at a nominal cost. A minimum of 300 plates must be requested before the plates will be issued. For more information, contact ENS Villaverde at (718) 601-2709.



Upcoming Events

■ **Reserve Officers Association Mid-Winter Conference** — Feb. 16-19, 1997, Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C. Contact: ROA, 1 Constitution Ave. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. (202) 479-2200. *The Coast Guard Reception this year is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at ROA HQ building. Please note this is a one-time change from the traditional Sunday night reception due to the President's Day holiday. See coupon at right for more information on this reception.*

■ **1997 National Military Powerlifting / Benchpress Championships** — March 8-9, 1997, sponsored by American Drug Free Powerlifting Association at Fort Hood, Texas. All Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired military personnel are eligible. Entries required by Feb. 14, 1997; entry fee \$50. Lifters will compete in various gender, weight and age classes with awards to top five finishers in each weight class. Team entries allowed. Contact: Johnny Graham, Attn: Military Powerlifting, 1706 Shoemaker Drive, Killeen, TX 76543. (817) 526-0779 or (817) 287-3337.

■ **Association of Naval Services Officers (ANSO) Conference** — 16th annual, March 5-8, 1997, at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla. Contact: CDR Adolfo Ramirez, (202) 267-0109.

Reunions

■ **USCGR Albany Reunion** — Albany area reservists, old Troy unit and former Active command members welcome. Jan. 11, 1997, dinner/dancing. Contact: PSCS William Koonz, 10 Victoria Dr., Schenectady, NY 12309. (518) 869-7718 or CWO4 James Gorton at (518) 237-6158.



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Commissary Privilege Cards:

Yes, dependents can still use them!

Dependent information is no longer required to be printed on the Commissary Privilege Card (CPC). Many reservists are wondering if spouse/dependents can use the CPC since the block for dependent information on the CPC says "Not Applicable (N/A)." The answer is **YES!** Per Department of Defense Directions, the dependent information isn't required any longer, provided the spouse/dependent has a current/valid military identification card.

— *LT Dave Kearns*
(G-WTR-1), (202) 267-0553

Ready Reserve Mobilization Income Insurance Enrollment Clarification

There has been some confusion on when the 60-day enrollment period begins for the Ready Reserve Mobilization Income Insurance Program (RRMIIP). The enrollment period is defined as: ***"The 60-day election period commences on the first day of the first full month after the date of assignment to the Ready Reserve, or the date the member received initial counseling on the program, whichever date is later."*** For those members in the Ready Reserve on Sept. 30, 1996, the 60-day election period officially began on Nov. 1, 1996, and not Oct. 1, 1996 as originally interpreted. A three-page RRMIIP Q & A article was published in the September 1996 *Reservist* on pages 18-20. If questions remain, call 1-800-283-8724 or CGHQ point of contact LT Ruby Collins at (202) 267-0629.

Nationwide TEMAC/SADT/EAD

As of 11/20/96

Place	Duration	Rate/Rank	Quals	Point of Contact/Phone/E-mail
• Perform. Tech Ctr, Yorktown, Va.	90 days minimum	Open	Authorware computer-based training	CDR Herb Hood, (757) 898-2391 H.Hood/RTCT6@cgsmtp.uscg.mil
• PSU TRADET, Camp Perry, Ohio	18 months SADT	MKC	Small boat/engineering support experience	LT Bob Stohlman, (419) 635-4137
• CG Navigation Ctr, Alexandria, Va.	14 days (March 97)	YN1/2/3 (2 positions)	Typing, Windows 95, Microsoft Word exp.	YN1 Ford, (703) 313-5870 kford@smtp.navcen.uscg.mil
• Natl Maritime Ctr., Balston, Va.	30 days TEMAC	O-3/O-4	Port safety/enviro; port contng. planning	LCDR Rotermund, (202) 267-6982
• MLCPAC, Alameda, Calif.	Up to 6 months	SK, any pay grade	marine safety, readiness LUFs, procurement experience	drotermund@comdt.uscg.mil PO Marchuk, (510) 437-5827

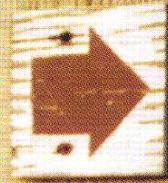
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