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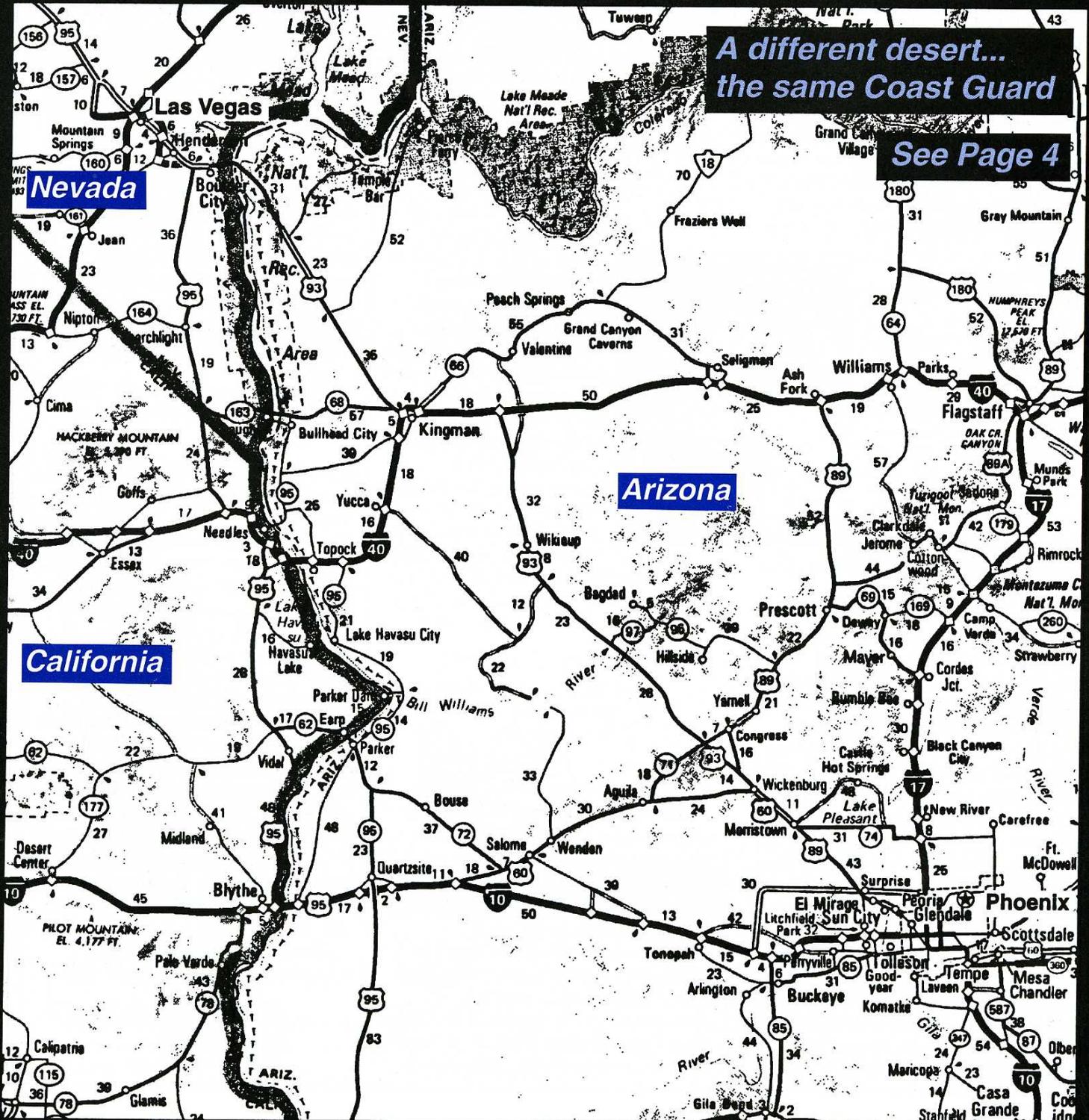
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Your Turn...

Golden Anniversary issue: 1970s augmentation's birth?

Editor's note: This letter, dated March 29, 1991, was addressed to RADM John Faigle, former Chief, Office of Readiness and Reserve, at that time. A response from RADM Faigle follows.

Dear RADM Faigle:

You and your staff are to be congratulated on the splendid issue of *The Coast Guard Reservist* marking the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Coast Guard Reserve. As an active participant from 1942 to 1972, I thoroughly enjoyed reviewing this history of what I consider to be the most thrilling experience of my life.

Although I do not wish to take anything away from the foregoing, I must take issue with the statement on page nine, "The 1970s: the birth of augmentation."

Actually, this concept was conceived in 1959 by CDR George E. MacGarvey of the Reserve Division at Headquarters. It was his idea that operational Reserve units could be created that would augment the activities of the regular Coast Guard. It was with this in mind that I was approached with an offer to be named Commanding Officer of the first such unit; an ORTUR that would be created to work with the Rescue Coordination Center in New York City.

Although it was necessary for me to give up my flight pay as instrument training instructor for Navy Squadron VF-836 at NAS New York, I was attracted by the challenge of trying to accomplish a new objective for the Coast Guard Reserve. Thus, I accepted the offer. Moreover, I was given full latitude to choose and recruit personally the personnel. Thus, it was possible to assemble an outstanding group.



Despite this there were certain problems to overcome due to suspicion as to our capabilities.

We had one important factor going for us. CDR Norman L. Horton, Chief of Search & Rescue for Coast Guard Eastern Area, gave his full support to our efforts even to the point of giving me space in his own office. Working closely with him, it was possible to train our personnel alongside his to the point that by 1960, we not only augmented the regular RCC staff on weekends when the case load increased substantially; but, also, actually took over the complete responsibility for the RCC during those periods.

I am attaching a letter dated March 7, 1962 from Headquarters which I believe supports the results of this operational augmentation concept together with an excerpt from

the Eastern Inspector's report of Feb. 13, 1962. It is stated, "This was a truly operational unit." Nothing in my lengthy Reserve career equals the pride that I feel in having had a part in the implementation of this augmentation concept. It demonstrates the importance of the regular active duty establishment and the reservists working together for the

overall benefit of our nation as you have done so splendidly during the [recent] Gulf War conflict, "Desert Storm."

— CAPT Norbert W. Muench,
USCGR(Ret.)
Seminole, Fla.

Dear CAPT Muench:

This letter is in response to your correspondence of March 29, 1991. It was most thoughtful of you to send such a positive commentary regarding our new *Reservist*. I have passed your compliments on to my staff.

You raised the issue of possible inaccuracy regarding our reporting "The 1970's..." as "...the birth of augmentation." It was in 1970, under then Commandant ADM W. J. Smith, that the augmentation concept was

officially established as the method by which our Reserve presently receives its training and bonds with the active duty.

I would hasten to add my concurrence with your explanation of the initiation of the local operational augmentation that you and your unit performed. Were it not for people like yourself who were willing to "get involved" and "make things happen" with the active duty Coast Guard, we would not have had the excellent foundation for our eventual program-wide use of the augmentation concept. Your contributions were put to good use.

I am sure you will be interested to know that your letter will appear in the "Your Turn" section of a coming issue of the *Reservist* magazine. I think you made a very valuable point and should be recognized for your involvement in laying the groundwork for today's formal augmentation training program.

Again, I appreciate your interest and concern and am grateful for your continued support of our people.

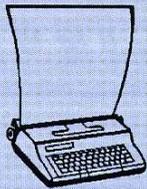
— RADM John N. Faigle, USCG
Former Chief, Office of G-R

Ringling In Our 50th Year

You did a fine job on your article "Ringling In Our 50th Year" in *The Reservist* of February / March 1991. I wish to add two items to that article, with the request that those additions be published in a timely edition of *The Reservist*. I would like to acknowledge and honor the dedicated, professional and often heroic activities of all those Coast Guardsmen, reservists and regulars, who served so well in the Coast Guard Army Manning Detachment, in U.S. Army transportation vessels and ashore, in the Marshall Islands, New Guinea and the Philippines etc. in the Pacific — and previously, even before World War II began, in the North Atlantic based in Greenland and Iceland.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these important details.

— CDR Harry H. Sandidge, Jr.,
USCGR (Ret.)
Richmond, Va.



Editor's Turn... *The Desert Coast Guard*

Now that Desert Storm has subsided and our Coast Guard Reserve PSUs have safely returned to the United States, our attention turns once again to the Coast Guard at home. Even while Desert Storm was raging, Coast Guard Reservists in another desert, the one located in the southwestern United States, were quietly going about their business of law enforcement and ensuring boating safety on the Colorado River. The story of RU Phoenix and the Desert Coast Guard begins on Page 4.

This issue also marks the first time our Coast to Coast Reserve section contains an item from *all* districts as well as CG Headquarters. Our hats are off to you, our readers, for helping us reach this goal through your contributions to *The Reservist*. A photo feature from the National Victory Celebration in Washington, D.C. graces our middle pages (Page 12-13).

We also bring you an interview with RADM Bennett S. Sparks, whose Coast Guard career began in 1942 and stretched through 1989. A *Coast Guard Reserve Legend Lives On* begins on Page 20. In order to bring you this exclusive interview, we postponed the final installment of the retirement series until our September issue. A special postmark designed for our Golden Anniversary in Grand Haven is on the back cover...and we hope you can make it to Grand Haven for the CG Festival and CG Reserve reunion in late July and early August.

— Ed Kruska, USCGR

It's CG Festival time!



The annual Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, Mich., is almost here! Festival dates are Friday, July 26, through Sunday, Aug. 4. Below are some scheduled festival events:

- Carnival.....July 29-Aug. 3
- CG Art Show.....July 29-Aug. 3
- CG Queen's Pageant.....Aug. 1
- Memorial Service.....Aug. 2
- CG Reserve Reunion.....Aug. 2

This reunion is scheduled for 1-3 p.m. at Mulligan's Hollow. It is a reunion for ALL Coast Guard Reservists nationwide — and all are invited!

- Arts & Crafts Show.....Aug. 2-3
- 10K Race.....Aug. 3
- Grand Parade.....Aug. 3
- Fireworks.....Aug. 3

The CGC ACACIA and CGC MACKINAW are scheduled to make port calls, as well as the *Providence*, a "tall ship" from the east coast.

A special CGR 50th postmark will be offered from Grand Haven (See back cover for details).

For more information, contact the Coast Guard Festival Committee at (616) 846-5940.

CGHQ picnic Aug. 3

Alexandria Information Systems Center will once again host the Coast Guard Headquarters picnic Aug. 3, beginning at 11 a.m. Cost is \$2 for active military, reservists and retired military and civilians. Children 13 and under are free. For tickets or more information, contact LTJG Bob Gonzalas at Commandant (G-PE), USCG Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20593-0001 or call (202) 267-1595.



Coast Guard Day



August 4

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Always Ready*

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On the cover

This American Automobile Association map shows the southwestern United States, which happens to be the operational area for RU Phoenix. The story of "The Desert Coast Guard" begins on Page 4. This map was used with permission of AAA.

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RU Phoenix gets the job done in the American southwest desert

By LCDR Dennis Godfrey,
Reserve Group San Diego

Coast Guard Reservists in Arizona have heard all the comments: What's the Coast Guard doing in the desert? Where's the coast? What are you guarding — the Salt River (a dry riverbed running through Phoenix)?

In response, the 85 members of RU Phoenix have adopted the seemingly contradictory nickname "Desert Coast Guard." New members of the unit are given a patch featuring a Coast Guard racing stripe and Arizona's signature Saguaro cactus.

However, boaters on a stretch of the Colorado River near Lake Havasu City and Parker aren't among those asking the snide questions about the Coast Guard in Arizona.

Nor are there questions about the Coast Guard's role on the Colorado River from the law enforcement agencies of three states, six counties and a half dozen cities who have responsibility for portions of the river. They know that members of RU Phoenix are playing a key role in law enforcement and boating safety on the highly used waterway that forms the border between California and Arizona. Nevada is the other state involved.

Overcoming obstacles to make it work

Five years ago, RU Phoenix was another inland Reserve unit struggling to find an augmentation mission. It existed primarily to provide support for the handful of reservists living in the Grand Canyon State.

But in 1986, at the direction of the 11th Coast Guard District Commander, and with enormous support of Group San Diego, RU Phoenix members began law enforcement patrols on the Colorado River.

There is nothing easy about starting an operational mission from scratch. The situation was not made easier with the Colorado River being some 180 miles from Phoenix, the state's population center and home for most of the unit members.

The Arizona Coasties, however, responded the way reservists do throughout the nation: They said give us something worthwhile to do and we'll overcome the physical and economic difficulties to make it work.

And that is what they have done.

With dozens of reservists making major sacrifices in time, the program was established. Since the summer of 1986, reservists have been patrolling or training on the Colorado River virtually every weekend.

Some boaters, many of them coming from the highly populated areas of Southern California, look at the desert isolation of the Colorado River and assume that boating laws — and common sense — do not apply. The already prevalent tendency to overuse alcohol is intensified by the desert heat. It is not uncommon for summer temperatures to reach 115 degrees. This atmosphere of lawlessness and drunkenness makes for a volatile situation, particularly during the high-use holiday weekends in the summer.

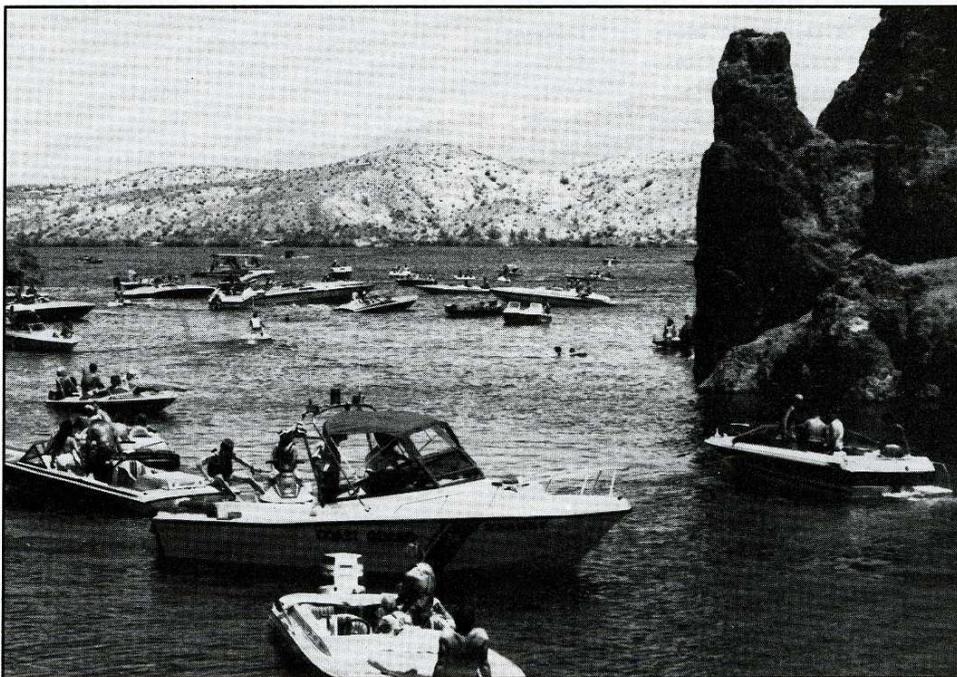
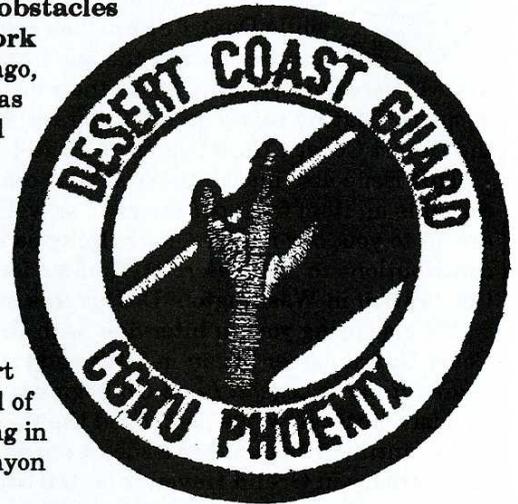


Photo by MKC Alan Calvert, RU Phoenix

The Coast Guard's 23-foot boat patrols in Copper Canyon, a popular summertime boaters' party spot on Lake Havasu. The lake is part of the Colorado River and marks the border between Arizona and California.

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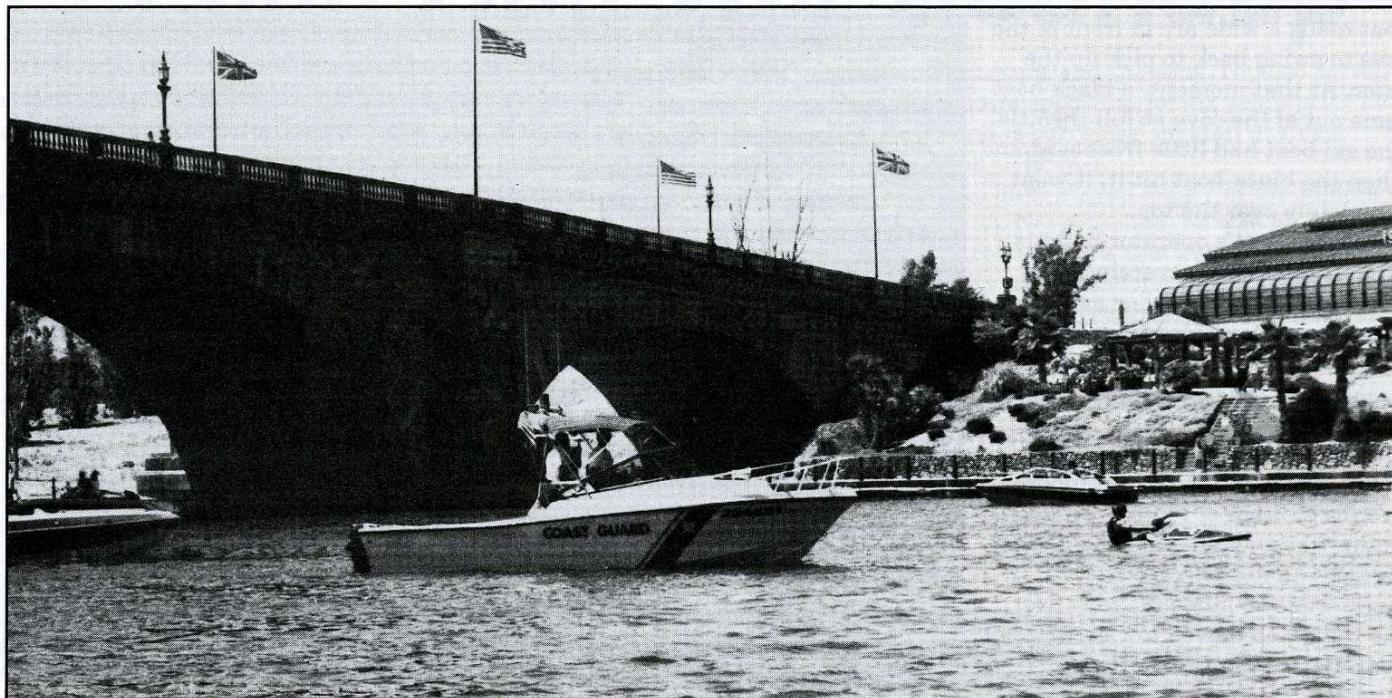


Photo by MKC Alan Calvert, RU Phoenix

A 23-foot Coast Guard boat patrols in the channel beneath the London Bridge. The bridge was brought to Arizona piece by piece in the 1960s as a marketing tool by the developer of Lake Havasu City.

RU Phoenix reservists have dealt with drownings, boat fires, boat collisions, drug dealers and numerous medical situations ranging from the loss of limbs to severe sunburn.

Making a difference

Is the Coast Guard's presence on the river making a difference? Boating related accidents are down since 1986. And the word seems to be getting out among boaters that the river is no longer a place where anything goes.

Responsible boaters and representatives of cooperating state and local agencies welcome the Coast Guard's role. They will tell you that there is no doubt the Coast Guard has made a difference.

In addition to the boating safety mission, the Coast Guard Reserve also prepares for mobilization. The Colorado River operation has helped RU Phoenix do just that. Reservists with river experience were praised for their performance during the full-scale mobilization exercise PACEX '89.

RU Phoenix received the highest unit inspection rating in the 11th District in 1988 and was named the outstanding Reserve unit in the district that year. In addition, the unit won the Reserve Officers Association's Congressional Award in 1989, as the top Reserve unit in the Coast Guard.

No, there isn't much water in Arizona, and certainly no coast line. But there are committed men and women who know that geography is not as important as having a job worth doing and the dedication to get it done.



Rescue on the Colorado River

By LCDR Dennis Godfrey, RESGRP San Diego

It was no accident that the *Little Miss B*, a Coast Guard Auxiliary boat, was on scene when two boats collided in Lake Havasu on the Colorado River.

Nor was it an accident that a Coast Guard 23-foot boat manned by reservists from RU Phoenix was less than a minute away. Nor was it chance that another Reserve 23-footer and two Rigid Hull Inflatables with regular Coast Guard crews were less than two minutes away.

The accident occurred about 5 p.m. during the 1989 Labor Day weekend at the mouth of Copper Canyon, a cove that serves as a popular gathering place for recreational boaters — particularly those filled with young people intent on enjoying the excesses of sun and alcohol.

Operation Picket Fence's quick response

On the major summer holiday weekends, the Coast Guard patrol boats take part in what Colorado River operations officer CWO4 Jerry Landye calls Operation Picket Fence. The purpose of this operation is to be in position to deal with potential accidents and law enforcement problems as boats head out of Copper Canyon at the end of the day.

And so it was in that atmosphere that a ski boat pulled a skier near the mouth of the cove. The skier fell and the

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boat made a wide arc in front of the cove to swing back to pick up the skier. At that moment, a black boat came out of the cove at full throttle. The ski boat had little freeboard and when the black boat hit it, it went completely over the top.

The ski boat's operator had his arm and shoulder severely cut by the black boat's propeller as it passed over him. Moreover, he fell onto the throttle and the boat was a runaway in the middle of the channel.

Because of Operation Picket Fence, the *Little Miss B*, skippered by Larry Bitoni of Palm Springs, Calif., was on scene and saw the accident as it occurred. The auxiliarists sounded mayday over the radio and moved toward the ski boat. Before the *Little Miss B* overtook the boat, a passenger was able to reach from under the dash where she was wedged and turned off the engine. The third person aboard at the time of the collision, was knocked overboard and sank. His body was not recovered for several days.

Auxiliarist Michael Millman was aboard the distressed vessel within seconds after the accident and immediately applied compression to stop the bleeding from the operator's severe cuts. Millman's compressions on the wound suppressed the bleeding and probably saved the man's life. Shortly thereafter, the 23-foot Reserve boat was on scene.

"It was a mess," said FS1 Wayne Boss, the boarding officer aboard the Reserve boat. "There were boats all over the place."

Three components working together

The accident had created enormous interest and virtually all the boats in Copper Canyon — many of them operated by alcohol-impaired skippers — came out to offer assistance or to rubberneck. The result was congestion and a heavy chop on the water from the boats' wakes.

These conditions made it impossible for the Reserve boat to come alongside the distressed boat. However, PS3 Waddemar Capas, a certified instructor emergency medical technician, told BMC Alan Nelson, the coxswain, to get as close as he could. With the boat about 20 feet away, Capas entered the water and swam to the ski boat. But, when Capas arrived, the man still was not responsive and was not in good condition. Capas assisted the other passenger and determined that her injuries were not life-threatening. He then joined Millman in working on the other man.



Photo submitted by LCDR Dennis Godfrey, Reserve Group San Diego

Boaters congregate on major summer holiday weekends in coves on the Colorado River. These gatherings tend to be a law-enforcement no-man's land with uninhibited drinking and unsafe boating accidents. RU Phoenix has responded to boat collisions, drownings and major injuries from diving accidents in this cove.

Meanwhile, a second Reserve boat arrived and immediately went to the assistance of the second boat involved. The four people aboard were checked by PS3 Leon Dame, an EMT. None of their injuries were life-threatening.

Within another minute, the two RHI's with regular crews from Group San Diego were on scene. These regulars were on hand to provide support during the busy holiday weekend. One crew used its seamanship to maneuver the RHI into a position to push the distressed boat against the *Little Miss B* to make it more stable.

After some work, the severely injured man was put in a Stokes litter, put aboard the Reserve boat, and taken to shore. Once ashore, he was taken by helicopter to a hospital in Phoenix, about 200 miles away.

"It was an ideal example of the three elements of the Coast Guard — Reserve, Auxiliary and the regulars getting involved," said CWO Landye.

"Everybody pulled together," PS3 Capas said. "It wasn't just get in and get out. There were a lot of obstacles...all of our people did a fantastic job. I've been to a lot of emergencies... that's my job as a civilian deputy sheriff. In this case, regardless of rate or what their job was, they got in and used their instincts and did their best — and they did it right."



LCDR Dennis Godfrey is a former Executive Officer of RU Phoenix and is currently on the staff of Reserve Group San Diego. As a civilian, he is a copy editor for the Phoenix Gazette. He and his family reside in Glendale, Ariz.

Persian Gulf War Roundup

Editor's note: The Persian Gulf War is over. However, there are still a number of Coast Guard-related stories and items we felt our readers would find interesting. The following two pages contain a sampling.

Artist depicts Coast Guard involvement in Persian Gulf War

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

The Persian Gulf War was over when LTJG Darrell Orwig packed his bags and art supplies, put on his BDUs, and boarded a plane for the Middle East. But LTJG Orwig's mission was a bit different than the PSU 301 replacement unit he flew over with in late March. His mission, which was not impossible and which he did choose to accept, was to capture the essence of the life of Coast Guard Reserve port security units on canvas during their recent historic deployment to the Middle East.

"I landed at Al Jabayl and went to all three sites where the PSUs were stationed," said Orwig, who departed March 24 and returned in mid-April. "I did sketches, water colors and took lots and lots of photographs while I was over there," said Orwig.

LTJG Orwig's work includes scenes of PSU raider boats, a Falcon flying over an oil spill, LEDETs, Coast Guardsman on shore and coastal patrol.

"In one painting, the wind blew black smoke from the Kuwaiti oil fields to where I was at the time. I did my best to capture that on canvas," said Orwig.

Orwig says the level of enthusiasm he encountered in the port security unit he went over with was contagious.

"I worked with them a lot, went out on patrol boats while they performed their patrols and duties," said Orwig. "I also met other service representatives — the Navy people in Al Jabayl were very professional. The majority of them were reservists as well."

So far, he has completed about 12 pieces and hopes to have at least 16 done by the end of July. His work will become part of the permanent Coast Guard art collection which is displayed at various functions.

Orwig, who says he's been doing art since he was a kid, earned a Fine Arts Degree from Chico State in northern California, and says that art was his primary career field prior to coming on active duty. He has major collections of his work in Hawaii, Canada and throughout the United States, and has received commissions from the Hawaii

State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. He also served as a Reserve public affairs specialist for six years prior to becoming an officer, and is currently on staff at Coast Guard Headquarters in G-RSM-1.

Orwig says he would have stayed longer in the Middle East had he been able to. Nevertheless, he was glad to have had the experience even for a few weeks. He first heard of the opportunity when working in the Crisis Action Center at Coast Guard Headquarters, a collateral duty assignment he acquired while Desert Shield and Desert Storm were raging.

"One morning at a briefing in the Crisis Action Center, CDR John McElwain of Coast Guard Public Affairs said they were looking for a combat artist to send to the Middle East," said Orwig. "When I heard them ask for someone, I thought of RADM John Faigie's famous speech."

RADM Faigie, on several occasions during his tenure

as Chief of G-R, referred to a painting at the Pentagon. The painting shows a family kneeling and praying in a church while the father stands next to them. The painting's inscription is taken from the Old Testament's Book of Isaiah, chapter six, verse eight which says: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I; send me."

"Well," concluded LTJG Orwig, "I said 'send me' and they did."

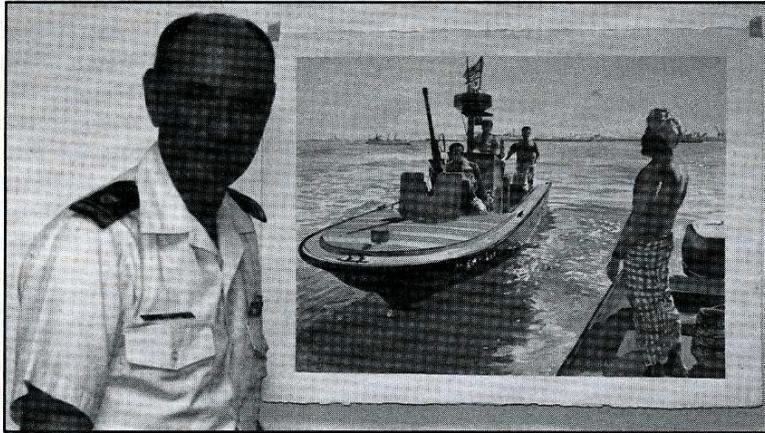


Photo by PA2 E.J. Kruska, G-RS-1

LTJG Darrell Orwig of G-RSM-1 displays one of his Desert Storm paintings. Completion of 16 is expected by late July.

Hotline answers "the call"

By LCDR Deborah Fontaine, G-CP-3



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Five Coast Guard Reservists helped answer over 7,000 calls via a Desert Storm hotline during and after the Persian Gulf War. The hotline was operated 24-hours a day, seven days a week, out of the Community Relations Branch of the Public Affairs Staff at CG Headquarters.

The intent of the hotline was to provide a reasonable and compassionate source of information for the public — particularly for the families of personnel assigned in the Middle East. The senior reservist answering the hotline calls was LCDR Deborah Fontaine of RU Headquarters (G-M). Others were DCC Charles Satterfield, SK2 Terence Mansur, PS3 Debbie Rothwell and PS3 Liston Pennington. All are from RU Washington. With the return of both replacement PSUs by early June, the hotline was disbanded.



The sign says it all...

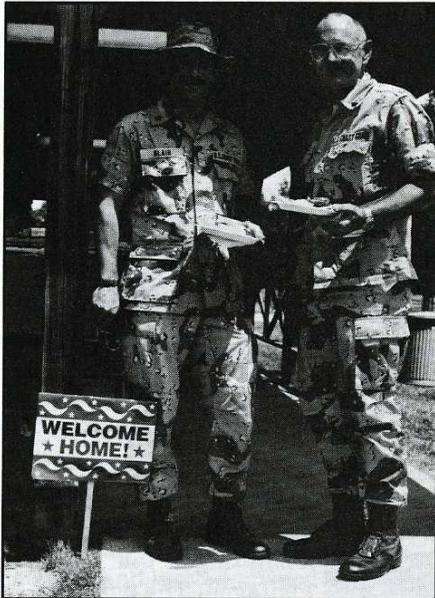
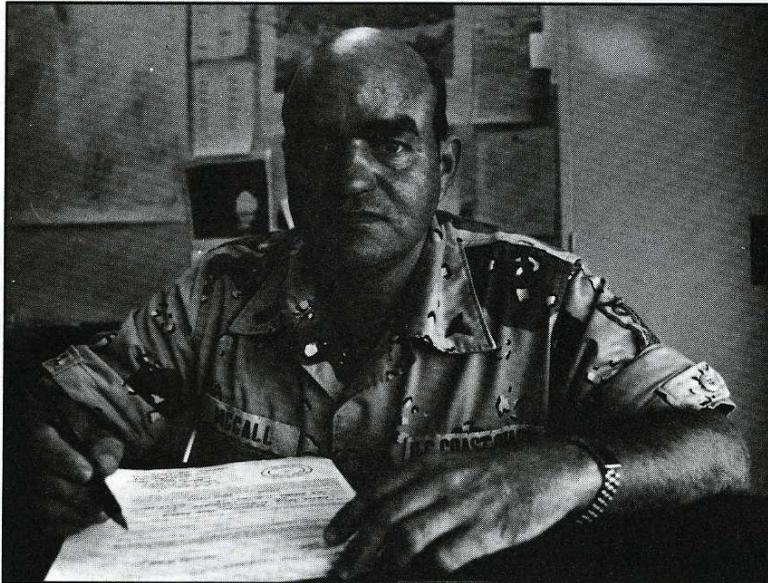


Photo by PA2 E.J. Kruska, G-RS-1

GM2 H.A. Blair, left, and YN1 H.B. Anderson, right, relax at ISC Alexandria, Va., at a picnic June 7 for CG Desert Storm vets. Both ADM J.W. Kime and MCPO-CG Jay Lloyd were on hand for the event. Earlier that day, the CG Desert Storm vets practiced marching for the National Victory Parade held June 8 in Washington. Parade photos begin on Page 12.

Marriage by proxy?



CWO2 Ed McCall signs papers for his "proxy wedding," held Dec. 19 while he was in Saudi Arabia with PSU 303. McCall says his wife, Carol, and he were planning a more traditional marriage when he returned home. However, when he was extended, they decided to tie the knot. Carol and Ed were married through their home state of Kansas because their current home state, Wisconsin, doesn't recognize proxy weddings. Major Carroll Hutchenson, an Army chaplain with the 7th Transportation Group from Fort Eustis, Va., performed the "ceremony." Says McCall: "When we decided to get married, I told Carol that if she married me she would be marrying the Coast Guard. I didn't think it would get put to the test so quickly."

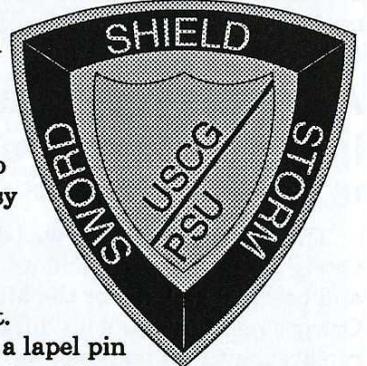
Special pin designed for Coast Guard Desert Storm vets

By LT Ed Swift, D9(dpa)

Members of Coast Guard port security units returning from duty in the Persian Gulf will be receiving a special memento of their deployment, courtesy of a joint effort between the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve and Coast Guard Auxiliary in the 9th District.

The memento consists of a lapel pin displaying the PSU emblem in gold, on a black field. On the three surrounding sides are the words "Shield", "Storm" and "Sword", symbolizing the three operations during the Mid-East crisis. The lapel pin is the brain child of Auxiliarist Michael H. Scott of Glendale Heights, Ill. With the start-up of Desert Shield last August, Scott envisioned a pin commemorating the participation of Coast Guard PSU personnel. So he contacted his friend and graphic artist, BMC Jim Wall, to assist in designing the pin. Wall produced the camera-ready art used for the finished lapel pin. Scott eventually purchased 500 of the pins using his own funds. He then donated these to CCGD(r); requesting assistance in distributing them to the PSU members and other appropriate personnel.

Perhaps BMC Wall summed it up best: "On behalf of all of us who stood in line or waited, please accept this token of our appreciation for a job well done!"



Desert Storm video produced

A video documenting the Coast Guard's involvement in Desert Shield/Desert Storm has been produced and will be available in the near future. *Into the Gulf*, a 45-minute production, features Persian Gulf War theater activities including port security units, boarding teams, and Reserve outloading.

BMC Thomas Reilly of RU New Bedford Vessels and PAC Mike Price of Reserve Group Buffalo have put thousands of hours into this production. As civilians, Chief Reilly is an independent television producer in Scituate, Mass. He also produced *The Tradition Continues*, a short documentary on PSU training at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Chief Price is a feature news reporter for WIXT-TV, Channel 9 in Syracuse, N.Y. He was in the Persian Gulf War theater between early November and late March with the Joint Combat Camera unit.



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Headquarters



NPFC: Reservists help staff a new command

By PA1 Spring de Haviland,
National Pollution Funds Center

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC) was commissioned as a headquarters unit Feb. 20, 1991. Reservists were solicited to help staff the 70 billets for the FY ending Sept. 30, 1991.

Fifteen reservists have been assigned to fulfill the needs of NPFC's six divisions and two staffs: vessel certification, policy and coordination, legal, case management, financial management, and administration divisions; and the external affairs and technical coordination staffs. NPFC reports directly to the Coast Guard Chief of Staff.

NPFC's primary missions are to manage the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and the Coast Guard's use of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation Liability Act (CERCLA). The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) and a presidential delegation assigned the Coast Guard to administer this \$1 billion fund. A key responsibility of NPFC is to ensure adequate funds are available for the



response to and restoration of natural resource damages created by an oil spill incident. The number of fund users include over seven federal agencies, 50 states, and more than 300 Indian tribes.

RADM Richard A. Appelbaum, Commanding Officer of NPFC said, "What the reservists are doing here is living proof of their ability to accommodate our needs for augmentation and surge. We are using reservists to augment our staff in NPFC's formative stage when demands on personnel are

extraordinary. The reservists are indispensable."

The following are the Reserve component statistics:

- 15 reservists in NPFC: eight officers, seven enlisted
- Districts represented: 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th, 11th and 13th
- TEMAC orders range from 60 to 360 days
- Ranks and rates include: four commanders, four lieutenants, PSC, SKC, YNC, PA1, SK2, BM3 and RM3.

In July, NPFC will move from USCG Headquarters to their new offices at 4200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1000, Arlington, Va. 22203-1804.



Photo by PA2 E.J. Kruska, G-RS-1

LCDR Joseph E. Tieger, left, of RU Headquarters (G-CAS) and LCDR Deborah Fontaine, right, of RU Headquarters (M) stand in front of a booth they helped man during Public Service Recognition Week in Washington, D.C. May 9-11. The photographic display behind them depicts CG involvement in the Persian Gulf War. Other CG Reservists, regulars and auxiliaries were also on hand to answer the public's questions.

1st District



N.Y. reservists participate in new GDO program

PA2 Marguerite A. DeMartino,
Reserve Group New York
GOVERNORS ISLAND, N.Y. —

Several New York reservists met with the Reserve Liaison Officer of COTP New York this past winter at the Operations Center here to discuss the newly reinstated Group Duty Officers Qualification Program. The newly designed program is meant to compliment the active duty watch for mobilization.

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The meeting, chaired by LCDR Janice Page, COTP Assistant Port Safety Officer/Reserve Liaison Officer, and LTJG Ron Neudecker, RU COTP Program Manager, instructed the attending Reserve members in the implementation of the new Group Duty Officers Qualification Program. The new policies of the GDO program were revised by CAPT Richard M. Larrabee, Commander, Group/COTP New York. They were in accordance with the new laws and regulations developed for the expansion of the Coast Guard's Port Safety Programs, which includes the Vessel Trafficking System (VTS), for New York's Harbors.

CAPT Larrabee actively pursued the implementation of reservists into the GDO program with the participation of CAPT Warren G. Appell, Commander Reserve Group New York. Both captains wanted to utilize junior officers in the Operation Center on Governors Island. Junior officers from Reserve Group New York and RU COTP New York will be assigned to augment the Group Duty Officers in their routine watch duties on a scheduled basis. This new wave of GDO augmentation will not only help relieve the heavy workloads of the active duty officers, but will also be an additional step toward Reserve readiness and training for mobilization.

The revised program does not necessarily involve taking the place of the active duty officer, but instead it will be used to compliment them on their scheduled watches. With successful completion of the program, the next phase will consider the possibility of expanding into the area of full GDO, replacing watchstanders on weekends and evenings.

Currently there are over 16 junior officers participating from Reserve Group NY, RU COTP NY and RU Vessels NY. 

Reservist reenlists on Ellis Island

By PAI William A. Stone, LANT Area Public Affairs

ELLIS ISLAND, N.Y. — DPCM Marvin Britten, a 22-year Coast



Photo by PA1 William A. Stone, LANT Area Public Affairs

DPCM Marvin Britten signs his eight-year reenlistment documents on Ellis Island as other unit members look on. Britten was sworn in by CAPT George Geller, Commander, Reserve Group MLCA.

Guard veteran, recently fulfilled a personal dream. He commemorated his final eight-year Coast Guard reenlistment tour by holding the ceremony on Ellis Island in New York Harbor.

Britten performs his weekend Coast Guard Reserve duty on Governors Island, also in New York Harbor, directly across from both Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty.

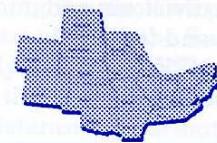
"I thought about the Statue of Liberty the last time I reenlisted but it was too late," said Britten. "I have been thinking about it ever since. Then they opened Ellis Island and I remembered that all four of my grandparents came to America from Russia through Ellis Island between 1909 and 1910. I figured that this was a better idea."

Ellis Island, where thousands of immigrants passed through upon arriving in America, was recently reopened as a museum.

With the reenlistment accomplished, the proud reservist completed a symbolic family tie, satisfied his own dream, and provided the country with a guarantee of eight more years of dedicated, experienced service.

Master Chief Britten is a Jackson, N.J. resident, father of three, and a Data Processing specialist for Prudential Insurance Property & Casualty Company. 

2nd District



RKs get feet wet on CGC SUNDEW

By LTJG Dave Pleasants, RU St. Paul

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Yes, the 2nd District River Rats can sail on deep water. Several reservists from RU St. Paul portaged to the freshwater port of Duluth recently for a ride aboard the USCGC SUNDEW, a 180-foot buoy tender. The ride was designed to orient Coast Guardsmen, recruited under the RK program, with the various missions and day-to-day life of the regular Coast Guard.

RKs generally are college students who go to boot camp during one summer and perform OJT or go to "A" School during their second summer. It's during the interphase period between the first and second summer that the RU Training Division provides this orientation. In St. Paul, this generally involves area familiarization, ATON training and a visit to Marine Safety Detachment St. Paul.

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LT Tim Butler, former Executive Officer of the SUNDEW made arrangements for the cruise. What followed was the first of several scheduled orientation cruises. The RKs were given a safety lecture and tour before integrating with the regular crew for the day. That didn't mean just taking advantage of a delicious SUNDEW lunch, though.

The reservists participated in crew functions including a man overboard drill and manning boat crews for various drills. The results were new reservists with a better understanding of the Coast Guard and an added enthusiasm for their future careers. Their first cruise also convinced at least two RKs that they wanted to be Boatswain's Mates. SN Mark Mirsch enjoyed the big lake so much he signed up for Operation Summerstock.



5th District



Restored Cape May Lighthouse a shining attraction

By LTJG Nona Smith, D5(rsp)

CAPE MAY, N.J. — CDR Tom Carroll of Reserve Group Philadelphia has a love for old buildings. He and his wife have transformed several of Cape May, N.J.'s crumbling Victorian structures to their original genteel elegance, recreating turn-of-the-century attractions that have become an overwhelming success.

But none have been more successful than the opening of the Cape May Lighthouse, now attracting 70,000 visitors a year.

Ten years ago, CDR Carroll suggested to the then 3rd District that they open Cape May Light to the public, and use a small admission fee to help with the much needed maintenance of this important historic landmark. While the Coast Guard maintains the light as an active Aids to Navigation, it rejected the idea of operating its own

museum. It did, however, offer the lighthouse as a tourist attraction to a non-profit organization, the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC).

But before the lighthouse could be open to the public, several expensive safety improvements were necessary. For example, the iron circular staircase needed lighting and a second handrail. Also, the watchroom gallery needed a protective enclosure, and the generator needed to be moved to an outbuilding. Following Carroll's initiative, 15 local residents co-signed a bank loan for \$150,000 to cover the needed repairs. As a result, the lighthouse opened in 1987.

The project was an immediate success. Proceeds from admissions and sales of souvenirs helped to repay the loan and continue the restoration. For the next two years, the entire New Jersey share of the Bicentennial Lighthouse Fund was awarded to MAC, adding \$30,000 in matching funds for the restoration of all of the lighthouse windows and the refurbishing of the oil storage building, which enabled MAC to offer a lighthouse history tour to the physically disabled.

MAC also ran fund-raisers. A Lighthouse Cruise aboard the Cape May Lewes Ferry offered refreshments, two dance bands, and views of several Delaware Bay lighthouses.

The 1859 tower is one of the oldest continuously operated lighthouses in the country. However, it was dark during World War II, when it was used as a watch tower by Coast Guard personnel as convoys left the Delaware Bay under cover of darkness to evade U-boats just offshore. When the lighthouse became automated, there was no longer a lighthouse keeper to keep up with regular maintenance. Weather and vandals started to take their toll.

The Cape May Lighthouse Museum has been one of the most successful in the nation, and has served as a model for other such restorations. Despite the success, there is still more to do at the old lighthouse. Restoring the lantern's copper roof and windows as well as repainting the tower are major projects which still lie ahead.

CDR Carroll's long-range goals include the recreation of the Lifesaving Station on the lighthouse grounds. The original station structure was displayed in Philadelphia during the Centennial Celebration and then moved to Cape May Point. The structure would house the growing collection of lighthouse and lifesaving service memorabilia.

MAC hopes that the success thus far will attract corporate donors who will contribute the estimated \$300,000 still needed.

"Any donations to this collection would be greatly appreciated," said CDR Carroll.

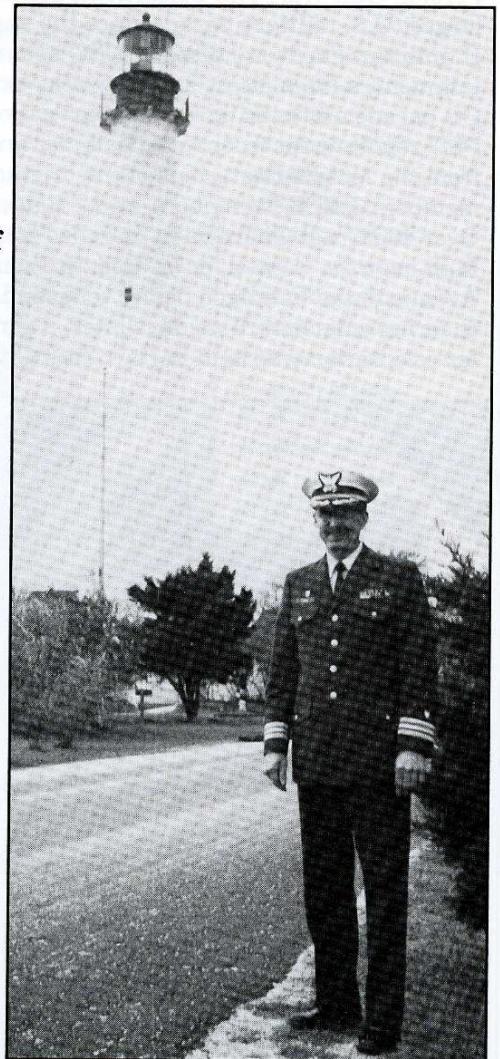


Photo by PA1 Bruce Wintjen, RU Cape May

CDR Thomas Carroll of Reserve Group Philadelphia stands in front of the Cape May Lighthouse. He was instrumental in the 1859 lighthouse being restored in the mid 1980s. The old lighthouse is now being visited by 70,000 people each year.

A National Victory Celebration!

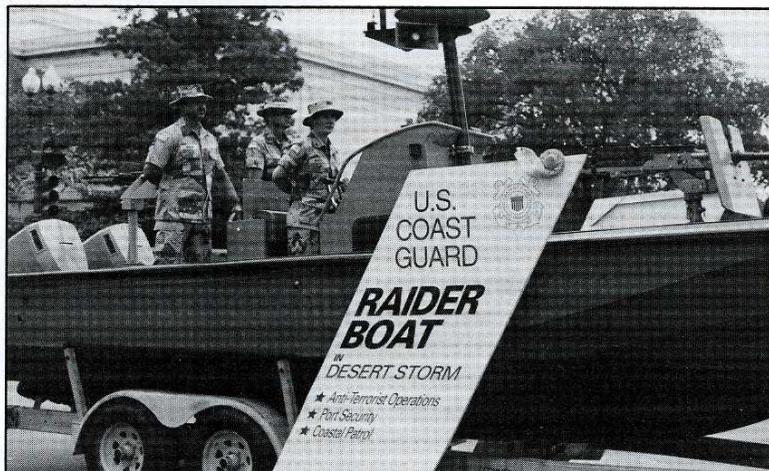
Story and photos by PA2 E. J. Kruska, G-RS-1

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Coast Guardsmen from across the nation convened on the Nation's Capital June 8, to participate in the National Victory Celebration, commemorating the Allied victory in the Persian Gulf War. The Celebration included: the largest U.S. military parade since the end of World War II, military hardware display, USO sponsored entertainment, a huge picnic and fireworks extravaganza. CG parade units included: the color guard, CG Band, PSU replacement troops who had just arrived back from the Middle East, some of the original PSU members, LEDET members, and a Raider Boat. Over 400 Coast Guardsmen marched from the Mall near the Capitol, down Constitution Avenue to the Pentagon before thousands of cheering onlookers. Two days later, a similar celebration was held in New York City. 

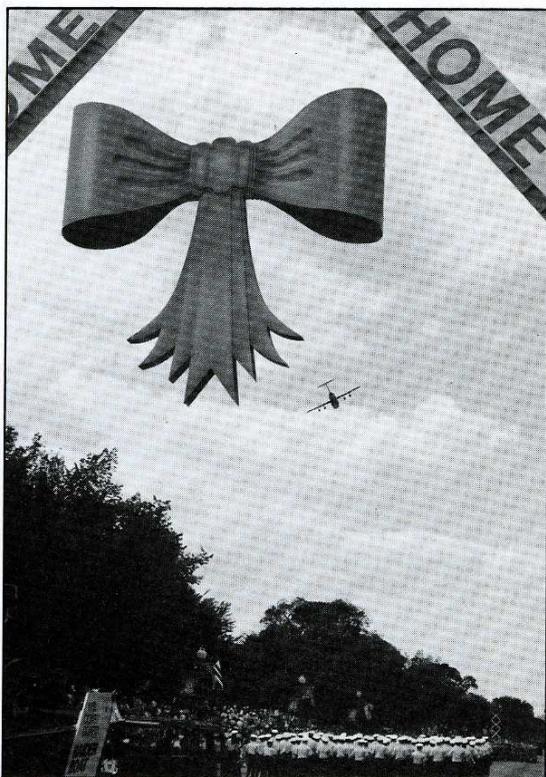
Right: Justin Hsu of Charlotte, NC., left, displays the "Ensign Opus" poster along with a Coast Guard PSU member. Approximately 40,000 posters were distributed on the Mall to commemorate the CG's involvement in the Persian Gulf War. CG Desert Storm vets were on hand to sign the posters.



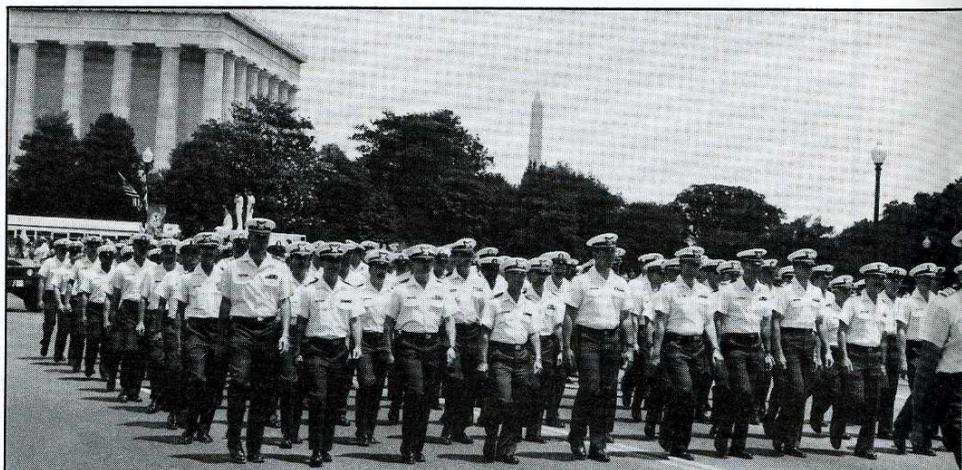
The Coast Guard Color Guard stands at attention while the CG Band plays on.



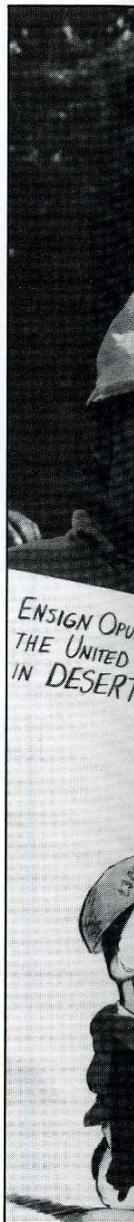
CG Reservists stand tall along the parade route as they display a Raider Boat like those used during the war.



CG units march underneath a huge yellow ribbon hanging from a welcome home gateway on Constitution Avenue, while a flyover takes place simultaneously.



Original PSU members and LEDETS continue along the parade route with the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument as a backdrop.





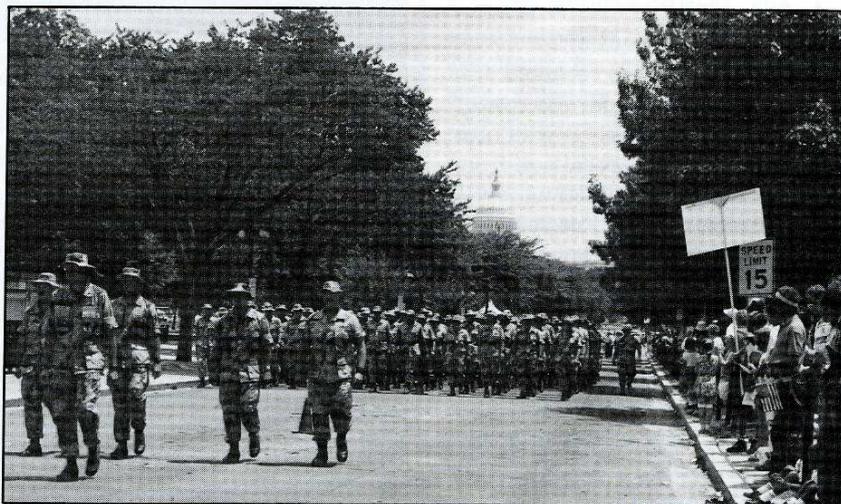
Family, friends and a grateful nation say thank you along the parade route.



Left: Coast Guard Reserve PSU members autograph "Ensign Opus" posters from the side of a Raider Boat on the Mall in Washington, D.C. The Raider Boat and a photographic display depicting CG involvement in the war were part of a huge military hardware display.



PSUs march into the "history books" as they pass the American History Museum.



PSU members, led by CDR Dave Edling, step off near the Air & Space Museum on the National Mall to begin the parade route.

7th District



D7 reservists "best looking unit in parade"

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

ORLANDO, Fla. — CG Reservists from RU Port Canaveral and RU Ponce de Leon Inlet marched in an Armed Forces Day parade at Universal Studios' Theme Park to commemorate the Allied forces victory in Operation Desert Storm.

A total of 61 CG Reservists represented the Coast Guard in the late afternoon May 18 event — three from RU Ponce de Leon, 52 from RU Port Canaveral, and an additional six reservists from RU Port Canaveral who comprised a color guard.

The Coast Guard's parade marching unit was under the command of LCDR Paul Kirkpatrick, Executive Officer of RU Port Canaveral. LCDR Kirkpatrick had also organized and coordinated RU Port Canaveral's participation in the 50th Anniversary parade in St. Augustine and was thus called upon for the victory parade in Orlando.

About 500 service men and women from all the services marched in the parade before a capacity crowd of approximately 35,000. Gerald McRaney of *Major Dad* fame was the parade emcee.

"We were the last out of 27 marching units, but we received a lot of cheers all along the parade route," said LCDR Kirkpatrick. "It was nice to see that kind of appreciation from the public. They recognized us for being the Coast Guard. I've seen more recognition of the Coast Guard in the last year than in all my 15 years in the Coast Guard, plus four years at the Academy," added LCDR Kirkpatrick.

RADM G. Robert Merrilees, Senior Reserve Officer, PAC Area, was in the reviewing stand along with Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and other military and civic leaders. According to LCDR

Kirkpatrick, the most telling comment was from the Marine Corps Senior Reviewing Officer who commented to RADM Merrilees that the "Coast Guard was the best looking unit in the parade."

In addition to marching in the parade, the Coast Guard also provided a static display which included a 19-foot boat and an H-3 which was flown in from Air Station Clearwater. The evening's festivities climaxed with a spectacular fireworks / water show.



8th District

RU Baton Rouge christens Boston Whaler



By LCDR W.P. Vaughn,
RU Baton Rouge

BATON ROUGE, La. — RU Baton Rouge held an informal ceremony and christening April 20 to mark the arrival of the 22-foot Boston Whaler Sentry Model. The boat was assigned to RU Baton Rouge April 4 when unit personnel travelled to New Orleans to take delivery and perform trial runs on Lake Ponchatrain prior to their return to the unit 90 miles away.

The CG-223510 was purchased with MSO New Orleans funds and is intended to be a "joint use" boat so that both RU Baton Rouge and MSD Baton Rouge will have a river-worthy platform for training and for operational missions as needed. The boat will be stored at the unit, which will provide fuel, maintenance and repairs. MSD will have full access to the boat, trailer and towing vehicle so that the boat can be used during non-drill periods, with the two units coordinating boat use.

CDR Thomas Forbes, Commanding Officer of RU Baton Rouge, commemorated the occasion by observing a time honored maritime tradition in christening the CG-223510. YN3 Sheila Maillian was the fortunate member to break the bottle of champagne over the bow. Actually the custom was modified slightly to avoid damage to the fiberglass hull by breaking the bottle against the metal winch on the trailer. All agreed that little was lost of tradition with this change. The christening was followed by playing the ever-popular *Semper Paratus*.

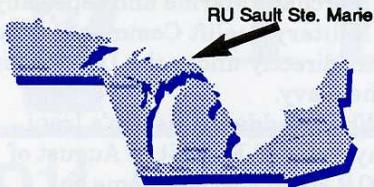
In addition to Reserve members, the event was also attended by several active duty members from MSD Baton Rouge. LT John Lindley represented LCDR Dean Kutz, supervisor of MSD Baton Rouge.



Photo submitted by LCDR W.P. Vaughn, RU Baton Rouge

YN3 Sheila Maillian of RU Baton Rouge succeeds in breaking the bottle of champagne to christen CG-223510 as CDR Thomas Forbes, CO of RU Baton Rouge and other unit personnel look on.

9th District



RU Sault Ste. Marie: Golden Anniversary Unit commissioned

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — On April 6, 1991, many years of planning and work came to fruition when a new Reserve unit was commissioned in this city located in Michigan's upper peninsula.

"This is great! This is something we've been working on for a long time, and it was made possible by a big recruiting effort," said LT Ken Bradley, the new unit's Commanding Officer. He and his 25-member crew will drill at Base Sault Ste. Marie, site of the commissioning ceremony. Until now, Coast Guard Reservists in and around Sault Ste. Marie drilled in Traverse City, Mich., several hundred miles to the south.

"I think this is fantastic," said Chief Susan Harries, who received the new unit's commendation ribbon for her organizational efforts.

In attendance at the commissioning ceremony were Congressman Bob Davis of Michigan, RADM Gregory Penington, Commander, 9th Coast Guard District, CAPT C.C. Fitzgerald of D9(r) and CAPT Robert Parsons of USCGC MACKINAW (WAGB 83).

Highlights of the ceremony included remarks by D9, a specially-cacheted enveloped and postmark from the U.S. Postal Service in honor of the commissioning, and a cruise aboard CGC MACKINAW for invited guests. Following the ceremony, guests were invited to a luncheon.

A commissioning plank recovered from a sunken 19th-century Great Lakes vessel now hangs in a place of honor at the unit with all the plankholders' names attached. Congratulations to the Coast Guard Reserve's Golden Anniversary Unit — RU Sault Ste. Marie!



11th District



RU MSO SF mobilizes training team to Alaska

By LCDR B.G. Clark,
RU MSO San Francisco

VALDEZ, Alaska — Coast Guard Reservists from RU MSO San Francisco mobilized a training team in July 1990 to conduct a two-week Marine Fire Incident workshop. The 12 reservists, a mixed group of specialists and support personnel, provided a multi-media presentation for 58 participants from locations throughout Alaska including Nome, Sitka, Seward, Craig, and Anchorage.

The training, conducted at Valdez at the request of MSO Valdez, involved shipboard evolutions on operating tankships at the Alyeska Marine Terminal and a pre-fire planning exercise aboard the Alaska Marine Highway System's passenger ferry *Bartlett*. Specific goals of the workshop included familiarity with shipboard firefighting systems and tactics, and development of the foundations for interagency contingency planning. Prince William Sound Community College provided berthing and classroom space, as well as academic credit for the course.

Planning for the workshop began in October 1989 and involved the coordination of both regular and Reserve units from D11 and D17. With the successful completion of the workshop, which achieved an "excellent" overall rating, plans are underway to conduct similar workshops throughout PACAREA at the request of host commands. Requests for further information or workshop support should be coordinated through Commanding Officer, MSO San Francisco or Commanding Officer, RU MSO San Francisco 11-82832.



Coast to Coast Kudos!!

This is the first issue where all districts and HQ are represented. A hat tip to all of our contributors.

13th District



Reservist one of Rose Parade's Grand Marshalls

PORTLAND, Ore. — The only CG Reservist who is also a native Oregonian deployed to the Persian Gulf War served as one of the Grand Marshalls in the annual Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade.

LT James R. Fields, who served as a Float Division Officer with PSU 303 in Saudi Arabia, was the Coast Guard's representative among six Grand Marshalls, which included one from each of the services. Over 400,000 lined the parade route for the June 8 event while another 23 million watched on syndicated television.

LT Fields normally drills with RU MSO Portland 4 and is employed with the Eugene Police Department as a patrol officer. He also marched in the New York parade June 10.



A more operational CG

SEATTLE — More operational billets for officers as well as more coastal training opportunities for D13 Coasties are just some of the changes taking place in the Pacific Northwest.

According to CDR Carl Crown of D13(rs), 30 additional operational billets were identified and are being filled by Reserve officers. The administrative positions filled previously by these officers are now being filled by senior petty officers and warrant officers. This is in keeping with the Commandant's mission statement of a "more operational Coast Guard."

CDR Crown says that there is also a move to significantly downsize inland D13 units. Thus, more personnel are being moved to the coast where excellent training opportunities exist.



SPILLEX '91

ANACORTES / BILLINGHAM,
Wash. — CG Reservists were called

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upon to be evaluators for SPILLEX '91 held here April 24-26. This major oil spill drill brought together various D13 Coast Guard units as well as other federal, state and local agencies.

The Coast Guard Reserve evaluators had gained expertise from previous readiness exercises, and were thus called upon by CAPT Micheal Cavett when the call went out for evaluators. According to LCDR Jane Hartley of D13(rsp), the "reservists were assimilated into the evaluation staff and were just another member of the team."

As a result of the exercise, D13(r) decided to develop Reserve Mobilization Manpower Requirements for oil spill disaster response.

"During a catastrophic spill, you never have enough people," added LCDR Hartley. "There are not enough active Coast Guardsmen — you've got to have more people on scene; you've got to have reservists."

One interesting aspect of SPILLEX '91 was that approximately 500 orange hoola hoops with canvas centers were dumped into the exercise spill zone. Pre-exercise research by Al Ages, a Canadian with the Institute of Ocean Scientists in Vancouver, British Columbia, revealed that the hoops react the same way oil does once on the water's surface. In addition, hoola hoops introduce nothing harmful into the environment and can be recovered and reused. The hoops showed up all over the exercise zone and beyond.

Retreat advances FY92 objectives

SEASIDE, Ore. — Sometimes, it's necessary to retreat in order to advance. And that's exactly what D13 Reserve leaders did the weekend of May 18-19 at a resort in this oceanside community in order to plan FY92 objectives.

Approximately 20 D13 personnel were on hand for the team building weekend including Group Commanders, Deputies, Captains, VTU commanding officers and D13(r) personnel. CDR Greg Shapley of D11(r) facilitated the weekend.

"Rather than scramble when the District Commander comes around in the fall and asks us what our objectives for the new fiscal year will be, we thought this would be an excellent way to get the senior leadership talking and hashing out our plans early," said CDR Carl Crown of D13(rs).

14th District

Victory parade!

HONOLULU — PS3 Shirley Allen and PS2 Scott Morse from RU MSO Honolulu were the Coast Guard's Grand Marshalls for the Desert Storm victory parade held here May 11. Both PS3 Allen and PS2 Morse served as Explosive Loading Supervisors at Pearl Harbor during Desert Shield/Storm.

The Ho'ohano Base Na Koa (Honor the Warriors) Parade included over 3,000 military personnel stationed in Hawaii, including 150 Coast Guardsmen stationed on Oahu. The parade was viewed by over 70,000 cheering spectators.

17th District

Wearing Merchant Marine hats

Submitted by SK1 Christina Bates, RU Anchorage

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Not all reservists involved in the recent Persian Gulf War were wearing their Coast Guard hats when in the Middle East. RMC Tony Durr and CWO2 T.E. Bates, both of RU Anchorage, served in the massive Military Sealift Command operations in the Persian Gulf — but they served with the U.S. Merchant Marine.

Chief Durr is a licensed Radio Electronics Officer with the Merchant Marine. CWO2 Bates, a USCG licensed Radio Officer, is completing final requirements for REO status with the Merchant Marine. Both of

the reservists agree that their Coast Guard training has been of invaluable help in their work with the Merchant Marine and especially the Military Sealift Command, which works directly under the Department of the Navy.

When Saddam Hussein's Iraqi army invaded Kuwait in August of 1990, Chief Durr was home on vacation. Recalled immediately, he flew directly to the Persian Gulf where he met his ship, the *MV PFC James Anderson Jr.* The *Anderson* is one of America's "Military Pre-Position Ships," and is normally stationed at remote Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. It was in the first wave of MSC vessels to arrive in the Persian Gulf.

Chief Durr continued to serve aboard the *Anderson* until it arrived in Norfolk, Va., for shipyard repairs in late January. Only a few days after Chief Durr's departure from the *Anderson*, CWO2 Bates arrived to handle Radio Officer's duties for the ship's in-port period and subsequent sea trials.

By mid-March, the *Anderson* was once again underway and Bates served as the Second Radio Officer on board. During this time, he completed the hours necessary toward upgrading to full REO training. In late March, when Durr flew out to meet the ship at Port Said, Egypt, he continued to serve as the REO for the *Anderson*. Meanwhile, Bates was completing his requirements for the license that would promote him to full REO status with the USMM.

Beginning in late April, the *Anderson* began a voyage that took it from the Persian Gulf to Subic Bay in the Philippines, to Okinawa, Pearl Harbor and finally San Diego. It marked the last time the two reservists would sail together in the Merchant Marine. Ships in the USMM and MSC carry only one licensed REO per voyage, and CWO2 Bates had qualified for his REO promotion when the *Anderson* docked in Southern California in June.

But, that doesn't mean these two friends will become strangers. When they aren't attending CGR drills together in Anchorage, they'll probably be meeting on the airwaves.



Tip o' the Hat

D11, D13, RU MSO Guam name Outstanding Enlisted Reservists

• QMI Gregory Fucci of RU 11-82714 was selected the Outstanding Enlisted Reservist in the 11th District by Chapter 43 of the Reserve Officers Association. Fucci, a Coast Guard Reserve member since 1971, was selected from a field of 13 nominees May 4.

He was recognized at a ceremony held at Naval Station Long Beach Allen Center Commissioned Officers Mess, Terminal Island. Fucci distinguished himself by becoming the first Coast Guard petty officer to be invited to join the Navy Fleet Training Group Detachment 119 in Long Beach.

Fucci's present duty is instructor/observer with the Fleet Training Group.

• MK1 K.A. Selthofer of RU Tacoma 1 was honored at a banquet in Seattle this past February for his

selection as D13's Outstanding Enlisted Coast Guard Reservist. He was chosen from among 16 different nominees representing various D13 units.

The criteria used to select the winner is the same used for the ROA's national award. Selthofer will now represent D13 for the ROA's national award.

All 16 nominated for the district award were present at the banquet and each received a plaque in recognition of their outstanding contribution to their community and the Coast Guard.

• MK3 F. Guerrero, a small arms instructor for many years, was selected as Coast Guard Reservist of the Year for 1991 by RU MSO Guam Morale Committee. Guerrero was presented with a plaque recognizing him for the award on April 5.



Photo by PA2 Bob Morehead, RTC Yorktown Public Affairs

Secretary of Transportation Samuel K. Skinner presents the CG Unit Commendation to members of the PSU Training Detachment at RTC Yorktown. This unit was sent to Camp Blanding, Fla., to train reservists that relieved the 9th District PSUs in the Persian Gulf. Left to right are: CAPT D. Teeson, Commanding Officer, RTC Yorktown, Secretary Skinner, LCDR Ed Morris, CDR Maury Weeks, LCDR R. R. Kelly and LT J. Weibley.

San Antonio honors GM1 Budzinski

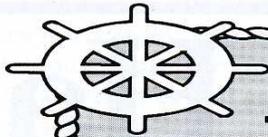
San Antonio recently honored GM1 Kenneth J. Budzinski with the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Award. The award was presented by LCDR Joseph O. Brown, Commanding Officer of RU San Antonio. The Texas city recognizes NCO's as the backbone of the military services and identifies one outstanding NCO from each of the five services for recognition during Armed Forces Week.

Awards & Medals

CG Commendation Medal w/ Gold Star
CAPT R. Meyers, D5 (r)
CG Commendation Medal w/ O Device
CDR B. Belousofsky, RES GP Philadelphia
CG Commendation Medal
EMCM R. E. Blakeslee, RU York River
CG Achievement Medal w/ Gold Star
CDR J. Begis, RES GP Baltimore
CG Achievement Medal
CDR R. C. Marcotte, RU SUPCEN Boston
CWO M. Day, RU Cape May
CWO A. Farmer, RU Indian River
CWO J. Otey, RES GP Wilmington
PSCS C. McDowell, RES GP Wilmington
Commandant's Letter of Commend.
LT D. Ash, RU Upper Chesapeake Bay
YNCS M. Bayus, RU Philadelphia #2
LT S. Beaton, RES Hampton Roads
LT E. Eastman, RES GP Hampton Roads
MKCM W. Fisher, RU Upper Ches. Bay
CDR S. Hudak, RES GP Hampton Roads
YN1 T. Johnson, RU HQ (G-TGC)
YN2 L. Kennedy, RU Portsmouth
BM2 J. Rascoe, RES GP Wilmington
LCDR J. Scheyer, RU Upper Ches. Bay
LCDR W. Schnurr, RU Philadelphia #2
LCDR M. Reichenbaugh, RES GP Ham Rd
YN2 A. Wilson, RES GP Hampton Roads
CG Meritorious Unit Commendation
RU Denver

Retirements

CAPT Dave Arnold, Grp Fla. W. Coast
PSCM Onus McKee, Birmingham, Ala.
BMCM R. H. Beerman, St. Louis, Mo.
CWO4 Ronald G. Lawlor, San Diego, Calif.



First Call...

Recommendations made to enhance Direct Commission applicants

By Captain Norman W. Lemley, USCGR

A Quality Action Team was formed at the conclusion of the 1991 Ready Reserve Direct Commission Board to assess the program as well as the process. The following summarizes the QAT's findings and suggestions for those involved in the RRDC process.



The first task of this Quality Action Team was validation of the RRDC's purpose. The QAT found the RRDC's purpose — to commission officers where there is a local identifiable and compelling need which cannot be filled by normal officer sourcing — to be valid. Direct commissioning, whether it be from the Reserve enlisted ranks, from other services, enlisted or officer, or from the civilian community where the civilian brings a **needed** skill or background to the service, was found worthy of continuation.

The QAT identified several positive attributes to the direct commissioning program. First and foremost, it solves an officer shortfall problem for a particular area. It provides needed skills in the officer corps. It also provides upward mobility for the enlisted ranks and enhances morale. Equally important, it aids in achieving Coast Guard goals with respect to diversity in the work force.

Who is the customer?

The QAT next identified the customer. Obviously, the candidate is one. But there are a number of others — the Coast Guard at large, the local Reserve Unit, the District Interview Panel, the District Reserve staff, the Headquarters Reserve staff and the Headquarters selection board.

The QAT assessed the material submitted for its review together with the policy and procedural documents on the direct commission program from the perspective of these customers. A number of improvements to the application forms and instructions as well as suggestions for program changes were identified.

Some of these are offered here to give applicants and those in the chain of command insight on how they might improve the applicant's chance for success. It is believed that these suggestions will improve the competitiveness of the applicants while, at the same time, give the Coast

Guard an increased ability to assess the quality and ability of the applicants.

QAT's general findings

The general consensus of the QAT was that all of the "customers" would be better served by more substantial write ups of applicants' qualities. This begins at the applicant level and works its way up the chain.

Another weakness noted was that the direct commission program is viewed as an annual, singular event rather than a continuing process where applicants are groomed for a commission. Some of the applications appeared to be the result of a call for "volunteers" rather than from a process in each command where reservists were being brought along over time in leadership positions with a view towards gaining a commission. This is not to say the candidates did not have the needed skills or potential. These skills were just harder to identify and evaluate based on the limited material provided.

QAT's specific recommendations

The following specific recommendations were offered by the Quality Action Team for future "customers" of the Ready Reserve Direct Commission program:

- √ Commanding officers must provide more substantive comments and examples of leadership in the command endorsements.

- √ When commanding officers submit multiple nominations, each letter should be customized to the individual. Don't use the same letter for all with the same phrases and examples.

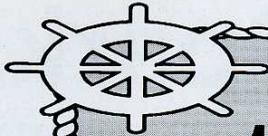
- √ District Interview Panel comments should be substantive, providing insight into the potential of the applicant. Don't use sketchy, non-descriptive comments. If comments are subjective, give meaningful examples to explain the basis for the Interview Panel's judgement.

- √ District endorsements should specifically address the organizational need for the direct commission officer and that alternative sources are not available.

- √ If annual marks for leadership are not consistent with the command endorsement comments on leadership potential, an explanation must be provided. The same applies if marks have declined over time. When a record has conflicting information on the same skill, it is difficult to give either assessment credence. Obviously, this does not help the nominee.

- √ Ensure that marks are current.

- √ Each Reserve Group should have a "formal" program



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for identifying and mentoring future officers. This is the pool from which candidates should be drawn. Those in a mentoring program will have a wealth of examples of leadership as well as other professional skills to justify their recommendation. The limit will become available billets, not candidates. Deputy Group Commanders would be ideal individuals to direct such an important program for the district and the Coast Guard Reserve.

QAT RRDC summary

The Board strongly believes that the RRDC program should continue and that it be considered an on-going process, not a once a year, meet-a-quota program. In discussions, the Board was also mindful of the fact that commissioning is the beginning, not the end. A mentoring program needs to be in place to help new officers gain or improve leadership skills. A commanding officer has responsibility for training, which is especially critical for newly commissioned officers. It can't be left to chance!

Remember, today's junior officers are tomorrow's Reserve Program leaders!



Direct Commission deadlines

Coast Guard Reservists interested in a Ready Reserve Direct Commission should take note of the following package deadlines: Deadline for completed packages to your District is Dec. 2, 1991. District RRDC Screening Boards meet in January 1992. Applications are due to Headquarters (G-RSM-2) no later than Feb. 3, 1992. The RRDC Board will convene April 27, 1992.



NERA, ROA nomination deadlines

The nomination deadline for the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association's Outstanding Enlisted Reservist award is Sept. 1, 1991, at NERA Headquarters, Falls Church, Va. The 1991 award recipient will be honored during NERA's annual conference, this year being held in Denver, Oct. 22-26. For more information concerning this award, consult COMDTINST M1001.27, Encl: (1-5).

Nomination deadline for the ROA's Outstanding Coast Guard Reserve's Junior Officer of the Year award is Aug. 15, 1991, at ROA Headquarters, 1 Constitution Ave. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. For more info., consult COMDTINST M1001.27, Encl: (1-5).



Nationwide Long-Term TEMAC/SADT/EAD

As of 7/2/91

| Place | Duration | Rate/Rank | Quals | Point of Contact |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Various Units | 2 years EAD | E4-E6 | QM's only | QMCS Martin, (202) 267-2656 |
| HQ (G-RST-2) | 90 days (starts ASAP) | O1-O4 | 42 EIC, MSO experience, writing | LCDR Kopito, (202) 267-1240 |
| HQ (G-RST-2) | 90 days (starts ASAP) | CWO-O2 | 42 EIC, MSO experience, writing | LCDR Kopito, (202) 267-1240 |
| HQ (G-RST-2) | 90 days (starts ASAP) | YN1-2 | Standard Terminal Admin. | LCDR Kopito, (202) 267-1240 |
| R&D Center, Groton, Conn. | 1 year (starts Oct. 1) | E6-O4 | Physical Chem. Experience | CWO Toler, (203) 441-2743 |
| CGD5(ole) | 90 days (starts ASAP) | E4-E5 | QM, Data Entry | YN1 Adams, (804) 398-6322 |
| CGD1(ole) | 1 year (starts Oct. 1) | E6-O4 | Intel. w/SCI clear. | Ms. Austin, (202) 267-2131 |
| CGD5 (ole) | 1 year (starts Oct. 1) | E6-O4 | Intel. w/SCI clear. | Ms. Austin, (202) 267-2131 |
| CGD8 (ole) | 1 year (starts Oct. 1) | E6-O4 | Intel. w/SCI clear. | Ms. Austin, (202) 267-2131 |
| CGD9 (ole) | 1 year (starts Oct. 1) | E6-O3 | Intel. w/SCI clear. | Ms. Austin, (202) 267-2131 |
| LANT AREA | 1 year (starts Oct. 1) | E6-O3 | RM1-RMC, O2-3, Intel. w/SCI clear. | Ms. Austin, (202) 267-2131 |
| LANT AREA | 1 year (starts Oct. 1) | E5-E6 | Intel. w/SCI clear | Ms. Austin, (202) 267-2131 |
| PAC AREA | 6 months (starts Oct. 1) | E5-E6 | Intel Anal., OP Law, S clear. | Ms. Austin, (202) 267-2131 |
| PAC AREA | 6 months (starts Oct. 1) | E5-E6 | MLE/Fisheries, S or SCI clear. | Ms. Austin, (202) 267-2131 |
| ICC Washington, D.C. | 1 year (starts Oct. 1) | YN1-YN2 | W/SCI clear. | Ms. Austin, (202) 267-2131 |
| MLCLANT | 90+ days | E5-E6 | Eng. Rating | CWO Sala, (212) 668-7399 |
| LANT STL TM | 30 days | E5-E6 | SK1-SK2 | SK1 Anglin, (205) 639-6601 |
| D17(apru) | 60 days (starts in Aug.) | E4-E7 | SS w/FSO or Indep. Duty | CWO Belknap, (907) 463-2169 |
| HQ (G-PE) | 100 days (2 positions) | YN2-YN3 | Word processing | LTJG McCamey, (202) 267-1596 |
| | ** start 7/15 & 8/19 | | | |
| HQ (G-ENE) | 1 year | E7-O2 | Engineering background | Mr. Caso, (202) 267-2052 |
| HQ (G-ENE) | 70 days | O1-O2 | Administrative Asst./Gen Pers. | Mr. Caso, (202) 267-2052 |
| RMSA Alameda, Calif. | 1 year | SK1-SK3 | Supply/Logistics | CWO Queen, (415) 437-3210 |

- Need more information on TEMAC duty? Consult COMDTINST 1330.1C
- If you want a job opening added to this list, contact your District(rst)

RADM Bennett S. Sparks

A CG Reserve Legend Lives On...

An interview by PA2 E. Kruska,
G-RS-1, February 25, 1991
Edited by W.B. Porter

RADM Bennett S. Sparks, USCGR (Ret.), has been a Coast Guard Reservist since 1942. His accomplishments are too numerous to list here. However, during his career, which spanned five decades, he served as both the Senior Coast Guard Reserve officer, PAC and LANT Area, as well as Sector Commander, U.S. Navy Maritime Defense Zone. In addition, he has served as President of the Reserve Officers Association and headed up The Sparcs Study in the late 80's. Though he retired from the Coast Guard Reserve in July 1989, that hasn't stopped RADM Sparks. He is currently ROA Deputy Executive Director in Washington, D.C., and was recently selected Secretary General of CIOR. He is the first Coast Guard officer to ever hold an international position with CIOR. This position with CIOR is only filled by an American every 24 years. This past February, RADM Sparks took time out of his busy schedule to talk with The Reservist about the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Reserve and his Coast Guard career.

When did you first enter the Coast Guard?

I came into the Coast Guard Reserve in December 1942. Everyone coming in then was assigned to the CG Reserve during World War II. I went to boot camp beginning in '43.

How did you become interested in the Coast Guard and why did you choose the Coast Guard?

Well, first of all, there was a war going on and I became interested in serving in the military. It seemed like the logical, patriotic and necessary thing to do. Secondly, I had my choice of all the services and the Coast Guard seemed to me to be the most challenging. I envisioned invasion barges landing the Marines on the islands in the Pacific. While I did get a little training as an invasion barge coxswain, I ended up spending most of my career in the Coast Guard flying.

Where did you do your original training?

I took my "beautiful" train ride from Erie, Pa., to Manhattan Beach, N.Y. Manhattan Beach was where the Coast Guard training center was located and it was really quite a mill. There were thousands upon thousands of people going through

there, probably ten thousand at one time.

So you grew up in Erie, Pa. then?

Well, that's where I was going to high school when I

enlisted. I had not even graduated from high school yet. My teachers told me that I had enough credits and I could join the service, and if the Coast Guard would give me a couple of days off, I could come back and graduate with my class, which I did.

What was your first assignment after getting done with your initial training?

Port security duty, Captain of the Port in New York City, handling the heavy amounts of freight, cargo and personnel going out of New York harbor.

How did you like that?

Well, it was challenging, long watches. I think we were standing 12-hour watches, but I had other aspirations. That was not what I wanted to do for a career. I got into invasion barge school in Broadway,



RADM Sparks

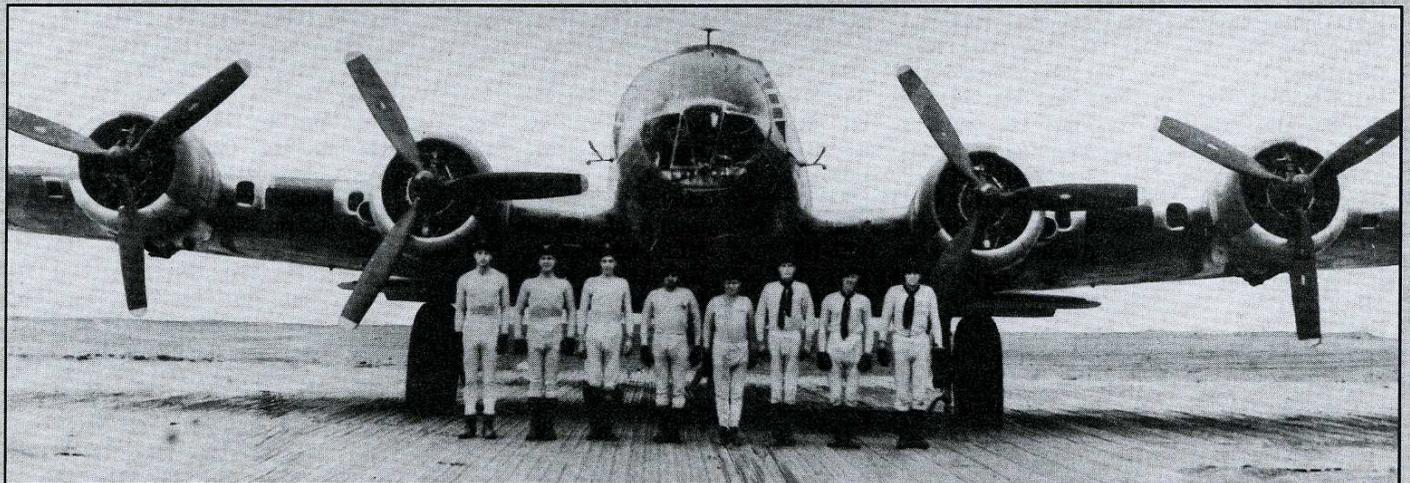


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Bennett S. Sparks, far right, then Aircraft Electronicsman, Radio and Radar Operator, with flight crew of Coast Guard PB1G 77254 (B-17 Flying Fortress) at General Muster in Point Barrow, Alaska July 4, 1946.

N.J., then I was sent to radio school in Atlantic City. I think I was sent to Radio school because my name was Sparks. I honestly believe that. About midway through radio school, I found a challenge. If you could finish in the top five percent of your class, you could go to aviation radio school; so I buckled down and worked toward that goal. After graduation, I went to San Diego aviation radio school, aviation radar school, aviation LORAN school, aviation electronics school, and aerial gunnery school. I guess I was ready for the aerial fleet by that time.

During World War II and when you first enlisted, was there a big distinction between Reserve and regular?

Nobody knew who was reservist or regular at that time. It wasn't even a consideration. We were all fighting the same war for the same government.

What was mood of the nation and the public's attitude toward the Coast Guard during World War II?

Well, the Coast Guard was just simply considered one of the five armed services. They were fully integrated into the war manning the largest of the assault transports. Their job was to carry the Marines and the Army to beachheads anywhere from Normandy to Iwo. And their aviation assets were used on anti-submarine patrol and rescue at sea. So, nobody really distinguished between the services — it was like a team.

Of all your assignments you've had over the years, what was your most satisfying? Is there one that stands out?

I had an 11-and-a-half year assignment that took me to the Arctic. I was aboard a Coast Guard PB1G which is a B-17 flying fortress. The mission was to map the territory of Alaska, which was mostly uncharted, for nautical, aeronautical and geodetic-telegraphic charts. A Coast Guard aircraft was picked to do the job and the crew was rotated every two years. After two years, I was given a discharge and stayed on



Photo courtesy of ROA

1st Class Aviation Electronics Technician Bennett S. Sparks, PB1G Crewman at MCAS, Cherry Point, N.C. in 1945.

as a civilian employee, as a one-man Reserve unit. Interesting work, but it was rugged territory in the northern areas of the United States, then the Territory of Alaska. I spent time with the Aleuts out in the Aleutian Islands and the Eskimos on the Arctic coast. It was a very primitive environment.

I found it real intriguing, however, not very palatable to a married man with a number of kids, but a way to earn a living. My wife was very understanding.

What about individuals? Were there any unsung heroes out there who were "great reservists?"

Well, most

great reservists are a matter of perception and who you worked with. Most were leaders that really fought at all levels of the government to make the Reserve stronger. There are a number of people who have worked with me and for me that I think are outstanding people. The one thing about Coast Guard Reservists is the high level of integrity, honesty, and ethics that I don't see across America.

Did it help the program in the early '60s when they established the Office of Reserve?

Yes, because you have to have, in my opinion, a person responsible for reservists and reservists alone without any other assignments to dilute efficiency and management. It worked very well.

Back before the Office was established, in 62 or so, what was the thinking?

Well, you have to look at the Reserve of the Coast Guard and compare it to the Reserves of the other services. They were all coming out of their cocoon. All the Reserve forces were coming from an amateur stage to a professional stage. As a result they were getting higher levels

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Bennett S. Sparks, center, is commissioned Ensign in October of 1957 at Anacostia Naval Air Station.

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of management, more dollars thrown at them by the Congress and more responsibilities. This was an evolving thing for the Coast Guard Reserve like it was for the other services.

Now, do you have any comments on Coast Guard involvement in the Middle East — in Desert Storm?

Well, the Coast Guard has been in the Army's and Navy's war plans for a long period of time and it's good see that we were number one: ready, number two: motivated enough to show up and number three: very professional. And I think we certainly earned our wings in the Gulf.

What are your thoughts about the future? Where do you think we, the Coast Guard Reserve, are headed?

I think we're in a competitive society. Taxpayers are going to demand absolute top performance for their dollar and they should demand no less. The Coast Guard, for it to fare well in the future, is going to have to be innovative, creative, and work to higher standards than some of its sister services. We don't get the publicity, we don't get the exposure, so when we do become involved in any press, any publicity, it's got to be on the positive side. If we maintain our standards and ethics, and our professionalism and integrity, we'll

do well. But if there's any lessening in the quality of the Program, it'll be very competitive.

So the future...?

Depends on us! The Coast Guard is going to have to, in my opinion, especially in the Reserve side of the house, come up with a long-range plan so we know where we will be at various milestones in the future. We have to have a plan that we put all of our efforts and all of our assets toward. With that, we'll have a superb performance.

Anything else you want to add?

It's been great to spend the first 47 years of my adult life in the Coast Guard, CG Reserve and I'm looking forward to the next 47....



Photo by PA2 Steve Blando, G-RS-1

Bennett S. Sparks in February 1991.

The Secretary General is responsible for the functioning of the CIOR office located at NATO and for supervising the working program of each of the six CIOR Commissions. These Commissions provide studies and reports relating to their functional areas of expertise i.e. mobilization and training of Reserve, Defense Issues and attitudes, Public information, Legal Affairs, Civil Defense and Emergency Planning and military skills competition.

As the international advisory board on Reserve Affairs, CIOR is developing a closer working

relationship with the North Atlantic Assembly of 200 parliamentarians from Alliance countries.

During his tenure, RADM Sparks will work closely with the CIOR President, Maj. Gen. Roger Sandler, USAR, in expanding CIOR's role and cooperation with the Western European Union. An additional responsibility of the Secretary will be to establish CIOR contacts with Central and Eastern European countries consistent with the spirit of the London Declaration of July 6, 1990.

RADM Sparks takes over as the Secretary General at a time when dynamic changes are occurring in the strategic concepts for defense and security of member countries of the Alliance. The Secretary General will be involved in developing future policy and guidance to ensure that Reserves of the Alliance are adequately trained and ready to mobilize in order to deter aggression and insure peace and security in Europe.

RADM Sparks is currently serving as Deputy Executive Director of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States located on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.



RADM Sparks selected Secretary General of CIOR

RADM Bennett S. Sparks, USCGR (Ret.), was recently selected the next Secretary General of the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers, CIOR. His term of office will begin in August 1992 and will extend for two

years. RADM Sparks is the first Coast Guard officer to ever hold an international position in the CIOR. This position is open to the United States only every 24 years.

As one of the most effective organizations in the North Atlantic Alliance, CIOR represents over 800,000 Reserve Officers from the countries of the Alliance. CIOR concerns itself with the training and deployment of Reserves and the promotion of uniformity, interoperability and the exchange of ideas among Reserves in Alliance countries consistent with national responsibilities and traditions.



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In 1982, while President of the ROA, then Captain Sparks meets with President Reagan.

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The Fit Way To Manage Weight



Exercise for Weight Loss and Maintenance

Weight gain is caused by an imbalance between the energy we take in (by eating) and the energy we take out (by exercising). The balance of energy in and out is what *healthy* weight management is all about.

Energy in and out

It takes 3,500 calories to create one pound of fat. To lose a pound, you need to lose that amount of calories. In other words, you need to create a calorie deficit. Your energy "output" needs to be greater than your energy "input." Along with dietary adjustments (less fat and more complex carbohydrates, for example), fat-burning exercise is one of the most important aspects of healthy weight loss.

Burning body fat

In order to burn body fat, vigorous, sustained exercise is necessary. For the first few minutes of exercise your body uses readily available carbohydrates for energy. This form of energy production is called anaerobic ("without oxygen") metabolism. For sustained exercise your body switches to fat for fuel. This second type is called aerobic ("with oxygen") because it uses oxygen to release stored body fat for energy. While any increase in activity will help use excess calories, aerobic exercise is the most effective type for trimming body fat. Aerobic exercise such as jogging, swimming, and cycling, help you maintain your target heart rate (220 minus your age multiplied by 60 percent and by 80 percent) and use oxygen to burn body fat for energy.

How much exercise?

For weight loss, exercise within your target heart range for *at least* 20-30 minutes four to five times a week. (Working in your lower THR for longer durations is recommended.) Once you have reached your ideal weight, you can maintain your weight and your level of fitness by exercising aerobically a minimum of three times weekly.

How much will I burn?

The following chart shows how many calories you can burn in just 15 minutes of your favorite aerobic activities:

| Activity | Calories Burned |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Walking (.5 miles) | 83 |
| Fitness Walking (1.1 miles) | 100 |
| Jogging (1.5 miles) | 160 |
| Running (1.8 miles) | 180 |
| Cycling (2.4 miles) | 102 |
| Cross Country Skiing | 190 |
| Swimming (600 yards) | 110 |
| Handball / Racquetball | 150 |
| Aerobic Dancing | 105 |



RU Duluth conducts annual physical fitness training

Story and photo by PS1 Pat Phillips, RU Duluth

DULUTH, Minn. — On Sunday, May 12, 1991, RU Duluth conducted its annual physical fitness training at Gates Gym on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Superior.

Since 1984, the unit has been conducting physical fitness training, referred to as "Norman's Trials," in reference to CDR Norbert Norman who initiated the routine of sit-ups, push-ups and a timed run. Since the trials began, the runs have varied in length as the unit has moved to different quarters over the years.

To help them prepare for the activities, RU Duluth has classes in nutrition and physical fitness. On testing day, all participants are weighed and their blood pressure is monitored. Once given the "green light" by the

corpsman, the unit goes to the track. The physical activity has helped develop a physical fitness awareness among the 45 unit members.

It also has developed a camaraderie as unit members complete "Norman's Trials" and compare results from previous years and with other unit members.



RU Duluth members pause for a breather following "Norman's Trials," the unit's physical fitness training which includes sit-ups, push-ups and a timed run.



It's our 50th...

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



CG Festival postmark

Add another item to your collection! A special pictorial postmark from Coast Guard City, USA has been designed by our resident postal consultant, CDR Bob Marcotte, to commemorate the Reserve Golden Anniversary this summer in Grand Haven, Mich.

If you would like to receive this hand-stamped postmark, pictured at right, you must prepare the mail you want cancelled by applying the appropriate First Class postage — 19 cents per postcard or 29 cents per letter. When you address your cards and letters, please remember to leave as much room around the stamp as possible so that a clear impression of the postmark can be applied.

Once postmarked, these cards and letters can be sent from Grand Haven to any address you prefer. They will be placed in the mailstream so they will not receive any additional

machine cancellations. If you would like cards and letters returned to you without an address on them, be sure to enclose a properly stamped, self-addressed envelope large enough to hold them. To receive this special postmark, your package of cards and/or letters must be postmarked by

Aug. 3, 1991, and sent to:

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For further details, write or call the Coast

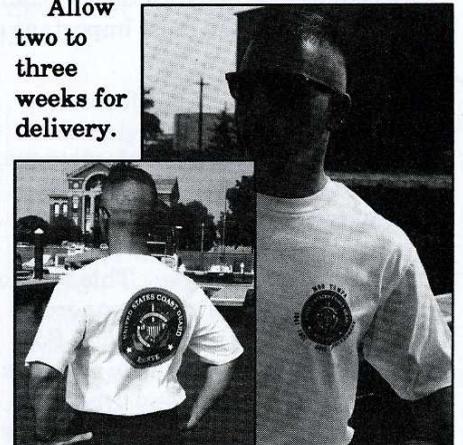
Guard Festival Committee, P.O. Box 694, Grand Haven, MI 49417 or call (616) 846-5940.

CGR 50th T-shirts

Golden Anniversary T-shirts with an imprint of the CGR emblem are now available. A three-inch diameter CGR color emblem is imprinted in the upper corner of the front of the shirt with unit name above the emblem and 1941-1991, 50th Anniversary printed below. Centered on the back side is a ten-inch color CGR emblem.

Shirts with your unit's name can also be printed up at no extra charge; however, the minimum order 1941 — 1991 for specific unit names is three dozen. If interested, please send a check or money order for \$10.00 plus \$1.50 per shirt for shipping and handling payable to: Pan Graphics South, Inc., 1824 Villa Drive #22, Clearwater, FL 34620, Attn: PS3 Edward G. Rizzotto or call (813) 787-0773. When ordering, please specify all sizes and quantities.

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