

U.S. COAST GUARD RESERVIST

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**Machinery Technician First Class
Jeffrey Anthony Palazzo, USCGR**
(November 25, 1967 to September 11, 2001)

MI1 Jeff Palazzo was a reservist at Coast Guard Station New York and had been a member of the Coast Guard since 1988. After completing recruit training at Training Center Cape May, he was assigned to Coast Guard Station Rockaway. During this assignment, he was involved in numerous search and rescue cases, including the sinking of MV BRONX QUEEN and grounding of MV GOLDEN VENTURE. In 1995, after completing his tour onboard USCGC CAPE HORN, Petty Officer Palazzo decided to continue his humanitarian service with the Fire Department of New York and the Coast Guard Reserve.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, he and ten of his Rescue 5 brothers made the ultimate sacrifice while saving countless lives in the evacuation of the World Trade Center. As on so many previous occasions, he had gone to save others and do his duty. He is survived by his wife, Lisa, and two daughters, Nicole and Sarraha.

*"Jeff Palazzo was a hero long before September 11th."
- CW02 Bill Lyons, USCGR*

*The battle is now joined on many fronts.
We will not waiver. We will not tire. We will not falter,
and We will not fail. Peace and freedom will prevail.*

President George W. Bush



**Port Securityman Second Class
Vincent Gabriel Danz, USCGR**
(February 16, 1965 to September 11, 2001)

PS2 Vincent Danz was a member of the Marine Response Division at USCG Activities New York. As a New York City police officer in the Special Operations Division, Emergency Services Unit, he courageously gave his life during the World Trade Center collapse. Petty Officer Danz joined the Coast Guard Reserve in October 1989 after a tour in the Marine Corps. As a member of Activities New York, he had responded to numerous maritime emergencies and disasters, including the Hurricane Floyd harbor relief efforts in September 1999.

On September 11, 2001, he was once again responding to the call for help, thinking not of his own life but only of those in need. He is survived by his wife, Angela, and three daughters: Winifred, Emily, and Abigail.

*"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man may lay down his life for his friends."
- John 15:13*

Dedicated this day, September 27, 2002

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Star-spangled bike ride: Your editor riding to work on Sept. 11, 2002.

A lot has happened since late summer. On Sept. 6, I headed to Chincoteague, Va. for the “Guardsmen of Yesteryear” breakfast. You can read all about it in this issue. I hope you were able to spend a few moments of reflection on Sept. 11. Here at HQ in Washington, D.C., a memorial service was held at approximately 0940, the time the Pentagon was hit. A few days later, on Sept. 27 (Douglas Munro Day), Cape May dedicated the REBI classroom to New Yorkers MK1 Jeff Palazzo and PS2 Vincent Danz. It was a moving and memorable ceremony at Training Center Cape May and it’s covered in this issue. Over Columbus Day weekend, my wife and I visited Shanksville, Pa., the site where Flight 93 went down. We were rather surprised when we drove into a parking lot in the Pennsylvania countryside on a quiet Sunday morning to find about 30 other cars. That completed the 9-11 triangle of Washington, NYC, and Pennsylvania for us.

In early October, it was homecoming time for PSU 308, from Gulfport, Miss., when they returned from the Middle East. A few days later, on Oct. 7, we welcomed our new Director of Reserve & Training, RADM Robert J. Papp, Jr. The admiral is excited to be on board as your Director and has written his first “View from the Bridge” in this issue. A few weeks later, the SPARs were in town for their 60th anniversary and the 5th anniversary of the Women’s Memorial. To say they had a good time is an understatement — I sure hope the story in this issue does the reunion justice!

As we go to press, the D.C. chief petty officers and warrant officers are gearing up to host the 4th annual USCG Flags Across America event at Arlington National Cemetery Nov. 9. This is a program where we place USCG flags on the graves of Coast Guardsmen in cemeteries around the nation. Local event organizers are amazed at the interest this year and are expecting a record turn-out. Nationally, over 80 chapter reps are now working on this in 29 states!

This issue is filled with all kinds of interesting Coast Guard news and my hat is off to the many readers who send in stories, photos and ideas. As the magazine heads into its 50th year in 2003, I must say it’s a pleasure and honor to serve as your editor. Semper Paratus!

—ED.

LCDR Granados omitted?

A short note of “complaint.” I just finished reading the August/September 2002 issue of *The Reservist*. Three times it mentioned a dedication in honor of MK1 Jeff Palazzo and PS2 Vince Danz (may God rest their souls). But not a word about one of my former unit commanding officers, LCDR Gil Granados. He, too, was an unfortunate victim who went down with the WTC. Why is he omitted?

— MST1 Murray Kurzman,
USCGR(Ret.)
Long Beach, N.Y.

Ed's note: LCDR Gil Granados, USCGR(Ret.), has not been forgotten and was not omitted intentionally. In fact, The Reservist ran a “Taps” for him along with a photo of his memorial service in the January-March 2002 issue. The references in the magazine were simply advance notices of the dedication of the Palazzo/Danz memorial at the REBI classroom at TRACEN Cape May. LCDR Bill Richardson, who spearheaded the Palazzo/Danz memorial at TRACEN Cape May, told us that since TRACEN Cape May and REBI are for enlisted personnel, they decided it was appropriate to dedicate the memorial to the two enlisted Selected Reservists lost in the WTC who were REBI graduates. Meanwhile, LCDR Granados has not been forgotten — a building may be named in honor of him at his alma mater — the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. Who knows, perhaps the Coast Guard will build a memorial in honor of all five who had a connection with the Coast Guard, including Auxiliarist Gregory Sikorsky, a Hillcrest, N.Y. volunteer firefighter lost in the WTC, and Diana Padro, lost in the Pentagon and wife of Jose Padro, a civilian at Headquarters. A memorial wall for all five is being discussed for Cape May as well. We have also included a new link in the center of the Reserve Web site, “In Memory of our Fallen Heroes,” especially dedicated to our three reservists lost Sept. 11, 2001. Don't worry, we definitely have not forgotten!

Department of Homeland Security

This is in response to CAPT Manfreda's comments on the possible Coast Guard move to a newly created Department of Homeland Security (August/September issue). As an individual who has been associated with the Coast Guard for over 21 years (both active and reserve), and as a civilian federal agent (for over 15 years) whose agency is also slated to be moved to a new department, I can't think of a more wasteful expenditure of federal tax dollars.

The sole reason to create this new department is to bring into one department those agencies responsible for homeland security, including terrorism investigations. Yet, the two major agencies charged with terrorism

investigations are not going to be transferred, and why not? Creating another layer of bureaucracy is not the answer — better common communications is. We have a Joints Chief of Staff to communicate amongst the military

and the El Paso Intelligence Center to communicate amongst the agencies with narcotics investigative responsibilities. So why can't we create a similar operation for Homeland Security.

Sure, the Coast Guard has been mostly dysfunctional in the Transportation Department. It should have stayed in Treasury where it could have been more suited to share in common

communications systems, databases, and even perhaps access to Treasury forfeiture fund monies. The Coast Guard's mission has been critical to this nation for over 200 years, and changes daily. If it is so critical now, as ever before, then give the Coast Guard the money now, not when

(and if) they move to a new department. I'd be willing to bet the same statements were made when the Coast Guard was transferred to the new Transportation Department back in 1967. And what did that really do for the Coast Guard? Not much.

As one fellow Coast Guardsman said to me recently, “if the administration would just use a fraction of the money that is going to be used to create this new department, and spend it on an information sharing system, the problem would be solved.” I couldn't agree with him more. I'm one street-level federal agent and Reserve Coast Guardsman who sees no good with this new agency, and I challenge anyone to tell me how just sharing information wouldn't just be as good.

— BM2 Steven Kurkowski, USCGR
Milwaukee, Wis.

SPARs' 60th Anniversary

Congratulations to our Coast Guard SPARs on their 60th Anniversary.

As I read the two articles in the August/September edition of *The Reservist* relative to the SPARs, I wondered whether any such articles had been written about the SPAR hospital corpsmen program initiated in 1967-1968?

I was a lieutenant at Headquarters (PTP) during that time. I recall that the Coast Guard had a need to provide for female medical attendants to be present when female dependents at remote stations required medical examination by the male PHS physicians assigned. The law at that time did not permit females to be recruited directly into the regular Coast Guard. So the Coast Guard recruited about 20 to 30 young women into the Coast Guard Reserve. The recruits included many daughters and sisters of Coast Guardsmen. They underwent recruit training with the Navy WAVES at the Navy Training Center in Bainbridge, Md. Their basic



training, however, included Coast Guard rather than Navy indoctrination.

The new Coast Guard recruits had to put up with the usual “shallow water sailor” taunts of the Navy recruits, but they persevered. As I recall, the first class graduated from NTC Bainbridge in April 1968. They were then assigned to Hospital Corpsman school and upon satisfactory completion would be promoted to PO3. From there they were assigned to duty at various remote Coast Guard stations.

I was reassigned in mid-1968 and don't know how long the program continued or whether it was successful. Perhaps our Coast Guard Historian's Office or some of your faithful readers can add to the story. In any case, I feel certain that these SPARs valiantly performed to the highest standards and bravely upheld the traditions of the Coast Guard.

— CAPT Edward B. Peel, USCGR (Ret.)
Danbury, Conn.

A USCG Recipe

Ed's note: USCG Recipe is a new idea to add some “spice” to the pages of this publication. If you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share, send it to the magazine along with a high resolution digital picture or print of yourself in uniform. If you try the MK's chili recipe below, let us know how it turns out — especially if you win a chili cook-off.

Ski's Coast Guard Chili

Ingredients: 3 pounds hamburger, 1 pound seasoned pork sausage (mild or hot), 3 — 28 ounce cans of Red Kidney Beans, 1 — 12 ounce can of diced tomatoes with garlic and onion, 1 large onion, 3 tomatoes, 3 stalks of celery, 1 quart of water.

Spices: 1 teaspoon black pepper, 1 teaspoon red pepper, 1 teaspoon white pepper, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, 1 teaspoon cilantro, 1 teaspoon onion powder, 1 teaspoon dill weed, 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper, 1 teaspoon cumin, 1 teaspoon ground mustard, 2 teaspoons mild chili powder.

Directions: You will need a large stock pot to accommodate all the ingredients. Brown hamburger and pork sausage together (or separately), then drain grease. Place hamburger and sausage into large stock pot. Cut/dice onion, tomatoes and celery. Place into large stock pot. Add all other ingredients including the water. Add “SECRET” ingredients. Bring to a boil then simmer at low heat for at least an hour.

This recipe by itself would make good chili but with the “SECRET” ingredients, Ski's Coast Guard Chili has been known to feed a maximum of eight hungry Coasties for one meal only. There are never any leftovers! To receive the “SECRET” ingredients, you will need to e-mail MK2 Jeff Marcinkowski at Jeffmarcinkowski@msn.com. Marcinkowski is a Coast Guard Reservist who drills at Station Ludington, Mich.

Special Recruiting Issue

The special recruiting issue of *The Reservist* was great! My compliments to you and your staff for a great publication. This year's special issue on recruiting will help me in my recruiting efforts at high schools. Another great *Reservist* that I remember is the one that had a “color” page of medals/ribbons. This is really helpful to reservists that don't have access to Coast Guard Manuals and/or the internet at their homes.

— YNC Barb Bebout, USCGR
Cleveland, Ohio

Ed's note: Thanks, chief! The last time the awards were published was an insert in the March 1996 issue so we are overdue! Another special issue devoted to Uniforms and Medals will be published in the next few months.

I was glad to get the new *Reservist* magazine containing recruiting ideas, with cards and posters. I visit three local high schools here in Central Texas and take whatever I can to promote the Coast Guard. I “brag” on the Coast Guard whenever given the opportunity and have made more people in my area aware of what we do. The reserves in our unit have done great things and I hope to share them with you in the future.

— YN2 Cindy Eisen, USCGR
Corpus Christi, Texas

Medal for Desert Storm PSUs

To any PSU type who was deployed to the Persian Gulf during *Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm*, a Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation was issued to all forces under Task Group 151.9 (Harbor Defense Command). This included PSUs 301, 301A, 301B, 302 and 303A and B. The initial period was September 1990 through March 1991, but it apparently was amended to May 1991.

— CWO2 Gerald A. Griner, USCGR
MSO Chicago, Ill.

Ed's note: According to the USCG Awards & Medals Manual, Section 1.A.2.h, “only one award of a personal military decoration will be made for the same act, achievement, or period of meritorious service.” Therefore, in this case, you must choose between either the Navy or Coast Guard award.

Corrections/Clarifications

YN1 Lucy Greer-Boland's name was misprinted in the Aug/Sept 2002 issue (reprinted correctly in this issue under February 2002 Retirements). • The recipient of the Silver Lifesaving Medal was awarded to IVC Richard “Rick” Blais, USCGR, not Ricki as printed in the Aug/Sept 2002 issue. • LCDR Bob Grassino is Executive Officer of PSU 308 and Officer in Charge of the PSU 308 detachment that deployed to the Middle East (Aug/Sept 2002, page 14), not commanding officer of PSU 308. PSU 308's commanding officer was CDR (now CAPT) Ronald L. Davis until the unit's change-of-command ceremony Oct. 19 when CDR Bruce F. Bruni became commanding officer.



GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW DIRECTOR

Dear Shipmates:

As I assume my new duties as Director of Reserve and Training, I want to share a few thoughts. But first, let me explain two terms of reference. With an apology to

those who like the term “Team Coast Guard,” I ordinarily use the term “Coast Guard Family.” I don’t think you can serve too many years in the Coast Guard without developing a feeling that the Service becomes like an extended “family,” a term that suggests a deeper, more emotional and personal meaning than “team.” I will use this term frequently when referring to the various active duty, civilian, Auxiliary, and Reserve members who make up this diverse extended family.

The other term I will frequently use is “shipmates.” Taken literally, the term describes those who serve together in ships and are linked by their experiences at sea. But over the years, I have determined that there is more to the definition. As members of a multi-mission, military, maritime service, we are bound by our experiences together as we carry out our duties on, near, or over the rivers, lakes, coasts of our country, and oceans of the world. As we accomplish missions, work together, laugh together, grieve together, or celebrate together, we strengthen the links that bind us as shipmates in

this wonderful Coast Guard Family.

Having established some terms of reference, let me lead by stating that I am proud to serve as your new Director of the Coast Guard Reserve, and I look forward to gaining an even better understanding of and appreciation for this very significant element of our Coast Guard Family. Throughout my career, while serving aboard various cutters and during assignments ashore, I have worked closely with many Coast Guard Reserve shipmates and have come to respect and greatly depend on you to help meet mission

requirements.

I would be remiss if I failed to thank RADM Carlton Moore and RADM Duncan Smith for providing superb leadership while standing the watch over the past few months. They have very successfully bridged the leadership gap here in the Reserve and Training Directorate. They have also maintained our links with the Department of Defense and the leadership of the other armed forces Reserve components. Their devoted service and contributions clearly illustrate the value of

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the Coast Guard Family.

During my initial in-briefs, it has been abundantly clear that my highest priority, as well as my number one challenge, will be Reserve force growth. Our response to the events of 9/11 and the current national security situation clearly demonstrate a need to grow our Reserve and active duty workforce to meet our ever-expanding

**REAR ADMIRAL ROBERT J. PAPP, JR., USCG
DIRECTOR OF RESERVE AND TRAINING**

homeland security requirements while maintaining traditional missions. Recruiting new reservists is, and will be, a major priority over the next few years.

You, as the citizen-sailors of the Coast Guard, can help by serving as grass roots recruiters, telling the Coast Guard story in your local communities and encouraging friends, neighbors, and family members to consider joining the Coast Guard. But recruiting, on its own, will not solve our problem; we must also focus on *retention*. We must retain the corporate knowledge and skills of members already on board. I encourage you all to stay the course and remain valuable, contributing members of the Coast Guard Family. In addition, we will continue to encourage those shipmates leaving active duty to sign on with the Reserve program. Active duty "RELADS" are a rich source of pre-trained Coasties whose skills and experience can greatly enhance our readiness.

Over the past year, we have all learned a great deal about Reserve Force readiness. To this end, we will continue to review lessons learned from our mobilization experience and adjust our policies and processes to better serve our members. This includes increased emphasis on the development and maintenance of the wartime mobilization skills needed to do the job. Greater emphasis must be placed on weapons training, small boat operation and tactics, as well as basic principles of watchstanding. We must all work together to ensure our Reserve workforce remains trained and ready to meet current and future mission requirements. I am committed to doing my best to ensure that you receive the training and resources you need to do your job.

There is much good work to do, and I look forward to leading the Coast Guard Reserve during this challenging period. Let's look out for our shipmates as we face these challenges.

Fair winds....

Directors of the Coast Guard Reserve

RADM Robert J. Papp, Jr.	2002-
RADM Carlton D. Moore (Acting)	Summer 2002
RADM Duncan M. Smith (Acting)	Summer/Fall 2002
RADM R. Dennis Sirois	1999-2002
RADM Carlton D. Moore (Acting)	Summer 1999
RADM J. Timothy Riker (Acting)	Summer 1999
RADM Thomas J. Barrett	1997-1999
RADM Richard M. Larrabee	1994-1997
RADM Robert E. Sloncen (Acting)	Summer 1994
RADM Gregory N. Penington	1993-1994
RADM John W. Lockwood	1991-1993
RADM John N. Faigle	1989-1991
RADM Paul A. Welling	1987-1989
RADM Alan D. Breed	1985-1987
RADM Joseph A. McDonough, Jr.	1984-1985
RADM James C. Irwin	1982-1984
RADM Sidney B. Vaughn, Jr.	1979-1982
RADM T.T. Wetmore III	1977-1979
RADM W.S. Schwob	1975-1977
RADM J.E. Johansen	1973-1975
RADM James W. Moreau	1971-1973
RADM John D. McCubbin	1968-1971
RADM Russell R. Waesche, Jr.	1966-1968
CAPT E.G. Cardwell (Acting)	1966
RADM Charles Tighe	1965-1966
RADM Louis M. Thayer	1963-1965

Assistant Chief of Staff (Reserve), (Commandant CR)

CAPT Bernard E. Scalan	1962-1963
CAPT Evor S. Kerr, Jr.	1961-1962

Chief, Reserve Division under Office of Personnel, (Commandant PR)

CAPT Sherman T. Baketel	1961-1962
CAPT Simon R. Sands, Jr.	1958-1961
CAPT Harry A. Loughlin	1955-1958
CAPT George A. Knudsen	1952-1955
CAPT John L. Steinmetz	1950-1952

Chief of Staff

RADM James. A. Alger, Jr.	1962-1963
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Chief, Office of Personnel

RADM Richard M. Ross	1961-1962
RADM Henry J. Wuensch	1960-1961
RADM Allen Winbeck	1957-1959
RADM William W. Kenner	1954-1957
RADM James A. Hirshfield	1953-1954

Director of Women's Reserve (SPARs)

CDR Beatrice Ball, Senior SPAR	1950s-1960s
CAPT Helen Schleman	1945-1946
CAPT Dorothy C. Stratton	1942-1945

WELCH RELIEVES PATTON AS 9TH MCPOCG

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Frank A. Welch was sworn in as the ninth Master Chief of the Coast Guard at a change of watch ceremony at TISCOM Alexandria Oct. 10. Welch took the reins of the Coast Guard's top enlisted position from Vincent W. Patton, III, who has served as the eighth MCPOCG since May 22, 1998.

Presiding over the ceremony was DOT Secretary Norm Mineta and Coast Guard commandant ADM Thomas Collins.

"I am honored to preside over this ceremony of transition of responsibility from one person to another, from the past to the future," said Collins. "This past year has been one of great difficulty, and this is a season of transition that will be seen as historic in the future. We need the kind of leadership MCPOCG Vince Patton has given us. He has held the torch of our heritage high. He has run the race and finished well."

Patton was awarded a Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal for his over 30 years service to the USCG and nation.

"Master Chief Welch comes highly recommended," added Collins. "He has served aboard six cutters over 22 years, and I know that he's up to the challenge. I know he will lead with integrity — vital qualities for the next Master Chief of the Coast Guard."

Due to the threat of rain, the ceremony was moved to TISCOM's Drill Facility but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm nor the size of the crowd which filled the facility.

Secretary "Honorary Master Chief" Mineta, joked that his job is really Secretary of the Coast Guard and that his other job is "Secretary of Transportation." He thanked Patton for his service noting that Patton had a big impact on him, noting that he was eternally grateful for Patton's friendship.



It's fair winds and following seas for MCPOCG Vince Patton as he departs following the ceremony Oct. 10 at TISCOM.

"Thank you for your great work, and I wish you success in your future endeavors. Thank you for your service to America from the president and vice president. And to MCPOCG Welch, please take good care of the troops," added Mineta.

Patton thanked many friends in the crowd, from former commandants ADM James

Loy and ADM James Gracy, to his son, Nick Patton. He recognized the CG Band, his staff, the Command Master Chiefs present, other service members, and the Coast Guard chaplains, who effected his decision to go into the ministry. Patton is currently attending seminary and teaching part time at UC-Berkeley in California.

"I got it [the position of MCPOCG] by faith, not by fate," said Patton. "You can do anything if you put your mind to it."

MCPO Welch saluted Patton with pride and honor for his dedication to the Coast Guard and wished him the very best for the future.

"It's [being MCPOCG] an honor that I could never express in words," added Welch. "I will express it through actions for one common goal. It's about respect — without action it means nothing, sometimes even worse.... I look forward to working with you, the greatest Coast Guard in the world."

Members of the Coast Guard Band from New London, Conn. provided the music while a Color Guard and Siltent Drill Team from the Honor Guard also performed. Patton was piped over to conclude the formal ceremony. A reception followed in TISCOM's drill facility. Two days later, a formal retirement ceremony was held at TRACEN Cape May for Patton.

The position of Master Chief of the Coast Guard was established on Aug. 27, 1969 to provide the commandant with a personal advisor and assistant in matters affecting the enlisted members of the Coast Guard and their families.



QMCM Frank Welch takes the reins as the ninth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard.

Coast Guard photo

Photo by CW02 Ed Kruska, USCGR

A New Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs



Thomas Hall, left, is sworn in as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz at a Pentagon ceremony Oct. 9 while Hall's wife, Barbara, looks on. Hall, who retired from the Navy in 1996 as a rear admiral, is a former director of the Naval Reserve. He is responsible for overall supervision of all Reserve component affairs in the Department of Defense.

Coast Guard Reserve Webmaster retires; replacement excited about position

WASHINGTON, D.C. — CWO4 Susan Krisher, the Coast Guard Reserve's national webmaster since 1999, retired Sept. 30 after 26 years service with the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve.

Krisher came aboard as CGR webmaster with the Headquarters Reserve Communications Division (G-WTR-2) following the medical retirement of CWO4 Tom Brooks. The Coast Guard's *Tom's Run Relay* is named in honor of Brooks.

"You know, I'm going to miss working on the Coast Guard Reserve web site and with our members," said Krisher, who enlisted in the CGR as a YN3 and attended REBI at Yorktown in August 1976. "I enjoyed receiving e-mail from the reservists. Whenever reservists had questions, I learned from the subject matter experts here in G-WTR and G-W and passed the answer back to the members."

Her subsequent assignments included Recruiting Office Tampa, *Blackthorn* Recovery Operations at Group St. Petersburg, MSO Tampa, Seventh District (oil) in Miami, Intelligence Coordination Center and Headquarters. She integrated into the Active Duty Coast Guard in 1982, but her career came full circle with her last tour in the Office of Reserve Affairs.

Krisher's replacement is Coast Guard Reservist LTJG Scott Toves, who came aboard Sept. 3. Toves is excited about the new position and has many new ideas he'd like to implement.

"I think LTJG Toves will do a super job keeping our reservists informed through the web," added Krisher. "He's smart and a quick study. Plus, he has access to great coworkers that can assist if he ever needs their advice or help."

One idea Toves has is to have the CGR web site open directly to "Hot Items" so all readers will see those important items immediately. Another idea is to publish a different CGR photo each week on the home page. And the message board will be a daily priority for the Silver Spring, Md. resident.

"I'd really like to get input from the field on redesigning the Reserve web site and want to make it my



Incoming CGR national webmaster LTJG Scott Toves, left, presents a retirement shadowbox to outgoing CGR webmaster CWO4 Susan Krisher Sept. 30 at CG Headquarters.

priority to get the information out to the field in a timely manner," said Toves.

The 32-year-old Toves served with PSU 305 in both New York City and Cuba following Sept. 11, 2001. The Hawaiian native has 14 years military experience including service with the U.S. Navy, Air National Guard and four years with the Coast Guard Reserve. He is married to Helen Toves, who also serves on active duty at ELC Baltimore. They have one son, two-year-old Scotty, Jr.

"I promise to do the same as CWO Krisher did — answering reservists' questions and helping them out," said Toves. "She has passed the torch to me and I plan on keeping it lit."

If you have suggestions or other ideas, contact LTJG Toves at 202-267-0622 or e-mail him at: stoves@comdt.uscg.mil. Meanwhile, Krisher may be retired, but the former webmaster is only a simple e-mail away at: krisher@erols.com

Chincoteague hosts “Guardsmen of Yesteryear Breakfast”

CHINCOTEAGUE, Va. — When the third annual “Guardsmen of Yesteryear Breakfast” got underway Sept. 7, there were 2,300 years of service amongst the 144 in attendance.

No doubt there were some sea stories told among the Retired, Active, Reserve and Auxiliary members present. Retired Coasties even drove from other parts of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, North Carolina and Washington, D.C.

The breakfast, prepared and hosted by the Chincoteague High School band and athletic boosters at the high school gymnasium, was spearheaded by Group Eastern Shore Operations Officer CWO3 Dave Lewis three years ago after Chincoteague residents voiced concern about new Coast Guard regulations. That resulted in a breakfast at Station Chincoteague and then the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company last year. This year, the high school hosted the group to accommodate a larger crowd.

RADM Kevin J. Eldridge, Chief, Governmental and Public Affairs at Coast Guard Headquarters, was guest speaker.

“The challenge that the Coast Guard

faces is not, in my mind, responding to 9-11,” Eldridge told the group. “The challenge is to continue doing what the Coast Guard has always done — what groups like Chincoteague do: search and rescue, maritime law enforcement, enforcing fisheries laws, protecting the coast. All those traditional missions that we’ve done in the past.”

The group was also treated to a piano medley of traditional American patriotic tunes played by reservist LCDR James Bradshaw. Coast Guard memorabilia also adorned several tables in the gymnasium and several in attendance took home door prizes.

Coast Guard Group Eastern Shore’s Area of Responsibility covers the ocean coasts of Delaware, Maryland and most of Virginia (web: www.uscg.mil/d5/group/easternshore/index.html). Chincoteague, the setting for Marguerite Henry’s 1947 classic children’s book *Misty of Chincoteague*, plays host to the annual pony swim in late July. Now, they’re building a new annual Coast Guard tradition; the fourth annual breakfast is tentatively slated for Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003.



Photo by CWO2 Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

LCDR James Bradshaw, USCGR, plays an American medley of tunes on the piano during the annual Coast Guardsmen of Yesteryear Breakfast at Chincoteague Sept. 7.

All American Coasties!



Photo courtesy BMC Paul Kohl, USCGR

So what did you do on the 4th of July this year? From left, MST1 Mike Slodiski, LT Michael Ferullo, and BMC Paul Kohl, all reservists recalled under Title 10 from Group/MSO Long Island Sound, celebrated underway as members of the High Interest Vessel Boarding Team aboard USS Firebolt (PC 10).

Crescent City Classic



Photo courtesy LT Andrew Sheffield, ISC New Orleans

Team Coast Guard members from several New Orleans area units participated in the historic 24th annual Crescent City Classic 10K run earlier this year. Coasties also manned recruiting booths and provided an HH-65 Dolphin helicopter flyover and static display, while RADM Steve Rochon officially started the race by firing a Civil War era cannon over the Mississippi River.

Donations by Disney

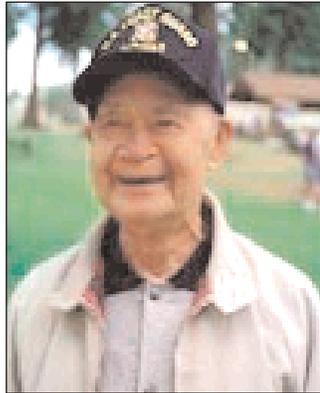


Photo courtesy Debra Saal

Mickey and Minnie Mouse cruised into the San Pedro Harbor, Calif. this summer to help deliver the first shipment of The Walt Disney Company and Disney Publishing Worldwide's donation of a million books to the First Book National Book Bank. Left to right: Jack Anastasia, Disney Publishing; Mickey Mouse; Ken Shue, Disney Publishing; Minnie Mouse; Anne Sweeney, President of ABC Cable Networks Group & Disney Channel Worldwide; RADM Mary P. O'Donnell, USCGR; Belle from "Beauty and the Beast," and Kyle Zimmer First Book President. The donation is part of Disney's company-wide effort to encourage families to read together.

Oldest living Coast Guardsman crosses the bar

SEATTLE — Chief Steward Eracleo Alimpolo, the oldest living Coast Guardsman at 104, passed away Oct. 7, 2002. He was born April 23, 1898 in Isabella, Philippines and served four years in the U.S. Navy. On Dec. 17, 1928, he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard. He served on 11 cutters and 13 shore stations in the



Miami, Seattle and Juneau, Alaska areas. His first three cutters included *CGC Sebago*, *CGC Pontchartrain* and *CGC Alexander Hamilton*. He was a World War II veteran and earned the American Campaign Medal, American Defense Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He retired from the Coast Guard Oct. 1, 1951 as a Chief Steward after nearly 23 years military service. He settled in Seattle and worked for Boeing Aircraft in 1957 and retired in the 1970s. Up until the end, the Chief exercised daily and enjoyed short walks and letters. Funeral services were held Oct. 12, 2002 with interment at Sunset Hills Memorial Park, Seattle.

Reservists' Rendevous!

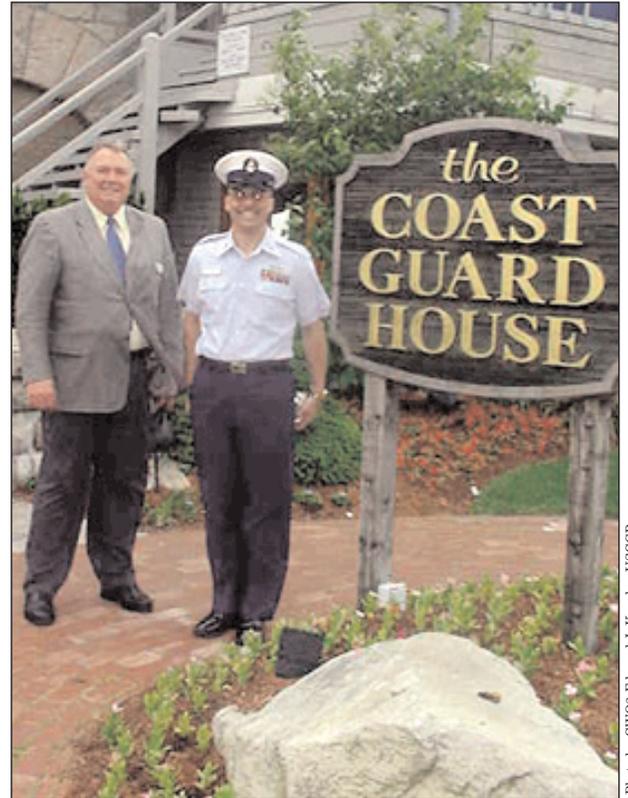


Photo by CW02 Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

MCPO Forrest Croom, USCGR(Ret.), left, met BMCS Mark Allen, USCGR, this past June at The Coast Guard House restaurant, an old life-saving station in Narragansett Pier, R.I. that is on the National Register of Historic Landmarks. Croom was graduation speaker for Reserve CPOA Class 13 at New London while Allen was attending the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy in nearby Newport, R.I.



Big Remembrance

Coast Guard units from MSO Chicago and Station Calumet Harbor, Ill. march in Chicago's Memorial Day parade, billed as the nation's largest. More than 200 units participated.

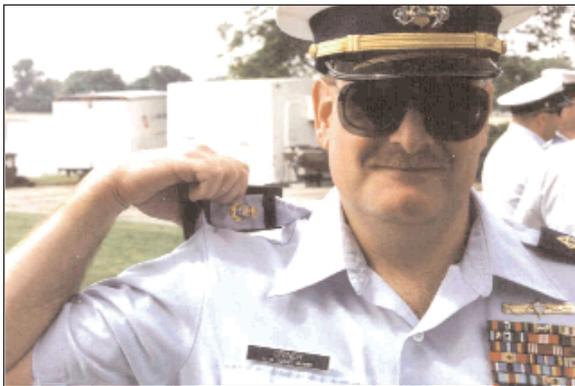
Doing the Dock Walk...

MSO Chicago Reservists are involved with a Dock Walk program where they visit area harbors and marinas. They talk to boat owners and hand out literature about safe boating, regulations, Homeland Security, and security awareness.

Pictured left to right are LTJG Gerald Stanek, Mr. Nick Trgovich, Harbor Master of Hammond Marina in Hammond, Ind., and PSC James Dawson.



Photo by PA2 Al Haraf, USCGR



Proud CWO "Chief"

Though CWO2 Gerald Griner was commissioned June 1, he just can't forget where he came from as a CPO anchor is pinned proudly under his shoulder boards.

Navy Pier Commissioning

Three reservists pinned on the boards of Chief Warrant Officer at Chicago's Navy Pier June 1. Left to right, CWO2 (PSS) Mark Razny, CWO2 (PSS) Gerald Griner and CWO2 (BOSN) Michael Cleary.



Photo courtesy CWO2 Gerald Griner, USCGR

RESERVE UPDATE: //

WAR ON TERRORISM

NOTES OF THANKS FROM THE AREA COMMANDERS

R 031652Z OCT 02

SUBJ: BRAVO ZULU - LANTAREA RESERVE COMPONENT

1. AS WE CLOSE FY02, I WANT TO EXTEND MY PERSONAL GRATITUDE TO ALL LANTAREA MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPONENT FOR THE VITAL SERVICE YOU HAVE PROVIDED AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE IN THE FUTURE. THE CURRENT OPTEMPO WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR DEDICATION TO DUTY AND WILLINGNESS TO ENDURE THE PERSONAL SACRIFICES OF MOBILIZATION AND RECALL TO ACQU.

2. THROUGHOUT OUR EXISTENCE AS A NATION, WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH MEN AND WOMEN--NO DIFFERENT THAN YOU--READY TO ANSWER THE CALL AND IF NECESSARY, EXPEND 'THEIR LAST FULL MEASURE' TO ENSURE OUR NATION AND CONSTITUTION SURVIVED. THROUGH YOUR SERVICE YOU HAVE HONORED THAT LEGACY AND I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE THAT YOU WILL REMAIN SEMPER PARATUS.

3. DURING FY03, OPTEMPO WILL REMAIN HIGH, WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE ENGAGED IN A GREAT WAR ON TERRORISM AND JUST LIKE OUR FOREBARS, FIGHTING TO PRESERVE THE FREEDOMS WE TREASURE. THE SERVICE AND I NEED YOU. YOUR SKILL AND EXPERIENCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN GREAT DEMAND. I WILL ENDEAVOR TO ENSURE YOU HAVE THE BEST LEADERSHIP, THE BEST TRAINING, AND THE BEST EQUIPMENT POSSIBLE. LANTAREA LEADERSHIP IS COMMITTED TO YOU; IF YOU NEED IT ASK.

4. BRAVO ZULU!

5. VADM J. HULL SENDS.

6. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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R 102306Z OCT 02

SUBJ: THANK YOU PACAREA RESERVISTS

1. THIS IS TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE PACAREA RESERVE FORCE. DURING THE PAST YEAR YOU PROVIDED INVALUABLE SERVICE TO BOTH THE COAST GUARD AND THE NATION. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE COAST GUARD COULD NOT HAVE ACCOMPLISHED ITS MISSIONS, DURING THIS HIGH OPTEMPO PERIOD, WITHOUT YOUR HELP.

2. THROUGHOUT HISTORY, OUR SERVICE HAS BEEN BLESSED WITH MEN AND WOMEN WHO WILLINGLY MADE PERSONAL SACRIFICES TO ENSURE OUR COAST GUARD WAS ALWAYS READY TO ANSWER THE NATION'S CALL. THE PACAREA RESERVE FORCE'S RESPONSE TO THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11 DEMONSTRATED THAT THIS INCREDIBLE CHARACTERISTIC OF OUR SERVICE HAS NOT CHANGED, AND YOUR RESPONSE WILL BE USED AS AN EXAMPLE OF RESERVE FORCE DEDICATION AND CAPABILITY FOR DECADES. I KNOW MANY OF YOU PUT YOUR CIVILIAN CAREERS AND PERSONAL LIVES ON HOLD TO ANSWER THE CALL AFTER SEPTEMBER 11. MOREOVER, BECAUSE YOU ARE NEEDED ON THE FRONT LINES MANY OF YOU CONTINUE TO DO SO.

3. FY 03 OPTEMPO WILL REMAIN HIGH AS WE CONTINUE THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM. I WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE BEST SUPPORT, TRAINING, AND EQUIPMENT POSSIBLE. PACAREA IS COMMITTED TO YOU.

4. PLEASE ACCEPT MY PERSONAL THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE.

5. VADM T. M. CROSS SENDS.

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WELCOME HOME PSU 308

NEW ORLEANS — Coast Guard Port Security Unit 308, which supported *Operation Enduring Freedom* in the Middle East, returned to the United States Oct. 1.

The PSU, stationed in Gulfport, Miss., arrived at New Orleans' Louis Armstrong International Airport. Unit members departed immediately for a reception at the Courtyard by Marriott where they mixed with family members and friends.

The PSU, commissioned Sept. 19, 1998, deployed to the Middle East in March under the command of CAPT Ronald L. Davis, commanding officer, and LCDR Robert Grassino, executive officer. Approximately 50 members protected American and allied shipping, provided harbor defense and port security to the vessels of the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet, and trained Navy personnel in port security operations.

Approximately 130 personnel come from across the U.S. monthly to train with the unit in Gulfport.

Davis said the mission was a success, and the PSU did an exceptional job in support of their country.

"I am very proud of the men and women of my unit for the outstanding job they did in protecting the ships of our nation's fleet, and for the sacrifices they and their families have made for their country," said Davis. "I am extremely gratified to have them all back home safe and sound."

BM2 Billy McLeod of PSU 308 said that protecting Americans was an important aspect of the mission.

"Although we are away from our families, and we miss them very much, our families are also why we were there," said McLeod.

— By PA2 Chad Saylor, USCG, D8 Public Affairs



Photo by PA2 Chad Saylor, D8 Public Affairs

Above: PSU 308's BM3 Scooter McKnight holds his 3-year-old daughter, Jillian.

Right: PSU 308 family and friends await their heroes from PSU 308 on "homecoming day," Oct. 1st.



Photo by PA2 Chad Saylor, D8 Public Affairs

BRIEFLY...

REMEMBERING SEPT. 11

As we head into the second year in the War on Terrorism, we reflect on our Coast Guard's involvement over the course of the last year. For a review of our involvement on Sept. 11, 2001, see the October 2001 *Reservist*. For a salute to firefighters, see last year's Citizen-Sailor issue (Nov/Dec 2001). For a salute to law enforcement personnel, see the November 2000 Citizen-Sailor issue. All are on-line at www.uscg.mil/reserve

IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN HEROES

A special memorial section to the three CG Reservists lost on Sept. 11, 2001 has been added to the Coast Guard Reserve web page.

COAST GUARD RESERVIST RECALLS

As of Oct. 23, 2002, 705 Coast Guard Ready Reservists were on involuntary active duty under Title 10 USC recall orders. The Atlantic Area contributed 522 while the Pacific Area provided 183.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11TH

By LCDR Bill Kelly, USCG

Ed's note: LCDR Kelly is currently Executive Officer of CGC Spencer. Previously, he worked in HQ's Office of Reserve & Training.

As I sit here, a year after the attacks of Sept. 11th, I'm watching the tragedy replay itself on the various cable and network news programs and it is quite evident to me that while these attacks impacted us as nation, they had an even greater impact on us as families and as individuals.

As I watched the family and friends of those lost at Ground Zero parade down into the foot print of what used to be the World Trade Center, I listened to the names of those lost. As I listened, I heard the name of a friend, a teammate, and an alumnus of my high school in White Plains, N.Y. who lost his life in the WTC. Hearing his name forced me to pause and reflect and, after the tears cleared from my eyes, I thought about my family and the events of that dreadful day.

Growing up on the outskirts of New York City in Yonkers, I made several trips down to the tip of the Big Apple, and can vividly remember riding in the express elevator to the top of the World Trade Center, inching out to the edge of the observation deck, and being in complete awe of just how high up I was. As I watched the attacks on the TV on board *CGC Spencer* where I serve as the Executive Officer, I thought back to the day my four brothers and I traveled to the top of the WTC, and looked out for miles and down — for just a moment.

I also immediately thought about my brother, Eugene, a member of the Yonkers Fire Department. I figured that Eugene's Fire House would be called on at some point to assist. When I was finally able to get a moment to pull away from my XO duties, I placed a call to my Dad in an effort to check in with the family and see how everyone was doing. The story that ensued made me proud and also indelibly etched this tragedy on my mind — this was an act of terror that did not impact some far off land — this act of terror impacted me and my family right in our own backyard!

My dad passed along that Eugene had in fact been called down to Ground Zero on Sept. 13 to assist in the rescue/salvage efforts. As Eugene worked on the bucket brigade, my brother Greg had already gotten in his car in Philadelphia and drove through the night to arrive at Ground Zero in the early hours of the 13th to assist in anyway possible. By that point, the flow of volunteers into the sight had begun to be policed, so Greg volunteered to assist a local contractor who was delivering generators to the rescuer workers.

At about the same time, my brother Donald began to collect money at one of the bars he owns in White Plains. Eventually he collected around \$300 and matched that with his own funds. He took off to the local Home Depot to stock up on gloves, shovels, batteries, and anything else he thought would make a difference at Ground Zero. Then he and my Dad headed down to the same location



CGC Spencer.

had gone to years before on a memorable family trip. As fate would have it, Greg and Donald hooked up on the West Side Drive leading into the WTC sight and they were able to track down Eugene, who at that point was camping out in the entrance to a building trying to catch a few moments of sleep prior to heading back on the line. Later in the recovery efforts of the first week, my brother John had made it in from Chicago where he serves as a General Manager for a Waste Management plant. John had once worked at a plant in New York that provided waste services to the WTC. As with many others throughout the country, my brothers truly felt the need to come back to their roots and offer assistance in anyway they could.

I was the final brother to make it back to Ground Zero. *Spencer* entered New York Harbor on Dec. 2, 2001 to provide security for the port of New York and New Jersey. As we passed Ground Zero, standing at attention manning the rail out of respect to our fallen brothers and sisters, you could still see the efforts to extinguish the flames and the smells of burning wire permeated the air.

As soon as I could leave the ship, I laced up my running shoes and made the trek from the *Intrepid* piers to the WTC sight. When I arrived, there was an incredible hush over the throngs of people who had made the journey to what will surely be a shrine on a par with the *Arizona* Memorial. On my run back to the ship, I thought about my family's involvement in the events of Sept. 11th. I thought about the folks who had traveled to see the sight, and I thought about those who had lost so much.

These attacks impacted us all in a variety of ways, but I hold true to the belief that unlike any other event in our lifetime, this tragic day changed us all for the better. We were all forced to reach down and do what was right to help our brothers and sisters in a time of need. We looked for an opportunity to serve others and we looked for an opportunity to assist in any way possible. I'm proud of the efforts of my brothers in the aftermath of Sept. 11th and I'm proud of the fact that I, like all of us in *Team Coast Guard*, have the opportunity to serve and defend our nation, our friends, and our loved ones. *Semper Paratus!*

NEVER

The battle is now joined on many fronts.
*We will not waiver, We will not tire, We will not falter,
and We will not fail. Peace and freedom will prevail.*
President George W. Bush



**Machinery Technician First Class
Jeffrey Anthony Palazzo, USCGR**
(November 25, 1967 to September 11, 2001)

MKI Jeff Palazzo was a reservist at Coast Guard Station New York and had been a member of the Coast Guard since 1988. After completing recruit training at Training Center Cape May, he was assigned to Coast Guard Station Rockaway. During this assignment, he was involved in numerous search and rescue cases, including the sinking of MV BRONX QUEEN and grounding of MV GOLDEN VENTURE. In 1996, after completing his tour onboard USCGC CAPE HORN, Petty Officer Palazzo decided to continue his humanitarian service with the Fire Department of New York and the Coast Guard Reserve.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, he and ten of his Rescue 5 brothers made the ultimate sacrifice while saving countless lives in the evacuation of the World Trade Center. As on so many previous occasions, he had gone to serve others and do his duty. He is survived by his wife, Lisa, and two daughters, Nicole and Santarita.

*"Jeff Palazzo was a hero long before September 11th."
- CWO2 Bill Lyness, USCGR*

**Port Securityman Second Class
Vincent Gabriel Danz, USCGR**
(February 16, 1963 to September 11, 2001)

PS2 Vincent Danz was a member of the Marine Response Division at USCG Activities New York. As a New York City police officer in the Special Operations Division, Emergency Services Unit, he courageously gave his life during the World Trade Center collapse. Petty Officer Danz joined the Coast Guard Reserve in October 1989 after a tour in the Marine Corps. As a member of Activities New York, he had responded to numerous maritime emergencies and disasters, including the Hurricane Floyd harbor relief efforts in September 1999.

On September 11, 2001, he was once again responding to the call for help, thinking not of his own life but only of those in need. He is survived by his wife, Angela, and three daughters, Winifred, Emily, and Abigail.

*"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man may lay down his life for his friends."
- John 15:13*

Dedicated this day, September 27, 2002

FORGOTTEN MEMORIAL AND CLASSROOM DEDICATED TO 9/11 RESERVISTS

CAPE MAY, N.J. — A memorial display, wall plaque and the REBI classroom have been dedicated at Training Center Cape May to two enlisted Coast Guard Reservists who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Cape May welcomed many visitors, relatives and friends of both Jeff Palazzo and Vincent Danz for the dedication ceremony Sept. 27. The formal ceremony, originally slated for outdoors, was moved into Ida Lewis Auditorium due to a foreboding weather forecast.

"Today, Sept. 27 is a very significant day," said CAPT Douglas Wisniewski, commanding officer of TRACEN Cape May. "Sixty years ago today, Douglas Munro gave his life. He died doing his duty. Today, we honor the memory of two modern

day Coast Guard heroes. We will dedicate the classroom at Douglas Munro Hall."

Dignitaries included RADM Kenneth Venuto, Assistant Commandant for Human Resources, CAPT Douglas Clapp, Deputy Director for Reserve & Training, MCPO George Ingraham, Reserve Force Master Chief, and Cape May Chaplain Atticus Taylor. CWO Bill Carson served as master of ceremonies.

"The Coast Guard will not forget petty officers Danz and Palazzo," Venuto told the audience.

Harry Burney sang a personal rendition of *America the Beautiful* and a poem was read by Jeff Palazzo's childhood friend, Marie Baccassino.

Afterward, at a reception at the newly renamed Palazzo/Danz REBI classroom, Jeff Palazzo was



A chief salutes during the ceremony • The plaque outside the REBI classroom. • SCPO Ken Schnetzler reads Psalm 27.

posthumously advanced to chief petty officer. Accepting a fireman's hat and advancement to chief on behalf of Chief Palazzo was his wife, Lisa.

"This really helps," Lisa told the audience. "I'm doing OK now, but I still have my moments."

Palazzo family friend Dennis Baccassino and his family were also present. The Baccassino family set up a fund to help with the Palazzo children's education.

"Eight months after Sept. 11 and I was OK, but now I'm reliving the whole thing," said Baccassino.

Coast Guard Reservist LT Sergio Villaverde of Station New York was also in attendance and said that the reservists were heroes because of "how they lived, not how they died."

"We are proud at Station New York and in New York City," added Villaverde.

Reservist MST2 Jack LaToore of the NYPD and Activities New York was also present for the ceremony and said he is happy the Coast Guard made this memorial so all in the Coast Guard will know the story.

"It's great that they recognize these guys," said LaToore. "These guys really were heroes. Everyone was running out of the World Trade Center and they were running in."

A bronze memorial plaque is located just outside the REBI classroom, located on the second deck of Munro Hall. It reads: *MK1 Jeffrey Palazzo & PS2 Vincent Danz Memorial Classroom, Dedicated September 27, 2002, U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Cape May.* To the left of the plaque is a display case with pictures and biographies of both Palazzo and Danz. A photo of the three firefighters

raising the U.S. flag at Ground Zero is also on display.

LT Eric King said he was impressed with the amount of planning that went into the program and memorial.

"The soloist (Harry Burney) stood out, and the poem at the end of the program made us all reflect on how we felt about our shipmates," said King.

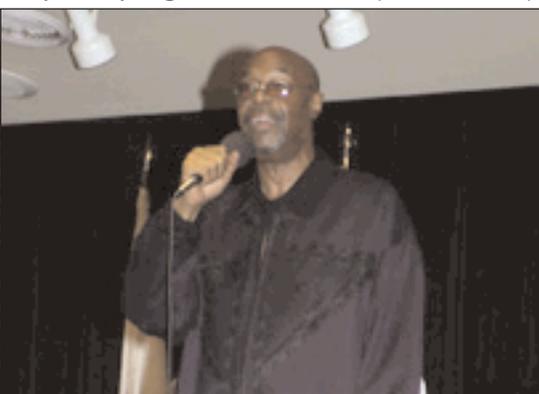
TRACEN Cape May's LCDR William Richardson was project officer for the memorial and ceremony along with REBI Class Chief BMC John Peacock.

"It was a great honor for me to work on the Palazzo/Danz memorial and dedication," said Richardson. "I spent most of my Reserve career in New York and I worked many years across the street from the World Trade Center, at Stuyvesant High School, so I feel a special bond with our fallen shipmates. Even though we held our dedication this year on Heroes Day, Sept. 27, it is my hope that from now on, Sept. 11 will be set aside as a day of mourning to remember all those who died in the attacks last September and a day of prayer for the healing of our nation. May the peace of the Lord be with the families and friends of MKC Jeffrey Palazzo and PS2 Vincent Danz and may this nation be blessed always."

But perhaps FN Daniel Schenstrom from the Cape May Fire Department said it best: "There's nothing you can say...they gave the ultimate sacrifice."

Ed's Note: The CGR Web site now has a special section dedicated to our reservists lost on Sept. 11, 2001. "In Memory of our Fallen Heroes" can be found at: www.uscg.mil/reserve

Lisa Palazzo in front of Chief Palazzo's display. • Harry Burney sings America the Beautiful. • A USCG flag flown during WTC recovery operations.



C G H R M S

Coast Guard Human Resources Management System

Ed's note: This article discusses Coast Guard Human Resources Management System (CGHRMS) and IDT scheduling. CGHRMS is part of the Coast Guard's initiative to improve administrative functions. Currently, it is only accessible through the Coast Guard intranet.

CGHRMS system a win-win for USCG, reservists

Have you noticed how our Coast Guard is surfing the wave of electronic "e" information technology? I sure have. In fact, on Aug. 27, I checked into my new unit and performed my first set of drills since the July implementation of the self-service IDT scheduling. My supervisor discussed the new system with me, scheduled me for the drills I performed that day, and confirmed that the drill for that day was completed — all in the same 15 minutes.

A few days later, I was finishing my check-in process and our yeoman confirmed that I was already going to be paid for those August drills on Sept. 15!

I'm impressed.

The system is quick, easy, and efficient. What are some of the other reasons that the Coast Guard wanted to automate the Reserve IDT system? Well, read on....

Current funding dilemmas

You may be an entrepreneur; if not, imagine that you are. Each year, you set aside a total of \$17,094 for each of your two part-time employees to work 36 days this year. If one of the employees doesn't work all the days anticipated, then the other employee can work extra days. You have given both employees the entire year to earn their wages.

A problem arises when one of the employees tells you at the end of the year he will not be able to work 10 of those days. For a lieutenant over 10 years, the drill pay is \$2,200 for 20 drills. If enough people don't do their drills, the Reserve program may set aside too much money, which could have been put to use training other reservists.

What does that mean to me?

Currently more than one third of the Reserve Training Appropriation funds are for drill pay. Money is placed in the IDT fund based on the anticipated number of drills. In the past, the Reserve Fund Management team didn't know of the true drill costs until after the drills were performed and paid. In other words, the Reserve Fund Management team needed to estimate the drill costs, which could result in too much money being set aside. As we all know, we can always use additional funds for Reserve Training.

Affect on Money?

The goal is to have IDT scheduled well in advance by the member in CGHRMS. This will enable Reserve Fund Management to properly budget the IDT money. If a member knows ahead of time that he will not be able to complete all of the 48 drills, that money can be redirected toward other needed items, like:

- Reserve "A" and "C" School orders
- Additional ADT-OTD
- Additional RMPs

Accountability / Scheduling

Another benefit of having drills managed in the electronic environment is accountability. Any changes to a scheduled drill can be e-mailed directly from CGHRMS to the unit supervisor. Also, a summary of scheduled, completed, and missed drills is available for both the supervisor and the reservist to view. This system allows both the member and the supervisor to see the scheduling and completion of drills by the member. Both parties can see any errors in the drill schedule, and the supervisor can correct errors on the spot. If caught before 90 days, automation still speeds payment for the next payment cycle. Past 90 days, HRSIC must make manual payments. Also, by seeing a summary of the annual drills that are unexcused or missed, a supervisor can mark a member accordingly.

Reduce paperwork, cycle time for IDT payment

I was amazed when I was paid this past week for a drill performed two days before the end of the month. My supervisor and I agreed on drill dates and since my supervisor was closer to the computer, he entered the request into CGHRMS. The dates were directly e-mailed from the CGHRMS screen to both my supervisor and myself. Once the drill was completed, the requested drill was marked "completed" by my supervisor and automatically processed for payment.

There's no more filling out and copying the unit Reserve roster, then sending it to the PERSRU for input to ensure payment. Using CGHRMS is quick and simple.

Conclusion

It's a win, win — that's what I say! Who can complain about being paid quickly, seeing our drill history or helping our shipmates with extra funds? If we know we will be unable to perform all our drills, we can make funding available for equipment, training, and extra duty by simply notifying the pay system via CGHRMS. In my book, that is being Semper Paratus!

— By LT Laura Fox, HRSIC(isa), USCGR
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New Yorker enlists on Sept. 11

“If I’m going to wear the uniform, it might as well be the uniform of the finest military service in the world.”

— PA2 Matthew Belson, USCGR

Sept. 11 holds a special place in the heart of Matthew Belson. Originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., Belson felt a strong, persistent call to military duty after the attacks on his hometown. Two weeks after the attacks, Belson answered that call by contacting U.S. Coast Guard recruiters in New York.

“After Sept. 11, I realized what it meant to be an American,” Belson told a small crowd gathered at the Vietnam Veteran’s Plaza in Manhattan.

He was sworn in Sept. 11, 2002 by CPO Pierre Funderburke at the conclusion of a New York Vietnam Veteran’s Council memorial service honoring the victims who

died in the New York attacks.

Belson’s friends and family questioned why he would want to join the Coast Guard instead of one of the other four armed services.

His answer?

“If I’m going to wear the uniform, it might as well be the uniform of the finest military service in the world.”

What was most appealing to Belson about the Coast Guard was that its 38,000 members actually do on a daily basis what they’re trained to do. He also said he believes the ideals embodied by the Coast Guard mirror those a good citizen should hold.

“As a journalist, I want to help promote and raise the community’s awareness of Coast Guard missions,” said Belson. “Not just Homeland Security, but all the missions.”

Belson, 31, will put his master’s degree in journalism from New York University to good use working as a public affairs specialist in the First Coast Guard District Public Affairs Detachment in Lower Manhattan.

“We have a tremendous Reserve staff here, and I’m certain Petty Officer Belson will quickly become a valuable contributor,” said CWO Steve Sapp of the public affairs detachment. “His is a unique story. I trust that his performance will be unique as well.”

In his civilian life, Belson was editor in chief of *WE Magazine* for four years before recently making a break into freelance work. His first freelance assignment will be covering a sailing regatta in Holland for the U.S. Olympic Committee this fall.

His journey to the Coast Guard Reserve was not without setbacks. After contacting a recruiter last September, Belson learned he was above the allowable weight standard for enlistment. Consequently, he began a rigorous exercise regime and, much to the delight of his wife, Jodi, lost the required weight.

“I was determined to join the Coast Guard Reserve,” said Belson, dismissing any suggestion of giving up. “I want to make the Coast Guard a household name.”

— By PA3 Amy Thomas, USCG First District Public Affairs



PA2 Matthew Belson, right, is sworn into the Coast Guard Reserve Sept. 11, 2002, by CPO Pierre Funderburke.

Ed’s note: With recruiting on the “front burner” these days, The Reservist is continually looking for good recruiting ideas and stories. Forward them to the editor at: ekruska@comdt.uscg.mil

“PARTY ANIMAL” MASTERPIECE

*Coast Guard lieutenant transforms
beast into surreal, maritime marvel*

By Cathy Dyson
The Fredericksburg, Va. Free Lance-Star
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LT Tom Farrell came home from work one day and found a donkey in his yard. Naturally, he brought it into his kitchen and started painting it. With strokes of pale blue here and turquoise there, he created a tropical paradise on the once-gray animal. Well, the donkey

was that color, but it had never breathed or brayed. It was a life-size simulation, a hundred-and-some-pound pile of urethane resin — a real beast to move around.

That's why Farrell paid someone to deliver it to his home in Fredericksburg, Va. He couldn't get the object d'art into his Caravan d'Dodge.

But why, you ask, was Farrell painting on a donkey-shaped canvas in the first place?

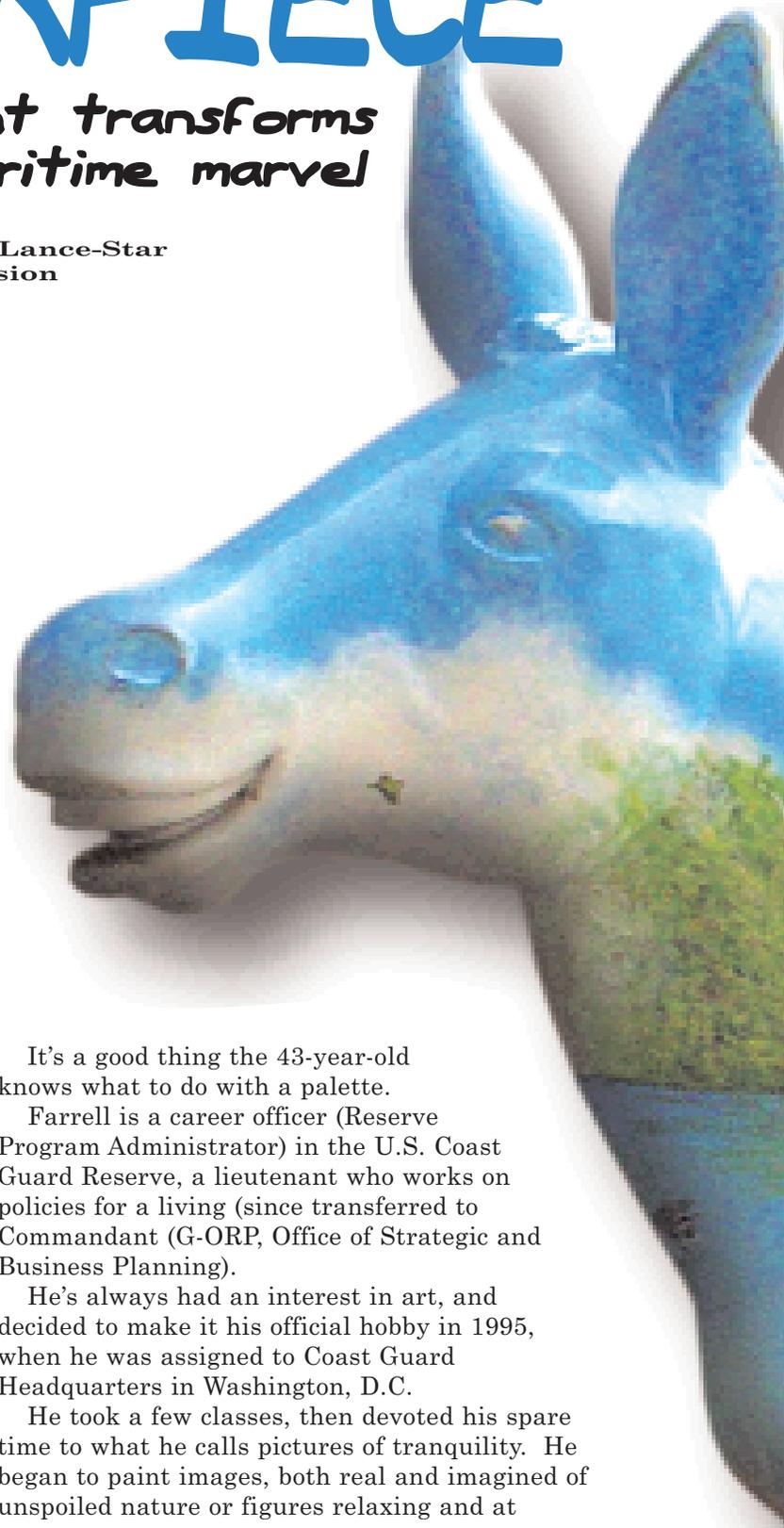
Because he was one of the chosen ones.

Recently, the District of Columbia Commission of Arts and Humanities put out a call for people interested in painting “Party Animals.” Cities across the nation have placed animal-shaped sculptures — with various scenes painted on them — in parks and other green spaces.

Chicago had cows; Richmond and Baltimore, fish; Norfolk, mermaids (and St. Paul has Peanuts characters).

Washington went with donkey and elephants. The sculptures — 100 of each animal — were displayed around the capital city through September.

Farrell was one of 200 artists picked for the project from 1,200 who applied. He got \$1,000 for his efforts, \$200 for materials and a canvas with two ears and four legs.



It's a good thing the 43-year-old knows what to do with a palette.

Farrell is a career officer (Reserve Program Administrator) in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, a lieutenant who works on policies for a living (since transferred to Commandant (G-ORP, Office of Strategic and Business Planning).

He's always had an interest in art, and decided to make it his official hobby in 1995, when he was assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

He took a few classes, then devoted his spare time to what he calls pictures of tranquility. He began to paint images, both real and imagined of unspoiled nature or figures relaxing and at peace.

One of those scenes appears on his donkey. Farrell took mermaids and shorelines from an acrylic he did, called "Island Fantasy," and stretched them out over the beast of burden's belly. The animal is 5 1/2 feet long from front to rear.

Farrell added a waterfall, cascading down the animal's shoulder. He drew dolphins, sea birds and crystal-clear water.

"I was just floored when I saw it," said neighbor Carol Diehl, who didn't even know that Farrell painted. "It's fantastic. He was the perfect person to do it."

Farrell has no idea how much time he devoted to the donkey. But then, he never watches the clock when he's in front of the canvas.

"Sometimes, I've painted until 2 in the morning," he said. "For me to paint, I basically have to miss sleep or miss work."

He does his best art when the house is quiet and everyone has gone to bed. He and his wife, Nancy, have three daughters: Kelly, 14, Laura, 12, and Colleen, 5.

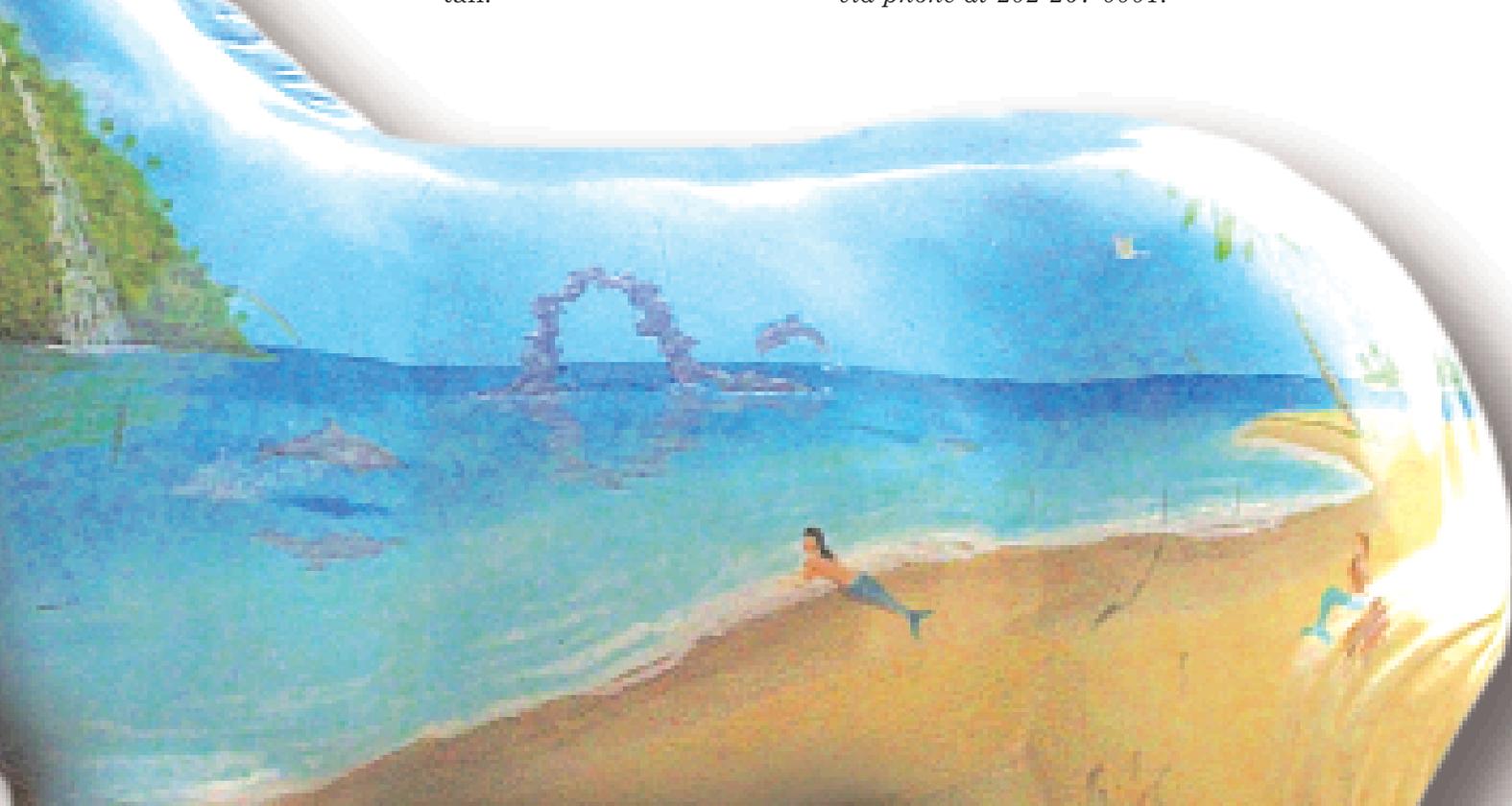
All the Farrell females fed their husband and father suggestions about how they'd decorate the donkey. Nancy wanted more sea than shore, and the girls thought the mermaid's hair should run the contour of the donkey's tail.

"He didn't use any of my suggestions, which was great," his wife said. "He stayed true to himself and the image he thought would work."

The donkey was in the family kitchen for a month. Colleen climbed on it a time or two, and Kelly loved the seascape because she's crazy about dolphins anyway. A week before her dad finished it, Kelly knew she'd miss the big donkey when it was gone.

"We've all grown so used to seeing it that when it leaves," she said, "the room's going to seem empty."

Ed's note: LT Farrell's Party Animal, "Island Fantasy," was on display at Washington Harbour, 3050 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. all summer through early October. At that time, all the "Party Animals" around Washington, D.C. were removed and sold at auction on Oct. 24. "Island Fantasy" sold for \$5,750! View Party Animals at www.partyanimalsdc.org (Island Fantasy is No. 118). Farrell is also a member of the Coast Guard Art Program (COGAP) and has painted portraits of CAPT Mike Healey, Douglas Munro, CGC Eagle, CGC Harriet Lane, and the Commandant's home, used on his 1997 official greeting card. Contact Farrell via e-mail at: tfarrell@comdt.uscg.mil or via phone at 202-267-0001.



SPARs' 60th Reunion A Smash Hit!

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Nearly 70 Coast Guard SPARs from across the country converged on the nation's capital Oct. 16-20 for their 60th anniversary reunion. The reunion coincided with the fifth anniversary of the Women in Military Service for America memorial (WIMSA), located at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery.

The five-day event included receptions, a candlelight dinner and other commemorative events at WIMSA. SPARs were given special recognition at the 4th annual Coast Guard Ball at the Hyatt Crystal City Hotel in Arlington Oct. 19.

Fifteen SPARs toured Headquarters Oct. 17 and met briefly with RADM Robert J. Papp, Director of Reserve & Training, VADM Thomas Barrett, Vice Commandant, and the Master Chief of the Coast Guard's staff. They also sat in on the Chiefs' CPOA meeting during lunch.

A brunch concluded the action-packed reunion on Oct. 20 and was attended by 80 SPARs and guests at the Crystal City Marriott, which served as reunion headquarters. Among the guests were VADM Thomas Barrett and his wife, Sheila, RADM Sally Brice O'Hara, and CDR Jim O'Hara, former



SPARs visit with RADM Robert Papp and CAPT Doug Clapp at the Office of Reserve Affairs Oct. 17.

Photo by CWO2 Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

Commandant ADM James Gracy and his wife, Randy, retired VADM William Rea and his wife, Ruth Jackson Rea, and Brig. Gen Wilma Vaught, President of WIMSA.

"The hostess at the Marriott told me that the SPARs energized the hotel staff," said CWO4 Betty Splaine, who organized the reunion along with

CAPT Jeanne Gleason. "Their staff was still abuzz the day after the reunion." Amongst the SPARs attending was CWO4 Alice Jefferson, the first female commissioned officer to serve on Active Duty during the early 1970s, CAPT Eleanor L'ecuyer, first woman promoted to captain after World War II, and Olivia Hooker, first black SPAR to enlist during World War II.

The SPARs actual 60th anniversary is Nov. 23. On Nov. 23, 1942, the Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941 was amended with the passage of Public Laws 773, creating the U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve. America's women responded — more than 10,000 volunteered for service with the SPARs between 1942-46. CAPT Dorothy Stratton, first Director of the SPARs, is 103 years old and lives in West LaFayette, Ind. The SPARs were also honored at this year's Coast Guard Reserve birthday salute at Headquarters Feb. 19 and at the Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, Mich. in August.



SPARs assemble on the steps of Marriott Crystal City in Arlington, Va. at the conclusion of the SPARs' 60th anniversary reunion Oct. 20.

Photo by CWO Laura Pearson, USCG

Saluting the Past, Celebrating the Present

Editor's note: The following are excerpts from a speech given by RADM Robert J. Papp, Jr., Director of Reserve & Training, at The Women in Military Service for America Memorial reunion reception on Oct. 18, 2002. It was part of WIMSA's 5th anniversary held in conjunction with the SPARs' 60th anniversary.



In the midst of so many great women here tonight, I thought it would be appropriate for me to quote another great woman. Fifty years ago at the United Nations, Eleanor Roosevelt stated:

"Too often the great decisions are originated and given form in bodies made up wholly of men, or so completely dominated by them that whatever of special value women have to offer is shunted aside without expression."

Tonight it is evident that much has changed over the last half century, and for the *better*. It has been my distinct pleasure to be in the company of so many dedicated and successful women who have proven themselves as leaders and originated their own "great decisions," including creating this wonderful memorial that we celebrate tonight.

Just to confirm Mrs. Roosevelt's claim, back in the mid 1970s, we admitted women to the Coast Guard Academy. We had to reconfigure the berthing areas in our great training ship *Eagle* to accommodate mixed gender crews. We renovated a small hold up forward that would have room for 21 women...with the belief that we would never have women entering the Academy in sufficient numbers to warrant additional bunks.

Well, the men were proven wrong! When I returned to *Eagle* as her captain 20 years later, on my first cruise, I had over 40 women in a cadet complement of 140, and they had taken over one of the larger men's berthing compartments! Now, nearly a third of each Academy class is female...and in response to my sister services representatives who spoke before me, it sounds like they are making some very commendable advances in opening opportunities for women. But the Coast Guard has opened up 100 percent of our specialties to women!

Tonight I would like to take a moment to reflect on the Coast Guard's increased homeland security role over the last year, and highlight how Coast Guard women are integrally involved in every aspect of our operations.

Our Commandant, ADM Thomas Collins has stated, "The Coast Guard is involved in the largest port security operation since World War II."

The challenges are huge: 95,000 miles of coastline, 361 seaports, 3.4 million square miles of our maritime Exclusive Economic Zone, a 6 million square mile transit zone, 7,500 ships sailing under the flags of 92 countries making 51,000 port visits each year. This is a tremendous additional security challenge as we continue to perform our traditional duties of search and rescue, interdiction of drugs and illegal migrants, fisheries patrols, aids to navigation, and marine environmental protection.

We perform these missions with a service that is not much larger than the New York City Police Department, consisting of 36,000 active duty and 8,000 Selected Reserve members – not much bigger than we were in the 1960s – of which 10.5 percent are women. With all these challenges, we could never "shunt aside" the "special value women have to offer...." We cannot afford to have any Coast Guardsman sitting on the sidelines.

...The women I have mentioned this evening are able to stand the watch tonight because they stand on the shoulders of the women who have gone before them in the Coast Guard – the women who faced the great challenge of World War II – the Coast Guard Women's Reserve better known as the SPARs who are here celebrating their 60th anniversary this weekend.

Today, because of the courage and efforts of the SPARs and the women in the military who are honored here tonight, our Coast Guard women are no longer considered pioneers. Today, as Coast Guard men and women look around, they see outstanding women role models.

Tonight we salute the pioneers, most notably, our SPARs who lead the way. But we also celebrate the contributions of those who continue to serve. We need you – we appreciate your "special value." Thank you very much for letting me speak here tonight on behalf of all Coast Guard women, past and present.

Semper Paratus.

The Write Stuff

USAA Scholarships Awarded

In 2001, the United Services Automobile Association (USAA) established a scholarship program totaling \$3,000 for dependents of Coast Guard Selected Reserve members to be used for higher education. This year, the USAA Enlisted Family Scholarship Program was expanded to include drilling reservists as well as their dependents (see ALCOAST 362/02).

Applicants were asked to provide official academic transcripts to document their academic progress and to write a one-page essay expressing what participation in the Coast Guard Reserve means to each of them.

Applications were received from 23 reservists and 21 dependents. A panel was convened at the Headquarters Office of Reserve Affairs and four recipients (two reservists and two dependents) were chosen. Selection of the winners was difficult because there were so many outstanding essays presented. Here are some excerpts from the winning essays:

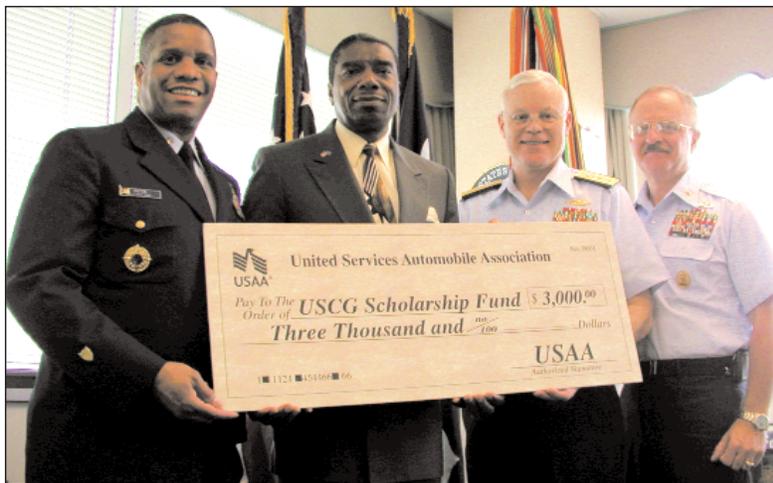
• **Matt Benning**, son of MKCS Joseph A. Benning of Station Calumet Harbor, Ill. offered these thoughts about his father. "My dad's involvement in the Coast Guard has helped me to become a better person. The character and integrity he displays when he is in and out of uniform has rubbed off on me. I feel that I am a more unselfish and disciplined individual as a result of my dad.... In watching him, I see how the Coast Guard has sculptured him into a fine man and outstanding role model. I can only hope to live my life to be such a man." Matt attends Northern Illinois University.

• **Katherine Schuster**, daughter of Petty Officers David and Bonnie Schuster of MSO Memphis, Tenn. reflected on her experience with both of her parents serving as recalled reservists. "Young people of my generation do not have the appreciation of the sacrifices that our service members make each and every day, but I believe that I do. I have personally seen both my mother and father go help on crises for days, weeks, and even months

at a time. Both of them have instilled in me the need to respect our military and our country. Each time they were called, they volunteered to help make a difference.... My parents have instilled a love of the country and the Coast Guard, and I am very proud of them both for their commitment." Katherine is attending the University of Memphis.

• **BM3 Brian S. Pinger** of Station Bellingham, Wash., wrote: "Being there for the country was the main reason I joined the Reserve, and I was proud when I received the

phone call saying that I would be leaving my life at school to do just that. I strongly felt that I was part of protecting America's basic rights for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Those rights seemed to come at a price though.... I proudly put on my uniform so that others and myself can be free. Freedom comes from standing up for what we believe in and unfortunately sometimes a war is the only way to preserve it." Petty Officer Pinger has returned to continue his education at Central Washington University.



United Services Automobile Association gave \$3,000 recently for the 2002 USCG Reserve Family Scholarship Fund Program. Left to right, former MCPOCG Vince Patton, Collin Younger, USAA; RADM Dennis Sirois, former Director of Reserve & Training; and MCPO George Ingraham, Reserve Force Master Chief.

• **QM2 Daniel B. Vanderburg** of Group Corpus Christi, Texas, stated: "Everyday, I try my hardest to perpetrate honor and respect to those around me and myself, as well as to the tasks at hand in my day to day life. Devotion to duty not only applies to the maintenance of a reservist's technical knowledge in their respective field, but also to any tasks laid before them outside their duty weekend.... The core values and spirit of the Coast Guard have become my own values, to my great benefit. So, if I get the call to make the eight-hour trek to Corpus Christi for an indefinite amount of time to fulfill my duty to the service and my country, I am ever ready." Petty Officer Vanderburg attends Odessa College in Odessa, Texas.

Each winner will receive a \$750 scholarship. Applicants who were not selected are encouraged to reapply again next year.

Astonishing Sea Stories

Art and story by P.A.S. Ron Spillman
Color by P.A.I. Dave Frenchy
Coast Guard Academy

JAN. 3, 1989—TWO AIR NATIONAL GUARD PILOTS BAIL OUT OF AN F-4 PHANTOM JET 18,000 FEET OVER THE PACIFIC OFF THE COAST OF OREGON.



FIGHTING HEAVY WINDS AND LOW VISIBILITY, AN HH-65 HELICOPTER FROM USCG AIR STATION ASTORIA SOON ARRIVED ON-SCENE, BUT COULD FIND ONLY ONE OF THE PILOTS.

ASM3 KELLY MOGK, THE COAST GUARD'S FIRST FEMALE RESCUE SWIMMER, LEAPED FROM THE HELO INTO FRIGID, 20-FT SEAS!



MOGK FREED THE PILOT FROM THE WATERY DEATH-TRAP AND GOT HIM INTO THE HOIST BASKET!



THIS WAS MOGK'S FIRST RESCUE SINCE GRADUATING FROM RESCUE SWIMMER SCHOOL—IT EARNED HER THE AIR MEDAL!

IN BRIEF

• RENEWAL OF RECRUITING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

— Both the active duty and Reserve forces anticipate growing over the next several years. To do this, we need everyone's help. Therefore, authorization for the "Everyone is a Recruiter" program has been continued. There are three incentives: awards (LOC's, Memento items, Achievement Medal), liberty (72 hours for Active Duty members), and readiness management periods (one single drill with pay for reservists). All members of *Team Coast Guard* are eligible for these incentives except personnel assigned to recruiting billets. In order to receive any of these, the recruited person must advise the recruiter at the time of their initial inquiry that they were referred by a member of *Team Coast Guard* and must provide the name and unit of the team member making the referral. For more details, see ALCOAST 471/02.

• DOD PROVIDES TRANSITIONAL HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

— Family members of active duty sponsors involuntarily separated from military service under honorable conditions, or family members of Reserve component members separated after serving on active duty for more than 30 days in support of contingency operations, are eligible to receive transitional health care benefits for 60 or 120 days under the new Department of Defense (DoD) Worldwide TRICARE Transitional Health Care Demonstration Project if their sponsor was on active duty Jan. 1, 2002, or later. See the following link for more info: www.tricare.osd.mil/NewsReleases/2002/news0220.htm

• PAYROLL DEDUCTION CAUTIONS

— Reservists should think twice about automating third party payments (such as Long Term Health Care) through USCGR payroll deductions because of the intermittent monthly pay balances inherent in IDT drills, or status changes inherent in ADSW, EAD, or mobilization. For many reservists, automated bank drafts or automated credit card payments draw from a much more stable balance or line of credit than payroll deductions from their USCGR monthly pay. Payroll deductions aren't sent if pay balance is not sufficient. This could cause some problems when you least want the headaches...like during a recall.

• RESERVE RETIREMENT TRANSFER REQUEST FORM REVISED

— The form that reservists fill out when retiring has been revised. Reserve Retirement Transfer Request (CG-HRSIC-2055A), dated 8/02, is used when a reservist requests transfer to a retired status (RET-1 or RET-2). It is available on the HRSIC Web site at:

www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic/ (look under Forms & Worksheets). Questions can be directed to HRSIC (Retirement and Annuitant Services) at 1-800-772-8724. problems when you least want the headaches... like during a recall.

• **RESERVE OFFICERS NEEDED** — Do you believe you have the qualities to be a leader in the Coast Guard Reserve? If so, you are invited to apply for a Selected Reserve Direct Commission (SRDC). Details about the SRDC program are found in ALPERSCOM 090/02, 191820Z SEP 02 (Subj: Promotion Year [PY] 2003 Selected Reserve Direct Commission [SRDC] Program). Application packages are available at: www.uscg.mil/hq/reserve/general.htm Click on "Selected Reserve Direct Commission." Application due date to Integrated Service Commands (ISC) is Dec. 16, 2002. For info, contact LT Rhonda Creecy, (202) 267-0851 or via e-mail: rcreecy@comdt.uscg.mil

• **AWARD DEADLINES** — Nominations for the annual ROA Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer award and Waesche Award are now being accepted. Deadline for District packages to be received at Commandant (G-WTR-2) for both awards is Dec. 1, 2002. Deadline for the Reserve Affairs Family Readiness Award (RAFRA) is Dec. 15, 2002. For info on the ROA OJO Award, see ALCOAST 474/02; Waesche Award, see ALCOAST 473/02. Questions can be directed to LTJG Scott Toves at 202-267-0622 or e-mail: stoves@comdt.uscg.mil

• BOAT FORCE OPS INSIGNIA

— A new Boat Force Operations insignia is intended to identify those Coast Guard personnel currently working in the boat force ops field and to recognize the commitment of CG members who have repeatedly served in the community. For qualifications, see COMDTINST 1650.3. The updated Uniform Regulations Manual, COMDTINST M1020.6D will also include information on this new insignia.



• USE OF TERM "COMMANDER IN CHIEF" OR "CINC"

— The joint Armed Forces community as a whole should use the terms "combatant commander" and "combatant command" vice "commander in chief" or CINC in all communications when referring to the nine U.S. combatant commands, each headed by a four-star military officer. On Oct. 24, U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld directed

that the term commander in chief be used only when referring to the president of the United States.

• **USCG BAND CONCERTS** — Thanksgiving and Holidays Concerts are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 15, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Both are scheduled for Leamy Hall Auditorium, USCG Academy, New London, Conn. For info, call the hotline at 860-701-6826 or e-mail: tthomas@cga.uscg.mil. Band Web site: www.cga.edu/band/default/html

• **NEW FESTIVAL HEADQUARTERS** — A permanent facility for Coast Guard Festival Headquarters in Grand Haven, Mich. has now been purchased. The Festival's dream is to renovate it. Interested parties can donate to the Festival to help with

this project. Festival is a 501(c) 3 organization and donations are tax deductible. The current Coast Guard Festival office, though perfectly located, is only in a temporary location. For more info, contact the Festival office, P.O. Box 694, Grand Haven, MI 49417; Phone: 616-846-5940, 1-888-207-2434; E-mail: cgfestival@chartermi.net Web: www.grandhaven.com/ghcgfest



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2002

• **PEARL HARBOR DAY CEREMONY** — Saturday, Dec. 7, 11:45 a.m. at *CGC Taney* in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Contact Mr. Paul Cora, 802 S. Caroline St., Baltimore, MD 21231; Phone: 410-396-3453; Web: www.baltomaritimemuseum.org

JANUARY 2003

• **ROA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE** — Jan. 19-22, Washington Hilton & Towers Hotel, Washington, D.C. Contact Reserve Officers Association, One Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002; Phone: 202-479-2200; Web: www.roa.org

• **ROA COAST GUARD RECEPTION** — The ROA Department of D.C., Coast Guard Chapter 4 invites all USCG officers to this annual event, Monday, Jan. 20, 6 p.m. at ROA Headquarters, One Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. Attire is Coast Guard Service Dress Blue Alpha (or semi-formal business). Cost: O1 - O3, \$20; O4 and above, \$25; O1-O3 couples, \$35; O4 and above couples, \$40. For more info, contact CDR John Baker, USCGR, 13520 Walnutwood Lane, Germantown, MD 20874; Phone: 202-493-6717; E-mail: jbaker@ballston.uscg.mil. Checks should be made payable to: **ROA DC Chapter 4**. Send checks to CDR Robert Carmack, USCGR, 502 Leaning Oak St., Gaithersburg, MD 20878-2186; Phone: 240-505-4600; E-mail: rcarmack@ventera.com.

FEBRUARY 2003

• **COAST GUARD RESERVE BIRTHDAY** — The Coast Guard Reserve will be 62 on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003! What is your unit planning for this special occasion?

REUNIONS

ON THE LOOKOUT...

• **GROUP MORICHES/SHINNECOCK, N.Y.** — Reservists reunion in Group AOR, location and date to be determined. Pass the word and contact BMC Ed Neale, USCGR(ret.), 42 Indian Head Dr., Sayville, NY 11782-1703; Phone: 631-589-3940; or QM1 Steve Wade, USCGR(ret.); E-mail: bravepenguin2@aol.com

• **LORAN STATION ANGAUR** — Looking for personnel that served aboard LORSTA Angaur (Palau) from 1945-78 for possible reunion. Contact: Bob Schnell, 964 West 4th St., Plainfield, NJ 07063-1370; Phone: 908-755-1847; E-mail: sch52jas@aol.com

• **RESERVE UNIT ALTOONA** — Former members of Reserve Unit Altoona, Pa. are interested in contacting all former members to form an association to promote the USCG and its missions. Contact: CDR William Erbeck, USCGR (ret.), RR 5 Box 186, Tyrone, PA 16686-9743; Phone: 814-684-1327; E-mail: WilliamErbeck@msn.com

Get the Word Out...

If you are organizing a USCG reunion, the sooner you begin publicizing it, the better. Send your reunion notice via e-mail to The Reservist at: ekruska@comdt.uscg.mil. It will automatically be posted on the Coast Guard Reserve Web site "Reunions" section as well as in the magazine.

ROCI 2-02 Graduates

Reserve Officer Candidate

Indoctrination Class 2-02 graduated

July 31 in New London, Conn. Front

row: CAPT Frank Buckley, Chief, Office

of Reserve Affairs, ENS Casteneda, ENS

Marquardt, ENS Theil, ENS Remusat,

ENS Land, ENS Trifiro, ENS Brackett,

ENS Price, ENS LeRoux, RADM Tim

Riker, USCGR(Ret.) Middle Row: CDR

Vann Young, Chief of OCS, ENS Jones,

ENS Sterner, ENS Noteboom, ENS

Heatherington, ENS Reilly, ENS Hughes,

ENS Sirmons, ENS Dickerson, ENS

Mikan, ENS DiMeo, LT Joe Althouse,

Platoon Officer. Back Row: ENS Hilliard, ENS Dolbow, ENS Smith, ENS Jenkins, ENS Lindsay, ENS Von

Stein, ENS Miller, ENS Terrell, ENS Anderson, ENS Rayburg, ENS Hedrick, LT Shawn Decker, Platoon

Officer.



Photo courtesy LT Joe Althouse, USCG

ROCI 3-02 Graduates

Reserve Officer Candidate

Indoctrination Class 3-02 graduated

Sept. 27 in New London, Conn. Shown

here aboard CGC Eagle, front row, l to

r: ENS Kevin Osborne, ENS Gene

Stratton, ENS Wes Burns, CWO David

Schuler (Platoon Officer), ENS Alan

FitzGerald, ENS Mark Cornwell, ENS

Frank Puzzeni. Back row, l to r: ENS

Darek Kitlinsky, ENS Doug Trent

(winner of both the ROA award for

highest academic average and CDR George MacGarvey Leadership Award), ENS William Kinsey, LTJG

Luke Davignon (Platoon Officer), ENS Russell McRory, ENS Eon Mosley, ENS Eric Willis, ENS Dean Watts,

ENS Kevin Holden, ENS Louis Dering, ENS Tom Song, ENS Renee Kozak, ENS Mike Toth, LT Joe Althouse

(ROCI School Chief), ENS Jeff Thomason, ENS Melissa Dibiasio, ENS Nanine Nyman, ENS Keedah Ray,

ENS Robyn Harne, ENS Greg Peck, ENS Brett Chianella, ENS Tom Adams, ENS Jason Franz.



Photo courtesy LT Joe Althouse, USCG

PS "A" School 02-02

Port Security Specialist "A" School 02-02

graduated Sept. 20 at Training Center

Yorktown, Va. Graduates included (not in

order in photo): PS3 Donna Alexander,

PS3 Sean Barry, PS3 Steven Bell, SNPS

Thomas Black, PS3 Joel Borland, BM3

Michael Burns, SNPS Marcus Cady, BM3

Jesus Carrasco, PS3 Anderson Clement,

PS3 Jason Coddling, BM2 Kory Cronin,

SNPS Shannon Ducros, PS3 Ira

Fagerland, PS3 Carlos Gonzalez, PS3

Timothy Hedge, SNPS Leland Kidd, SNPS

Kevin Lyons, ET1 Samuel Manry, PS3 Robert Mirales Jr., SNPS Riley Newman, PS3 Terry Perkins, SNPS

Jason Richards, YN3 Terry Robinson, PS3 Steven Rochester, BM2 Timothy Shobar, SNPS David Silen,

SNPS John Sullivan, SNPS Jonathan Wood. Instructors included: LT Pat Clark, CWO4 Don Allen,

MSTCS Stephen Jones, PSC Dave Larkin, MST1 Rob Cox.



Photo courtesy PSC Dave Larkin, USCGR

CPO Academy Reserve Class XIII

Reserve Class XIII of the Chief Petty Officers Academy graduated June 13 at New London, Conn.

Seated, l to r: CPO Frank Vallone, CPO Timothy Free, CPO Frederick Hartman II, CPO George Casey Jr., CPO John Huntington, CPO Joseph Chapman III, CPO Andreas Apenburg, CPO Jeff Christensen, CPO Douglas Maines, CPO John Tracy, CPO Martin Harper, CPO Nelson Roll, CPO David McLaughlin, CPO Victor Berrios.

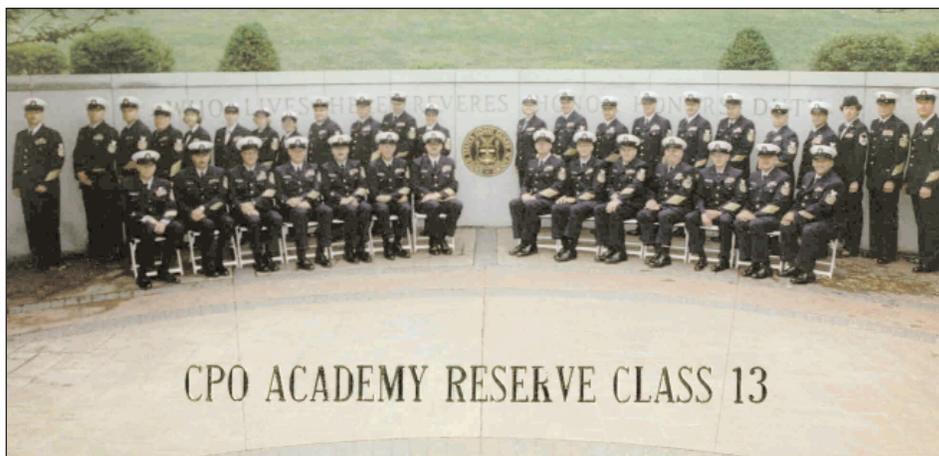


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Back row, l to r: CPO Grayden Dyke, CPO Steven Estep, CPO Stephen Pierce, CPO Philip Pashia, MCPO Saundra O'Toole, School Chief, CPO Sharon Machon, CPO Robin Franco, CPO Linda Kentch, CPO Ralph Barrea, CPO Richard White, CPO Teresa Dilley, CPO Steven Durden, CPO Dayne Ventura, CPO David Frutiger, CPO Gerard DeModena, CPO Kenneth Roche, CPO Thomas McCook Jr., CPO Donald Zoll Sr., CPO William Baldwin, CPO Ciro Sinagra, staff, M Sgt. Eris Mackey, staff, CPO Mike Pallon, staff, SCPO Mark Thomas, staff.

CPO Academy Reserve Class XIV

"Hats off to Tradition" was the motto of Reserve Class XIV that graduated from the two-week Chief Petty Officers Academy course at TRACEN Petaluma, Calif. July 25. It was the first time Petaluma has hosted the Reserve CPOA course since 1998. Front row, seated, left to right, CPO Ciro Sinagra, staff;

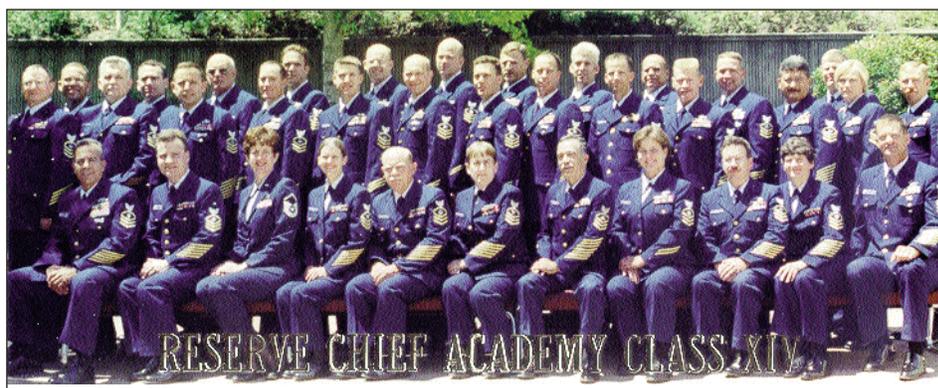


Photo courtesy of CPO Academy Staff

SCPO Rich Hines, staff; MSgt. Eris Mackey, staff; CPO Joy Harrison, CPO James Blankenship, CPO Gail Owens, CPO Michael Uland, CPO Candace Lewis, CPO Jeffrey Vincent, CPO Deeanne Bruno, staff; MCPO Brad Steigleder, School Chief; CPO Harry Hueston. Back row, standing, left to right, CPO William J. Halusek, Jr., CPO Brian H. Downey, CPO Darin V. Farrell, CPO Mark J. Kopera, CPO Robert G. McLoughlin, CPO Andrew S. Jaeger, CPO Ronald A. Collins, Jr., CPO Thomas W. Haug, Jr., CPO Kevin P. Crowley, CPO Kurt Shoemaker, CPO John G. Comiskey, CPO James A. Pancari, CPO Joseph D. Beverly, CPO George M. Williamson, Jr., CPO Kenneth C. Reuben, CPO Scott D. Stewart, James T. Vocelle, CPO Robert W. Gleichauf, CPO Christopher S. McCoy, CPO Kenneth F. Kobylanski, CPO Richard C. Shellman; CPO Paula F. Jaklitsch, CPO David K. Larkin.

Academy Bear

The CG Academy mascot Bear in New London, Conn. can "bear-ly" believe his eyes at the site of five new Reserve Chief Warrant Officers. From left to right, CWO2 (ENG) Robert Healy, Group Hampton Roads, Va.; CWO2 (F&S) Jim Wall, Chicago, Ill.; CWO2 (F&S) David Padgett, HDC 207, Miami, Fla.; CWO2 (PERS) George Paidousis, CGPC, Washington, D.C.; and CWO2 (PSS) Doug Haynes, San Pedro, Calif. The five were at the Academy for the CWO Professional Development Course this past summer.



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MEDALS AND AWARDS

DEFENSE SUPERIOR SERVICE MEDAL

CAPT Ray T. Burke, USTRANSCOM

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

CAPT Frank A. Freisheim II, HDCU 110
CAPT Paul D. Kirkpatrick, D7
CAPT Mark R. Trammell, D8 HLSS
CDR John D. Hooper, Commandant (G-OPD)
CDR Marilyn Stoney, Commandant (G-WTT)
LTJG Thomas J. Barnes, CG Liaison,
USNIUWU105

JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL

CAPT Steven E. Day, USTRANSCOM

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

CAPT Don C. Grant, NCW Group One

CG COMMENDATION MEDAL

CAPT Robert J. Gallagher, LANTAREA
LCDR David M. Gardner, LANTAREA/D5
LCDR Robert T. Hanley, Commandant (G-WTR)
LCDR Brian Offord, D13(m)
S/A Norris N. Dahl, CGIS SE Region

JOINT SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

CDR Timothy A. Aines, USTRANSCOM
LCDR Andrew S. McKinley, USTRANSCOM
CWO Michael J. Brzezicki, DoD HSR IV

NAVY & MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

LCDR Steven H. Pope, NCW Group Two
LT Todd C. Wiggen, HDCU 113
CWO4 John R. Shea, HDCU 113
CWO Paula J. More, NCW Group Two
YN1 Walter J. Cox, HDCU 113
YN1 Thomas Heavey, Sr., HDCU 113
YN3 Brian L. Brockmueller, HDCU 113

CG ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

LTJG Alex Lomvardias, Activities Baltimore
LT Vikki Hanley, Commandant (G-WTT)
CWO4 Terry Adams, RIAT, ISC St. Louis
CWO Ronald J. Raczka, PSU 309
BMCS Lewis N. Myers, PSU 309
GMC Frederick O. Hartman, PSU 309
MKC Richard W. McComber, ISC Cleveland
YNC Nancy Knuth, Activities Baltimore
YN1 Thomas V. Mirante, Group San Francisco
YN1 Tina L. Sporkin, NCW Group Two
S/A James M. Breen, CGIS SE Region
S/A Christopher N. Crawford, CGIS SE Region
S/A Richard R. D'Agostino, CGIS SE Region
S/A James M. Kelly, CGIS SE Region
S/A Randal W. Thompson, CGIS SE Region
S/A Donald J. Rifkin, CGIS SE Region

COMMANDANT'S LETTER OF COMMENDATION

YNM Edna M. Doak, Commandant (G-CFS-2)
BMCS Steven Daugherty, RIAT, ISC St. Louis
IVCS Thomas H. Long, CGIS SE Region
PSC Michael A. Corfman, PSU 309
PSC Scott T. Wilke, PSU 309
DC1 Mark Webb, RIAT, ISC St. Louis
EM1 Jeffery Theros, RIAT, ISC St. Louis
FS1 H. Gordon Surman, Group Mayport, Fla.
PS1 Brian L. Rozek, PSU 309
IV2 Randal W. Thompson, CGRC
PS2 Gregory L. Hayes, MSO Hampton Roads

PS2 David L. Spicer, CG Recruiting Command
PS2 Garries O. Terrell, PSU 309
PS2 Samuel A. Thomson, MSO Hampton Roads
YN2 Brandi E. Marquardt, CGIS SE Region
BM3 Aaron Hurd, MSO Hampton Roads
PS3 William T. Berry, PSU 309
PS3 Edward J. Danison, PSU 309
PS3 Charles Taylor, MSO Hampton Roads
TC3 Robert M. Holden, PSU 309
S/A Wastine A. Allen, CGIS SE Region
S/A Wayne C. Andrews, CGIS SE Region
S/A Michael H. Maurer, CGIS SE Region
S/A Floberto Ortiz, Jr., CGIS SE Region
S/A Brian J. Shepherd, CGIS SE Region

CG MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION

CGIS SE Region &
USCG MSO Miami Invest. Team
LANTAREA Ops Plan 9700 Project Team
Station Port O'Connor Renovation Team
Station Crisfield, Md.

CG RESERVE GOOD CONDUCT

(number of awards in parentheses)
FSCS Norman A. Krumpe (8), PSU 309
IVCS Thomas H. Long (6), CGIS SE Region
MKCS Thomas E. Zaborski (7), PSU 309
BMC Steve R. Lain (6), PSU 309
GMC Frederick O. Hartman (4), PSU 309
IVC Stephen G. Pierce (1), CGIS SE Region
MKC Jerry M. Saunders (4), PSU 309
PSC Jane E. Akers (8), PSU 309
IV1 Michael H. Maurer (1), CGIS SE Region
MK1 Robert F. Miller (7), PSU 309
MST1 Linn M. Rowh (6), MSO Hampton Roads
PS1 Michael A. Corfman (4), PSU 309
SK1 Orlanda G. White (5), MSO Hampton Roads
BM2 Paul A. Cormier (4), PSU 309
BM2 Howard C. Marshall (8), PSU 309
DC2 Jason P. Severs (1), PSU 309
EM2 James M. Haag (2), PSU 309
ET2 William J. Klich (1), PSU 309
MK2 Stephen E. Bates (1), PSU 309
MST2 Larry D. Harris (4), MSO Hampton Roads
PS2 James W. Fitzgerald (3), PSU 309
PS2 Brian L. Rozek (2), PSU 309
SK2 Judy B. Lewis (6), PSU 309
BM3 Christopher E. Desh (1), PSU 309
BM3 Angelica C. Fraticelli (1), PSU 309
BM3 Timothy D. Lynch (1), PSU 309
BM3 Christopher J. Pakulski (1), PSU 309
BM3 Christian F. Tramp (4), PSU 309
BM3 Robert S. Wells (1), PSU 309
DC3 Zachary A. del Nero, MSO San Francisco
GM3 Adam S. Weimerskirch (1), PSU 309
SN Harry A. King (1), MSO Hampton Roads

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

NCWGRU Two (Op Southern Watch, 1 Apr-30 Jun 01)

MILITARY OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL

CDR Timothy M. Butler, USTRANSCOM
LT Daniel V. Venne, USCG MSC
CWO Donald J. Rifkin, CGIS SE Region
MSTC Gary J. Pirkig, National Strike Force
IV1 Ronald E. Bradley, D7

ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL

LCDR Cliff McGuire, Group/MSO LIS, "M"
CWO2 Rodger Guest, Group/MSO LIS, "M"

BMC Paul Kohl, Group/MSO LIS, "M"
MSTC Robert Morton, Group/MSO LIS, "M"
IVC Stephen G. Pierce, CGIS SE Reg, (Silver)
DC1 Brian Moreland, Group/MSO LIS, "M"
IV1 R. D'Agostino, CGIS SE Reg (Bronze, 2 "M")
IV1 Ronald E. Bradley, CGIS SE Reg, "M"
IV1 Brian J. Shepherd, CGIS SE Reg, "M"
MST1 Luis Lopez, MSO San Juan, "M"
MST1 Ruben Ortiz, MSO San Juan, "M"
PS1 Jose Baltar, MSO San Juan, "M"
PS1 Alberto Davila, MSO San Juan, "M"
PS1 Carlos Lopez, MSO San Juan, "M"
PS1 Candido Torres, MSO San Juan, "M"
BM2 Don Corey, Group/MSO LIS, "M"
BM2 Christopher Crawford, CGIS SE Reg, "M"
IV2 James M. Breen, CGIS SE Reg, "M"
IV2 Randal W. Thompson, CGIS SE Reg, "M"
MK2 Alan Owen, Group/MSO LIS, "M"
PS2 Pablo Lafitte, MSO San Juan, "M"
PA2 Chris Rose, Commandant (G-WTR), (Bronze)
YN2 Brandi E. Marquardt, CGIS SE Reg, "M"
DC3 Zachary A. del Nero, MSO San Fran, "M"
IV3 Wastine A. Allen, CGIS SE Reg, "M"
MST3 Carlos Roldan, MSO San Juan, "M"
Peggy Ann Faulk, MSO Wilmington
Claude Lee Haynes III, MSO Wilmington

SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICE RIBBON

Sea Marshals, MSO San Francisco

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

HDCU 110, San Diego, Calif. (w/ "O" Device)
Reserve Industrial Aug Team, ISC St. Louis

PORT SECURITY INSIGNIA

GM2 Adam S. Weimerskirch, PSU 309
MK2 Stephen E. Bates, PSU 309

MARINE SAFETY DEVICE

CAPT Paul D. Kirkpatrick, D7
CDR Katherine F. Black, MSO Hampton Roads
LCDR Robert T. Nelson, MSO Hampton Roads
LT E.T. Odom-Rechenbach, MSO Hampton Roads
LT David E. Olson, MSO Hampton Roads
CWO3 Sharon D. Doggett, MSO Hampton Roads
MSTCM Randy Meyer, MSO Honolulu
MSTCS Charles T. Phillips, MSO Hampton Rds
MSTCS Arthur P. Templeton, MSO Wilmington
PSCS Richard Pang, MSO Honolulu
MSTC Calvin W. Covert, MSO Hampton Roads
MSTC Roy H. McKinney, MSO Hampton Roads
MSTC Ray A. Newlon, MSO Hampton Roads
MSTC James L. Stanley, MSO Hampton Roads
MSTC Ken Thompson, MSO Honolulu
MST1 Carolina Asiatico, MSO Honolulu
MST1 James E. Burton, MSO Charleston
MST1 Floyd E. Greene, MSO Hampton Roads
MST1 Harry B. Hueston, MSO Hampton Roads
MST1 Keith Jones, MSO Honolulu
MST1 Scott Morse, MSO Honolulu
MST1 Linn M. Rowh, MSO Hampton Roads
MST2 Jeff Dutcher, MSO Honolulu
PS2 Amy Garon, MSO Honolulu
MST3 Peter Wolfinger, Activities New York

The Reservist does not receive a listing of awards from the Awards & Medals Division at CGHQ. If you received an award that you'd like to see published here, mail, fax, or e-mail the magazine a copy of your citation and we'll ensure it is published in a future issue.

ADVANCEMENTS

(From ERAA No. 009/02 & 10/02)

BOATSWAIN'S MATE (BM)

BM3

- 24 D RIVERA, STA EATONS NECK
- 24 C A WAGNER, PSU 309, PORT CLINTON
- 26 J A PERROTT, NESU SEATTLE
- 27 B M LAPAUGH, STA CALUMET HARBOR

DAMAGE CONTROLLMAN (DC)

DC1

- 04 E A PULATIE, NESU SEATTLE

PORT SECURITY SPECIALIST (PS)

PS3

- 08 K M ARMBRUSTER, MSO NEW ORLEANS
- 09 R A AVERY, MSO NEW ORLEANS
- 10 T N THOMPSON, GROUP ASTORIA
- 11 R M FREEMAN, MSO TAMPA

QUARTERMASTER (QM)

QM1

- 01 E K. BALDERSON, STA LAKE TAHOE

QM2

- 03 E O HUBBARD, CGC EAGLE

STOREKEEPER (SK)

SK2

- 13 B T ALBERTSON, GROUP CORPUS CHRISTI

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST (TC)

TC1

- 12 E J KISTLER, ACTIVITIES NEW YORK

* These lists are taken directly from Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement (ERAA) No. 009/02, ALCGPERSCOM 099/02 and ERAA No. 10/02, ALCGPERSCOM 106/02. ERAA 009/02 listed Sept. 1, 2002 as the date of eligibility for advancement. It should be Oct. 1, 2002. Questions should be directed to YNC P. Aydlette; Phone: 785-339-3410; E-mail: paydlette@hrsic.uscg.mil

Reservist's employer wins Florida Pro Patria Award



David Bludworth, left, Chairman, Florida Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, presents the Pro Patria Award to Dr. Louis Centofanti, president and CEO of Perma-Fix Environmental Services. Looking on are employees LT Steven Douglas, USCGR, and Lt. Col. Ben Warrenwatch.

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — It all started when LT Steve Douglas nominated his boss for an award with Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Douglas nominated Dr. Louis Centofanti, president and CEO, Perma-Fix Environmental Services of Gainesville, Fla.

Of 476 "My Boss is a Patriot Award" nominations in Florida last year, Coast Guard Reservists submitted 51. Douglas was the only Coast Guard Reserve nomination selected for higher recognition: the Committee Chair Award. Eight were presented in Florida. Out of those eight, only one Pro Patria — meaning "for the nation" — is awarded annually in Florida. It recognizes employer support above and beyond requirements of the law. In his nomination, Douglas wrote that Centofanti was instrumental in his company establishing a corporate policy that provides generous support to reservists called to active duty.

ESGR has nearly 4,200 volunteers in 54 state-level committees serving under the direction of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. The ESGR awards program provides a great way to say "thanks" to your boss. Simply go to www.esgr.org and click on "Reward Your Employer" on the left side of the screen. Or call 1-800-336-4590 for more information.

"Soul of the Service" Award

CAPT Peter Murphy, USCGR(Ret.), center, was honored recently with the "Soul of the Service" award for his outstanding contributions in support of the Coast Guard.



Presenting the awards are Kathleen "Mickey" deFarrari, Commander of Auxiliary Division 7, left, and CDR Ted Harrop of CGHQ Office of Boat Forces, right. Murphy lives in Long Beach Township, N.J.

BRAVO ZULU



YN2 Rommel

YN1 Thomas R. Heavey, Sr. has been named Harbor Defense Command Unit 113's Enlisted Person of the Year. • YN1 Patricia Feeney was chosen Enlisted Person of the Year 2001 from the Ninth Coast Guard District Staff. She was honored by the USO of Northern Ohio Board of Directors at an Awards Dinner earlier this year. • YN2 Kristine Rommel, USCGR, was recently honored by the town of Hempstead, N.Y. and the Veterans of Vietnam War, New York Post 3, for her volunteer efforts on behalf of Hempstead veterans. Rommel is a Reserve recruiter.

RET-1 (Retired With Pay)

MAY 2002*

CAPT Robert W. Staton, D11
CDR Gregory P. Coleman, D5
CDR Stephen M. Levine, D1
LCDR Ronald L. Barela, D13
LCDR Paul B. Gansle, D1
LT Robert A. White, D5
BMCS Paul D. Houlden, D1
PSCS Robert L. Shores, D13
QMCS Tom J. Rau, D9
BMC Frederick M. King, D8
PSC Alvis E. Roper, D8
DC1 Emitterio M. Pena, D8
ET1 Jim V. Slaughter, D7
MST1 Richard L. Helpenstell, D13
PS1 Jerry L. Kleppin, D9
PS1 Wayne W. Leimbach, D11
PS1 John McDougall, D1
PS2 Gerald E. Ruyle, D9
YN2 Janet D. Blair, D1

JULY 2002

CAPT Roger D. Batt, D9
CAPT Thomas E. Lewis, D8
CDR Thomas W. Barto, D9
CDR Peter J. Vernesoni, D1
LCDR Robert J. Barry, D13
LCDR Paul D. Huffman, D11
LCDR Robert G. Robertson, D9
PSCM Kenneth G. Dolan, D1
PSCM John J. Ruth, D1
PSCM Johannes Verhaeg, D5
MKCS James R. King, D8
MSTCS Michael J. Kirk, D1
PSCS Richard H. Pang, D14
BMC Henry G. Resling, D13
MKC Fred G. Ketola, D9
MKC James P. May, D1
MK1 Charles E. Gravelin, D1
MK1 William K. Pierce, D5
MK1 Joseph E. White, D5
PS1 Rowland W. Ames, D1
PS1 Andrew M. Johnson, D5
PS1 Seferino Madriles, D11
TC1 Mary J. Clapper, D7
YN1 Judy A. Harrell, D5
HS2 Alan S. Richmond, D8
PS2 Allan E. Linde, D13
QM2 Thomas B. Lewis, D9
SK2 Joseph M. Walker, D5
SK2 Richard J. Legaye, D2
YN2 Jacqueline Blount, D9

AUGUST 2002

CDR Lonnie A. Daniels, D5
CDR Vivian J. Gianelloni, D8
CDR Edward O. Koch, D1
CDR James M. Sharpe, D1
LCDR William H. Barnes, D5
LCDR Paul E. Glombowski, D9
LCDR David B. Lorenz, D8
LCDR Richard E. Novak, D2 (D8)
LT George E. Fithen, D2 (D8)
CWO4 Howard O. Edmonds, D8
CWO4 Robert A. Girard, D2 (D8)
PSCM Theodore W. Vogel, D1
MKCS Lloyd O. Smith, D13
TCCS Paul H. Siebenkittel, D8
IVC Diana K. Lewis, D13
IVC Charles E. Lloyd, D7
IVC Braden B. McKinley, D11

SKC Joan E. Ferreira, D7
ET1 Thomas P. Glines, D8
IV1 Richard M. Spirlet, D1
MST1 Robert W. White, D8
PS1 William A. Dunn, D9
SK1 John R. Slaughter, D11
SK1 Nathan J. Worrell, D5
YN1 Sylvia C. Hill, D11
DC2 Richard E. Baxter, D1
EM2 Robert A. Osteen, D8
FS2 Thomas D. Hargreaves, D9
PA2 Peter J. Turner, D1
PS2 Edward F. Myers, D5

SEPTEMBER 2002

MST2 Manfred F. Baiker, D1

RET-2 (Retired Awaiting Pay)

FEBRUARY 2002

YN1 Lucy M. Greer-Boland, D8

MAY 2002*

PSCS Sal Aloisio, D1
PSC William J. Reisa, D8
BM1 Keith L. Wilson, D5
MK1 Guy Frattini, D1
MK1 Robert B. King, D13
MST1 Robert C. Golden, D7
MST1 Robert W. White, D8
PS1 Deborah A. Butynski, D8
PS1 John M. Zuniga, D8
MK2 Alvin M. Sherrod, D8
QM2 Erick G. Vancuren, D11
GM3 William L. Harvey, D5

JULY 2002

CAPT Alan L. Brown, D1
CAPT John M. Brown, D7
CAPT Patrick L. Donahue, D1
CAPT Robert J. Gallagher, D5
CAPT Michael H. Graner, D1
CAPT Daniel R. Flood, D14
CAPT Alan R. Freedman, D7
CAPT Stephen J. Kenealy, D5
CAPT Paul D. Kirkpatrick, D7
CAPT Brain J. McDonnell, D1
CAPT Andrew J. McDonough, D11
CAPT Craig D. Peterson, D5
CAPT Robert Sharkey, D8
CAPT Richard A. Walleshauser, D8
CDR Michael O. Aholt, D13
CDR Joseph A. Beyer, D11
CDR Michael J. Hanratty, D13
CDR Larry E. Hunter, D8
CDR Carla J. Kinney, D9
CDR David H. Sulouff, D11
CDR Bruce R. Voorhies, D5
CDR James R. Yacobi, D5
LCDR Randall W. Adams, D7
LCDR Thomas G. Berstene, D1
LCDR Frank A. Blaha, D9
LCDR Kent L. Booher, D8
LCDR William T. Brown, D5
LCDR Jeffery J. Burton, D9
LCDR James B. Butler, D9
LCDR Alvin M. Crickard, D5
LCDR James C. Curry, D5
LCDR Paul L. Dyson, D14
LCDR Steve K. Eaton, D8
LCDR Kirk I. Ehnisz, D11
LCDR Steven H. Findlay, D8
LCDR Robert G. Gray, D5

LCDR Robert A. Hildie, D9
LCDR David A. Inskeep, D8
LCDR Michael S. Johns, D9
LCDR Donald M. Kimple, D8
LCDR Melvin D. Krause, D9
LCDR John J. Kreimer, D5
LCDR Dennis C. Kunces, D1
LCDR Charles F. Lambeth, D7
LCDR Wayne M. Lundy, D5
LCDR Clifford W. McGuire, D1
LCDR Robert S. Meyer, D9
LCDR Joy A. Northrop, D1
LCDR Robert J. Perfetto, D5
LCDR Linda L. Saunders, D13
LCDR Benedict J. Scott, D7
LCDR Robert Arthur J. Smith, D1
LCDR Kim R. Valentine, D9
LCDR Wesley F. Wilson, D11
CWO4 William G. Wylie, D13
CWO3 Dennis A. Sullivan, D1
CWO2 Kathleen P. O'Neal, D9
CWO2 Harriett Thompkins, D7
CWO2 Fred H. Oishi, D14
TCCM Mark T. Lemay, D1
BMC George B. Benson, D13
MSTC James R. Cash, D1
MKC Robert F. McCarty, D5
SKC Robert S. Springer D1
TCC Betty L. Altnether, D8
YNC Richard R. Klee, D13
BM1 Laverne C. Marley, D13
MK1 William F. Willien, D8
PS1 Julius O. Salas, D5
PS1 Charlotte A. Sullivan, D11
YN1 Darrell L. Spidell, D13
BM2 Thomas R. Locke, D13
DC2 Michael S. Johnston, D5
HS2 Kevin J. Kellogg, D11
MK2 Dwight R. Williams, D8
PS2 Fernando R. Urgelles, D14

The following members are in RET-2 status as of July 2002, but have been recalled to Active Duty:

CDR John D. Hooper, D1
CDR Francis K. Koob, D5
LCDR Willis D. Miller, D13
LCDR Roy W. Owens, D7

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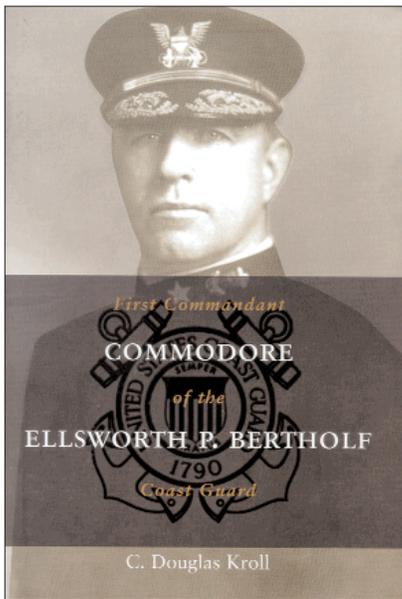
CDR Baird S. Ritter, D8
MKCS Alan J. Nelson, D11
BMC Dennis J. Avery, D9
MKC Guy H. Randall, D11
MSTC Charles H. Lawley, D8
MSTC James R. Pearce, D5
PSC Anthony D. Lagrega, D1
PSC Frank R. Whitney, D13
YNC Barbara A. Talanian, D1
PS1 David P. Sue, D13
PS1 Henry S. Gregant, D8
YN1 Jack B. Isaacson, D11
BM2 David W. Anderson, D1
BM2 Bert W. Combs, D13
BM2 Kenneth C. Wells, D1
MK2 Weylin E. Dawson, D8
TC2 Cynthia A. Eckhart, D9
TC2 Edward L. Maher, D17
MST3 John A. Rizzi, D1

** Note: May 2002 RET-1 and RET-2 lists were reversed in last issue and reprinted here under correct headings. Source: PO Bobby Dees, HRSIC (ras)*

- **CAPT Winfield H. Adam**, USCGR(Ret.), of Cumberland, Md., Sept. 2, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn.
- **CAPT Edward Coates, Jr.**, USCGR(Ret.), in Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 16, 2002, of heart failure. He is survived by his wife, Norma, of Worthington, Ohio. Interment Dayton, Ohio.
- **CDR Robert L. Anderson**, USCGR(Ret.), Sept. 15, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Athene of Seattle, Wash.
- **CDR Robert H. Bacchus**, USCGR(Ret.), of St. Pete Beach, Fla., Aug. 26, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Mary.
- **CDR William D. Fick**, USCGR(Ret.), in Brick, N.J., Sept. 7, 2002. CDR Fick's body was donated to the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He is survived by his wife, Nanette, of Manasquan, N.J.
- **CDR Samuel M. Loskutoff**, USCGR(Ret.), in San Diego, Sept. 28, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Vera; son, Nicholas. Interment Commerce, Calif.
- **CDR Ingerbright A. Ostness**, USCGR(Ret.), of Spokane, Wash., Aug. 25, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Mary.
- **CDR Richard A. Rodd**, USCGR(Ret.), Aug. 16, 2002.
- **CWO4 Thomas L. Jones**, USCGR(Ret.), of Birmingham, Ala., July 30, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn. Interment Jefferson Memorial Cemetery, Birmingham, Ala.
- **CWO3 Byron K. Jones**, USCGR(Ret.), of Peachtree City, Ga., Aug. 14, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Dora Mae. Interment Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church, Sharpsburg, Ga.
- **BMC Wallace H. Waite**, USCGR(Ret.), in Puyallup, Wash., Sept. 18, 2002, of emphysema. He is survived by his wife, Jean, of Edgewood, Wash.
- **MKC Kenneth G. Murray**, USCGR(Ret.), of San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 7, 2002.
- **MK1 Donald J. Dekas**, USCGR(Ret.), in Scituate, Mass., Sept. 12, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Ann, of Abington, Mass. Interment Bourne, Mass.
- **PS1 Terry K. Sollanek**, USCGR(Ret.), Aug. 3, 2002, of Baltimore, Md.
- **SS1 Joaquin H. Banares**, USCGR(Ret.), of Brooklyn Park, Md., July 26, 2002. Interment Glen Burnie, Md.
- **PS2 Kenneth L. Erickson**, USCGR(Ret.), of Port Orchard, Ore., July 31, 2002, from a bicycle accident. He

is survived by his wife, Donna.

- **YN2 Dotti J. Powers**, WWII Coast Guard SPAR, 77, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Aug. 31, 2002. She attended the American Institute of Business, and then entered the SPARS of the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II, where she was stationed on Staten Island, N.Y. She earned a bachelor's degree in music in 1951, from Iowa Wesleyan College. She married Merlin J. "Jim" Powers on Sept. 26, 1953; he preceded her in death on Sept. 4, 1972. Survivors include four daughters, Charlene, Theresa Abdo, Betty Millington, and Barbara Haskins; one sister, Betty Hebner; one sister-in-law; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held at Faith Christian Outreach Church, Sept. 4, 2002. Interment Middletown Cemetery, Middletown, Iowa. A memorial has been established for the auditorium renovation of the Mount Pleasant (Iowa) Library and Community Center.
 - **YN2 Beatrice Ruth Radich**, USCG SPAR, served from August 1944-June 1946 with the Women's Reserve. Funeral services were held Aug. 30, 2002 with military honors. Interment National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific — Punchbowl, Hawaii.
 - **MK3 Joseph D. James**, USCGR, in Miami, Fla., Sept. 16, 2002.
 - **SK3 Walter H. Bond**, USCGR(Ret.), in Edenton, N.C., Sept. 20, 2002 of natural causes. He is survived by his son, Herman. Interment Edenton, N.C.
 - **SNBM Karalyn Mellema**, USCGR, 28, of Ridley Park, Pa., Aug. 25, 2002. She was a machine operator at Southco Inc., attended Widener University, and served in the USCGR for five years. She is survived by her parents, George and Sharon Mellema; siblings Michael, Keneth, David, and Laurie; grandmother Bernice Kempke. Services were held at St. Madeline's Church in Ridley Park, Pa. on Aug. 30, 2002. Memorial contributions may be made to Sierra Club, 85 Second St., Second Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105.
 - **Mr. Kyle W. Thaxton**, USCGR, in New Albany, N.Y., Sept. 11, 2002. Funeral services were held Sept. 16, 2002.
 - **Mr. Alvin Donaldson**, of Washington, D.C. Sept. 12, 2002, of lung failure. He served the Coast Guard as a civilian for 22 years in the Office of Readiness & Reserve, Reserve & Training, Civilian Personnel and Coast Guard Personnel Command. Funeral services were held Sept. 19, 2002, at New Mount Olive Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Bladensburg, Md.
- Ed's note: The majority of this information is taken directly from Personnel Casualty Reports published by HRSIC. Survivors listed are the only ones published in the HRSIC reports. Information is also taken from obituaries sent in by family members and friends.*



Commodore Ellsworth P. Bertholf: First Commandant of the Coast Guard

When young Ellsworth P. Bertholf was court-martialed and dismissed from the Naval Academy in 1883, no one could have predicted his future greatness. Undaunted by the experience, Bertholf pursued a career in the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service, earning a special gold medal from Congress in 1902 for his role in a dramatic expedition in Alaska to rescue trapped whalers.

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On the Road With Reserve Force Master Chief



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Clockwise from above: Crew from MSO Valdez, Alaska, left to right, DC1 Harold Lincoln, BMC David Hamirth, and LT James McCown. • Some of the GITMO (Guantanamo Bay) PSU 307 crew, left to right, MK3 Brian Hosking, FS3 Jeff Frost, BM3 Brice Green, and PS3 Jerry Garcia. • PSU 308 was serving in the Arabian Gulf on Sept. 11, 2002. Left to right, BM3 Vance Wood, BM3 James Stempel, BM3 Mark Phillips, PS2 Marcella McDow, PS2 Daryl Holsenback, BM3 William Courtney, and YN2 Tamara Mims.



WELCOME ABOARD & FAIR WINDS...

This article contains many "Welcome Aboards" and many "Fair Winds." It is that season here at Headquarters. It is the first time in many years I experienced the change of Commandants and Master Chief of the Coast Guard. They are dynamic events that have consequences up and down the chain of command.

First, let me "Welcome Aboard" RADM Robert J. Papp as Director of Reserve and Training. His enthusiasm for the position is infectious. I look forward to working with him.

I would also like to thank RADM Carlton Moore and RADM Duncan Smith for their service as interim Directors of Reserve and Training. RADM Smith will resume his position as LANTAREA Reserve admiral while RADM Moore heads off to retirement. I wish to thank RADM Moore for his many years of dedicated service and wish him "Fair Winds."

I had the honor of attending the Change of Watch and Retirement of Master Chief of the Coast Guard Vincent Patton III. I wish him all the best in his new adventure attending seminary in Berkeley, Calif. It has been an honor to serve with him. Welcome aboard to the new Master Chief of the Coast Guard Frank Welch. I worked with MCPO Welch when he was the Chief Petty Officer Academy School Chief in Petaluma. He comes from an operational background and last served as Officer in Charge of the *CGC Sockeye* in Bodega Bay, Calif. He will be an outstanding MCPOCG.

I would also like to "Welcome Aboard" the new Reserve Command Master Chiefs: MCPO William Dikun, D1; MCPO Bonnie Bernard, D5; MCPO Potenciano (Paul) Ladut, D8 West (New Orleans); and MCPO Walter Wozniak, D9. Please welcome them aboard.

My recent travels have literally taken me all over the world visiting reservists who have been called up under Title 10 and deployed. Once again, I was totally impressed with the pride and professionalism I witnessed. My chest swelled with pride when I heard from the Active duty components and the Navy about what the Reserve component has brought to the table since 9-11, and how the mission could not have been done without them. BRAVO ZULU to you all for your service to the Country and the Coast Guard. I was able to visit with D17 and see the MSO operation in Valdez, Alaska. The highlight was a ride on a new Safe Boat. I visited PSU307 on their deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They are supplying support

to JTF160 whose mission is to guard the prisoner camps. On the anniversary of Sept. 11, I was aboard a port security patrol boat in the Arabian Gulf with PSU308. It was a humbling day as we were at THREATCON DELTA (attack eminent).

For those of you that have volunteered to continue your service for another year, "**Thank You!**"

Now, some changes for FY2003. **All reservists** (including EAD) will compete on the 2003 Reserve SWE (ALCOAST 366/02). Reservists on Extended Active Duty (EAD) will **no longer** compete on the Active Duty SWE for advancement. This brings the policy into alignment with all other reservists (IV/PS/ADSW-AC/ADSW-RC) who now compete on the Reserve SWE. The Sea Time will no longer be a factor in whether you qualify to take the test or not.

I hope all of you have taken advantage of the opportunities by participating in the Reserve SWE. The Coast Guard and the Reserve will be growing over the next few years. There will be opportunities for advancement on the enlisted, warrant, and officer side. **Don't miss the opportunity!** Although most rates will grow, the majority of that growth will be centered in the BM, PS and MK rates.

HOT OFF THE PRESS is Change 37 to the Personnel Manual (<http://www.uscg.mil/HQ/G-W/G-WP/G-WPM/Change37Page.htm>). The item of great interest to the Reserve community is the change to the Enlisted "Marks" system now called the EERS (Enlisted Employee Rating System, formerly the EPEF). Starting 01-01-03 per G-WPM-1, Reservists will be marked on the same schedule as the Active duty with the exception of E-6 and below will only be marked ONCE a year verses twice a year for the Active duty (See Chapter 10.B.5) This should greatly reduce the workloads of units with large reserve contingents.

As we enter year two of the War on Terrorism, I am proud to be part of this organization and to be able to serve with you. Be safe, take care of each other, and be ready.

God bless you and God bless America.



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