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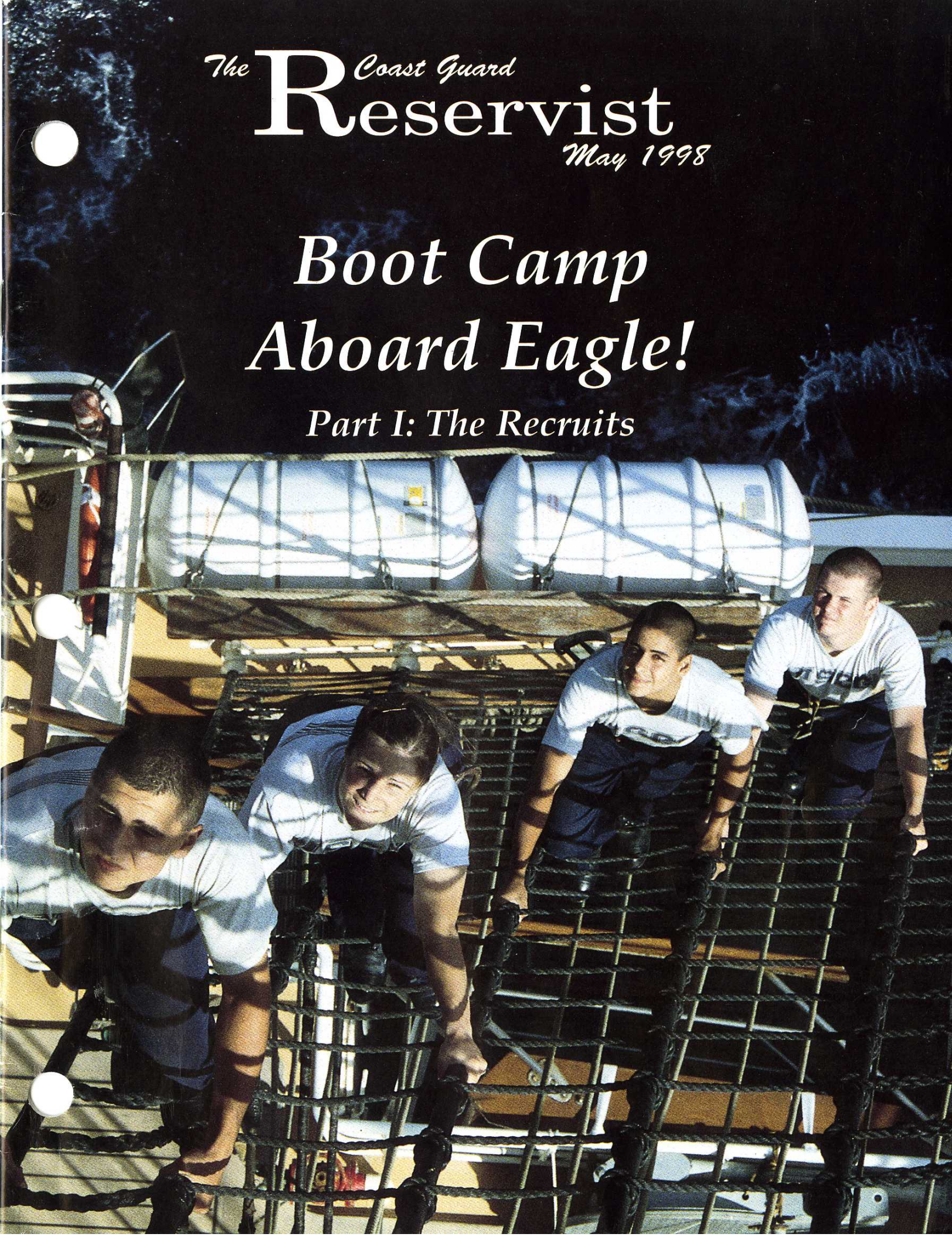

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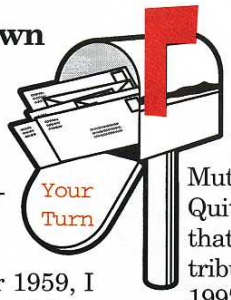
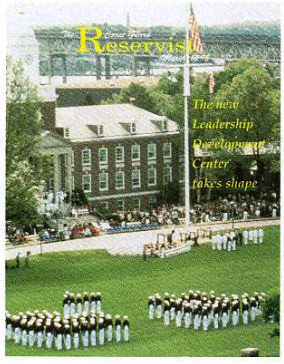
On the Covers

***FRONT:* Four CG Reservists attached to November-152 climb Eagle's rigging during boot camp. Left to right are recruits Marcus Bay, Rose Bunker, Joshua Hopkins and Lee Degiovanni. Photo by PAC Edward Kruska.**
***INSIDE COVER, THIS PAGE:* Recruits hang onto a CGC Eagle yardarm awaiting orders.**
***BACK:* Reservists attached to company Roger-1 train at Cape May, N.J. during 1956 under the then six-month Reserve Training Program. TRACEN Cape May will celebrate its 50th year May 31. USCG photo.**



LDC and RTC Yorktown

In the March issue of *The Reservist*, the Leadership Development Center (LDC) was discussed at length. As a graduate of the first Officer Candidate School class at Yorktown, Va., in December 1959, I want to know what is planned for RTC Yorktown, Va.? As a member of Class 3-59, I've scraped enough paint, polished enough brass, and participated in enough "field days" to reclaim the base abandoned by the Navy. We (SA-OCs) were a readily available labor pool, that was used extensively.



Please, in the next issue, tell us what the Coast Guard has planned for this great place. It produced Reserve officers for nearly 40 years who successfully completed OCS there, and who love RTC Yorktown. I will be awaiting your next issue with great anticipation.

— *CAPT Robert K. Mills, USCGR(Ret.)*
Savannah, Ga.

Editor's note: According to Elena Hughes of RTC Yorktown's Public Affairs, various "A" and "C" schools, national SAR, ATON, engineering and boat ops schools will remain at the 150-acre training site along the banks of the York River. Each year, about 6,000 students pass though the gates at RTC and they study upwards of 100 courses. So, it remains a major Coast Guard training command that encompasses all Coast Guard mission areas. In one sense, OCS' move to the LDC and CG Academy is a case of "the more things change, the more they stay the same." OCS was based at the Academy prior to its move to Yorktown in 1959 when RTC was established. For those who have never been to RTC, it is adjacent to the Yorktown battlefield where Gen. Cornwallis surrendered Oct. 17, 1781, bringing victory to the upstart American Colonies.

CGMA and CGR

I'd like to thank RADM Tim Riker for his informative "View from the Bridge" regarding Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (March 1998). Quite frankly, I am very embarrassed that the Reserve Component only contributed $1,226 toward the program in 1997. Not much of a "team" effort on our part. I am challenging every reservist to contribute five dollars toward a total goal of $10,000 from the Coast Guard Reserve in 1998. Show your support to your active duty team members. Let's not have a repeat of 1997's disappointing performance.

— *PS1 Hank Lipe, USCGR*
Portsmouth Harbor, N.H.

Editor's note: Since RADM Riker's View and the back cover CGMA article were published in the March issue, CGMA reported they had received contributions from 48 reservists totalling $7,362 — including one generous check from one contributor for $5,000! Reservists still interested in contributing may do so by sending checks made out to "Coast Guard Mutual Assistance" to: CGMA, Commandant (G-ZMA), 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20593.

Back on mailing list

Thanks for your persistence in incorporating retirees once again into the automated mailing system. For quite a while, retirees were knocked out of it. I extend my gratitude for incorporating us again.

— *Mr. Tant Nell*
USCGR(Ret.)
Houston, Texas

Ed's note: Retirees "fell off" the magazine mailing list during spring 1996 when we began electronically downloading the mailing labels directly to our contract printer. As of January 1998, all retirees began receiving it again. By the way, several readers expressed displeasure with the March issue as the mailing label included only their last name — without rank or initials. That one-time glitch was not intentional and was corrected with the April issue.

Last "six-years rule" clarified

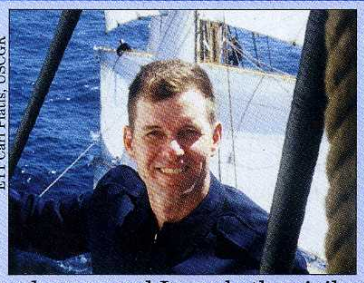
I have a question about my retirement in regards to the "last six-years rule." When I was commissioned Dec. 1, 95, I had 16 years of active credible service and was told that "rule" applied in my case. I will have completed three "good" years of Reserve duty by November 1998 with three more to go until retirement (RET-2). I've been told that in 1999, the "rule" will change back from six to eight years. Is this true? Since my intent was to retire at the end of the six years (in 2001), how can the rules change when I'm already in that six-year window for retirement? In the October 1995 issue of *The Reservist*, there was a comprehensive article about the issue and nothing alluded to a change in the Code back to eight years. Title II of Public Law 810 (10 USC 1331-37) was referenced along with the FY1995 *National Defense Authorization Act*, Section 616, which changed qualifications for reservists by substituting the last six years for the last eight years of Reserve service.

Please clarify with correct references so I can better plan my future and take appropriate actions. A clarification may be helpful to all.

— LT Michael P. Houtz, USCGR
Cleveland, Ohio

Ed's note: We checked with LT Steve Custer of Reserve Officer Evaluation System (CGPC-rpm). Yes, things have changed again since 1995! To be eligible for retirement, a reservist must meet the following provisions. Section 12731 USC 10, Section (a)(2) states that a reservist "has performed at least 20 years of service computed under Section 12732 of this title." Section (a)(3): "performed the last eight years of qualifying service while a member of any category named in Section 12732 (a)(1) of this title, but not while a member of a regular component, the Fleet Reserve, or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve." Section 12732 (f) states that, "In the case of a person who completes the service requirements of subsection (a)(2) during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this subsection and ending on Sept. 30, 1999, the provisions of subsection (a)(3) shall be applied by substituting "the last six years" for "the last eight years." Therefore, if you complete six years prior to Oct. 1, 1999, the six-year rule would apply. If not, then the eight-year rule would apply. Paragraph (f) rules out the possibility of this provision being grandfathered.

Editor & Chief's Turn...

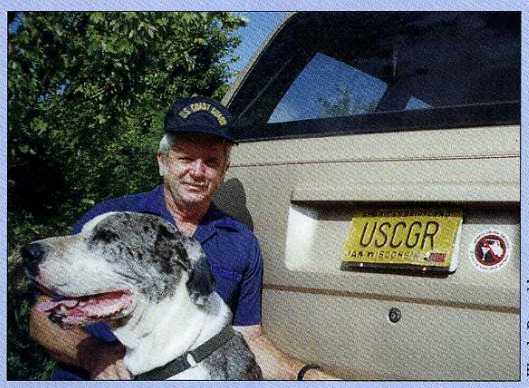

ET1 Carl Platis, USCGR

When you think about it, life is a series of hellos and goodbyes. And so it was on March 22nd that I said hello to the crew of *CGC Barque Eagle* (WIX 327) in Cartegena, Colombia. They had already been underway six weeks when I joined them. Their mission was two-fold: international diplomacy and conducting boot camp. *Boot camp?* Yes, you read that correctly. It was the first time the Coast Guard has run a boot camp while underway and I was both privileged and honored to join them for the final two weeks of this historic voyage. As I adjusted to life aboard what CG Auxiliarist ***Art Steinmeyer*** called a "national treasure," I quickly realized that there were stories *everywhere* I looked; I would have to spread this story over two issues. So, this issue focuses on the recruits and the trials and tribulations of November-152 (*Eagle* Company) during boot camp. Part two in June focuses on the crew, including the reservists that augment *Eagle*. The highlight was April 1, when ***Arnold F. Cooper*** was pinned a Chief Petty Officer. ***CAPT Robert J. Papp, Jr.'s*** speech is printed in its entirety in this issue. *Don't miss it!* In this issue, we also say goodbye to ***RADM Richard W. Schneider***, Senior Reserve Officer, LANTAREA. Early in his CG career, RADM Schneider served as Regimental Commander and Sailing Master of *Eagle*. His farewell View is on Page 4. Coincidentally, it's only fitting that we publish a boot camp story this month as TRACEN Cape May is celebrating 50 years of service May 31. Cape May is a place that has shaped the lives and careers of Coast Guardsmen for half a century, including *Eagle* Company for the first three weeks before they boarded *Eagle*. Congratulations TRACEN Cape May...may you live long and prosper! And may the same be said for RADM Schneider as he retires, CGC *Eagle*, its crew and all who have at one time or another said "hello" to this national treasure.

— PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

USCG License Plate of the Month

Wisconsin celebrates 150 years of statehood on May 29 so we honor them with Plate of the Month this issue. Coast Guard Reservist ***BM2 James A. Reynolds*** is shown at right with his 1988 Ford Aerostar minivan, "old" USCGR plate (the yellow plate has since been replaced by a red and white one with silhouetted farm scenes) and four-year-old Duke, one of three Great Danes he is currently raising. Reynolds, who now lives in Cocoa, Fla., is owner of the Woodpecker Saw Mill and is also a boat captain (he delivers small ships and other small commercial vessels to ports around the world). Reynolds' connection to "America's Dairyland" is that he served at CG Station Plum Island, an Operation Summerstock site at the tip of Door County, Wis. during the late 1970s and early 1980s. Door County has more lighthouses than any other county in the nation with 10. The Plum Island station closed in 1992 and Summerstock moved to nearby Washington Island. Congratulations on the Badger State's Sesquicentennial as they move *Forward** into the 21st century!



Wanda Reynolds

BM2 James Reynolds, Jr., former Selected Reservist

CDR John Long, USCGR

State flags line the parade route at TRACEN Cape May, N.J. on boot camp graduation day. Shown are state flags from Wisconsin and Iowa.

** "Forward" is Wisconsin's state motto.*

A View From the Bridge

"Starboard Wing"

By Rear Admiral Richard W. Schneider USCGR

Senior Reserve Officer, Atlantic Area

I cannot believe this will be the last article I write for the Starboard Wing of the Bridge as my retirement looms on the horizon. I will hold my retirement ceremony on July 18 at MSO Philadelphia, Pa. after 30 years of service. That portion of my life is coming to a close. It has been an incredible, powerful experience and a wonderful journey. I think the most valued part of the journey were the people I met along the way.

I joined the Coast Guard Reserve in 1976 after having served eight and a half years of active duty. The Reserve Program has undergone incredible change since then. While *Team Coast Guard* is not perfect and there are some wrinkles, I will tell you that the Coast Guard Reserve is a far more viable, vibrant, and qualified force than it has been at any time in its history, at least since 1976 when I became a member. We may be smaller than the high-water mark of around 12,500 Selected Reservists in the mid-1980s, but we are ready to take on any of the tasks given to our U.S. Coast Guard. For that, I take some small measure of pride, having been part of the major cultural and organizational changes which have resulted since the *Peschel Study* was accepted by the Commandant in 1994. Serving on the *Peschel Study* team was a high point in organizational development for me and it is very satisfying to see the fruits of that labor shaping the future of the Service.

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Even though we are far more qualified and exceedingly more valued by our active duty counterparts, there is one area which concerns me; the fact that our junior- and middle-grade officers and enlisted personnel are not being adequately mentored servicewide by our senior officers and chief petty officers. This was made particularly clear to me as I served as president of the O-6/O-5 assignment panel earlier this spring and also in my conversations with our Reserve Forces Master Chief, ***MCPO Bill Phillips***.

From 1976 through 1992, I remember having lunch in the wardroom once a month during our drills. This gave us the opportunity to talk about our careers, our jobs, our hopes and our aspirations. The career paths for our officers and enlisted personnel were clearly understood and defined. Mealtime conversations like those are not occurring anymore, in large measure because we are all drilling at different times. It is a wonderful thing to have reservists coming in during the weekdays. However, because we have disestablished so many of our units (save the PSUs and HDCs), all the reservists are not at one place at one time anymore. The active duty forces are really benefiting by this flexibility, but I believe the wardroom conversations, which played a vital part in helping junior members, need to begin again

Recognizing that we do not have meals together any longer, I ask all of you who are in senior positions to make a special effort to reach out to the junior members and make sure this happens. Please do not expect a junior to come to you and ask for guidance. The future of the Service rests with its lead-

Photo from May-June 1984 Reservist

RADM Schneider was the first recipient of the ROA Outstanding Junior Officer in 1983. Left to right: Then-LCDR Schneider, RADM James C. Irwin, then-Chief, Office of Reserve, and RADM Olin A. Lively, USCGR.

ship, and as a leader, you have a responsibility to our junior members to make sure their careers are on the right course and that they are being mentored. If this begins happening again, everything else will fall into place, and the U.S. Coast Guard and the American people will be even better served by Coast Guard Reservists of the future.

As I close, I say farewell to the entire Coast Guard Reserve. I will be constantly watching for reports in the media and Coast Guard publications on your individual and collective accomplishments. I will deeply miss the Service and you, but I will have a quiet confidence and sense of satisfaction at the great continuity of command and the sustaining power of our Coast Guard values. I have every confidence in the U.S. Coast Guard and in each of you. God bless you all and the United States of America.

Career Highlights of RADM Richard W. Schneider

- ***Education:*** Graduate of CG Academy, 1968; Master's degree from Wesleyan University, 1973; Doctoral degree in Public Policy from University of Delaware, 1985.
- ***Active Duty Assignments:*** Served eight and a half years Active Duty including a year in Vietnam aboard *CGC Dallas (WHEC 716)*; teaching assignments at Officer Candidate School and CG Academy; served as Regimental Commander and Sailing Master of *CGC Barque Eagle* (WIX 327).
- ***CG Reserve Assignments:*** Served as Commanding Officer of several Reserve units, including RU Indian River, Del., RU Two Gloucester City, N.J., Reserve Group Philadelphia and Reserve Group New York.
- ***Reserve Flag Assignment:*** Assumed duties as Senior Reserve Officer Atlantic Area in June 1994; promoted to flag rank on June 17, 1994, and to Rear Admiral (Upper Half) on July 1, 1997.
- ***Awards:*** Meritorious Service Medal, two CG Commendation Medals, Navy Commendation Medal, CG Achievement Medal, various unit and campaign awards; in 1983, became first Coast Guard officer to receive Reserve Officers Association Outstanding Junior Officer Award.
- ***Civilian Life:*** Worked at University of Delaware, then at Drexel University in top administrative positions as well as Senior Vice President; currently President of Norwich University, Northfield, Vt., since 1992.

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Please respond as soon as possible! It is imperative that we know as early as possible that you are willing to serve.

Interested personnel should submit a Request for Reserve Orders(CG-3453) via the chain of command to arrive at CCGD Nine (osr). Applications will be accepted throughout the season. Advance copies of your CG-3453 are encouraged for planning purposes. Ensure that the following information is listed on your CG-3453: Servicing PERSRU (very important as they're the ones who cut your orders), date of last physical, pay base date, qualification codes, marital status, and date of rank.

*** SPECIAL UPDATE: YNs and SKs are needed at Alpena, Marquette, Sackets Harbor and Washington Island for at 60-120 days. Portage, Mich. prefers an SK.**

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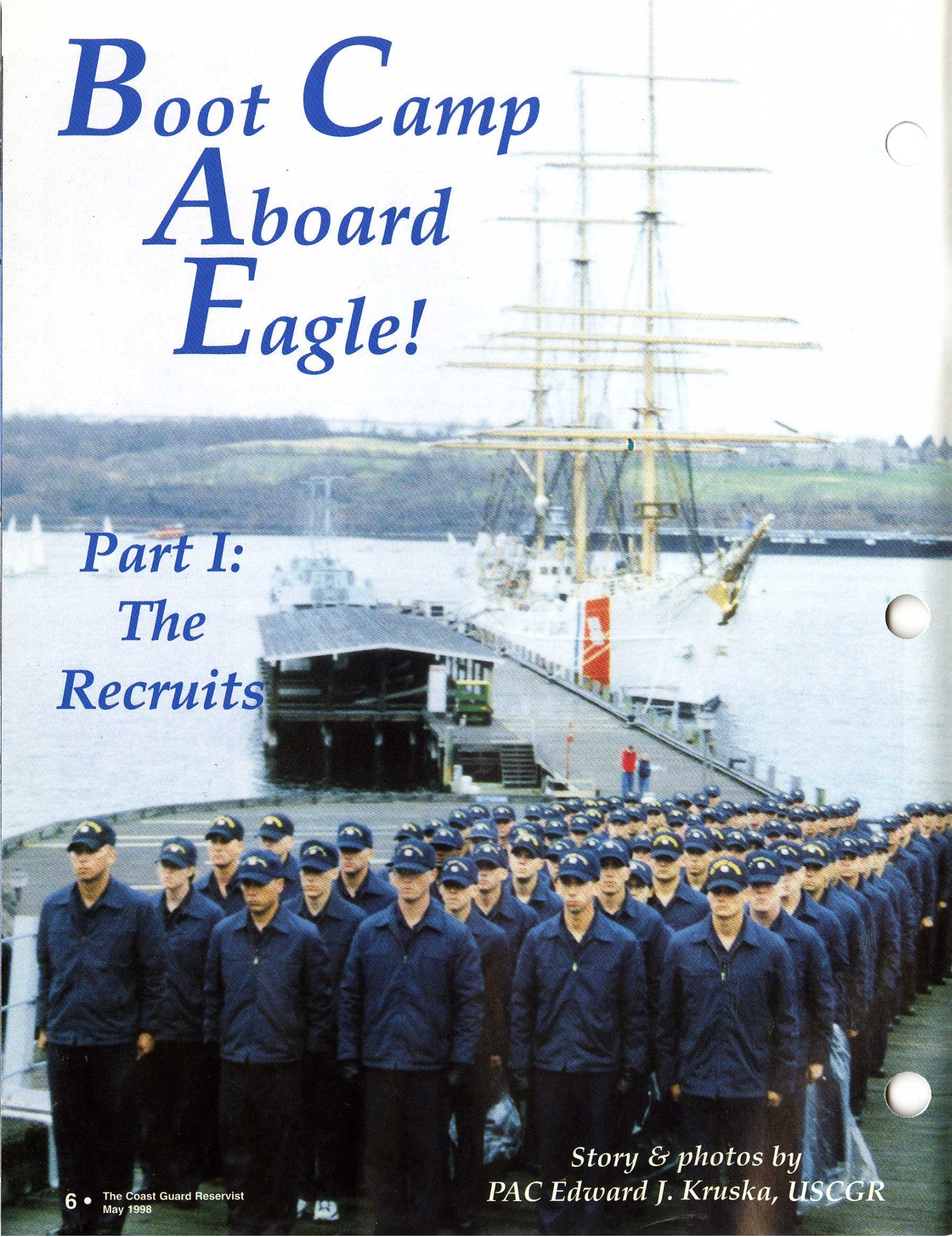


Story & photos by PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

This is the first in a two-part series on "Boot Camp Aboard Eagle." This first article introduces the reader to Eagle and boot camp. The other articles in this issue give the reader an idea of boot camp from the recruits perspective. The June issue will give the crew's perspective and cover graduation day April 10 at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn.

"You cannot discover new oceans unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."
— Poster aboard CGC Eagle

Run boot camp while underway? It sounded like a novel idea...and it was! But, that's exactly what the Coast Guard did this past Feb. 22-April 6 aboard the training vessel, *CGC Barque Eagle* (WIX 327).

Now, the idea of training on *Eagle* is certainly not new — in fact, it's *Eagle's* mission. Right now, as you read this, *Eagle* is underway, conducting its annual summer cadet training cruise. But, enlisted boot camp? Now, that *was* novel. The idea first surfaced last fall when *Eagle* crew members approached Commanding Officer CAPT Robert J. Papp, Jr.

"There were two aspects of this cruise that were historic," said Papp. "The first was the primary reason for the cruise, which was the Caribbean engagement strategy of VADM [Roger] Rufe, LANTAREA Commander. The second historic aspect was the recruit training on board. I was thinking of having boots on board, but more from the aspect of recent boot camp graduates," said Papp. "Then the crew approached me with the boot camp concept, and I just thought it was a perfect idea. I then called CAPT Terrance Edwards, Commanding Officer at TRACEN Cape May and he jumped right on the idea."

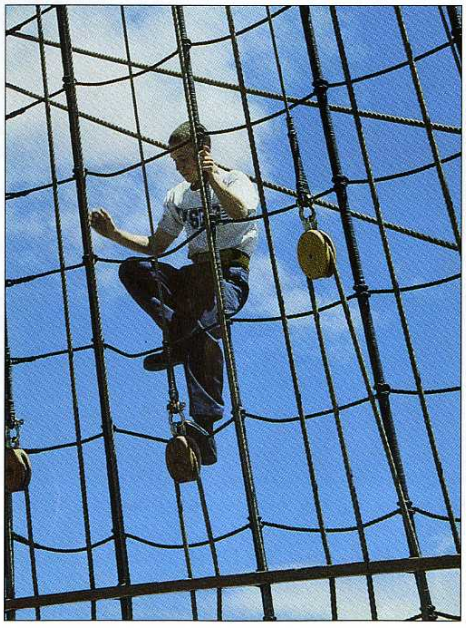
Then, CG Recruiting took the ball and solicited for this company nationwide. Meanwhile, after several months of preparation, *Eagle* departed New London, Conn. the second week of February bound for San Juan, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. During that first nine-day leg of the journey, crew members from the *USS Constitution* (Old Ironsides) out of Boston were training aboard *Eagle*.

Back at Cape May, November-152 was formed on Feb. 3 to begin Phase I of their boot camp. While at Cape May for nearly three weeks, November-152 covered basic military indoctrination requirements and covered 60 Terminal Performance Objectives (TPOs) out of the 140 required for graduation. They covered survival afloat, stress management and military protocol.

Then, the real fun of Phase II began.

"Now! Reveille, reveille, heave out, trice up, lash and stow, lash and stow!"
— Recruits wake-up call

November-152 (Eagle Company) began boot camp with 142 recruits. By the time they boarded *Eagle*, the number had dwindled to 117. It's normal to lose some recruits in the first few weeks of boot camp. On the other hand, at 10 weeks, this boot camp was longer than the normal eight weeks — three weeks at TRACEN Cape May (Phase I), six weeks aboard *Eagle* (Phase II), and approximately five days at the Academy where they would graduate (Phase III).



"They understood the time difference going in," said FTC Bob Heffner, one of four company commanders along for the boot camp cruise.

Recruits were bused to Atlantic City, N.J. on Feb. 22 where they boarded two CG C-130s. For some of the recruits, it was the first time they had flown in an airplane. Once at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, P.R. they met *Eagle*.

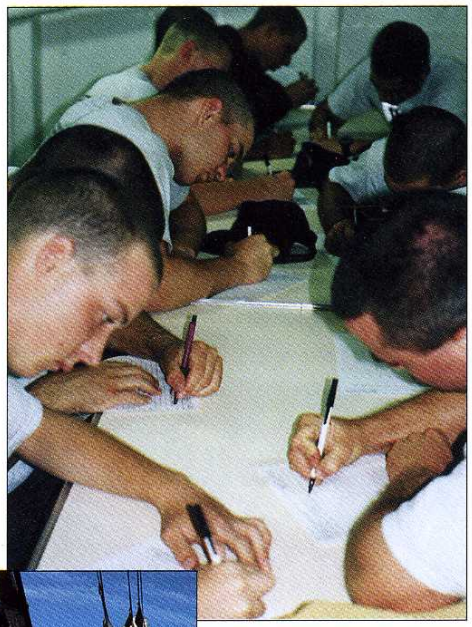
On Feb. 23, they departed Puerto Rico. Weather was nice but life underway, well, it took some adjusting, especially for new recruits.

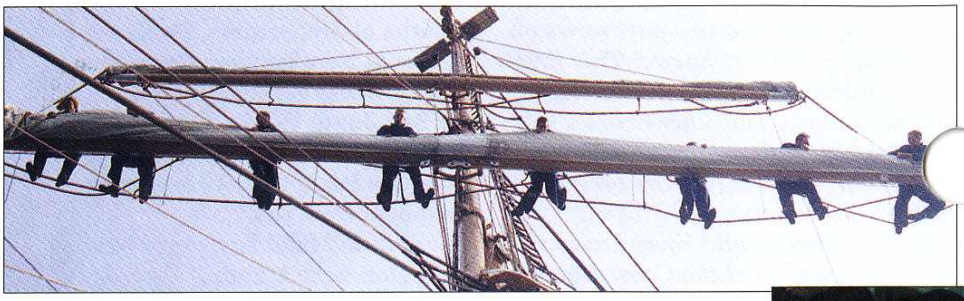
"When we left Puerto Rico, I saw 15-20 recruits heaving over the side in a two-foot chop...I knew this was going to be a long seven weeks," chuckled company commander BM2 Tim Molly.

Despite one recruit taken off the ship for chronic seasickness and two others for other medical reasons (broken and sprained wrists), the rest eventually

Sail on to next page...

• Opposite page: November-152, also known as Eagle Company, stands at attention on the pier at the CG Academy in New London, Conn. • This page: Recruits did everything while on Eagle, from hauling lines (upper right) to climbing the rigging (right).





adjusted well to life aboard *Eagle*. "It was confusing at first," said SR Lee Digiovanni. "I didn't know where to go to find things."

Fortunately, Digiovanni was not alone. "We depended on each other to get through," said SR Jennifer Foley.

After all, *Eagle* is 295-feet long and the recruits and crew must concern themselves with 22,000 square feet of sail, five miles of rigging, and over 200 lines that control the sails and yards. But, recruits learn quickly and were soon plunging into shipboard life: climbing the rigging, setting sails, sitting through classes on the mess deck, tying knots, standing watches and, of course, "holy stoning" (scrubbing) *Eagle's* teakwood decks. Recruits were broken into watch sections and ate meals according to the three sections: Main, Fore and Mizzen Mast.

"I thought it would take longer getting the recruits working together as a team," said CAPT Papp. "They came together quicker than I thought they would...they demonstrated great enthusiasm. People are generally a little nervous and scared about climbing up in the rigging, but they were hopping right up in the rigging, going up there right from the start. They have just performed tremendously."

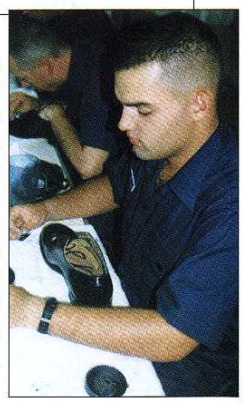
On April 1, CAPT Papp said he saw the culmination of all the training.

"We had a storm come through and we had to douse sails," said Papp. "They were right up there...it was raining, the wind was blowing in their face in the middle of the night. They showed a lot of courage, enthusiasm and dedication. I just could not be more pleased."

Once they passed their final exams in late March, recruits rotated through various divisions of *Eagle*, giving them further orientation for their future jobs and shipboard life in the Coast Guard. While some worked on the bridge, others were being shown around the engine room, galley, and other sections of *Eagle*. Several fire drills were conducted to give recruits an overview of damage control.

And, of course, recruits polished brass, chipped and painted endlessly. On the flip side, recruits were treated to some spectacular sights.

"I saw shooting stars, meteor showers, dolphins, sunsets," said SR Marcus Bay. "I'll never forget sliding and rolling out of bed in the morning."



Clockwise from opposite left: A recruit stands watch on Eagle's bow • The mess deck serves as a classroom • Recruits spread out on a yardarm during sail stations • It just wouldn't be boot camp without some polishing of the shoes.

They were also wowed by a solar eclipse on Feb. 26 and later made port calls in Fort-de-France, Martinique; La Guaira, Venezuela; and Cartegena, Colombia. They had "morale liberty" (by groups) in the first two ports and individual liberty in Colombia.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven...a time to weep and a time to laugh." — *Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 4*

As *Eagle* passed New London Ledge Lighthouse in the early afternoon of April 6, recruits lined the decks wearing bright yellow slickers that showed up brilliantly against the chilly, grey Connecticut sky. A Coast Guard 41-footer circled *Eagle*, welcoming her home from this historic two-month cruise. The Coast Guard Band and a small group of well-wishers greeted the recruits and crew as it pulled in to port. Excitement was in the air! Yes, recruits were happy, but had grown strangely attached to *Eagle*.

"*Eagle* has a way of growing on you," said one *Eagle* crew member as he looked out from the bridge.

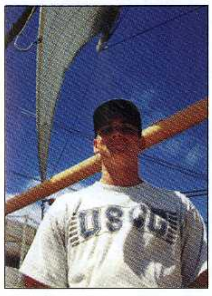
Ditto that from SR Kevin F "*Eagle* feels like it's home to m now," said Fay. "What seemed so bad at first, well, we're laughing about it now."

Recruits proudly showing off Eagle Company t-shirts are, left to right: SR Timothy Stevens, Clinton, Mass.; SR Colleen K. Collins, New Castle, Del.; and SR Gina Raines, Fresno, Calif. Recruits, always innovative, had their fellow boot campers sign the shirts in the "high school yearbook" tradition.

Boot Camp Recruit News Briefs

Sea Sick for Two Days — ***SR Jason Crum*** of Olympia, Wash. said he was "excited but sick for two days" after the recruits departed aboard *Eagle* from Roosevelt Roads Naval Station in Puerto Rico. Crum, who will be stationed at Port Angeles, Wash., says he believes he "learned a lot more about seamanship aboard *Eagle* than being at Cape May."

Doors of Opportunity — ***SR Javier Diaz*** of Miami is a man of action: he loves bungee jumping, scuba diving, racing cars...so climbing the rigging aboard *Eagle* was right up his alley. But, to his surprise and delight, it was his Spanish-speaking skills that opened the real doors of opportunity during boot camp. "While in Venezuela and Colombia, I interpreted for captains, ***RADM [Roger] Rufe***, and other officers," beamed Diaz. While in Venezuela, he also ran into three women from his high school, Miami Killian. "I couldn't believe it, they were in Venezuela and were Naval Academy Queens," said Diaz of the three women. Don't be misled...boot camp was tough on Cuban-American Diaz. "I holy-stoned a deck with a rock," smirked Diaz. "Cape May was cold...we marched through a hurricane (actually a nor'easter). I miss my family and I've worked hard but it has paid off," said Diaz, whose family flew to the Academy for graduation. "My father wrote me a letter during boot camp," said Diaz who is heading for the *CGC Padre*, a 110-footer in Key West, Fla. "He said, 'It's all a game and you must win!'"



SR Javier Diaz

Singing Semper Paratus — So, who was that young recruit leading his fellow recruits in a rousing rendition of *Semper Paratus* following the noon meal on March 26? Why, it was ***SR Aaron Nelson*** of Marysville, Pa. It takes all types to make for a great and memorable boot camp experience. And, the recruits knew all the words too! So, when they pulled dockside in New London, Conn. on April 6, the entire company belted out *Semper Paratus* to the delight of the Coast Guard Band and others who greeted them at the Academy docks. But the Academy rendition was instigated and led by company commander ***BM2 Tim Molly***.

Best Shipmate — 25-year-old ***SR Jennifer Foley*** of Syracuse, N.Y. worked in a computer store several years following college graduation from the State University of New York at Genesseo. "My degree was getting me nowhere," said Foley. "I was bored and I wanted excitement. I wanted a Service that was lifesaving versus life taking and had seen a show on Cable TV about the Coast Guard." She said yes to the Coast Guard on Thanksgiving and by Ground Hog's Day, she was Cape May-bound. "At first, we were questioning why we came and thought perhaps we were drunk when we signed up," chuckled Foley. She says they depended on each other to get through the never-ending days. "I was nervous and scared and had a fear of heights," added Foley, "but it turned to resignation after a while." She says she got yelled at, but as time passed, gained confidence and is now pretty proud of herself for making it through boot camp." Foley, whose first duty station is *CGC Polar Sea* in Seattle, says that ***Grace O'Malley***, one of her ancestors from the late sixteenth century, was an Irish pirate, so it's "kind of neat being on a tall ship, something like they may have used way back when." Foley was named *Eagle* Company's Best Shipmate and was acknowledged as such at graduation.

SR Jennifer Foley

You've Gotta Start Somewhere — ***SR Brandon Plemons*** of Fort Worth, Texas was busy chipping paint on the bridge of *Eagle* April 2. "I told my company commander I was interested in QM work, so I ended up chipping paint...at least I'm working *sort* of near the helm on the port wing," grimaced Plemons.

Found: Cadet Notebook — ***SR Lonnie Allgood*** of Chelsea, Mich. came across a real gem one

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day during boot camp. Tucked away above his berthing area was a small notebook, most likely written by a cadet. "I found this notebook above my rack," said Allgood. He thought the notebook was from the 1970s because of some of the lingo used. After the notebook was looked over by Executive Officer ***LCDR Joseph Sinnett***, it was returned to Allgood to keep as a boot camp momento. Here is one of the poems from the notebook:

You want to know what the CG's done?
Working me all day and taking my fun,
When I got here this is what they did,
Took all my stuff, then cut my wig.
Then they took the slang out of my talk,
Then they took the pimp out of my walk,
They took all my designer clothes,
Now I wear working blues,
Now I take orders everyday,
This work and no more play!

Eagle Scout Aboard Eagle

— ***SR Kevin Fay*** of Smithfield, R.I. was excited to be done with boot camp. "*Eagle* feels like home to me now," said Fay, an Eagle Scout. As he said earlier, "We've had a lot of laughs and what seemed so bad at first...well, we're already laughing about it. We bonded with each other and other crew members. A lot of the seamen have given us tips and shared stories with us." The night before graduation, it was brought to Fay's attention that he is an Eagle Scout who served aboard *Eagle*. "I never made that connection," remarked Fay. Next stop for Fay: *CGC Courageous* in Panama City, Fla.

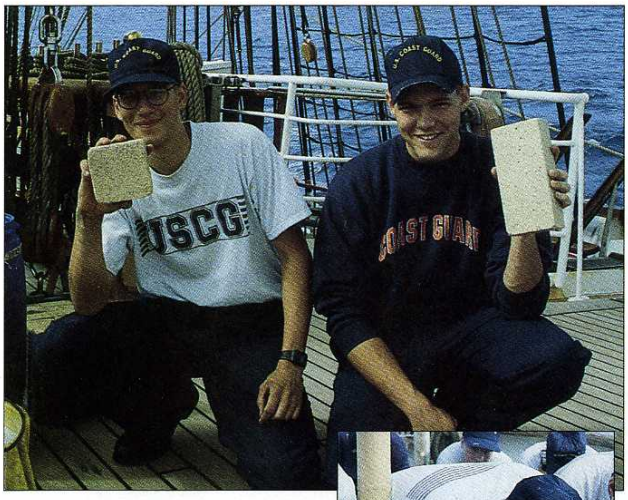
SR Kevin Fay

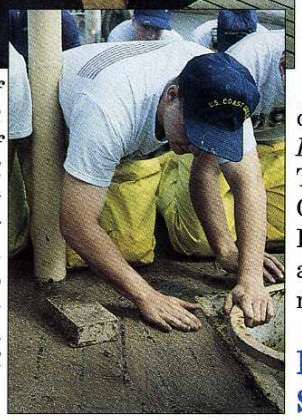
Countdown to Graduation

— On April 3, recruits were high above the Atlantic setting sails. As two recruits were descending the rigging, one said to the other, "Hey, just seven more days until graduation." The other corrected her, saying, "No, just three more days of sailing!"

Holy Stoning in the Mud —

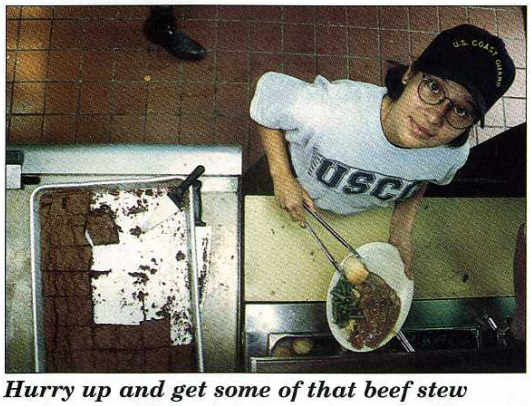
Among the many recruits who were on their hands and knees "holy stoning" was ***SR Jeff King*** of Midland, Texas. "I served in the Army eight years and I didn't like playing in the mud. [So I joined the Coast Guard and] see what it got me?" said King. At least he got a burst of laughter from fellow shipmates who were also holy stoning nearby and sharing in the misery.





Above: SR Noah Enslow of Canon City, Col., left, and SR Robert Coleman of Enterprise, Ala. are all smiles at the moment, but they'll soon be grimacing along with the recruit shown at right. "Holy stoning," also known as scrubbing the teakwood decks, is done via "holystones" (full bricks) and prayer books (half bricks).

Marriage Proposal — *SR William Gambrell, 22,* of Lady Lake, Fla. was going to ask his girlfriend, ***Jovi Rhoads***, 19, to marry him on graduation day April 10. But when she showed up at the *Eagle* a few days early, his plans changed. "The quarterdeck called and told me to get my butt up there right away," said Gambrell. "Jovi was waiting for me...and my company commander said it was OK to bring her on *Eagle* for five minutes to give her a tour." The couple walked back to the fantail, and with Gambrell wearing Coast Guard working blue and sun setting behind him, got down on one knee and asked her to marry him. "Boot camp made me realize what I really had," said Gambrell. "It seemed like it [boot camp] took forever...she was shocked and stumbled but she said yes!" After an April 14 wedding, the couple headed to Gambrell's new duty station aboard *CGC Ironwood* in Kodiak, Alaska. They met at Lake-Sumpter Community College in Leesburg, Fla. and may have a big wedding a year from now.



Hurry up and get some of that beef stew and those thick, rich brownies... they'll soon be gone with hungry recruits still on board.

Ditty Bags for the Skipper and CCs —

SR Mario Baez of Miami had a special job while aboard *Eagle*. Baez sketched and colored five ditty bags, one for Commanding Officer ***CAPT Robert J. Papp, Jr.*** and one for each company commander. "I've been drawing since I was 12," said Baez, as he worked diligently one Sunday morning on the mess deck along with ***SR Brent Miller*** of Atlanta, who was helping color the bags. "I want to be a comic book artist," continued Baez. When Baez presented CAPT Papp with a ditty bag the morning of April 6, the captain was ecstatic. "I've never had a ditty bag before!" exclaimed CAPT Papp. Thanks to the work and talent of one recruit, now he does. For Engineering Officer ***CWO4 Daniel Reynolds***, that moment was one of the highlights of the entire trip. "Seeing the look on the captain's face when he received that ditty bag...well, that was pretty memorable for me," said Reynolds. Baez will take his artistic and newly-acquired boot camp skills to *CGC Resolute* in St. Petersburg, Fla.

CAPT Papp and SR Baez

Reserve Recruit Profiles

Among the 115 recruits of Eagle Company were four new Coast Guard Reservists including: SR Joshua Hopkins, Honolulu, Hawaii; SR Lee Digiovanni, Lincoln, R.I.; SR Marcus Bay, San Antonio, Texas; and SR Rose Bunker, Santa Rosa, Calif. All are featured on our cover this month. On the following four pages are a profile of each and their unique perspectives on boot camp. Welcome aboard to all!

Reserve Recruit Profile
SR Joshua Hopkins, USCGR

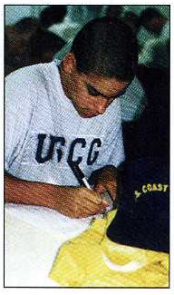
Hometown: *Honolulu, Hawaii*
Age: *18*
Boot Camp Like: *Learning how to climb on Eagle and going aloft*
Boot Camp Dislike: *Getting yelled at*
Boot Camp Rating (1-10 scale, with 10 the highest): 10
Next Step: *CGC Washington, Sand Island, Hawaii*

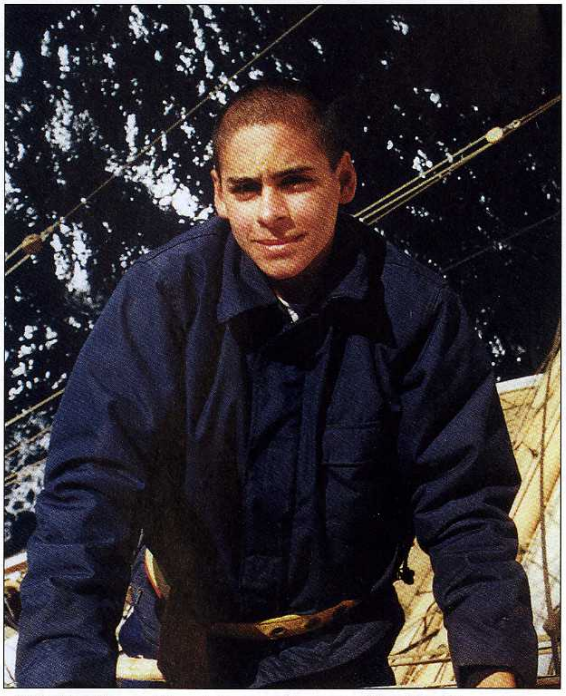
Seaman Recruit ***Joshua Hopkins*** is from a Coast Guard family. His father, ***ADCS Thomas Hopkins***, is a recruiter in D14 while his 22-year-old brother, ***Thomas,*** is a Cadet Second Class at the Coast Guard Academy. So, the younger Hopkins had a pretty good idea what he was getting into when he joined the Coast Guard. But boot camp, well, you just have to experience it.

"Boot camp was pretty stressful at times," said Hopkins, who graduated from high school in June of 1997 and worked as a lifeguard prior to the 10-week training period. "I didn't like getting yelled at. A lot of times, I wished I had never joined, but you have to do what you have to do."

But on the upside?

"I liked learning how to climb on *Eagle*," said Hopkins. "It's pretty exciting sometimes, like when you get to go aloft." Despite the rigors of boot camp, he gave it high marks.





SR Joshua Hopkins, above, climbs the rigging far above the Atlantic Ocean. At left, Hopkins fills out paper work on the mess deck. Above right: With his brother, Thomas, at the CG Academy in New London, Conn.

"On a scale of one to 10, 10 being the highest, I give boot camp a 10!" said Hopkins. "I've seen places, people, made some friends...I would recommend it if the recruit thinks he or she can handle it."

When the now semi-salty recruit Hopkins pulled into New London, he was soon able to catch up with his cadet brother. But his senior chief father wasn't at graduation – Honolulu is a long way from New London and besides, Coast Guard recruiters are busy people, especially these days.

But not to worry — the latest Hopkins family member to survive boot camp flew back home to Honolulu right after graduation. Then, as part of the RY program requirements, he served one month of active duty at his new duty station, *CGC Washington* at Sand Island, Hawaii. After that, he'll weigh his options as far as college and employment. Good luck and welcome aboard to now SN Hopkins, USCGR!

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Reserve Recruit Profile
SR Lee Digiovanni, USCGR

Hometown: *Lincoln, R.I.*
Age: *23*
Boot Camp Like: *Sailing Aboard Eagle*
Boot Camp Dislike: *Sleep deprivation and lack of respect from company commanders*
Boot Camp Rating (1-10 scale, with 10 the highest): *9*
Next Step: *Drill at CG Station Point Judith, Narraganset, R.I.*

As a licensed electrician ***Lee Digiovanni*** had already worked several years and, at 23, wanted to do something different on weekends — something for a change of pace. Having been around water his whole life, joining the CG Reserve was a natural for him.

"I have two friends who actually looked into the Coast Guard before I did," said Digiovanni. "They brought the brochures home from the recruiter."

The Coast Guard looked pretty interesting, and before he knew it, he was at TRACEN Cape May — and then a few weeks later was sailing aboard *Eagle*. Ironically, his friends had prior commitments and weren't able to join him but were slated to begin boot camp in May.

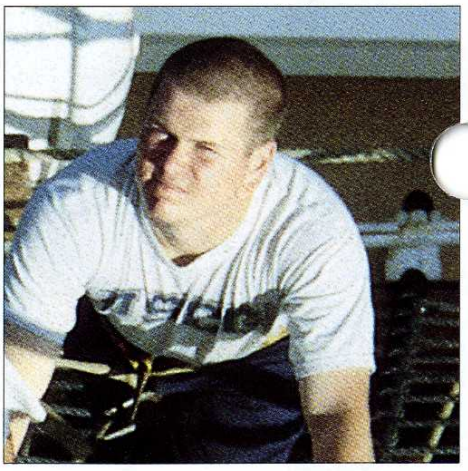
"Boot camp sure was a change of pace alright," said Digiovanni, who thought he was used to dealing with difficult situations. "When I first got to Cape May, it was a shock. I guess I kind of knew what it was going to be like, but it was a little more than I expected." The biggest adjustment for him was the lack of sleep.

"In addition to the sleep thing, it was a lack of respect from the company commanders," said Digiovanni. "I can deal with peers but I couldn't tell the CC to take a hike."

His employer, PECO Electric, was totally supportive. In fact, he says his employer loved the idea of him going through boot camp and thought it was a great idea.

"I'm lucky because I have a really good boss," said Digiovanni, who wants to continue his education and will put his CG Reserve drill money toward his Bachelors in Electrical Engineering. "As soon as I'm back from boot camp, he told me to give him a call...he said to take a couple days off first, though. He's very flexible and served in the Navy, so he understands what I've just gone through."

Digiovanni would have liked to get out more while in Martinique and Venezuela but they didn't have liberty.



SR Lee Digiovanni, USCGR

"The food has been real good too," said Digiovanni. "It just seemed repetitive...pancakes, eggs and potatoes, but I guess there's not much you can do about that."

Digiovanni says the reason he did boot camp now was because of *Eagle*. Otherwise, he would have waited until May to go through with his friends.

"Overall, I'd have to rate boot camp a nine on a one to ten scale," said Digiovanni. "The *Eagle* has lived up to its expectations."

Reserve Recruit Profile
SR Marcus Bay, USCGR

Hometown: *San Antonio, Texas*
Age: *20*
Boot Camp Like: *Liked bonding of Eagle Company and being on Eagle*
Boot Camp Dislike: *First week was hell!*
Boot Camp Rating (1-10 scale, with 10 the highest): *8 or 9*
Next Step: *BM "A" School at RTC Yorktown, Va.*

It was 72 degrees outside when ***Seaman Recruit Marcus Bay*** departed San Antonio, Texas for TRACEN Cape May in early February. So, he dressed casually, in a t-shirt and casual pants.

"It was my first time away from home and I figured I'd be issued a coat when I got to Cape May," said Bay. "By the time I got off the bus in Cape May, I was freezing!"

Welcome to the northeast and TRACEN Cape May, Seaman Recruit Bay! This is the Coast Guard, not *Baywatch*!

"At first, I thought I made the wrong choice — it was hell the first week," said Bay. "Boot camp was tough...it was cold, you had the added stress of boot camp itself, and it was my first time away from home. And breakfast, it just kept repeating and repeating [the same foods]."

Once Bay got into the "routine" of boot camp, he did just fine.

"Aboard *Eagle*, I saw shooting stars, dolphins, sunsets. Plus, I'll never forget sliding and rolling out of bed in the morning and climbing the mast. And, I liked how *Eagle* Company bonded after a while."

Yes, he did get nauseous a few times but not really seasick like many other recruits. "I only got yelled at a couple of times," remarked Bay proudly.

Bay has some funny memories of boot camp. One of them was the bad attitude of one of the boots who was reverted back to TRACEN Cape May.

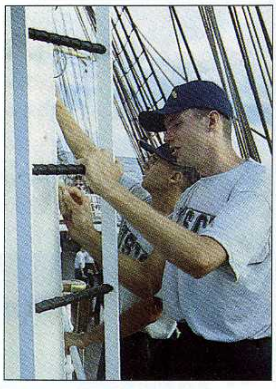
"We were trying not to laugh," said Bay of the boot's bad attitude. "The other funny thing was my company commander, Petty Officer Molly. He would be climbing up onto one of *Eagle's* yardarms with us. He would look down [at the ocean 140-feet below] and say, 'holy sheepshank!"

Bay, with nearly two years of college completed, is looking to a career in law enforcement and thought the Coast Guard would give him good background. He says despite his original misgivings when he reached Cape May, he now realizes the Coast Guard was a good choice for him.

"I plan on going back to college and will drill at the small boat station at Port O'Connor, Texas," said Bay. "Boot camp has taught me to be disciplined and to be quiet. I'm ready to be in the Coast Guard...I'm even considering going full time."

Before making that choice though, he will attend "A" school at RTC Yorktown as part of his RP program requirements.

"I'll always remember this boot camp," said Bay, referring to his experience aboard *Eagle*. "I feel we're ahead of the game [having lived aboard *Eagle*]...and this is ours."

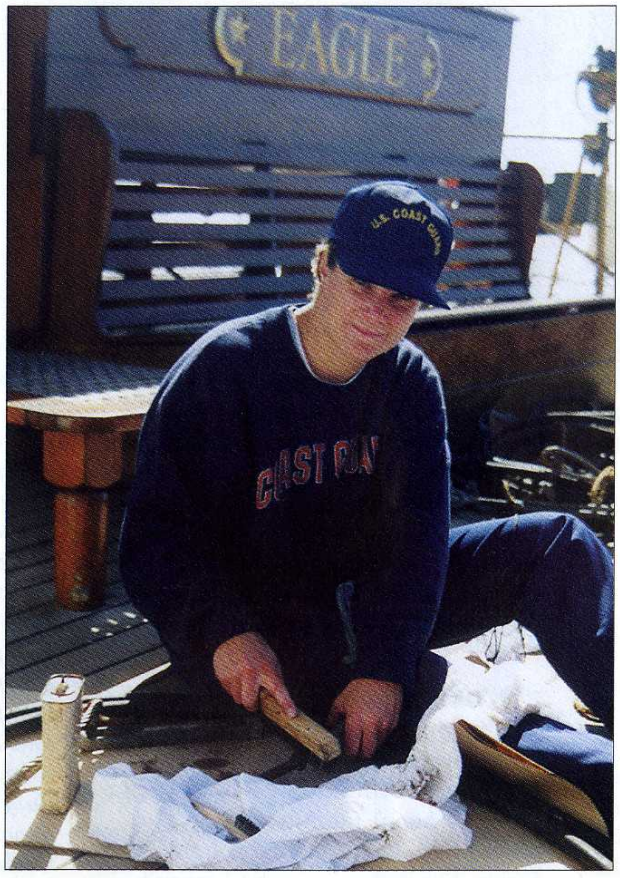


SR Bay, behind l works with a fel recruit painting Eagle's pilot house.

Editor's introductory note: On Sunday morning, March 29, I interviewed Seaman Recruit Rose Bunker, one of four reservists who were part of the recent historic boot camp aboard USCGC Eagle *(WIX 327). Bunker, 27, a resident of Santa Rosa, Calif., has a two-year degree in law enforcement from Santa Rosa Junior College, Calif. and attended the police academy there as well. She is a full-time police officer for the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART). We sat and talked on the boat deck of* Eagle *as it trekked northward under sail on the final leg of this 4,750-mile voyage. At that point, Eagle was 350 miles off the coast of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and temperatures were hovering in the high 70s. I asked her about her overall boot camp experience and her time aboard* Eagle. *Here are her responses.*

Reserve Recruit Profile
SR Rose Bunker, USCGR

Hometown: *Santa Rosa, Calif.*
Age: *27*
Boot Camp Like: *Working on Eagle, hands-on knowledge of sailing*
Boot Camp Dislike: *First few weeks were very trying & unexpected homesickness*
Boot Camp Rating (1-10 scale, with 10 the highest): *9.5*
Next Step: *BM Class "A" School at Yorktown, Va.*



SR Rose Bunker, USCGR

How did you become interested in the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve? How did you end up on the *Eagle* boot camp cruise?

I actually had an interest in the Coast Guard while I was a teenager. But, it wasn't anything that really developed until recently, when I became interested in small boat operations. Recently, while talking with a good friend of mine, we were bouncing ideas around and I said, "Hey, maybe I'll go down to the Coast Guard recruiting office and see what they have to say." I made a couple of trips down there, took the ASVAB and started learning more about what the Coast Guard does. Of course, I did all of this in my spare time...I would do all of this Coast Guard stuff and then would rush around, throw my police officer uniform on and run off to work. This was all happening in December 1997.

During that same time, I received a call from the recruiter who said a terrific opportunity had come available with the *Eagle* boot camp cruise...that cinched it for me! But it was up and down because at first, he called to ask if he should put my name on the list [for the *Eagle* cruise]. I said yes. Then, he called back and told me I wasn't going to get on *Eagle*, it was already full. My heart dropped. It was one of the huge reasons that I wanted to do boot camp at that particular time. But, he kept my name on the list anyway. Meanwhile, I was asking myself, "Do I really want to do this?" Finally, after going back and forth like this for a while, I got a phone call and the recruiter said, "You're going on the *Eagle*." I said, "I'll be there!" I've got a three-bedroom house, so I put everything in storage, left my dogs with my parents and here I am. I came in through the RP program. You attend boot camp and then soon, thereafter, attend an "A" school. For me, that will be BM "A" school at Yorktown, Va.

How was your employer about you doing this, that is, taking time off to go to boot camp?

They were really good about it. I didn't run into any snafus. There was a little bit of concern over benefits, and that sort of thing but other than that, most of my supervisors were pretty supportive. My coworkers at San Francisco Bay Area Regional Transit were very supportive. They thought it was really exciting because it's not something someone at work does everyday. All in all, they were very supportive, even though I will be gone four-and-a-half to five months.

When you got to boot camp, how was it?

Boot camp has been interesting. It's been sort of what I expected and sort of not. The first three weeks at Cape May were a little trying. It's been a little difficult, but not because of the expectations of learning the foundational information of the Coast Guard. Rather, it's been communicating and working as a team with folks that are a lot younger than I am. At 27, there are only one or two people older than I. It's been really interesting being surrounded by 17, 18 and 19 year olds.

So, the fact that you were a little older, did the boots look to you for leadership?

Not really. Actually, there's a lot less respect than I thought there would be. I thought coming in being a little older with a little life experience might work that way, but it's not been that way. I think this generation of kids is a little bit different. Perhaps they don't respect their elders as much as generations past. [Or perhaps] my expectations were just not really very realistic.

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How were the company commanders? How did they compare to your police academy experience?

I haven't had much interaction with the company commanders. They sort of leave me alone. I'm not sure if that's because of my age or if it's because I'm doing the things that they're expecting me to do. They haven't been in my face at all. They all have something to offer. Some are a little more harsh and for good reason many of the times. And, I understand the method to their madness. Some are creative with the way they get information across. It's been real interesting to see their method of instruction because I've gone to college and I've been to the police academy. Even the police academy was tough and stringent but they weren't "in your face" stringent. The negative reinforcement was more prevalent here than it was there.

What did you like and dislike about boot camp?

I think there are actually a couple of things I will take from boot camp. One thing I've liked is having the opportunity of working on *Eagle* and getting the hands-on knowledge of sailing and other things I've learned on the ship. That's one of the biggest benefits. There's nothing I really dislike. I knew what I was getting into and I expected it. The first week, actually the first couple of weeks, were very trying. One thing that I wasn't expecting was being as homesick as I was. I wasn't expecting that at all because I don't come from a real large close-knit family. I'm not terribly close with my coworkers, either. I was just like, yah, I'm going off to boot camp.

Eagle Company Award Winners

(With First Duty Station)

HONOR GRADUATES
- *SR Mark A. Harris*
Radarman "A" School, Yorktown, Va.
- *SR Roswell B. Miller*
CGC Sweetbrier, Cordova, Alaska

ACADEMICS
- *SR Roswell B. Miller*

NAVY LEAGUE AWARD WINNER
- *SR Mark A. Harris*

BEST SHIPMATE
- *SR Jennifer E. Foley*
CGC Polar Sea, Seattle, Wash.

LEADERSHIP
- *SR Kevin H. Pues**
Machinist Mate "A" School, Yorktown, Va.

SEAMANSHIP
- *SR Dustin M. Joseph*
CGC Legare, Portsmouth, Va.

** SR Pues and his wife were flown to Washington, D.C. as guests of the Commandant and were recognized during his annual State of the Coast Guard Address April 16, 1998.*

When I was actually in boot camp and away from people that I do love, it was like, wow! I wanted to pick up the phone and call my sister and say, "I really need to talk to you!" I was able to talk to her for a couple of minutes prior to boarding *Eagle*. I think we were allowed five minutes and I just said, "Hi, how are you doing!" And I talked to my niece and said, "Hi, how are you doing!" They were all excited and they're looking forward to me coming home.

Overall, what do you think you're going to take from your boot camp experience?

Overall, I think that I've learned a lot more about team work and a lot more about dealing with people. It's funny, I've grown in ways I wasn't really expecting to. I thought I'd be learning more than I have through the actual boot camp process and thought the information was going to be a little more detailed. In that way, I was a little disappointed. But then I've also picked up other things that I wasn't expecting at all like the teamwork skills, relating to the younger folks, and learning a little more patience. And, I think I've learned that I'm going to like the Coast Guard...I think I'm going to like it a lot!

Editor's concluding note: As we wrapped up the interview, SR Bunker told me that she is slated to drill as a CG Reservist with the National Strike Force at Hamilton Air Field in Novato, Calif. But first, it's off to BM "A" school at RTC Yorktown beginning April 27. I wished her well and also mentioned several other options to check out in the Reserve program, including port security units. Given her law enforcement background, I also mentioned Law Enforcement Detachments (LEDETs) if she ever chooses to go active duty. I tried to stress that she has options, especially in the age of Reserve integration. As she headed back to the galley to resume her duties, I could tell she was excited about what was beyond the horizon for her in the Coast Guard. But at that moment, all she and the other recruits with November Company 152 were thinking about was getting across the horizon to New London, Conn., graduating April 10, and then going on leave for a couple of weeks before heading off for their first duty stations. Good luck and welcome aboard to SR Bunker and all the new Coasties of November-152.

Time for a little talk and quiz aboard Eagle.

Awaiting to be pinned a Chief Petty Officer aboard Eagle on April 1 is Arnold F. Cooper, front and center. Behind Cooper are Eagle's CPOs, left to right: MKC David Fiore, BMC Gregory Vaught, FTC Robert Heffner (boot camp lead company commander), BMCS Warren Cunningham, QMC Daniel Holzemer, AGC (Chief Aerographer's Mate) David Rawls, USN, and FSC Gregory Gunn.

Pinning On Chief *Aboard Eagle*

Here is the text of CAPT Robert J. Papp, Jr.'s inspirational talk at Quarters April 1 aboard CGC Eagle while underway in the Atlantic Ocean and returning to New London, Conn. Arnold F. Cooper was about to be pinned a Chief Petty Officer. All of Eagle's Chiefs stood in front of CAPT Papp as he spoke while Eagle's crew and 115 Coast Guard Seaman Recruits looked on:

Good afternoon shipmates!

This has been a voyage of firsts, the most obvious being the first boot camp company to ever sail its entire boot camp on *Eagle*. We've probably talked about that ad nauseum but it's very special. But along with this voyage being very special, all of you have seen a lot of events that no other boot camp people see, and many people throughout their entire career do not see. The sailing, the solar eclipse, port visits, visits from admirals, ambassadors, cruise ships cruising by, helicopters flying overhead, patrol boats cruising by, all to get a look at *Eagle*, and *Eagle* company. These have been some great firsts, and some great events, and they'll serve as some great memories throughout your entire career.

But more important than any of these events we've seen throughout our time on board, this event, I hope, will be the most memorable. Certainly, in my mind, it is the most important of everything that we've done during the last couple of months that we've been underway. For today, one of my shipmates, one of our shipmates, will join the ranks of Chief Petty Officer in the United States Coast Guard. *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, if my memory serves me correctly, defines "hero" as "a person admired for their accomplishments and their qualities." Before me stand my heroes.

I think within our society today we use that word very loosely. We refer to sports heroes and heroes of other types, who, it seems to me, aren't deserving of the title. For after all, if a person can stuff a basketball through a basket and get a couple million dollars for doing that, for having fun, what is really heroic about that? My heroes have been those people throughout my career who I have observed sacrifice, dedicate their lives to

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serving their country and their service, and serving their fellow shipmates. From the time I was an ensign, until today, the Chief Petty Officers of the United States Coast Guard and Navy that I have served with have taught me. They have looked after me, and guided me throughout my career. As long as I stay in the Coast Guard, I'm sure the Chief Petty Officers will continue to do that for me. They will do that for all of you as well.

What motivates these people to sacrifice and stay in a career like this? Certainly not money! It's certainly not money! I often think it's a sense of duty, a sense of pride, a sense of accomplishment — intangible things. If companies like IBM, AT&T, McDonalds and others could find that secret, they would love to have them. And they would probably pay them a lot of money. I'm sure they spend a lot of money trying to find the secrets that motivate people to stay in a career, stay loyal to an organization for 20 years or more, at the low pay, sacrifice and separation and everything else that the Chief Petty Officers of our naval services do for our country. *If only they could find that secret.* So, that's why these people are my heroes; because of their continued sacrifice, their continued hard work and their devotion to their country, to their Service and to their shipmates.

CWO4 Daniel Reynolds, center, and MKC David Fiore, right, pin Cooper a Chief Petty Officer.

I'd like to call EM1 Cooper front and center please. Petty Officer Cooper!

Joining their ranks today is Petty Officer Cooper. In a few minutes, through almost a magical transformation, and after the reading of a few words, he will become a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Coast Guard with all the responsibilities that the title entails. We will pin the anchors and shields on his shirt and then place a cover on his head. He will assume all the responsibilities, at least outwardly, that those outward signs denote to everyone else. Those anchors are merely just a piece of metal if the qualities are not in the person within. In that regard, I can guarantee that Petty Officer Cooper has those qualities. Petty Officer Cooper has worked hard! He has sacrificed. He has studied. He has tested. He has earned the recommendation. He has competed and has now made the cut which places him in the ranks of Chief Petty Officer. I can't think of a more ideal person to take on that rank. He's been an outstanding shipmate to me, and to the rest of his *Eagle* shipmates during his entire time on board. In spite of adversity, he has worked hard. He has given his all to *Eagle* and to the Coast Guard and to his shipmates.

He's always been there to help out – sometimes I have to be very careful because if I make a suggestion, if there's something that needs to be done, I'll see him staying after work or staying at night to get things done. He does this just because he wants to get them done for his captain and for his shipmates. Not only has he worked hard for the ship, but he's also worked hard as a mentor, most obviously for Petty Officer Sims, who is now going to fleet up into the EM1 position. He has already made rank, but he is going to take over the EM1 position now and will now take on those qualities and those skills and those abilities that Petty Officer Cooper has

CAPT Robert J. Papp, Jr. reads the citation for EMC Cooper while BMCS Warren Cunningham awaits to place the CPO hat on Cooper.

taught him. This summer when we get our new EM3 aboard, which I just saw the orders for, he'll take over the role of mentor for that EM3 and pass on those things that he's learned from Petty Officer Cooper. That's the way works in the Coast Guard. We rise through the ranks; we take on responsibilities; we teach those who are going to take our place. That's probably one of the biggest roles for Chief Petty Officers: to train, to keep up the

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traditions, and to prepare those people who will eventually take our place in running this outfit that we love so much.

Having said all that, we're going to get to the official part of the ceremony. I'd like to call Chief [Dave] Fiore to take one side, Chief Warrant Officer [Daniel] Reynolds to take the other side. They will be pinning these [the anchors] on after I've finished reading. Our Command Enlisted Advisor, Senior Chief [Warren] Cunningham, will place the hat on his head to complete the act. With that, attention on deck to orders:

To all who shall see these presents, greetings. Know ye that reposing special trust and confidence, in the fidelity and abilities of Arnold F. Cooper, I do appoint him, a Chief Electrician's Mate in the United States Coast Guard, to rank as such from the first day of April 1998. This appointee will, therefore, carefully and diligently discharge the duties of the grade to which appointed, by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto pertaining. And I do strictly charge and require all personnel of lesser grade, to render obedience to appropriate orders. And this appointee is to observe and follow such orders and directions as may be given from time to time by superiors acting to the rules and articles governing the discipline of the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Given under my hand, at sea, aboard Eagle, this first day of April in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Eight. Signed, R.J. Papp, Jr., Captain, United States Coast Guard, Commanding Officer, Eagle.

Ship's company, stand, at ease! Chief Cooper, congratulations! As we're pinning these on, Senior Chief [Cunningham] informed me before coming out here that just like the traditions that I've been talking about, another tradition is being followed here and it's especially meaningful to me. One of the anchors being pinned on is brand new. The other anchor, to connect Chief Petty Officer Cooper with those who have gone before him, is an anchor that was passed down to Chief Fiore from Senior Chief Makwinski.* He was the first person I ever advanced to Chief within the Coast Guard. I was a commanding officer back in about 1980 of the Coast Guard Cutter *Red Beech*. So, this is particularly meaningful for me to have a connection like that. I talk time and time again about Senior Chief Makwinski and how much he meant to me in my career. He meant a lot to Chief Fiore...Chief Fiore was a First Class when he served with Senior Chief Makwinski aboard *Dallas* and now we have that to pass onto another new Chief Petty Officer. I think that's a great thing.

You've already completed the act *[of placing the hat on Chief Cooper's head]*. Thank you Senior Chief. With that, I want to offer my personal congratulations. This is a great day for me and I hope it's a great day for Chief Petty Officer Cooper.

Petty Officer [Jeremy] Huftalan! I believe we'll wrap things up with three cheers for Chief Petty Officer Cooper.

Aye Captain! Aye! Three cheers for Chief Cooper! Hip hip...hooray! Hip, hip...hooray! Hip, hip...hooray! Rah!

** Senior Chief Makwinski referred to here is MKCS Wayne "Mack" Makwinski, who retired from the Coast Guard in the mid-1990s. He now lives on Long Island, N.Y.*

"Three cheers for Chief Cooper! Hip Hip Hooray!" cheers the crew and Eagle Company boot campers, left, after Cooper is pinned a CPO.

Eagle's Summer Port Calls 1998

- Depart CG Academy New London, Conn., May 16
- New York, N.Y., May 18-22
- Washington, D.C., May 27-30 (Commandant's Change of Command)
- San Juan , P.R., June 12-15
- Miami, Fla., June 23-27
- Savannah, Ga., July 3-6
- Boston, Mass, July 24-27
- Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 31-Aug. 3
- Portland, Maine, Aug. 7-10
- Arrive CG Academy New London, Conn., Aug. 15

Sail On Next Month, Part II: The Crew

TRACEN Cape May turns... 50!

USCG photos

1948: Cape May Receiving Center shortly after the USCG took over.

By DP1 Yvette Tramontano, USCGR
RESERVIST MAGAZINE STAFF WRITER

Cape May! Just hearing the name conjures up images of boot camp for many Coast Guard personnel. On May 31, the Training Center celebrates its 50th year of continuous operation.

Prior to falling into the capable hands of the Coast Guard, Cape May belonged to the Marines, then the Navy. Regardless of who has had "ownership" of Cape May, it has always been used for some type of training.

The first Marine Aeronautical Company trained and flew seaplane operations at Cape May beginning Oct. 14, 1917.

USCG photo

1956: A veteran BMC instructs recruits how to secure a line to a cleat in a class on boat and deck seamanship. Boot camp at that time was 12 weeks.

The Marines trained here later fought in Europe during World War I. In December 1917, the Navy began to use the site as well for seaplanes and "lighter-than-air" dirigible anti-submarine patrols. Called Camp Wissahickon by the Navy, activities continued here until 1922.

In 1926, the second Coast Guard Air Station was founded here (the first was at Gloucester, Mass.) to deter rumrunners. The air station's first commanding officer was ***CDR Carl C. Von Paulsen***, a pioneer in CG aviation. He was relieved by ***LCDR Elmer F. Stone***, Coast Guard Aviator #1 and one of the pilots of the Navy NC-4 Curtis Seaplane that made the first successful trans-Atlantic crossing in 1919. Stone was relieved by ***CAPT Richard L. Burke***, who set a national and international speed record with 500 kilograms of payload at 174 mph on June 25, 1935, at Cape May. Two days later, he set the world record for altitude for amphibian planes at 18,100 feet. For training purposes, an aviation school for enlisted personnel was founded at Cape May in 1934. The Air Station was decommissioned in 1938 due to a lack of funding. However, air patrol detachments were maintained at Cape May until 1941. During World War II, the Navy used Cape May again, this time for training pilots in aircraft carrier operations. The unique position of Cape May on the Atlantic provided excellent simulated conditions.

Coast Guard Receiving Center Cape May, N.J. officially opened May 31, 1948. It later changed its name to Training Center Cape May and is now the Service's only recruit training facility. Prior to that, the east coast's recruit training facility was located at Mayport, Fla. while the west coast's was based at Alameda, Calif. The World War II vintage buildings were eventually replaced by mod-

1970: Many new buildings had popped up. In front is CGC Unimak, used at that time for training reservists.

structures. On Dec. 18, 1957, several 200-person classrooms were dedicated. In 1968, the administration building was dedicated and a new hangar was then built for CG Air Station Cape May, recommissioned July 17, 1969. In the late 1960s, three 500-person recruit barracks and housing facilities were constructed. Cape May is also home to *CGC's Vigorous, Point Batan, Point Franklin, Point Highland, Matinicus* and *Hornbeam*, CG Station Cape May, Group Cape May and ANT Cape May. On April 28 of this year, the air station was once again decommissioned as it is moved to a new facility at Atlantic City, N.J.

The recruit training program spans eight weeks and covers such areas as: military customs and courtesies, fire fighting, damage control, marksmanship, physical fitness, seamanship, first aid, and Coast Guard history. Boot camp is designed to test recruits' abilities to react under extremely stressful situations. It is theorized that if recruits can react positively under closely supervised, stressful situations in basic training, the same would hold true later when they enter the field. About 3,500 to 5,500 recruits pass through Cape May annually. Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination (REBI) is also held at TRACEN. It is a two-week program that introduces new Reserve RX enlisted personnel to the Coast Guard.

On Sunday, May 31, TRACEN Cape May will celebrate its 50th birthday. Friends and families of the Coast Guard are welcome to come celebrate beginning at 1 p.m. with a training center open house. Other activities include a mini-band concert, an air-sea rescue demo in the harbor, pig roast, postal stamp cancellation and sidewalk sale. A Sunset Parade starting at 7:50 p.m. will conclude the day followed by a short reception at the Harborview Community Club. ■

CDR John Long, USCGR

1997: Recruits in formation on the parade field at TRACEN Cape May during a summer boot camp graduation. Behind them is Healy Hall, one of three recruit barracks built in the late 1960s and named after Coast Guard heroes SM 1/c Douglas Munro, USCG; CAPT Joshua James, U.S. Lifesaving Service & CAPT Michael Healy, U.S. Revenue Cutter Service.

It's Citizen-Sailor time!

For the fifth consecutive year, *The Reservist* will salute the Citizen-Sailor in the September 1998 issue. This year's theme is *"My Civilian Occupation."* Send us a brief account (150 words or less) of what you do as a civilian with a photo of you busily at work. Deadline is Aug. 1, 1998. Mail to:

Commandant (G-WTR-2)
USCG Headquarters
2100 Second Street, SW
Washington, DC 20593-0001
ATTN: Citizen-Sailor

Friends of the Coast Guard

We all know them...people who never served in the Coast Guard but love and support it. Many times, we see them at changes of command and other Coast Guard functions. We'd like to feature some of these *"Friends of the Coast Guard"* in an issue next fall. If you know of any of these folks, drop us a line or send in a submission by Oct. 15, 1998 to: Commandant, G-WTR-2, USCG Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. 202-267-1991.

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081528Z APR 98	ALCOAST 035/98, COMDTNOTE 5354	NATIONAL ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH (MAY 1998)
071907Z APR 98	ALCOAST 034/98, COMDTNOTE 5700	1997 NAVY LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS
071747Z APR 98	ALDIST 094/98, COMDTNOTE 5420	SOLICITATION FOR CAPT EDWARD R. WILLIAMS CG RESERVE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
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031635Z APR 98	ALCOAST 030/98, COMDTNOTE 5223	COAST GUARD WORKFORCE CULTURAL AUDIT (WCA) UPDATE
031525Z APR 98	ALCOAST 029/98	COMMAND MASTER CHIEF PROGRAM
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312021Z MAR 98	ALCGENL 022/98	JOINT RATINGS REVIEW
302055Z MAR 98	ALCOAST 022/98, COMDTNOTE 1754	FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM, COMDTINST 1750.7B, (CH-1)
301306Z MAR 98	ALCGPERSCOM 028/98	FY97 AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING RECRUITING EFFORTS
261754Z MAR 98	ALDIST 085/98, COMDTNOTE 1754	WORK-LIFE SURVEY
261740Z MAR 98	ALCGENL 018/98	RECALL OF ENLISTED RESERVISTS TO EXTENDED ACTIVE DUTY (EAD)
252340Z MAR 98	ALDIST 082/98, COMDTNOTE 8000	1998 U.S. COAST GUARD PACIFIC FLEET RIFLE AND PISTOL MATCHES
241820Z MAR 98	ALDIST 074/98, COMDTNOTE 7220	MANDATORY DIRECT DEPOSIT
231529Z MAR 98	ALDIST 073/98, COMDTNOTE 16114	BOAT CREW TRAINING AND PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM UPDATE
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181955Z MAR 98	ALDIST 066/98, COMDTNOTE 16000	DEEPWATER PROJECT UPDATE NO. 003
181835Z MAR 98	ALCGPERSCOM 027/98, COMDTNOTE 1401	PY 99 RESERVE ENLISTED-TO-WARRANT OFFICER APPOINTMENT BOARD
181340Z MAR 98	ALDIST 063/98, COMDTNOTE 1401	RECALL OF RESERVE OFFICERS TO EXTENDED ACTIVE DUTY (EAD)
172039Z MAR 98	ALCGOFF 013/98	OFFICER EVALUATION SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION ISSUES
172002Z MAR 98	ALDIST 062/98, COMDTNOTE 1650	MILITARY AWARDS PROCESS STREAMLINING
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Reserve Admin Study Team: Update #2

The Reserve Admin Study Team met for the second time during late February at HRSIC in Topeka, Kan. During this second phase, the study team focused on:

- ***Reviewing pay and personnel procedures, processes, and standards of service for the other Reserve Components and the civilian sector.***
- ***Reviewing data from HRSIC on actual performance levels for PERSRUs. This included error rates and cycle time for reserve pay processes.***
- ***Conducting a gap analysis and identifying areas of improvement for pay and personnel procedures that were targeted by team members. They include: ADT orders/processes, annual point statements, IDT berthing, address changes, RET-2 notification, and officer/enlisted assignments.***
- ***Drafting optimal procedures for the targeted process.***
- ***Establishing standards of service for targeted processes.***

The study team distributed their findings to a sample group of CG members and commands for comments. The data gathered from this review will be used to further refine the process. The team is scheduled to meet again during May to establish an implementation plan and measures of effectiveness. A comprehensive article on the conclusions and recommendations of the Reserve Admin study will be published later in the fall.

— LCDR Kevin Pratt, G-WTR-1, E--mail: kpratt@comdt.uscg.mil

SGLI corrections

The following is a correction/clarification to the article that appeared in the April 1998 issue. Public Law 104-275, dated Oct. 9, 1996 changed the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) with respect to Retired Reserve (RET-2) status within a uniform service. This change does not allow a member to continue to carry SGLI past the initial 120 days after separation. If a member wants to maintain insurance coverage, they must convert to Veteran's Group Life Insurance (VGLI). The following options are available:

(1) Member has 120 days to convert SGLI to VGLI with no medical questions on the application

(2) If not converted during the initial 120 days, the member has up to one year to convert, to answer medical questions on the application

(3) convert to a whole life policy

The cost of VGLI will depend on the person's age and amount of insurance coverage elected and is renewable every five years. For more information, contact the Office of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance at 1-800-473.

— LT Ruby Collins, G-WTR-1
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Green Reserve ID

The Reserve Forces ID card is being changed from red to green to match the color of Active Component cards. New ID cards will eventually be issued to all members of the SELRES, the IRR and the Standby Reserve (Active Status). Red ID cards will continue to be issued to Gray-Area retirees (RET-2). Although the color of the ID card is changing, current benefits, entitlements or requirements to update the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) will not change. New ID cards will be issued over a two-to five-year period beginning in June 1998. During the phase-in period, the new ID card will be issued as follows: new recruits; change in personal ID information (promotion or advancement); expiration of enlistment; and lost or stolen cards. ***The new green Reserve ID card should not be issued solely to change cards from red to green.*** Refer to ALDIST 108/98, COMDTNOTE 5527 or contact CWO Randy Cornell, 202-267-2257, E-mail: *rcornell@comdt.uscg.mil* or LT Ruby Collins at 202-267-0629, E-mail: *rcollins@comdt.uscg.mil*

Upcoming Events

MAY 1998

■ **MAY IS NATIONAL ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** — This year's theme is "Asian Pacific Americans — One Vision, One Mission, One Voice. See ALCOAST 028/97 for more information.

■ **NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK** — May 16-22. This year's theme is "Boat Smart from the Start: Wear Your Life Jacket." Contact: National Safe Boating Council, PO Box 8510, Lexington, KY 40533-8510. 606-226-9451 or -800-806-9468. E-mail: *nsbcdirect@aol.com*

■ **MCPO-CG RETIREMENT & RELIEF CEREMONY** — Friday, May 22, 10 a.m. at TISCOM Alexandria, 7323 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, Va. MCPO-CG Rick Trent's relief will be MCPO Vincent Patton. ALCOAST 013/98, COMDTNOTE 1401. 202-267-2397 for information.

■ **COMMANDANT'S CHANGE-OF-COMMAND CEREMONY** — Friday, May 29, 12 noon, at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C. (next door to CG HQ). ADM Robert E. Kramek will be relieved by VADM James M. Loy *(see ALCOAST 009/98). CGC Eagle* will be in D.C. for this event.

■ **TRACEN CAPE MAY 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** — Sunday, May 31, gates open at 1 p.m., opening ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Events include air sea rescue demo, pig roast and sunset parade (weather permitting). Contact: TRACEN Cape May, 1 Munro Ave., Cape May, N.J. 08204-5002. POC is CWO3 Bill Carson, 609-898-6969.

JUNE 1998

■ **USCG ENLISTED PERSONS OF THE YEAR** — Both Active & Reserve Coast Guard EPOYs will be honored the week of June 8-14 at CGHQ in Washington, D.C. For information, contact Office of the MCPO-CG, at 202-267-2397.

■ **WOODEN BOAT SHOW** — June 27-28, at Inland Seas Maritime Museum, Vermilion, OH. 1-800-893-1485.

JULY 1998

■ **ROA NATIONAL CONVENTION** — July 1-4, at Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass. Contact: ROA, 1 Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. 202-479-2200. FAX: 202-479-0416. Web: *www.roa.org*

■ **AMERICA SAIL 98** — Savannah is hosting tall ships from around the world this Fourth of July including *CGC Eagle (WIX 327)*! Event dates are July 2-6. Contact: Savannah Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, P.O. Box 1628, Savannah, GA 31402-1628. 1-800-444-2427. **E-mail:** *cvb@savga.com*

■ **FESTIVAL OF TALL SHIPS '98** — July 16-21, at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, IL. Nine tall ships, coincides with Chicago to Mackinac Race. 312-595-PIER. Web: *www.navypier.com*

■ **SOUTH HAVEN TALL SHIPS RENDEZVOUS** — July 25-27, Michigan Maritime Museum, P.O. Box 534, South Haven, MI 49090. 1-800-747-3810.

■ **NATIONAL NAVAL OFFICERS ASSOC. CONFERENCE** — July 22-25, NAB Coronado, San Diego, Calif. Contact CG Rep: CAPT Charles Williams, 510-437-3224.

■ **COAST GUARD FESTIVAL** — Is scheduled for July 24-Aug. 2 in Grand Haven, Mich. Parade and fireworks are Saturday, Aug. 1. Entire Coast Guard family is welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact: U.S. Coast Guard Festival, P.O. Box 694, Grand Haven, MI 49417. 616-846-5940; 1-888-207-2434. Web: *http://www.grandhaven.com/uscgfest*

■ **WISCONSIN SESQUICENTENNIAL MARITIME FESTIVAL** — July 31-Aug. 2, tall ships from Great Lakes Region along with *Wisconsin's Flagship* will be open for public tours on Milwaukee, Wis. waterfront. Contact: Wisconsin Lake Schooner Education Assoc., 500 N. Harbor Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53202. 414-276-7700. FAX: 414-276-8838.

AUGUST 1998

■ **LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL** — Aug. 8, Fort Wilkens State Park, Copper Harbor, MI 906-475-4857.

■ **NATIONAL CPOA CONVENTION 98** — Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 30th annual, Clarion Hotel, Mobile, Ala. Also, Mobile CPOA Chapter is holding its 20th annual Old Timers Picnic at ATC Mobile Sept. 5. Call BMCS Crowley at 334-649-8800.

SEPTEMBER 1998

■ **CG CEA RESERVE FORCES RETIREMENT & RELIEF CEREMONY** — Sept. 4 at CGHQ, Room 2415, Washington, D.C. Time to be announced. MCPO George P. Ingraham will relieve MCPO Bill Phillips (see page 23). Contact MCPO Phillips, 202-267-6844. See ALCOAST 042/98.

OCTOBER 1998

■ **SERVICEWIDE EXAM 1998** — SWEs for reservists in all ratings, E-5 through E-9 will be administered on a Saturday in October (usually third weekend), so keep your calendar clear if you plan on taking the test. To be eligible, members must complete performance quals, MRN & rating courses by June 30.

■ **NAVAL ENLISTED RESERVE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE** — Oct. 20-24 at Western Hills Guest Ranch, Wagoner, Okla. Contact: NERA, 6703 Farragut Ave., Falls Church, VA 22042-2189. 703-534-1329 or 800-776-9020; FAX: 703-534-3617. . E-mail: NERABOB @aol.com Web: *www.nera.org/nera.*

NEW CGR WEB SITE ADDRESS: http://www.uscg.mil/reserve

Reserve Enlisted Advancements*

Effective 1 May 1998

Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9)

Rate	Name	SSAN	District
SKCM	Piazza, L.R.	6282	D8

Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8)

Rate	Name	SSAN	District
BMCS	Mitchell, W.W.	0283	D1
DCCS	Young, J.J.	1618	D9
FSCS	Wall, J.A.	6945	D9
HSCS	Schnetzler, K.S.	8876	D1
IVCS	Rehbein, E.H.	6492	Invst SE
MKCS	Davis, R.W.	9987	D8
MKCS	Arruda, D.R.	1315	D1
SKCS	Ewen, R.W.	5236	MLCPAC

Chief Petty Officer (E-7)

Rate	Name	SSAN	District
BMC	Ledford, S.L.	6783	D13
BMC	Seng, D.R.	9153	D5
BMC	Doerning, D.A.	2776	D1
DCC	Harold, K.D.	2003	D11
HSC	Brzezicki, M.J.	9408	D8
IVC	Evans, N.C.	3766	Invst Chr
IVC	Long, T.H.	6161	Invst SE
IVC	Wood, W.J.	7808	Invst SE
IVC	Coffman, J.S.	0963	Invst Gulf
MKC	Hill, R.L.	2218	D8
MKC	Taylor, R.A.	1098	D11
MKC	Wood, C.W.	8604	D7
MKC	McQuillen, J.P.	7821	D7
PSC	Kapperman, R.A.	2474	D7
PSC	Holland, S.K.	3036	D8
PSC	Uebersax, E.L.	0184	CG Yard
PSC	Dickson, S.C.	9490	D1
PSC	Ferguson, R.C.	2466	D9
PSC	Pettis, S.R.	8388	D8
PSC	Drugman, J.S.	0957	D8
SKC	Ferriera, J.E.	0662	RTC
SKC	Butler, Y.	8517	PAC
SKC	Vivas, P.A.	2009	HQ
SKC	Pallon, M.E.	7662	D1

Petty Officer First Class (E-6)

Rate	Name	SSAN	District
ET1	Citak, P.J.	6578	MLCLANT
ET1	Adams, V.A.	4630	MLCLANT
ET1	Lynch, L.D.	5032	MLCPAC
ET1	Cantrell, S.V.	0028	MLCLANT
ET1	McCormack, D.P.	1993	MLCLANT
ET1	Eastman, S.E.	2697	D7
FS1	Smith, T.V.	5076	D13
PS1	Minard, R.J.	7573	D7
PS1	Douglas, J.R.	7244	D8
PS1	Morton, R.T.	2035	D1
PS1	Arbogast, J.A.	8854	D11
PS1	Beverly, J.D.	0880	D8
PS1	Corfman, M.A.	8125	LANT
SK1	Whitted, G.R.	7695	D5
SK1	Jones, L.	3799	MLCLANT
SK1	Wyatt, D.J.	4817	D8
SK1	Slaughter, J.R.	6540	D11
SK1	Gandy, C.L.	5901	D8
SK1	Gentry, C.R.	3002	MLCP
SK1	Kite, N.P.	8589	HRSIC

Petty Officer Second Class (E-5)

Rate	Name	SSAN	District
ET2	Stephan, K.A.	9850	MLCPAC
ET2	Tillman, S.E.	7469	RTC
ET2	Hilsberg, S.D.	2656	MLCLANT
ET2	Gill, A.R.	1310	D14
ET2	Baker, L.A.	2772	MLCLANT
ET2	Kreft, E.	0989	MLCPAC
PS2	Brannon, M.J.	9352	D7
PS2	Duncan, G.A.	2182	D11
PS2	McLane, S.E.	2193	D7
PS2	Baltar, J.R.	8870	D7
PS2	Thomason, J.S.	1882	D13
PS2	Calmon, T.M.	3801	D1
PS2	Langley, G.E.	3421	D5
PS2	Awalt, D.	3998	D1
PS2	Hendrix, J.T.	2658	D7
YN2	Daqust, M.B.	4268	MLCLANT

Petty Officer Third Class (E-4) (Reserve Striker List)

Rate	Name	SSAN	District
BM3	Murphy, J.B.	4694	D7
FS3	Schaal, D.G.	1816	D1
MK3	Muething, L.N.	8289	D7
PS3	Merritt, F.R.	4348	D7

** Refer to COMCOGARD PERSCOM LTR 1430 of 17 Dec. 1997 (Eligibility List) & ALCGRSV 007/98 UNCLAS N01430 for more information. Names listed in rate rank order.*

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By MCPO William C. Phillips

Reserve Forces Command Master Chief

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By the end of May, the top leadership of the Coast Guard will have changed. ***ADM Robert E. Kramek*** is passing the reigns of Commandant to ***ADM (select) James M. Loy*** on May 29 while ***MCPO-CG Eric A. Trent*** is passing the torch of the Coast Guard's top enlisted person to ***MCPO Vincent W. Patton*** May 22. Congratulations to all and special thanks to ADM Kramek and MCPO-CG Trent for all of their support and dedication over the course of their careers and especially during the last four years. With ADM (sel) Loy and MCPO Patton taking the helm, the future of the Coast Guard is in excellent hands.

While we are on the theme of change, make sure you take a look at ALCOAST 042/98, and the article below, announcing the selection of ***MCPO George Ingraham*** for my position as Reserve Forces Command Master Chief. MCPO Ingraham will assume his new duties at a retirement and relief ceremony set for Sept. 4, 1998 here at Headquarters. Congratulations to MCPO Ingraham and thank you to all the applicants. It was tough competition, especially among the top three candidates: ***MCPO Gary Crocker***, ***MCPO Jan Kielpinski*** and ***MCPO Ingraham***.

After looking at this issue, you're probably well aware that TRACEN Cape May conducted a boot camp underway on *CGC Eagle* (WIX 327). November-152, also known as *Eagle* Company, graduated from the CG Academy on April 10. Congratulations to *Eagle* Company! I know that everyone assigned to TRACEN Cape May is working long, hard, hours to give the field dedicated and trained men and women for *Team Coast Guard*. I salute TRACEN Cape May as they celebrate 50 years of training our up and coming Coasties on May 31!

One other note on Cape May. Perhaps you have heard of ERTAC (Enlisted Recruit Training Advisory Committee). Now ERTAC has a new name and is called the Non-Rate Advisory Committee (NAC) . What NAC does is act as a conduit of information between the field, recruiting and the training command. For example, a field unit can give feedback on how a new apprentice is doing and what the training command might do differently to prepare recruits for service in the field. Suggestions like this go through NAC, then to the TRACEN and on to recruiters in the field. NAC also researches and recommends changes that can be made at the boot camp level. Congratulations to Coast Guard Reservist ***MCPO Jeff Miller***, the new chairman of NAC.

During March, I was on the west coast for the D11 CEA Collateral Duty Conference, attended by active and reserve chiefs, senior chiefs and master chiefs. They discussed issues confronting the enlisted workforce. After that, I was in D13 where I attended their Enlisted Person of the Year banquet. ***RADM David Spade***, D13 Commander and ***MCPO David Ojeda***, put on a very impressive event.

Watch next month's issue of *The Reservist* for our national EPOY winners who will be honored in Washington, D.C. the week of June 8-14. Finally, congratulations to all reservists who were advanced on May 1, 1998. The list is published opposite this column. Until next time, stay Semper Paratus!

Relieves MCPO Phillips Sept. 4

Ingraham selected for Reserve Forces CMC

MCPO George P. Ingraham has been selected to relieve ***MCPO William C. Phillips*** as the third Reserve Forces Command Master Chief. The relief and retirement ceremony will be conducted Sept. 4, 1998 at CG Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Ingraham was selected for the position from a group of outstanding master chiefs by an HQ panel than convened April 1. Three finalists were interviewed April 7-9.

Ingraham, who went through basic training in June 1962 at Alameda, Calif., is currently serving as the 11th District Reserve Command Enlisted Advisor. Prior assignments include:

MCPO George P. Ingraham

MSO San Francisco, PACAREA Intelligence (Pi), Naval Coastal Warfare Group 1 and Harbor Defense Command 111. He also deployed with PSU 303 to Dammam, Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. He earned B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of San Francisco, and is currently employed as a Supervisor and Trainer with the San Jose, Calif. Police Department. He has 32 years experience in law enforcement.

Ingraham lives in Gilroy, Calif. and is married to the former ***Carolyn Tincher*** of Los Altos, Calif. They have two sons: ***David*** and ***Troy***. ALCOAST 042/98 announced his selection as Coast Guard Reserve Forces Command Master Chief.

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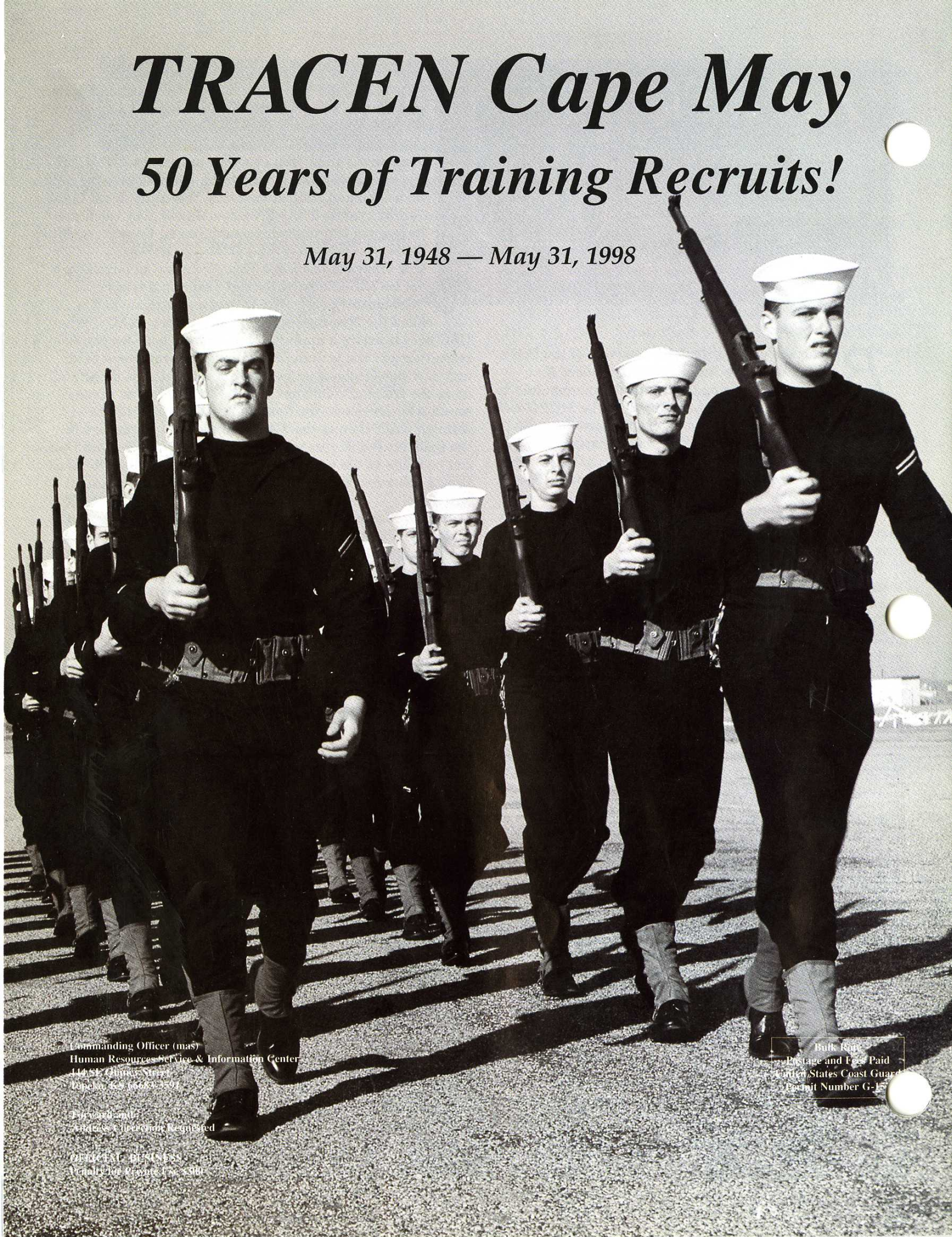

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