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LETTER FROM

THE EDITOR

I can't remember a time when I've seen the Coast Guard in the news so much at a national level. Case in point: Nearly 18 months after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, our Coast Guard has become a lead agency in the new Department of Homeland Security. A ceremony marking the Coast Guard's historic transfer from Transportation to Homeland Security was held at the D.C. Stadium-Armory on Feb. 25. Of course, it was national news!



Welcome to a whole new era for our Coast Guard.

With that said, I tried to give our readers a sweeping overview of the boatload of things going on just within our Coast Guard Reserve, including: the huge recall of reservists, deployment of port security units, the military loadouts of equipment from various U.S. ports, as well as a snapshot of the recent Reserve training at TRACEN Yorktown.

Meanwhile, if you're a frequent visitor to the Coast Guard Reserve's Web site, you've probably noticed the Web site has been redesigned (www.uscg.mil/reserve). LTJG Scott Toves, national CGR webmaster, told me over the holidays that the redesign was his first goal of the new year. I think you'll agree he accomplished it in fine fashion. I asked him to write a few words so please read on....

— ED.

LETTER FROM THE

CGR WEBMASTER

As this issue goes to press, 3,739 reservists in the Coast Guard have been recalled or deployed in support of *Operation Enduring Freedom*. The 3,739 are even more than were recalled immediately following 9/11 (2,798), and during *Operation Desert Storm*, approximately 1,650 reservists were recalled.



The Coast Guard Reserve is an integral part of our nation's security and it could not be done without its members being "Semper Paratus." The average American does not realize the hardships and sacrifices reservists make to be ready for the call. When the call comes, reservists are temporarily separated from things dear to them: civilian careers, aspirations of higher education, friends and most of all, family members. I understand this completely — I deployed twice with PSU 305, first to New York City and then Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. I'm proud to have served with the PSU, and I'm proud of PSU 305 and all the PSUs that deployed again recently. This recent mobilization is indicative of the strongest traits of our service — when our nation calls, a Coast Guard Reservist will answer the call in typical Coast Guard fashion, without hesitation. This is what needs to be recognized — 3,739 of us are out there fighting the war on terrorism.

As the Reserve webmaster, I will support you in any way that I can. I pledge to keep the Web site up to date and filled with useful and pertinent information. To all Coast Guard Reservists, I commend your dedication to duty and the personal sacrifices you have made to make our service always ready.

— LTJG Scott Toves, CGR Webmaster

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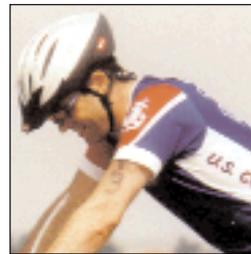
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Treasury, Transportation, and now Homeland Security

On Feb. 25, 2003, there was a change of watch ceremony transferring the U.S. Coast Guard from the Department of Transportation to the new Department of Homeland Security. There are still a few personnel left that served in the Coast Guard under three departments: Treasury, Transportation, and now Homeland Security.

I am one of them as I entered the Coast Guard in April 1965. In April 1967, when we transferred to the Department of Transportation, we took the "W" off the bow and replaced it with the USCG racing stripe. It was difficult at first to no longer see the "W" on the bow, but as time passed, the new bow insignia grew on me. It was also during the Vietnam era that many cutters were going overseas. Now, here we are, 30 years later and we are on the threshold of war again.

There are other stories related to the three departments. Take for instance CWO4 Michael Day, CAPT Steven Day, and YNC Charles F Day (in that order in photo). These brothers total 93 years of USCG service. CWO4 Day served in all three departments. At MSO Group Philadelphia, there is PSCM John Yust and MKCS Peter Phillips. MKCS Phillips is the oldest, continuously serving person at MSO / Group Philadelphia — after 41 years of service, he is still going strong.



I'm sure there are other stories of other Coasties that have had similar, colorful and exciting voyages in their USCG careers. This would make a great feature story for amplifying the new Department of Homeland Security under Secretary

Tom Ridge, former Governor of Pennsylvania.

What an experience the past 38 eight years have been for me. Staying in the USCG Reserve after being released from active duty (RELAD) was one of the best things I ever did.

— CWO4 Thomas P. McLaughlin, USCGR
Hatboro, Pa.

Reserve Servicewide Question

If a reservist is activated and serving on active duty when the time comes to take the Reserve Servicewide Exam, what will be the procedure? Will there be an RSWE waiting for me? Will I be put on a list with other active duty members not having to take the RSWE? I have heard rumors, so maybe someone knows and can inform us all before October. Thanks.

— MK2 William T. Frey, USCGR
East Sandwich, Mass.

Ed's note: We checked with the Coast Guard Personnel Command, Reserve Personnel Management Division (CGPC-rpm). Yes, there have been some changes for the 2003 RSWE. The answer is Title 10 recalled reservists follow the normal RSWE process. All Reserve member types (SELRES, EAD, ADSW, etc.) will take the 2003 RSWE in October. See ALCOAST 366/02.

Uniform Article

You forgot to mention in your uniform blurb ("Funding Your Uniforms," Special Issue 2002) that if you leave active duty and are gone for 18 months, you will not be issued uniforms when you go into the Reserve. At least this was the case in 1999. Most folks let their uniforms expire when they are planning to get out. They give away a lot of uniform items that may benefit others who are still in. This is what I did. Then, when I joined the Reserve, I was expected to still have all of my required uniform items. I only bought the necessary working blues. I hope that I never need the items that I am short.

— Rob McMullen
Air Station Savannah, Ga.

Ed's note: According to the revised draft of the Reserve Policy Manual, Section 5.B.9, "Uniform Maintenance Requirement," active duty or SELRES members transferred to the IRR or Standby Reserve are required to maintain their initial uniform issue for a period of four years. If an enlisted reservist returns to the SELRES or is called back to active duty after a four-year period, he or she may request a new initial uniform issue from Commandant (G-WTR-3) via the chain of command, by submitting form CG-3019 (male) or CG-3019A (female). Enlisted members who have been discharged from the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve and who subsequently enlist in the SELRES may request a partial (if returning after one year) or initial (if returning after two years) clothing-in-kind issue. Information concerning Reserve enlisted clothing allowances and Reserve officer uniform allowances can be found in Chapters 3 and 12 of U.S. Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series). The period of assignment to the IRR or Standby Reserve will not be counted in determining entitlement to any enlisted clothing allowances.

Retiree ID Cards

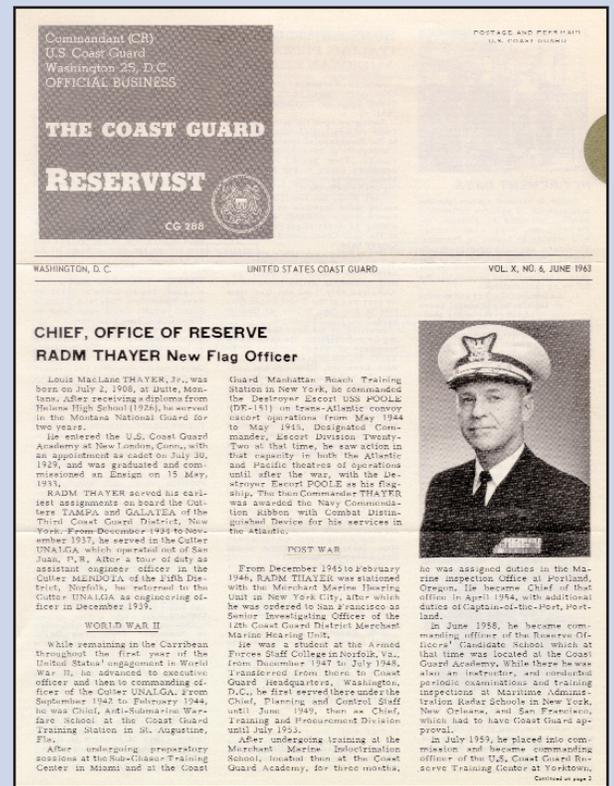
I am a retired reservist who has long lost his Reserve ID card and needs a retired Reserve card. Can this be done nearby in North Carolina or must I visit the Fifth Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Va. or Headquarters in Washington, D.C. to obtain one?

— CDR James C. Poole, USCGR (Ret.)
Rocky Mount, N.C.

Ed's note: A retired ID card can be reissued at your nearest military facility. According to Ms. Sharon Fordham of HRSIC's Retirement & Annuitant Services,

A look back at *The Reservist* throughout history

The Reservist magazine's 50th Anniversary continues throughout 2003, and we're looking at some of the historic issues that have marked major milestones in the Reserve program. This month, we feature the June 1963 issue, which contained a photo and lengthy cover story on RADM Louis MacLane Thayer, Jr. Forty years ago, on April 8, 1963, RADM Thayer became the first flag officer to head up the then newly established Office of Reserve. RADM Thayer was also the first commanding officer of Reserve Training Center (now TRACEN) Yorktown. Thayer Hall was dedicated at TRACEN Yorktown on May 3, 1991.



there are many variations of this question, but here are the most frequent ones. First, "I'm turning 60 in a couple of months and want to get an ID card. How do I accomplish this?" First, you have to be 60. If you already have an ID card, take that along with your retirement (RET-1) letter you received from HRSIC to the nearest military installation in your area. Go to <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil> for the three closest locations to your zip code (under the RAPIDs Site Locator). They will update DEERS and give you a retired ID card that has an expiration date of indefinite. Be sure to call ahead for dates and times of ID card issuance and ask any questions about what you will need to bring with you. Next question: "I need to get an ID card for myself and spouse. Same as above for yourself. If your spouse isn't in DEERS, you will need to take a copy of the marriage certificate (not the one from church) and one other form of identification for your spouse, such as a driver's license or passport. If your spouse is 65 or older and eligible for Medicare Part A and B, be sure to take his or her card at that time so your spouse will be enrolled in Tricare for Life. Remember that you must accompany your spouse to get the spouse's card. Questions can be directed via e-mail to: hrrsic-ras@hrrsic.uscg.mil or call 1-800-772-8724.

No ID Cards?

As a former reservist from 1951-55, I recently experienced a problem when I attempted to visit my old duty station, TRACEN Cape May, N.J. I tried with no success to enter the base and view the ceremony on the customary graduation day [Friday]. The guard at the gate stated that only parents and family members would be permitted on base. I informed the guard of my

previous USCG service but to no avail. He was courteous but firm in his denial. I know that this was not his decision but base or USCG policy.

As I walked away from the gatehouse that day, I felt dismissed and crushed. Am I bitter? Yes, I am, and I feel with good cause. This was shabby treatment of one who loved the Coast Guard and proudly served. Is there no identification or means of proving that I had once proudly and honorably served as a member of the USCG?

— BM3 Raymond E. Flood
Point Pleasant, N.J.

Ed's note: CWO Bill Carson, TRACEN Cape May's Public Affairs Officer, told us that there is no longer an open door policy for individuals desiring to enter the training center as there was prior to Sept. 11, 2001. HRSIC(ras) informed us that there is no ID card given to someone of Mr. Flood's status. Up until 1999, there was an honorary retiree category (RET-3). They were issued an ID card but did not receive retired pay upon reaching 60. This category was eliminated because under current public law, they were not entitled to uniformed services benefits extended to members of the Ready Reserve or retired reservists who have met the qualification for retired pay. There are currently more than 27,000 former reservists who are not eligible for retired pay and benefits now or after age 60. Retired ID cards are issued if you serve 20 years active duty or 20 satisfactory years in the Reserve and are honorably discharged.

Corrections

CWO4 Frank M. Centa, III, of D8, retired in February 2002 (RET-1). His name was misspelled in the Aug/Sept. 2002 issue.

REMEMBERING THE PAST FOR GUIDANCE IN THE FUTURE

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

— *Edmund Burke*



I was the keynote speaker at Saint Mary's Cathedral on Feb. 8, to commemorate the

Four Chaplains. As I was researching the historic significance of these four saintly men, I began to think of heroes of days gone by.

In the early morning hours of Feb. 9, I traveled to San Pedro, Calif. to say goodbye to the members of PSU 311. In the afternoon, I flew to Seattle to wish PSU 313 a safe deployment and return. As I looked at the faces of the women and men who were about to say goodbye to their families, loved ones, careers, and life as they now know it, I thought of the heroes of today. I thought it more appropriate to share a portion of the remarks I delivered about the heroic actions of the Four Chaplains than to devote this article to sharing

“information.” This is a time when we need to draw upon our inner strength to meet the challenges we as a country, and we as reservists, face on a daily basis.

In today's culture, the phrase “heroic sacrifice” brings many images to mind. You may picture an action hero engaged in death defying acts to foil the villain, save the world, and get the girl. You may think of the secret service agents ready to use their body as a shield, putting themselves in harm's way to protect the president, or you may see the women and men who risked and lost their lives on Sept. 11, trying to save the victims of that horrific act of terrorism.

But for most of us, our life is not that dramatic. Most of us will not have one defining moment of truth,

one point in time where a single decision determines our worth or writes our legacy as a human being. Most of us will make many small decisions that collectively shape who we are.

War, whether one of the great world wars, the Korean War, Vietnam War, or the war on terrorism, places ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances.

When the U.S. Army transport ship *Dorchester* set sail on Feb. 2, 1943, from Newfoundland, she was headed for war. Few of the 902 servicemen and civilian workers on board were looking for an opportunity to prove their worth or become a hero. At approximately 1 a.m., the worst possible maritime tragedy occurred. The German submarine U-233 targeted the *Dorchester*, locked sites, and fired her torpedoes. *Dorchester* was hit on her starboard side, amidships, far below the water line. All power and communications were rendered inoperable — the hit was fatal.

As the ship got underway that night, CAPT Daneil, the C.O., had ordered his men to put on their life jackets. However, many ignored his order. When the ship was struck, the men panicked, scrambling to look for a life jacket and the nearest lifeboat. In the midst of this pandemonium and chaos, four courageous and caring souls will always stand out: LT George Fox, a Methodist minister; LT Alexander Goode, a Jewish rabbi; LT John Washington, a Roman Catholic priest; and LT Clark Poling, a Reformed Dutch minister. These men remained faithful to their calling and began calming the frightened, comforting the wounded, and guiding others to safety.

One survivor, Petty Officer John Mahoney, scared

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**REAR ADMIRAL MARY P. O'DONNELL, USCGR
DEPUTY FOR MOBILIZATION AND RESERVE AFFAIRS, PACAREA**

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about the freezing temperatures of the Arctic, tried to return to his room for his gloves.

“Never mind,” Rabbi Goode said, “I have two pairs.” He then gave Mahoney his own gloves. In retrospect, Mahoney realized that the rabbi was not conveniently carrying two pairs. Engineer Grady Clark saw the chaplains distribute life jackets from the storage locker. When the locker was empty, the chaplains removed their own jackets and gave them to the next four frightened young men in line.

“It was the finest thing I have ever seen or hope to see this side of heaven,” said John Ladd, another survivor who saw the chaplains’ selfless acts.

And so these ordinary chaplains, simple men of God, thrust into extraordinary circumstances, faithfully did God’s work. As the ship went down, survivors could see the four chaplains, arms linked and braced against the slanting deck, offering prayers until the end.

By God’s grace, two Coast Guard cutters, *Commanche* and *Escanaba* were able to save 230 of the 902 crewmembers; 672 souls perished that night, including the four chaplains. But in the 27 minutes between the torpedoes hitting the ship and the water closing over it for the last time, the four chaplains led the way. They led by placing the lives of others ahead of their own. They led by being faithful to their ministry.

You and I may never be given the opportunity to make the ultimate selfless act. But, we are given an opportunity to be faithful every day. We can place the lives and interests of others ahead of our own in a thousand small ways every day. Whether you lay down your life in a single act, or give it away in small pieces over the year, you stand, arms linked, with our four chaplains who understood what great love was and whose valor was an extension of their faithfulness.

God bless each and every one of you as you serve our country.

God bless these United States of America.
Semper Paratus!

Ed’s note: This year is the 60th anniversary of the sinking of Dorchester and the Four Chaplains. For more on the Coast Guard’s involvement in the Dorchester episode, see “The Untold Story” in the August 1999 Reservist (www.uscg.mil/reservist).

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DEPLOYED!

PSUs 305, 309, 311, 313 “ANSWER THE CALL”

Four Coast Guard Port Security Units (PSUs) deployed during the month of February. The final destinations of the approximately 120 member units are not being disclosed for operational security reasons.

“The Coast Guard has a long history of operating jointly with the other services dating back to our beginning in 1790,” said VADM James Hull, Atlantic Area Commander. “Port Security Units have deployed to this region many times since the Persian Gulf War. Once again, they are stepping up to the plate and answering the call of a grateful nation.”

Coast Guard PSUs have previously been called for service in *Operation Noble Eagle*, *Operation Desert Shield/Storm* (the Persian Gulf War) in 1990-91, and *Operation Uphold Democracy* in Haiti in 1994. Between December 2000 and October 2002, members of PSU 309, 307, 308 and 311 deployed to the Middle East.

Here is a summary of each unit’s recent deployment:

PORT SECURITY UNIT 305

About 120 members assigned to Coast Guard Port Security Unit 305 based at Fort Eustis, Va., boarded a military airlift plane at Langley AFB Feb. 14, and headed overseas in support of *Operation Enduring Freedom*.

“As PSU 305 makes yet another deployment since Sept. 11, 2001, we look forward to the opportunity to work side by side with the sailors, soldiers, airmen and Marines engaged in the fight against terrorism,” said CDR Robert Grabb, PSU 305 Commanding Officer. “We trained very hard for this mission and are ready to do whatever it is our commander in chief should ask of us.”

PSU 305 has deployed twice since the Sept. 11 attacks. In addition to patrolling and protecting New York Harbor in the days and weeks following the terrorist attacks there, they also provided port security in support of detainee operations in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from January to June 2002.

PORT SECURITY UNIT 309

Port Security Unit 309 departed its home in Port Clinton, Ohio Feb. 13 en route via bus to Fort Campbell, Ky. They were at the unit’s home base at Port Clinton for about a week waiting for the order to depart. As with all the PSUs, their final destination and duration of the deployment are not being disclosed for operational security reasons.

The breakdown of PSU 309 members deployed by state: Illinois, 4; Indiana, 3; Kentucky, 2; Michigan, 19; New York, 2; Ohio, 62; Pennsylvania, 4; Wisconsin, 1; Outside D9, 20.

PSU 309 last deployed to the Middle East Dec. 13, 2000, following the terrorist attack on the *USS Cole* in Yemen Oct. 12, 2000.

PORT SECURITY UNIT 311

Port Security Unit 311 departed March Air Reserve Base Monday, Feb. 17 to support the global war on terrorism and to prepare for future contingencies.

“We are trained and ready to execute our mission,” said CDR Donald Karol, PSU 311’s commanding officer. “This deployment shows our determination to safeguard our nation’s security, both at home and abroad.”

The San Pedro-based unit is comprised of primarily reserve members, most with civilian careers in local law enforcement. PSU 311 patrolled the Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors with other Coast Guard assets immediately following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. On Oct. 3, 2001, PSU 311 was called to active duty for service in the Persian Gulf for a six-month deployment.

PORT SECURITY UNIT 313

Port Security Unit 313 deployed from McChord Air Force Base, Wash. the weekend of Feb. 15 en route the Central Command area of operations to support *Operation Enduring Freedom*, the Global War on Terrorism and any future contingencies.

The majority of PSU 313 personnel are reservists who were called to active duty Feb. 8.

“Our unit members are highly trained and very motivated,” said CDR Rickey Thomas, PSU 313’s commanding officer. “Our readiness for this deployment is an indication of the Coast Guard’s continuing commitment to safeguarding our nation both at home and abroad.”

PSU 313 patrolled the waters of Puget Sound with other Coast Guard assets immediately following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and remained vigilant there for months afterward.

— From *LANTAREA, D9, D11 and D13*

RESERVISTS ASSIST DURING MILITARY LOADOUTS

WILMINGTON, N.C. — More than 170 reservists throughout the Fifth Coast Guard District — from New Jersey down to North Carolina — reported here for duty the last weekend in January to assist with port security during the Department of Defense's ongoing military loading operations.

The recalled members worked with their active duty counterparts in a number of areas during the outload operations, manning the Incident Command Post set up at MSO Wilmington, and serving as boat crews to maintain the security zones in and around the ports of Wilmington, Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point (MOTSU), N.C., and Morehead City.

"We're grateful that the Reserve forces are here to augment our active duty components during this outload," said CAPT Jane Hartley, Coast Guard Captain of the Port of Wilmington. "Our reservists enable us to perform the significant duties that are placed on us with the outload without interrupting our other missions."

According to Hartley, this was the largest call up of reservists in Wilmington and Morehead City since *Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm* in 1990/91.

"Protecting military outloads in U.S. ports is merely an extension of the Coast Guard's responsibility for safeguarding our ports and waterways as the lead federal agency for maritime homeland security," said Hartley. "Our Armed Forces service members and their equipment are deploying from numerous ports around the nation in support of *Operation Enduring Freedom* and future contingencies. We're working with the Military Sealift Command, the State ports, MOTSU and others here to make sure it's done right. Safety and security are the primary objectives of everyone involved."

Military outloads are not uncommon in either port, nor are they new to the Coast Guard. During the Persian Gulf War, *Operation Uphold Democracy* in Haiti, *Operation Southern Watch* in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and *Operation Guarding Liberty* following the Sept. 11 attacks, the Coast Guard was called in to provide various aspects of port safety and security.

— By CDR Chris May, MSO Wilmington, N.C.

Ed's note: The military loadouts are going on at various ports throughout the nation.



Chief Petty Officer Len Johnson talks with an Army captain about the loading of military equipment onto the USNS Dahl, which is moored at the Blount Island Terminal in Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 12.

USCG photo by PA2 Dana Warr

BRIEFLY...

COAST GUARD RESERVIST RECALLS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — As of March 19, 2003, 3,739 Coast Guard Ready Reservists were on involuntary active duty under Title 10 USC recall orders. The Atlantic Area contributed 2,920 while the Pacific Area provided 819. This is the highest number of Selected Reservists on Title 10 recall since the weeks following Sept. 11, 2001, when the number reached approximately 2,798 Oct. 10, 2001. The number had dipped as low as 670 as of Nov. 28, 2002, before climbing rapidly just after the holidays.

MORE USCG ASSETS DEPLOY TO MIDDLE EAST

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — In addition to port security units, the Coast Guard's Atlantic Area Commander ordered the deployment of eight, 110-foot Island Class patrol boats in late January. Coast Guard patrol boats receiving orders to deploy overseas in support of *Operation Enduring Freedom* include: CGC Wrangell, CGC Adak, CGC Aquidneck, CGC Baranof, CGC Bainbridge Island, CGC Grande Isle, CGC Knight Island and CGC Pea Island. CGC Boutwell, a 378-foot high endurance cutter, deployed from its homeport of Alameda, Calif., Jan. 3. Coast Guard members assigned to the Navy's Harbor Defense Command Unit (HDCU) 206, based in Jacksonville, Fla., and HDCU 114, Long Beach, Calif., also received orders to deploy. Six members of the Coast Guard National Strike Force, with expertise in maritime pollution response received orders, as did members of the Coast Guard's Mobile Support Unit (MSU).

ALASKAN RESERVISTS RECALLED

JUNEAU, Alaska — Ten Coast Guard Reservists were recently recalled from around the Last Frontier. Eight of those reservists were sent to Anchorage, while the other two will be spending time in Juneau. Coast Guard officials said they needed to call them in to help out with increased job duties as more and more of their missions are concerning homeland security. The primary job duties of these reservists will be as Sea Marshals, and they will be put on active duty status for one year.

GEORGIA STATE REP GETS CALL FROM USCG

ATHENS, Ga. — Portions of two Georgia counties lost their representation in the State House of Georgia recently after District 25 Rep. Chris Elrod was recalled by the Coast Guard. Elrod, a lieutenant junior grade in the Coast Guard Reserve, will serve at Group Charleston, S.C. In November 2002, Elrod defeated incumbent Democrat Pat Bell for the District 25 House seat, and began serving at the opening of the legislative session in early January. Despite his deployment, Elrod said he will not resign his House seat. According to Secretary of State Cathy Cox's office, state election codes do not dictate that representatives on military leave be replaced. Only legislators who die or resign while in office are replaced by another elected lawmaker during the legislative session.

READY, AIM, FIRE...

MOBILIZED RESERVISTS HONE GUNNERY SKILLS

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Station New York was bustling with activity this winter following the recent mobilization of more than 200 First District Coast Guard Reservists in support of *Operation Atlantic Security II*. With the prospect of conflict overseas and the heightened threat of terrorism at home, the need to quickly train and incorporate these newly activated reservists in Homeland Security operations was paramount.

“Everyone who can carry a weapon will be proficient in using it,” said GM3 Zachary Harris, 29, from a Sandy Hook, N.J., detachment, which has been providing extensive weapons training for Station New York boat crews and boarding teams. “The more time you have to familiarize yourself with a weapon, the easier it will be to use it when you have to defend yourself — it must be second nature. Recent events have made it necessary for the Coast Guard to have the presence and the firepower because it can’t all be up to the Navy.”

Boat crews have a selection of weapons to choose from within the Coast Guard’s arsenal, and the M60 — commonly mounted on boats such as the ubiquitous 41-foot utility boats — provides the necessary firepower to deter or eliminate a would-be attacker. To train on the



Photo by PA3 Mike Hvozda, USCG

MK2 Elizabeth Mitchell of Station Castle Hill, R.I., zeroes in on a target buoy during an M60 machine gun training exercise outside New York Harbor Feb. 6.

M60, Harris and GM3 Laurie Kennedy, 26, also from the Sandy Hook, N.J., detachment, recently held gunnery practice several miles off the coast of Rockaway Beach on a 41-footer for nine reservists and active duty members.

With a thousand rounds of ammunition on board, each person had a chance to shoot at a foam target buoy dropped several hundred yards from the boat.

“The M60 is a simple and easy weapon to use,” said Kennedy who gave instruction on how to load the weapon and to fire short, well-aimed bursts at the target.

With the first squeeze of the trigger, the staccato of gunfire reverberated over the water. For over an hour, fluorescent pink tracer rounds arced toward the buoy

that was engulfed by the eruptions of mini-geysers of white foam.

After the last round was expended and the brass shell casings littered the deck, the coxswain, BM2 Keith Gates, 37, applied pressure to the throttle and turned the bow toward the entrance to New York Harbor.

“I think if we had a boat to shoot at we would hit it,” said Gates.

Even on training missions, Coast Guard crews remain vigilant.

— By PA2 Matthew Belson,
USCGR
USCG PADET, New York



Photo by PA3 Mike Hvozda, USCG

Reservist BM2 Nicholas Lisle of Station Jones Beach, N.Y., lands a shot next to a target buoy during a training exercise outside New York Harbor Feb. 6.



PSU 307 wins Family Readiness Award...again!

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — For the second year in a row, Coast Guard Port Security Unit 307 is the recipient of the Reserve Affairs Family Readiness Award (RAFRA).

The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs established the RAFRA to recognize the top unit in each of the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces that has developed a comprehensive family support program that most favorably impacts unit readiness.

PSU 307 won the award due to its aggressive and very effective family readiness plan that leverages communications technology and personal contact to educate unit members and their families about the responsibilities, privileges and benefits of active duty military service. The PSU 307 family readiness program ensured unit readiness and was very successfully exercised during the unit's extended OCONUS deployment during FY 2002.

The award was presented to PSU 307 at a Feb. 14 Pentagon ceremony. Winners from the other U.S.



Photo courtesy CDR Jeff Bauer, USCGR

Receiving the RAFRA award at the Pentagon for PSU 307 are left to right: CDR Jeff Bauer, PSU 307 Commanding Officer; YN1 Laurie Walsh, Unit Yeoman; Lynda Lipke, Unit Ombudsman; and RADM Ken Venuto, Assistant Commandant for Human Resources.

Reserve components were also honored. ALCOAST 014/03 announced the RAFRA recipient.

Winning Admiral



Photo courtesy NSU staff

RADM Duncan Smith, USCGR, attended a Norfolk State University football game Nov. 16, the school's Military Appreciation Day. Smith won the NSU Alumni raffle and donated his \$150 winnings back to the school's Alumni Scholarship Fund. Left to right, Mamie Johnson, NSU Alumni Association President; Dr. Marie McDemmond, NSU President; RADM Smith, and Vincent Harris, NSU Alumni Association Vice President.

Coastie Ironman!



Photo courtesy LT Daryl Schaffer, by Ironman Germany

LT Daryl Schaffer sports USCGA biking gear during "Ironman Germany," held late last summer in Frankfurt, Germany. Schaffer was the only USCGA participant out of 1,700 and finished in 13 hours, 56 minutes for the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike and 26.2-mile run. Schaffer is a Reserve Program Administrator attending grad school at Marymount University, Arlington, Va. For info on USCGA biking gear, contact LCDR Bruce Cheney at bcheney@comdt.uscg.mil.



Tapes for Troops

Headquarters' Reserve chaplain CAPT William Gilroy, left, and Joan Carr, center, accept "Tapes for Troops" from MCPO Skip Isaacs, USCGR. The National Christian Choir, located in metro Washington, D.C., donates their CDs to the military chaplains' service for distribution to troops across the globe. Isaacs, a member of the choir, is serving on active duty at OSC Martinsburg, W.V.

USS Serpens Wreathlaying

Reserve Force Master Chief George P. Ingraham places a wreath at the USS Serpens monument at Arlington National Cemetery Jan. 29. The octagon-shaped monument marks the largest group burial in the cemetery, comprised of 193 Coast Guardsmen, 56 Army personnel and one Public Health Service doctor. Serpens went down at Guadalcanal Jan. 29, 1945.



Photo by MCPO Linda Reid, USCGR



Big Sweep Beach Cleanup

BM2 Jeremy Hunt and BM3 Christopher Bloech of MSO Wilmington, N.C. pause with members of Cub Scout Pack 225 in Wrightsville Beach, N.C. during the annual Big Sweep Beach Cleanup. MSO Wilmington Coast Guardsmen, scouts and their parents collected 10 large bags of trash. With the help of reservist MST2 Patricia Roberts of the Sea Partners program, the scouts also completed work on their Conservation Merit Badge.

Ensign Bullhorns!

ENS Cameron Land, center, shows off his new bullhorns at a recent All-Hands at MSO Chicago, while LCDR David Fish, left, and LCDR George Pazak, look on. Land had just completed ROCI and upon arrival, was presented the bullhorns for being the “most senior” ensign!



Photo by PA2AI Haref, USCGR



Photo by CWO2 Ed Kruska, USCGR

Reserve Logistics Team

The ROA Logistics Team kept busy during the Mid-Winter Conference in Washington but had time to visit with RADM Robert Papp, Director of Reserve & Training on Jan. 23. Left to right, BMCS Mark Allen, BM3 Reed Beebe, RADM Papp, MST1 Scott Gardner, and ET1 Carl Struss. Not shown, ETC Carl Platis.

Reservist Helps Coordinate Rescue

While operating in the Eastern Pacific Ocean during the evening of Dec. 3, the Navy/Coast Guard crew aboard USS Cromelin (FFG 37) rescued 157 Ecuadorians onboard the Don Ignacio F. The Ecuadorian vessel was located hundreds of miles from shore and grossly overloaded with passengers and out of food and water. LTJG Harry Spirides, USCGR, was serving with TACLET South aboard Cromelin, and helped coordinate the rescue from the ship's Combat Information Center.



Photo by LTJG Harry Spirides, USCGR

Reserve Recruit Shatters Boot Camp Record

CAPE MAY, N.J. — Nearly 150 recruits, members of TRACEN Cape May staff, and Commander Officer CAPT Douglas Wisniewski gathered around the track to watch Seaman Recruit Paul McMullen shatter the boot camp record for the mile and half run Dec. 4.

The old record, which was set in early 2000, stood at 7 minutes, 26 seconds. In spite of the bitter cold and gusty winds, McMullen shattered that record by 17 seconds in setting a new record of 7 minutes, 9.16 seconds. It was an event that he had been training for daily throughout boot camp. In addition to the already strenuous boot camp schedule, McMullen ran every evening before taps and every morning before reveille, as well as kept to a strict diet in order to keep himself in top shape.

McMullen, originally from Cadillac, Mich., entered the Coast Guard as a reservist, and served as PAPA-163 squad leader. McMullen joined the Coast Guard out of a desire to represent his country in a way other than through athletic events like the Olympics.

“I would like to be an important part of the promotion and image of the Coast Guard,” said McMullen, who would like to use his success to help motivate and encourage younger athletes to join the Coast Guard.

His success before enlisting in the Coast Guard includes the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, where he



Photo by SA J.M. "Millie" Preciado

SR Paul McMullen during his record-setting 1.5-mile run at TRACEN Cape May Dec. 4.

finished ninth in the semifinals. He was ranked number one in the U.S. in 1994, 1996, 1998, and 2001, and has been named First Team All-American eight times. He has competed successfully at several national championships for both indoor and outdoor track in the 1500 meters.

McMullen graduated from boot camp Dec. 13 and says his time there helped him develop a new sense of pride and determination, which he accredits to lead Company Commander HSC Eugene Mason and EMC Apple Heath, among others. Heath feels honored to have met and to have impacted such a determined individual.

“I am very proud of SR McMullen and the results of his accomplishments,” said Heath. “It is an honor to be recognized as an influential leader that primed his desires to excel in his endeavors.”

In addition to serving in the Coast Guard, McMullen plans to continue his training in preparation for the 2004 Olympic games in Athens, Greece.

— By SA J. M. “Millie” Preciado



Photo by SA J.M. "Millie" Preciado

Recruits cheer on SR Paul McMullen during his record-setting 1.5-mile run at TRACEN Cape May Dec. 4.

News Briefs

Reservist Goes “Way Down Under”

McMURDO STATION, Antarctica — LCDR Davis S. Segal, USCGR, was recalled on Nov. 7 to report on board *CGC Polar Sea* in support of *Operation Deep Freeze 2003* for a six-month deployment to Antarctica. Segal is a Physician Assistant, Senior Reserve Medical Officer attached to ISC Boston, and is in family practice at Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic in Keene, N.H. This is Segal's second deployment to



Antarctica. He served as medical officer on *CGC Polar Star* for its 2001 SLIPP deployment. Segal has nearly 20 years active and reserve time in service. *CGC Polar Sea* will break a channel to McMurdo Station, Antarctica, and keep this open until early March 2003 to allow supply vessels to replenish this vital U.S. Base.

Strike Teams Support Columbia Debris Recovery

DALLAS — Members of both the Gulf and Atlantic Area Strike Teams helped out with recovery of debris from the Space Shuttle *Columbia*. The hazardous waste response team from Fort Dix, N.J. responded to a request from the Gulf Strike Team to augment their team, but both are working in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Strike Teams are treating the debris as hazardous to ensure safe and careful collection of this very critical material. Debris appears to have fallen from California to Louisiana when the *Columbia* broke up upon reentry into earth's atmosphere, killing its crew of seven on Feb. 1. Strike teams were working in Dallas, Luftkin and Nacogdoches, Texas.

D.C. Mayor Accepts Pro Patria Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. — When DC3 Eric Bowers nominated his civilian employer, the D.C. Fire & EMS Department, for the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve's “My Boss is a Patriot Award,” he never expected Washington, D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams to be present for the awards presentation. Mayor Williams was presented a Pro Patria Award on behalf of the D.C. Fire & EMS Department by Ms. DeVera Redmond, local ESGR Chair, at a ceremony at Fort Lesley J. McNair. VADM John Totuschek, Director of Naval Reserve, served as the guest speaker at a ceremony attended by over 100 people.



TRANSCOM Change of Command

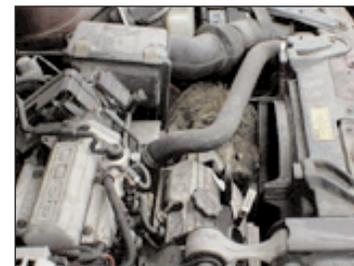
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — CAPT Ronald L. Davis is the new commander of the Coast Guard Reserve Element of U.S. Transportation Command's Joint Transportation Reserve Unit. Davis relieved CAPT William J. Van Orden as commander of the Coast Guard Reserve personnel assigned to the JTRU. Also attending were RADM Duncan Smith, USCGR, and RADM Thomas J. Hull, USNR, a former commander of the JTRU. Davis' most recent Reserve assignment was as commanding officer of PSU 308.

Commandant Heaps Praise on MSO Huntington

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — ADM Thomas H. Collins paid a visit to MSO Huntington Nov. 5 to honor the unit for being the only Coast Guard unit to get the Silver Commandant's Quality Award. Collins called the unit a “poster child for readiness” and thanked members for “being missionaries” in the Coast Guard's Commandant's Quality Awards program. It was the first time the unit has been visited by a Commandant in 30 years. There are 25 reservists attached to this approximately 50-member unit.

“Ground Hog” Haven

CINCINNATI — Ground Hog's Day may have special meaning for reservist CWO Jay Enginger — especially considering what happened to him one day last spring. He was driving home from the Coast Guard office (MSD Cincinnati), when his power steering went out and locked up. While Enginger waited for assistance, he popped the hood and found the serpentine belt had been ripped and dislodged from the pulleys. Then he saw something moving in the engine compartment — a ground hog! Apparently it had spent the evening in the car, rode into work, then got entangled when Enginger turned out of the office driveway. When assistance arrived, they prodded the ground hog out of the engine compartment and it scooted into the woods.



USCG MIA Remains Found?

HONOLULU — The possible remains of the Coast Guard's only Vietnam War MIA, LT Jack Rittichier, were repatriated to American soil Feb. 14. The remains were found in Laos and flown to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, home of the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, where they will seek to positively identify Rittichier. Originally from Barberton, Ohio, the 34-year-old Rittichier served as an exchange pilot with the Air Force's 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron in Danang, when his HH-3E “Jolly Green Giant” helicopter was shot down June 9, 1968, trying to rescue a downed Marine pilot on the Ho Chi Minh Trail. Rittichier's name is inscribed on the Vietnam Wall (panel 58 West, Line 14) in Washington, D.C.



USCG photo by PAC Harry C. Craft III

Changing of the Guard

Story by
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At a historic “Change of Watch” ceremony at the D.C. Stadium-Armory on Feb. 25, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta transferred leadership of the U.S. Coast Guard to U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge. The ceremony formally recognized the change in civilian leadership over a military organization.

“This morning is an historic occasion for both the Coast Guard and the Department of Transportation,” said Secretary Mineta. “The explosion of maritime drug traffic, mass movement of illegal migrants, a new sensibility and responsibility for the environment, the threat to our ports — all of these missions came to maturity during the Coast Guard’s tenure at the Department. And in each of those missions, as in other long-standing challenges like search and rescue and marine safety, the Coast Guard measured up. Now the Coast Guard must be ready for this new challenge of working within the new Department of Homeland Security.”

To the Coast Guard, Secretary Mineta said, “As you move today, you do so in response to a perilous time in our Nation’s history and at a pivotal moment in the Coast Guard’s history. The Nation is turning to the United States Coast Guard for protection from this maritime threat. You will be called on to protect this homeland in ways in which the blueprints are only now being developed. Your answer must be the one you have given throughout your history: *Semper Paratus* — Always Ready.”

Secretary Mineta became Service Secretary of the Coast Guard when he was sworn in as U.S. Secretary of Transportation on Jan. 25, 2001. Since that time, he oversaw the Coast Guard’s response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, including developing the Sea Marshal Program, Maritime Safety and Security Teams, and expanding the number and mission of Coast Guard

Port Security Units. Secretary Mineta also strongly supported Coast Guard modernization projects that will replace major cutters, aircraft and the national coastal maritime communications system. He also successfully championed the largest increase for Coast Guard operating expenses since World War II.

“I want to personally thank Secretary Mineta for his leadership and support of the Coast Guard over the past two years,” said ADM Thomas H. Collins, Commandant of the Coast Guard. “His commitment to our service has been outstanding. I look forward to serving Secretary Ridge and becoming a part of the new Department of Homeland Security, where we bring a unique mixture of military, maritime safety and maritime security capabilities.”

The “Change of Watch” ceremony is similar to a Change of Command, a time-honored military tradition that formally restates to the officers and crew the continuity of the authority of command. Like the Change of Command, this Change of Watch represents a transfer of oversight of the Coast Guard from Secretary Mineta to Secretary Ridge.

“The Coast Guard’s unique military and maritime mission will be a cornerstone of the Department of Homeland Security,” said Secretary Ridge. “Their fundamental responsibilities — preparedness, protection, response and recovery — cut across all facets of the Department’s mission. Secretary Mineta’s stewardship personifies the very spirit and attitude of the men and women of the Coast Guard.”

On Nov. 25, 2002, President Bush signed legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security to meet terrorist threats against Americans at home. Bringing together the Coast Guard and over 20 federal agencies, it is the largest and most complex government reorganization since the creation of the Department of Defense. The Coast Guard formally changed departments on March 1.

Right: DHS Secretary Tom Ridge chats with members of the Coast Guard Cutter Escanaba.

Facing Page: DHS Secretary Ridge speaks to the crowd at the Change of Watch Ceremony.



USCG photo by Telfair H. Brown



Eight reservists and one Reserve instructor were part of the first four-week Response Boat Coxswain school that graduated from TRACEN Yorktown Jan. 31. Reservists include, front row, l to r: BMC Bryan Wells, Instructor; DC3 Jeremy Dyer, BM3 Matthew Valaro, GM1 Don Clayton, MST3 Patrick Wolford. Back row, l to r: BM3 John Hutchison, BM3 Eric Druga, BM3 Christopher Wolford and BM3 Brian Gutmore.

Mission Accomplished!

Reservists Swell Yorktown Ranks for CPRL Training

Story and Photos by CWO2 Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

Training Center Yorktown is normally a busy, humming Coast Guard base, but it was even more so during the month of January when over 150 reservists reported for surge training. With reservists being recalled to active duty in droves nationwide, the Coast Guard needed to ensure they were trained and ready to fulfill the needs of the Contingency Personnel Requirements List (CPRL).

“The goal was to obtain training for people who will then fill the billets of the CPRL,” said CDR Steve Weiden of TRACEN Yorktown’s Operations Training Branch. “The CPRL is basically a wartime watch, quarter, and station bill. The Coast Guard needs reservists to fill many of these jobs.”

The surge training, which began shortly after New Year’s and lasted until Jan. 31, was concentrated in four areas: Response Boat Coxswain School, 41-Foot UTB Program, Boat Engineer School, and the Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE) School’s Boarding Officer course.

The Coast Guard needed coxswains for its new 25-foot Response Boats — Homeland Security (RB-HS), that are being deployed around the nation, so Yorktown made it happen. They modified the 41-foot UTB course, brought

in boats from several districts, and set-up a remote training center at a local marina.

“This was the first coxswain course the Coast Guard offered for its new RB-HS,” said BMC Brian Wells, a reservist from Ohio serving as an active duty instructor. “The boat is very fast and maneuverable, and that’s why our training went into such depth. The class did great. Of the 50 who graduated, eight were reservists.”

The Utility Boat (UTB) Engineer classes also ran full throttle during this period. A total of 30 reservists graduated from the three one-week class offerings in January. The course provided the reservists with entry level training to meet most of the qualifications as a boat engineer. The course is designed around the 41-foot training platform with the major portion of the course conducted on the boats dockside at Yorktown’s Wormley Creek.

During January, six reservists also attended the two-week Utility Boat (UTB) Coxswain 41 “C” Course. It provides Coast Guard Reservists with entry level training to meet many of the qualification requirements for coxswain.

“We had instructors from D5, D7 and D9 as well as

students from around LANTAREA who made this extraordinary training event happen on short notice,” said LT Scott Whalen, Chief, UTB Systems Center. “The effort expended by all was intense and impressive to observe.”

The bulk of reservists attended the MLE Boarding Officer course. According to the MLE School Chief LCDR Tim Espinoza, the school staff’s technical competence and can-do attitude, coupled with the synergy and enthusiasm of both the reserve and active duty students, resulted in the unprecedented graduation of 187 students in record time.

“We made mission, and the 26 consecutive days and nights of surge training in unusually extreme weather conditions (snow, sleet and rain) prepared these boarding officers to fill critical mobilization and operational billets in support of homeland defense and security,” said Espinoza.

Due to the large class size, the school was split into two groups of approximately 100. The “Blue” crew attended day classes while the “Gold” crew attended night classes. The MLE school brought on 13 additional staff members from PACAREA Training Team and MSST Chesapeake to augment its normal staff of 26.

“We had approximately 190 MLE students graduate, and about half of them were reservists,” said MLE Instructor LTJG Brian Mcnamara. “We began ramping up for this training over the holidays, and it took several weeks to plan and work out the logistics.”

The MLE school was established in 1977 to provide Coast Guard personnel the necessary training to conduct

their jobs as federal law enforcement officers. The purpose of the Boarding Officer Course is to prepare boarding officers for the arduous duties associated with enforcing laws and treaties at sea. Students receive training in a variety of courses including: criminal law, defensive tactics, boating safety and many others. They are evaluated verbally, in writing, and through performance based training evolutions.

Aboard “Goofy,” a boarding training platform, students went through their final boarding exam on a rain-soaked, raw day. One team was comprised of MK2 Erik Greer, Station Milford Haven, Va.; BM3 D.J. Hazebrook, Station New Orleans, La.; BM2 Rich Berg, Station Sand Key, Fla.; and reservist BM3 Kathryn Coppage of Station Milwaukee, Wis. Their case was a high-risk scenario involving cocaine.

“I loved the school, it was very challenging,” said Coppage, one of 10 women in the class. “The instructors are very good, very knowledgeable. They like what they are doing.”

Of course, the reservists’ backgrounds were diverse. Ranging in rank from E-4 to O-3, they were attorneys, registered nurses, history teachers, and many were in law enforcement. In Coppage’s case, she works for SBC Phone Company in Milwaukee and attended the University of Minnesota for a year in pre-architecture.

The MLE staff says they learned several things about reservists during this training surge. First, they anticipated that reservists might have more trouble with the physical aspects of the course because, on average, they tend to be older than their active duty counterparts. That was not the case. Furthermore, reservists from civilian law enforcement brought real life experience to the classroom that helped refine the teaching process and brought an unanticipated synergy to the class.

On graduation day Jan. 31, students from the various schools filled Yorktown’s Washington Auditorium for a final send off by the Yorktown staff. The keynote speaker was LANTAREA Commander VADM James Hull.

“Everywhere I visit there are reservists,” said Hull. “We have 2,000 reservists on active duty, and that’s a lot out of 8,000 total Selected Reservists. I want to thank the reservists for being here because you put your life on hold when you serve on active duty.”

Hull added that during his 33 years of service, this is the greatest time to be in the Coast Guard.

“Today, unlike the Vietnam era, people appreciate what you do,” said Hull. “People respect you and know who you are. We are growing, getting trained and qualified — I challenge you to do your job well and share what you’ve learned.”

Training Center Yorktown’s mission, simply stated, is to improve the Coast Guard workforce’s performance through training and innovation. Once again, it was mission accomplished at Yorktown.

Ed’s note: To learn more about various schools and training offered at TRACEN Yorktown, check out their Web site at: www.uscg.mil/hq/rtc



MK2 Erik Greer, left, of Station Milford Haven, Va. undergoes his final boarding exam aboard the training platform “Goofy” at TRACEN Yorktown Jan. 30.



Sea Service Organizations Prepare Coasties of the Future

By CDR Dale Rausch, Commandant (G-WTR-2)

Part three in our series on sea service youth organizations highlights the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) and the Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC), and their relationship with the Coast Guard. The Navy League of the United States established the Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) in 1958. The organization was later chartered by Congress as a civilian youth training program for young people ages 13 to 17. The Navy League later established the Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC) for children ages 11 to 13. The objectives of the Sea Cadet program are to promote an interest in seamanship and navigation among young people, develop an appreciation of naval service, history, and tradition, build positive personal qualities including self-reliance, confidence, patriotism, good moral character and citizenship, and to promote the advantages and prestige of military life.

The Sea Cadet/Coast Guard connection goes back a long way. In 1969, soon-to-be Commandant Chester Bender assisted in hosting two Sea Cadets on a two-month Arctic cruise aboard the *CGC Southwind*. This prototype training was very successful and now Coast Guard units from all over the country are providing meaningful training to Cadets on a regular basis.

The majority of Sea Cadet training takes place locally at their “drill” site, usually a Navy or Coast Guard facility. During the summer, activities move from the local training site and involve two week hands-on training, a recruit training center, or aboard floating and shore units of the Navy and Coast Guard. Often, Sea Cadets fill in as part of the crew and perform tasks vital to the unit’s mission completion.

The payback for this training occurs when Sea Cadets elect to join the nation’s seagoing services. In 2001, 513 Sea Cadets elected to enter the armed forces, including 54 who enlisted in the Coast Guard, and seven who entered the Coast Guard Academy. Sea Cadet training programs are so thorough and comprehensive, that after they have been successfully completed, members are afforded the opportunity to enter Navy and Coast Guard recruit training at a higher pay grade (E-2 or E-3 vice E-1).

On many occasions, the outstanding performance of Sea Cadets has been formally recognized as they have received personal awards for their service to the Coast Guard from the hosting command. LCDR Ronald Dutton is a senior NSCC leader and president of the Beverly Hills Council of the Navy League. In 1970, he started a local NSCC training program aboard the *CGC Point Bridge* located at Marina Del Ray in Southern California. He reflects on his experience:

“The training was excellent, many of our cadets becoming ‘almost crew’ and on more than one occasion, I received calls from the cutter’s command to ‘borrow’ one or two of our well experienced cadets to go with the cutter for a few days when they were short handed. We were especially proud when one of our senior cadets, who all but lived aboard the *Point Bridge*, was aboard when the Air Alaska plane crashed off the California Coast near Port Hueneme. During the whole SAR operation there, the cadet (who had much earlier been certified by the cutter’s command to stand his own watches) manned the helm alone, and later assisted in bringing aboard the remains of the passengers. Not too bad for a 16 year old. He, along with the *Point Bridge’s* crew were all awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation.”

The Coast Guard Base at Terminal Island/San Pedro, Calif. is the home site for two NSCC units.



Photo courtesy U.S. Navy League

A Sea Cadet practices firefighting with the Coast Guard.

Cadets are trained by Coast Guard Auxiliarists based there and also by Coast Guard personnel aboard the small boats there.

According to Dutton, training aboard Coast Guard facilities offers added benefits over U.S. Naval facilities. Coast Guard vessels, stations and activities are somewhat smaller than Naval vessels and bases. As a result, the cadets enjoy the more personal attention and develop close working relationships with the crew.

Sea Cadets from the unit based in Wilmington, Del. served aboard the *CGC Redwood* and now train aboard *CGC Tate* following Redwood’s decommissioning. Former MCPOCG Vince Patton performed his Sea Cadet training at the Wilmington unit. Many Sea Cadets receive quality formal training at MSO/Group Philadelphia on a regular basis.

Cadets at Sea Cadet Unit Stennis, Div CVN74, at Amityville Armed Forces Center, Amityville, N.Y. perform annual summer training at Coast Guard Station Montauk, N.Y. PO2 Fremont Hinkle of Station Montauk has demonstrated a personal interest in the Sea Cadets and has been a driving

“I know first-hand the value of Sea Cadet training because I see it every day in the person of my senior enlisted advisor, [former] Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Vincent Patton, who truly demonstrates how the Sea Cadet program creates great citizens and strong leaders.”

— Former Commandant ADM James M. Loy, USCG(Ret.)

force behind the unit’s successful annual training program.

The Atlantic City Division of the NSCC drills at Station Atlantic City, N.J. usually the second weekend of each month. The Coast Guard plays a vital part in the growth and training of unit personnel. Cadets are treated as “members of the family” while they are there. Station Atlantic City provides classroom space, equipment storage, office space, and messing. Each May, the station holds a “pre-boot weekend” to prepare cadets for summer training. During this event, as many as 70 cadets are housed aboard the station from Friday night to Sunday afternoon.

During the summer training months, Station Atlantic City also provides hands-on training for the cadets. The cadets live at the Station during their annual two-week training period and work and train alongside Active Duty personnel. Some years ago, station personnel designed a highly effective cadet training for specialized performance quals (PQS).

Group /Air Station Atlantic City has also provided summer training opportunities for Atlantic City area cadets. AIRSTA personnel have also served as volunteer leaders. One previous Group Commander was himself a Sea Cadet.

Atlantic City cadets have also traveled to TRACEN Cape May, where they have received hands-on damage control and firefighting training. Cadets from this unit have also trained on board *CGCs Vigorous* and *Eagle*.

Last November, the Little Rock Division of the Sea

Cadets boarded the *CGC Muskingum*, a construction tender at the David D. Terry Lock and Dam on the Arkansas River. The vessel’s CO, SCPO Kevin Walker and LT Roger Hawkins, NSCC, CO of the Little Rock Division had been planning this trip for several months.

The plan was to go up river through the lock and dam system, “working the river”. Working the river means changing out 150-pound channel buoys and replacing light bulbs on various aids to navigation. The cadets actually got the chance to lasso the buoys as the tender approached and then pull them aboard using the vessel’s winch. The cadets were also offered the opportunity to work on the bridge, manning the helm as steersmen and also as navigators, following the vessel’s course using navigational charts. This was the second year that the Little Rock Division has made this trip, and it is hoped it will become an annual event.

BMC Morgan Dudley, Coast Guard Station Pensacola, Fla. Officer in Charge, and LTJG Tony Chandler, the U. S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps Whiting Division Commander, have developed a great working relationship since the inception of Whiting Division in 1998. Station Pensacola personnel have provided training to the cadets in basic seamanship, line handling, navigation, boating safety and first aid.

The Whiting Division and Station Pensacola personnel recently conducted a joint community relations project for the citizens of Santa Rosa County, Fla. Station Pensacola sent a UTB boat to downtown



A Coast Guard petty officer assists Sea Cadets during firefighting training.



Sea Cadets receive instruction on throwing a heaving line.

Milton, located on the Blackwater River in the Florida panhandle. NSCC Cadets and Station personnel jointly passed out flyers and information on both the Coast Guard and Naval Sea Cadets. The public was invited to tour the 41-foot UTB. During the event, SK1 Larry Whitaker, MK3 Jim Kautzman, and SN Bernard of Station Pensacola conducted basic seamanship training with some of Whiting Division's newest cadets.

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Kitty Hawk Division is located at Fort Dix, N.J. The U.S. Coast Guard has been an invaluable asset to the Kitty Hawk Division as well as Navy League Cadet Training Ship *Katherine Walker*.

The cadets of the unit have visited Training Center Cape May where they were given a tour of the facility and were provided insight into the life of a Coast Guard recruit from reporting aboard to the pride and satisfaction of graduation.

Cadets are regularly invited aboard *CGC Katherine Walker* where the crew provides valuable hands-on training and learn the day-to-day duties of serving aboard a Coast Guard vessel. In recognition of the quality of training received and the enthusiasm shown by the crew of *Katherine Walker*, the local Navy League Cadet unit was named after the vessel. In gratitude, the cadets provided the Color Guard for the change of command and retirement of the previous commanding officer, and have already been asked to do so again when the present CO departs this summer.

Over the past several years, the crew of the Atlantic Strike Team at Fort Dix, N.J. has invited cadets aboard to tour their facility, receive an overview of the unique mission they perform, and to receive a demonstration of the Strike Team's specialized equipment.

The Houston, Texas Division of the Sea Cadets has a very strong relationship with the Coast Guard on

the Gulf Coast. Cadets have been provided opportunities to train at Coast Guard facilities both on-shore and at sea. Over the last year, cadets have worked at Coast Guard stations and on-board cutters at several locations along the Gulf Coast including MSO Corpus Christi, Stations South Padre Island, Aransas Pass, Freeport, and Galveston. These training opportunities proved invaluable for the Sea Cadets as well as served as excellent educational and recruiting opportunities for the Coast Guard

Houston Division is moving ahead with a formal joint training plan with MSO Houston. Through the cooperation, efforts, and support of MSO CO, CAPT Kevin Cook, and LT Andrew Williamson, they have carefully planned, developed and are currently implementing this mutually beneficial initiative that will ensure quality cadet training well into the future.

The Navy Sea Cadet Corps is constantly on the lookout for adult volunteers to serve as unit leaders and also for new training opportunities. Anyone who is interested in volunteering, or Coast Guard units who would like to expand the Sea Cadet/Coast Guard connection by offering training opportunities, please reference the NSCC Website: www.seacadets.org



A ride in the Coast Guard's Rigid Hull Inflatable is part of these Sea Cadets' adventure!



In Brief

• UPDATE TO RECALL ADVISORY WEB PAGE —

If ordered, all Ready Reservists (Selected Reservists and members of the Individual Ready Reserve), must report to the location and at the times and date specified on the recall order. Failure to report will be interpreted as an unauthorized absence (UA) and members will be subject to Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) proceedings. See the "Recall Mobilization Support" section of the Reserve Web site for more information: www.uscg.mil/reserve

• IRR & STANDBY RESERVISTS UPDATED INFO —

In accordance with current Coast Guard policy, members of the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) and the Inactive Status List (ISL) are required to promptly advise their command of any change in residence. The Coast Guard Personnel Command, Reserve Personnel Management Division (CGPC-rpm) is seeking updated contact information from all IRR and ISL members. The information you provide will be updated in the Coast Guard Human Resources Management System (CGHRMS). Please e-mail PERSRU9880@comdt.uscg.mil or call 1-800-842-8740, ext. 37138 with the following updated information: home address, home, work and cell phone numbers, pager number, e-mail address. Keep the above e-mail address and phone number handy to report any future address or phone number changes. Questions or additional information can be directed to YN1 Valencia Ervin at 202-493-7001.

• RESERVE MOBILIZATION PERSONNEL & PAY PROCEDURES GUIDE — Human Resources Services Information Center (HRSIC) has a section of their Web site specializing in Reserve mobilization issues including checklists, examples of orders and travel vouchers, and other information related to mobilization. You can view it over the Internet at:

www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic/rmp/index.htm

• TRICARE CHANGE — Effective immediately, Reserve Component Service members called to active duty for more than 30 days and their family members residing in TRICARE Prime catchment areas are eligible to enroll in TRICARE Prime. The number used to be 179 days or more. Also, the legislation that established the Reserve Component (TPRADFM) benefit required that the family member reside with the Service member. Effective immediately, "reside with" is interpreted as meaning that eligible family members resided with the Service member before the Service member left for their home station, mobilization site, or deployment location, and the family members continue to reside there.

• SEND AN E-GREETING TO TROOPS —

Americans everywhere are again asking what they can do to show their support for service members, especially those serving overseas in this time of war. Because of anthrax and other concerns, postal mail not addressed to a specific service member will not be delivered. The easiest way is a pre-written e-mail message offered by the **Defense Department** (www.defendamerica.mil). Send an e-greeting through **Operation Dear Abby** at: www.OperationDearAbby.net or use <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil/nav4/default.html> to pen your own message.

• SUMMERSTOCK 2003 —

It's time to turn your summer dreams into reality — why not look into Summerstock 2003?

It's an excellent opportunity for fully qualified boat crew members to work at CG stations on the Great Lakes. It's also ideal for students and teachers seeking full-time summer



employment. For summer of 2003, billets are available from May 18 through Sept. 30 (each station's season varies slightly). Billets will be available at: Alexandria Bay, N.Y., Alpena, Mich., Bayfield, Wis., Green Bay, Wis., Harbor Beach, Mich., Holland, Mich., Marquette, Mich., North Superior, Minn., Youngstown (Niagara), N.Y., Sackets Harbor, N.Y., Sodus Point, N.Y. and Washington Island, Wis. Orders are authorized for continuous periods of 60 days or more. Personnel with previous Summerstock experience are particularly desired and will be placed at the station where they previously served, if possible. Interested personnel should submit a Request for Reserve Orders (CG-3453) via the chain of command to arrive at CCGD9(osr) as soon as possible. Summerstock point of contact is YN1 Patricia Feeney, D9(osr) at 216-902-6116; Fax: 216-902-6121; E-mail: pfeeney@d9.uscg.mil Also check the Summerstock intranet site (accessible from CG SWS only): <http://cgweb.lant.uscg.mil/d9/o/osr/summerstock.htm>. *The Reservist* published a feature on Summerstock in the March/April 2001 issue at: www.uscg.mil/reserve/magazine/mag2001/toc2001.htm

• TUITION ASSISTANCE WEB SITE CHANGE —

For access to the Tuition Assistance main info and PDF files, use: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi/tuition/ta.pdf>. Other TA info is also available at: www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi/index.html

Attention IRR Members!

If you are currently assigned to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) and would like to return to the Selected Reserve, please contact your respective Integrated Support Command (ISC) to discuss vacant billets. A list of the ISC, Force Optimization and Training Offices is listed below:

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D5 — ISC PORTSMOUTH

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D8 — ISC ST. LOUIS

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D9 — ISC CLEVELAND

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D13 — ISC SEATTLE

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D14 — ISC HONOLULU

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D17 — ISC Ketchikan-Juneau

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Upcoming Events

APRIL 2003

- **CWO ASSOC. ANNUAL MEETING** — April 24-26 at Bowie, Md. Contact CWO4 Bob Lewis, USCG(Ret.), CWOA, c/o James Creek Marina, 200 V Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024; Phone: 1-800-792-8447 or 202-554-7753; E-mail: cwoauscg@aol.com
- **USCG MUTUAL ASSISTANCE CAMPAIGN** — Runs through April 30. For more info, call 1-800-881-2462 or check the Web site: www.cgmahq.org

MAY 2003

- **NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH** — The month of May is “National Military Appreciation Month.” Check out the NMAM Web site at: www.nmam.org/
- **USCG GOLF TOURNEY** — May 28-31, Sea Trail Golf Resort and Conference Center, Sunset Beach, N.C. All active duty, reserve, civilian, retired, auxiliaries, dependents and accompanied guests are eligible to participate. Tournament is open all levels of golfers — non-golfers are also welcomed. For more info, see COMDTNOTE 1710 or contact Dr Mike Parnarouskis, e-mail: mikep1121@worldnet.att.net or Mr. Tom Taylor, E-mail: ttaylor@comdt.uscg.mil; Phone: 202-267-2991.

JUNE 2003

- **COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BIRTHDAY** — The 64th birthday of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is Monday, June 23. Auxiliary Web site: www.cgaux.org

JULY 2003

- **COAST GUARD FESTIVAL** — Friday, July 25 through Sunday, Aug. 3, Grand Haven, Mich. Contact U.S. Coast Guard Festival, P.O. Box 694, Grand Haven, MI 49417; Phone: 616-846-4950 or 1-888-207-2434; Web: www.grandhaven.com/ghcgfest

AUGUST 2003

- **COAST GUARD DAY** — Is Monday, Aug. 4! What is your unit planning for our 213th birthday? For a listing of Coast Guard Day picnics across the nation, check Fred's Place Web site: www.fredsplace.org. To have your picnic listed, send e-mail to Barb Chiles at barb@fredsplace.org
- **CPOA NATIONAL CONVENTION** — 35th annual, Aug. 25-29, Mobile, Ala. For info, contact CPO Association, 5520-G Hempstead Way, Springfield, VA 22151-4009; Phone: 703-941-0395; E-mail: cgcpoa@aol.com Web: www.uscgcpoa.org

SEPTEMBER 2003

- **COAST GUARDSMEN OF YESTERYEAR BREAKFAST** — 4th annual, Saturday, Sept. 6, doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee with breakfast to follow at 9 p.m. Chincoteague, Va. High School gymnasium. Contact BMC Wayne Merritt, ANT Chincoteague, 3823 Main St., Chincoteague, VA 23336-1809; Phone: 757-336-2872; E-mail: dmerritt@antchincoteague.uscg.mil

The More You know

Participation and Your Retirement Check

By CDR Vince Weber, USCGR

Most reservists know they must serve 20 good years to earn a Reserve retirement check. Most reservists also understand the more they participate and the more senior they become, the greater the retirement check. Unfortunately, few understand *how much* participation and rank effect their retirement pay!

Let's use four examples to illustrate:

- **Member A:** This member earns 35 points and receives the 15 points for affiliation for a total of 50 points per year (the bare minimum needed to get a satisfactory year for federal retirement). Because the member has limited experience, the member retires after 20 years as an E-6.
- **Member B:** This member does 90 percent of drills and the annual training requirement, so is better trained and earns more retirement points than Member A. After 20 years, this member retires as an E-7.
- **Member C:** This member also does 90 percent of drills and the annual training requirement, but retires as an E-8 after 24 years.
- **Member D:** This member does *all* drills and ADT and also does 15 additional points in Reserve Management

Periods, correspondence courses, non-paid drills or active duty. After 30 years, this member retires as an E-9.

Member D earned three times the retirement pay as Member B. Any long-term active duty will obviously increase a member's retirement pay, but the conclusions are pretty clear:

- **Get Promoted!** If you are going to do the duty, receive the higher pay and responsibility that comes with promotion. In many ratings, there are openings in the E-5 and E-6 level. The Coast Guard obtains a more qualified member at the same time.
- **Get Involved!** Doing all your drills, ADT and a little extra each year (e.g., some additional training, a correspondence course) really adds up in the long run! Again, the Coast Guard gets a more qualified member at the same time.
- **Stay Involved!** Just because you have earned your 20-year retirement doesn't mean you have to leave the program. On the contrary, sharing your expertise and experience is critical in training the next generation of leaders! In addition, the points and possibly higher rank can make a big difference in your retirement check.

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Advancements

Effective Feb. 1 / March 1, 2003

(From Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement
ERAA No. 002-03 and ERAA No.003-03)

BOATSWAIN'S MATE (BM)

BMCS 002 DYKE, G.P., MSO HOUSTON/GALV
BMC 006 GOODE,M.G., STA NEW HAVEN
BMC 007 WRIGHT,D.P., ANT MILFORD HAVEN
BMC 008 NANCE,C.B., HDCU 113
BMC 009 PELLETTIER,M.G., STA BOOTHBAY HARB
BMC 010 ROMERO,J.L., STA FT LAUDERDALE
BMC 011 LIVINGSTON, L.J., MSO PUGET SOUND
BMC 012 WOOD, J.D., STA SABINE
BM3 003 DOTOLLO, J.B., GP PORTLAND
BM3 004 SCHWEIGART, M.C., PSU 307
BM3 005 NOLL, K.R., STA PORT CANAVERL

ELECTRONIC'S TECHNICIAN (ET)

ET2 003 RODRIGUEZ,S., ESD SAN JUAN
ET2 004 CHASE,D.S., ESD SOUTHWEST HAR
ET2 005 MEETZE,B.D., ESD KEY WEST
ET2 006 WONG,E.E., ESD MIAMI BEACH
ET2 007 ZAWISA,D.H., ELC

FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST (FS)

FS1 002 MCGOUGAN,E.J., TRACEN YORKTOWN
FS1 003 SCARPELLI,J.J., STA BELLE ISLE
FS1 004 HUNGER, J.E., PSU 309
FS1 005 TURNER, J.L., GP ST PETERSBURG
FS1 006 LASSITER, J.B., CGC DILIGENCE

INVESTIGATOR (IV)

IVC 009 MCBRIDE, J.K., CGIS NORTHEAST REG
IVC 010 JOHNSON, S.J., CGIS PACIFIC REG
IVC 011 SEMENZA, B.M., CGIS NORTHEAST REG

MACHINERY TECHNICIAN (MK)

MKCS 001 TAKAKJIAN,K., CGC MONOMOY

MARINE SAFETY TECHNICIAN (MST)

MSTC 005 WEBER,J.D., MSO PHILADELPHIA
MSTC 006 JONES,J.K., MSO HONOLULU
MSTC 007 VU, V.H., MSO LOS ANGELES
MST3 001 BEALON H.L., GP/MSO LONG ISL

PORT SECURITY SPECIALIST (PS)

PSC 011 MERRILL,R.P., MSU BATON ROUGE
PSC 012 NESDILL,J.P., STA NEW LONDON
PSC 014 CROISSANT,E.T., PSU 307
PSC 015 VANZANDT,D.H., ACT NEW YORK
PSC 015A DITRANI,M.J., ACT NEW YORK
PSC 016 WILT, J.L., HDCU 206
PSC 017 GOUGH, M.L., ACT BALTIMORE
PSC 018 CANNAN, L.C., GP BUFFALO
PS1 066 TOMASELLI,S.M., MSO HOUSTON-GALV
PS1 067 QUEVEDO,G.G., ACT NEW YORK
PS1 068 RIVERA,L.N., MSO HAMPTON ROADS
PS1 069 OWENSBY,B.D., PSU 311
PS1 070 STALLINGS,M.H., LANTAREA
PS1 071 BARRERA,A., MSO CORPUS CHRIST
PS1 072 VANLEEUWEN,S.C., PSU 311
PS1 073 KLEMMETSON,M.B., PSU 311
PS1 074 FUTCH,B.G., PSU 307
PS1 075 POLITE,A., GP/MSO LONG ISL
PS1 076 TARRANT,A.J., MSO DETROIT
PS1 077 SANCHEZ,J.J., ACT NEW YORK
PS1 078 TWINING,J.W., MSO TAMPA
PS1 079 WILDER,S.D., MSO JACKSONVILLE
PS1 080 WYATT,M.C., PSU 305
PS1 081 WHIGHAM,E.N., CG PC
PS1 082 PECO,V.J., PSU 308
PS1 083 DUSENBERRY,J.W., PSU 307
PS1 084 FLEMING,E.E., ACT NEW YORK
PS1 085 BARBATO,M.L., ACT NEW YORK
PS1 086 BROWN,R.K., PSU 308
PS1 087 OUTLAW,M.D., MSO SAN DIEGO
PS1 088 TRAXLER,J.D., PSU 308
PS1 089 POST,K.R., ACT NEW YORK
PS1 090 MATTHEWS,K.R., MSO MOBILE
PS1 091 ATKINSON,B.J., PSU 311
PS1 092 WHISENANT,A.M., PSU TRADET CAMP L
PS1 093 ROGERS,B.D., STA PORTLAND
PS1 094 TUCKER,R.T., PSU 308
PS1 095 ECHEVERRIA,A.C., RUITOFF LOS ANGEL
PS1 096 BOZEK,J.J., PSU 308
PS1 098 POIRIER,W.E., MSO CHICAGO
PS1 098A PRATT,L.M., PSU 313
PS1 099 WELCH, D.L., PSU 308
PS1 100 JOHNSON, T.W., MSO SAN FRANCISCO
PS1 101 MISIEWICZ, D. S., HDCU 110
PS1 101A MOVSESIAN, P.G., MSO PHILADELPHIA
PS1 102 RACH, C.A., PSU 305
PS1 103 MCNARY, R.J., PSU 311
PS1 104 GARCIA, G.T., MSO LOS ANGELES
PS1 106 SOSA, D.A., MSO MIAMI
PS1 107 ROTHROCK, M.I., ACT NEW YORK
PS1 108 BRENNAN, M.K., PSU 311
PS1 109 PEDRE, J.C., MSO MIAMI
PS1 110 NANOS, J., PSU 305
PS1 111 BARONA, L., PSU 311
PS1 113 TRAINER, D., PSU 311
PS1 113A RATCLIFF, J.R., PSU 313
PS1 114 SCHMITT, R.J., PSU 308
PS1 115 LINDENMUTH, D.C., PSU 305
PS1 116 MAGEE, M.I., MSO HAMPTON ROADS
PS1 117 STRAUSS, S.A., PSU 311
PS2 053 ITO,K.K., MSO HONOLULU
PS2 054 LEGAULT,D.J., STA ROCHESTER
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PS2 057 VANNOTE,S.R., MSO WILMINGTON
PS2 059 DARCY,C.A., PSU 307
PS2 059A PENA,W., PSU 311
PS2 060 WELLS,M.D., MSO SAN FRANCISCO
PS2 061 GARRETT,L.S., PSU 308
PS2 061A HAMPTON,R.H., PSU 311
PS2 062 PUTNAM,B.D., MSO LA/LB
PS2 063 CODD,J.B., PSU 313
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HUNTINGTON
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PS2 072 SIMPSON,J.R., MSO WILMINGTON
PS2 073 KULESA,F.R., MSO PHILADELPHIA
PS2 073A MCLAUGHLIN,S.W., PSU 313
PS2 074 HALL,C.T., MSO MOBILE
PS2 075 GOLD,R.S., MSO CHARLESTON
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PS2 095 PERRY,J.A., TRACEN YORKTOWN
PS2 096 SWENSON,C.E., PSU 305
PS2 097 NEILSON,M.E., PSU 305
PS2 098 PREZA,G.W., PSU 307
PS2 099 DECKER,A.A., MSU GALVESTON
PS2 099A CRAFT,C.A., MSO WILMINGTON
PS2 100 REYNOLDS,R.N., MSO SAVANNAH
PS2 101 RICHARDSON,L., MSO NEW ORLEANS
PS2 102 HOLLAND,G.L., MSO WILMINGTON
PS2 103 RICHARDSON,K.C., STA MONTEREY

PS2 104 BORUM,J.P., MSO TAMPA
PS2 105 BENAVIDES,P.P., PSU 305
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PS2 110 BEASLEY,E.L., MSU GALVESTON
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PS2 114 STOKES,N.D., MSO WILMINGTON
PS2 115 STROUD,M.S., MSO HOUSTON-GALV
PS2 116 MEYERS,C.J., ACT NEW YORK
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PS2 126 LITZINGER,J.P., ACT BALTIMORE
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PS2 129 WALTMAN,M.M., HDCU 208
PS2 130 STOKES,J.M., HDCU 113
PS2 131 HORNE,G.M., MSO WILMINGTON
PS2 132 PERRY,K.S., MSO PHILADELPHIA
PS2 133 RAYNER,L.E., PSU 313
PS2 134 JOHNSON,S.R., RUITOFF NORFOLK
PS2 135 SHIRLEY,T.W., MSO TAMPA
PS2 136 OLSEN,S.P., PSU 308
PS3 002 LITALIEN,L.R., PSU 313

QUARTERMASTER (QM)

QM2 001 WHEELER,J.W., CGC WYACONDA
QM2 002 IOCOVOZZI,P.A.L., CGC TARPON
QM2 003 OLSEN,A.D., CG ICC

STOREKEEPER (SK)

SK2 014 FOXWORTH,M.D., PSU 308
SK2 015 ROBERTS,J., AIRSTA KODIAK
SK2 016 ALLEN,J.S., MSO PUGET SOUND
SK2 017 BRANNON,S.A., ISC HONOLULU
SK2 018 MILLER,K.D., GP ST PETERSBURG

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST (TC)

TCC 010 GALICKI, M.J., ESU BOSTON
TCC 011 HERMAN, A.J., ACT BALTIMORE
TCC 012 MILES, S.C., GP ST PETERSBURG

YEOMAN (YN)

YNC 004 LYON, B.M., HRSIC
YNC 005 KENNEDY, L.B., ISC PORTSMOUTH
YN1 011 CLAY,L.R., ISC NEW ORLEANS
YN1 012 BARRY,M.E., RUITOFF SEATTLE
YN1 013 MCCORD, H.A., HRSIC
YN1 016 AMACHER, D.J., GP FORT MACON
YN1 017 DAVIS, C.M., ISC NEW ORLEANS
YN1 017A NEGRON, L.K., ACT NEW YORK
YN1 017B LIMAS, P., MSO HOUSTON/GALV
YN1 018 NALESNIK, T.M., ACT NEW YORK
YN1 019 LIDDEL, D.L., HQ SUPRT CMD
YN1 020 GOODMAN, T.L., ISC BOSTON
YN1 021 PERCINI, G.M., NESU SEATTLE
YN1 021A LATTA, D.E., RUITOFF ORLANDO
YN1 022 STEWART, L.M., ISC NEW ORLEANS
YN1 023 HEMPHILL, K.J., MSO MOBILE
YN1 024 MCCANTS, T.L., ISC ALAMEDA
YN2 037 WOOD, K.L., GP CORPUS CHRISTI
YN3 002 BRADY, J.L., GP NORTH BEND

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Medals & Awards

DEFENSE SUPERIOR SERVICE MEDAL

CAPT William J. VanOrden, USTRANSCOM

DEFENSE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

CAPT Deborah A. Dombeck, USTRANSCOM

CDR Timothy M. Butler, USTRANSCOM

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

CAPT Michael A. Ruszczyk, LANTAREA

CAPT Richard Sullivan, D8

CDR John J. Marks, JCS, JT Homeland Sec. Div

JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL

LCDR Kenneth B. Hines, USTRANSCOM

CWO4 Michael F. Day, Selective Service

CG COMMENDATION MEDAL

LT Scott Linsky, LANT Strike Team

PSCM John R. Stafford, D11

PSCS William B. Allred, MSST 91102

BM1 William Cole, Station New Haven, Conn.

NAVY & MARINE CORP ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

TC2 Paul C. Bostwick, HDCU 205

CG ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

LCDR G. Boyle, MSO Tampa

CWO4 Terry J. Adams, ISC St. Louis

LT Scott Linsky, Atlantic Strike Team

MKC Kyle Takakjian, Group Woods Hole, Mass.

PSC R. Minard, MSO Tampa

YN1 Janet T. Fults, USTRANSCOM

BM2 Kenneth Knutsen, Station New Haven, Conn.

BM2 Eric Pimer, Station New Haven, Conn.

YN2 Marilyn Piellusch, MSO San Francisco

COMMANDANT'S LETTER OF COMMENDATION

CDR Salvatore Brillante, Activities New York

PSCS Paul Wittek, Activities New York

DCC Mike Meros, Activities New York

MSTC M. Togna, MSO Tampa

EM1 Roger Edington, Activities New York

FS1 David G. Babcock, AIRSTA Atlantic City

MK1 Alan Owen, Station New Haven, Conn.

BM2 Donald Corey, Station New Haven, Conn.

BM2 A. Matthews, MSO Tampa

EM2 C. Bierly, Activities New York

DC2 E. Johnston, Activities New York

DC2 G. Taylor, Activities New York

MK2 George Benson, Activities New York

MK2 Kevin Dowd, Activities New York

MK2 M. Torres, Activities New York

PS2 G. Remy, Activities New York

YN2 Marilyn R. Piellusch, MSO San Francisco

DC3 E. Ruiz, Activities New York

EM3 K. Mento, Activities New York

IV3 Alfredo Ferrer, CGIS SE Region

MK3 Alvin Veaz, Activities New York

SN Jacob G. Wernsing, ISC St. Louis

CG RESERVE GOOD CONDUCT

BMC J. Reed, MSO Tampa

DCC R. Kelmel, MSO Tampa

MSTC M. Togna, MSO Tampa

MST1 Carolina Kuoha, MSO Honolulu

MST1 J. Lester, MSO Tampa

PS1 C. Mullins, MSO Tampa

YN1 L. Peters, MSO Tampa

MST2 W. Leasure, MSO Tampa

PS2 J. Clements, MSO Tampa

PS2 A. Guagnini, MSO Tampa

YN2 L. Barela, MSO Tampa

YN2 S. Dorsey, MSO Tampa

PS3 T. Mattmuller, MSO Tampa

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL

LT Bruce Mack, MSO Chicago

PSCS William B. Allred, MSO Wilmington, N.C.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

BM2 Roderick Jones, CGC Vise

QM2 Clifford Bare, CGC Vise

QM2 Peter Klinkenberg, CGC Vise

ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL

MKC Richard W. McComber, ISC St. Louis

MK1 Peter J. White, ISC St. Louis

MST1 Carolina Kuoha, MSO Honolulu

PS1 Brooke C. Barton, ISC St. Louis

MK3 Darryl G. DeNeal, ISC St. Louis

MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION

CG Club Cleveland Rehab Team

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

ISC St. Louis

MARINE SAFETY DEVICE

CDR Thomas M. Quin, MSO Charleston, S.C.

If you received an award recently, send a copy of your award citation to the editor. Address is on page 2.

Bravo Zulu

• Congratulations to **ENS Byron T. Inagaki**, MSO Port Arthur, Texas. He is a recent recipient of the Secretary's Award for Meritorious Achievement (Silver Medal). He was recognized at the DOT Awards Ceremony Nov. 14, 2002 in Washington, D.C. ALCOAST 494/02.

• **PS1 Charles E. Davis** of MSO Hampton Roads, and formerly of PSU 305, was recently awarded the Congressional Veterans Service Commendation Award by Congressman Eric I. Cantor, 7th District of Virginia. Davis was one of 10 selected from among 50 applicants and has service in both the U.S. Army and Coast Guard Reserve. He is a Sheriff's Deputy for Hanover County, Va.

• Two boat crews from **Coast Guard Station Grand Isle** and a helicopter crew from **Coast Guard Air Station New**

Orleans received heroism awards from the Coast Guard Foundation Feb. 7. The crews saved 12 aboard the *Slick Liquor*, a 41-foot power boat that veered out of control and struck an oil rig five miles from Belle Pass on June 16, 2002.

• **MKC Charles Keegan** and **BM2 Thomas Stolte** of the Atlantic Strike Team were presented with the Armed Forces Association Patriot Awards on Jan. 11.

• Congratulations to **LCDR Robert W. Pettis**, USCGR(Ret.) who received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Health Sciences Antigua on Jan. 25, 2003. Dr. Pettis has been treating patients as a chiropractor since 1995 in his Morehead City, N.C. clinic, Advanced MedCare. He retired from the USCGR in 1999.

Retirements

RET-1 (Retired With Pay)

FEBRUARY 2002

CAPT Michael A. Ruszczyk, D1
CWO4 Frank M. Centa, III, D8*
* Corrected from Aug/Sep 2002

SEPTEMBER 2002

ET2 James E. Marsh, D7

NOVEMBER 2002

CDR William H. Clontz, D5
CDR Benjamin A. Governale, D5
CDR Trevor E. Hughes, D7
CDR Anthony A. Kime, D5
CDR John H. Nicholson, D5
CDR Joseph C. Taylor, D7
LCDR Ronald H. Damrath, D1
LCDR Jack W. Golden, D7
LT James L. Russell, D5
LT Douglas W. Simpson, D1
CWO4 George K. Fischer, D1
CWO4 Sarah M. Wert, D11
IVCM Robert E. Swanson, D1
PSCM Ronald J. Holland, D13
PSCM William R. Marguet, D11
YNCS James C. Havranek, D9
YNCS Linda D. McGowan, D7
BMC Gary E. Hormell, D11
BMC Louis T. Wegryn, D5
EMC Mike A. Klaczkiewicz, D9
HSC Ethel D. Avery, D9
MKC David J. Anderson, D8
MKC Bobby C. Bilton, D7
MKC James F. Hagler, D9
PSC Patricia A. Butler, D11
YNC Manuel A. Medina, D8
EM1 Richard E. Collins, D1
IV1 W. R. Luckow, D8
MK1 William G. Kahle, D9
PA1 William A. Stone, D1
PS1 Donald D. Goins, D7
PS1 Robley R. Langlinais, D8
SK1 Tony DuPlessis, D11
BM2 Frank D. Fontaino, D1
SK2 Judy B. Lewis, D9

DECEMBER 2002

CDR Edward h. Bonekemper, D5
CDR Ronald R. Fraser, D1
CDR Douglas A. Hall, D9
CDR Christian A. Wethe, D1
LCDR Lee R. Hayes, D8
LCDR Lawrence J. Lomonaco, D7
LCDR Clifford W. McGuire, D1
LT Roger J. Bekker, D11
LT Leonard E. Hayes, D13
CWO4 John J. Gallagher, D5
CWO3 Andrew James, D5
MKCM Richard L. Lindley, D8

PSCM John J. Yust, D5
EMCS Perry E. White, D5
PSCS Donald E. Osterhaus, D8
YNCS Frances M. O'Connor, D1
FSC Fred Vogel, D1
MSTC Edward R. Twilley, D8
PSC David D. Nelson, D11
PSC Paul S. Sandlin, D8
TCC Sonja E. Meistrell, D7
YNC Archie D. Ouellette, D11
BM1 Samuel Schulz, D11
MK1 Stanley M. Czelusniak, D11
MK1 William J. Hunter, D2
MK1 James E. Knighton, D7
MK1 Edward F. O'Brien, D1
MK1 Lloyd D. Thurman, D13
MST1 William E. Howard, D8
HS1 Gerald J. Zachewicz, D5
PS1 Harry D. Miller, D8
MST2 Sandella S. Spears, D8
YN2 Charles W. Vogel, D8
AVT3 Stephen R. St. Laurent, D1

JANUARY 2003

CAPT Robert D. Farringer, D8
CAPT Theodore J. Flynn, D1
CAPT Henry J. Kofron, D5
CAPT Steven Satterthwaite, D13
LCDR Kenneth R. Gilbert, D8
LCDR Allen C. Miller, D1
LT Andrew R. Mitchell, D11
LT Hubert L. Sterling, D5
CWO4 Arnold C. Basnight, D5
CWO4 Richmond P. Carlson, D1
CWO3 Kenneth P. Gromack, D1
BMCM Parker T. Boggs, D5
HSCM Bradford H. Baugh, D13
PSCM William J. Lyle, D7
PSCS William L. Symon, D8
AMTC Peter S. Cuipenski, D7
BMC Dennis J. Higgins, D1
ETC William R. Butler, D9
FSC Charles G. Worsencroft, D8
PSC Sherald R. High, D5
PSC Richard M. Martinsen, D11
PSC Waldon R. Wolf, D8
YNC Dwight E. Olson, D8
IV1 Floberto Ortiz, D7
DC1 Ralph C. Maddocks, D5
MK1 James H. Bruner, D8
MST1 Mace C. Jennings, D11
PS1 Ronald M. Daniels, D11
PS1 James W. Maxwell, D9
PS1 Demetrio D. Pomales, D1
SK1 George B. Teresinski, D7
BM2 William P. Wright, D8
ET2 Tracy D. Montee, D11
SK2 Paul H. Leopold, D1
PS2 Carl W. Buettner, D11
PS3 Bobby G. Branum, D8
PS3 Paul R. Joly, D1



Photo courtesy CDR Joseph Taylor, USCGR(Ret.)

CDR Joseph Taylor, USCGR, and his wife, Grace, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary and the commander's retirement from the Coast Guard after 41 years. Nearly 100 family and friends attended the retirement ceremony Nov. 24 in Keystone Heights, Fla.

FEBRUARY 2003

CDR Michael J. Caccuitto, D1

RET-2 (Retired Awaiting Pay)

OCTOBER 2002

EM1 David E. Rodman, D8

NOVEMBER 2002

CAPT James J. Corey, D1
CDR Kevin J. Gately, D1
LCDR Linda D. Newbern, D8
LT Mark A. Gellasch, D8
CWO4 Wayne A. Braley, D1
BMC Carl E. Walther, D11
MKC John A. Schloth, D13
MKC Thomas L. Thompson, D11
TCC William J. James, D8
YNCS Kevin S. Corry, D7
PSC Donald L. Olsen, D13
FS1 Ronald B. Finlayson, D1
MST1 Brian Davis, D7
MST1 William C. Pofahl, D13
TC1 James M. Leverso, D1
YN1 Annette M. Sparks, D13
BM2 Kevin J. Battle, D1
BM2 James A. Driskell, D1
IV2 Thomas A. Morton, D11
MK2 Anthony L. Rosel, D13
MST3 Mark S. Hall, D13

DECEMBER 2002

CAPT Claudio R. Azzaro, D11
CAPT Timothy R. Girton, D1
CDR Sharon Christopherson, D13
LCDR Kenneth E. Bivens, D5
BMCS Timothy Ferguson, D13
BMCS Paul A. Schloesser, D8
MSTC Timothy J. Mongoven, D8
BMC James H. Richardson, D8
BMC Scott M. Timmerman, D8

BM1 Kevin W. Hook, D1
DC1 Billie J. Benner, D1
ET1 James W. Adams, D11
MK1 Gordon C. Karlgren, D1
MK1 Gary A. Olson, D9
PS1 Roger C. Ladegast, D9
SK1 Warren D. Thomsen, D11
YN1 John Willcox, D1
BM2 Christopher Creighton, D1
BM2 Edson F. Smith, D8
BM2 Steven G. Kurkowski, D9
MK2 John G. Whiteside, D5
PS2 Michael E. Ragan, D5
PS2 Dean C. Royer, D1
PS2 Thomas Silecchia, D1
TC2 George G. Montanese, D1
MK3 Ralph E. Hohenleitner, D1
MST3 James J. Jack, D13

JANUARY 2003

CAPT Thomas J. Falvey, D5
CDR Stevens E. Moore, D8
LCDR Michael A. Rost, D8
CWO4 William S. McFadden, D1
HSCS Robert G. Graichen, D1
MKCS Richard H. Kroeger, D5
PSC Andrew C. Aguilar, D11
YNC Joan D. Kelly, D1
BM1 Barry W. Hawlk, D5
DC1 Harold H. Greene, D17
MK1 Monte W. Booth, D9
MK1 Francis Niederberger, D1
MST1 James P. Lester, D7
TC1 James M. Morello, D13
YN1 Florence G. Collins, D8
YN1 Mary W. McIntyre, D7
YN1 Deborah D. Mitchell, D7
DC2 James G. Krolikowski, D9
ET2 Kim A. Stephan, D13
MK2 Jorge L. Camacho, D1

Source: PO Bobby Dees, HRSIC (ras)

- **CAPT George E. Bray**, USCGR(Ret.), Cape Coral, Fla., Feb. 21, 2003.
- **CAPT Robert A. Detzel**, USCGR(Ret.), in Erie, Pa., Jan. 24, 2003. Survived by his wife, Marilyn.
- **CAPT John Enis**, USCGR(Ret.) 83, of Omaha, Neb., Jan. 29, 2003. He earned a degree from Creighton University in 1941 and enlisted in the Coast Guard 10 days after the attack on Pearl Harbor. After World War II, he served in the CGR for 30 years. As a civilian, he was a partner with Allen & Reynolds Advertising Agency for 20 years, and a vice president with Lozier Corp. for 10 years. At 61, he started Media Market Reports, Inc. and never retired. Survivors include a daughter, Judy; son, Gerry; four grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery, with military honors. Memorials to Creighton University Athletic Department and Madonna School Building Fund.
- **CAPT Damon G. Nalty**, USCGR(Ret.), in San Jose, Calif., Nov. 1, 2002. Survived by his wife, Anna; and children: Mary Bustamante, Erin Faso, Audrey Henthorne, John Nalty and MST3 William Nalty. As a civilian he worked on the Moreland School Board, and was a Professor and Department Chair of the Social Science Department at San Jose State University. Interment Los Altos, Calif.
- **CAPT John T. Williamson**, USCGR(Ret.), in Falls Church, Va., Jan. 25, 2003. Survived by his wife, Josephine. Interment Arlington, Va.
- **CAPT Willis H. Wills, Sr.**, in Alexandria, Va., Dec. 31, 2002. Survived by wife, Doris. Interment Arlington National Cemetery.
- **CDR Robert E. Bertany**, USCGR(Ret.), in Columbus, N.C., Nov. 19, 2002. Survived by his wife, Isabelle. CDR Bertany was cremated.
- **CDR Thomas A. Dunwoody**, USCGR(Ret.), Nov. 23, 2002. Survived by his spouse, Mame. Interment Memorial Gardens, LaFayette, Ga.
- **CDR Mary M. Halloran**, USCGR(Ret.), Nov. 22, 2002.
- **CDR Joseph P. Mahoney**, USCGR(Ret.), in Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 17, 2003. Survived by wife, Nancy. Interment Arlington National Cemetery (pending).
- **CDR William S. McCaughey**, USCGR(Ret.), Nov. 11, 2002. Survived by his wife, Kathleen.
- **CDR William A. Skelton, Jr.**, in Jackson, Miss., Jan. 31, 2003. Survived by his wife, Angie. Interment Jackson, Miss.
- **CDR George A. Stepp, Jr.**, Aug. 23, 2002.
- **CDR Elbridge S. Stevens**, USCGR(Ret.), of Summit, N.J., Jan. 11, 2003. Survived by his wife, Janet.
- **CDR Malcolm D. Wise**, of Ontario, Calif., Feb. 3, 2003. Survived by wife, Carolyn.
- **LCDR Leah J. Coleman**, USCGR(Ret.), of Rochester, Mich., Dec. 18, 2002. Lcdr Coleman was cremated.
- **LCDR John E. Engelberger**, USCGR(Ret.), Feb. 28, 2003, in Newtown, Pa. Survived by spouse, Virginia. Interment Greenwood Cemetery, Trenton, N.J.
- **LCDR William J. Robson**, USCGR(Ret.), in Lebanon, Pa., Nov. 12, 2002. Survived by his wife, Barbara. Interment Indiantown Gap Military Reservation.
- **LCDR Robert B. Stewart, Jr.**, USCGR(Ret.), in Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 2, 2003. Survived by his wife, Jane, and four children. Lcdr Stewart's body was donated to the Anatomical Society, Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pa.
- **CWO4 Charles E. Spicer**, USCGR(Ret.), in Norwich, Conn., Feb. 3, 2003. Interment Norwich, Conn.
- **CWO3 Wellford R. Dowdy**, USCGR(Ret.), in Richmond, Va., Feb. 10, 2003. Survived by wife, Daisy. Interment Richmond, Va.
- **MKCM Robert G. Thiele**, USCGR(Ret.), 66, in Mundelein, Ill., Dec. 15, 2002. He was employed as an electrical design draftsman for S&C Electric Company in Chicago for 44 years. He served 40 years in the Coast Guard Reserve. Survived by his wife, Judith; his children, Gordon and Sharon; three grandchildren. A service was held Dec. 18 at Burnett-Bane Funeral Home, Libertyville, Ill. Interment Lakeside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to his church, First Church of Christ, Scientist, Libertyville, Ill.
- **PSCM William J. Barker**, USCGR(Ret.), of Yucca Valley, Calif., Dec. 22, 2002. Survived by his wife, Marguerite. Interment Vancouver, Wash.
- **DCCS Samuel Cohen**, USCGR(Ret.), in Long Island, N.Y., Dec. 21, 2002. Survived by his wife, Claire. Interment Long Island, N.Y.
- **HMCS James R. Mace**, USCGR(Ret.), in Reno, Nev., Nov. 25, 2002. Interment Camas, Wash.
- **PSCS Thomas J. Kilker**, USCGR(Ret.), of Red Hook, N.Y., Dec. 29, 2002. Survived by his spouse, Katherine.
- **MKC Matthew J. Love**, USCGR(Ret.), in Duluth, Minn., Dec. 28, 2002.
- **SSC Curtis O. Bonds**, USCGR(Ret.), in Winder, Ga., Feb. 15, 2003. Survived by wife, Zora.
- **MK1 William J. Abel**, USCGR(Ret.), in Xenia, Ohio, Dec. 29, 2002. Survived by his wife, Diane. MK1 Abel was cremated.
- **MK1 Alan J. Chaplis**, USCGR, in Worcester, Mass., Dec. 21, 2002. Survived by his spouse, Jill. Memorial mass was held Dec. 28, 2002 at St. John's Church, Worcester, Mass.
- **MK1 Joseph A. Madison**, USCGR(Ret.), Oct. 30, 2002.
- **PS1 Oscar Guerra**, in San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 24, 2003. Survived by his spouse, Cecelia. Interment Mission Park South Cemetery, San Antonio.
- **SK1 Emergene E. Parrish**, USCGR(Ret.), of Orange, Calif., Jan. 13, 2003.
- **FS2 Jerry J. Gospondnetich**, USCGR(Ret.), in Columbus, Miss., Dec. 7, 2002. Survived by his spouse, Carole. FS2 Gospondnetich was cremated.
- **MK3 Paul C. Michels**, USCGR(Ret.), of Gardena, Calif., Dec. 28, 2002. MK3 Michels was cremated in Long Beach, Calif.
- **SNYN Katie Colette Andrews**, USCGR, 22, Jan. 11, 2003, of injuries sustained in a traffic accident that occurred when she was transporting a crew member of the *CGC Active* to his ship. Born Oct. 20, 1981, she was a lifetime resident of University Place, Wash., a valued member of the community and of Port Security Unit 313. SNYN Andrews is survived by her parents, LT James and Roxie Andrews, and brothers Jimmy, Michael and Kurtis. Her life was honored by friends, the officers and crew of PSU 313 at a service at her family's church Jan. 19, 2003, with military honors. Donations to a scholarship established in her honor may be made to The Katie Andrews Swimming Scholarship at Tapco Credit Union, 6312 — 19th Street West, Tacoma, WA 98466.
- **Lawrence M. Dye**, 97, of Tampa, Fla., Jan. 2, 2003. During World War II, he served as an officer with the Coast Guard, stationed in Newfoundland. He worked his entire career with the U.S. Weather Bureau as a meteorologist, and established the weather records center in Asheville, N.C. He is survived by two sons, Charles and Robert; seven grandchildren. A memorial service was held Jan. 5, 2003 at John Knox Village, Tampa. Memorial donations may be made to Central Florida Lions Eye Bank, 5523 W.

Astonishing Sea Stories

Art and story by P.A.S. Ron Spelman
Color by P.A.I. Dave French
Coast Guard Academy

FEB. 19, 2002 - A COAST GUARD HC-130 FLYING A MARITIME PATROL SPOTS A SUSPICIOUS VESSEL IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS NEAR COSTA RICA!



THE COAST GUARD CUTTERS BOUTWELL AND HAMILTON RECEIVED THE HC-130'S REPORT AND LAUNCHED TWO MH-68 HELICOPTERS TO INTERCEPT THE SUSPECTED GO-FAST.



UPON SIGHTING THE COAST GUARD AIRCRAFT, THE GO-FAST'S CREW BEGAN THROWING CARGO OVERBOARD!



DESPITE THE CREW'S COMMANDS TO STOP THEIR ENGINES, THE VESSEL CONTINUED TO FLEE, DUMPING CARGO ALONG THE WAY. FINALLY, AFTER FOUR BURSTS OF WARNING SHOTS, THEY STOPPED -- BUT NOT FOR LONG!



THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT! GUNNER, YOU HAVE CLEARANCE TO TAKE OUT THEIR ENGINES!



SMALLBOATS ARRIVED QUICKLY FROM THE CUTTERS. THEIR CREWS TOOK CONTROL OF THE GO-FAST AND PICKED UP THE JETTISONED CARGO - 118 BALES OF COCAINE. USING SIMILAR TACTICS, THE COAST GUARD MADE TWO OTHER BUSTS IN THE SAME MONTH. A TOTAL OF 19 TONS OF COCAINE!

PS3 Chris Price Columbia, S.C.

For PS3 Chris Price, a Title 10 recall came just as he was edging toward completion of his field training officer program with the City of Columbia, S.C. Police Department. A call to his Reserve command liaison, CDR Scott Beeson, gave him the luxury of delaying his reporting date until his training was complete.

“That allowed me some peace of mind and allowed me to get through the six-month probation period at work which, in turn allows me to have my job when I return,” said Price, a three-year veteran of the Coast Guard Reserve.

Price also has some pressing business looming in his not-too-distant future. On Oct. 25, he and fiancée, Anne, will be married in an outdoor wedding. The couple has faced some challenges since Chris joined the Reserve in 1999. First, his fiancée moved to South Carolina from Wisconsin. Within a week of her relocation, Price reported to Port Security “A” School in Yorktown, Va. Then, on his birthday, (Sept. 18, 2001) he was recalled for three months to assist with container operations, vessel inspections and harbor patrols following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

Though Price admits an avid interest in law enforcement boardings, he talks offhandedly about the



Photo courtesy PA3 Judy Silverstein, USCGR

PS3 Chris Price

disruption he and Anne have faced early in their relationship.

“It actually shows us we can work through just about everything,” said Price. “We’ve not had a good, solid year together since we met.”

Cell phone conversations help soothe the pain of separation and Price makes the two-hour drive from Charleston when time permits.

“I’m really looking forward to being trained as a Sea Marshal,” said the 23-year-old port security specialist. “And I can’t complain, my job’s been real supportive, the Coast Guard’s been great about facilitating this recall with my employer, and I’m still in South Carolina.”

— *By PA3 Judy Silverstein, USCGR*

SUCCESS STORIES

Journey to Freedom

In November 2002, 12 Coast Guard men and women were selected to represent the Coast Guard in its new recruiting campaign. Of the 12, one was a reservist named YN3 Khoa-Man (Melanie) Nguyen, currently on Title 10 recall with MSST 91101 in Seattle. She spent a week in Southern California with the 11 other shipmates shooting the new recruiting advertising spots. They became a part of what will be a new generation in Coast Guard recruiting.

Nguyen was born just a few months before the fall of Saigon to communist North Vietnam in 1975. Her father, a high ranking official in the South Vietnamese National Police during the war and two of her uncles, all officers in the South Vietnamese military, were quickly arrested by the new communist government and

interred in concentration camps. She would not see her father for seven years until his release in 1982.

“The communists took everything we had, even our home,” said Nguyen. “We did not exist. The communists erased our records. My mother could not get a job. I was allowed to go to school but they would not keep a record of it. We had no place to live and moved around from place to place living with family.”

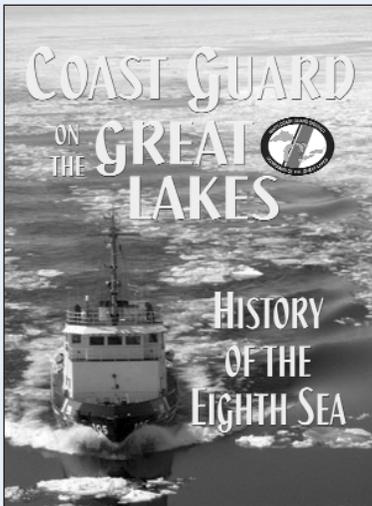
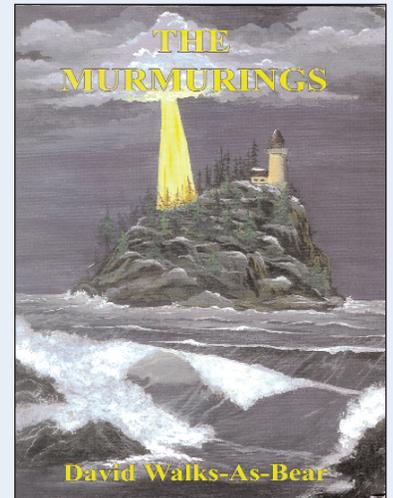
Finally, in late summer of 1987, after 15 failed attempts to escape Vietnam, she was awakened late at night by her father; she was leaving but her parents would have to stay behind. She would not see them again until they finally came to the United States in 1991. That night, she left Da Nang on a one-year odyssey through several safe houses in Vietnam,



Murmurings

by PA3 Dave “Walks-As-Bear” Davis

If you like mystery novels, check out *Murmurings*, by Coast Guard Reservist PA3 Dave “Walks-As-Bear” Davis. Coasties will enjoy Davis’ occasional references to the Coast Guard, especially since protagonist Ely Stone is an ex-Coastie. When Stone takes a position as a special agent for the Pukaskwa Indian tribe, he gets more than he’s bargained for. There’s something sinister about Muskrat Island, and Stone is obstructing Air Force and Chinese agents plus a former Russian spy who are all after something on the island. Some of the language and content is directed to an adult audience. Davis is a private game warden and outdoor writer for the *White Lake Beacon*, Muskegon County, Mich. His ambitious first novel is 600 pages and is available in paperback and hardcover at local bookstores, Barnes & Noble, via *amazon.com* or directly from the publisher, 1stBooks Library (*www.1stbooks.com* — a short synopsis, author bio, and excerpts are also on-line). Davis, part Shawnee Indian (David Walks-As-Bear is his pen name), is also the author of *How to Become A Swamp Creature*, a children’s book on bow hunting for deer. Davis can be reached via e-mail at: *walks-as-bear@t-one.net*



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through Cambodia, and seven months in a refugee camp in Thailand. In late 1988, she arrived in the United States with the help of a humanitarian operation for families of our former South Vietnamese allies.

She worked hard at learning English and got her first job at 16. She continued to work her way through school, graduated from high school with honors and her degree from Central Washington University in business administration.

“Joining the Coast Guard was my way of thanking my father for what

he did to protect my family and others during and after the war,” said Nguyen. “It was also my chance to demonstrate to the United States my appreciation for the life it has allowed me to enjoy.”

When asked what she hopes to achieve as a representative of the Coast Guard, she quickly says she hopes to encourage young people to succeed despite the obstacles they may face. “I want to tell them to appreciate the freedoms we have, be part of our team, and help protect our country from the threats it faces.”



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Know Your Reserve Command Master Chiefs

Here are the 11 Reserve Command Master Chiefs who serve our Coast Guard. Reservists are advised to always go through their chain of command first to resolve issues.

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THE SPIRIT IS ALIVE!

During January, TRACEN Yorktown took on the monumental task of training over 170 reservists in addition to their normal winter schedule. As D5 Reserve Command Master Chief, I had the opportunity to meet and talk with some of these reservists. I had already spent time in Wilmington, N.C., Ft. Macon, N.C., and Portsmouth, Va. talking individually with over 200 reservists that had just been recalled to active duty in support of *Operation Enduring Freedom*.

As I was leaving TRACEN Yorktown at the end of the day, I drove past several students. They were carrying mustang suits laden with other equipment. They looked tired. Rain was falling, the wind was blowing about 15 knots, and the temperature was in the 30s. I wondered why anyone would want to spend the day on the water. I recognized them as part of a group of reservists I had spoken to early in the day before they climbed onto their assigned boats for coxswain training.

I continued to watch these students — although there were signs of fatigue, there were also smiles and friendly banter. They all had expressions of contentment, accomplishment and pride. It caused me to reflect on the activation of our reservists. I thought about the stories that each reservist had told me, about their notification, preparation for departure, and families they left behind. Some would be sent many thousands of miles away. Imagine receiving a call like that but without question doing what needed to be done; embarking on this unknown adventure as ordered, sometimes in less than 48 hours.

What kind of people would do this?

I remembered the seven young individuals who thought they were going to be graduating from college in May but instead were busy disenrolling and trying to recoup already paid fees. Some had already missed previous semesters because they heeded the call after Sept. 11. I listened to those who talked about newborns — one born just three days before his call — his first and he had brought pictures to share. Others were anticipating the birth of a son or daughter within the next few weeks. Some had their health benefits from their civilian jobs terminated upon activation. I listened to one petty officer talk about his ailing father and his hope that he could return to his bedside soon. He didn't speak with anger, just concern.

What kind of people would do this?

I met with policemen, firemen, nurses and teachers — valuable members of the community who had been plucked from their jobs and left supervisors scrambling to fill their vacancies on short notice.

There were some who were self employed, running businesses and many taking substantial pay cuts with no differentials. I talked with two brothers, a father and son, drilling at the same units, and now activated together to the same areas. There were other sons and daughters of members now retired or still active but recalled to another location.

What kind of people would do this?

I thought about the families they left behind. Family members had selflessly allowed their loved ones to leave and now had to work twice as hard to fill that void without the typical support that regulars get from an established support network. Often they are not near a military base or a TRICARE provider. Despite many hardships and many uncertainties in their lives, they speak only with pride and admiration about the role their loved ones play in the Coast Guard and the country.

What kind of people would do this?

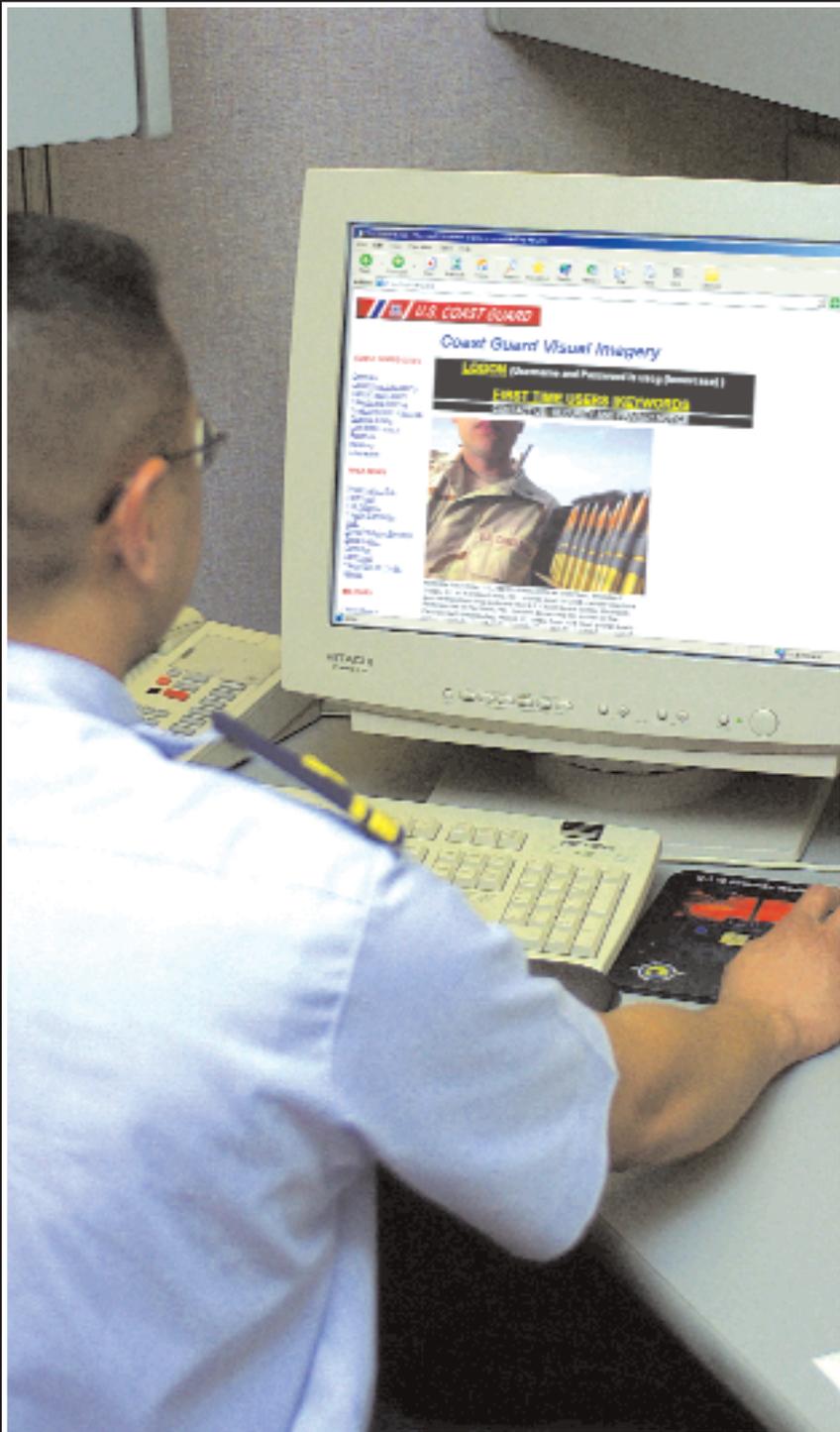
It occurred to me that these are the very people who represent the "Spirit of America" that RADM Smith talked about in his recent View from the Bridge. This spirit suddenly had a face and these people are the very heart of that spirit as their predecessors were before them. Just as our nation responded during the Revolutionary War with a regular Army and a militia working side by side, the Coast Guard continues today to be Always Ready in large part because the Reserve, the militia of today, stands in constant readiness to create a surge capacity that enables the Coast Guard to perform its many missions under any threat scenario. Since their establishment, these reservists have answered the call and will continue if asked again. These sacrifices were made and will continue to be made because they believe in a cause.

By the time you read this, we will have moved to the Department of Homeland Security. The Coast Guard, with its phenomenal record of responding and adapting to new situations, will be a key participant in that new department and will no doubt achieve results beyond expectations because that is our ultimate core value. The Coast Guard stands Always Ready because its people, including its Reserve force, stands Always in Readiness. Whether at war or in peace, we will keep that spirit alive and burning. Be safe wherever you are and Semper Paratus!



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