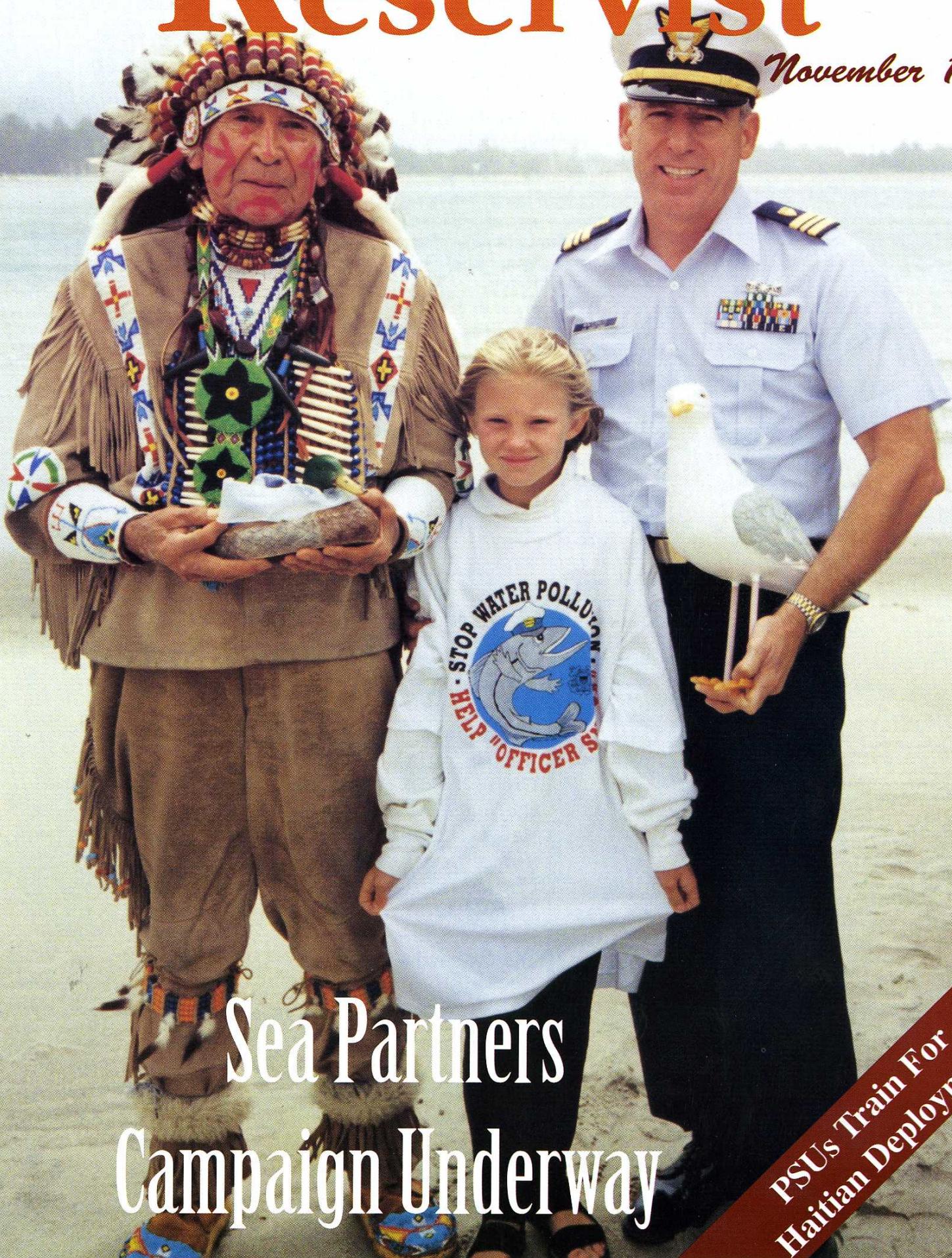


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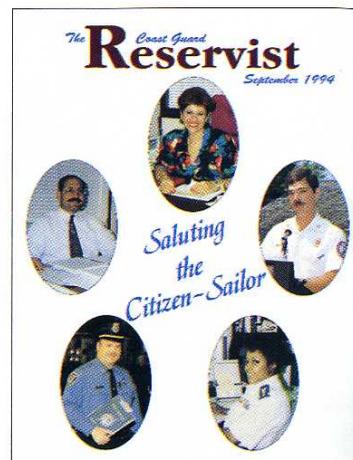
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## Saluting Citizen-Sailors

The September 1994 issue of *The Reservist* is outstanding. Saluting the citizen-sailor really showcases the incredible variety of skills and talent that reservists bring to the Coast Guard. If you have more citizen-sailor articles, you should publish them. Also, maybe even do a special edition reservist, and make sure that active duty commands are on the distribution list. Since the PERSRU will soon be merging with the RMSA here in the 13th, I would like our yeomen to read the citizen-sailor article so they will have a better appreciation of their new customer, the men and women of the Coast Guard Reserve.

— CWO3 Larry Kilmer, USCG  
Seattle, Wash.



*As mentioned in the "Editor's Turn" in the citizen-sailor issue, the field response was so overwhelming that we are considering running citizen-sailor related items either on a regular basis or at least once a year. A final determination will be made upon evaluating feedback and critiquing the issue.*

## Group San Diego wins Hammer Award!

As *The Reservist* went to press, it was learned that Group San Diego and Reserve Group San Diego were named winners of the Vice President's Hammer Award for Reinventing Government, a prestigious award given by the Vice President's National Performance Review. The Federal Executive Board voted on the award and San Diego came out on top over 18 other entries for their work in Reserve Integration. Group San Diego was recognized and received the award Sept. 29 in Los Angeles. Congratulations!!

# Sea Partners Campaign Underway



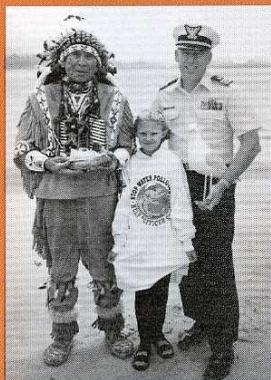
## *CG Reservists kick off marine environmental pollution educational program*

By LT Steven Craig & DC3 Dave Davis

D13, D9 SEA PARTNERS

*This month's front cover*

### **Chief endorses Sea Partners**



Sea Partners (formerly known as Sea-Keepers) made their way into the Upper Great Lakes last summer and got a key endorsement from a Chief — no, not a Coast Guard Chief, but a Native American Chief.

Chief William Depoe of the Siletz Indian Nation, shown on this month's cover, is a national spokesman for Native American People on the Clean Water Act. He has agreed to help Sea Partners get

the water pollution message to the many American Indian fishermen in the Great Lakes region. The Chief is shown holding a mallard duck with a four-pack ring around the duck's neck. This problem is typical of what the Sea Partners program is about — reducing plastic garbage and thus the impact on wildlife.

Also shown on the cover is Tresa Loucks, a 6th grader from Billings, Mont., who was on vacation in upper Michigan with a group from Bench School. Tresa is wearing the "Officer Snook" shirt that she was given after graduating from the "Officer Snook" children's program.

Shown holding a stuffed sea gull nicknamed Sam with a six-pack ring around its neck is Coast Guard Reservist LCDR Rand Wintermute. Sam was borrowed from a local wildlife conservationist and traveled with Wintermute and his team during the Sea Partners outreach campaigns in the Upper Great Lakes region.

Helping people learn ways to protect the marine environment is the goal of a new educational outreach program involving hundreds of Coast Guard Reservists. Called Sea Partners,\* Coast Guard Reservists speak to groups, school children, recreational boaters, private groups, environmental organizations and businesses in the maritime industry.

Marine pollution (MARPOL) has long been a problem which the Coast Guard dealt with, but only through enforcement of the MARPOL laws. Now, with Sea Partners, the Coast Guard has the opportunity to delve into prevention on a service-wide scale. As the old adage goes, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." The program is based on persuasion, not regulation.

The campaign is part of the Civil Military Cooperation (CMC) Action Program, in which reservists from all the services support critical public infrastructure needs in areas such as education, health care and engineering. Sea Partners was one of 22 pilot programs under the CMC which was approved by the Department of Defense for FY 94.\*\* Members of the IRR were directly targeted for participation in Sea Partners as a way to keep them trained and involved in the Service.

### **Training the Trainers**

The Sea Partners program really got underway in June of this year when reservists from across the nation attended training at Xerox Document University in Leesburg, Va. to train for the new program. 

\* Originally called Sea-Keepers, the name was changed to Sea Partners to avoid confusion with similarly sounding programs sponsored by other organizations.

\*\* Funding from Department of Defense for the campaign is expected to continue at least two more years.



## Officer Snook: CG's "Smokey Bear?"

By DC3 Dave Davis, USCGR

Everyone's heard of Smokey Bear and his Forest Service message of "only you can prevent forest fires!" In fact, Smokey just celebrated his 50th birthday. Now along swims Officer Snook, a sea-going policeman who could work the same kind of magic for the Coast Guard.

Officer Snook teaches children about the hazards of polluting our waters. He is the brainchild of 19-year-old Jennifer Sevin, a workshop leader at the Sea Partners "Train the Trainer" conference.

Sevin, 17 at the time she created Officer Snook, had Coast Guardsmen in her workshop playing with colors, paste and glue, and putting on skits as if they were teaching children in a classroom.

Since Sevin created the program, she has taught over 30,000 school children about marine pollution. But she has provided a great service as well by

associating Officer Snook with the U.S. Coast Guard. Even the Officer Snook coloring book that Sea Partners distribute bears the Coast Guard logo on the cover. If the Coast Guard and Officer Snook meet with the same success as the Forest Service has with Smokey Bear, it could be much more than a tool for education — it could drastically help reduce marine pollution.

As BMCS Jerry Millwood of Port Arthur, Texas put it, "I love the Coast Guard Reserve and I love that Officer Snook. This'll be good for us."

The "Train the Trainer" classes met for five days each with two class convenings in June. The 259 reservists attending ran in rank from E-4 to O-5, and were trained to be educators for the public, conducting presentations and training to groups and individuals interested in ways to protect the marine environment. Specific topics included marine environmental laws as they apply to the public such as effects of plastic, waste and debris on the marine environment along with ways the public can take action to mitigate these problems.

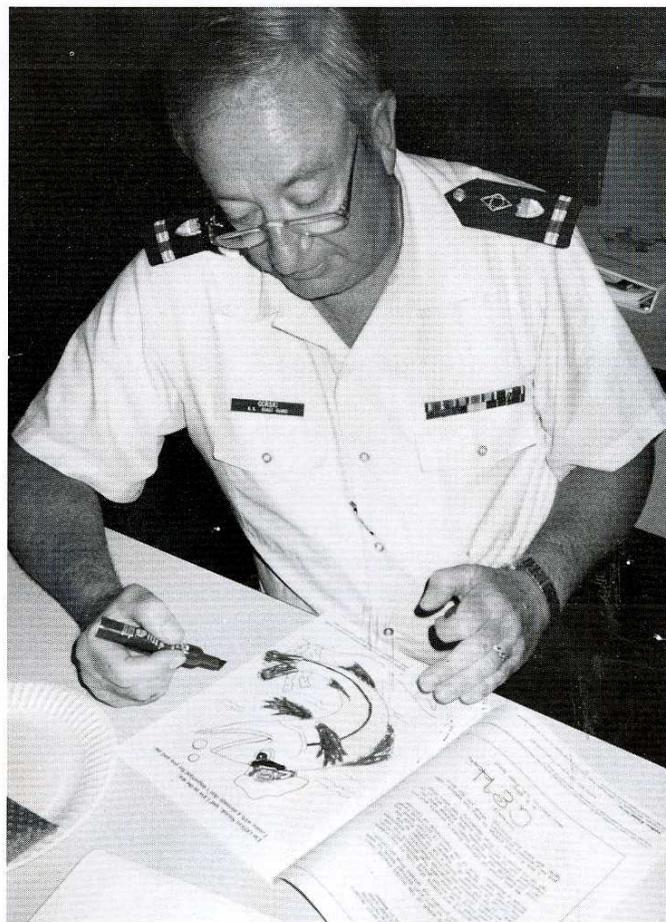
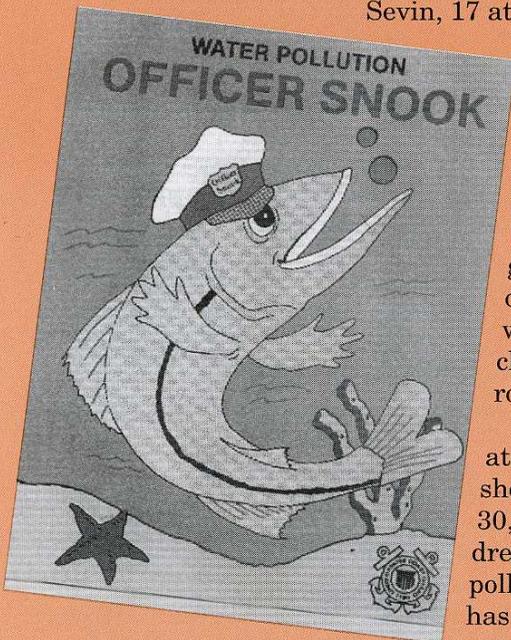
Few of the participants knew what to expect at the "Train the Trainer" classes other than the campaign dealt with marine pollution. Considering their previous experiences in training modes — most expected dry lectures and some problem solving.

Were they ever surprised!

PS2 Warren Beitel, an IRR member from MSO Corpus Christi, Texas, was one of them.

"I expected to get some education," said Beitel, "but not the great ideas and unusual approach to the problem."

The "unusual approach" is the creative side to Sea Partners — that's what surprised many of the Coast Guard personnel in attendance. Generally, the Coast Guard follows a more structured approach to training. With Sea Partners, though, how each member performs



CWO Dave Gorski of RU Buffalo admires his coloring in the "Officer Snook" workshop.

Photo by DC3 Dave Davis, USCGR



their educational function is totally up to them and or their team members.

The trainers included A.T. Kearney Corporation, consultants in the pollution prevention field, the Center for Marine Conservation, a nonprofit organization which runs the Marine Debris Information office, and Jennifer Sevin with Officer Snook. While all of the workshops contained some hands-on problem-solving, it was probably the Officer Snook workshop which installed the creative bug most deeply (see Officer Snook sidebar).

LCDR Mike Farley of the Marine Environmental Protection Branch (G-MEP-3) at Coast Guard Headquarters is the project officer who began the Sea Partners program. He also organized the Train the Trainer workshops, along with 5th District reservist SKCM Linda Reid. Farley says creativity is stressed as a teaching tool and education is what the program is all about.

"We need to empower the public to do the right thing," said Farley, "and Sea Partners gives us the opportunity to be very creative."

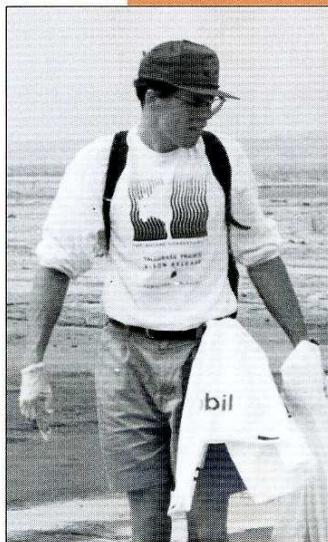
## Fanning out across the USA

Once the initial "Train the Trainer" course was completed, the program began in earnest. With the newly trained Sea Partners coordinating with Marine Safety Offices, they have formed teams nationwide. Some examples from across the nation will show they have been busy!

Our nationwide Sea Partners pulse check begins in the 13th District, where 10 reservists participating from MSO Puget Sound are divided into two groups, the north, headed by LCDR Kevin Fitzpatrick and south, supervised by LT Steven Craig.

BMC Michael Raggio, PS1 Dave Frutiger and PS2 John Barrett give presentations to the Tacoma Parks and Recreation on a weekly basis while LCDR Fitzpatrick has given them to Coast Guard Auxiliaries. Meanwhile, LT Steve Craig has visited Boy Scouts while PS1 Ed Sasser met with a school teacher group. Sea Partners have given presentations at Tacoma Mall Bay Days, SeaFair in Seattle (where Chief Dilley and PS2 Dave Larkin rode jet skis on the lake passing out trash bags and Sea Partners information) and have attended beach clean-ups in the Seattle/Tacoma area. Raggio and Frutiger have combined to present Sea Partners to over 1200 children in summer programs!

Travelling south to Oregon, MSO Portland's team at Camp Meriwether helped a number of Boy Scouts earn their oceanography badge. Two members of the San Francisco team, LTJG Lian Akana (the active duty MARPOL Coordinator at MSO San Francisco) and SK3 Terry Jelcick, put their artistic talents to work in creating sea-life scenes for children to color. Meanwhile in Los Angeles, Sea Partners have connected with graduate students entering the teaching profession through presentations at the Southern California Marine Institute. →



## Seventh Annual Coastal Cleanup

Story & photos by PA1 Elizabeth Neely, USCGR

*The Seventh Annual International Coastal Cleanup was held Sept. 17 with 35 states and 55 countries hosting cleanups. PA1 Neely did double duty for the Coast Guard and nation that day — she not only pitched in with the coastal cleanup, but put words behind her actions as she shares a first-person account of her experiences that day.*

The windswept sands of Assateague Island National Seashore hardly seemed a suitable site for a coastal cleanup. The natural barrier island is a protected national park and home to deer, wild horses, and many species of birds from sea gulls to piping plover.

Nevertheless, I was handed trash bags and a clipboard to record the type and quantity of trash collected. The information is forwarded to the Center for Marine Conservation (one of the groups that trained Sea Partners) to help identify sources of marine debris and develop solutions to reduce or eliminate the threat.

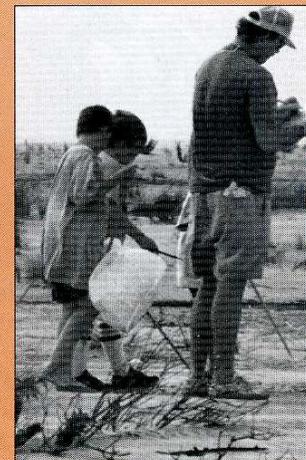
Volunteers of all ages included families, couples, civic and youth groups. Our assigned cleanup area was a 1.2-mile narrow strip of beach a half mile wide from Sinepuxent Bay to the Atlantic Ocean. I poked, prodded, and scoured the shoreline and low dunes as the flat white sand sprayed across the windswept wide-open space. I observed tracks in the sand from wild horses and red fox. Upon closer inspection, I also discovered Styrofoam cups, plastic toy shovels, a child's shoe, glass and plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and fishing line wrapped tightly around seaweed. The more I looked, the more I found.

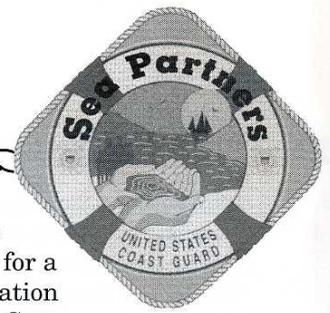
An estimated two tons of marine debris was collected in just over four hours at my location, one of 60 sites targeted along Delaware, Maryland and Virginia beaches. In Delaware, a record 23 tons was picked up while 15.5 tons was removed from sites in Maryland and Virginia.

I was just one of tens of thousands of volunteers who took part nationwide. In the DelMarVa region alone, 3,000 volunteers pitched in.

To learn how you can turn the tide on ocean pollution, contact the Center for Marine Conservation or Coast Guard Marine Safety Office nearest you, and learn about ways to make a difference in your community with the Coast Guard Sea Partners.

*William Browning of Silver Spring, Md., left, pitches in during the Coastal Cleanup as did a Cub Scout troop from Catonsville, Md., above.*





Further south, the Jacksonville, Fla. Sea Partners teamed up with Jennifer Sevin for a display at Sea World's Conservation Day in Orlando, Fla. In Miami, Sea Partners have been visiting local marinas and conducting "risk assessments" to help the marina develop ways to manage trash disposal.

Sea Partners aren't limited to the 50 states — they're reaching across the globe as far as Guam. A recent front-page story in Guam's *Pacific Daily News* highlighted the effectiveness of the program.

Navy helicopter pilots who had recently participated in a Sea Partners presentation spotted an oil sheen and reported it to the Coast Guard.

"Before [the class], I didn't know that just a little slick on the water was illegal," said the pilot.

### Early feedback positive

LCDR Kevin Gillespie, Campaign Director for Sea Partners since July 1994, stated that during the first two and one-half months of the campaign, Sea Partners reached approximately 100,000 people in over 600 events.

"We are very encouraged by the results we have seen," said Gillespie.

If early feedback is an indicator, Sea Partners could prove to be a very successful program. The Coast Guard's presentations have been well received and are very educational. Even though it takes away from the reservists family time to arrange and follow up for these meetings, these Coast Guard Reservists are dedicated to doing a great job.



Photo by LT Steven J. Craig, D13

### PS1 Dave Frutiger of MSO Puget Sound talks with school children during a recent Sea Partners presentation in D13.

Across the country in the Great Lakes Region, LCDR Rand Wintermute and his team of PS1 Dennis Dombkowski and PS2 Russell Beaty spoke this last summer to elementary schools, Boy and Girl Scouts, marinas, recreational and sport fishermen and the many Indian Tribal Councils within MSO Sault Ste. Marie COTP area of responsibility. Since Michigan boasts more recreational boats per capita than any other state, recreational boaters and operators of smaller watercraft, marinas, boat launches and liveries are particular targets of the Sea Partners educational campaign there.

Further east, the Buffalo team, led by CWO David Gorski, managed an information booth at the two-week-long Erie County Fair and logged over 29,000 visitors stopping at the Sea Partners display.

In the 8th District, the Houston team received coverage of their shoreline clean-up exercise on KPRC-TV's evening news while Corpus Christi's presentation at Sea World of Texas in San Antonio was so successful that the team has been asked to return several times.

YN3 Eugenia Herndon of RU Chattanooga, Tenn. is carrying the Sea Partners message to inland waterway areas as well. In addition to talking to school children and adults, she wants to get marinas in the area to put out recycling containers.

"One thing few people seem to realize is that it is a federal offense punishable by up to six years in prison and a half-million dollar fine to dump plastic and any other trash into any lake, river or bay," said Herndon. "The same is true of the ocean within three nautical miles of shore."

## Scheduling Sea Partners... becoming a Sea Partner

If you are interested in scheduling a Sea Partners presentation, contact your nearest Marine Safety Office. If you are interested in becoming a Sea Partner (especially if you're in the IRR), contact your district reserve office or the Campaign Director, at:

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# Team CG / PSUs train for Haitian deployment

By **Roberta L. Gedert and PA2 E.J. Kruska**  
 PORT CLINTON NEWS HERALD / CG RESERVE STAFF (G-RS-1)

**T**eam Coast Guard active and reserve Port Security Unit personnel poured into Camp Perry, Port Clinton, Ohio Sept. 12 to prepare for deployment in support of United Nations operations in Haiti. Two weeks later, as *The Reservist* went to press, 185 Coast Guard men and women deployed to Port-au-Prince and Cape Hatien, Haiti — the first such deployment since the Persian Gulf War.

PSUs are responsible for safeguarding harbors, friendly vessels and cargoes during U.S. operations in foreign ports, according to LCDR Michael Kopito, Supervisor/Training Manager at the PSU Training Detachment (TRADET) in Port Clinton.

At Camp Perry, Coast Guardsmen concentrated on weapons training, defensive tactics and basic Raider boat operations and tactics. There were 183 active members, 176 reservists and 66 administration and instructional personnel on board at the training's peak Sept. 18.

"The unit is ready," said Desert Storm



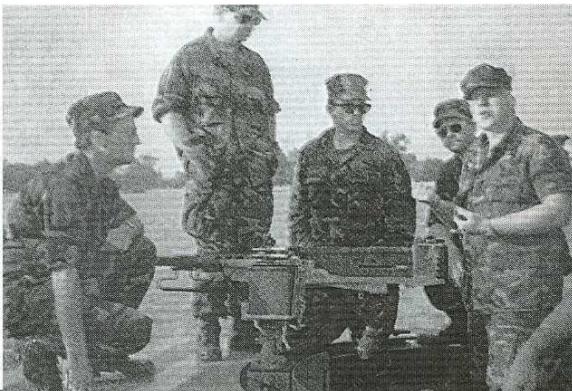
*A Raider boat conducts target practice on Lake Erie.*

PSU veteran LTJG Rick DeChant. "It's been an intense week and a half of training. Crews are at a peak right now."

Those instructing and training within the units represent 20 different states and all Coast Guard Districts.

"This really embodies the best the Coast Guard can offer," said Kopito. "It represents the entire nation coming together on short order. The uniforms are all one color and that's what counts. Everyone is trained to do the job; there are no exceptions here."

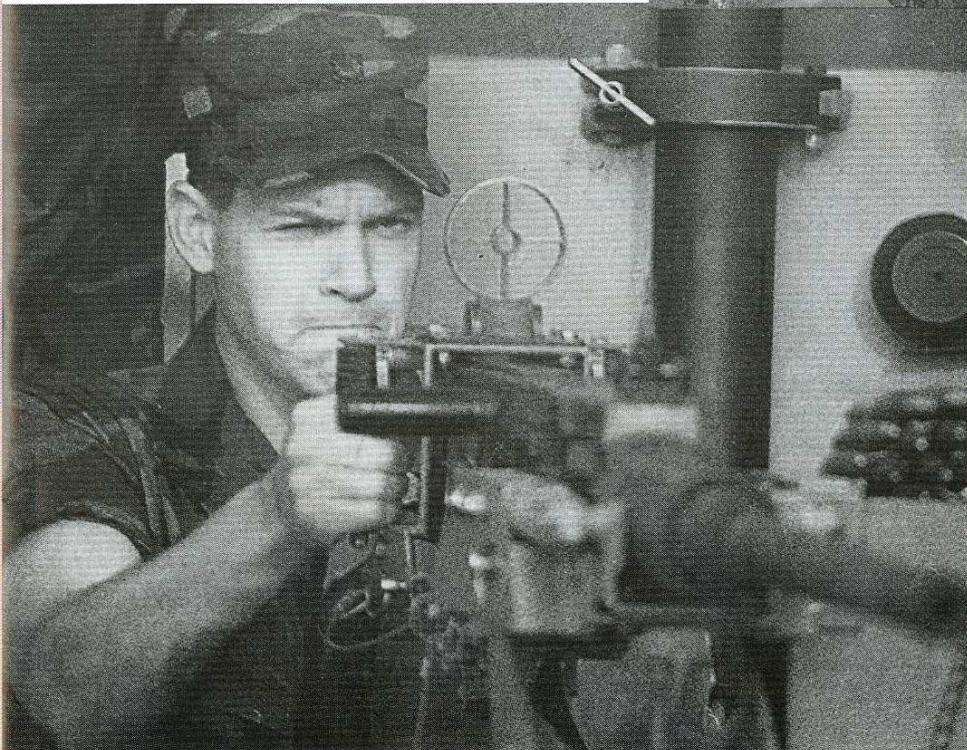
According to Kopito, another PSU training evolution for follow-on units may be scheduled if long term Coast Guard support of Operation Uphold Democracy is required.



*Left: GMC Pat O'Kelly, far right, gives operating procedures for the 50-caliber machine gun.*

*Below left: SN Rob Thomas of PSU 302 peers through the 50-caliber in preparation for off shore target practice.*

Photos by Steve Cutri, Port Clinton (Ohio) News Herald, used with permission



## Able Vigil ends, MSU returns home

Able Vigil, the operation that had the Coast Guard scrambling to pick up more than 31,000 Cuban refugees from the Straits of Florida, officially ended Sept. 23. However, the Coast Guard maintains a "strong" presence in those waters. During August, the Coast Guard picked up 20,300 Cuban refugees and more than 11,000 were picked up in September.

Able Vigil ended following U.S. and Cuban officials negotiating an agreement which Castro pledged to prevent refugees from leaving while the U.S. agreed to allow 20,000 Cubans to immigrate legally.

RU Upper Chesapeake's Mobile Support Unit, which deployed to Key West Aug. 26 to provide maintenance support for units involved in the Haitian/Cuban Migrant Interdiction efforts, returned home to Baltimore Sept. 23.

## Harris wins 1994 Outstanding Enlisted Reservist Award

DC1 Ovid Dale Harris, a member of RU Port Angeles, Wash., has been named the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association's 1994 Outstanding Enlisted Coast Guard Reservist of the Year.

Harris was recognized as the award winner at an awards luncheon during NERA's annual convention in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Oct. 19. He was presented with a plaque, as well as the Coast Guard Achievement Medal at the NERA luncheon, attended by representatives from all the sea services.

Harris, 41, a CG Reservist since 1987 (with four years prior service in the U.S. Navy), has served as a certified 41-foot utility boat (UTB) engineer who trains other boat crew members in both engineering and deck functions. He also serves as a member of the unit's engineering support team. While on ADT as a boat crew member, he consistently volunteers to provide plumbing and carpentry skills for Group Port Angeles.

During recent ADT periods he provided support to Stations Port Angeles, Neah Bay, Quillayute River and to the Point Wilson Light Station. Furthermore, he served as Assistant Acceptance Officer for two new government housing units at Station Neah Bay.

Serving with distinction, Harris' aggressive leadership and superb commitment to the principles of "Team Coast Guard" have greatly

contributed to the success in achieving a single, integrated unit at Group Port Angeles. Harris, who recently passed his Chief's test, was previously awarded the Commandant's Letter of Commendation, the Navy Good

basketball, assist with cub scout outings and chaperon school field trips.

He holds an Associates of Arts degree in Applied Science and completed a four-year apprentice ship-fitter program in three-and-one-half years at Puget Sound Naval Ship Yard. These accomplishments, as well as his naval experience make him highly qualified for his career as a Damage Controlman in the Coast Guard Reserve.

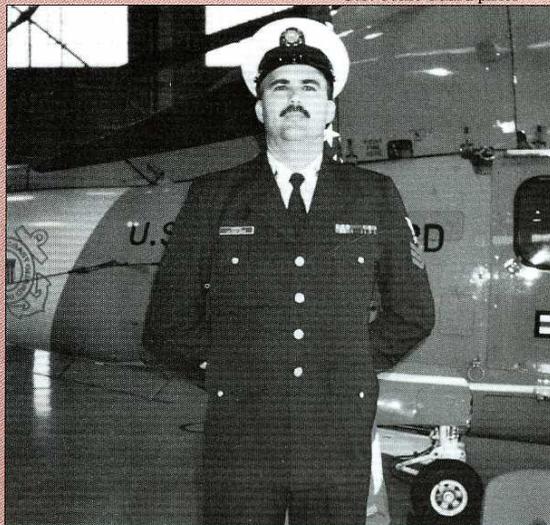
Harris and his wife of 18 years, Phyllis, are very active in raising their two children, Sarah and Christopher. An active outdoorsman, he enjoys hunting, fishing, bicycling, and camping with the family.

The "Outstanding Enlisted CG Reservist" award was established in 1984 by NERA to recognize the enlisted Coast Guard Reservist judged to be the most outstanding based on performance, appearance, abilities, and military and civic accomplishments.

Harris, chosen from among four nominees, was recommended by CAPT David Bernstein, then Chief of Readiness and Reserve in the 13th District.

The Selection Board was headed by MCPO William C. Phillips, Command Enlisted Advisor, Reserve Forces, USCG. Criteria for this award is established in the *Coast Guard Medals and Awards Manual*, COMDTINST M1650.25B.

U.S. Coast Guard photo



**DC1 Ovid Dale Harris**

Conduct Medal, Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, Rifle Expert Medal, the Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon, the Coast Guard Unit Commendation Ribbon, and the Pistol Marksman Ribbon.

A Quality Inspector for the Puget Sound Naval Ship Yard, Harris still finds time to coach soccer and peewee



# From Atlanta to Savannah...

## D7 Reservists gear up for 1996 Olympic Games

### OLYMPICS '96 COUNTDOWN SCOREBOARD

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Months to Go Until The Games Begin In Atlanta  
USCG will be there...will you?

*Editors note: While the main Olympic Venue is in Atlanta, the Coast Guard has set up the Olympic Task Force in Savannah, Ga. where the yachting events will be held. While only a dozen or so Coast Guardsmen will be working in Atlanta, some 800-1000 will be providing support in Savannah. Watch the Bulletin Board for further updates during the countdown to the 1996 Summer Olympics.*

**By CDR Dan Hagan**  
RU ATLANTA

SAVANNAH, Ga. – Over 200 Seventh District Coast Guard Reserve, Active Duty and Auxiliary personnel provided waterside safety and security patrols for optimistic Olympic yachting competitors from around the world in July 1994.

The primary mission of the two-week Full Scale Exercise (FSX) held in Savannah, Ga. was to exercise, evaluate and fine tune operations for the Olympic Task Force Command and Control structure. In addition, the Coast Guard also played an active role in the Joint Operations Center during a hostage rescue scenario that involved numerous local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Arriving ahead of the main group, some 50 reservists, along with instructors from RTC Yorktown and the Federal Law

Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Brunswick, Ga. spent a week of intensive classroom and underway training in boat tactics and anti-terrorist awareness. Within days, the auditorium at Savannah State College was filled with nearly 200 Coast Guard personnel as key players outlined the week's program. Familiarization with the competing vessels, venue areas and logistical information was presented, as well as vital information on heat stress and preventive measures. Participants then put into action the lessons learned during their week of intensive training, using the Olympics class regatta of over 200 sailboats from 29 nations as a test bed for the 1996 operations.

Forty-seven auxiliarists and 19 boats also took part in the FSX. The largest group of auxiliarists to ever participate in a Seventh District exercise, these volunteers provided vessel escort, safety patrols, and platforms for executing various scenarios. Auxiliarists came from Florida, South Carolina and Georgia to be part of the FSX.

CAPT G.T. Willis, Olympics Coordinator, said, "Our specialized training was validated during a very large regatta which gave us a welcome chance to test our initial plans to assemble a task force of regular, reserve and Coast Guard Auxiliary members."

Coast to Coast Reserve

# Patrolling Texas waterfront

## Reservists keep waters safe for boaters



Photo by PA3 Sam Goforth

**BM1 Tommy Galbraith, BM1 Joe Betsill and FN William Johnson perform routine patrols of Lake Texoma on the Texas-Oklahoma border.**

**By PA3 Sam Goforth**  
USCGR

DALLAS — Too many pleasure boats and not enough law enforcement resources were strong enticements for Commander, Group Galveston to put Coast Guard Reservists performing ADT back on Lake Texoma, after an eight year absence. Reservists from RU Dallas have been using the facility near Preston Point, on the Texas-Oklahoma border, for qualifying boat crews who perform drills either at MSO Houston or Group Galveston.

BMC Dave Donnelly has spent most of his career with the unit watching the changes around this 89,000 acre body of water, with more than 580 miles of shoreline covering the old Red River channel. According to Donnelly, the need for lake patrols has grown enormously during the past eight years.

Texas and Oklahoma officials estimate 10 million visitors per year enjoy leisure activities on Texoma but it can be an especially crowded place during the summer weekends.

"Most people are totally unprepared to handle the kind of problems that can suddenly put them in real danger not to mention ruin their whole afternoon," said Sherman, Texas Police Chief S.C. "Chuck" Pilant.

Pilant is not only an avid boater and fisherman on his off-time but is a lieutenant commander and XO of RU Galveston. "It's getting crowded enough when all the boat operators are sober but mix in one out-of-control drinker in a busy weekend and you will have a guaranteed disaster on your hands."

The Lake Texoma operation is an outstanding example of successful force integration. While almost all operations are actually conducted by reservists, the ultimate responsi-

bility for the direction and success of the mission lies with the augmented active duty command: Group Galveston, which lies 500 miles south of the lake. In fact, the staff of CAPT Paul Prokop, Group Commander, has provided significant support to the operation by upgrading the communications system and conducting extensive law enforcement training.

Regular weekend patrols were performed as IDT while longer patrols during peak traffic times such as Memorial Day and Fourth of July weekend were performed as ADT.

The first patrols began with a nine-member team during the two-week period around the Memorial Day weekend. The Fourth of July and Labor Day were the other two patrol weeks during the summer.

The station's two patrol boats stayed busy keeping the greatest number of personnel on the water during peak boating hours. Intoxicated boat drivers and reckless jetskiers were the patrolling reservists' main concern according to BMC Rod Cushing.

Nature also provided some extra excitement during the first big weekend of the summer when heavy rainstorms with high winds pounded the area. Several boats and docks sustained severe damage while power lines were knocked down and trees uprooted.

The patrols have been billed as a huge success by both the local command and law enforcement agencies. During the winter months, weekend IDT patrols will continue. This will help crewmen maintain skills and further their training as well as maintain safety on the lake. In addition, more ADT drills are planned to assist with surge ops during the summer of 1995.



# Summerstock

## Augmentation in action

By QM1 Tom Rau  
RU MANISTEE



Photo by QM1 Tom Rau

*Station Manistee, RU Grand Haven and Traverse City Summerstock and active duty crewmembers pose with dogs Paddy and Barnie.*

MANISTEE, Mich. — It was once noteworthy when reservists augmented the active duty, even more noteworthy when reservists augmented entire regular units, but what about reservists augmenting already reserve augmented stations? It's a new twist to an old concept.

The concept of seasonally operated stations is not new to the Great Lakes. In fact, most of the U.S. Life Saving Stations were seasonally operated.

A hundred years ago, those who served at these stations were seldom granted time off during busy summer months. Little has changed except at Station Manistee, located about 250 miles north of Chicago on Michigan's west coast.

Here, they have put in place a reserve augmentation program that allows Summerstock reservists leave time.

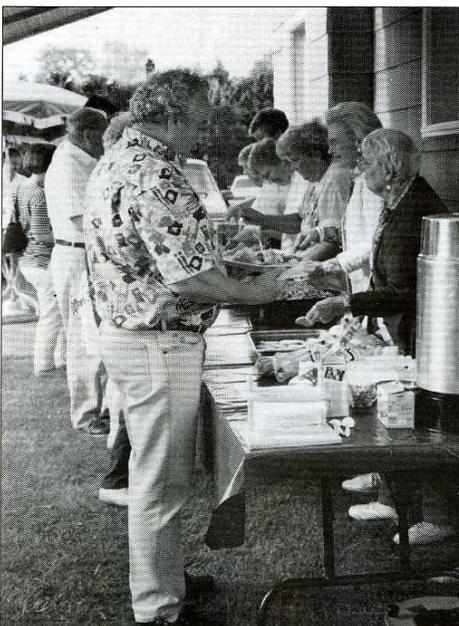
For the last two years, Reserve Units Grand Haven and Traverse City, Mich. have taken over the station for two weeks during "Operation Ready Boat." Not only does it free up 11 Summerstock billets but five active duty billets as well.

Who wins? Everyone. In 1994, Summerstockers and regulars were granted 86 days leave during "Operation Ready Boat." During the

Cuban operations, Station Manistee augmenting reservists stood ready with three UTB boat crews. When the Summerstockers leave, augmenting reservists fill in on weekends. Not only does the local community receive a direct return on their tax dollar, but the Coast Guard at large has the added benefit of a readily available trained resource.

## Station Plum Island honored

*Wisconsin station's Summerstockers gather for reunion*



Photos by Lorel Gordon

*Coast Guardsmen past and present who served at Station Plum Island enjoyed a reunion this past June. Far left: Visitors enjoy a picnic and camaraderie. Left: Auxiliarists Marilyn and Jim Gau staff an information booth during the open house at the station. Still a Summerstock station, it relocated to nearby Washington Island in 1991. In 1994, the Commandant officially changed the name to Washington Island to avoid confusion.*



# 13<sup>th</sup> SeaFair '94

## CG performs dramatic air rescue during hydro boat race

Story and photos by  
**PA1 Bill Kaufmann**  
D13 PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SEATTLE — Probably the most tense event of SeaFair '94 weekend was a dramatic emergency air Medevac of an injured hydroplane race driver by the HH65 helicopter from Station Port Angeles.

However, under the experienced command of CDR Roy Wedlund, USCGR, and the efforts of all hands, it was one of the safest SeaFairs in recent history.

With hundreds of thousands of spectators watching from boats, the shore and via live television cameras, a hydroplane boat did a spectacular mid-air flip while traveling at nearly 150 mph, landing belly-up in the water. The impact of striking the water at that speed sheared off the entire front end of the hydro boat, including the canopy.

After what seemed like an eternity, civilian rescue and medical crews were able to free the seriously injured driver from the boat. A Port Angeles HH65 helicopter crew was standing by and successfully transported him to a nearby hospital while the crowd cheered below. The driver survived the accident thanks in no small part to the prompt Coast Guard support.

This is the second year in a row which a Group Port Angeles HH65 has successfully Medevaced a seriously injured hydroplane driver from SeaFair to safety.

SeaFair weekend is known throughout D13 as an annual barrage of boats, parties, airshows and accidents.

In response to the massive accident potential, active duty, reserve and auxiliary units provide on-scene control, water safety patrols and rescue operations.



*LCDR W. C. Dumas, USCGR, Assistant Chief, D13 Reserve Staff, answers a child's question about hull design during the 1994 SeaFair in Seattle.*

## Reservists make children's wish come true

SEATTLE — If you had a wish, what would it be? About 15 children suffering from life-threatening illnesses got their wish to meet the SeaFair hydroplane drivers — and even sit in a hydroplane boat — thanks to a group of Coast Guard Reservists.

The reservists, in conjunction with the "Make a Wish" Foundation of Washington, treated the children and their families to a private barbecue lunch and tour of the hydroplane pit area. Included in the tour was a special thrill of sitting inside Station Port Angeles' HH65 rescue helicopter, stationed in the pit area.

Two of the wheelchair-bound children wanted to see the helicopter so much — perhaps even more than the hydros — that they asked to be carried aboard. It was an emotional once-in-a-lifetime experience for both the Coast Guardsmen and the children.



*Emergency medical crews bring an injured hydro boat driver aboard a Station Port Angeles HH65 Helicopter for medevac to a nearby hospital.*

# 14<sup>th</sup>

## Reservists coordinate multiple SAR cases

By CWO3 Phill Mendel  
RU D14

GUAM — The value of reservists in the 14th District was again realized by the high-level involvement in the coordination of the search for a Taiwanese fishing vessel overdue in the Caroline Islands in early May.

The *Jin Fwu Yi No. 366*, an 85-foot longliner, departed Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) April 13 on a 10-15 day trip to the north of the island. The vessel failed to return to port as scheduled, and gear from the vessel was found adrift on May 2nd.

Rescue Sub-Center (RSC) Guam was notified late in the evening of the 2nd, and immediate coordination was initiated. LT Bob Ritchie, CO of RU Guam, lives on Pohnpei and is heavily relied on to coordinate SAR in the FSM. In this case, he was immediately activated, and

began working with the ship's agent and the FSM Government to make assets available for a first light search. Ritchie also flew on five search flights onboard a Pacific Missionary Aviation (PMA) aircraft during the search, and provided observer training to the PMA staff.

On Guam, LTJG Dave Allen, XO of RU Guam, was serving on TEMAC as Assistant Marianas Section (MARSEC) Operations Officer when the call came in. His duties included acting as SAR Planner, and investigative procedures were underway to establish the best location for the vessel. Information from the agent was vague regarding the ship's destination, and no underway communications schedule was established for the *Jin Fwu Yi's* voyage.

Search planning and requests for Coast Guard assets were coordinated through RSC Guam's parent command, Joint Rescue Coordination

Center Honolulu. The duty officer in Honolulu was LCDR Bruce Mayes, CO of RU D14. Aircraft allocation was granted, although four days of searching netted no positive contact with the *Jin Fwu Yi* or her crew.

While coordinating the search for the *Jin Fwu Yi*, however, the Coast Guard also received a report of two overdue men, also from Pohnpei, in a small boat who went fishing. Resources, including Ritchie and the PMA aircraft were diverted to this search with more reliable search information. Again, Allen provided search planning, and the men were located early on the second day of the search, stranded on a nearby island after their engine section was swamped by heavy seas.

The Coast Guard benefits greatly from the availability of its reservists and their expertise. In cases where the total operation is reserve-staffed, evidence of this benefit is greatest.

## First post-downsizing ROCI class graduates



Photo by EM3 Barry Harrell

*Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination Class 1-94 completed their training at Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, Va. in late July.*

*Pictured are: Top L to R: Keith Johnson, Tomas Kringel, Brett Linden, James McCown, Jr., Reuben Gonzales, Nicholas Holder, William Read and Karl Schuler.*

*Bottom row, L to R: Joseph Althouse, Paul Anderson, III, Yardley Bailey, John Combs, Michael Ferullo, Susan Mercurio and Patricia Quinn.*

# Edith Fairey Munro

Story by PA2 E.J. Kruska

COMMANDANT (G-RS-1)

Taps sounded throughout Laurel Hill Cemetery in Cle Elum, Wash. on a cold, grey November day in 1983. They served as a final salute for a woman who had served her country with honor — LT Edith Munro, USCGR. The man playing taps, Ernst Breznikar, had also played taps for Edith's son, Douglas, when his remains were laid to rest in the same cemetery 41 years earlier. Douglas Munro is the Coast Guard's only recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

"She was a warm, caring, wonderful person who always looked 20 years younger than she actually was," said her grandson, CDR Douglas J. Sheehan, a retired Coast Guard Reservist named for his uncle, Douglas Munro. "My family called her Edie, but when I was two years old, I called her Dede and from then on, the name stuck. She was an important part of my life growing up. She was very, very happy when I was commissioned an ensign at RTC Yorktown, Va. in February 1969."

Born Edith Fairey April 16, 1895, at Liverpool, Lancashire, England, she was educated at St. Mary's School, Liscard, Wallasey Cheshire, Manor Road School, Egremont-Cheshire, England. At the age of 13, her family moved to Vancouver, B.C., Canada, where she attended Foncar Business College. She worked as a secretary before marrying an American, James Munro, Sept. 19, 1914 at Vancouver.

Shortly after her son lost his life at Guadalcanal Sept. 27, 1942, Congress established the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard (SPARS) Nov. 23, 1942. Soon thereafter, she entered the Coast Guard and, after training at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., was commissioned a lieutenant junior grade on May 27, 1943. She was one of approximately 10,000 SPARS who served during World War II.

LTJG Munro was assigned to the 13th CG District and assumed command of the SPAR Barracks, Assembly Hotel in Seattle (still standing but renamed Assembly Apartments following renovation in the early 1970s). She also served as Women's Reserve Personnel Officer. While Seattle was her permanent station, she performed temporary duty at Long Beach, Calif., Houston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. Promoted to lieutenant July 1, 1944, she served until her retirement Nov. 1, 1945, earning a Letter of Commendation.

"My grandmother felt that joining the SPARS was the right thing to do," said CDR Sheehan. "She always talked about her SPAR days as a wonderful time. She was in her 40s when she took command of the SPAR barracks, so she was like a mother to the other SPARS, who were much younger. She would sit in meetings with other men officers and always looked out for the best interests of the SPARS."

Throughout her life, Mrs. Munro attended many Coast Guard ceremonial functions. In 1944, she christened the Navy destroyer escort *Munro* in Houston. During April 1951, she



Official Coast Guard Photo

LT Edith Munro (shown here as a cadet) trained at the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn. in 1943.

was on hand for the World Premier of Republic Pictures *Fighting Coast Guard* in Washington, D.C. She, along with then Commandant VADM Merlin O'Neill represented the Coast Guard when they met with the film's stars: Ella Raines, Forrest Tucker and Brian Donlevy. Later that same year, Mrs. Munro, along with her husband James, who preceded her in death in 1962, presented a painting of their son, Douglas, to the Coast Guard Academy. Mrs. Munro also took part in the dedication ceremony of the U.S. Coast Guard's World War II Memorial in Battery Park in New York City and the commissioning of the *CGC Munro* in 1972.

"She spent so much time on behalf of the Coast Guard," said CDR Sheehan. "Whatever the Coast Guard wanted her to do, she would do...I think she enjoyed being in the spotlight, though it was hard on her at times."

In August 1982, she was the honored guest of the Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans Association at ceremonies in Winter Park, Fla. marking the 40th anniversary of that campaign. CDR Sheehan attended the ceremonies with her. Also attending was RADM Bob Hollingsworth, USCG(Ret.), a new flag officer at the time, who repre-



Official Coast Guard Photo

**Commandant VADM Merlin O'Neill, left, and LT Edith Munro, second from right, meet with stars of the 1951 film "The Fighting Coast Guard," Ella Raines, second from left, Brian Donlevy, center, and Forrest Tucker, right.**

sented the Commandant. He recalls escorting Mrs. Munro during the torchlighting ceremony.

"When I escorted her, we had to walk the length of a football field with a stainless steel torch and then up onto this 10-foot high platform," recalls Hollingsworth. "The torch was very heavy so I helped her carry it, but it had been raining and I was a bit reluctant about her climbing up onto that platform."

RADM Hollingsworth says she walked the length of the football

field with vigor, climbed the platform and lit the torch.

"The flame shot up 15-feet high and four or five feet wide, but she did just fine," recalls Hollingsworth. "She was very, very full of life and truly a delightful person. She was an interesting person, refined and well educated... the kind of person that would have a great son that did a great thing like he did."

**E**dith Munro passed away Nov. 17, 1983 at the age of 88. She

was interred next to her son in the Veteran section of Laurel Hill Cemetery, Cle Elum, Wash. on Nov. 21, 1983. However, the family lineage continues. In addition to her grandson, Douglas, of Dublin, Ohio, she is survived by another grandson, Chris Sheehan of Seattle and her daughter, Pat Sheehan of Beaverton, Ore.

A year before her passing, Edith Munro was featured on the *Real People* television program as part of a salute to Veterans Day 1982. Now, as then, we salute Edith Munro, for the person she was, the things she accomplished and the legacy she left behind.



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**Above: Ernst Breznikar plays taps for LT Edith Munro just as he did for her son, Douglas, in 1942.**

**Left: CAPT Gary C. Kornish, right, Commander, 13th CG District Reserve Division (former executive officer of CGC Munro), presents the burial flag to Pat Sheehan, sitting, daughter of Edith Munro while grandsons Chris, standing left, and Douglas, sitting, look on. Also pictured is Douglas' wife, Sue Sheehan, standing center.**



## Avoiding an SGLI debt

By Susie Thompson, USCG Pay & Personnel Center

Did you know that as an active drilling reservist you are automatically covered by SGLI, whether or not you perform drills?

As long as you are assigned to a drilling unit and in a pay status you are automatically insured unless you decline SGLI in writing. When you perform drills or periods of Active Duty Training (ADT), the monthly SGLI premiums are automatically deducted from your pay. However, when you do not drill, the monthly SGLI premiums are still being charged to you and a debt is built in PMIS/JUMPS (the Coast Guard's pay system) against your account. This unpaid balance is indicated on your Leave and Earnings Statement (LES).

When your coverage is \$200,000, the Coast Guard is paying the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) \$18 per month on your behalf and for \$100,000, it is \$9 per month. When you drill for pay, these accruing premiums are deducted from your next drill pay.

If you separate or are placed in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) [inactive status] LES's are no longer generated. If you are in arrears for SGLI at that time, an out-of-service debt is established and the Pay and Personnel Center (PPC) **will contact you for repayment!**

If not collected in a timely manner, your SGLI debt may be subject to interest, fees, and penalties. Unless you remit these monies voluntarily, your federal income tax refund may be subject to offset by the Coast Guard. If you are a federal employee (civil service or any branch of the military), your wages will be subject to garnishment.

Here are four things you can do to prevent an SGLI debt:

1. **Keep your address current with your reserve unit.**
2. **Keep abreast of your current reserve status.**
3. **If you decline your SGLI coverage in writing, keep a copy for your records.**
4. **Read Your Leave & Earnings Statement!** Should your LES indicate that your SGLI is in arrears, and you will not be attending drills frequently, send a check or money order (payable to USCG) for the amount of your debt to:

Commanding Officer (F)  
US Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center  
444 SE Quincy Street  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591  
ATTN: Collection Clerk

Please include a copy of your LES with your payment to ensure proper credit toward your debt. You may also charge your payment by credit card (Visa or Mastercard only) by calling the Collection Clerk at 913 295-2912.

**Remember, A Year In Arrears Can Create A \$216 Debt!!**

### ROA Mid-Winter set for Jan. 23-25

Reserve Officers Association (ROA) will hold its annual Mid-Winter

Conference and Exposition at the Washington Hilton & Towers Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Ave., N.W. from Jan. 23-25, 1995. All five Armed Services will sponsor displays in the exhibit hall. There is no cost to visit exposition where all displays and exhibits will be located. For more information, call (202) 479-2200.



### Vietnam Vets/Coastal Force

Author seeks info and photos of logos and/or mottos on board 82-foot WPB in Squadron One, Divisions 11, 12 & 13, and Squadron Three Vessels from 1965-71. Also seeks info from anyone connected the East and West Coast ORTUFs (Coastal Force Units) beginning in 1963. Contact: Bill Wells, GMC/M, USCG(Ret.), 258 Meadowlake Drive, Martinez, GA 30907 (706) 860-9335 Internet: bwells@cap.gwu.edu

**Lifestest Address Change**  
If you're interested in obtaining the USCG Beverage Holders advertised in the June 1994 issue, the address has changed to: CPOA Portsmouth "Lifestests" P.O. Box 1071 Portsmouth, VA 23705-1071

## Nationwide TEMAC/SADT/EAD

As of 9/28/94

### Place

Loran Station Kodiak, AK  
CGHQ (G-RSM), Wash, D.C.

### Duration

60 days  
Oct. 1-Jan. 31, 1995

### Rate/Rank

CWO(Mat)  
E4/E5; YN/SK

### Quals

Public works or equivalent engineering exp.  
Reserve Records Section

### Point of Contact

LTJG McMillin, (907) 463-2252/3  
CWO4 Ouellette, (202) 267-0543

## Clearing confusion over using terms reserve and reservist

By **CAPT Roger Pike, USCGR(Ret.)**

The use of the terms "reserve" and "reservist" seem to cause considerable confusion. "Reserve" refers to one of the seven reserve components — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Air Guard. A "reservist" is a person who is a member of one of those components.

If you say, "Three reservists are drilling this weekend," you should expect to see three people show up. But, if you say, "Three reserves are drilling this weekend," then you should anticipate hosting a rather large crowd, possibly numbering in the hundreds of thousands.

If you use the term "the Coast Guard Reserve" or, simply, "the Reserve," the word is being used as the name of an organization and should be capitalized as a proper noun. On the other hand, in uses such as "both active duty and reserve personnel were present," the word is a common noun and need not be capitalized. With rare exception, "reservist" is almost always a common noun and would not be capitalized. The most common exception is when the term is used as a title, as in, "she is a Coast Guard Reservist."

*CAPT Pike served as a Reserve Program Administrator before his retirement in January 1991. He wordsmithed many congressional budget statements/hearings while working in G-RSP at CG Headquarters. Now a pharmaceutical sales representative and resident of Greensboro, N.C. wordsmithing remains his "hobby."*



### WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE FOR AMERICA MEMORIAL

The Women in Military Service For America Memorial will honor more than 1.8 million women who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces. The planned memorial site is the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C. Groundbreaking is scheduled for spring 1995 with dedication 18-24 months later.

A donation or pledge can help build the Memorial. It can also register or honor a servicewoman in the historic roll of honor. Two Coast Guard SPARS, Betty Splaine and Josephine Goode are on the Women's Memorial Foundation. For more info., write:

**WIMSA, Dept. 560  
Washington, D.C. 20042-0560**

Phone: **1-800-472-5883 (1-800-1 - SALUTE)**  
Internet: **WIMSA@cap.gwu.edu**

Special U.S. Mint coins commemorating Women in Military Service are available for \$35 with proceeds funding the Memorial. A set of three coins commemorating Vietnam Vets, POWs and WIMSA is also available for \$91. For details or to order, call **1-800-777-VETS.**

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### Pay Raise?

Both the Senate and House versions of the defense bill include a 2.6 percent pay raise for active / reserve personnel. If approved by the President, it will be reflected in pay charts for IDT and ADT to be published in *The Reservist* in the December / January time frame.



**VETERANS DAY**  
**Friday, November 11, 1994**

# A Story For Thanksgiving

Story & photos by LCDR Page Croyder  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE

When 11-year-old James Black found himself the sole supporter of his younger sister Brenda, 8, and brother Durell, 6, he acted as heroically as any Coast Guardsman in a crisis could. He earned money by offering to help people carry their grocery bags and helped his siblings find a place to sleep each night — in abandoned cars, at a friend's house, wherever they could find. Brenda and Durell tried to help out by asking people for money, a task, they said, that made them feel "bad."

Meanwhile, their great-great-aunt, Atlee Black, had long-settled into her life as a Pentagon custodian and active church participant. A widow, she successfully raised three sons of her own in the District of Columbia, and now they were out of the house pursuing their careers as bus driver, computer analyst and accountant. She did not know James, Brenda, and Durell very well because their mother lived an unsettled life roaming from house to house for over 10 years — James had been to six different schools in his brief school career. When the great-niece finally left altogether, her children lived on the street for over 30 days, unbeknownst to Mrs. Black.

Finally, the police picked up James, who led them to Mt. Paran Baptist Church where he knew Mrs. Black did volunteer cooking. And there one brave young boy connected with a strong and loving woman, who began a second family by taking in all three children. With

the help of her son, Kevin, who watches the children every evening while she works, Mrs. Black has fed and clothed them and seen to it that they attend every day of school and Sunday School.

Enter the Reserve Personnel Management Division of CG Headquarters (G-RSM).

**Brenda Black and YN1 Tangela Hummons are like "sisters."**



**CGHQ Reserve Division's extended family, left to right: Durell, Brenda, Atlee and James Black.**

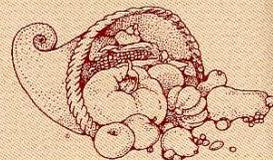
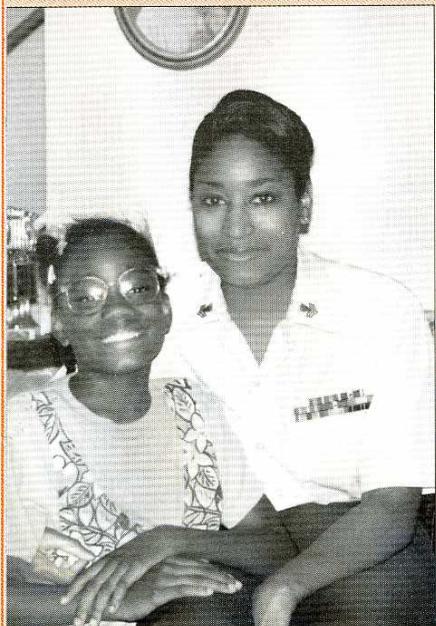
When discussing what to do for the holidays two years ago, staff members opted to assist a family in need on a year-round basis rather than throw themselves a party. Through the Anthony C. Bowen Elementary School in Southeast Washington, D.C. and CGHQ Equal Opportunity Branch (G-CAS-7), they hooked up with the Blacks. G-RSM provides gifts on birthdays, Christmas and Easter, food on holidays, school supplies, and personal attention during Coast Guard picnics and events. CDR Stephen Rochon of G-RSM-1, who coordinates the effort, intends to increase the office's participation this coming year by planning field trips and providing the children tutoring in their school work and mentoring on a regular basis.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Mrs. Black. "I would take five or six more sets of children if I had people like the Coast Guard to help." Mrs. Black's own talents make it easier, too. When asked what fixings she wants to cook for a holiday dinner, she says it doesn't matter. "If you bring it, I'll cook it."

Brenda Black, now age 10, refers to YN1 Tangela Hummons of RSM-3 as her "sister." Hummons brought Brenda to Headquarters on "Take Your Daughter to Work Day" last spring, where Brenda remembers Hummons "putting all the papers in order." In a year's time, Brenda has jumped from the second to the fourth grade.

James, now 13, and Durell, age 8, have also worked hard to catch up with their peers in school, and, along with their sister, take karate and sing in the church choir. While James likes sports, Durell says he wants to be a policeman and also work with the homeless when he grows up.

The Blacks look forward to a big Thanksgiving dinner this month, courtesy of G-RSM. But the real Thanksgiving story can be found in the perseverance of the children, the loving-kindness of Mrs. Black and her son Kevin, and the unselfishness of some Coast Guard personnel who give of themselves to the community all year round.



# On Deck

By MCPO William C. Phillips

Command Enlisted Advisor  
Coast Guard Reserve



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**A**fter traveling with my family from Portland, Ore., we were excited as we arrived at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. for the Coast Guard Reserve Command Enlisted Advisor Relief Ceremony. I would like to thank the Coast Guard staff that put together the Aug. 31 relief change of watch for my predecessor, MCPO Forrest W. Croom. The turnout was wonderful and everyone will miss MCPO Croom's smiling face and support.

My first order of business as new CGR-CEA is to thank D1, D5, D8 and D13 for nominating their Outstanding Enlisted Reservist for the year. I was very excited to convene the panel which met in September and selected DC1 Ovid Dale Harris from D13. Reading through the packets submitted by the district offices reminded me again of the outstanding work force that we have in the Coast Guard Reserve. With all the changes that have been occurring with the Coast Guard, it is nice to see the flexibility that we have as a working force. The Navy Enlisted Reserve Association honored DC1 Harris Oct. 19 at their National Conference at Niagara Falls, N.Y.

I would like to thank NERA for their support of the Coast Guard Reserve in sponsoring this award and the action they take for the enlisted community. A write-up on DC1 Harris can be found in this month's "Front & Center" section.

In other recent activities, I attended the graduation of the Chief Petty Officers Academy Class 29, which included the graduation of Reserve Class II, at the end of September. I am very proud of the Chief's Academy in combining the class graduation which enhances the integration of the Chiefs Corps.

You've all heard the saying "it's a small world." Well, I've only been in the CGR-CEA position a few short weeks and I've already seen or talked to several people that I have worked with in the past. If you're in the neighborhood of Coast Guard Headquarters, please stop by and let me know how it's going out in the field. If that's not possible, write, call or e-mail me at the addresses listed at the top of this column.

Lastly, with Thanksgiving right around the corner, I would like to thank everyone for their support and remember...never give up!



## Changing of Guard at Coast Guard HQ

**CAPT Joseph M. Rogers,**  
*Acting Chief, Office of  
Readiness & Reserve,  
center, salutes outgoing  
G-R CEA MCPO Forrest  
W. Croom, right, while  
incoming G-R CEA  
MCPO William C.  
Phillips, left, looks on.  
The Relief Ceremony  
was held  
at Coast Guard  
Headquarters,  
Washington D.C.  
Aug. 31.*



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

# Three Cheers for CGC Polar Sea!



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It was a proud moment for the entire Coast Guard Team when Polar Sea became the first United States Surface Vessel to reach the North Pole, Aug. 22, 1994. Bravo Zulu to Polar Sea, its officers and crew!

—ALCOAST 081/94