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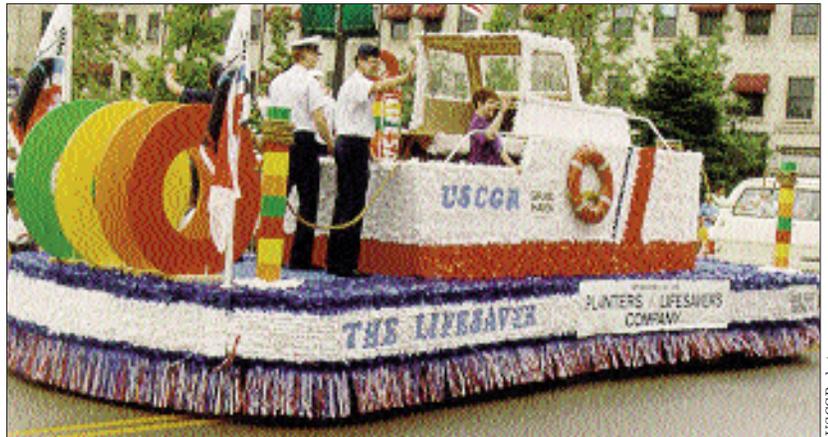
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*Coast Guard Reservists ride the "USCGR Lifesaver" float during the Coast Guard Bicentennial parade in Grand Haven Aug. 4, 1990. The Festival is looking for reservists to march in this year's parade in honor of the CGR 60th.*

Two years ago, I met two of the people featured in this issue. The first is our "Man With A Mission," BMC John Peacock, featured on the cover. Chief is the REBI School Instructor at Training Center Cape May, N.J. After I met him at Cape May in October 1999, I kept joking with him that someday I was going to publish a story on him and REBI. Chief is a rare breed and part of the "backbone" of the Coast Guard Reserve. One petty officer from Cleveland even called me recently to say he thinks Peacock should've been named one of the "Coasties of the Century."

The second "person" I met in 1999 that I'd like to introduce you to is "Coastie, The Safety Boat." I first met him at the Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven along with his "Dad," Mike Robeano from Westerville, Ohio. Coastie was preparing for the parade, and I just had to go over and introduce myself. I hope you enjoy Coastie's story and embrace his water safety message. The original Coastie (WAUX-01) has brothers and sisters all over the nation now too.

In this issue we also have stories on the PSU 309 homecoming in Cleveland in March and the Midwest flooding in April. We salute all involved. In a way, it's almost like reliving Desert Storm of 1991 and the Midwest flooding of 1993 all over again. Funny how history repeats itself, isn't it?

Last issue, I promised to update you on CGR 60th happenings. The Coast Guard Festival parade committee is looking for volunteers to march in the parade representing every decade of CGR history from the 1940s to the present. Volunteers would march with the decade they first joined the CG/CGR; for example, in my case, the 1980s. While many of you have already seen this posted on the Reserve Web site, if you have not, please see "Spirit of the Sixtieth," page 19.

Have a great summer and see you in Grand Haven!

**- ED.**

## CGR 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Great job on the February 2001 *Reservist*! Feb. 19, 1941 is a date that means so very much to all of us, past and present. Feb. 19, 1945, Iwo Jima, also a date that means so very much to so very many Americans.

I just wonder how many USCG and USCGR coxswains on landing craft were singing "Happy Birthday" USCGR! I bet instead, they were praying for their very lives!

I served in the USCGR in the 1950s. I thank God every day that I was in the USCG. I only wish I could have stayed longer, but we can only pass this way once.

— Richard A. Chappell  
Independence, Ohio

Reading Page 3 of the February 2001 edition of *The Reservist* took me back to the summer of 1941. I was 11 years old and, along with two of my friends, we worked for the harbormaster in Newport, R.I. Our job was to row a work skiff along the waterfront, rake and shovel debris on the shore into the boat, and return the stuff to the harbormaster's shack area. We then shoveled it on shore for the city yard crew to take it to the dump. We did this work for no pay. It was fun just being on the water. Adjacent to our work area was the National Guard armory.

We returned to the job in the summer of 1942. Wow, things had changed. We were in World War II. The Coast Guard had taken over the armory as a base for the port security unit. Since we were on the water, we had to visit the PSU and get port security cards, all at age 12.

That summer allowed me to observe an active, war time, Coast Guard PSU in action. I was fascinated. In later years, when I was a lieutenant commander in the Reserve, circa 1970, my mobilization assignment was commanding officer of the Newport PSU.

How ironic! Fortunately for all, it never happened.

— CAPT William N. Taylor, USCGR(ret.)  
San Diego, Calif.

I enjoyed your article "Highlights from Our History, 1941-2001" and had some comments regarding information in the article appearing on page 18. The article refers to the "6 x 8" Reserve enlistment program. I was one of the early "6 x 8s" as we were called.

After 12 weeks of boot camp at Alameda and Advanced Training which included 30 days aboard the *CGC Wachusett* (WHEC 44), I was discharged from active duty on March 6, 1958. This was done for all 6 x 8s to ensure we did not serve 180 days of active duty, thus ensuring we would not be eligible for VA benefits. After a short stint at RU Vessel Support at Hunters Point in San Francisco, the unit was disbanded, and I was assigned to one of the new ORTUPS (Organized Training Unit Port Security) 12-465 in San Jose, Calif.

After the initial active duty period, we were required to attend 48 drills per year and perform 13 days ADT annually, as opposed to drilling intermittently and performing ADT for short stretches as outlined in the article. At the end of my 8-year obligation, I reenlisted, and as it all unraveled, I ended up spending 34 years in the USCGR and retired in 1991 as an FICM, now PSCM.

Thanks for putting out a great magazine every month. I still see names and faces of people that I served with over the years and enjoy it very much.

— PSCM Phillip R. Hoxie, USCGR (ret.)  
Murphys, Calif.

## BRAVO (ZULU) FOR BACCHUS

My congratulations to LT Robert Hanley for the outstanding article on the first Reserve officer, CAPT Richard E. Bacchus! When the then LTJG Bacchus reported to the *Modoc*, I was an ensign on that same ship. Besides Bacchus, there were two others who reported at the same time — ENS Benjamin M. Chiswell and ENS Hershell

Sanders. These two became regular Coast Guard officers after the war. For all of us, regular and reserve, the Greenland Patrol on the *Modoc* was a memorable experience and reservists served well and effectively — we were one and the same.

Richard (Dick) Bacchus was an efficient and knowledgeable seagoing officer whose performance reflected great credit on the Coast Guard. He set a standard of service for all Reserve officers and I am proud to call him a shipmate and a friend. I [recently] spoke to him on the telephone, and we reminisced on our time together. I wished him good health, and thanked him for his devoted service. We are one Coast Guard.

Congratulations to our Reserve component on 60 years of outstanding performance!

— VADM Thomas R. Sargent, USCG(ret.)  
Lake San Marcos, Calif.

## RESERVISTS AND DD-214 LETTER

I just received the February 2001 *Reservist* and as usual, read it cover to cover. But this time, I kept going back to a letter from YNC Robert T. Ferrante, USCGR(ret.) of South Portland, Maine. After reading it several times, I got the impression that someone thinks a DD-214 is an Active Duty form.

It was my understanding that upon completion of military service, "all personnel" received a DD-214. The response states that "a Reservist doesn't need one to draw their entitlements." While this may be true for the purposes of receiving their pensions, etc., try applying for a VA loan with a CG-4175A, or get Veteran's Employment preference with it and you will find out whether a DD-214 is needed.

Recently, I applied for a job with the local government



and they asked if I was a veteran. I responded “yes,” and they asked for my DD-214. When I provided them with my latest CG-4175A, they just handed it back and said that it wasn’t any use to them. Fortunately, I did have a copy of my DD-214 from my Naval Reserve service available. While the *Reserve Policy Manual* made giant strides in improving the old *Reserve Administration & Training Manual (RAT)*, it has left numerous holes that need to be addressed, as you have indicated in response to other letters in this and other issues.

While I agree with LCDR Kearns’ assessment that a DD-214 is only issued after 90-plus days of ADT, I do believe that a DD-214 should, and probably by intent, must be issued upon completion of military obligation. A review of the old *RAT Manual* might indicate different requirements that were left out of the new policy manual.

In any event, I do know of individuals who performed eight years of Reserve service in other branches, that, upon discharge, were issued a DD-214, with only annual ADT and monthly drills performed for that period. I also remember a time when each time an individual reenlisted, he received a DD-214 for the prior enlistment. I believe that that policy was discontinued during the days

of the “Paperwork Reduction Act.” It would seem that in the days of “E-everything,” it might be wise to revisit this issue.

— *MSTCM Walter Craft, USCGR  
MSO Tampa, Florida*

*Ed’s note: We checked back with Coast Guard Personnel Command Reserve Personnel Management Division (rpm). They said that at this point, the services have all agreed that a DD-214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) will not be issued except upon RELAD for more than 90 days. Criteria for issuance of a DD-214 and ineligible personnel are found in the reference COMDTINST M1900.4D, 1.B.10.*

## **CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS**

In the February 2001 *Reservist*, Charles Mudgett’s “USCG HMC” Florida license plate was erroneously listed as Pharmacist’s Mate First Class. It stood for Chief Pharmacist’s Mate. BM2 Spence Wilson, USCGR, was shown on the back cover of the March/April 2001 issue as an E-4. When the photo was taken in June 2000, he was an E-4, but advanced to BM2 in January 2001.

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

# **GEORGIA... ON MY MIND**

Since the beginning of 2001, Georgia Guard and Reserve license plates are being produced to indicate the member’s component. The new Georgia state USCGR tag is a direct result of more than two years work by the Georgia Committee of the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve and **CAPT Rod Powell**, the state representative for the USCG to the committee.

The old design was a generic design and had no specific reference to the USCGR. Powell recommended the Coast Guard stripes and logo for easy recognition, to symbolize Team Coast Guard, and to help with recruiting. He believes that the best recruiters are reservists themselves and the new plates will help kick off many conversations about our unique Reserve mission.

“To me, its an honor to have contributed something to my fellow reservists in the state of Georgia,” said Powell. “This is sort of my last act as a reservist as I’m now retiring after 26 years in the Reserve.”

The new plates were signed into law by **Gov. Roy Barnes** in March 2000 and became available Jan. 1, 2001. When other Coast Guard Reservists, active duty, or retired reservists in the state renew their plates, they can opt for the new tag. One reservist who did just that was **YN1 Gail E. Owens** who learned of the new plates in mid-December. Toward the end of February 2001, the new plates arrived, and Owens now proudly displays them on her 1989 Oldsmobile Delta Royal 88, while Powell’s are attached to his Ford F-150 truck. Powell says that special thanks are due State Senator **Mike Crofts**, State Rep. **Randy Sauder**, and Georgia ESGR Executive Secretary **Coy Short** for supporting this initiative for the Coast Guard and all the other services.



*Above: CAPT Rod Powell with Georgia on his mind and the CGR on his plate.*

*Below: The license plate of YN1 Gail E. Owens.*





## IT'S THE LAW!

In my last View in November 2000, I mentioned the many successes that the Reserve program has logged in supporting the Active component through daily augmentation in traditional Coast Guard mission areas. Although daily augmentation provides the means for training and qualification of reservists, it is not the primary reason for our existence. As is the case with all Armed Forces

of the U.S. and their Reserve components, the Coast Guard Reserve, and its purpose, are founded in Federal law. There are two sections of the United States Code that are especially important to understanding our reason for existence.

10 USC 10102 applies to all five Reserve components. It states:

*The purpose of each reserve component is to provide trained units and qualified persons available for active duty in the armed forces, in time of war or national emergency, and at such other times as the national security may require, to fill the needs of the armed forces whenever, during and after the period needed to procure and train additional units and qualified persons to achieve the planned mobilization, more units and persons are needed than are in the regular components.*

14 USC 712 applies specifically to the Coast Guard Reserve, and its ability to respond to emergencies:

*(a) Notwithstanding another law, and for the emergency augmentation of the Regular Coast Guard forces during a serious natural or manmade disaster, accident, or catastrophe, the Secretary may, without the consent of the member affected, order to active duty of not more than thirty days in any four-month period and not more than sixty days in any two-year period an organized training unit of the Coast Guard Ready Reserve, a member thereof, or a member not assigned to a unit organized to serve as a unit.*

*(b) Under the circumstances of the domestic emergency involved, a reasonable time shall be allowed between the date when a Reserve member ordered to active duty under this section is alerted for that duty and the date when the member is required to enter upon that duty. Unless the Secretary determines that the nature of the domestic emergency does not allow it, this period shall be at least two days.*

There are other statutes affecting the President's authority to mobilize reservists in the Armed Forces, which also apply to the Coast Guard Reserve.

With this in mind, there are two initiatives currently underway to better align the Coast Guard Reserve with its mobilization mission. Neither of these initiatives will significantly change our commitment to daily augmentation, training and qualification of reservists in their assigned areas; providing trained and qualified reservists to the Active com-

ponent has always been, and will continue to be the preeminent goal of the Reserve program.

First of these initiatives is the process of realigning the Reserve Personnel Allowance List (RPAL). Although we have approximately 8,000 Selected Reservists onboard, a significant number of our people are assigned to units not having appropriate billets, or to billets that require a different skill set or rating. This was a result of, among other things, recruiting to achieve an end strength of 8,000 Selected Reservists without reference to the RPAL.

In January of this year, Commandant issued a message to Area Commanders stating: "Every attempt should be made to achieve the highest percentage possible in RPAL fill rates." Guidance was provided on assignments, ideally resulting in a match of the person and the billet according to appropriate grade and specialty, and rate/rating.

The second initiative comes from recommendations in the final report of the Reserve Workforce Structure Board and affects the RPAL directly. In this report, the board recommended:

*The board noted a need for an overarching policy statement from the Commandant on the use of their Reserve component in the realm of often-competing mobilization and augmentation requirements. In the absence of such a policy statement, the board nonetheless determined that in making recommendations, it would be generally guided by the following in descending priority:*

*a. Contingency, mobilization, and surge requirements, to include port security units and Commander in Chief (CINC) billets as defined in the Contingency Personnel Requirements List (CPRL), must be filled first.*

*b. CPRL billets should not be used for reprogramming unless another acceptable billet is substituted.*

*c. Long standing RPAL vacancies not on the CPRL should be reprogrammed first, followed by occupied RPAL billets not on the CPRL.*

In short, we are looking at ways to enhance readiness of the Coast Guard Reserve to address contingencies, peacetime natural disasters, national security, and national defense operations. In the next few months, each Coast Guard District will be working to make assignments or changes to the RPAL to further this goal. Some of this can be accomplished through the assignment of new members to the Reserve as they arrive, some can be accomplished through the reprogramming of billets to meet demonstrated support and surge needs.

And, we suspect that it will take a year or two to accomplish this objective. This process may open new opportunities for our reservists, and may require some to focus their Reserve career in new directions. But whatever opportunities lie ahead, we must be ever mindful that we are a people service, and there is a balance that challenges us to meet the needs of the service given real world concerns of our people. This challenge is constantly over-shadowed by one of the Commandant's most significant Watch Words: *People — Build and Value the Team*. Through subsequent articles, I hope to keep you, our team, apprised of developments in this new initiative.

**By Rear Admiral Carlton D. Moore, USCGR  
Deputy for Mobilization & Reserve Component Affairs, LANTAREA**

## COAST GUARD RESERVISTS WELCOMED HOME

CLEVELAND — Coast Guard Reservists attached to PSU 309 had a heartwarming homecoming when they arrived home from the Middle East March 23.

A four-member bagpipe band greeted the reservists as they stepped off the plane around 9:30 a.m. at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

It was an emotional welcome home for the Coast Guard Reservists who had not seen family members since mid-December, having to spend Christmas apart.

“It was hard over there where we were, and (we) tried not to think about home,” said **SK3 Craig Wagner** of Olmsted Falls, Ohio. “It was the best way to cope with it, and I’m just glad to be home.”

**BM2 Eric Drake** of Wickliffe, Ohio, was also happy to be home.

“We knew there would be some people here, but we didn’t expect this,” he said.

The group had been deployed in the Middle East since Dec. 13. Other members of the approximately 37 reservists that deployed in December also returned home, but did not go through Cleveland. The original deployment followed on the heels of the explosion aboard *USS Cole* last October. Replacements comprised of reservists



*A Coast Guard Reservist from PSU 309 hugs his daughter at the Cleveland airport March 23.*

from other PSUs.

PSU 309 is located at Port Clinton, Ohio.

*Ed's note: Sources for this article included MCPO George Ingraham, Reserve Force Master Chief and Cleveland's WEWS-TV Newsnet 5.*

## Reservists assist following *Ehime Maru* collision



*Top: Ehime Maru crewmembers are transported aboard a Coast Guard 41-footer to Oahu.*

*Bottom: Station Honolulu Coast Guardsmen assist rescued crewmembers from Ehime Maru.*



Photos by BM2 Clayton Williams, Station Honolulu

HONOLULU, Hawaii — As least four reservists were actively involved in rescue and recovery operations following the Feb. 9 collision of the American submarine *USS Greeneville* and Japanese vessel *Ehime Maru* in Pearl Harbor.

**ENS Earl Everett**, USCGR, was finishing his last scheduled day of active duty at MSO Honolulu when the Investigations Department was sent to interview survivors from the *Ehime Maru*. His team conducted the initial investigation into the accident and later worked closely with investigators from the Navy and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). **LCDR Jack Laufer** served as duty officer at the Joint Rescue Coordination Center in Honolulu in charge of coordinating search efforts during the first full day of searching for the nine missing crewmembers Feb. 10. **BM2 Brad Conway** was Officer of the Day Feb. 10 at Station Honolulu, the key launch site for small boats conducting searches in the area south of Diamond Head lighthouse. Reservist **YN2 Johnny Dodge**, serving on extended active duty at ISC Honolulu, was recalled to augment the Feb. 10 duty section at the base on Sand Island due to tremendous influx of media that staged out of the ISC's dockside spaces.

Other reservists continued to perform scheduled drills and duty, including several who called to make themselves available for recall as the search continued into the following week.

— By LT Dave Allen, ISC Honolulu (pf)

# RESERVISTS DEPLOYED WITH FLOOD DRUs

ST. LOUIS, Miss. — Over 20 Coast Guardsmen were deployed with Disaster Response Units (DRUs) when flood waters once again threatened communities in the Upper Mississippi River region in late April.

Six reservists were deployed with DRU 1, St. Paul, Minn.; DRU 2, Quad Cities; and DRU 3, St. Louis. DRU 6, Group Upper Mississippi, was also deployed with an active duty crew. Reservists were also assisting at MSO St. Louis and at the MSO's Incident Command System (ICS).

A DRU consists of an eight-member team with three, 14-foot trailerable flood boats. Each unit also has a four-wheel-drive vehicle to transport the boats and team members to a flooded location. Coast Guard missions during the flood included SAR operations, assessment of impact on ATONs, surveying levees, assessing environmental impact, and securing houseboats broken loose from moorings. Air crews from Air Station Traverse City, Mich conducted surveillance flights.

During the flooding, Coast Guard Captain of the Port closed a 400-mile section of the Upper Mississippi River to recreational and commercial vessel traffic to reduce the risk of damage to levees caused by vessel wakes. The river closure is significant because though frequently overlooked as an asset, the economy of transport on the western river



*Coast Guardsmen assist a family evacuated from their home during the recent Mississippi River flooding.*

system is a strategic element in the U.S. balance of trade. One bulk-carrier barge carries as much cargo as 15 railroad cars or 58 semi-truck trailers. A typical 15-barge tow equals the load of 870 trucks.

Coast Guard flood punts assisting at Hampton, Ill. were pictured on the front page of the April 26, 2001 issue of *The New York Times*. For more reports and photos, see MSO St. Louis' Web site at: [www.uscg.mil/d8/mso/stlouis/index.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/d8/mso/stlouis/index.htm). During the Midwest floods of 1993, 450 reservists were authorized for recall, but 393 were recalled.

— By LT Christopher T. O'Neil, MSO St. Louis

## RCNSC TRAINING



*The two-week semi-annual Reserve Components National Security Course (RCNSC) brought in 150 Reserve officers from across the nation recently, including six CGR officers shown here at the Hilton Old Town in Alexandria, Va. Left to right: CDR Maury Weeks, MLCLANT(pf); CDR Mark Jones, D7; CDR Stanley Smith, D13; CAPT Brian McDonnell, RCNSC staff; RADM Dennis Sirois, Director of Reserve & Training and RCNSC guest speaker; YN1 Gail Owens, RCNSC staff; CDR Stephen Jackson, CGHQ; and CDR John Schmill, Group San Francisco. RCNSC is open to all Selected Reserve Officer O-5 and above. For application information contact: LT Steve Custer (COMDT, G-WTR-1) at 202-267-0554*

Photo by PNCS Jeffrey Stanley, USNR

# BUSH APPLAUDS EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF RESERVE COMPONENTS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — President **George W. Bush** recognized the employers of National Guard and Reserve members during a speech he made to Guardsmen, their families and employers here Feb. 14.

During his visit, Bush outlined his defense policies and priorities and focused on the nation's "citizens soldiers" in remarks he made to an audience at the headquarters of the Air National Guard's 130th Airlift Wing. He also met with a group of employers at the headquarters of the West Virginia National Guard in Charleston.

Recently, the increased use of the National Guard and Reserve to support deployments in Bosnia and Kosovo have tested the resolve of civilian employers, something Bush heard firsthand. **Hershel Sims**, President of Accordia Insurance Company, told Bush that the pace of deployments created friction even among companies that support the reservists who work for them.

"Our people and our companies are caught in the middle," said Sims.

Bush singled out employers for praise: "You put love of country above love of profit."

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Acting Executive Director **Michael Naylor**, was on hand during an employer roundtable. He gave accolades to the West Virginia ESGR committee for facilitating dialogue between local employers and Reserve component members. He also called attention to ESGR's initiatives to develop a national employer



Photo by P02 Patricia Findley, USNR

**West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise, left, President George W. Bush, center, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, right, participate in an employer roundtable in Charleston, W.Va.**

database and expanded Web-based services to further improve communication.

ESGR ([www.esgr.org](http://www.esgr.org)) is a Department of Defense agency that addresses employer issues related to use of the National Guard and Reserve in national defense. It offers a variety of services and programs through a network of 4,500 volunteers in 54 committees to gain the support of employers and the public.

— By CAPT Cheryl Phillips, ESGR

## GOLDEN STATE POW Wow

*Four members of the Coast Guard Compass outreach team participated in the 24th Annual California Conference on American Indian Education in Redding, Calif. March 29-31.*

*Here, reservists pose in civilian attire at the Conference Pow Wow with Estrada family members.*

*Back row, l to r, CDR Diane Coleman, MSO Los Angeles/Long Beach; SK2 Forrie Cotten, ISC Seattle; and CDR Mike Price, Compass Team Coordinator from Headquarters.*



Photo courtesy CDR Mike Price, USCGR

## PORTSMOUTH ALL HANDS



Photo by LT David Kalis, USCG

*Reserve Force Master Chief MCPO George Ingraham, right, talks with Tidewater area reservists and active duty members at the Reserve Workshop sponsored by ISC Portsmouth, Va. Feb. 24-25. Over 180 people attended the event from various 5th District commands.*

## ALL IN THE FAMILY



Photo by LT Jamie Bradshaw, USCGR

*When SN Amber Habel, left, advanced to YN3 on Jan 19, her father, BMC Joe Habel, right, OIC of Station Cape Charles, Va., helped pin the crow's. YN3 Habel, 19, is a reservist at Group Eastern Shore in Chincoteague, Va.*

## STATE OF COAST GUARD



Photo by PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

*CWO4 James Roberts, USCGR, left, and CDR Dale Rausch, USCGR, man the Coast Guard Reserve's booth at the annual State of the Coast Guard address at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. on March 22. The event was attended by about 500 people.*

## LIKE SON, LIKE FATHER?



Photo by SCPO Robert K. Helms, USCGR

*It was role reversal of sorts when CAPT Todd McCaghy, USAF, left, reenlisted his father, SK1 Vincent McCaghy, USCGR, into the Coast Guard Reserve recently. SK1 McCaghy is attached to CGC Gasconade (WLR-75401) out of Omaha, Neb.*

# RESERVE PROGRAM NEWS

There are many important initiatives currently underway that will help determine the future size and improve the management of the Coast Guard Reserve. The results of these studies will provide a firm foundation on which to build the Coast Guard Reserve of the 21st Century.

## • Coast Guard Reserve Requirements in Support of Coast Guard Missions Study, 2001

— A new study group is being chartered by the Chief of Staff to review the current and future missions of the Coast Guard Reserve. This initiative is a follow-up to the Roles and Missions study conducted in 1997. That study identified the need for a Reserve force of 12,293 to meet Coast Guard surge and augmentation requirements at the time. The new study group will review current and projected Coast Guard mission requirements, including potential new mission areas such as Homeland Security and enhanced domestic Port Security, and make recommendations as to where reservists can provide the most effective support. The study group will also review the process for planning, identifying, and prioritizing Reserve mission requirements. For additional information, please contact LCDR Kevin Brown, Commandant (G-WTR-1) at 202-267-0564, [kmbrown@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:kmbrown@comdt.uscg.mil)

## • Reserve Full Time Support (FTS) Study Approved

— After seven years in the making, the Coast Guard Reserve FTS Study was approved. The study establishes staffing guidance for Reserve full-time support personnel. These standards help ensure we have the required support capability to administer and train reservists. The staffing standard also directly links the overall number of FTS billets to the size of the Reserve force. The Reserve Program is currently funded for 506 billets (civilian and military) to support our current force of 8,000 Selected Reserve and 5,000 Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) members. Overall, the standards support additional FTS billets, primarily to provide those services our Reserve Unit Commands performed during pre-integration days. Growth of the FTS force is expected

to occur gradually. FTS personnel in no way replace or supplant reservists. These billets are scattered throughout the nation, but are concentrated primarily at ISCs, Training Centers, at PSUs, and at Headquarters where Reserve administrative and management functions are carried out. For more information, check out the FTS Study under Publications (bottom of page) on the Reserve Web site:

[www.uscg.mil/reserve/pubs.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/reserve/pubs.htm) or contact LCDR Darrell Prather at 202-267-2217 or 800-842-8740, ext. 72217, [dprather@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:dprather@comdt.uscg.mil)

## • RPAL Summit

— In response to a general call from throughout the Coast Guard to “fix the Reserve Personnel Allowance List (RPAL),” MLCLANT and MLCPAC co-hosted a conference that laid the groundwork to do just that. Dubbed by many an “RPAL Summit,” the RPAL/CPRL Alignment Workshop was attended by representatives from G-OPF, G-CPA, G-WR, G-WTR, LANT and PAC Areas/Districts, and all Integrated Support Command (ISC) Force Optimization and Training Branches (fot, pfs). Attendees discussed how to realign the RPAL so that it will enhance LANT/PAC operational commander readiness to respond to mobilization and surge requirements while still providing a base

from which to build a flexible and career-oriented Reserve workforce. This is not an easy task since the cumulative manpower requirements established by the field commanders as reflected in the current RPAL may not have the correct number of billets in each rate, and at each grade level to support reasonable career progression for all Reserve personnel. For additional information, please contact CDR Mike Monteith, LANTAREA, 757-398-6237, [mmonteith@lantd5.uscg.mil](mailto:mmonteith@lantd5.uscg.mil); CDR Maury Weeks, MLCLANT(pf), 757-628-4506, [mweeks@mlca.uscg.mil](mailto:mweeks@mlca.uscg.mil); LCDR Bob Stohlman MLCLANT(pf), 757-628-4505, [rstohlman@mlca.uscg.mil](mailto:rstohlman@mlca.uscg.mil); or Ms. Roberta Santiago, MLCPAC(pf), 510-437-3242, [rsantiago@d11.uscg.mil](mailto:rsantiago@d11.uscg.mil)

The intent is to keep our readership apprised on the progress of these and other studies that will directly impact the future of the Reserve Program.

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





Photo by PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

# MAN ON A MISSION

BY PAC EDWARD J. KRUSKA, USCGR

**“THE TEACHER AFFECTS ETERNITY;  
HE CAN NEVER TELL WHERE HIS INFLUENCE STOPS.”**

**— HENRY ADAMS**

**T**here's an old saying that those who can't do, teach. But some disprove that convention — like BMC John Peacock. The mere fact that Peacock *has done* so much makes him an excellent head of the Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination (REBI) school at Training Center Cape May, N.J.

Born in St. Clair, Mich., the 58-year-old Coast Guard Reservist is the oldest of six children — with four sisters and a brother. His grandfather, Robert, and father, Clarence, were both Great Lakes sailors and his father served as a Coast Guard Reserve officer during World War II. At the age of three months, Peacock's father carried him aboard ship in a clothes basket, and he's been on ships and boats ever since. Of Chief's six children and 11 grandchildren, Curt, his youngest son, is carrying on the family maritime tradition as a deckmate/tankerman for Penn Maritime out of Staten Island, NY.

Peacock's active duty career began in 1961 when he served a four-year stint as a meteorologist with the Air Force and then as an Air Force Reservist from 1965-67. For the next 10 years, he pursued a civilian maritime career, obtaining his Mates License in 1970 and Masters License in 1973, and became Master of the *M/V Miss Louise* engaged in the coal trade out of Mobile, Ala. in 1976.

"A Coast Guardsman from MSO Mobile came aboard my ship to inspect it in 1976," said Peacock. "He said the Coast Guard Reserve could use a man with my civilian skills, and so I joined. My civilian experience was a perfect match for the Coast Guard Reserve."

His 25-year Reserve career includes stints at Station Mobile, Ala., Group Mobile as Group SAR Coordinator, Station Calumet Harbor, Ill. as XPO, and CGCs *Cushing*, *Chincoteague*, *Point Ledge* and *Stingray*, which he helped commission in 1999. He graduated from Chief Petty Officers Academy Reserve Class V at Petaluma in 1997.



*Chief Peacock's father, Clarence, was a Reserve officer during World War II, shown here in 1942 aboard the Alexander McDougall on the Great Lakes.*

Photo courtesy BMC John T. Peacock, USCGR



*Chief Peacock, center, aboard CGC Stingray at its commissioning in 1999.*

With his seasoned nautical background, Peacock went to Cape May on Temporary Additional Duty (TAD) two years ago to serve as a seamanship instructor. As his TAD was ending, the command asked him to stay on at REBI.

“There was a negative sentiment about REBI on base when I started, and I was bound and determined to change that,” said Peacock. “I’ve had great support from the TRACEN command and program managers at Headquarters.”

And what is Peacock’s goal?

“I want REBI to be the crown jewel of the Reserve program,” said Peacock without hesitating.

He’s working hard on making that a reality. When he started, the REBI classroom, lounge space, and squad bay at Munro Hall were barren. Now, when students come aboard for the one-and two-week REBI classes, they walk into a fully-furnished lounge complete with a 61-inch screen television for multi-media lessons and state-of-the art classroom. The bulkheads are gradually filling up with Coast Guard memorabilia and historical paintings. Hanging on one of the double doors leading into the REBI area is a sign with a line from the Coast Guardsman’s Creed: *With God’s help, I shall endeavor to be one of His noblest works.* Once through the doors, a huge blue and white banner jumps out from the lounge wall: *U.S. Coast Guard Reserve: 60 Years of Service to America, 1941-2001.* Now he’s working on obtaining an embroidered Coast Guard Reserve flag, like those made in 1991 for the Reserve’s 50th anniversary.

REBI is a requirement for Direct Petty Officers who join the Reserve through four programs designed for

prior and non-prior service members. RX, the most common program, is designed to attract experienced civilians who possess skills that can easily translate to the Reserve Program’s rating specialty needs. Once these new members arrive at REBI, they are introduced to the culture and operations of the U.S. Coast Guard. Those with no prior service attend a two-week course, those with prior service, including Maritime Academy students, one week. Topics covered include military justice, customs and courtesies, military drill, Coast Guard regulations and policy, missions of the Coast Guard, swimming and physical fitness, seamanship, watchstanding, leadership and followership, communications, basic human awareness and Reserve issues.

“Most of the students are extremely motivated,” said Peacock. “I tell them, ‘I’m the captain and you’re the crew. The captain takes care of the crew and the crew takes care of the captain.’ That’s been the philosophy of my career, as it was my father’s career.”

Peacock marvels at the skill levels and civilian experience REBI students possess.

“The experience they bring to class and into the Reserve is immeasurable,” said Peacock. “For example, in my last class, I had a Notre Dame graduate with a doctorate who came into the Reserve as a YN3. Last year, I had a BM2 who was a graduate of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy as 3rd Mate unlimited and unlimited pilotage and was attending the Maine Maritime Academy.”

Conversely, other Coast Guard personnel and his students think highly of Peacock. The bulletin board in his office is covered with thank you letters.

*Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination (REBI) Class 07-01 students march to chow after a morning at the TRACEN Cape May rifle range. The class graduated on April 13.*



Photo by BMC "Smilin" Mark Allen, USCGR

"Chief, thank you for your knowledge, leadership and experience," wrote SN William Bossa. "I feel now, after completing REBI school, I will be a valuable member of Station Ponce Inlet, New Smyrna, Fla. and the Coast Guard Reserve."

SK3 Mickey Pastor had similar sentiments: "You really went out of your way for me, I will never forget it...I am so proud of the service."

Recent REBI 07-01 graduate YN3 Bill Thallemer, wrote, "Chief Peacock is a dedicated professional who still believes the heart of the Coast Guard lies in the souls of its members. Treat your members well and their performance will be self-empowered. He enhanced my indoctrination more than any academic class in the two-week program. BMC Peacock will be the reason I stay in the Coast Guard for 20 years."

MK3 Brian Hosking said that the love Peacock has for the job and the effort he puts in is matched by none. "He is the captain and I feel lucky to be in his crew," said Hosking.

Former CGC *Cushing* Commanding Officer and Group Seattle Deputy Commander LCDR Robert Klapproth says that Peacock always provided him with sage advice and that to this day, he is a real rarity in that he was a fully qualified underway and inport OOD on a WPB-110. He also noted Peacock is a special character with his 25-plus years worth of underway captaining experience as a commercial merchant mariner."

"Chief Peacock epitomizes what every CO wants of their chiefs," said CAPT Sally Brice-O'Hara, Commanding Officer of TRACEN Cape May. "He sets high standards for himself and adeptly instills similar professionalism in the students he trains and mentors.

He has singularly raised the quality of the REBI program to ensure that the students are excited about the Coast Guard and well prepared for their first assignments. Course after course, the graduates never fail to praise the Chief with rave reviews about his commitment to their success. I value his advice and trust his judgment. My only regret is that I will be leaving Cape May and cannot convince him to join my staff at CGHQ!"

Cape May Executive Officer CDR Thomas Abbote says that Peacock is the best example of what a Coastie can be and that he has a true love of the Coast Guard.

"There's no better role model," said Abbote. "At REBI graduations, you can see in the eyes of the students how sincerely they appreciate his efforts. Some classes are almost teary-eyed."

Peacock taught 210 REBI students in FY1999, 375 during FY 2000, and 110 so far in FY 2001. He plans on staying at Cape May until September 2003 when he turns 60 and will retire from the Coast Guard Reserve.

"The best thing about being the REBI instructor is when the students leave Cape May knowing they made the right decision in joining the Coast Guard, and they share my love of our Coast Guard," said Peacock.

*Ed's note: BMC Peacock can be contacted by writing: Commanding Officer, TRACEN Cape May, Chief, REBI School, 1 Munro Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204; 609-898-6970; jpeacock@tracencapemay.uscg.mil. The REBI Web site is: www.uscg.mil/hq/capemay/RebeSchool.htm.*

# “Coastie, The Safety Boat” Riding Wave of Success!

By Mike Robeano,  
Coastie’s Dad, USCG Auxiliary



*“I’m Coastie the Safety Boat, I have a big job to keep you afloat,  
I’m Coastie the Safety Boat, come boat safely with me!”*

— Lyrics from Coastie’s Jingle/Web site

“Coastie, The Safety Boat” is making a big splash nationwide! He’s an animated battery-powered robotic cartoon character who teaches children water safety.

Coastie loves kids and they love him!

Coastie weighs in at 120 pounds, is 44 inches long, 30 inches wide, and 45 inches tall. He has navigation and searchlights, a rotating beacon, siren, air horn, and eyes and eyelids that move. He talks, plays music, and interacts with the instructor and children during presentations. He even has a bilge pump that pumps water like a real boat and has his own built-in squirt gun. Coastie is painted bright blue with decals promoting boating and water safety from many boating safety organizations. Coastie also has his own boating safety jingle, which was written by two elementary students. Musicians and vocalists along with three young persons recorded the jingle at a professional studio.

The original Coastie (WAUX-01) hails from Westerville, Ohio, home of Coastie’s “Dad,” Mike Robeano, a Coast Guard Auxiliarist with Flotilla 18-6, District 8th Eastern Region. Coastie was commissioned Sept. 2, 2000 at the Auxiliary’s national conference in Kansas City, Mo.

“Statistics from all over the country show that hundreds of children drown each year in water-related accidents,” said Robeano. “This interactive, educational program teaches them easy things that may save a life.”

Coastie teaches the six rules of water safety: wear your life jacket; never ride on the bow of a boat; don’t go in the water to save someone, reach or throw something to them instead; always swim with a buddy in a supervised area; look before you leap; and learn to swim.

The idea for Coastie was conceived by Robeano back in 1996 while participating in a Safety Day at a local shopping center. Robeano saw a similar robot called PC, which stands for Police Car. He was impressed by the way children were drawn to this character. He contacted the manufacturer, Robotronics, and was amazed to find they had a robotic boat called “Bobby” The Boat. He arranged to test a demo unit for evaluation in schools and public affairs events and Coastie was born! The current cost of a fully outfitted Coastie is about \$10,000. The original Coastie was funded by an educational grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft.

Coastie’s public appearances at schools, hospitals, boat shows, and parades made him a huge success almost overnight. So successful, in fact, that the fleet of Coasties nationwide has grown to 27. They are currently homeported in Ohio, Massachusetts, South Carolina, New York, Texas, Alaska, Missouri, Tennessee, West Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Florida and Hawaii.

Coastie received four awards during 1998 and 1999. His first award in 1998 was the Award of Merit from the National Water Safety Congress given at the International Boating and Water Safety Summit held in Hollywood, Fla. During the 1999 summit in

Albuquerque, N.M., Coastie received the National Safe Boating Council’s Southern Regional Advancement Award that placed the program in competition for the national award.

Coastie competed with other outstanding youth education programs and was unanimously voted the 1999 national award winner. At the same event, Coastie received the National Water Safety Congress Eastern Regional Award for outstanding program accomplishment. It’s safe to say Coastie leads the nation as the number one youth boating and water safety education program.

“Although the Coastie concept of boating and water safety education for children has only been around for approximately four years, we feel that this relatively new concept and character using this interactive educational instruction has been very successful,” said Robeano. “The program has now developed into a nationwide effort for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and our goal is to develop this program into another one of the Auxiliary’s outstanding success stories. When we started, we envisioned Coastie as the boating and water safety education’s national ambassador for the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and that dream is now becoming a reality.”

Coastie’s team motto is “Saving Lives Through Education,” and from the looks of it, Coastie is doing just that!

“If we can save the life of one child through this interactive educational program, then its cost is immeasurably small in relationship to the value of a child’s life,” said Robeano.

*Ed’s note: Learn more about Coastie or become involved in your area by contacting Fred Gates, Department Chief for National Public Affairs, 460-429-1622, navigator-fg@yahoo.com. Coasties Web: [www.uscg.mil/d8/diraux/8er/Coastie.html](http://www.uscg.mil/d8/diraux/8er/Coastie.html). If you would like to talk with Coastie’s Creator, Mike Robeano, contact him at: Coastie Operations For Flotilla 18-6, Coastie 01, 60 Bobby Lane, Westerville, OH 43081; Phone: 614-890-*



*Coastie gets a big hug from one of his many adoring fans, namely kids, but adults love him too!*

Photo courtesy of Coastie’s Dad, Mike Robeano, USCG Auxiliary

# Spirit of the Sixtieth



Photo by LT David Kallis, USCG

*SA Todd Perseghin of Station Little Creek, Va. gets some chiefly advice on cutting a CGR 60th anniversary cake from MCPO George Ingraham, Reserve Force Master Chief, . The event was part of a Reserve workshop for Tidewater area reservists on Feb. 24-25 at ISC Portsmouth.*



Photo by LT D.R. Allen, ISC Honolulu.

*RADM Mary O'Donnell, Deputy Commander for Mobilization and Reserve Component Affairs, Pacific, left, and CAPT Dan Flood, D14 Senior Reserve Officer, center, assist CAPT Robert T. Leary, CG Academy Class of 1941, cut the cake honoring the Coast Guard Reserve's 60th anniversary at an All-Hands training for reservists and Reserve coordinators at ISC Honolulu March 10, 2001.*

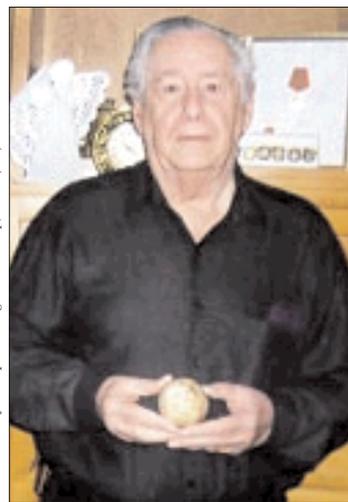


Photo courtesy of Capt. Wallington E. Cudlip, USA(Ret.)

*World War II Coastie Wally Cudlip of Palmyra, Pa., holds a baseball used at Curtis Bay, Md. for Coast Guard Day games played in 1941, the Reserve's birthday year. Cudlip served aboard CGC Bibb (WHEC-31) during the war, and the medal behind him was given for service in the North Atlantic.*

## GUAM RESERVISTS HONORED

NAVAL STATION, Guam — The Coast Guard Reserve's 60th anniversary and the CGR's 25th anniversary on Guam were recognized simultaneously March 23 by Coast Guard Mariannas Section.

The celebration, coordinated by **LCDR Bob Richie** and **YN1 Manny Aquiningoc**, included a proclamation by the Government of Guam praising reservists' contribution in the Western Pacific.

"The 44 officers and enlisted [Reserve] personnel of Marine Safety Office Guam are essential to our people's survival," wrote Speaker of the Guam Legislature Antonio R. Unpingco. "...We truly appreciate your willingness to make personal sacrifices to keep our waters

and our people safe. It is important that you continue to maintain the highest standard of professionalism and work ethic. Our island needs you to face the many challenges of this millennium."

Said Guam's Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez, "Please know that your outstanding service and success in an extremely demanding profession are sources of great pride for your families, our island, and our people."

A 17-member Reserve Unit was first established on Guam Aug. 15, 1975. Called RU Agana, the first Commanding Officer was CDR Jerome Dennehy. Eight COs followed him until the unit was decommissioned during Reserve Integration in 1993-94.

# ISC SAN PEDRO HOLDS “RESERVE APPRECIATION DAY”

SAN PEDRO, Calif. — Coast Guard Integrated Support Command San Pedro fired up the barbecue March 17 to show its appreciation for the contributions reservists have made to the command.

**CAPT Richard Beseler**, Commanding Officer, **CDR Michael Ghizzoni**, Executive Officer and **LCDR Richard Symons**, Admin Officer, kicked off the event by expressing their gratitude for the hard work and support of reservists. They also acknowledged reservists' families and recognized them for their support as well.

The event was planned and carried out by the active duty staff of the ISC PERSRU and was well-attended by active and reserve personnel and their families. **CWO Mona Dubinka**, PERSRU branch chief, said that she is especially grateful for her reservists who she says have been an invaluable asset.

“I rely on them constantly and they have never let me down,” said Dubinka.

She indicated that she depends on her reservists to maintain work flow during periods of annual leave, TAD and throughout the SPEAR season.

**CWO3 Stephen Caldwell**, the Reserve branch chief said, “Not only is it great to be needed, but when our contributions are appreciated to this extent, it fosters an excellent working relationship.”

Caldwell said he hoped this could be an annual event and perhaps other commands would participate as well. The event idea grew out 2001 being the CGR's 60th anniversary year.

— **CWO3 Stephen A. Caldwell**, USCGR, ISC San Pedro



Photo courtesy of CWO3 Stephen A. Caldwell, USCGR

## HEY, DON'T FORGET US!

When the Coast Guard Reserve turned 60 on Feb. 19, the question arose, “Does any reservist share the same birthday as the Reserve?” Altogether, 14 Coast Guard Reservists turned 60 during February, which means they turned RET-1-eligible (Retired With Pay).

Of the 14, the four closest to Feb. 19, the Reserve's birthday, were:

**LCDR Robert Schmidt**, D9,  
Feb. 16;

**BM1 David Lanoix**, D1,  
Feb. 17;

**EM1 Jack Pinkerton**, D7,  
Feb. 21;

**CWO4 Edwin Hynson**, D7,  
Feb. 25.

The other 10 are:

**BMC Jerome A. Duffy**, D11,  
Feb. 3;

**PS2 Robert L. Eason**, D5,  
Feb. 4;

**MK1 John W. Trapp**, D1,  
Feb. 6;

**MKCM Jerry W. Knight**, D8,  
Feb. 6;

**CAPT Karl L. Reichelt**, D1,  
Feb. 9;

**MKC James L. Butcher**, D8,  
Feb. 10;

**MK3 Paul C. Michels**, D11,  
Feb. 10;

**FS1 James I. Jarvis**, D8,  
Feb. 12;

**CWO4 Walter F. Robinson**, D1,  
Feb. 26;

**HSC Patricia L. Scharf**, D9,  
Feb. 26.

This list was taken from HRSIC's Retirement and Annuitant Services division monthly retirement report. Incidentally, the Uniformed Services Organization (USO) also turned 60 this year as did the Alaska State Troopers.

## WANTED:

### USCG FESTIVAL GRAND PARADE VOLUNTEERS

The theme of this year's U.S. Coast Guard Festival is “United States Coast Guard Reserve: Sixty Years of Service to America.” The Festival committee is soliciting volunteers from the Reserve community to represent each decade of the Reserve's 60 years, beginning with the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, etc. and up through the present, to march and ride in the Grand Parade. Whether you're an active reservist or retired, man or woman, young or old, come be a part of this unique and historic event, one of Michigan's largest and best parades. The event is set for Saturday, Aug. 4, 2001, 12 noon in Grand Haven, Mich., Coast Guard City, USA. Interested parties should contact Jerry Smith, Festival Executive Director, at 616-846-5511, e-mail: [cgfestival@chartermi.net](mailto:cgfestival@chartermi.net) or Jim Butler at 616-846-0855, e-mail: [jujube@novagate.com](mailto:jujube@novagate.com) or write U.S. Coast Guard Festival, P.O. Box 694, Grand Haven, MI 49417. Festival Web: [www.grandhaven.com/ghcgfest](http://www.grandhaven.com/ghcgfest). For info on area accommodations, call 1-800-303-4097 or visit: [www.grandhavenchamber.org](http://www.grandhavenchamber.org)

## IN BRIEF

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

• **FLAGS FOR RETIREMENT** — Reservists are now eligible to receive a United States Flag when they first transfer to retired status. See ALCOAST 178/01 or contact LCDR Jim Brewster, Phone: 202-267-1648; E-mail: [jbrewster@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:jbrewster@comdt.uscg.mil)

• **JTRU VACANCY** — The Coast Guard element of the Joint Transportation Reserve Unit, U.S. Transportation Command, at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. is seeking an SKC/SKCS to fill a vacant SELRES billet. For further info, contact CDR Tim Aines, Phone: 312-961-4338; E-mail: [taines@prodigy.net](mailto:taines@prodigy.net)

• **MARINE SAFETY INSIGNIA** — The Commandant approved the marine safety qualification insignia to recognize professional accomplishment by qualified personnel, including reservists, serving the marine safety mission. Reservists should see ALCOAST 183/01 (R 241247Z APR 01) for more information.

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

• **RESERVE CPO ACADEMY CLASSES, OCT 2001 SWE INFO** — Those attending this summer's Reserve CPO Academy Classes XI and XII, should be aware that the *Coast Guard Personnel Manual*, COMDTINST M1000.6 (series), chapter 5.C lists all requirements that must be met for advancement. The *Personnel Manual*, chapter 5.C.4.b and 5.C.5.c, states that everyone advanced to CPO, on or after Jan. 1, 1999, must successfully complete the Academy in order to take the SWE for SCPO. This is a requirement for those who are already CPOs, not for PO1s. Members advanced to CPO on or after Jan. 1, 1999, and who plan to take the October 2001 SWE for SCPO must have this requirement met by June 30, 2001. Attending and successfully completing the July Reserve class **will not** meet this requirement. Waivers for members attending the July Reserve class who wish to compete in the October 2001 SWE will be granted on a case-by-case basis. COMDTINST M1000.6 (series) gives HRSIC and program managers authority to grant waivers to members who meet certain cri-

teria. Request for waivers should be submitted in Coast Guard letter format by the member via the respective command to Commandant (G-WTL-2) well in advance of the SWE. Requests must detail the member's efforts to attend the CPO Academy in time for the June 30, 2001 deadline. Reserve CPOA class rosters are on the Reserve web site message board ([www.uscg.mil/reserve](http://www.uscg.mil/reserve)). For more info and/or clarification on these important issues please contact MCPO Tim Cary, Commandant (G-WTL-2), Phone: 202-267-2441; E-mail: [tcary@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:tcary@comdt.uscg.mil)

• **RESERVE TRICARE DENTAL PROGRAM** — The new TRICARE Dental Plan went into effect Feb. 1, 2001. It replaces the TRICARE Selected Reserve (SELRES) Dental Program and provides Ready Reservists (SELRES and IRR) and their family members the same dental benefits package available to families of active duty service members. The new program will also help the Reserve components meet a 1998 DoD requirement to document an annual dental screening for all their service members. This requirement was primarily a result of reservists' dental readiness being "unfortunately low" during the 1990-91 Gulf War period. Roughly 35 to 40 percent of Army reservists activated during the Gulf War needed dental work before they could deploy. An annual dental screening for Coast Guard Reserve members is not yet required, but is currently being considered by G-WTR-1 for select unit types. For more info about TRICARE dental programs, including the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program, visit [www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/beneficiary/supprog.html](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/beneficiary/supprog.html). Please note family payments are in addition to the payment required for the member's coverage.

• **SGLI COVERAGE INCREASED** — Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) increased to \$250,000 maximum coverage as of April 1, 2001. Members wanting the maximum coverage need not take any action — only reservists who wish to be covered for a reduced amount or wish to decline will be required to complete a new SGLI election and certificate form. The premium for \$250,000 of SGLI coverage will be \$20 per month (the rate of 80 cents per 10,000 dollars of coverage remains unchanged). New SGLV-8286 forms are available online at [www.insurance.va.gov](http://www.insurance.va.gov), and original signatures must appear on all required forms and other copies. For reductions in coverage or for more info, contact your unit PERSRU. ALCOAST 074/01.

• **SPACE-REQUIRED TRAVEL AUTHORITY** — Reservists can now fly space-required on government aircraft to and from their Reserve inactive duty training sites worldwide. This authority should prove a major boon to members of the Reserve components who have to travel long distances for their Reserve training. ROA has long sought to expand Reservists' access to travel on government aircraft. Click on [www.roa.org](http://www.roa.org) for further details.

• **WANTED: RESERVISTS WITH "IT" SKILLS** — All reservists with requisite Information Technology (IT) skills interested in a "virtual unit" to support Human Resource IT initiatives, contact LCDR Darrell Prather, E-mail: [dprather@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:dprather@comdt.uscg.mil)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## MAY 2001

• **MUNRO EXHIBIT DEDICATION** — The Douglas Munro exhibit and CG-44404 Motor Life Boat memorial will be dedicated Thursday, May 31, 1 p.m., at Training Center Cape May, N.J. For more info, contact CWO Bill Carson, Phone: 609-898-6969; E-mail: [wcarson@tracencapemay.uscg.mil](mailto:wcarson@tracencapemay.uscg.mil)

## JUNE 2001

• **TOM'S RUN 2001** — *Team Coast Guard* is invited to participate in the third annual Tom's Run set for June 8-9. The relay is held annually in honor of retired Coast Guardsman CWO4 Tom Brooks, who has ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Team members run, with a bike escort, 190 miles in relay fashion along the historic C&O Canal from Cumberland, Md. to Fort McNair Army Base, next to CGHQ. Legs range from 2.5 to 11 miles long. This event is coordinated by the Office of Reserve Affairs and sponsored by Coast Guard MWR. For more info, check out the "Tom's Run" link from the Reserve web site: [www.uscg.mil/reserve](http://www.uscg.mil/reserve) or contact LT Daryl Schaffer, Phone: 202-267-0570; E-mail: [dschaffer@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:dschaffer@comdt.uscg.mil)

• **USCG FESTIVAL PRINT UNVEILING** — *CGC Escanaba* is featured as the 2001 Festival Commemorative print. The print, fifth in the series, will be unveiled Wednesday, June 13, at Escanaba Park in Grand Haven, Mich. (time yet to be determined). The print's artist, Bert Petri, will be present as will Ray O'Malley, the only living survivor from *CGC Escanaba*. The *Escanaba* sank in the North Atlantic on June 13, 1943, and the print is a depiction of the explosion. The public is invited, and any relatives of *Escanaba* crew members who would like to attend are encouraged to contact the U.S. Coast Guard Festival, P.O. Box 694, Grand Haven, MI 49417, Phone: 616-846-5940; E-mail: [cgfestival@chartermi.net](mailto:cgfestival@chartermi.net)

• **FLAG DAY** — Thursday, June 14. Why not get our your Starts & Stripes and fly our flag with pride! An interesting flag Web site can be found at: [www.fotw.net](http://www.fotw.net)

• **ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR** — Both Active (*BM2 Lee P. Heitner*) and Reserve (*MK1 Rawlins D. Apperson*) national EPOYs will be honored the week of June 18-22 in Washington, D.C. Main ceremony is Friday, June 22 at HQ. Contact your Command Master Chief or MCPOCG, Phone: 202-267-2397; E-mail: [mcpcog@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:mcpcog@comdt.uscg.mil)

• **COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BIRTHDAY** — The 62nd birthday of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is Saturday, June 23. To learn more about the Auxiliary, check out their Web site: [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)

## JULY 2001

• **INDEPENDENCE DAY** — Is of course, Wednesday, July 4. This year marks the nation's 225th birthday!

• **RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION 75TH NATIONAL CONVENTION** — July 4-7 in Albuquerque, N.M. Contact ROA, 1 Constitution Ave. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002; Phone: 202-479-2200; FAX: 202-479-0416; Web: [www.roa.org](http://www.roa.org)

• **JUNIOR OFFICER SEMINAR** — The third annual Junior Officer Leadership Development and Training Seminar (JOLDTS) is set for July 3-7, 2001 in conjunction with the ROA National Convention in Albuquerque, N.M. It is open to

reservists in pay grades O-1 to O-3 and W-1 to W-2. The fee is \$250. Online info is at: [www.roa.org/joldts.asp](http://www.roa.org/joldts.asp)

• **ANNUAL CG INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** — This year's tourney is set for Daufuski Island Resort, S.C., July 4-7. Participation is open to all components of Team Coast Guard and, if space is available, their guests. Reservations on a first come, first served basis. For info and an entry form, contact Dr. Mike Parnarouskis, Phone: 703-368-7049; E-mail: [mikep1121@worldnet.att.net](mailto:mikep1121@worldnet.att.net) or CAPT John Gentile, Phone: 757-856-2995; E-mail: [jgentile@tcyorktown.uscg.mil](mailto:jgentile@tcyorktown.uscg.mil)

• **BSA NATIONAL JAMBOREE** — July 23-Aug. 2, 2001 at U.S. Army Reservation, Fort A.P. Hill, Va. CG Reservists will be on-hand as volunteers. For more info, contact PSCS Douglas E. Yeckley, USCGR(Ret.), 1426 Crabhouse Road, Lusby, Md. 20657, Phone: 410-326-4291; E-mail: [dey1@erols.com](mailto:dey1@erols.com)

• **COAST GUARD FESTIVAL** — July 27-Aug. 5, in Grand Haven, Mich. This year's theme is *USCGR: Sixty Years of Service to America*. For info on marching in this year's parade, see "Spirit of the Sixtieth" section in this issue. National Memorial Service, Friday, Aug. 3, 4 p.m.; Grand Parade (noon) and fireworks (dusk), Saturday, Aug. 4. Contact: U.S. Coast Guard Festival, P.O. Box 694, Grand Haven, MI 49417; Phone: 616-846-5940 or 1-888-207-2434. Web: [www.grandhaven.com/ghegfest](http://www.grandhaven.com/ghegfest)

## AUGUST 2001

• **COMMISSIONING OF CGC SPAR** — Friday, Aug. 3, 10:30 a.m., Cargo Pier, Base Kodiak, Alaska. Reception to follow; Coast Guard Day will be celebrated Aug. 4, and *CGC SPAR* will get underway Aug. 5 with former SPARs as guests of honor. For more info contact YNC Jamie Rambo, Phone: 202-267-2349; E-mail: [jrambo@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:jrambo@comdt.uscg.mil) or CWO Laura Pearson, Phone: 202-267-6223; E-mail: [lpearson@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:lpearson@comdt.uscg.mil). Web: [www.uscg.mil/reserve/SparCommissionInvite.html](http://www.uscg.mil/reserve/SparCommissionInvite.html)

• **COAST GUARD DAY** — Is Saturday, Aug. 4! What event is your unit planning to observe this special day? USCG is 211 years old this year. For a listing of Coast Guard Day picnics across the nation, check Fred's Place Web site: [www.fredsplace.org](http://www.fredsplace.org). To have your picnic listed, e-mail Barb Chiles at: [barb@fredsplace.org](mailto:barb@fredsplace.org)

• **CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS CONVENTION** — 33rd annual, Aug. 20-24, at Holiday Select, Tulsa, Okla. For info, contact Convention Chairman CPO Dick Wells, Phone: 918-457-3463; E-mail: [bdtlc@aol.com](mailto:bdtlc@aol.com) or CPO Association, 5520-G Hempstead Way, Springfield, VA 22151-4009, Phone: 703-941-0395; E-mail: [cgcpoa@aol.com](mailto:cgcpoa@aol.com). Web: [www.uscgcpoa.org](http://www.uscgcpoa.org)

## SEPTEMBER 2001

• **OLD TIMER'S PICNIC** — Saturday, Sept. 1, 23rd annual, sponsored by CPOA Mobile Chapter, at Walter's Park (ATC Mobile), Mobile, Ala. Contact BMCS Jack Crowley, USCG(Ret.), Phone: 334-649-8800; E-mail: [jjccc99@aol.com](mailto:jjccc99@aol.com)

• **COAST WEEKS AND COASTAL CLEAN-UP** — Saturday, Sept. 15. Help kick off Coast Weeks (Sept. 15-Oct. 6) by cleaning up your local beach. Interested units may call 1-800-CMC-BEACH. They will put you in touch with a local clean-up coordinator. Web: [www.cmc-ocean.org](http://www.cmc-ocean.org). We'd like to hear how your unit participated!

## OCTOBER 2001

• **RESERVE SERVICEWIDE EXAM** — Is Saturday, Oct. 20. Mark your calendar if you plan on sitting for this year's exam! See March/April Reservist for an SWE article, page 32-33.

# REUNIONS

• **CGC ROCKAWAY (WAVP-377)** — If you served on *Rockaway* in the mid-1950s, your buddies are looking for you. Contact Chuck Harris, SOCM (ret.) on the Rockaway Web site at: [www.cccnews.net/rockaway](http://www.cccnews.net/rockaway)

## JUNE 2001

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

## SEPTEMBER 2001

• **USTRANSCOM JTRU** — Past and present members of the USCG element at JTRU, USTRANSCOM, Scott AFB, Ill. are invited to attend a Sept. 28-30 reunion at Scott to commemorate the 10th year since the JTRU's establishment. Whether you plan on attending or not, if you have *ever*

served with TRANSCOM, please update your contact info so you may be invited to this fall's and future events. Contact: CDR Tim Aines, USCGR, Phone: 312-961-4338; E-mail: [taines@prodigy.net](mailto:taines@prodigy.net)

## OCTOBER 2001

• **USS SPENCER** — CG-W-36 Association and WMEC-905, Oct. 11-15, Williamsburg, Va. Anyone who served aboard the 327 or 270 is welcome. Contact: Jack Shampine, Secretary-Treasurer, 7398 Route 31, Cicero, NY 13039, Phone: 315-699-3127 or Hank Rogers, 32 Freedom Court, Baltimore, MD 21220, Phone: 410-335-6826.

• **USNS SAMUAL MOORE (DD-747)** — Oct. 17-21, LaQuinta Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas. Contact: Donald W. Rank, 17568 Frondell Court, Eden Prairie, MN 55347, Phone: 612-975-0374; E-mail: [dd747@juno.com](mailto:dd747@juno.com)

# EXTRAS

## SELECTION BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

The *Coast Guard Personnel Manual* allows officers who are being considered for promotion, the opportunity to communicate with the selection board. Change 33 to the *Personnel Manual*, dated Sept. 19, 2000, states that the communication must be sent through the officer's chain of command. Such communication may invite attention to any matter in the member's Coast Guard record. There seems to be some perception on the part of in-zone Reserve officers, that communicating with a selection board is required. In reality, it is only necessary in extraordinary cases. Experience has shown that the great majority of correspondence received from Reserve officers under consideration for promotion is not relevant, or is not a matter of record. Letters of reference and civilian employment resumes are not considered a matter of record and will not be placed before the board. Any letter and/or Reserve Officer Personal Resume (CG-5481) must arrive at CGPC(rpm) before the board convenes. Officers are always encouraged to ensure that all Officer Evaluation Reports (OERs) are

up to date and on file at the Coast Guard Personnel Command (CGPC-adm-3). This is particularly important for those officers in the zone for promotion. Officers being considered for promotion or retention may not extend their OERs past the official reporting month. For copies or to schedule an appointment to review a record, call 202-267-1624. COMDTINST 1401.4W, Inactive Duty Reserve Boards, dated Jan. 12, 2001 and ALPERSCOM 028/01 dated March 15, 2001, contain specific information regarding Reserve officer promotion boards for this year, and offer helpful information to prepare officers for an upcoming board. Members in the zone for promotion are encouraged to review these documents (both are available on the CG Reserve Web page) and follow the guidance and recommendations provided. Members are also reminded to review message traffic/CG Reserve Web page for additional information during the promotion year (i.e. zone size and individuals to be considered, selection lists, overdue OERs, etc.).

## NAVY LEAGUE RECRUITERS OF YEAR

*The Navy League of the United States, St. Louis Council, recognized SKC Robert Orr, USCGR, and Ron Allen, Sr., USCG Auxiliary, as the St. Louis area USCG Recruiters of the Year at the council's annual meeting Jan. 12. Left to right, SKC Robert Orr, USCGR; Carol Orr, RADM Edward J. Fahy, USN; Evelyn Allen, Ron Allen, USCG Auxiliary and CAPT Kevin Schumacher, USCG.*



Photo by Doyle Wilhite

## MEDALS AND AWARDS

### MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

LT Thomas M. Farrell, Korean 50th Committee

### CG COMMENDATION MEDAL

CDR James J. Corey, LANTAREA, D1 (2)  
CDR Dana J. St. James, USCG STARC Mass.  
CWO2 Brance L. McCune, MSU, ELC Baltimore

### JOINT MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD\*

LCDR Guy L. Snyder, MLCLANT  
LT Larry E. Meredith, MLCLANT  
CWO2 Michael J. Brzezicki, MLCLANT  
\* All members of DOD Health Services Region IV

### CG ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

LT J. Peter Rascoe, National Strike Force CC  
MSTC John Hart, MSO Portland, Maine

### CG UNIT COMMENDATION

CDR James J. Corey, D1

### COMMANDANT'S LETTER OF COMMENDATION

CDR James J. Corey, D1  
LT Kenneth Hines, Incident Mgmt. Team\*\*  
\*\* Gold star in lieu of fifth

### MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION

MSO/Group Philadelphia, Sea Partners Program

CDR James J. Corey, D1, (2nd gold star)  
LCDR Kevin Brown, Commandant (G-WTR)

### MILITARY OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE

CDR James J. Corey, D1  
ET2 Walter C. Hazen, ESSU Seattle

### ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL

YN1 Thomas V. Mirante, Group San Francisco

### USCG CUTTERMAN INSIGNIA (PERMANENT)

MKCM Ronald P. Lucas, CGC Osage  
BM1 Peter J. Steele, CGC Osage  
FS1 Allen L. Miller, CGC Osage  
MK1 Michael R. O'Neill, CGC Osage  
MK1 William H. Robinson, CGC Osage  
MK1 James M. Schellhammer, CGC Osage  
FS2 Robert G. Newton, CGC Osage

### PSU INSIGNIA

ET1 Dwight Burridge, Mobile Support Unit  
ET1 Dave Hans, Mobile Support Unit

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

## BRAVO ZULU

- **LT Bernard C. McDonald**, USCGR, was recently awarded the U.S. Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal by U.S. Naval Hospital, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. McDonald has been a civilian Safety and Occupational Health Manager at the hospital since April 1999. His work led to an unprecedented 100 percent accreditation for both the hospital and home health program.
- **LT Michael Davanzo**, Executive Officer of CGC Madrona has been named this year's Witherspoon Inspirational Leadership Award winner. He was honored at a March 22 ceremony at Headquarters.
- **QMCS Tom Rau**, USCGR, of Group Grand Haven, won first place in this year's JOC Alex Haley Awards. Rau won in the "Author — All Others" division and writes a column called Boat Smart for newspapers in the midwest. The entire list of 2000 Haley and Simpson Public Affairs Awards results were posted in ALCOAST 132/01.
- **Camp LeJeune**, N.C., home of the Coast Guard's Training Detachment (TRADET), was one of five military installations recently named in the Commander in Chief's Award for Installation Excellence. The other four include Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.; Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C.; Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan; and Defense Logistics Agency, Columbus, Ohio. The award, first given by President Reagan in 1984, recognizes outstanding and innovative efforts by those who operate and maintain U.S. military installations around the world. PSU TRADET moved to Camp LeJeune in November 1998 from Camp Perry, Ohio, where it was originally established Oct. 1, 1996 as a detachment of RTC Yorktown, Va. (now TC Yorktown).



Photo courtesy HSC Ramdi Ward/Tom Kelly

**SK1 Robert Johnson, USCGR, right, receives an Enlisted Person of the Quarter award for October-December 2000 for Group-Air Station Atlantic City from CWO4 Ric Waechter. Johnson is the first reservist to be selected EPOTQ at the air station.**

## EMPLOYER APPRECIATION

*Ted Bickley, center, displays a "My Boss is a Patriot" Certificate of Appreciation he received from CDR Michael Flanagan, left, CO of ESSU Cleveland. Looking on is LCDR Robert Shields, FOT Division Chief, ISC Cleveland. Bickley, employed by Ameritech in Akron, Ohio, received the award for his support of employees while they serve in the Coast Guard Reserve. He was nominated by ETC Robert Vollrath, USCGR.*



Photo courtesy LT Paul J. Lamezyk, USCG



## STATION OSWEGO SUFFERS LOSS OF MASCOT

**Spar**, USCG mascot, 3, a female German Shepherd and faithful mascot at Coast Guard Station Oswego, N.Y., passed away March 16, 2001, from medical complications. Born on July 4, 1997, Spar was a great dog and outstanding mascot who boosted unit morale. BM2 Bob Ovitt and family provided a quiet place at their home in an attempt to nurse her back to health during her final days. Spar, who was cremated, will be missed by all.

## RETIREMENTS

### NOVEMBER 2000

CDR Michael T. Kane, D1  
 CDR Dana J. St. James, D1  
 PACM Normand T. Deragon, D1  
 PSCM Victor B. Hanna, D7  
 PSCS Franklin D. Hager, D7\*  
 PSC Patricia A. Butler, D11  
 PSC Thomas A. McCoy, D7\*  
 YNC Robert T. Ferrante, D1\*  
 IV1 Richard L. Peregrin, D13  
 IV1 Stephen E. Watkins, D11  
 MK1 Richard C. Bowen, D8  
 MK1 Cisroe W. Gaskins, D5\*  
 MK1 Kerry L. Veach, D8  
 BM2 John D. Perkins, D8  
 BM2 Arnold Rose, D9  
 HS2 Raychel A. Watkins, D8\*  
 PS2 Robert S. Drew, D11  
 PS2 Daniel P. Ramseier, D11

### DECEMBER 2000

LCDR Kevin C. Fitzpatrick, D13  
 LT Henry G. Welch, D8  
 CWO4 Howard A. Klein, D1\*  
 BMCM Edward W. Ganis, D7\*  
 FSCM John P. Young, D1\*  
 HSCM William H. Ryan, D9\*  
 YNCM John C. Smith, D8\*  
 SKCS Ronald J. Kapinos, D1\*  
 YNCS William M. Whittington, D5\*  
 IVC Robert M. Ford, D13\*  
 MKC Richard C. Rawls, D8\*  
 MSTC Donald C. Moll, D8  
 PSC Phillip J. Cavaco, D14

IV1 James L. Miller, D1\*  
 PS1 William A. Goodyear, D9\*  
 PS1 James R. Sullivan, D5  
 PS1 Stephen G. Wurtz, D5  
 SK1 Howard W. Cook, D5  
 TC1 Frederick J. Engelhardt, D5\*  
 YN1 Kathryn P. Matthews, D7  
 DC2 James S. Boettner, D7\*  
 ET2 Anthony J. Bisesti, D1\*  
 IV2 Felito Laboy, D14  
 IV2 Floyd N. Trebil, D11\*  
 SK2 Laura M. Harbison, D17  
 FS3 Philip L. Burbank, D1  
 FS3 Nicole A. Cave, D11  
 PS3 Robert H. Vanover, D8\*

### JANUARY 2001

CAPT Alexander C. Brodie, D14\*  
 CAPT Thomas L. Wade, D8\*  
 CDR William C. Ayer, D8\*  
 LCDR Edward W. Geddes, D8\*  
 LCDR James H. Lapham, D1\*  
 BMCS Irwin G. Courtney, D8\*  
 MKCS Jerry G. Ellis, D13\*  
 HSC Joseph W. Marrow, D5\*  
 MKC Leonard T. Otte, D8\*  
 PAC Ronald B. Cabral, D11\*  
 PSC Daniel F. O'Toole, D8\*  
 DC1 Marvin L. Clemons, D8\*  
 ET1 Martin A. Vick, D5\*  
 FS1 Robert L. Henold, D8\*  
 PS1 John C. Bommarito, D8\*  
 PS1 Simon P. Didomenico, D8\*  
 PS1 Ruediger H. Steinbrueck, D11\*  
 FS3 Rodolfo S. Ison, D1\*

### FEBRUARY 2001

CAPT Karl L. Reichelt, D1\*  
 CDR John S. Stewart, D9  
 LCDR Robert B. Schmidt, D9\*  
 CWO4 Rand R. Gaber, D5  
 CWO4 Edwin W. Hynson, D7\*  
 CWO4 Edward Nerlove, D13\*  
 CWO4 Walter F. Robinson, D1\*  
 MKCM Jerry W. Knight, D8\*  
 MSTCM Eduardo L. Sanchez, D13  
 BMC Jerome A. Duffy, D11\*  
 HSC Patricia L. Scharf, D9\*  
 MKC James L. Butcher, D8\*  
 MKC John C. Flynn, D1  
 PSC James A. Armbruster, D9\*  
 BM1 David L. Lanoix, D1\*  
 BM1 Andrew Rask, D11  
 EM1 Jack A. Pinkerton, D7\*  
 FS1 James I. Jarvis, D8\*  
 MK1 John W. Trapp, D1\*  
 MK1 John F. Withers, D7  
 YN1 Claude A. Comeaux, D8  
 YN1 Robert M. Simons, D9\*  
 BM2 Duane F. Michalsky, D11  
 PS2 Robert L. Eason, D5\*  
 MK3 Paul C. Michels, D11\*

\* *RET-1 (Retired With Pay); all others are RET-2. Source: HRSIC (ras)*



• **VADM Arthur Eugene "Gene" Henn, USCG (ret.)**, 60, the 18th Vice Commandant of the USCG from 1994-1996, passed away March 28, 2001, in Tampa, Fla. Born June 5, 1940, in Cincinnati, he graduated from the CG Academy in 1962. His assignments included *CGC Chincoteague*, Captain of the Port and Group Commander in New York, and Chief of Operations Division and Chief of Staff for the 8th Coast Guard District in New Orleans. Selected for flag rank in 1987, he then served as Commander, Maintenance and Logistics Command, LANTAREA, Chief, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection and as Vice Commandant. He retired from the USCG in July 1996, and is survived by his wife, Susan; son David, and daughter Jennifer. Funeral services and interment were held April 11, 2001, at Arlington National Cemetery, Va. The Henn family requests donations in lieu of flowers be sent to the Hospice Foundation of America, 777 17th St., Suite 401, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

• **RADM William B. Ellis, USCG (ret.)**, 87, passed away Feb. 5, 2001, in Glen Ridge, N.J. Born Jan. 26, 1914, in Albany, Ga., he graduated from the CG Academy in 1936. He served aboard the *CGC Champlain*, *CGC Portchartrain* and *CGC Mohawk* in the North Atlantic, and commanded the *USS Pettit* and later Escort Division 20. After World War II, he served in the 7th District, at the Academy, and commanded destroyer *Lowe (WDE-425)* and *CGC Coos Bay*. He also served at Headquarters and in the 3rd District. He was promoted to flag rank in 1966, and his final assignment was as Commander, 1st District in Boston. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; five children, Richard, Lynne, Thomas, Loraine and Kathryn. A funeral service was held at Fort Myer, Va. on March 6, 2001, and interment followed at Arlington National Cemetery, Va. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to The American Cancer Society, 767 Northfield Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052 or to The American Diabetes Assoc., P.O. Box 31160, Hartford, CT 06150-1160.

• **CAPT William M. Alexander, USCGR (ret.)**, passed away Feb. 5, 2001, in Fairfax, Va. He retired from the CGR on May 1, 1985. CAPT Alexander was cremated.

• **CAPT Richard N. Davis, USCGR (ret.)**, passed away April 12, 2001, in Seattle. He retired from the CGR on April 12, 1972. He is survived by his wife, Doris. CAPT Davis was cremated.

• **CAPT Joseph Silverman, USCGR (ret.)**, 86, passed away March 23, 2001, in Hollywood, Fla. He enlisted in the USCG the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 8, 1941, and served aboard the *Normandie* in New York, and also aboard a sub-chaser in New England. Following commissioning as an ensign in 1943, he served at Montauk, Long Island, N.Y. and on *LST-20* in the Pacific. He commanded the *LST-20* and participated in numerous landings on Japanese held islands. He also served in the CG Reserve units in both New York and then Florida until his retirement in 1974. He is survived by five children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchildren. He was an inspiration to those who knew him and could always be seen walking on Florida sidewalks with his favorite Coast Guard cap. CAPT Silverman was cremated.

• **CAPT Thomas F. Sullivan, USCGR (ret.)**, passed away March 13, 2001 in Easton, Md. He retired from the Coast Guard in October 1991. Interment Oxford, Md.

• **CDR William L. Carey, USCG (ret.)**, 50, passed away March 21, 2001. Born Dec. 31, 1950, in Boston, he served 23 years in the USCG. He is survived by his wife, Victoria; daughter Moira; brother Thomas; sister Mary Jane; and his parents, William and Ina Carey. Funeral mass was held March 27, 2001, Bellevue, Wash.

• **CDR Robert Schuerch, Jr., USCGR (ret.)**, passed away Feb. 25, 2001 in Port St. Lucie, Fla. He retired from the CGR on July 16, 1986. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy. CDR Schuerch was cremated.

• **CDR Eugene F. Tompane, USCGR (ret.)**, passed away March 12, 2001 in Carlsbad, Calif. He retired from the CGR on March 22, 1971. He is survived by his wife, Mary Beth. CDR Tompane was cremated.

• **LCDR James. E. Bobik, USCGR (ret.)**, passed away Feb. 12, 2001 in Arlington Heights, Ill. He retired from the CGR in September 1992. He is survived by his wife, Joanna, of Arlington Heights. LCDR Bobik was cremated.

• **LT Caroline J. Steiger, USCGR (ret.)**, passed away March 11, 2001. She retired from the CGR on March 21, 1980. Interment Portland, Ore.

• **CWO4 Richard Lee Gowin, USCGR (ret.)**, passed away March 1, 2001 in Seattle following an automobile accident. He was in RET-2 status. He is survived by his wife, Constance. Interment Renton, Wash.

• **CWO4 Alexander Nuss, USCGR (ret.)**, passed away April 2, 2001 in Sun City West, Ariz., of natural causes. He retired from the CGR March 6, 1981, and is survived by his wife, Jennie. CWO4 Nuss was cremated.

• **CWO Harold W. Collins, USCG (ret.)**, 83, passed away March 13, 2001 in South Miami, Fla. He was the Coast Guard's chief radio electrician during the bombing of Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941. He commanded the Coast Guard's radio station at Perrine, Fla. from 1959-62 and 1965-68. He retired after 30 years service. At 44, he returned to college and earned bachelor's and master's

degrees. His daughter, Mary Jo Katz, said "he was never afraid to tackle new things and that no one was born with instant knowledge and you can learn anything." He later taught math at Miami Springs Junior High and South Miami Senior High, and instructed a shop class in electronics. Ham radio operation was his hobby and Collins remained in contact with many people via ham radio during South Florida hurricanes. He is survived by his wife, Josephine; daughters Mary Jo, Patricia, and Kathleen. CWO Collins was cremated and his remains were buried at sea.

- **MKCM Creston D. Nelson**, USCGR (ret.), passed away March 26, 2001, in Desoto, Kan. He retired from the CGR on May 21, 1990. He is survived by his wife, Beulah. Master Chief Nelson was cremated.

- **MKCS Richard G. Bisland**, USCGR (ret.), passed away March 24, 2001, in Mill Spring, N.C. He retired from the CGR on Nov. 18, 1992. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn. Senior Chief Bisland was cremated.

- **PSCS Mario Nacinovich**, USCGR (ret.), passed away Jan. 31, 2001. He retired from the CGR on April 3, 1996.

- **GMC Walter A. Johanson**, USCGR (ret.), passed away Feb. 5, 2001, at Huntsville, Ala. from a stroke. He retired from the CGR May 6, 1985. Interment Glasford, Ill.



- **PSC Thomas F. McDonagh**, USCGR, 39, passed away suddenly May 24, 2000, in New York City. He was a member of HDCU 201. He joined the CGR in 1987, was assigned to Station Jones Beach, Long Island, N.Y., Area Intelligence, Governors Island; before transferring to HDC 201 in 1995. As a civilian, he was a lieutenant in the New York Police Department. He was posthumously promoted to Chief Port Security Specialist as the advancement list was released one day after his passing. He is survived by his mother, Mary; brothers Martin, John; a sister, Denise. Family, friends and NYC Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and NYPD Police Commissioner attended funeral services. A police and USCG/Navy honor guard was part of the ceremony. Interment at Mount Saint Mary's Cemetery, Flushing Queens, N.Y. A Mobile Ashore Support Terminal lab will be dedicated this year at HDCU 201 in his memory and The Thomas McDonagh Memorial Web site is: [www.geocities.com/tmcdonagh](http://www.geocities.com/tmcdonagh) (Ed's note: This is a corrected "Taps" that previously appeared in February 2001).

- **PSC Nelson G. Thayer, Jr.**, USCGR (ret.), passed away Feb. 18, 2001, at Fredericksburg, Va., from emphysema. He retired from the CGR Aug. 25, 1988. He is survived by three sons, Steven, Calvin and Nelson.

- **MST1 Brian D. Ruetten**, USCGR, passed away Feb. 12, 2001, following a snowmobile accident. He had enlisted in the CGR in November 1999 and was a Selected Reservist currently serving at MSO Valdez. He is survived by his father, Michael, and mother Roselle, of Mauston, Wis.

- **QM1 Francis J. Stanford**, USCGR (ret.), passed away Feb. 9, 2001, at King of Prussia, Pa. from lung cancer. He retired from the CGR Nov. 15, 1986. He is survived by his wife, Irene. QM1 Stanford was cremated.

- **SS1 Joseph LaMacchia**, USCGR (ret.), passed away Feb. 7, 2001 at Point Jefferson Station, N.Y. from asbestosis. He retired from the CGR on Oct. 10, 1993. He is survived by his wife, Grace. Interment Point Jefferson Station, N.Y.

- **YN1 Eleanor B. Harris**, USCGR (ret.), passed away Feb. 13, 2001. She retired from the CGR March 4, 1983.

- **DC2 Solomon Washington**, USCGR (ret.), passed away Feb. 22, 2001, in Plainfield, N.J. from a heart attack. He retired from the CGR Feb. 7, 1984. He is survived by his wife, Lillie. Interment Brigadier General William Doyle National Cemetery, N.J.



- **BM2 Scott J. Chism**, USCG, 25, passed away March 24, 2001, after he was ejected from a Station Niagara, N.Y. 21-foot boat while on patrol along the U.S.-Canadian border. Born June 16, 1975 in San Diego, he graduated from Ramona High School, North San Diego County, Calif. in June 1993, and enlisted in the Coast Guard on Aug. 4, 1997. Following boot camp, he was assigned to

Station Bellingham, Wash. In August 1999, he transferred to Station Niagara. He was involved in two of Station Niagara's most important cases this year: one a drug seizure and the other a SAR case that involved saving a man. He is survived by his wife, Lissa, 4-year-old daughter, Kelsey, and 1-year-old son, Caleb; brother, Tim; and parents Jim and Maureen Chism of El Cajon, Calif. Funeral services were held March 28, 2001, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lewiston, N.Y. Interment El Cajon, Calif. Another memorial service was held for BM2 Chism and SN Chris Ferreby on Sunday, April 1, 2001, in Lewiston, N.Y. Donations in Petty Officer Chism's memory may be made to Coast Guard Group Buffalo Morale Fund, Commander, CG Group, 1 Fuhrmann Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14203, ATTN: CWO Shields.



- **SN Chris Ferreby**, USCG, 23, passed away March 24, 2001, after he was ejected from a Station Niagara, N.Y. 21-foot boat while on patrol along the U.S.-Canadian border. Born March 28, 1977 in Morristown, N.J. he graduated from Fairport High School in June 1996. He enlisted in the Coast Guard on May 12, 1999, and following boot camp, was

assigned to Station Niagara. He advanced to seaman on March 9, 2001. He was known as "Furbee" and as "Mr. Fix It" at Station Niagara for his wood working ability. He is survived by his wife, Amy; 7-month-old son Tyler; father, Tom Ferreby; mother, Kathleen Jenkins; brothers Mike, Dave and Matt; and sister, Jennifer. Funeral services were held in Fairport, N.Y. on March 30, 2001. Another memorial service was held for SN Ferreby and BM2 Scott Chism on Sunday, April 1, 2001, in Lewiston, N.Y. Donations in SN Ferreby's memory may be made to Coast Guard Group Buffalo Morale Fund, Commander, CG Group, 1 Fuhrmann Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14203, ATTN: CWO Shields.

- **SA Jesse D. Green**, USCGR, passed away March 30, 2001, at San Jose, Calif. following an auto accident. He was a member of PSU 311, San Pedro, Calif.

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND UNSEEN BENEFITS

**G**reetings once again from the 9th District or the North Coast as we sometimes refer to it. There are two annual Coast Guard events unique to the 9th District that I would like to remind everyone about. The first is the annual Summerstock program that began in 1973 to help man some of the Coast Guard stations that experience a tremendous increase in workload during the summer months. Reservists from throughout the Coast Guard are eligible to apply. If interested, contact YN1 Patricia Feeney at 216-902-6116 or [pfeeney@d9.uscg.mil](mailto:pfeeney@d9.uscg.mil). Also, see the March/April *Reservist* that highlighted all 11 Summerstock stations.

The second annual event is the week-long festival held in Coast Guard City, USA, Grand Haven, Mich. The tricity area hosts this event to salute the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard. I would encourage every Coastie to attend this event at least once in your lifetime. You will probably run across old friends and most likely make new ones, while learning more about our Coast Guard and paying tribute to those that have gone before us. This year's festival will pay special tribute to the 60th birthday of the Coast Guard Reserve. Please see the "Spirit of the Sixtieth" section and the Bulletin Board for more information on how you can get involved and even march in this year's Festival parade.

An issue the past few years in both the Coast Guard's Active and Reserve force is retention of our experienced personnel. This is especially important in these days of high-tech equipment coming on line aboard the new ships and at SAR units. The Deepwater project will most likely bring us an even larger increase in technology over the next few years. The Coast Guard cannot afford to spend years training an individual, only to lose them to another competitor. This is why we have seen the increased use of incentives such as bonuses to encourage individual commitment.

I feel that most of our members, active and reserve, overlook a great incentive to serving in the military — the use of military facilities. The use of these facilities by you and your family may certainly influence the attitude of your family toward you serving. Although most of us enjoy a great deal of family support, it is beneficial and educational to allow them to see firsthand some of the benefits. If you remain in the Coast Guard for a minimum of 20 satisfactory years, these benefits can be utilized for life.

Since most of us travel to a certain extent each year with our families, I will focus on those benefits that may be available for that next trip. If you have an extended layover or get stranded in an airport, remember to check if that airport has a Uniformed Services Organization (USO) or Armed Forces Service Center. These areas provide an opportunity to get away from the hectic pace of an

airport with a lounge offering coffee, snacks, television, reading material, good conversation, peace and quiet, while some even offer bunk areas. If you are traveling by automobile, many larger bases have Temporary Military Lodging (TML) or camping areas available, depending on time of year and local schedules. Some other benefits are security, reasonably priced meals, fuel, shopping, recreational activities, and a reasonable expectation of dealing with people that have core values that mirror your own.

Navy Lodge accommodations are also available for a very reasonable price. A directory can be obtained by calling 800-NAVY-INN. If you are planning a vacation in a particular area, I would suggest contacting the Armed Forces Vacation Club at [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com). I have utilized AFVC and found it to be a great bargain. Another terrific value exists through the four Army Military Resorts at [www.armymwr.com](http://www.armymwr.com). The resorts are located in Orlando, Fla.; Oahu, Hawaii; Europe and Korea. I have stayed at the *Shades of Green* in Orlando, which is in the heart of Disney World (a real class act at a reasonable price). I happen to be writing this article from our lanai overlooking the beach and Pacific Ocean at the Hale Koa Resort in the Waikiki area. It's a gorgeous 72-acre facility at about one-third the price of the Hawaiian Hilton next door. You should plan well in advance to ensure availability at any of these facilities. Individuals under orders and active duty personnel have priority for reservations. There are several publications located in your exchange that list and explain the facilities available at military installations worldwide.

Since I had earlier mentioned family support, I have asked the editor to publish the above picture that includes my wife Karen, a YN1 currently in the IRR. She has totally supported my Coast Guard career without reservation, and just loves staying at the Hale Koa.

*Ed's note: MCPO Borchert can be reached by writing 2373 Greenwald St., Green Bay, WI 54301; Phone: 920-432-7568; E-mail: [d9rcmcuscg@gbonline.com](mailto:d9rcmcuscg@gbonline.com). His last column appeared in the January/February 2000 issue. By the way, a complete listing of Coast Guard Recreation sites was published in the May 1997 *Reservist*, and it's still online at [www.uscg.mil/reserve](http://www.uscg.mil/reserve).*



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# THIS SUMMER, TAKE THE ADVICE OF COASTIE "THE SAFETY BOAT"

WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET

NEVER RIDE ON THE BOW OF A BOAT

DON'T GO IN THE WATER TO SAVE  
SOMEONE, REACH OR THROW  
SOMETHING TO THEM INSTEAD

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