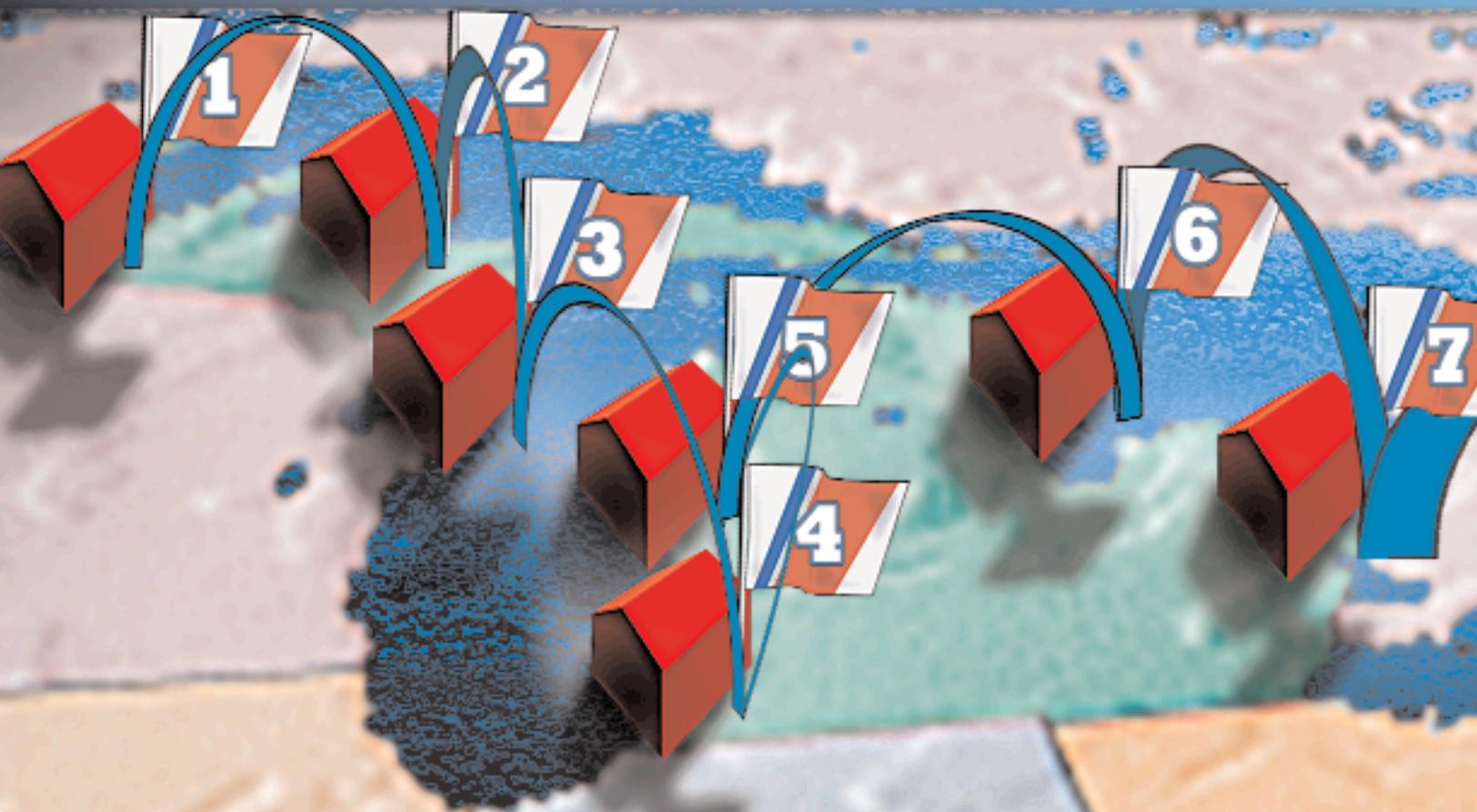


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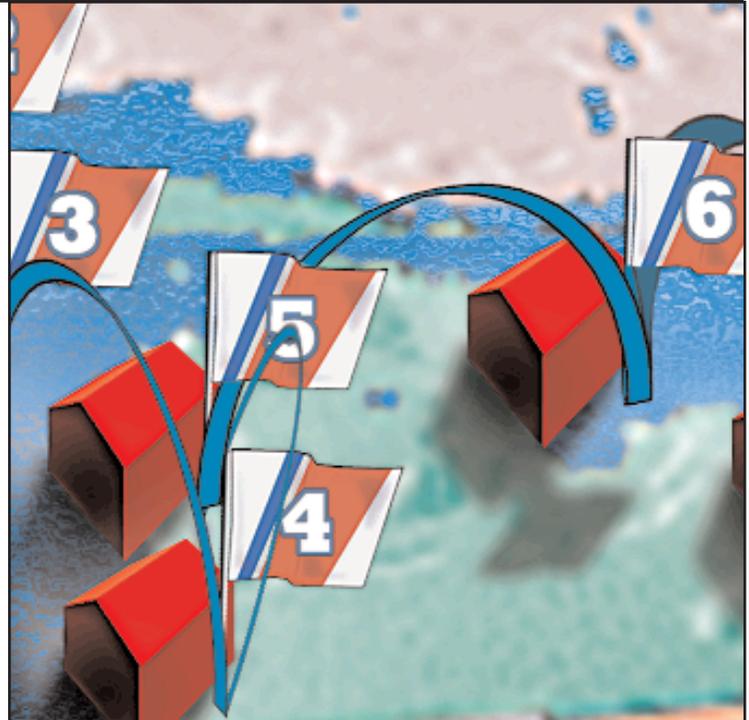
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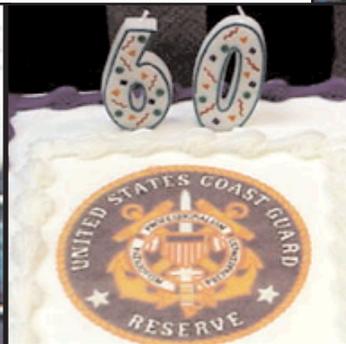
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome back to another exciting edition of *The Reservist*. OK, it's finally spring and so it's time for a little "spring cleaning!" Here are several items to clean up and get out of my in-box.

### • STOCK HOPPING 2000

— The centerpiece of this issue are the Coast Guard stations in Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and New York that comprise our Summerstock stations. I personally visited all of them last summer for this article, and also paid a visit to *YN1 Patricia Feeney*, Summerstock yeoman at D9 Headquarters in Cleveland. Do enjoy "Stock Hopping 2000." It will help you with your "Stock Options" in 2001. I know that your stock as a Coast Guardsman will only go up if you choose to serve at one of these stations this coming summer.



• **COASTIES OF THE CENTURY** — At the end of 1999, *The Reservist* asked readers to send in their top three picks for "Coasties of the Century" and I said I would publish the responses. This idea was backburnered due to lack of reader response until some readers recently inquired as to what happened. Remember, the following names are what I received here at the magazine from you, our readers. OK, I added in CAPT Stratton for fear of backlash from our many readers who are SPARs! The names submitted included: *ADM Russell R. Waesche*, USCG Commandant during WWII; *Douglas Munro*, USCG's only recipient of the Medal of Honor; *CDR Elmer Stone*, USCG's first aviator; *CAPT Frank Erickson*, pioneered the helicopter as a rescue platform; *CDR Ray J. Evans, Jr.*, served alongside Douglas Munro at Guadalcanal; *CAPT John Gaughan*, USCGR(Ret.); *MCPOCG Vince Patton*, eighth Master Chief of the Coast Guard, 1998 to present; *ADM Paul Yost*, USCG Commandant, 1986-1990; *CAPT Ellsworth Price Bertholf*, last Commandant of Revenue Cutter Service, first Commandant of U.S. Coast Guard; *CWO4 Robert Sorrell*, MSO Milwaukee, Wis.; *MSTCM B.J. Williams*, MSO Paducah, Ky.; and *CAPT Dorothy Stratton*, first Director of the Women's Reserve (SPARs).

• **SPAR COMMISSIONING** — As they did last summer in Marinette, Wis., the Coast Guard SPARs are now setting their sites on Kodiak, Alaska for this summer's commissioning of "their" cutter, *CGC SPAR*. Commissioning date is Friday, Aug. 3rd. Check "Upcoming Events" for more info or contact CWO Laura Pearson, 202-267-6223, e-mail: [lpearson@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:lpearson@comdt.uscg.mil)

• **CGR 60TH POSTER** — On Feb. 23, I received an e-mail from CG Reservist *YNCM Gerod Victorine* of ISC Honolulu. YNCM Victorine said that he saw the 60th CGR posters (sent to every ISC) and thought they were really nice and eye catching. "I am sure that there are many reservists out there who would want to get a copy of these posters for their own wall," said Victorine. "Please put something in the next *Reservist* if these posters are available." Stop the presses! The next time you see the master chief, thank him for the CGR 60th poster inside this issue...it was his idea, and I took him up on it! Please post it in a prominent place in your home, office, at your unit, or OK, even your garage, but let's not hide our light under a bushel basket during this special year! The *USCGR: Sixty Years of Service to America* logo is the work of *Reservist* graphics man *Chris Rose* (also a PA2 in the USCGR). Rose, a computer whiz, told me it took him about 45 minutes to put the logo together. Amazing, huh? *USCGR: Sixty Years of Service to America* is also the official theme of the 2001 Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, Mich. Other ideas are brewing here and in Grand Haven and I'll keep you posted!

## INAUGURATION OF 1965

I enjoyed the article about MCPO Linda Reid in the *Reservist* ("Special Events: Presidential Inaugural," January 2001). She's a great person and my Sea Partners guardian angel.

I guess I want to brag just a little bit. I marched in President Lyndon Johnson's Inauguration in January 1965 while in boot camp with Company I 56, formed Oct. 6, 1964. I got a Christmas card from the president later that year, which caused a bit of concern for my CO and XO on the *CGC Coos Bay*. I still have the Christmas card and thank you letter from President Johnson. That's a story in itself.

My challenge: Are there any active duty and/or drilling reservists who participated in an inaugural earlier than the one I was in?

— MST2 Arthur Reker, USCGR  
Solon, Ohio

## CG MANUAL REVIEW

The article on *The Coast Guardsman's Manual* by BMC Mark Allen caused me to dig into my old "sea chest" to locate my copy of the first issue given to me when I went to boot camp at Cape May, N.J. in July 1954 when I was 17 years old. It became my rule and guide for many years of my Coast Guard life. It is the first edition, dated 1952, and the Forward was by VADM Merlin O'Neill, USCG Commandant while the Preface was written by CAPT W.C. Hogan, USCG.

It was a step back in time to reread some items, such as "Resuscitation of a victim" using the Shafer method, or the Eye method, or the complete breakdown of both the M1 Garand and the .45 1911 small arms. How about the pictures of the newest craft in the CG, like the 36-foot motor lifeboat, the self-bailing 26-foot surf boat or the *CGC Kukui* (WAR) and the *CGC Yamacraw* (WARC) — both of the big ships were the only ones in their class.

My Coast Guard history is in the issue along with many other old sea days. Thanks for the article.

— BM1 John A. Perrin, USCG(Ret.)  
Sebastian, Fla.

## SMALL BOAT STATIONS

I noticed in many of the past issues there have been several articles about the port security units. Are there plans to do articles about the back bone of the Coast Guard — the small boat stations? It could make a great series going from coast to coast with the various types of boats and weather.

— PS1 Joseph P. Neddill, USCGR  
Waterford, Conn.

*Ed's note: Yes! In fact, this issue is a good one to start by showing various Summerstock stations in "Stock Hopping 2001," but this idea can be expanded. Readers are always welcome and encouraged to send us short articles and photos of their Coast Guard station.*

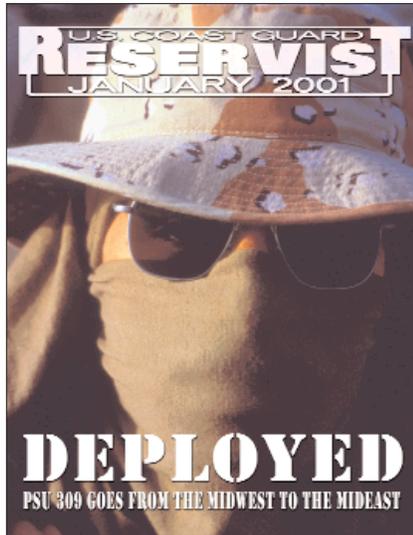
## A BIT O' HUMOR

I recently came across a little item that I've had for a

long time that I retrieved from deep in a file folder. It might still be appropriate for a laugh. When I saw it, I laughed, once again. Here it is:

A typist from CGRU MSO Guam recently committed a typing error which resulted in a new adjective which possibly could describe how a Coast Guardsman might feel toward an End-of-Course test. The typo resulted in "End of Curse" test.

— CWO4 Phill Mendel, USCGR (Ret.)  
Kaneohe, Hawaii



## OFFICERS! REVIEWING YOUR RECORD

I would like to share a personal experience that underscores the importance of an officer periodically reviewing their official record at Coast Guard Personnel Command (CGPC) in Washington, D.C. A personal review to ensure that all Officer Evaluation Reports (OERs) are included and accurately displayed in the record is particularly critical for those officers going before a selection board. OERs and other documents relevant to the selection process are scanned into an electronic image format and are viewed

by the selection board on computer monitors. This is important to know. Like many officers, I had reviewed the paper copy of my official record during an earlier visit to Washington and found it complete. Last fall, I sent a letter to CGPC (adm-3) requesting a paper copy of the electronic version of my record that would be appearing before an upcoming selection board. A review of the copies revealed that an error had occurred when my paper record was scanned. Two pages of another officer's OER were inadvertently shown as mine. Fortunately, the error was corrected before the board met.

Commandant Instruction 1401.1V, Inactive Duty Reserve Boards (available from the Reserve Home Page at [www.uscg.mil/reserve/hotnews.html](http://www.uscg.mil/reserve/hotnews.html)) lists the three ways an officer can review their record. First, if in Washington, they can visit CGPC and personally review it. Second, they can have someone else review the record by providing a signed letter designating the other person to perform the review. This option includes using a record review service such as that offered by the Reserve Officers Association (contact retired Col. Dale Litney at 1-800-746-1655 or send e-mail to: [dlitney@tstonramp.com](mailto:dlitney@tstonramp.com) for more information). Third, they may request that a copy of the record be mailed to them.

Requests for copies should be made four months in advance of any selection board and addressed to: Coast Guard Personnel Command (CGPC-adm-3), 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, Attention: Supervisor, Officer Section.

— LT Michael Bee, USCGR  
Winters, Calif.

## IT'S CGMA CAMPAIGN TIME

Thanks for the letter from Mr. Carl Mursch, Executive Director of Coast Guard Mutual Assistance ("Thanks from CGMA," September/October 2000 *Reservist*). Perhaps I did not pay attention to CGMA while I was still active in the Reserve program, as I frequently was not in a pay sta-

tus or I lived great distances from my units, and spent my check to cover my airfare and other travel costs each month. To be honest, I cannot remember whether I ever contributed anything more than a nominal amount during the years I was a member of the active Reserve whether in pay status or out.

However, soon after I reached 60 and began to receive a monthly check, I received a letter of solicitation for CGMA. I promptly completed the allotment application to have a portion of my retired pay go directly to CGMA each month. As I received raises, I made upward adjustments in my contributions. It is a painless way to make a meaningful contribution to an organization with a noble purpose. God has blessed my family and me richly while I have been a Coastie, including my years as an enlisted man, so I never have had to call on CGMA for assistance.

I urge every retiree to have an allotment made to CGMA instead of ignoring the pleas for annual contributions. You won't miss the money and you'll feel good about your decision.

— *CAPT C. Lamar Johnson, USCGR(Ret.)  
Atlanta, Ga.*

*Ed's note: The 2001 CGMA campaign kicked off March 1 and runs through April 30. Check the other CGMA success story in this issue. For more info, check with your unit CGMA representative, CGMA's Web site at [www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org) or call them at 1-800-881-2462.*

## **SIMULTANEOUS BIRTHDAYS AND HEROES**

What should have been a very obvious coincidence escaped my attention until recently. The coincidence is that the 60th anniversary year is shared by both the Alaska State Troopers and the Coast Guard Reserve.

Furthermore, the Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers (FOAST) sells and keeps in their membership lounge a copy of a history of law enforcement in Alaska. Early in the L.E. history book are photos and information about the Coast Guard's own, "Hell Roaring, Mike Healy."

So, not only does the Coast Guard Reserve share the

60th anniversary year with the Alaska State Troopers, both organizations also share a common ancestry.

I've had the very fortunate experience to serve with Coast Guard Reservists whose full time vocation was as Alaska State Troopers.

Both organizations might want to consider giving some publicity to each other while celebrating their 60th anniversaries during the same year, and sharing the common ancestry during the beginnings of Alaska law enforcement.

— *BM2 Charles T. Seidl, USCGR(Ret.) & FOAST Life  
Member  
Las Vegas, Nev.*

## **YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, USCG!**

In June 1942, I was transferred from the Bodie Island, N.C. surf boat station to the U.S.S. *Joseph T. Dickman* [APA-13]. At that time on that ship, the only rate a black enlisted man could strike for was Steward Mate. The Stewards were separated from the rest of the crew, and even had a compartment of their own. I don't know if a study has ever been made to measure the loss of skill and talent occasioned by that short-sighted policy, but it must have been considerable!

Now, on the cover of *The Reservist* (December 2000), we see how far our society and the USCG, as a microcosm of the larger society, has advanced. MCPO Vince Patton III should be commended, as should our USCG!

— *CDR Edward S. Wheeler, Jr., USCGR(Ret.)  
San Bernardino, Calif.*

## **CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS**

In the February 2001 issue, the Waesche Award was accepted by D1 Chief of Staff CAPT Alan Brown, not D1 Commander RADM George Naccara. Also, we stated that 10 USCG plates have been submitted from Florida. The number is 11: We failed to include PSCM John Gill, USCGR(Ret.), who has a "USCG E9" plate on his vehicle.

## **L I C E N S E P L A T E //**

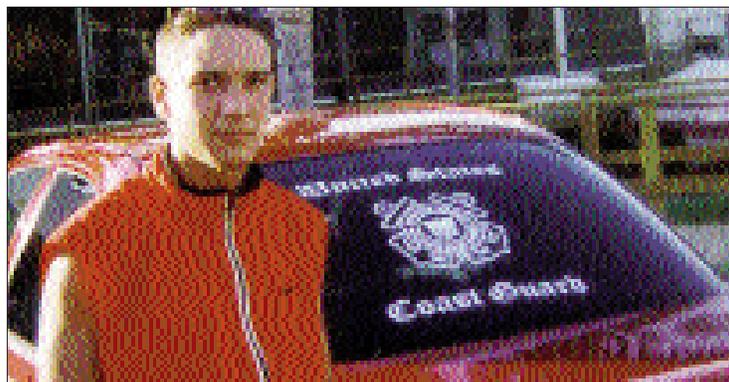
# **SPECIAL USCG CAR LOGO**

Far too often, we fail to recognize the influence that our service as members of the Coast Guard Reserve has on the younger generation. A youth growing up may have seen one or both spouses marching off to conflicts or protecting lives in search and rescue, but most of all, serving their country.

*Bryon V. Mayo*, son of retired Coast Guard Reservist *CWO4 Leonard E. Renquin*, has always been supportive when it comes to his father's military career. Conversely, while attending high school in Illinois, Bryon was an active member in the Naval Junior ROTC program while his father was an ROTC sponsor until they moved to Palm Harbor, Fla.

Nevertheless, Bryon really surprised his father recently by displaying the sign decal he had made up for the rear window of his 2000 Kia car. The white letters of the logo show up nicely against the black-tinted windows.

This could be the start of a career for Bryon, who wants to join the Coast Guard when he graduates from high school.



*Bryon V. Mayo, future Coastie showing off his pride in the Coast Guard*

Says his father, "What parent or parents wouldn't be proud to see the next generation follow in their footsteps?"



## BUILDING A BALANCED COAST GUARD WORKFORCE

Over the last few years, the proliferation of information technology has brought the people of the world much closer together. The emergence of this "information age" has also helped spawn the new global economy. The

Coast Guard, like other federal agencies and private industry, is investigating ways to provide better service to the nation so that we may more effectively carry out our statutory missions in this new environment. This includes managing our workforce to ensure that we not only recruit and retain the best personnel, but earn their loyalty and trust so they will stay aboard as dedicated career employees. Understanding and embracing the diversity of our workforce and that of our customer base is something we must continually do to achieve our long-term strategic goals.

One of the major stumbling blocks in any discussion of diversity is its very definition. A common misconception is that only certain persons or groups are included in any discussion about achieving a diverse workforce. In reality, diversity encompasses the entire spectrum of people including race, gender, age, religion, geographic origin, educational background and level, marital status, personality, and economic status. *Team Coast Guard* is a great example of how we have merged several culturally diverse organizations within the Coast Guard to provide a flexible workforce that can carry out our missions effectively. By blending the Active, Reserve, Auxiliary and Civilian components, we have reduced administrative overhead and freed up valuable resource time that can now be used to directly support our federally mandated missions.

Leaders seeking to build a diverse organization must have a good knowledge of and respect for the creative abilities and talents of all employees. In order to maximize the potential of the future Coast Guard workforce, we must go beyond the quantitative aspects of obtaining a numerically "balanced" organization. This requires more than the establishment of mere numeric quotas. It means we have to strive to build and maintain a force that possesses the creative talents and abilities representative of the citizen base of the entire nation. Such a

richly diverse workforce can greatly assist us in understanding the needs of our customers. This will also allow us to work more effectively with industry and the general population of the United States in carrying out our maritime safety, security, law enforcement, environmental protection, and military missions.

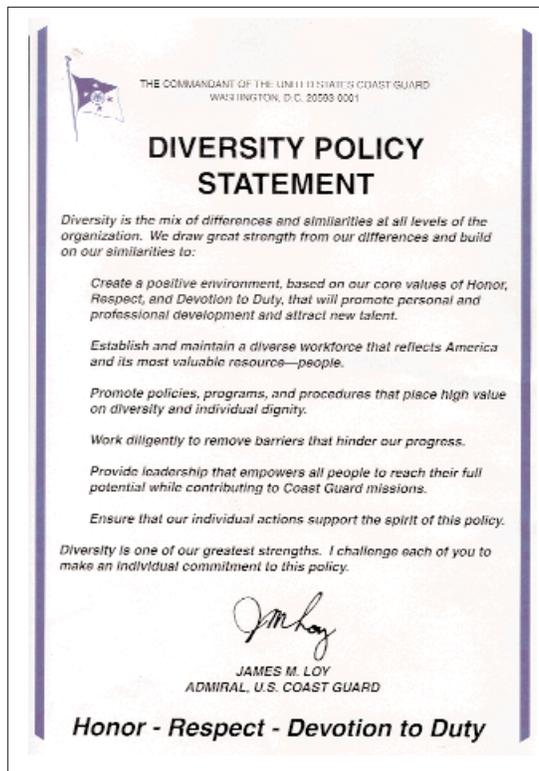
In addition, aligning workforce diversity with the missions and business of the Coast Guard increases morale and retention. It also improves productivity, and responsiveness that in turn adds value to our service and to the nation.

The Commandant has articulated his vision of a diverse workforce in his Diversity Policy Statement. This is a well written and to the point document that offers all of us some superb guiding principals about diversity in our service. It is available and prominently posted at all Coast Guard offices and also on the Coast Guard Web site at [www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wt/g-wtl/cgidv.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wt/g-wtl/cgidv.htm) It is reproduced here for your reference. In it, he challenges us all to... "Ensure that our individual actions support the spirit of this policy."

The Coast Guard Reserve Compass Program is an example of a successful initiative we are using to build diversity in our reserve component. The purpose of this program is to provide assistance to recruiters and Coast Guard units in reaching out to minority communities in literally every compass point of American demography. The intent is to increase community awareness of the Coast Guard as a career choice and therefore expand minority recruiting. For more detailed information about the Compass program, please see the January 2001 *Reservist* or "Volunteer Opportunities" on *The Reservist* Web site at [www.uscg.mil/reserve](http://www.uscg.mil/reserve)

Creating the best Coast Guard for the future is the long-term goal of Future Force 21 (FF21). It is a newly chartered, full-time staff organization based at Coast Guard Headquarters that will look deep into the 21st century to project the service's workforce needs. Building a balanced and diverse force is one of their priorities. You can read more about FF21 by accessing their Web site via the Internet at [www.uscg.mil/ff21/](http://www.uscg.mil/ff21/)

We all have a role in building a balanced Coast Guard workforce. Each of us contributes in our way by bringing our own personal and unique experiences, talents and perspectives to our day-to-day work in support of Coast Guard missions. *Semper Paratus.*



**By Rear Admiral R. Dennis Sirois, USCG  
Director of Reserve and Training**

## RESERVISTS NAB MURDER SUSPECT

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Coast Guard Reservists **ENS Harry Spirides** and **PS3 Brett Tremelling** led a Coast Guard Station Tybee Island boarding team that tracked down and captured a murder suspect on Feb. 10. The suspect, who had a history of resisting arrest and fleeing police, was wanted by Charleston, S.C., authorities in connection with the kidnapping and brutal murder of a 19-year-old Charleston female.

Coast Guard Group Charleston received word from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office that the murder suspect was on a barge heading north on the Intracoastal Waterway just south of Savannah. After being spotted by a Coast Guard helicopter, a law enforcement boarding team on a 41-foot utility boat from Station Tybee Island was dispatched to intercept and board the vessel to capture (and detain) the suspect. The boarding team quickly accomplished this objective and turned the murder suspect over to local law enforcement authorities.

"I was very happy with *Team Coast Guard's* performance," said Spirides, of Group Charleston's Operations Department. "I was impressed with everyone's professionalism and level of readiness. Everyone performed perfectly in the face of danger and accomplished the mission without hesitation."



Photo courtesy of ENS Harry Spirides, USCGR

**ENS Harry Spirides, left, and PS3 Brett Tremelling, right, after capturing the murder suspect.**

"In my many years as a police officer, I never witnessed such impressive local, state, and federal cooperation," added Tremelling. "This operation was a text book example of inter-agency cooperation."

In civilian life, Spirides is a resort manager and part-time deputy sheriff, while Tremelling is a former police officer and SWAT team member.

"The Coast Guard's capture (detainment) of this high-profile murder suspect has generated excellent publicity and media coverage for the Coast Guard," said Spirides. "This very successful operation was featured in major regional newspapers and on all major TV networks."



Photo courtesy of ENS Harry Spirides, USCGR

**The capture of a murder suspect near Savannah, Ga. by Coast Guardsmen.**

# DEPLOYMENT UPDATE: RESERVISTS TRAIN FOR SOUTHWEST ASIA DEPLOYMENT

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Dozens of Coast Guard Reservists from Port Security Unit 307, St. Petersburg, Fla., and PSU 309, Port Clinton, Ohio, departed from Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, Fla., Feb. 25 to complete training at the PSU Training Detachment here, prior to deploying to Southwest Asia later in the year. These reservists have been training in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area for several weeks.

Supporting the Department of Defense is an important Coast Guard military mission. Members of PSU 307 and PSU 309 will deploy to assist other naval coastal warfare elements in support of the U.S. Central Command, which is headquartered in Tampa, Fla.

Coast Guard PSUs are capable of worldwide deployment and are responsible for providing maritime defense of military positions, equipment and personnel within a critical harbor. They are organized to provide command and control, waterborne security, shore security, and logistics support.

This will be PSU 307's first deployment since it stood up in 1999, although members of PSU 307 have performed port security duties with other units. Other Coast Guard PSUs have supported U.S. military operations around the world.

This will be the third wave of reservists deployed to the region. The first group of 37 reservists attached to PSU 309 deployed for the Southwest Asia Dec. 13 and were featured in the January *Reservist*. In late January, a second wave of 20 reservists attached to PSU 309 and PSU 307 deployed to Southwest Asia.

— By 7th District Public Affairs

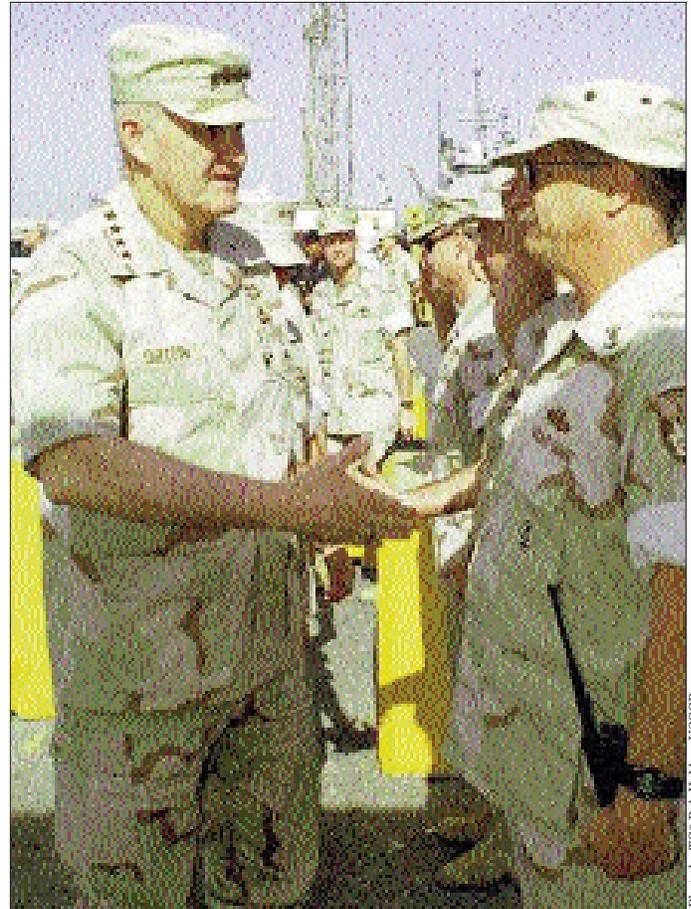


Photo by TC3 Rob Holden, USCGR

*Gen. Henry Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, left, shakes hands with MCPO Walter Wozniak, Command Master Chief of deployed PSU 309 Detachment Bravo, during a recent visit to the Middle East.*

## SALUTING USCG's 16th COMMANDANT



Photo by PA Jacquelyn Zettles, USCG Photo Team

*Members of the Coast Guard Honor Guard hold an American flag over the remains of former Coast Guard Commandant ADM John B. Hayes at funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery Jan. 31. At center are CAPT Leroy Gilbert, Chaplain of the CG, ADM James Loy, CG Commandant, and the Rev. Joan Phelps of St. James Episcopal Church, West Hartford, Conn.*

# A SUPER TIME IN TAMPA

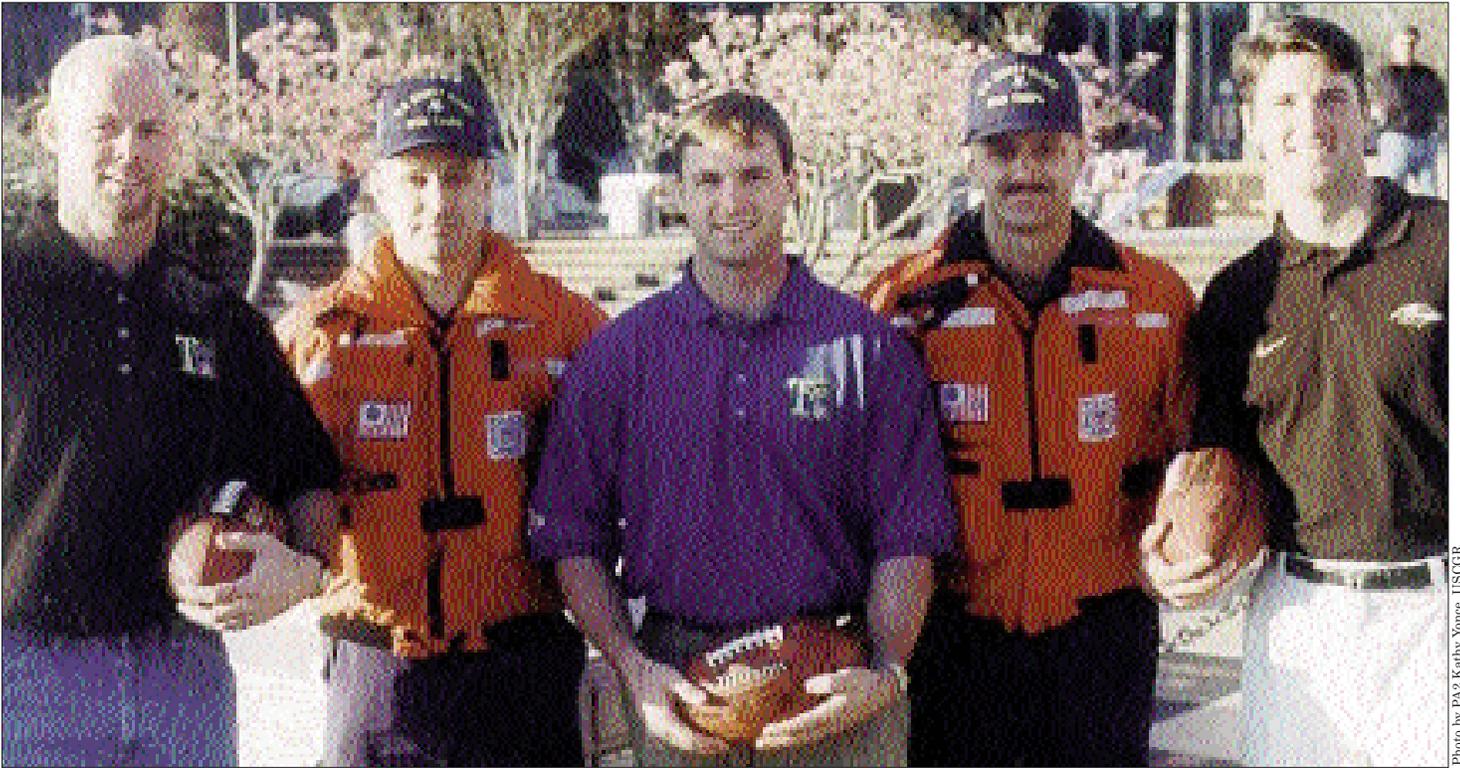


Photo by PA2 Kathy Yonce, USCGR

*A super time was had by all at the Taste of the NFL kickoff event in conjunction with Super Bowl festivities in Tampa, Fla. Left to right, John Carney, San Diego Chargers; BM2 Leeland*

*Chapman, MSO Tampa; Mike Hollis, Jacksonville Jaguars; BM1 Mike Dibartolomeo, MSO Tampa; and Matt Stover, Baltimore Ravens.*

TAMPA — The city of Tampa wasn't the only one having a super time the latter part of January when it hosted Super Bowl XXXV. It was also "Salute to the Coast Guard Week," a significant recognition of the Coast Guard's proud service to the region and nation.

*CGC Tampa* returned to its namesake for the first time since its commissioning in 1984. The Coast Guard Band was pierside as *Tampa* arrived Jan. 23, and also performed at several venues throughout the week, including the *Blackthorn* ceremony in St. Petersburg on Jan. 28.

The Tampa area Navy League formally adopted *Tampa* as one of its own during a Jan. 24 ceremony, which included presenting Purple Hearts to family members of the deceased. The original *Tampa* was sunk on Sept. 16, 1918 by a German U-boat with the loss of all hands. Many of the original crew members were from the Tampa area. **CDR James Howe**, commanding officer of the current *Tampa*, was officially presented with a key to the city, and the mayor of Tampa declared Jan. 23-28 Coast Guard Cutter *Tampa* Week.

Meanwhile MSO Tampa deployed its 23-footer Jan. 25 for an unusual "SAR" mission — the retrieval of three footballs from the waters of the Hillsborough River.

**Matt Stover** of the Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens, **John Carney** of the San Diego Chargers and **Mike Hollis** of the Jacksonville Jaguars each kicked-off along the banks of the river. The footballs, picked up by **BM1 Mike Dibartolomeo** and **BM2 Leeland Chapman**, were then the centerpieces at this year's Taste of the NFL silent auction. The auction, which raises funds for hunger relief in the United States, brought in over \$900,000.

"We are grateful for the Coast Guard's participation in

this good cause," said **Wayne Kostroski**, founder of Taste of the NFL.

The "Super" week also included a reception and dinner at the Propeller Club — Port of Tampa to honor the Coast Guard and give members of the maritime industry an opportunity to meet Coast Guard personnel from local commands. The guest speaker was **VADM Thomas Collins**, Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard. An HH-60 helo from Air Station Clearwater also touched down at MacDill Air Force Base in conjunction with another NFL celebrity/charitable event — a golf tournament to raise \$50,000 for "Take Stock in Children," an educational fundraiser. The helo was used as a recruiting and public relations platform, and was also used for fly-bys at various events throughout the week.

According to **LT Steve Ward** of MSO Tampa, there was a total of 11 reservists who helped out during the week, three from district and eight from MSO Tampa.

"I am glad to see the Coast Guard getting so much attention this week," said NFL Hall of Famer **Otto Graham**, who lives in nearby Sarasota, Fla. "What they do everyday is what makes me so proud to have been able to work in such a first-rate organization."

Graham spent seven years coaching at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. until the Washington Redskins named him head coach in 1966. Molding young cadets gave the now 79-year-old Graham a lot of satisfaction.

"The best thing I ever did was join the Coast Guard," said Graham. "Those kids gave football — and everything they did, 110 percent."

— By PA2 Kathy Yonce and PA3 Judy Silverstein,  
D7 Public Affairs

# WHIRLWIND OF ACTIVITY AT ALL HANDS

ST. LOUIS — Over 125 *Team Coast Guard* men and women from MSO St. Louis, ISC St. Louis, ESU St. Louis, TRANSCOM, MSDs St. Paul, Quad Cities, Peoria and the *CGC Cheyenne* attended an all hands training weekend held Feb. 10-11.

**RADM Carlton D. Moore**, Deputy Commander for Mobilization and Reserve Component Affairs, Atlantic Area, and **MCPO George Ingraham**, Reserve Force Master Chief, were the keynote speakers.

A personnel inspection conducted by RADM Moore kicked off the weekend. **CAPT Kevin Schumacher**, Commanding Officer ISC St. Louis, and **CDR Adolfo Ramirez**, Commanding Officer, MSO St. Louis, presented advancement certificates to **SN Joshua Blacksher**, **SN Ann Steel**, **BM3 James Brackett**, **YN3 Michelle Mathis**, **PS2 Alan Mollett**, **HS1 Jennifer Hawley** and **MK1 John Rother**.

RADM Moore continued recognizing members by presenting Commandant's Letters of Commendation to **BMC Robert Scott** and **ENS Scott Wolland** and Coast Guard Achievement Medals to **MKC James Butcher**, **CWO3 Eugene Kentch**, **LT Jill Druskis**, and **LCDR Thomas C. Thomas**. The CG Meritorious Team Commendation was presented to 35 members for 2000 Fair St. Louis and Western Rivers Hurricane Floyd Disaster Response Team activities.

The all hands event also provided the opportunity to celebrate some personal and service-related milestones. The 60th anniversary of the Coast Guard Reserve was observed as was the 60th birthday of BMC Butcher, as well as his retirement from the Coast Guard.

The all hands training weekend has been an annual event for MSO St. Louis. However, this year marked the first time that all of the St. Louis area commands were gathered for required annual training.

The two-day training was highlighted by remarks made to the group by Moore and Ingraham, both of whom recognized the traditions and accomplishments of



Photo by LT C.T. O'Neil, USCG

**RADM Carlton Moore** inspects the troops during an all-hands training weekend held in St. Louis on Feb. 10-11.

the Coast Guard Reserve in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Coast Guard Reserve.

— **CDR Michael Mazzone, USCG**  
MSO St. Louis

## COAST GUARD ON DISPLAY

**ENS Nelson Santiago, USCG?**, left, and **LT Daryl Schaffer, USCGR**, right, chat with passersby during the Reserve Officers Association Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. Feb. 6. The Coast Guard booth was sponsored by the Headquarters Office of Reserve Affairs.



Photo by BMC "Smilin'" Mark Allen, USCGR

# COMING SOON: ON-LINE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Coast Guard Reservists, active duty, auxiliaries and civilians who use SWIII will soon be able to take free on-line information technology (IT) courses. The Coast Guard is contracting for e-learning from a commercial computer-based training company.

"Rather than send people away from their jobs to half a dozen places for training, why not save time and money by having them sign up for on-line courses," said CAPT Grant Leber, Chief of Training and Performance Consulting at CG Headquarters. "We opted to offer this training to everyone using SWIII. In an increasingly technology-based Coast Guard, these on-line courses not only make Coasties smarter, at their jobs but help provide a solid IT knowledge base for our Service."

The Coast Guard's on-line IT training program will be offered on the web and through CD-ROM for cutters and isolated duty stations. Over 700 courses will be available and range from how to use Microsoft Office products (e.g., Word, Excel, Outlook) to advanced technical courses for systems administrators and webmasters. A special training package targets new features of Microsoft 2000/Microsoft Office 2000. The courses will provide instruction for beginner through advanced students, and will be supported by an expert mentoring program.

Courses and pre-tests can also prepare Coasties for many commercial IT certifications. However, certification testing must

be obtained directly from commercial vendors. *While the Coast Guard funds all the training needed to prepare for certification, individuals must pay for their own certification testing.* Additionally, many on-line IT courses will qualify for college credit.

E-learning instruction is primarily text-based with amplifying graphics and photos. Currently, on-line learning is constrained by available bandwidth. As technologies advance, streaming video for instructor lectures and more comprehensive self-paced learning are expected to become available.

Watch for more information from ALCOASTs, newsletters and the CG Intranet.

The Office of Training and Performance Consulting, Commandant (G-WTT), is "*Working to make Team Coast Guard Totally Prepared Today and Tomorrow!*"

— By CDR Marilyn Stoney, Commandant (G-WTT Staff)



## COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE KICKS OFF 2001 FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

A Reserve lieutenant on 45 days Active Duty Special Work in support of the Active Component (ADSW-AC) fails to receive pay due to a clerical error. Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) provides a short-term loan to cover expenses until the pay delay was resolved.

A Reserve chief petty officer loses his civilian employment. While searching for another position, he appeals to CGMA and receives a loan to cover basic maintenance living expenses for several months.

A Reserve petty officer's wife is seriously injured and requires long-term rehabilitation after a long hospital stay. CGMA assists with a \$2,500 grant for basic maintenance living expenses allowing the member to stay home, care for the children, and assist with his wife's rehabilitation.

A Reserve petty officer who is currently unemployed, receives a \$2,500 CGMA loan for bills and expenses to help get caught up on debts.

### "WE LOOK AFTER OUR OWN"

These are among the thousands of Coast Guard people who were assisted through CGMA programs last year. In addition to those who received help through traditional emergency and general assistance programs, a growing number have taken advantage of the recently expanded education grant and loan programs now available. These include the CGMA Education Grant available on a financial need basis to spouses and dependent children of Selected Reserve members, and the highly popular Supplemental Education Grant (SEG) program.

Another figure has raised some concern, prompting an attempt to raise awareness in the Reserve community. *While Reserve members received \$162,544 in assistance in 2000, Reserve contributions totaled only \$6,994.* In an attempt to increase awareness, CGMA this year is conducting a direct-mail fund-raising campaign among the Selected Reserve similar to the approach taken with the Retired Coast Guard community. If you have not already received CGMA literature by mail, please keep an eye out for it.

CGMA ranks high among relief organizations in efficiency and effectiveness. Of every dollar disbursed, 92 cents goes directly into financial assistance. CGMA has kept in tune with the changing needs of its members, adjusting grant and loan programs accordingly. The latest development is introduction of a Newborn Layette program, providing junior members and their families with clothing and other items for newborn children.

### CGMA NEEDS YOUR HELP

The needs in our community are steadily increasing, and the challenge to CGMA's resources are greater than ever. Only with an increase in member contributions can CGMA adequately meet the challenge and continue the strong tradition of "looking after our own." Indeed, assistance over the past three years has outpaced earnings, and if this trend continues, CGMA will need to cut back on assistance programs — programs that are currently in place and meeting demonstrated needs.

"I would just like to thank the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance program for being there when it was needed by my family and myself. This was a God-sent blessing." That was a comment received recently from a PS3 in the Coast Guard Reserve.

Only with your support can CGMA continue to meet the needs of our members. *Please contribute to the only relief society that is uniquely devoted to assisting people in the Coast Guard community!*

Selected Reserve members may contribute to CGMA using the form and reply mail envelope they receive by mail from CGMA, sending their contributions to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, P.O. Box 97261, Washington, D.C. 20077-7185. For more information, contact CGMA at 1-800-881-2462, or visit their web site at [www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org)

Your support of Coast Guard Mutual Assistance is greatly appreciated!

## ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE



Photo courtesy of BM1 James Jones, USCGR

Coast Guard Reservist BM1 James H. Jones, right, of MSO Pittsburgh brushed elbows (literally) with the new commander in chief, President George W. Bush, during a campaign stop in Pittsburgh last fall. As a tour coach operator with Lenzner/Coach USA out of Sewickley, Pa., Jones was part of the campaign motorcade transporting the news media.

## A RETRO MOMENT

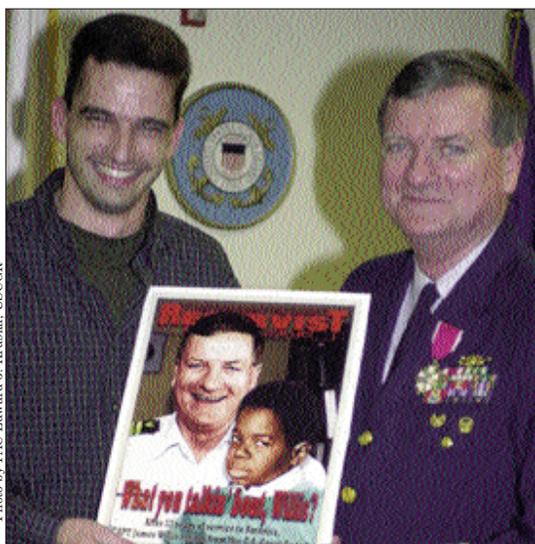


Photo by PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

There were many “retro moments,” including plenty of sea stories at the March 1 retirement ceremony for Reserve and Training Deputy Director CAPT James B. Willis, right, at Headquarters. Reservist graphics designer Chris Rose, left, produced a mock magazine cover for the occasion based on the 1980s TV sitcom “Different Strokes,” starring Gary Coleman and his now famous line, “What you talkin’ bout, Willis?” CAPT Willis retired after 33 years service with the Coast Guard.

## SMILING FOR A SPAR!



Photo by a Blackthorn ceremony staff worker

Coast Guard SPAR Eleanor Fabyan, right, of West Olive, Mich. displays the December 2000 Reservist that featured an interview with MCPOCG Vince Patton, left. The two met at the 21st annual Blackthorn ceremony in St. Petersburg, Fla. on Jan. 28. Fabyan, who spends winters in North Fort Myers, has organized the SPARs’ participation in the Coast Guard Festival Grand Haven parade since 1975.

## SIX MORE GLORIOUS YEARS

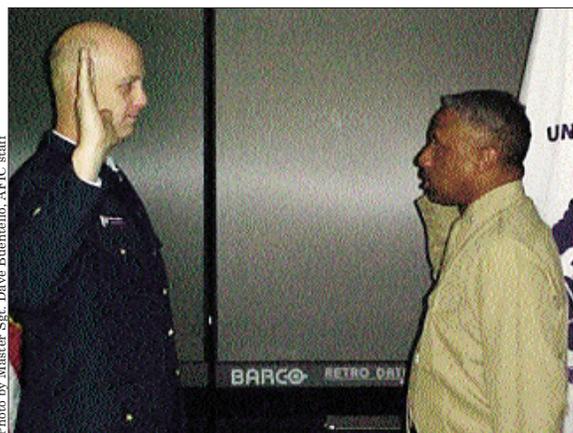


Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Buentello, AFIC staff

MST1 Scott Gardner is reenlisted into the Coast Guard Reserve for six more years by Col. Larry Wells, USMC, at Armed Forces Inaugural Committee Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Jan. 8. Gardner, a 20-year reservist, worked three months at AFIC and is a retired police officer from Damascus, Md.

# SPOTLIGHTING WAESCHE/OJO RECIPIENTS



Photo by PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

*It's miles of smiles for this year's Waesche and ROA Outstanding Junior Officer Award recipients, shown here being acknowledged at the Coast Guard Congressional reception in Washington, D.C. Feb. 5. Left to right are VADM Stephen Yusem, USNR, President of ROA; ADM James Loy, USCG Commandant; RADM R. Dennis Sirois, Director of Reserve & Training; Debbie McCune, spouse; CWO2 Brance McCune, ROA OJO recipient; CAPT Drew Dilks, CO of ISC Boston; CAPT Alan Brown, Deputy Chief of Staff, First CG District; and Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation. The standing-room only reception, held in conjunction with the annual ROA Mid-Winter Conference, was attended by 200 plus Coast Guardsmen and supporters.*

## BEHIND THE SCENES



Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Buentello, AFIC staff

*While the nation tuned in for the Presidential Inaugural on Jan. 20, a "joint effort" was going on behind the scenes at the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee in Washington, D.C. Shown left to right at the Inaugural OPCEN are: Maj. Tom Carnell, USA; MST1 Scott Gardner, USCGR; Sgt. 1st Class R. Lewis, USA; SCPO Barbara Crotsley, USNR; and CAPT Deane Gibson, USN, AFIC Chief of Staff, Maj. Gary Zegley, USMC.*

## FROM ENS TO LTJG



Photo by SN Krystina Abel, USCG

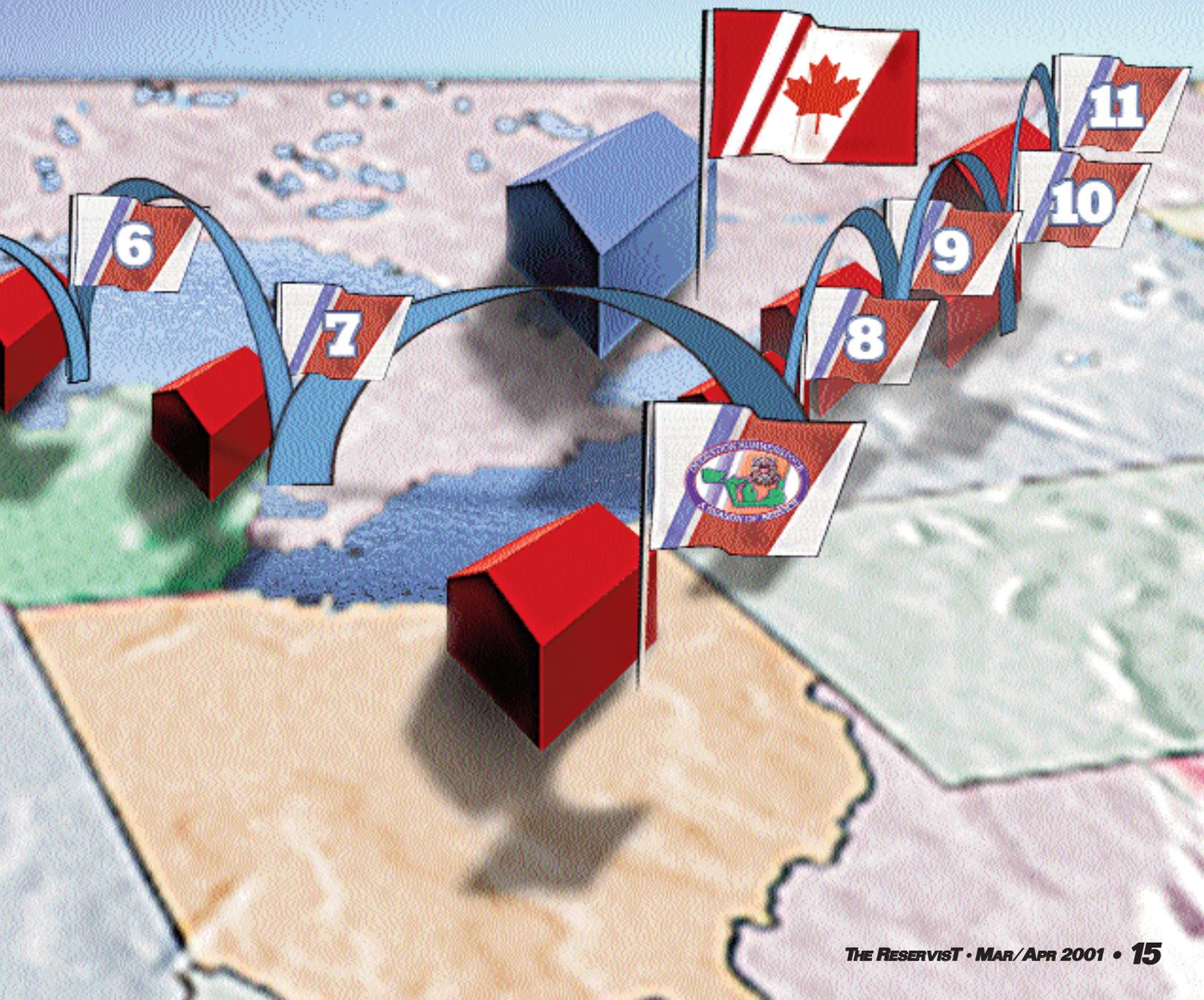
*Susan Shanahan, USCGR, right, is pinned a lieutenant junior grade by TRACEN Cape May, N.J. Commanding Officer CAPT Sally Brice-O'Hara on Jan. 2. Shanahan works in the Performance Technology Branch at the recruit training center. Brice-O'Hara was recently selected for rear admiral.*

# SUMMERS



# STOCK HOPPING

STORY & PHOTOS BY PAC ED KRUSKA

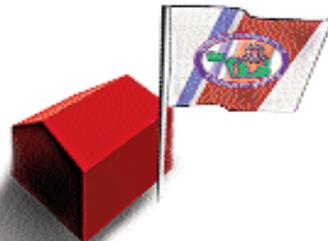


In anticipation of Operation Summerstock 2001, we sent our Editor on the road last summer to visit all the Summerstock stations — and dubbed the trip “Stock Hopping 2000!” We wanted to give reservists an idea of their “Stock Options” for 2001.

The 9th District is home of the five Great Lakes that make up the “inland seas” as well as the largest concentration of recreational vessels in the world, over 4.2 million. The Summerstock program began in 1972 as a way for reservists to fill critical billets at Coast Guard stations across the Great Lakes. Each summer, more than 50 reservists nationwide converge on these stations, most located in small towns and villages, to fill various billets including BM, MK, FS to SN/FN. From Bayfield, Wis. in the far western reaches of Lake Superior to Alexandria Bay, N.Y. in the Thousand Islands region of eastern Lake Ontario, here’s a station-by-station snapshot as Summerstock heads into its 29th consecutive “Season of Service.” Please note that due to a recent reorganization at Stations Frankfort, Manistee, Ludington, Muskegon and Grand Haven, Summerstock billets previously located at those stations have been phased out for now and the foreseeable future. The Web site listed at the bottom of each station’s summary is a non-Coast Guard link to give the reader more information about the local area.



## YNI PATRICIA FEENEY, SUMMERSTOCK YEOMAN



The bustling offices of the 9th District in Cleveland are our starting point simply because that is where a reservist will need to start too if interested in Summerstock 2001. After receiving approval from their active duty command, reservists will be communicating with the Summerstock yeoman.



Fellow reservists, please meet *YNI Patricia “Tricia” Feeney!*

This will be her sixth season as Summerstock yeoman, which she says is “full time and then some!” Feeney has been in the Coast Guard since 1986 when she enlisted in the Reserve program via the Direct Petty Officer program (RX).

“The best part of my job is meeting everyone in person and traveling,” says Feeney. “I truly like the fact that so many reservists are willing to spend their summer time with us here on the Great Lakes. It certainly means a lot to the entire program. The most challenging part is getting copies of orders from people.”

Feeney says there are usually accounting data and paperwork problems with the Form CG-3453, required to apply. Being stationed in Cleveland (population 505,000) is a far cry from Beaver Falls, Pa. where she grew up. Her office, located on the 20th floor of the Anthony J. Celebrezze Federal Building, is in the heart of Cleveland and overlooks Lake Erie. It’s within walking distance of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Jacob’s Field (home of the Indians), and various Coast Guard cutters which tie up on the nearby waterfront. **Feeney Fun Facts:** She loves hockey, animals, gardening, and Corvettes (which she races). When her family first bought a boat (before she was in the Coast Guard), she said they didn’t “know about sandbars.” Oops! She’s been married for 20 years to Tom Feeney, an ironworker, as of March 7, 2001. They live in Medina, Ohio, about a 37-mile commute from her office. She works from 0600-1430, Monday through Friday. Back on Nov. 1-2, 1989, Feeney was on *Wheel of Fortune* and won \$8,250. She says she was “shy and bashful” until after joining the Reserve and going on *Wheel!*

**Summerstock Billets:** 32 administered by Feeney.

**Mailing Address:** Commander(osr), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. Ninth Street, Room 2007D, Cleveland, OH 44199-2060 **Phone:** 216-902-6116 **FAX:** 216-902-6121

**E-mail:** [pfeeney@d9.uscg.mil](mailto:pfeeney@d9.uscg.mil) or [tfeeney62@hotmail.com](mailto:tfeeney62@hotmail.com)

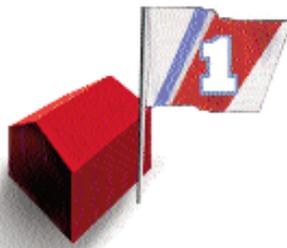
**Summerstock Web:**

<http://home.talkcity.com/FerrariDr/vetteturtle/index.html>

**D9 Web:** [www.uscg.mil/d9/uscgd9.html](http://www.uscg.mil/d9/uscgd9.html) **Cleveland Web**

**Link:** [www.travelcleveland.com](http://www.travelcleveland.com)

## STATION BAYFIELD, WIS.



**B**ayfield is located in far northern Wisconsin on the southern side of western Lake Superior. The station is under Group Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. and its area of responsibility (AOR) stretches from Port Wing, Wis. (west) to Saxton Harbor, Mich. (east) and includes all 22 of the Apostle Islands, 14 marinas and 5,000 square miles (288 nautical miles of shoreline). In 2000, they had 55 SAR cases, 100 LE boardings and one BWI. Says SA Andrew Brennan, "The area is full of nature's beauty. The lake and trees are very colorful in late fall and early spring. Winters are cold and severe, and my job is fun and informative. If you are into outdoor activities, this is the station for you." Another Coastie, SN Mike Fuller, says the local people are great, the Coast Guard has a great rapport with the public, and the hunting and fishing are "awesome!"

**Bayfield Fast Facts:** Population 700, located on Wisconsin Highway 13 in Bayfield County and on Bayfield Peninsula. Closest towns are Ashland to the south (pop. 8,700) and Superior to the west (pop. 27,000). It is the launching point for many sightseeing cruises for the nearby Apostle Islands and Madeline Island. The town has 14 marinas, 961 boat slips, and nine launch ramps. Bayfield is just south of Red Cliff Indian Reservation and is in the Central Time Zone.  
**USCG Station:** Established in 1946, current station built in 1980

**Small Boats:** 41-foot UTB and 21-footer

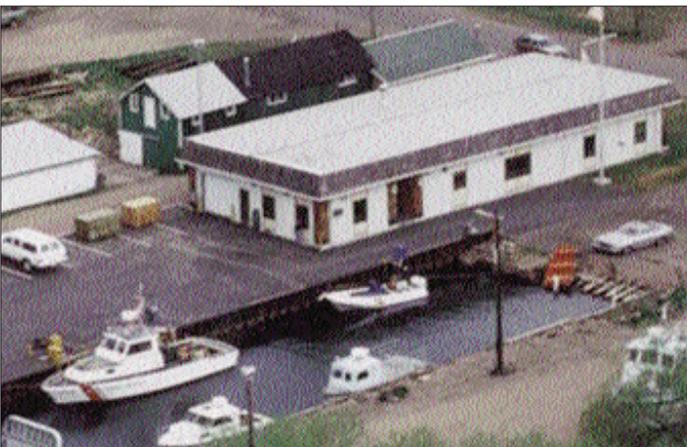
**Active Duty Crew:** 11

**Reservists on RPAL:** 4

**Summerstock Billets:** 4 – MK3 (2), SN/FN (2)

**Auxiliary:** Apostle Islands Flotilla 095-08-01, Saxton Harbor Flotilla and Cornucopia Flotilla

**Mailing Address:** Officer in Charge, USCG Station, P.O. Box 467, Bayfield, WI 54814-0467 **Phone:** 715-779-5100 **FAX:** 715-779-5810 **Bayfield Web Link:** [www.bayfieldwis.com](http://www.bayfieldwis.com)



## STATION MARQUETTE, MICH.



**N**amed for French missionary and explorer, Father Jacques Marquette, this city was settled in 1849 and is located along the southern shores of Lake Superior. It is home to Northern Michigan University (NMU). Coast Guard Station Marquette is under Group Sault Ste. Marie and its AOR extends from the Huron Islands in the west to Grand Marais in the east, including all of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. The Marquette Maritime Museum is a stone's throw away and the plan is that they will soon be running the adjacent lighthouse. Says NMU student and Coast Guard Reservist MK3 Ken Marshall, "It's a great job for a college student!"

**Marquette Fast Facts:** Marquette is one of the largest cities in the upper peninsula of Michigan with 22,000 residents. The city is the western terminus of the scenic 42-mile drive on U.S. 41. Lake Superior is beautiful — but cold — it might reach 65 degrees in the summer. Presque Isle Park north of the city is a 328-acre wooded peninsula jutting into Lake Superior. OK, so the winter is long but Summerstockers don't arrive until late spring and depart in September!

**USCG Station:** Established in 1891

**Small Boats:** 30-foot UTB, 21-foot RHIB, 14-foot Ice Skiff

**Active Duty Crew:** 9

**Reservists on RPAL:** 4

**Summerstock Billets:** 2 – BMs, coxswain/boarding officers

**Auxiliary:** Flotilla 09C-28-09 (20 members), Munising, Mich.

**Mailing Address:** Officer-in-Charge, U.S. Coast Guard Station Marquette, 400 Coast Guard Road, Marquette, MI 49855-3864 **Phone:** 906-226-3322

**FAX:** 906-226-6091 **Marquette Web Link:** [www.marquettecountry.org](http://www.marquettecountry.org)

## STATION WASHINGTON ISLAND, WIS.



**L**ocated six miles off the tip of Door Peninsula, Washington Island is strategically placed surrounded by the waters of northern Lake Michigan and Green Bay. Washington Island is under the command of Station Sturgeon Bay, an approximately 30-minute drive south. Both are part of Group Milwaukee. Station Washington Island's AOR includes the northern end of Green Bay, Escanaba, Death's Door bluff, then around to Lake Michigan down to Cana Island Light, and north of the Garden Peninsula of Michigan. In winter, when closed, the crew is absorbed by Station Sturgeon Bay, which assumes their AOR.

**Washington Island Fast Facts:** The island's permanent population of several hundred constitutes the oldest Icelandic settlement in the U.S. and is predominantly Scandinavian. Door County has 10 lighthouses, more than any other county in the U.S. The strait between the island and mainland is sometimes referred to as "Death's Door" due to the many shipwrecks. Larger cities nearby include Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menominee, and Escanaba, Mich. in the Upper Peninsula. The island's Bitter's Pub & Restaurant is owned by retired Coast Guardsman GM3 Doug Delaporte. He has a Coast Guard wall inside his fine establishment. Retired MCPOCG Al Thiele also calls the island home. In November 1991, the first color cover ever published in *The Reservist* was taken of Summerstockers from Station Plum Island at the nearby Rock Island State Park boathouse.

**USCG Station:** The first station on nearby Plum Island was built in 1895. After the station formalized its move from Plum Island to Washington Island in the autumn of 1990, it obtained a lodge and chalet on Washington Island, both of which were renovated. The move off Plum Island occurred in February 1991 and by May 15, 1991, it again became operational as a Summerstock Reserve-operated station. In 1994, the name was changed to Washington Island and Station Plum Island celebrated its 100-year anniversary.

**Small Boats:** 30-foot RHI (Zodiac Hurricane)

**Active Duty Crew:** 5

**Reservists on RPAL:** 0

**Summerstock Billets:** 5 – BM1(SUP), BM2, BM3, MK2, MK3

**Auxiliary:** Washington Island Flotilla 095-04-08 (22 members) and Bays De Noc (Escanaba) Flotilla 091-28-01 (20 members)

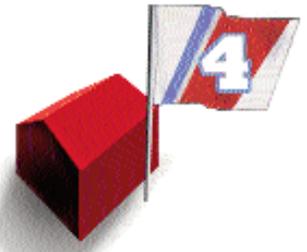
**Mailing Address:** Supervisor, U.S. Coast Guard Station, Lobell Point Road, P.O. Box 10, Washington Island, WI 54246-0010

**Phone:** 920-847-2554 **FAX:** 920-847-2555 **Station Web:** [www.uscg.mil/d9/grumil/unit/washisland/stawashisl.html](http://www.uscg.mil/d9/grumil/unit/washisland/stawashisl.html)

**Washington Island Web Link:** [www.washingtonisland.com](http://www.washingtonisland.com)



## STATION ST. JOSEPH, MICH.



**S**tation St. Joseph is located in southwestern Michigan on the St. Joseph River near the shores of Lake Michigan. A crew of 18 Active Duty personnel are stationed here and they operate and maintain a 47-foot MLB as well as 21-foot RHI. In winter, they are "always ready" with a 14-foot skiff for ice rescues. In 2000, they participated in approximately 172 cases. Under Group Grand Haven, the station's AOR covers approximately 850 square miles: 25 miles out into Lake Michigan, south to Cherry Beach, Mich. and north to Sleep Hollow, near South Haven.

**St. Joseph Fast Facts:** Located in Berrien County, this town of 9,300 was originally called Newberryport but renamed St. Joseph after the adjacent river. St. Joseph was a stopover point for those traversing between Chicago and Detroit in earlier days. Now, it is a summer haven for those wishing to escape the big city confines of Chicago, as is Benton Harbor, its neighboring twin city. BMC Maurice Etienne, former St. Joseph OINC, won *The Reservist* magazine's "Winter Ops" photo contest, published in the April 1997 issue. His winning shot consisted of the St. Joseph lighthouse and catwalk, featured on the Great Lakes stamp set popular in the mid-1990s.

**USCG Station:** Established in 1874, there are three buildings on the grounds. The station was renovated in 1997, another building serves as Active Duty berthing, while the boathouse includes a unique tramway.

**Small Boats:** 47-foot MLB and 21-foot RHIB

**Active Duty Crew:** 18

**Reservists on RPAL:** 8

**Summerstock Billets:** 1 – BM2/47-foot coxswain

**Auxiliary:** The entire 9th District 18th Division holds meetings here and supports the Auxiliary SARDET.

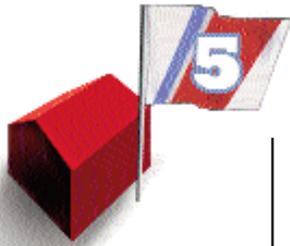
Division includes South Haven 18-01, Michigan City 18-02, Michiana 18-03, Kalamazoo 18-08, and St. Joseph 18-10 (129 members)

**Mascot:** Roscoe, a Chocolate Lab

**Mailing Address:** Officer-in-Charge, U.S. Coast Guard Station St. Joseph, 127 North Pier St., St. Joseph, MI 49085-1042 **Phone:** 616-983-1371 **FAX:** 616-983-6194

**St. Joseph Web Link:** [www.sjcity.com](http://www.sjcity.com)

## AUXOP HOLLAND, MICH.



**A**uxiliary Operated (AUXOP) Holland is located about 20 miles south of Group Grand Haven. When this seasonal station is open during the summer, its AOR runs from Port Sheldon to just north of South Haven (approximately 30 miles of shoreline). During inclement weather, Station Grand Haven or Station St. Joseph's 47-foot MLBs will respond to SAR. In the winter, the AUXOP is closed and all boats are pulled from the water.

**Holland Fast Facts:** Holland was settled by Dutch immigrants in 1847 and the annual Tulip Festival in early May is a tribute to that heritage. This Lake Michigan community of 31,000 is home to "Big Red," the lighthouse, while Holland is usually rated near the top among Michigan's many fine sugar sand beaches.

**USCG Station:** Built in the mid-1990s, a two-story yellow-sided building with a red roof.

**Small Boats:** 25-foot RHIB

**Active Duty Crew:** 2 – BM1 (Supervisor) and MK2

**Reservists on RPAL:** 0

**Summerstock Billets:** 4 – BM2/3 (prefer 44-MLB, coxswain/boarding officer quals)

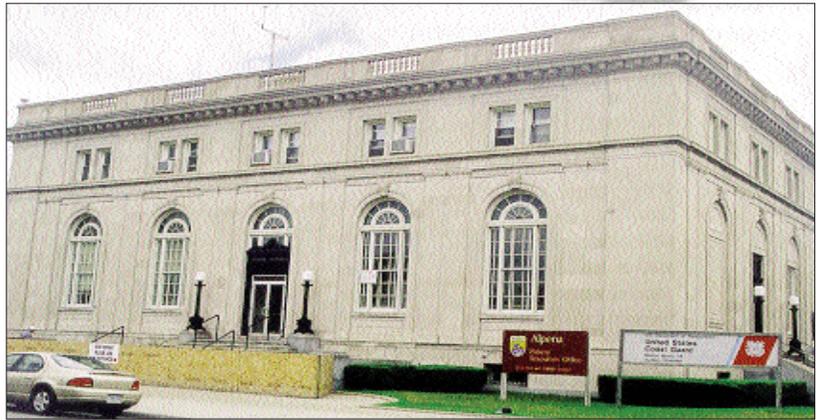
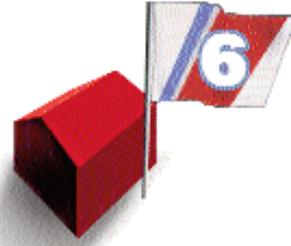
**Auxiliary:** Holland Flotilla 091-20-04 (approximately 10-12 members)

**Mailing Address:** Officer-in-Charge, U.S. Coast Guard Station Holland, 2388 Ottawa Beach Road SW, Holland, MI 49432-2398 **Phone:** 616-399-9330 **FAX:** 616-399-9331 **Holland Web**

**Link:** [www.spyglasshill.com/Holland.htm](http://www.spyglasshill.com/Holland.htm)



## STATION ALPENA, MICH.



**C**oast Guard Station Alpena opened as an Auxiliary-operated station in 1988. It is located on the second floor of the federal building in downtown Alpena. Thirty auxiliaries from the Thunder Bay Auxiliary Flotilla serve here along with one Active Duty BM1 and one Coast Guard Reservist who comes aboard each year with the Summerstock program. The BM1 (Bill Reeves until transfer season in 2001) reports directly to a senior chief at Station St. Ignace, Mich., but it will become an OinC billet this year. The station's 23-foot small boat is kept at Alpena Marina. Their AOR covers 80 nautical miles of shoreline north to 40-Mile Point and south to Sturgeon Point. Alpena is part of Group Sault Ste. Marie.

**Alpena Fast Facts:** Alpena is located in the northeastern portion of the mitten-shaped Lower Peninsula, and a two hour drive coming from Michigan's oldest city, "The Soo," Sault Ste Marie. This town of 11,400 people is located in Alpena County on Thunder Bay which gives way to Lake Huron, the second largest of the five Great Lakes. Each October, Alpena hosts the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival, and the Coast Guard is always represented with an Auxiliary booth. Another very busy time for the Coasties here is the Michigan Brown Trout Festival in mid-July. It's a great area for outdoor enthusiasts and the 80 shipwrecks in Thunder Bay are a haven for divers. In fact, Thunder Bay was recently designated the 13th National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve in the U.S.

**USCG Station:** Occupies three offices in the federal building.

**Small Boat:** 23-footer kept at Alpena Marina, two blocks from the federal building

**Active Duty Crew:** One BM1

**Reservists on RPAL:** 0

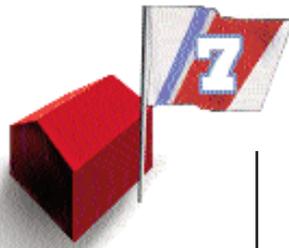
**Summerstock Billets:** 1 – BM or MK with prior SAR experience

**Auxiliary:** Thunder Bay (Alpena) Flotilla 09C-16-04 (30 members)

**Mailing Address:** Officer-in-Charge, U.S. Coast Guard Station Alpena, Federal Building, 145 Waters Street, Alpena, MI 49707-2838 **Phone:** 517-356-1656 **FAX:** 517-356-4329 Alpena Flotilla Web: <http://members.tripod.com/~woodboat/uscgau1604.htm>

**Alpena Web Link:** [www.alpena.mi.us](http://www.alpena.mi.us)

## STATION HARBOR BEACH, MICH.



**S**tation (Small) Harbor Beach is under Group/Base Detroit and has five Active Duty personnel assigned year round. During the summer, it is augmented by five additional Summerstock Reservists. Harbor Beach's AOR covers 1,000 square miles of Lake Huron from Oak Point at the top of Michigan's "thumb" on Saginaw Bay to Forrester, Mich. on the south. The area can be dangerous due to the rocky bottom that extends almost two miles offshore in places. Each year, they average 45 SAR cases and 50 boardings. Reservists here were enthusiastic about the opportunities to train when *The Reservist* visited in June 2000. Said one Active Duty Coastie here, "We need our reservists helping us in the summer, they are doing a good job, and are fast learners."

**Harbor Beach Fast Facts:** Originally named Sand Beach, it was changed to Harbor Beach because of the misconception that the city was nothing but sand. It has a population of 2,100 and is located on the Lake Huron side of Michigan's "thumb," about 120 miles north of Detroit. It boasts the world's largest fresh water man-made harbor. It is basically a farming community with some light industry. The average temperature in summer is 75°F. A restored Life Saving Station is located in Huron City, about 17 miles north of Harbor Beach on Highway 25.

**USCG Station:** Established in 1881; present station was dedicated in 1987

**Small Boats:** 25-footer

**Active Duty Crew:** 5

**Reservists on RPAL:** 0

**Summerstock Billets:** 5 – 1 coxswain, 2 boarding officers, 2 BM2/3 or SN/FN

**Auxiliary:** Harbor Beach Flotilla 091-15-09

**Mailing Address:** Supervisor, U.S. Coast Guard Station, 104 Richie Drive, Harbor Beach, MI 48441-1042

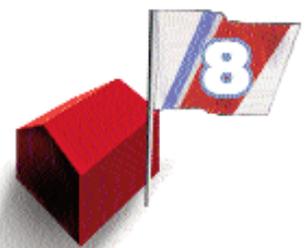
**Phone:** 517-479-3286 **FAX:** 517-479-9158

**Harbor Beach Web Link:**

[www.infomi.com/city/mi/harborbeach/](http://www.infomi.com/city/mi/harborbeach/)



## STATION NIAGARA, N.Y.



**Y**ou're in for a special treat as you pass through Youngstown and drive onto the grounds of Fort Niagara State Park. Passing Niagara Lighthouse, you're soon heading down a sloping road that opens up a beautiful vista: Coast Guard Station Niagara and Old Fort Niagara. As you get out of your car, you're probably greeted by a Black Lab named Chance, the station's mascot. The station is located at the mouth of the Niagara River and its AOR goes up the Niagara River to Devils Hole (near Niagara Falls), from the Canadian border east along Lake Ontario about half way to Rochester to Thirty-Mile Point Lighthouse. Station Niagara is under the command of Group Buffalo, N.Y. Last year, they had 104 SAR cases and 210 LE boardings. Sometimes the Coasties here also work in conjunction with the Canadians across the river.

**Niagara Fast Facts:** Nearby Youngstown has only 2,100 residents, and the town has been around since the 1700s. They host one of the largest regattas on the east coast each summer. Old Fort Niagara, built in 1726 by the French brings in the crowds all summer long. The site includes the only fortified French castle in the United States. Reservist Tim Nosel worked as a tour guide at the Old Fort in his off time while serving here in the early 1990s (a perfect fit for a history major). The famous Niagara Falls are about a 20-minute drive south while Buffalo is about 30 minutes away.

**USCG Station:** Right next door to Old Fort Niagara, the station was built in 1893, and was remodeled in 1998. It's surrounded by a large grassy yard which the Coasties here *love* to mow all summer long!

**Small Boats:** 41-foot UTB, 21-foot RHIB

**Active Duty Crew:** 14

**Reservists on RPAL:** 7

**Summerstock Billets:** 4 – BM2/3 (2) and MK3 (2)

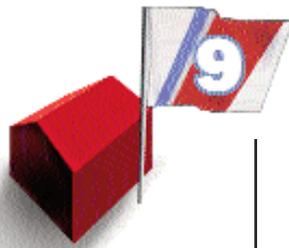
**Auxiliary:** Eight Buffalo Flotilla (Detachment) 092-03-08 (15 members)

**Mascot:** Chance, a Black Lab

**Mailing Address:** Officer-in-Charge, U.S. Coast Guard Station Niagara, Youngstown, NY 14174-9999 **Phone:** 716-745-3327/28 **FAX:** 716-745-9620 **Youngstown Web Link:**

[www.seekon.com/L/US/NY/Youngstown/](http://www.seekon.com/L/US/NY/Youngstown/)

## STATION SODUS POINT, N.Y.



**S**odus Point is located on Sodus Bay and is considered an Auxiliary-operated station. The small but well maintained building is located right next to the breakwall, leading to the Sodus Outer Light. The Coast Guard works well with local law enforcement officials here. EM3 Scott Wells, USCGR, was the lone reservist to work here during the summer of 2000 and will return this summer. Sodus' AOR runs from east to Port Bay, N.Y. to Pultneyville, N.Y. in the west.

**Sodus Point Fast Facts:** About 1,200 people call Sodus Point home. First established in the 1700s, Sodus Bay was considered an ideal harbor for exporting agricultural products and other commodities. It has been known for its lumber trade, fishing, grain exports, ice industry, shipbuilding and summer recreation. A lighthouse was built here in 1824, with a second one built in 1871. Fifteen lighthouse keepers called Sodus home from 1825-1901. The lighthouse museum is run by the Sodus Bay Historical Society (315-483-4936). The pier was built in 1834, has been improved and added to but is still in use today. For a good hot dog, visit Moe's Dog House right across the parking lot from the station.

**USCG Station:** Small one story building next to the channel leading into Sodus Bay. Original station was built in 1958 but was replaced in 1997.

**Small Boats:** 22-footer, scheduled to get S.A.F.E. boat in 2002

**Active Duty Crew:** BM1 (1)

**Reservists on RPAL:** 0

**Summerstock Billet:** 1 – BM2/3

**Auxiliary:** Sodus Point Flotilla 092-04-04 and Canandaigua Flotilla 092-04-07 (55 members)

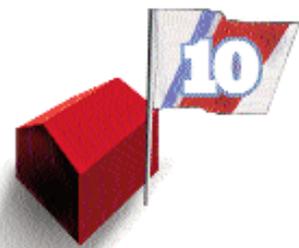
**Mailing Address:** Officer-in-Charge, U.S. Coast Guard AUXOP, Station, Sodus Point, NY 14555-0270 **Phone:** 315-483-9816 **FAX:** 315-483-9831

**Sodus Point Web Link:**

[www.maine.com/lights/sodus.htm](http://www.maine.com/lights/sodus.htm)



## STATION SACKETS HARBOR, N.Y.



**S**tation Sackets Harbor is an Auxiliary-operated station. Headed by a BM1 (Jeff Dyer), Sackets also welcomes a reservist each summer (MK3 David Clifford in 2000, MK1 Thomas McMahon in 2001). The station's AOR runs north along Lake Ontario to Cape Vincent and south just past Stony Point. They average between 70 and 80 cases per year. The team concept works well among Active, Reserve and Auxiliary, and the community here enjoys the Coast Guard's presence. Just ask retired Coasties like CWO3 Felix Arusiewicz, a local resident and auxiliarist who was Station OIC in the early 1970s at Station Plum Island, Wis. The New York North Coast – Coast Guard Association is also very active in the region. Says Clifford, "This is my first real experience since Boot Camp, and it's going well...I'm getting good training. The auxiliarists are great!" His father, Wayne, was a Coastie and his brother, Jack, is also a CG recruiter.

**Sackets Harbor Fast Facts:** Named for New York lawyer Augustus Sackets who came here in 1801, it was the site of two battles during the War of 1812, and defended our nation's northern border from British invasion. The Sackets Harbor Battlefield nearby is a state historic site. During the war, it was headquarters for the Army of the Northern Frontier and Navy of the Great Lakes. It was at one time one of the most important shipbuilding centers for the U.S. Navy. The military cemetery in town contains graves from the War of 1812 as well as the grave of Gen. Zebulon Pike, who discovered Pikes Peak.

**USCG Station:** In 1972, the Coast Guard closed its old station but recognized that it needed a summer presence for SAR. Thank you Coast Guard Auxiliary.

**Small Boats:** 22-footer

**Active Duty Crew:** 1 – BM1

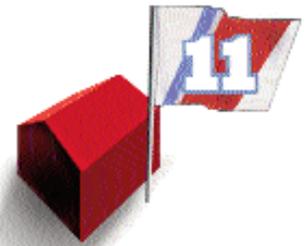
**Reservists on RPAL:** 0

**Summerstock Billet:** 1 – SN/BM (MK1 during summer 2001)

**Auxiliary:** Sackets Harbor Flotilla 092-01-02 (40 members)

**Mailing Address:** Officer-in-Charge, U.S. Coast Guard AUXOP Station, P.O. Box 0003, 500 West Main St., Sackets Harbor, NY 13685-0003 **Phone/FAX:** 315-646-2290 **Sackets Harbor Web Link:** [www.sackets-harbor.ny.us/](http://www.sackets-harbor.ny.us/)

## STATION ALEXANDRIA BAY, N.Y.



**W**elcome to the wonderful world of the Thousand Islands region, home of Coast Guard Station Alexandria Bay, one of the long-standing Summerstock stations! A quick cruise along the tree-lined St. Lawrence River in a Coast Guard small boat and you'll see why Coast Guardsmen rave about this area — heaven on earth! In fact, French explorer Count Frontenac said that “neither pen nor tongue of man may even attempt to describe Alexandria Bay.” A-Bay, as it's often called, is actually located on Wellesley Island. Under Group Buffalo, its AOR runs 131 miles from the mouth of the St. Lawrence, downriver to Massena, N.Y. Since it's on the Canadian border, the Coast Guardsmen work with and get to know the Canadian Coasties quite well (see Canadian Coasties story). Says reservist ENS Corey Thayer, a BM2 last summer at A-Bay, “The station is physically beautiful, the leadership is great, and the OPS status is busy but not that bad. You'll be involved in SAR and LE and you're a member of the team.”

**Alexandria Bay Fast Facts:** The region was first named Thousand Islands by a French explorer, but the number is actually closer to 1,700. The best way to see the many castles, summer homes and camps that dot the islands and shoreline is to take a sightseeing boat tour. Boldt Castle, begun in 1900, has been under renovation since 1977. The Thousand Islands area (yes, rumor has it that's where Thousand Islands dressing got its name), is just downriver from Lake Ontario and huge freighters ply the river's waters just feet from the Coast Guard station. Alexandria Bay, population 1,200, is about 10 minutes by car from Wellesley Island over the Thousand Islands Bridge. Driving north to explore Ontario, Canada is also an option.

**USCG Station:** Built in 1970, the station is located high on a hill overlooking the St. Lawrence River and blends into the rustic look of the area. It almost looks more like a lodge in the woods than a Coast Guard station.

Country roads are great for an early-morning jog or bike ride. The Coast Guard housing here has been leased to U.S. Army Fort Drum for five years. The Fort Drum Recreation Area will have boat and PWC rentals, and a ribbon-cutting occurred March 9, 2001.

**Small Boats:** 25-footer; 21-foot RHIB

**Active Duty Crew:** 13

**Reservists on RPAL:** 5

**Summerstock Billets:** 4 – BM2/3 (2), 2 MK2/3 (2)

**Auxiliary:** Alexandria Bay Flotilla 092-01-06 (approximately 27 members)

**Mailing Address:** Officer-in-Charge, U.S. Coast Guard Station (RES AUG), 45864 Landon Road, Wellesley Island, NY 13640-2112 **Phone:** 315-482-2574 **FAX:** 315-482-5661 **A-Bay Web Link:**

[www.1000islands.com/alexbay/bayhome.htm](http://www.1000islands.com/alexbay/bayhome.htm)

*Ed's note: The Editor would like to thank the many Coast Guardsmen all across the Great Lakes who contributed to this article, too numerous to include here. The “Reservists on RPAL” numbers were taken directly from the Reserve Personnel Allowance List (RPAL) and are current as of press time. Keep in mind the actual number of reservists drilling at a station may vary from the RPAL. The Summerstock program is being studied by a group led by RADM Carlton Moore, Deputy Assistant Commander Mobilization and Reserve Component Affairs, LANTAREA. The group's recommendations will be published at a future date.*



# SUMMERSTOCK: CANADIAN STYLE!



**T**hey wear blue uniforms with dark blue hats, navigate orange rigid hull inflatables, have a station mascot, live in a cabin-like station located on an island in the St. Lawrence River...and they speak English!

Does it sound like Coast Guardsmen at U.S. Coast Guard Station Alexandria Bay? It may, but not quite.

Welcome to the world of Summerstock — Canadian style!

Since *The Reservist* has been featuring “Coast Guards Around the World” lately, we paid a visit to our Canadian friends one summer morning last June.

Rescue Station Hill Island is about a 10-minute boat ride from USCG Station Alexandria Bay. As the American Coasties pulled up to the island inhabited by our Canadian counterparts, we were greeted by our friendly neighbors to the north along with Quincy, their station mascot.

“Good morning,” called out 25-year-old Stephen Turner who attends Fanshawe College in London, Ontario when he’s not serving with the Canadian Coast Guard (that’s *Garde Cotiere Canadienne* for those preferring the French version in this bilingual nation).

Turner works here at Hill Island along with two other college students. Jennifer Knight, a student at the University of Western Ontario, has prior experience working with American Coasties while stationed in Windsor, Ontario back in 1999. Sara Eamon is working on her degree in English at Queens University in Kingstown, Ontario.

The three are part of the Canadian Coast Guard’s Inshore Rescue Boat (IRB) program. There are 36 total billets in the IRB program and they’re located on the Canadian side of the Great Lakes region. By comparison, the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Summerstock program has 32 billets.

“Our program is really very similar to the Americans’ Summerstock program and what they do at Station Alexandria Bay,” said Turner.

Walking up a wooded pathway surrounded by plush green foliage, we soon came upon *Limberlost*, the Canadian’s summer station and home until September. While at *Limberlost*, the three Canadians told us about their program

The IRB program is very competitive and a lengthy application process precedes selection the previous November. Applicants must know standard first aid, CPR, hold a restricted radio operator’s license, driver’s license, bronze cross (or equivalent) and have boating experience. Other advanced training is desirable including small engine repair.

Once selected, their pre-season or “spring training,” if you will, consists of a week of training at the Canadian Centre for Inland Waters or CCIW at Burlington, Ontario. After that, it’s a lot of on-the-job training. Once settled in, they work in crews of three, two weeks on and two weeks off. These positions are strictly seasonal, from May through September, just like America’s Summerstock.

A few differences are noteworthy. The Canadians have no law-enforcement mission and they carry no weapons like their American counterparts who have 9-mm pistols.

Turner, who had spent six seasons in the Canadian Central and Arctic Region and three at Hill Island is being reassigned to Station Britt on Lake Huron for 2001. “We encourage SAR and SAR prevention. I think the Americans are more multi-tasked than we are.”



Photo by PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

**American Summerstockers from Station Alexandria Bay pay a visit to their Canadian friends at Limberlost, home of Rescue Station Hill Island. Americans, left, front to back, BM3 Matthew Fleming, BM3 James Adams, BM2 Spence Wilson. Canadians, right, front to back, Jennifer Knight, Sara Eamon and Stephen Turner.**

That may be true but to the average onlooker, the Canadians’ job responsibilities also seem multi-tasked. Those responsibilities include SAR, public education, courtesy small vessel exams, weather observations, training and piloting.

“It’s great working with the Americans,” added Turner.

As for the Americans, the feeling is mutual and they appear to get along well with their counterparts. Sometimes, they get together for training and occasionally they attend similar social functions. One other thing in common is national holidays that roughly coincide: Canada Day is July 1, three days prior to our Independence Day while Victoria Day is in late May and occurs around Memorial Day.

The IRB program is only one of many offered by the Canadian Coast Guard. To learn more about the Canadian Coast Guard, check out their Web site at: [www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/](http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/). To learn about the IRB Program, go to [www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/cen-arc/irb/main.htm](http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/cen-arc/irb/main.htm)



# SUMMERSTOCK: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*Ed's note: We asked Summerstock Yeoman YN1 Patricia Feeney to come up with some Summerstock Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). If you still have questions after reading this, contact Feeney directly. Her numbers and e-mail are at the end of this article.*

## **1. Do you have to be a BM or MK to participate?**

**I'm a QM2 with coxswain and crewmen quals.**

BM's and MK's are preferred, but those who possess crew, coxswain, boarding officer and BTM quals are encouraged to apply.

## **2. How do you determine where a member goes?**

As soon as the Summerstock yeoman receives the CG-3453, she checks to see which station(s), if any, the member is interested in going to. She then faxes a copy of the CG-3453 to those stations. If no station is indicated, she faxes the 3453 to stations who still need Summerstockers.

a. Once the 3453 is faxed to a station, the Officer-in-Charge (OinC) calls the individual to discuss quals, etc. and makes the final determination as to whether or not the member is suited to the Station's needs.

b. The OinC then advises the Summerstock yeoman whether or not to hire the member.

c. The yeoman then prepares paperwork (cost estimate, charts, etc.) and sends a message to the member's ISC, requesting the orders be prepared.

***Important Note: It is imperative that the Summerstock yeoman receives a faxed copy of the member's orders at least two weeks prior to a member reporting for Summerstock. This avoids pay problems, etc. later on in the season. Be sure to provide the Summerstock Yeoman with your YN's name and phone number. Also, we request that the reservist's yeoman read the message carefully and prepare the orders with the correct Accounting Data and Document Number. The Summerstock Yeoman had to prepare 27 amendments to FY00 orders due to incorrect Accounting Data, etc. This results in a lot of wasted time, phone calls, e-mail, etc. Please DO NOT OVERTYPE your CG-5131's! This common mistake not only creates unnecessary work, but often delays member's pay. Let's face it, we all like to be paid on time. Also, several Summerstockers return year after year. Each year the Summerstock Yeoman sends "repeat letters" inviting those members who are recommended to return.***

### 3. How long do I have to submit my CG-3453?

Since the Summerstock Yeoman is in the Ninth District year-round, she accepts 3453's all the time. The sooner you submit yours, the better. This allows you a broader choice of where you wish to do Summerstock. Ideally, the perfect time to submit your 3453s is by Jan. 31.

### 4. Is there a time limit I have to do Summerstock?

- a. 130 days is preferred — that benefits both the station and the member. The station benefits from having the member there all summer (Area Familiarization, etc.) and the member benefits by AFAM, obtaining crew/coxswain quals and returns to his normal drilling unit as a true asset. If your job allows, you are welcome to come from mid-May through the end of September!
- b. The minimum is 60 days. If you are fully qualified and have previously served at a particular station, your application for less than 130 days shall be considered.

### 5. Where will I stay during Summerstock?

It depends on which station you choose.

- a. The Auxiliary-operated (AUXOP) stations do not have on-base housing. The 9th District makes the arrangements for nearby housing for those who do Summerstock at AUXOPs Alpena, Sackets Harbor or Sodus Point. These Summerstockers are entitled to the full meals and incidental expenses (M&IE) rate for that area.
- b. All the other stations have duty rooms available. You will be compensated with “reduced” per diem at a rate of \$15 per day. By providing this reduced rate, the Coast Guard is able to hire as many Summerstockers as they need.

### 6. Will I get paid mileage and travel if I drive my car?

Yes, you shall be paid 34.5 cents per mile. However, “Constructive Travel” applies. If you choose to drive yourself vice Government Transportation (GTR), that is your prerogative. But because you’ve chosen to drive, you are only entitled to one-day travel each way, regardless of how far. Yes, you can take as long as you wish to get there, but you are still going to be paid for one days’ travel each way. Period. Also, note that Personally-Owned Vehicle Travel (POV TVL) shall not exceed the cost of GTR. For example, if your POV TVL amounts to \$575 and it would have cost only \$450 for GTR travel, you will only be reimbursed \$450.

### 7. Can I sell back my Leave?

As with Active Duty, you can sell back a maximum of 60 days leave during your entire career. However, we highly recommend you use your leave prior to departing the station — this frees up money for extensions, etc.

### 8. When and where do I submit my Travel Claim?

Ensure you submit your Travel Claim within three (3) days of returning home! You can call Summerstock Yeoman YN1 Patricia Feeney (216-902-6116) or your

unit yeoman for the appropriate address to mail it to.

### 9. Will I receive full per diem?

Only at the AUXOP Stations Alpena, Sackets, and Sodus Point, because there is no berthing available. All other Summerstock Stations are authorized a “reduced” per diem rate of \$15 per day. This per diem rate allows us to hire more individuals and provide extensions to orders, whenever necessary, while staying within our budget limitations.

### 10. What about Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)?

All members are eligible to receive some sort of BAH, be it full or partial. It depends on quarters availability and whether or not you have dependents. Check with your yeoman for clarification.

### 11. Am I eligible for medical and dental coverage?

Check with your yeoman, as several factors determine this issue. Also, be sure to update your Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) prior to reporting for Summerstock and get an Active Duty I.D. card!

### 12. OK, I want to apply for Summerstock? Now what?

Submit a CG-3453 with the following information: Station(s) requested, duration in days, servicing PER-SRU (very important — they cut your orders), date of last physical, Pay Base Date (date you first entered military), number of dependents, qualification codes, point of contact and phone number at your regular drilling unit, your yeoman’s name and phone number, your current address, home and work telephone number, and e-mail if you have it.

**Reservists:** All interested Reserve personnel with Command approval should submit a Request for Reserve Orders (CG-3453) via their chain of command with an advance copy sent to YN1 Patricia Feeney as soon as possible. Mail to: Commander(osr), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. Ninth Street, Room 2007D, Cleveland, OH 44199-2060 **Phone:** 216-902-6116 **FAX:** 216-902-6121 **E-mail:** [pfeeney@d9.uscg.mil](mailto:pfeeney@d9.uscg.mil) or [tfeeney62@hotmail.com](mailto:tfeeney62@hotmail.com)

**Active Duty:** All interested LANTAREA cutter personnel with command approval should submit requests to LANTAREA MLCA(pf), CWO Hargrove or ENS Fisher at 757-628-4496/4509; FAX: 757-628-4511; E-mail: [rhar-grove@mlca.uscg.mil](mailto:rhar-grove@mlca.uscg.mil). All other interested LANTAREA personnel with command approval should submit requests to your servicing ISC(pf). An alternate method for submitting your request is to access the following MLCA Web site and submit a completed TDY request form: [www.uscg.mil/mlclant/pdiv/forceops/form\\_instructions.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/mlclant/pdiv/forceops/form_instructions.htm)

# Spirit of the Sixtieth



## IT'S CGR 60, RU PADUCAH 20!

PADUCAH, Ky. — The Paducah Executive Inn Hotel on the banks of the Ohio River was the site of a Coast Guard “family” reunion and birthday celebration hosted by MSO Paducah Feb. 10. The reunion was in honor of the Coast Guard Reserve’s 60th birthday which coincided with the 20th anniversary of Coast Guard Reserve Unit Paducah’s commissioning.

Representatives of MSO Paducah and reservists who formerly augmented Reserve units Paducah, Nashville, and Chattanooga were in attendance, along with senior officers who had provided guidance during the past 20 years.

**CDR Michael Blair**, Commanding Officer of MSO Paducah, spoke to a gathering of approximately 100 current and former Coasties and thanked those who have either directly or indirectly supported the Coast Guard’s mission in Paducah’s five state zone.

Prior to commissioning on Dec. 12, 1980, RU Paducah had been a detachment of RU Owensboro. **CAPT John Bailey** was Commanding Officer of MSO Paducah when RU Paducah was commissioned, and Baily stated how proud he was at the commissioning. Of the 15 Paducah Coast Guard Reservist plank holders, eight were present for the reunion including **CDR Don Payne, CDR William Huston, CDR Michael Mazzone, LCDR Harvey Barrett, MSTCM Ken Hollowell, HSC Arnold Krause, PS2 Reginald Fields** and **PSC Larry Granstaff**. Five members of the original crew are cur-



Photo courtesy of LT David E. Kalis, USCGR



Photo courtesy of CDR William D. Huston, USCGR

*All present and former members of MSO/RU Paducah, Ky. gathered for a 20-year reunion in Paducah on Feb. 10.*

rently drilling reservists.

Attendees came from all corners of the U.S. — Florida, Washington, D.C., California, and the Great Lakes. Ten of the 13 prior Commanding Officers of MSO Paducah and RU Paducah were in attendance. They were **RADM J. Timothy Riker, CAPT John Bailey, CAPT Keith Cameron, CAPT Jack Buri, CAPT Charles Hill, CDR Don Payne, CDR Robert Cockrell, CDR Ron Branch, CDR Michael Blair**, and **LCDR Harvey Barrett**.

The nearly 100 Coasties who participated in the two-day celebration represented nearly 2000 combined years of service to the Coast Guard. Everyone agreed that this should be the first reunion of many more in the future.

— *By CDR William D. Huston, USCGR, MSO Paducah*



Photo by PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

*YN1 Tom Corle, BMC Mark Allen and MST1 Scott Gardner display a USCGR banner that says it all along the Washington, D.C. waterfront Feb. 8.*



Photo by PA2 Al Harant, USCGR

*MSO Chicago Reservists gathered during their drill weekend in February to celebrate the CGR 60th anniversary.*

# BUTCHER'S BIRTHDAY BASH!

ST. LOUIS — Saturday Feb. 10, 2001 was a special day for **MKC James Butcher**, because it was his last day in the Coast Guard Reserve.

It was also his 60th birthday.

Butcher was somewhat saddened that his Coast Guard career was now over. He remarked that the “friendships and memories will remain forever.”

In 1959, Butcher enlisted in the Coast Guard following high school and enjoyed his active duty career which, included assignments on the *CGC Poplar* at Base St. Louis, the *CGC Goldenrod* of Peoria Ill., the 82305 Patrol Boat out of Curtis Bay, Md. and Group Quoddy Head on Beal’s Island, Maine.

Chief Butcher left the Coast Guard in 1963 as an EN2 (that’s Engineman for those who have not been around prior to the early 1970s). Following a break in service of 20 years, Chief Butcher joined the CG Reserve Aids to Navigation Unit at Leavenworth, Kan. His Reserve assignments included a number of periods of active duty ranging in length from 30 to 130 days. In 1995, he became a member of MSO St. Louis and on Feb. 10, 2001, he completed his Coast Guard career on his 60th birthday — 40 years since his initial enlistment! He was honored during the St. Louis All Hands.



Photo by LT C.T. O’Neil, USCGR

**MKC James Butcher, of Reserve Detachment Duty Office Leavenworth, Kan., right, and RADM Carlton Moore, make the first cut into a cake commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Coast Guard Reserve. Butcher joined in the honors as he simultaneously celebrated his 60th birthday and his retirement from the Coast Guard at an All Hands in St. Louis Feb. 10.**

Chief Butcher passed along these words of wisdom at the All Hands.

“Learn from our service’s history,” said Butcher. “Learn from the stories of the deeds of Signalman First Class Douglas Munro and Captain Mike Healy. There’s so much to be proud of in being a part of this Coast Guard — of being *Semper Paratus!*”

— By CDR Michael Mazzone and LT C.T. O’Neil

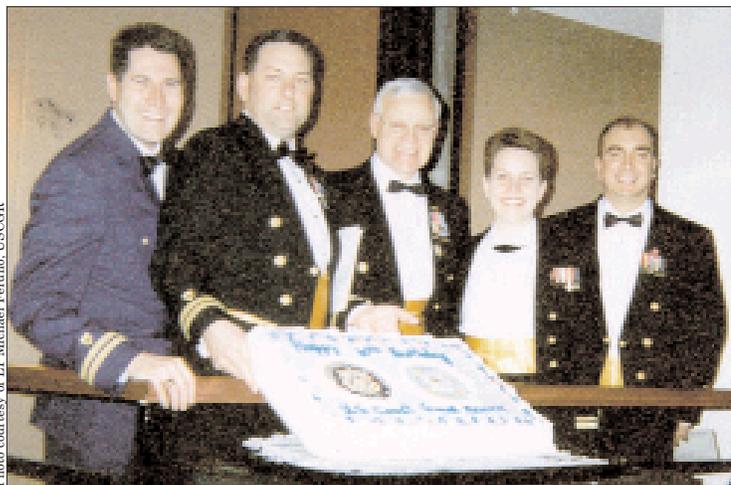


Photo courtesy of LT Michael Ferullo, USCGR

**It’s yet another cake honoring our Coast Guard Reserve’s 60th! This one was at the ROA Mid-Winter Conference banquet held Feb. 7. Left to right are LT Lee Scruggs, LT Mark Ames, RADM R. Dennis Sirois, LTJG Susan Shanahan and LT Michael Ferullo.**



Photo by Chris Rose, Reservist Magazine

**Reservist ENS Sean Hughes, left, and WWII SPAR CWO4 Betty Splaine, right, cut a CGR 60th birthday cake at Headquarters Feb. 22.**



Photo courtesy of RADM Bennett S. "Bud" Sparks, USCGR(Ret.)



# 60 Years of CG Reserve Opportunities

*By RADM Bennett S. "Bud" Sparks, USCGR(Ret.)*

*Ed's note: RADM Sparks served in the Coast Guard Reserve from 1942-89, and has continued his strong support of the CGR since retirement. The RADM Bennett S. "Bud" Sparks Total Force Award was renamed in his honor in 1993. Sparks, who resides in Windsor, Calif., was featured in the July/August 1991 Reservist. In that interview he said, "The one thing about Coast Guard Reservists is their high level of integrity, honesty and ethics. I don't see that across*

*America.... We [the CGR] have to have a long-range plan so we know where we will be at various milestones in the future....If we maintain our standards and ethics, and our professionalism and integrity, we'll do well."*

As the Coast Guard Reserve celebrated its 60th birthday on Feb. 19, 2001, my first thought was that I have been associated with the USCGR for all but 22

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months of those 60 years. I raised my right hand at the recruiter's office in Erie, Pa. on Dec. 14, 1942, shortly after the United States entered World War II.

If had to choose one word that sums up my feelings about my more than five-decade Coast Guard career, it would have to be "opportunity."

The Coast Guard gave me, a young new recruit, E-1, with only a high school education, great opportunities. They sent me to Invasion Barge Coxswain School in Rahway, N.J., then to Radioman School in Atlantic City, N.J., and then off to San Diego, Calif. for Aviation Radiomen School. While in San Diego, I graduated from Aviation Radar School, Aviation LORAN school, and Aerial Gunnery School.

Then it was off to both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters to serve the Coast Guard in Anti-Submarine Patrol duty as well as Air/Sea Rescue duty, flying as an E-6 crewman in Coast Guard PBM-5G and PB-5A patrol bombers.

Following World War II, I had the opportunity to serve aboard a Coast Guard PB1G (a B-17 bomber) on a Coast and Geodetic Survey mapping mission that lasted over 11 years, primarily in the Territory of Alaska. First, I served in the Coast Guard, and later as a civilian crewman as well as a Coast Guard Reservist. This aircraft replaced a PB-5A that had crashed on Adak Island in the Aleutians, killing the entire Coast Guard crew, during World War II.

The Coast Guard Reserve gave me the opportunity to advance from Apprentice Seaman through Chief Aviation Electronicsman. I helped myself by using the opportunity to take more than a dozen military correspondence courses.

After I was selected for a Direct Commission to ensign in 1957, I again had the opportunity to take graduate-level courses at the Naval War College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the National War College, the National Defense University and finally, the Army War College. During my career, the Coast Guard Reserve sent me to another half dozen courses in specialized subjects that would allow me to serve the CGR more effectively.

I had the honor of commanding eight CGR units and groups in addition to serving as a Coast Guard District Reserve inspector.

How is that for opportunity?

As a lieutenant commander, I was called to Washington, D.C. to chair a "Legislation Board" where we provided recommendations to Congress for the updating of Coast Guard regulations. Again, it was another opportunity to become involved in CGR laws.

To top off all of this, I was selected for Flag rank, nominated by the Commandant and the Secretary of Transportation, approved by the president and con-

firmed by the Senate. This opened up a whole new vista of opportunity. This allowed me to travel the entire nation, even the world, as I had the opportunity, helping to form the Coast Guard into the U.S. Navy Maritime Defense Zones. I had the opportunity to serve as the Senior Coast Guard Reserve Officer Pacific for two years and then as Senior Coast Guard Reserve Officer Atlantic for two more years. At the same time, I commanded two Maritime Defense Zone Sectors, Northern California in San Francisco as well as Sector Six at the Naval Base in Charleston, S.C.

My Coast Guard Reserve activities gave me the opportunity to work with all of the other Armed Forces as well as the Uniformed Services. In that arena, I was the first Coast Guard officer to serve as the National President of the 127,000 member Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress.

Later, I was selected to lead the 830,000 NATO Reserve officers of the Confederation of International Reserve Officers (CIOR). This was an exceptional opportunity for a Coast Guard Reserve officer to be selected as CIOR Secretary General, an honor that comes to the United States once every 24 years.

Working as the National President of ROA and in the management of NATO's Reserve officer leadership, I was presented the opportunity to meet with several NATO heads of state. I also personally worked with several presidents of the United States.

Possibly the greatest opportunity I had during my Reserve career was to serve as chairman of the Strategic Planning and Reserve Capability Study, SPARCS-89. This group had the opportunity to suggest to the Commandant what the Coast Guard Reserve should do during the upcoming decades. It seems to me that much of that study and its recommendations, total Coast Guard-wide augmentation, and broadening the definition of national security, are in place in 2001.

As a retired Coast Guard Reservist, I was selected by the Governor of California and confirmed by the California Senate to serve a four-year term as the Chairman of the California Veterans Board. My responsibility was to ensure the 3.2-million California veterans of all services were properly cared for, another tremendous opportunity.

So as the Coast Guard Reserve celebrates its 60th birthday this year, I am grateful for the opportunities afforded me by my association with our great Coast Guard. I urge each Coast Guard Reservist who reads this to seek out and utilize every opportunity the Coast Guard offers. It will be well worth your time and will benefit your Coast Guard Reserve and your nation.

## IN BRIEF

• **ATTENTION FIREFIGHTERS** — The theme of *The Reservist's* 8th annual citizen-sailor issue is "Citizen-Sailor Firefighters." If you're a firefighter, we'd like to hear from you. Submit 100-200 words about your job as well as an action photo, if possible. Electronic text submissions are preferred but hard copies by regular mail are perfectly acceptable. Prints, slides or high resolution digital images are acceptable (no polaroids, please). **Deadline Aug. 1, 2001 for publication in a fall 2001 issue.** Submit to: Commandant (G-WTR-2), USCG Headquarters, 2100 Second St., SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. ATTN: Citizen-Sailor Firefighters.

• **COAST GUARD PLAZA** — The Coast Guard Plaza is a project in progress and is being dedicated to all the men and women who wore the uniform of the USCG! It's a special part of Baltimore's Waterfront Promenade and is situated on Pier 5 next to the *CGC Taney*, the last surviving warship from the attack on Pearl Harbor. Interested personnel can now purchase a brick in the Plaza to honor and pay tribute to friends and relatives who have dedicated their lives to serving our nation. Proceeds benefit the preservation of the *CGC Taney* and the educational programs of the Baltimore Maritime Museum. A 4" x8" brick is \$100; 8"x8" paver brick is \$250. For more information, contact Baltimore Waterfront Promenade, 802 South Caroline Street, Baltimore, MD 21231; Phone: 410-396-3228; FAX: 410-396-3393; Web: [www.baltomaritimemuseum.org](http://www.baltomaritimemuseum.org)



CG PLAZA IN BALTIMORE

• **JTRU VACANCIES** — The Coast Guard element of the Joint Transportation Reserve Unit, U.S. Transportation Command, at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. is seeking chiefs to fill various current and projected billets. The unit currently has 18 members, and was featured in the April 1999 *Reservist* at [www.uscg.mil/reserve](http://www.uscg.mil/reserve). For further info, contact CDR Tim Aines, 312-961-4338 or e-mail: [taines@prodigy.net](mailto:taines@prodigy.net)

• **NATIONAL JAMBOREE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — Active, Reserve and Auxiliary members are gearing up to assist at the upcoming Boy Scout National Jamboree, July 23-Aug. 2, 2001 at U.S. Army Reservation, Fort A.P. Hill, Va. Coast Guard personnel will work with the Scouts by instructing in rope and knot work, and proper usage of VHF Radio at the Sea Scout venue of the National Venturing Exhibit. Volunteers will be Merit Badge Counselors in environmental science, rowing, life-saving, motor boating and small boat sailing at the Merit Badge Midway. CG Reservists are volunteering for duty, without pay, for one to two weeks. If interested, contact PSCS Douglas E. Yeckley, USCGR(Ret.), 1426 Crabhouse Road, Lusby, Md. 20657; 410-326-4291 or e-mail: [dey1@erols.com](mailto:dey1@erols.com). Read about the 1997 Jamboree, published in the September 1997 *Reservist* at [www.uscg.mil/reserve](http://www.uscg.mil/reserve)

• **PSU GREETINGS** — Port Security Unit personnel were still deployed to the Middle East as *The Reservist* went to press. If you would like to send fellow Coast Guard Reservists cards and letters during their deployment, please mail them to: US Coast Guard PSU309 CMC, PSC 451 Security Department, FPO AE 09834-2800, or to USCG Security Detachment, USNS Kanawha (TAO-196), FPO AE 09576-4075.

• **RESERVE CPO ACADEMY CLASSES; IMPORTANT ADVANCEMENT INFO** — The two class convenings for reservists at the CPO Academy in New London, Conn. have full slates (June 16-28 and July 14-26). Because of the possibility that some may have to cancel, it is **highly** recommended that every CPO who hasn't attended the CPOA submit a Short Term Training Request (CG Form 5223) via their command to Commandant (G-WTL-2). Program management keeps an alternate list of attendees for both classes. In accordance with "Allowable Weight Standards for Health and Well-Being of CG Military Personnel," COMDTINST M1020.8C, members who attend the CPO Academy must be within the maximum allowable weight standards. Members who are found in non-compliance may be sent home; units should ensure members are within

compliance well before member begins execution of orders. The *Coast Guard Personnel Manual*, COMDTINST M1000.6 (series), in chapter 5.C lists all requirements that must be met for advancement. One that was added (now incorporated into the *Personnel Manual*, chapter 5.C.4.b and 5.C.5.c) was the requirement that everyone advanced to CPO, on or after Jan. 1, 1999, must successfully complete the CPO Academy in order to take the SWE for SCPO. Members who are affected and planning to take the

October 2001 Reserve SWE must have this requirement, and all other requirements, met by June 30, 2001. *Attending and successfully completing the July Reserve class will not meet this requirement.* Members affected by this requirement who have already graduated from the CPO Academy should check with their unit admin/PERSRUs to make sure the school completion and/or qualification code has been entered into the Coast Guard database. This is necessary to ensure timely receipt of the SWE. Members who successfully complete the June 2001 Reserve Class 11 should make sure the proper code entries are made as soon as possible after graduation. For more information and clarification on these important issues, please contact MCPO Tim Cary, Commandant (G-WTL-2), 202-267-2441 or email: [tcary@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:tcary@comdt.uscg.mil)

• **WILLIAMS AWARD NOMINATIONS** — This award is presented annually by the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) to recognize the reserve officer judged to have been most supportive of initiatives to achieve, value, and manage diversity in the Coast Guard. Deadline for nominations to Commandant (G-WT) is May 1, 2001. See ALCOAST 096-01 for details or contact CWO Sue Krishner, 202-267-0622, e-mail [skrishner@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:skrishner@comdt.uscg.mil).

• **USCG WEB SITES TO VISIT** — For a voluminous list of various USCG sites, links and study aids, visit the **Coast Guard Resources On-Line** site at [www.uscg.mil/hq/tcpet/tpf/ymsms/online.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/tcpet/tpf/ymsms/online.htm). To visit the new **Retention Web site**, [www.uscg.mil/staycoastie/homepage.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/staycoastie/homepage.htm). For a list of **Flag Voices**, informal notes on various USCG topics from RADM Fred Ames, Assistant Commandant for Human Resources, visit [www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/flagvoice/0contents.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/flagvoice/0contents.htm)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

• **COAST GUARD RESERVE 60TH BIRTHDAY** — Is being commemorated across the nation all year long! Send us stories and photos from your local event and we'll publish them in "Spirit of the Sixtieth" throughout 2001.

### APRIL 2001

- **USCG SPRING BAND CONCERTS** — April 29, 7:30 p.m. and May 27, 4 p.m. Chamber Players Series set for March 25 and April 22, 4 p.m. All are free and open to the public at Leamy Hall Auditorium, USCG Academy, New London, Conn. Call band hotline 860-701-6826 for updates on time and place. Web: [www.cga.edu/band/default.html](http://www.cga.edu/band/default.html)
- **CWO ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING** — April 5-7 at Federal Way, Wash. Contact CWO4 Bob Lewis, USCG(Ret.), CWOA, c/o James Creek Marina, 200 V Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024. 1-800-792-8447 or 202-554-7753. E-mail: [cwoauscg@aol.com](mailto:cwoauscg@aol.com)
- **SPACE SHUTTLE 20TH BIRTHDAY** — April 12, 2001 marks 20 years since *Columbia* launched the Space Shuttle era and shuttle ops program for the Coast Guard Reserve. Hundreds of Coast Guard Reservists have been involved with the program since the beginning. Watch for an article later in 2001!
- **SELECTED RESERVE DIRECT COMMISSION** — The SRDC selection board convenes April 23 at CGPC-rpm. This was rescheduled from April 9.
- **USCG MUTUAL ASSISTANCE CAMPAIGN** — The 2001 campaign runs through April 30. For more information, contact your CGMA unit representative, call 1-800-881-2462 or check the Web site: [www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org)

### MAY 2001

- **RELAY FOR LIFE** — PSU 307 will be *Team Coast Guard's* entry in this years American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at the Long Center, Clearwater Fla. site. The event begins Friday, May 18, at 1800 (6 p.m.) and runs through the night until noon on May 19. Anyone wishing to volunteer, join the team or help set up can contact the PSU 307 team captain, QM2 Maszera at [sandymaszera@yahoo.com](mailto:sandymaszera@yahoo.com) or 727-449-2293. Relay for Life is

## REUNIONS

### APRIL 2001

- **RESERVE UNIT OWENSBORO** — Saturday, April 21. Meet at 3 p.m. Central Time at the Shadyrest Restaurant, Route 60, East Owensboro, Ky. Contact, LT Les Allen, USCGR(Ret.), e-mail: [lallen@maximcrane.com](mailto:lallen@maximcrane.com), 502-495-2457 or CWO Gene Radin, USCGR (Ret.), e-mail: [gpradin@juno.com](mailto:gpradin@juno.com), 859-885-1236.

### MAY 2001

- **USS KEY WEST (PF) 17 ASSOCIATION** — May 3-7, at the New Hampton Inn at Broadway at the Beach, 1140 Celebrity Circle, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29577. Contact Vince Positan, 20 Gregory Road, Springfield, NJ 07081 or call 1-973-379-1742; E-mail: [vrpositan@aol.com](mailto:vrpositan@aol.com)
- **CGC RUSH (WHEC 723)** — 1970-71 Vietnam tour is holding a reunion May 6-10, 2001 in Las Vegas, Nev. Contact: Royal Baby John A. Vogel, 520-783-3625 or e-mail: [lrvogel@cybertrails.com](mailto:lrvogel@cybertrails.com)
- **CGC CAMPBELL (W-32/W-909) ASSOCIATION** — 16th annual reunion is May 9-12, 2001 at the Holiday Inn, New Orleans West Bank, Gretna, La. Current and former crew member welcome. Contact: James Kelly, Vice President, CGC Cambell Association, W-32-W-909, 40 Lisa Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382. 860-848-1160.
- **ALL ICEBREAKER SAILOR REUNION** — May 10-12, 2001, at Vallejo, Calif. Open to all past and present Navy and

held in over 2,800 communities nationwide and raised over \$168 million in 2000.

- **SPECIAL MAY DATES** — Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 19; National Maritime Day, Tuesday, May 22; Memorial Day, Monday, May 28. Check out the May 1999 *Reservist* for a historical overview on Memorial Day ([www.uscg.mil/reserve](http://www.uscg.mil/reserve)). May is also Asian-Pacific Heritage month.
- **NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK** — Is set for May 19-25. This year's theme of "Boat Smart from the Start. Wear Your Life Jacket." For info, contact National Safe Boating Council, P.O. Box 1058, Delaware, OH 43015. 740-666-3009. Web: [www.safeboatingcampaign.com](http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com)

### JUNE 2001

- **TOM'S RUN 2001** — *Team Coast Guard* is invited to participate in Tom's Run III set for June 8-9. The relay is held annually in honor of retired Coast Guardsman CWO4 Tom Brooks, who has ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Team members run, with a bike escort, 190 miles in relay fashion along the historic C&O Canal from Cumberland, Md. to Fort McNair Army Base, next to CGHQ. Legs range from 2.5 to 11 miles long. This event is coordinated by the Office of Reserve Affairs and sponsored by Coast Guard MWR. For more info, check out the "Tom's Run" link from the Reserve web site ([www.uscg.mil/reserve](http://www.uscg.mil/reserve)) or contact LT Daryl Schaffer, 202-267-0570, e-mail: [dschaffer@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:dschaffer@comdt.uscg.mil)
- **FLAG DAY** — Thursday, June 14. Get out your Starts & Stripes and fly our flag with pride. An interesting flag Web site can be found at: [www.fotw.net](http://www.fotw.net)
- **ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR** — Both Active and Reserve national EPOYs will be honored the week of June 18-22 in Washington, D.C. Main ceremony is Friday, June 22 at HQ. Contact your Command Master Chief or MCPOCG at 202-267-2397 or e-mail: [mcpocg@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:mcpocg@comdt.uscg.mil)
- **COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BIRTHDAY** — The 62nd birthday of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is Saturday, June 23. To learn more about the Auxiliary, check out their web site: [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)

USCG Icebreaker sailors and support personnel. Contact: Bruce Brady, 40 Fourth St. #238, Petaluma, CA 94952, 1-800-919-8036 PIN 97 or 707-776-0696; e-mail: [wagb4@home.com](mailto:wagb4@home.com)

- **CGC EASTWIND (WAGB 279)** — May 25-28, 2001 at the Hilton at Logan Airport in Boston. Contact: Lee Grant, 15 Raymond Ave., Walpole, MA 02081, 508-668-2417 or Al Brier, 67 Round Cove Road, Chatham, MA 02633, 508-945-3729.

### JUNE 2001

- **CGC BURTON ISLAND (WAGB-283)** — June 20-24, 2001 at the Imperial Palace Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. Contact: Greg Reel, 4900 N E Park Lane, Kansas City, MO 64118-5928; 816-454-7991; E-mail: [gbreel@swbell.net](mailto:gbreel@swbell.net)

### SEPTEMBER 2001

- **USTRANSCOM JTRU** — Past and present members of the USCG element at JTRU, USTRANSCOM, Scott AFB, Ill. are invited to attend a Sept. 28-30 reunion at Scott to commemorate the 10th year since the JTRU was established. Whether you plan on attending or not, if you have *ever* served with TRANSCOM, please update your contact info so you may be invited to this fall's and future events. Contact: CDR Tim Aines, USCGR, 312-961-4338 or [taines@prodigy.net](mailto:taines@prodigy.net)

By MCPO James J. Connolly, USCGR

**T**oward the end of December each year, I anxiously await the eligibility list for the Reserve Servicewide Examination (SWE) held the previous October. Equipped with unit personnel rosters and the SWE results, I race to be the first to congratulate my shipmates. I witness the pride and sense of accomplishment the members express as they get the good news, "You're above the cutoff for advancement."

Quite often they confide they almost didn't take the test. One of the unit's I work with had 10 members sit for the servicewide, and seven were above the cutoff and will be advanced. I like those odds. But how many others didn't take the test for any number of reasons? It is those that I hope to encourage through this article.

The most obvious benefit to advancement is financial. For those who perform any period of active duty (e.g., EAD or ADSW) or if you are deployed, the increase in income due to advancement can be significant. Your pay for drills and ADT will also go up, thus helping your family's financial well-being. In addition, promotions bring increased leadership opportunities and responsibility.

In looking at the last eligibility list, many rates (BMCM, BM2, BM1, DC1, DC2, EM1, EM2, ET1, FS2, GM1, HS1, HS2, IV1, MK2, MK1, MST2, PA2, PS1, QM1, QM2, TCC, TC1, TC2, TT1, YN2) advanced everyone who took and passed the test, so the opportunities for advancement are out there. Even if your rating is "tight," take the servicewide in case your rating opens up.

The following is a brief explanation of the requirements for taking the October SWE. Your eligibility is controlled by you.

## *SWE: Process and Timeline*

- **May 31:** *Your evaluation period ends.* Your marks are second only to the test itself as a factor in your standing on the final SWE list. Use the Enlisted Performance Evaluation Support Form (CG-3788E) to inform your supervisor of your accomplishments during evaluation period. The form is very helpful in receiving a fair and complete evaluation of your performance by assisting your evaluator, especially when he/she is evaluating several members.

- **June 30:** *All performance-based qualifications standards (PBQs) and correspondence courses must be completed.* Don't wait for the last minute to complete them! Review and sign your Enlisted Performance Evaluation Form (EPEF). Your review is critical in eliminating any problems in your EPEF, which may cause it to be rejected.

- **July:** Ensure your EPEF is signed and mailed to Human Resources Service and Information Center (HRSIC).

- **August:** Your Personal Data Extract (PDE) is issued and sent to your home address. You must personally review the

form for accuracy. The importance of this form cannot be overstressed, as the points which affect your final placement on the advancement list are derived from the information on this form. If you have any questions about this form, ask your yeoman for assistance. Immediately report any errors to your unit, which will advise the PERSRU.

- **October:** The Reserve SWE is always administered the third Saturday of October (this year, Oct. 20). Thus, arrange your schedule to ensure you are available to take the SWE. Brush up on information about the test in the *Coast Guard Personnel Manual*, COMDTINST M1000.6A, paragraphs 5-C & D, *Coast Guard Reserve Policy Manual*, COMDTINST M1001.28, paragraph 7-C & D and the annual SWE ALDIST.

- **December:** Results are usually published in mid to late December.

## *SWE: Preparation Tips*

- **Plan Ahead** — Plan to study at least 4-6 months before your exams in October (e.g. start around June). Divide your study material equally so that you have finished the material about one month before the exam. This will give you four weeks for review.

- **Develop a Routine** — Set aside time devoted to studying and stick to a schedule.

- **Find a Good Place to Study** — A study room should be a quiet place, away from distractions and with plenty of light

- **What to Study** — SWE's are based on performance qualifications from the *Enlisted Qualifications Manual*, COMDTINST M1414.8 — **not** correspondence courses. Study current publications, manuals and references. Remember, qualifications for junior positions are also fair game!

- **Question and Answer Cards** — As you're researching a qualification, make index cards for yourself. Write a question on one side of the card and the correct answer on the other. Take these with you to review in spare moments during the day.

- **Study with a Friend** — If someone in your rate is studying for the same exam, or if you know a senior petty officer in your rate, try to study together occasionally. Have your friend ask you questions. Assign specific quals to each and exchange notes. Also, if you know of an active duty counterpart in the same rating, they can be an excellent resource. Active duty SWEs cover the same material, and since they are not competing with you as a reservist, often you can get valuable insight into study materials and frequently asked questions.

- **Ask Questions** — Keep notes on areas you don't understand and ask your Training Officer or Division Officer for clarification and explanation.

- **Review SWE Websites** — There are some excellent resources on-line. You can access SWE information through the Coast Guard Reserve Website. Enter *www.uscg.mil/reserve*, then click on "Training," then "CG TRACENS," and click on Training Center Petaluma Servicewide Examination Information & Study Guide. From there you will find a variety of resources, including many rating specific sources to assist in preparing for your test.

## **SWE: Test Tips**

There are common tips for taking any important examination:

- Don't cram the night before the exam. If you don't know the information now, it's probably too late.

- Get a good nights rest the night before the exam. If you've prepared yourself, you should feel good about the exam.

- During the exam, read each question carefully. Don't read more into the question than what is actually written.

- While reading the question, cover the answers with your scratch paper. After you've read the question, you should already know the answer. When you remove the paper, the answer should jump out at you.

- Always go with your first answer. In most cases, that will be the correct answer. When you change your answer, you begin to doubt yourself and may get the wrong answer.

- If you come to a question where you don't know the answer, you should throw out the obvious wrong answers and select the best remaining answer based on the question.

- After each 10 questions, double check that you have not accidentally skipped any questions on your answer sheet.

- Don't stay on one question too long. If you're stuck on a question, move on and come back to it later. A question further down may jog your memory.

Finally, I understand that some ratings, in particular in the E-7, E-8 and E-9 pay grades, have not advanced members for several cycles. But in the near future many of us "seasoned Coasties" will be retiring, and the window will open. You never know when that will be. Don't be caught on the sidelines. Remember, the SWE is designed to advance not only the most qualified member, but also the most motivated. I wish you well.

*Ed's note: CDR Vince Weber of Commandant (G-WTR-3) also assisted with this article. MCPO Connolly is currently serving as Reserve Command Master Chief, Pacific Area. Contact him by writing 6515 NE 144th Street, Vancouver, WA 98686; Phone: 360-574-6288; E-Mail: jamesconnolly1@home.com*

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• **ADM Helmer S. Pearson**, USCG(Ret.), 80, passed away Feb. 2, 2001 in Washington, D.C. Born Nov. 16, 1920, he graduated from the CG Academy in 1941 and served on *CGC Campbell*, *CGC Mojave*, *USS Hunter Liggett* and *USS Brownsville* during World War II. He also earned a master's degree from MIT. He was appointed to flag rank Jan. 31, 1969. He also served as Chief, Office of Engineering at Headquarters where he oversaw the development of CGC Polar Star and the 41-foot Utility Board, then as First District Commander before retiring in 1974. He is survived by his wife, Nell (a World War II Coast Guard SPAR); three children, Helmer, Jr., Lynn, and Cliff. Funeral services were held Feb. 15, 2001 at the Old Post Chapel at Fort Meyer, Va. Interment Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. with full military honors. Donations in his memory may be made to the Academy Chapel Fund, 15 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320, The Washington National Cathedral, Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016 or to a charity of choice.

• **CAPT Fred R. Gammon**, USCGR(Ret.), 85, passed away Jan. 26, 2001. Born in Fayetteville, Tenn. Jan. 18, 1916, he graduated from Coffee High School in Florence, Ala. He then attended Florence State Teacher's College one year before transferring to the University of Alabama, graduating in 1939 as a mechanical engineer and North Alabama state champion in tennis. He received his commission in the Coast Guard in 1939, and during WWII, operated a Florida-based CG cutter in the Caribbean Sea near St. Lucia. He was later in charge of engineering at a base in Puerto Rico where he met his wife, Emmie Gene Carter, a Christian missionary, who preceded him in death in 1989. Ordered to CGHQ in Washington, D.C. in 1954, he served as Chief of Engineering, Construction, and Maintenance and also taught Aids to Navigation at the CG Academy. He revised the *Civil Engineering Manual*. In 1971, when he retired after 32 years of service. A specialist in tall towers as a civil and electrical engineer and knowledgeable about lighthouses, CAPT Gammon was also instrumental in the construction of the western White House under President Nixon's administration. CAPT Gammon's worldwide travel included Alaska, Turkey, Greenland, and Spain. He is survived by his two sons, Fred and Chris; daughter, Sara; two grandchildren, Michelle and Michael; three brothers, Robert (Bu), Joe, and Jack; two sisters, Sue and Sara. CAPT Gammon was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Feb. 9, 2001, with full military honors and many family members present.

• **CAPT Robert N. Rea**, USCG(Ret.), 76, passed away May 18, 2000. A 1945 Academy graduate, he also earned a master's degree in education from William and Mary and a second master's in educational psychology from New York University. His last post before retiring from active duty was as deputy chief of the Office of Coast Guard Reserve Affairs at CGHQ. He was a psychology professor from 1972 to 1998. His first wife, Jessica, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Irena; three children, Helen, David and Robert; two brothers, retired CG officers VADM William Rea III and CAPT Jerry Rea; four grandchildren. Internment at Cary, N.C.

• **CDR John R. Daniell**, USCGR(Ret.), 82, of Newport Beach, Calif., passed away Feb. 2, 2001 of natural causes. He enlisted in the CG during WWII, served as a BM, and then attended the Academy. He received a Purple Heart for service during WWII. He was later recalled for active duty during the Korean War. He served 36 years, Active and Reserve, retiring from the Reserve

Oct. 15, 1978. He is survived by his wife, Beverlee; one son, Brian; one grandson, Julian. Interment Garden of Valor, Pacific View Memorial Park, Newport Beach, Calif. Memorial donations may be made to the Ocean Institute, c/o Penny Mangione, PO Box 69, Dana Point, CA 92629.

• **LCDR Bob H. Martin**, USCGR(Ret.), 67, of Houston, Texas, passed away Jan. 12, 2001 of Parkinson's Disease. He was in the insurance business for 19 years. He retired from the CGR on Jan. 12, 1994. He also served in the Navy four years during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn, of Houston; six children, Steve, Scott, Lysanne, Dixie, Diane, and Tammy; 14 grandchildren. He was cremated. Funeral services and interment were held at the Houston National Cemetery with military honors on Jan. 16, 2001. His remains will be scattered at sea. Memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, Miami, Fla.

• **CWO4 Donald L. Keator**, USCGR(Ret.), 62, of Naples, Fla., passed away Jan. 25, 2001. He retired from the CGR March 13, 1998. He was a marketing representative at Ferrellgas in Naples. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Naples; mother, Gertrude Topp of New Paltz, N.Y.; son, Craig; daughter, Kely; brother, John; sisters, Elaine and Judy; four grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Services were held Jan. 31 at Copeland Funeral Home, New Paltz, N.Y. and another memorial service was held Feb. 10 at the Unity Church of Naples. Interment Montrepose Cemetery in New Paltz, N.Y.

• **YNC John E. Kelderhouse**, USCG(Ret.), 92, of Spring Hill, Fla., passed away Jan. 20, 2001. He retired from the Coast Guard on Aug. 1, 1932 and worked in Musekgan and Charlevoix, Mich. He had followed in the footsteps of his father, George, who served in the U.S. Lifesaving Service at South Manitou and Charlevoix, Mich. His last civilian position was Regional Secretary for the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association. He is survived by his daughter, Joyce; sister, Georgia; two granddaughters, one great-grandson, nieces and nephews. He was cremated. At Chief Kelderhouse's request, there were no funeral services.

• **FI1 James D. Newman**, USCGR(Ret.), 68, of Lebanon, Tenn., passed away Jan. 11, 2001. He served over 30 years in the CGR before retiring June 20, 1992. He was a fireman for 32 years for the city of Lebanon. He is survived by his wife, Beverly. Funeral services Ligon and Bobo Funeral Home, Lebanon. Interment Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lebanon. Memorial donations to the Gideon's Bible Society or Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

• **PS1 John R. Mueller**, USCGR, 57, of Vienna, Va. passed away Jan. 21, 2001. He last drilled as part of RU Upper Chesapeake Bay at the CG Yard in Baltimore. He assisted with recovery ops following the *CGC Cuyahoga* incident and Air Florida Flight 90 in the early 1980s. He was a retired police officer for the Fairfax County Police Department. Internment at Great Falls, Va.

• **Louis J. Armstrong**, USCG(Ret.), 90, of Violet, La., passed away Nov. 27, 2000. As a civilian, he was a lighthouse repairman, and retired Dec. 1, 1968. He is survived by his daughter, Darnell Frederic, of Meraux, La. Donations to the American Stroke Association, 3968 N. Boulevard, Suite 200, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

# MORE THAN “JUST A RESERVE”

**I**ncredible! It is hard to believe that it has been over a year since my last opportunity to communicate with you (November 1999 *Reservist*), and two full years since I began my assignment as Atlantic Area Reserve Command Master Chief.

Even more incredible, however, are the efforts and sacrifices I have seen made by you, the men and women of the finest Reserve force in the world. In my opinion, no other Reserve component has consistently demonstrated the flexibility and adaptability of the United States Coast Guard Reserve.

I have observed as you unassumingly perform your duties at Electronic Support Detachments from Cleveland, Ohio to Maine’s Southwest Harbor; at Integrated Support Commands from Boston to St. Louis; Harbor Defense Commands on Florida’s East Coast to Newport, R.I.; Port Security Units from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast, and dozens of places in between. Whether knowingly or instinctively, you have consistently seized upon opportunities to contribute and excel. My gut feeling is that you do not realize, or spend much time thinking about, just how great an impact you have on the completion of your unit’s mission and the success of the United States Coast Guard in general. Let me assure you, that by any measurement, your contributions are significant.

I would like to make mention of a few individual examples which I feel are symbolic of the efforts put forth by members of the USCGR. My first real life example is CWO Don Davenny. CWO Davenny has been providing facilities engineering support to Air Station Borinquen in Aguadilla, P.R. for over two years. He has brought a wealth of electrical engineering expertise from his civilian occupation, expertise the Coast Guard would be hard pressed to replace at a CWO4’s salary. But beyond his deep-seeded knowledge and determined work ethic, CWO Davenny has helped mentor countless Active and Reserve members during his tour.

Another example is SK3 Carmen Wulf. Petty Officer Wulf is assigned to Harbor Defense Command Unit 206 in Jacksonville, Fla. For those unfamiliar with the HDCU community, its mission — besides wearing green suits — is to provide command and control support for other expeditionary warfare units (Port Security Units, etc.). SK3 Wulf provides administrative and supply support to the unit’s 40-plus members, including the coordination of commercially contracted berthing for IDT.

Then there are the nine reservists assigned to the *CGC Cheyenne*, a river tender homeported in St. Louis. They are MKC William Doerr, BMC Jim Cunningham, BMC Timothy Jasina, MK1 Michael Loeffler, MK3 Harold Hobdy, PA3 Jay Lipinski, SN Jeremy Ferris, FN Joseph Lay and FN Brandon Hofer. Under the tutelage of OINC

MCPO Roccie Mancuso, these part-timers have been given the goal of total integration with the ship’s company.

MCPO Mancuso’s vision is to be able to get the *Cheyenne* underway with himself and an all Reserve crew.

“I did this when I was XO on the *Osage*, I plan to make it happen here,” says Mancuso.

Way to go, Master Chief!

My final example is BM3 Mark Mimos, USCGR(Ret.). BM3 Mimos spent some 16 years assigned to Station Chatham, Mass. Petty Officer Mimos came to the USCGR later in life having served his country during the Korean conflict as a member of that other premier “marine” service, the United States Marine Corps. During his tour at Station Chatham, he became boat crew qualified and performed his duties with a great deal of good humor and humility. But his most significant contribution was the simple wisdom he brought the many young men and women with whom he interacted. He was mentoring young Coasties, frequently Active personnel right out of boot camp, long before it was deemed “the thing to do.”

In his interview in the December 2000 issue of *The Reservist*, MCPOCG Vince Patton notes, “Very early in my career as a second class, I had the unique and distinct pleasure of having a team of mentors who just happened to be reservists. It was through their wisdom, counsel, and excellent examples of performance that proved to me that one of our most important workforce elements in the Coast Guard is the Reserve forces.”

I couldn’t agree more.

While I would not be so bold as to assume we are without problems, I believe that the people we have in place — you — and the opportunities that surround us ensure a healthy future for the United States Coast Guard Reserve.

In closing, I offer you this simple thought. The Coast Guard and its people are humble by nature. But, the next time you look in the mirror, reflect on the fact that you are looking at more than “just a reserve.” You are looking at an integral part of the world’s finest Reserve force.

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