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We Are Family...

The longer I am around, the more I see just how true it is when someone says Coasties are family.

Now, I don't know about your family, but mine certainly isn't perfect. Like any clan, mine has its share of challenges and comes complete with eccentric relatives who frequently show up unannounced — just in time for Sunday supper.

But, it's still my family. And so is the Coast Guard. I joined because I wanted to serve my country. I still do, but the people are a big reason for why I've stayed.

When I first enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve, my prior experience with the military suggested to me that I should brace for a butt chewing my first drill weekend. I was in a state of shock by the end of that long-ago Sunday afternoon when I emerged unscathed, and with new friends to boot. We still keep in touch.

Over the years, I've tried to learn my craft, first as an enlisted person, later as an officer. And, over the years, my Coast Guard family has continued to grow.

My wife, Vikki, followed me into the Coast Guard Reserve. She's a drilling reservist, and a civilian employee of the Coast Guard. When she was a petty officer, she qualified as a small boat crewmember. A year later, her coxswain and I were commissioned together. I didn't know him very well at the time, but we served a couple of tours together and became close friends. Last year, he relieved me as Executive Officer of PSU 311, and just this spring, he and I shared a cup of coffee in the war zone. We've kept in touch.

In mid-September 2001, as the nation was reeling from the shock of the terrorist attacks, I was at ISC San Pedro, preparing for my first Mideast deployment. I watched in surprise as a 378-foot cutter came pier side to take on stores. As soon as she put over the brow, I went aboard to see my ROCI roommate, who was at that time the newly assigned gun boss on the ship. We hadn't seen one another for a couple of months, but managed to keep in touch. We still do.

Over the years and in places near and far, I've had the pleasure of serving with shipmates I've known since my earliest days in the Coast Guard. And I've been lucky to serve with people I didn't know before I took a particular assignment, but who certainly are family now. To say we are all a band of brothers (and sisters) sounds a bit cliché, perhaps. But it's still true. And, we mostly keep in touch.

Now, I'm back at Coast Guard Headquarters as the new Chief, Reserve Communications Division. I relieved a friend — a wiser, older brother, really — CAPT Dale Rausch, as Chief of Reserve Communications. I'm working with old friends and new ones. And, some of the folks I worked with here before have retired or moved on to other assignments. But we keep in touch.

I believe one of the reasons *The Reservist* magazine is successful is because it's more like a family album than an "official" service magazine. That's because we keep in touch with one another through the magazine. After all, we're family.



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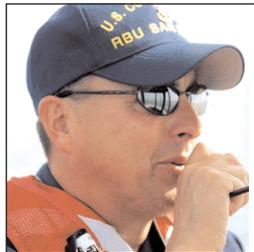
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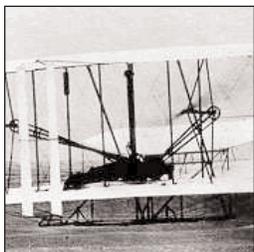
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Forgetting Why They Serve?

I am a Coast Guard Reservist currently serving on active duty under Title 10 recall orders. I am a small business owner and I'm working many more hours per day than I ever thought I would. But, I am not complaining. As a reservist, I understood that at some point in time I would be asked to fulfill my obligation to serve.

However, I *am* complaining about those reservists who did not answer the call to active duty. It really bothers me that many Selected Reserve members have forgotten the primary purpose of the Reserve program and being a reservist.

Part of my responsibility allows me to see how many Selected Reserve members have been transferred to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR). The reasons for not answering the call to active duty and opting for transfer into IRR are occasionally legitimate, but in most cases I don't think so. I've heard everything from "my spouse does not drive so I can't go," to "I'm a single parent," to "I'm a key employee," to "it will create a hardship on my family," etc.

Although these excuses may be true and sound legitimate, they are not. They are not legitimate because each member must be ready to deploy. **That** is the primary purpose for being a reservist. If a member is not ready to deploy, that member should not be in the Reserve — not the Coast Guard Reserve or the Reserve of any other military branch. The Reserve program was not designed to provide convenient part-time jobs to supplement a civilian job. Again, if that's what our reservists believe, they don't belong. Get out and free a billet for someone who is ready and willing to accept the full obligation of duty and serving one's country.

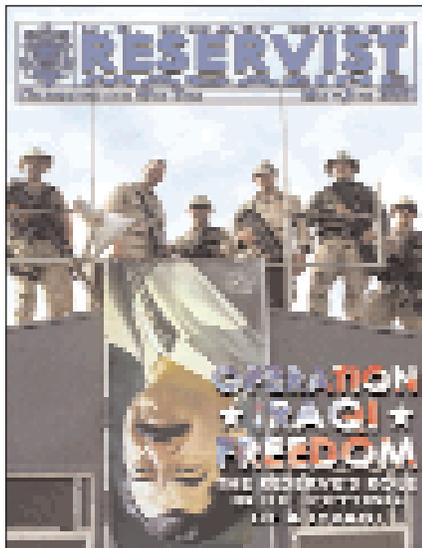
I have a recommendation. All those who did not have a legitimate reason for being transferred to the IRR, should not be allowed to return to the Selected Reserve. Let the enlisted member's enlistment expire without the option to reenlist and pass over officers. The Coast Guard needs members who understand the purpose of being a reservist.

— CWO2 George Rubesha, USCGR
Group St. Petersburg, Fla.

Ed's note: Members in the IRR are not exempt from recall as a recall of Ready Reservists includes both SELRES and IRR. Recall info can be found at Reserve Policy Manual (RPM), 5.A.8B and 43.B.2A. Key Federal employees need to request exemption before recall is ordered (RPM 5.B.6).

PSU 309 Photo Clarification

In order to minimize any confusion concerning last month's picture of PSU309 members in Umm Qasr, Iraq (May-June, pages 30-31), I would like to clarify the



circumstances surrounding the picture. The four PSU 309 Coasties in the picture were accompanying RADM Mary P. O'Donnell on a visit to PSU 311 members who were actually stationed at the port in Umm Qasr. The PSU 309 members were part of a professional development tour of the compound where 311 worked and also were part of a security detail for the admiral. Our hats are off to those brave Coasties that spent the better part of the war in Umm Qasr.

— LCDR Scott McKinley, XO
PSU 309 — Kuwait

Not Only PSU/MSSTs Serving

If I have to read one more article or view one more photograph of a PSU or MSST in

the pages of *The Reservist*, I think I will just round-file it when I take it out of the mail box. If you look at the pages of *The Reservist*, you would think there are only two sections of the Coast Guard doing anything on Operation Iraqi Freedom/Liberty Shield. That's odd, considering my orders listed both those operations, even though I am not in a PSU or MSST unit.

I'm just a 41-foot UTB engineer with over 200 hours underway in support of the Fourth Infantry Division Military Out Load through the Port of Corpus Christi. We logged thousands of total hours on patrol with a variety of assets and, yes, we sweated in our body armor while bounding around in seas that were sometimes eight feet with 25 knot winds through storms, heat, cold, etc., while escorting the ships in and out of the harbor and through the ship channel to sea. It was sometimes nerve-racking but mostly satisfying work. My tour has ended and I left many new friends in Texas who are continuing on a daily basis to provide patrols to protect the port from threats.

Maybe what we have been doing is not as glamorous as the PSU or MSST units. I realize the MSSTs are a recent creation of the Coast Guard, but let us not forget that thousands of us who drill at SAR stations, river tenders, Engineering Support Teams, MSOs, etc., were called up and sent to do the job at places like Corpus Christi, Port Arthur, New York, San Francisco, New Orleans, Savannah, and other ports. We did what was asked of us and in most cases, I think we did it very well.

— MK2 Danny Cherry, USCGR
Station Panama City, Fla.

Appreciated War Coverage

My husband is a reservist currently serving with PSU 313. I can't tell you how much I appreciated the coverage of the PSUs serving in the Arabian Gulf, and especially the quality of the pictures in the May-June issue. I plan to save it as a keepsake.

— Jennifer Maines
Seattle, Wash.

Having learned all about the Army, Navy, Air Force

A look back at *The Reservist* throughout history

The Reservist magazine's 50th Anniversary continues throughout 2003, and we're looking at some of the historic issues that marked major milestones in the Reserve program. This month, we feature the November/December 1991 issue, "Summerstock...at Plum Island," which was the first color cover of *The Reservist*. Reservists on that first color cover were PS2 Bob High, DC2 John Bastow, SNBM Sean Kelly and BM2 Don Bryden, and are shown at the historic boathouse at nearby Rock Island State Park, Wis. While the Summerstock program is still going strong in the Great Lakes, Station Plum Island, Wis. moved to nearby Washington Island, Wis. in 1991. Also in that issue was the first "On Deck" column by the first Reserve Force Master Chief, Forrest Croom, and a "View from the Bridge" by RADM John W. Lockwood, Chief, Office of Readiness & Reserve.



and Marines in Iraq, the May-June issue educated this reservist on what the Coast Guard was doing there. Many thanks!

— CAPT Mary McWilliams, USCGR(Ret.)
Great Neck, N.Y.

Reserve Web site Helpful

I'm a reservist attached to PSU 305, and deployed with my unit for three months. The Reserve section of the Web site (www.uscg.mil/reserve) was extremely helpful to the entire unit. Being overseas, it's a nice treat to read *The Reservist*, message board, and see what's happening in the Coast Guard Reserve. Also, I like the Web site's new look — it's definitely easier to find things.

— LT Ronzelle Green
PSU 305, Fort Eustis, Va.

Farewell From REBI Instructor

I would like to take this opportunity to inform all my former Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination (REBI) students who attended while I was school chief that there will **not** be a retirement party at Cape May this August. I will be retiring from the Reserve in September in Pensacola, Fla. If anyone needs to contact me, I can be reached via e-mail at: jackp1943@yahoo.com

— BMC John "The Chief" Peacock, USCGR
Cape May, N.J.

Reduce Retirement Age to 55

In the May-June 2003 *Reservist* Magazine, RADM Papp stated that "retention is a key to growing and maintaining the Reserve force." One of the best ways to recruit and retain personnel, especially those members that are leaving active duty, is to lower the Reserve retirement

benefit to age 55 years instead of 60. There is currently a bill shelved within the halls of Congress that would change the benefit age from 60 to 55. Perhaps the Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB), of which RADM Papp is a voting member, could champion this cause.

— IVC Jeff Leighty, USCGR
CGIS Northwest Region

Feature REPOYs?

You did a great story in the January-March issue on all the Reserve Outstanding Junior Officers since ROA started sponsoring the award in 1983. Would you consider doing the same for the Enlisted Reservists program sponsored by Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (now sponsored by MCPOCG's office) that I helped start in 1984 when I was the NERA President?

— HMCM Manny Ratner, USNR(Ret.)
Westbury, N.Y.

Ed's note: A great idea, especially since 2004 will be the award's 20th year.

Corrections

The photo on page 12 of the May-June issue was not LTJG Orlando Muniz. Rather, it was LTJG Russell Meziere, who works at MSFO Panama City, a detachment of MSO Mobile. • The 2003 Flag Officer Assignments published in the March-April issue listed Chief of Staff T.M. Allen as admiral. He is a vice admiral. • A few readers wondered what CAPT Rausch's salutation "Hafa Adai" meant at the end of his column in the May-June issue. It is the traditional Chamorro (Guamanian) greeting/salutation, and is a pleasant way to begin conversations on Guam, where CAPT Rausch recently transferred.

Coast Guard Forces: The Shield of Freedom



The Commandant recently released ALCOAST 209/03 announcing the use of the phrase “The Shield of Freedom” to describe what he referred to as “what you provide for our nation.” As I thought about what Coast Guard Reservists have been called upon to do in support of *Operation Iraqi Freedom and Liberty Shield*, this phrase rang

true for me. As you know, the Coast Guard is by law under Title 14 of the U.S. Code, a military service at all times. Our expertise in maritime border interdiction, port security and safety, coastal sea control, small boat operations, environmental response, and servicing aids to navigation, while essential to our day to day domestic operations, is also crucial to the success of most maritime defense operations.

Throughout the history of our service, from 1790 when a small corps of individuals with special skills and courage made up the Revenue Cutter Service and provided needed security to the coasts, ports, and commerce of a very young nation, to our current force of highly skilled men and women performing a wide array of missions, the Coast Guard has been a shield of freedom for the American people. Since those early days of the Coast Guard, we have always met the challenge as a military, maritime, and multi-mission service. Daily, we defend our country in diverse ways, shielding it from a wide variety of threats — threats to safety, the environment, and indeed, our very way of life.

Now as before, we project that shield at home and abroad, protecting our ports and waterways, its critical infrastructure and interdicting threats to our national security as far offshore as possible. In the latest efforts in support of *Operation Iraqi Freedom*, Coast Guard men and women were deployed overseas at the direction of our commander in chief and the secretary of defense. Specifically, our reservists in four Coast Guard Port Security Units joined with eight 110-foot coastal patrol boats and Coast Guard elements of the Navy’s Harbor Defense Command units. About 1,000 Coast Guard active duty and reservists were deployed overseas.

Once there, our Coast Guard personnel joined other U.S. forces under the operational control of two Department of Defense Combatant Commanders, EUCOM and CENTCOM. The kinds of missions they performed included:

- Port Operations, Security, and Defense
- Maritime Interception Operations, and
- Environmental Defense Operations.

However, this is not new for us, as the Coast Guard has a long history of operating with the Department of Defense in matters of national security. As a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, the Coast Guard is responsible for the readiness of our deployed forces and they performed well. The shield of freedom we provide is not only for the safety

and security of our nation, but of the global community as well.

Since our move to the new Department of Homeland Security, this role for the Coast Guard is as important today as ever. In embarking on this mission, I am proud to report that our reservists lived up to our motto of *Semper Paratus, Always Ready*. I was very proud to meet the first returning Coast Guard unit, Port Security Unit 305, at midnight on May 7, when they landed at Langley AFB in Hampton, Va. This unit, made up mostly of reservists, is one of the Coast Guard units that responded to the terrorist attacks in New York City. They also were called up to provide waterside security to the Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba last year. A seasoned and dedicated unit, they are indeed exemplary of the shield of freedom. I was equally proud to join with families, friends, and employers, as they welcomed these men and women back home and to thank them for their sacrifice. I know everyone in the crowd gathered that night was proud of them — and we should all be proud of them. They along with all of our fellow reservists are part of our nation’s military maritime protection and first responder force...at home and overseas...the shield of freedom.

It hasn’t been easy balancing our domestic mission load. Despite the overseas deployments, the Coast Guard continued to have a full plate of domestic and peacetime missions as well. But our Coast Guard was up to the challenge just as we were in every war or conflict this country has ever been involved. We reassigned our ships, boats and aircraft where needed; we mobilized additional reservists as needed, calling over 4,400 of them nationwide to provide port security in our coastal ports, on the Great Lakes, and throughout the inland rivers in the heartland of America. This may not seem like a big number but it represents 10 percent of our normal active duty strength, and about 60 percent of our Selected Reserve strength. I don’t think any other service matches that...and it’s a big impact on our little service.

I recently logged 33 years service in the Coast Guard and my first as a flag officer. As I prepared to take over this watch a year ago, I reported to you my reflection about what being in the Coast Guard and public service are all about. This is what I said:

Each and every thing, that each and every one of us does, each and every minute, of each and every day, is important, to each and every citizen of America.

As I reflect on our recent deployment, both at home and abroad, this statement rings just as true and relevant today as then.

I am so very proud of the men and women of the Coast Guard Reserve...a strong force, the shield of freedom working to protect our liberty at home, and working to defend our freedom overseas. America is grateful for what you have done. We could not have accomplished all we did without your dedicated service.

Stand proud.

As some of our shipmates remain in harm’s way during this deployment, I ask that you continue to keep them, and all the members of the military, in your thoughts and prayers. God bless America and each of you. *Semper Paratus*.

**REAR ADMIRAL DUNCAN C. SMITH, USCGR
DEPUTY FOR MOBILIZATION & RESERVE AFFAIRS, LANTAREA**

New San Diego Coast Guard Boat Unit Fully Operational

By PAC Chuck Wullenjohn,
PACAREA Public Affairs

Patrolling the waters of San Diego Bay has long been a major responsibility of the small watercraft of Coast Guard Station San Diego. But a new unit has been formed at Coast Guard Activities San Diego — one that consists of two 27-foot Boston Whaler port security watercraft with the mission of performing homeland security duties each day of the week.

Called the “Ready Boat Unit,” the mission of the 27-person unit is to escort high value vessels into and out of the harbor, establish protective zones around naval vessels and patrol harbor facilities. The Ready Boat Unit’s membership consists entirely of activated Coast Guard Reservists, except for two individuals brought in from active duty units. Most are from California, with many from the San Diego area, but others coming from Northern California cities and even from Oregon and Washington. The reservists were called into active service early this past February.

“Morale is phenomenal,” said CWO Scott Thayer, commander of the unit. “When you call up this number of people at random, you never know what will happen, for you’re yanking people out of their homes and careers. But these people have proven to be really hard chargers. I couldn’t feel luckier or more proud.”

The reservists filled a wide variety of civilian occupations when they were activated, from engineering to medical professions, even one being a student working on a master’s degree. Thayer says there was initially some shock when people were called into active service and would be required to leave home. Once the group arrived in San Diego, received necessary training and knew that what they were doing would greatly augment the port’s homeland security posture, everyone’s attitude grew strong.

“Getting people qualified on everything they needed to know was our biggest challenge,” said Thayer. “We performed constant training at first, running the boats both day and night. Some of our challenges involved obtaining manuals, qualification books and revising training plans that were sent to us from up and down the West coast. We received terrific support, both from here in San Diego and throughout Coast Guard Pacific Area.”

CPO Jeffrey Slusarz is the highest-ranking enlisted person in the unit, bringing with him 24 years Coast Guard experience. A reservist himself, he hails from Walnut Creek, Calif. He performed a great deal of the training, getting underway on the water virtually each day and making sure everyone became



Photo by PAC Chuck Wullenjohn, USCGR

Twenty years of Coast Guard experience, Petty Officer Jim Mueller, right, discusses San Diego port security issues with Ready Boat Unit commander CWO Scott Thayer while patrolling San Diego harbor.

fully boat crew qualified.

“The people had a wide variety of skill levels,” he said, “with some receiving previous training at outlying units and others with no boat qualifications at all. We started at ground zero and worked our way up from there.”

Everyone received training in small boat operations, weapons qualification, use of force, and much more.

Petty Officer Dennis Romano, a reservist from Canyon Lake, Calif., worked as a policeman at Southern California’s San Manuel Indian Reservation, but had only been there a few months before receiving his activation notice.

“As a reservist, I’ve always known activation was possible and I was ready for it,” he said while on a patrol of San Diego Bay on a recent Saturday morning. “Being away from my family is the hardest, as you might expect. I visit as much as I can.”

Today, the unit has been qualified and several boat crews with fully trained coxswains provide security patrols and vessel escorts throughout San Diego Bay. Unit personnel work closely with the small boat crews at Station San Diego to stretch resources in meeting the increased security workload necessary during these times. The two boats of the unit have significantly added to the Coast Guard’s local response assets and, together with trained, enthusiastic crews, have increased the Coast Guard’s ability to respond to the nation’s homeland security needs.

Civilian and Military Careers Go Hand in Hand in NYC

Story and Photos by
PAC Marguerite DeMartino, USCGR

More than 400 Coast Guard Reservists from all walks of life and from cities throughout the Northeast United States have been activated since the beginning of the year to augment their active duty counterparts within New York Harbor. These reservists are here to partner with other federal, state and local response and law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of our ports, waterways, and facilities. These “behind the scenes” operations are rarely seen, but are an integral part of Operation Liberty Shield — a comprehensive national plan designed to increase protections for America’s citizens and infrastructure.

Selected Reservists make up approximately 20 percent of the men and women of the Coast Guard, and are heavily relied upon to augment the active duty workforce during special operations, disasters, wartime and any other situations that require additional and immediate staffing support. The individuals that make up the Reserve teach in schools, work for corporate America, and are former active duty Coast Guard members. Some are college students, and some are self-employed business owners. And some are police officers and firefighters from overtaxed city response agencies. Their efforts do not make the evening news and they’re rarely in the spotlight. But nonetheless, all are important to safeguarding America.



HS3 James Jean-Baptiste is checking YN2 Melissa Ripkey’s blood pressure. Both are reservists from Activities New York, Fort Wadsworth.

Individuals like FN Chris Bartlett from Station Portsmouth Harbor, N.H., who was activated in late January to Activities New York (ACTNY), is one of seven people responsible for transportation support throughout the metropolitan area. Bartlett had to put his junior year at Plymouth State College on hold for the involuntary recall to assist “behind the scenes” with Operation Liberty Shield.

“I may not be out there on the water patrolling the

harbor, but I am part of a team making sure the individuals that need to be there are there. I had to put a hold on my college education, but that didn’t mean putting a hold on responsibility,” said Bartlett.

Reservist QM1 Mark Guiteras from ACTNY, a newly appointed police officer for the Dover Police Department in Delaware, was activated in late February. Guiteras served 10 years of

active duty with the Coast Guard before transitioning to the Reserve a year ago. He is currently on the Dock Master staff, a “behind the scenes” team comprised of police officers, firemen and correction officers, and responsible for maintaining the locations and communications of all the Coast Guard assets in New York Harbor.

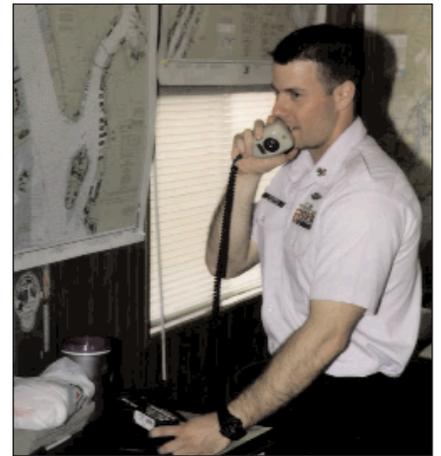
“Multi-tasking plays an integral part of my watch, especially when I’m real busy. I find this skill to be extremely useful in my day-to-day activities,” said Guiteras.

Native New Yorker GM3 Laurie Kennedy, a reservist from Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, ironically was not activated with the rest of her comrades. Kennedy was first activated immediately after bands of terrorists flew two commercial airliners into the World Trade Center towers #1 and #2. She has since remained on active duty.

The most significant change for Kennedy was her abrupt adjustment to the active duty military lifestyle.

“Getting used to the structured environment was a new experience for me,” said Kennedy. “Before, I was always able to deal with issues on my own. It’s not the same in the military. In the military, we rely on the chain of command to work with you to address the issues.”

Kennedy left her position with an advertising agency to augment a team of gunners mates who work “behind the scenes” to maintain and repair a wide variety of ordnance equipment, including small arms, machine guns, and pyrotechnics for the small boat crews. Her staff also trains small boat crews and maintains their weapons qualifications. She attributes her facilitation and interpersonal skills from working in advertising for helping her succeed while leading weapons training and



QM1 Mark Guiteras, USCGR, Activities New York, is the Dock Master on duty in New York Harbor, Lower and Upper Bay and the Kills.

working within a team environment in the Reserve.

CWO Dan Piszczatoski, another native New Yorker from Long Island, operates his own commercial photography business. He volunteered for active duty in late January. Piszczatoski's "behind the scenes" responsibilities include being part of the Standards Team (STANTEAM) as a Ready for Ops (RFO) evaluator. His team focuses on Coast Guard compliance within the current utility boat standards, and conducts inspections on all 41-foot utility boats and boat crews within the New York area.

Piszczatoski underscores his management skills, developed by running his own business, as instrumental to his success as a RFO evaluator.

"Efficiency plays a major role in any business or operation, and I found that to be the most useful skill for me," he said.

Whenever Coast Guard operations include massive Reserve augmentation, corpsmen are among the many essential "behind the scenes" members recalled to provide health care services. One such corpsman, HS3 James Jean-Baptiste from Brooklyn, N.Y., was recently activated to augment the ACTNY clinic staff.

"This is the perfect opportunity for me," said Jean-

Baptiste. "My civilian and military careers go hand-in-hand with each other."

In his civilian life, Jean-Baptiste is a paramedic for a private ambulance company, and a student at the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn. He employs his skills to provide routine and emergency healthcare services at one of the many Coast Guard sites throughout New York Harbor established for *Operation Liberty Shield*.

"Reservists bring an incredible variety of skills and experience to the table," added Jean-Baptiste. "They're not just your firefighter or police officer anymore. They are a diversified group of individuals with a unique set of talents that the Coast Guard can capitalize on," said CDR Sal Brillante, Reserve CO of ACTNY Detachment Bayonne.

Achieving success in today's current climate requires seamless transition from reserve to active duty. These reservists, as with all reservists across the nation and in each military branch, leverage their special skills to become essential elements in Homeland Security. And Coast Guard leadership is learning to leverage these special skill sets to offer the maximum benefits.

W E L C O M E H O M E

USCG PSU 311 returns home from Operation Iraqi Freedom

LOS ANGELES — Port Security Unit 311, of San Pedro, returned home during the early morning hours of June 17, after completing its four-month role in *Operation Iraqi Freedom*.

Members of PSU 311, comprised primarily of reservists that live and work in the Southern California area, were reunited with their families and friends at the Coast Guard base in San Pedro.

PSU 311's 120-person unit played a vital role in two extremely important security missions in Iraq. On the opening evening of the war, a security team from PSU 311 participated in the capture and security of an offshore oil terminal located off the coast of Iraq, less than two miles from the territorial waters of Iran. For over 90 days, PSU 311 secured the oil platform, operating under extremely arduous conditions, and protected this key piece of infrastructure that is vital to the economic stability and revitalization of Iraq.

Shortly after the commencement of hostilities, PSU 311 convoyed four boats and support equipment up to a combat zone in Iraq and provided security for U.S. and coalition forces operating in the port of Umm Qasr. For over two months, PSU 311 boats and landside security forces helped secure the port of Umm Qasr and provided waterside security for ships transporting humanitarian assistance into Iraq. PSU 311 boat crews logged over 3,000 hours underway, operating within the inner waterways of Iraq. In addition to PSU 311's many operational accomplishments, many PSU 311 men and women volunteered during their off-duty time to distribute food, medical and school supplies to the children of Umm Qasr.

— Story and photos by PA3 Louis Hebert, PACAREA PADET Los Angeles



PSU 311 Home 3: Petty Officer Bryce Douglas holds his son for the first time in four months.

Dallas returns from lengthy deployment

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Holding babies and waving American flags, friends, family and well-wishers stood expectantly on Pier Papa June 14, awaiting *CGC Dallas*. Nearby, South Carolina firefighters raised a large American flag on their ladder truck, standing at attention to honor the returning sailors. But the homecoming was just as sweet for the crew of *Dallas* who had just served a four-month stint in the eastern Mediterranean Sea.

“I missed America, I’m more proud than ever to live here,” said FS3 Robert Cox, 19, admitting the crowd on the pier was a welcome sight.

SN Jared Blessing concurs. “I was getting chills...I was stoked,” said Blessing. “I had just seen the Cooper River Bridge and the hair stood up on the back of my neck. Then that crowd waving flags and cheering...it was so good to be home.”

The crew’s mission in support of *Operation Iraqi Freedom* was a lengthy one, especially for parents and other loved ones back in the States. As the *Dallas* and its crew worked alongside the Navy’s Sixth Fleet in the Strait of Gibraltar, many knew the mission differed — just a bit — from other, shorter ones. Their location classified, crewmembers aboard the 37-year-old cutter worked around the clock in support of

Operation Iraqi Freedom. Though older than most of its crewmembers, the ship performed valiantly helping protect U.S. ships from terrorist threats, said CAPT Chris Colvin. Other missions were unexpected.

While leaving the U.S. Naval Station in Rota, Spain, the *Dallas* crew encountered the *Rainbow Warrior*. Attempting to stop the cutter’s patrol, Greenpeace’s schooner launched three Zodiac boats. “It was a little frustrating because we had just spent a week protecting U.S. ships from terrorist attacks,” said Colvin. With the engines cranked up and a little assistance from the Spanish Armada, the *Dallas* was able to expertly maneuver around the boats. One of *Dallas*’ most critical missions was to escort U.S. Military Sealift Command cargo ships — crammed with equipment, food and supplies for overseas troops, through the eight-mile-wide Strait of Gibraltar. Machine guns manned and weapons ready, the crew donned full body armor.

As the war began, the *Dallas* edged into position in the eastern Mediterranean — not far from the U.S. aircraft carriers *Theodore Roosevelt* and *Harry S. Truman*. As sandstorms enveloped the area in a tawny cover, *Dallas* served as a horizon line for departing aircrews.

Later, the ship was positioned near Turkey providing security and cover for 28 U.S. cargo ships carrying equipment critical to the missions of the Army’s 4th Infantry Division. Following that mission, the *Dallas* moved into position just off the the Syrian coast. The new mission: intercept ships possibly transporting escaping Iraqi leaders. While Colvin praised radio communications between the battle group, he said he was surprised by the anti-American and disrespectful messages from foreign merchant vessels. Under a United Nations-chartered maritime interdiction program, his crew boarded a Syrian-flagged 300-foot freighter. Based upon intelligence reports, they closely examined cargo, crewmembers and weapons aboard the *Haj Kroder*.

New Coast Guard missions accomplished by the *Dallas* crew included plane guard work for two Naval aircraft carriers, a successful emergency landing by an H-65 helicopter and escorting four cutters home across the ocean. While 14 miles off the Syrian coast, the H-65 lost an engine during nighttime surveillance. The senior aviator faced a difficult decision but opted to return to the ship.

Colvin says he was especially impressed the *Dallas* led four 110-foot Coast Guard cutters (the *Bainbridge Island*, *Grand Isle*, *Knight Island* and *Pea Island*) on a historic ocean voyage, refueling them at sea.

Now that it’s home, *Dallas* will undergo some repairs. After some rest and relaxation, the crew will scrape, paint, clean and repair the aging ship, as it’s only a matter of time before its next deployment. But Colvin said he thinks this time it will be a bit shorter — and back to an area with which the crew is familiar — the Caribbean.

“I expect it will be similar to our deployment right before the war,” said Colvin. “We’ll train with the Navy in Mayport (Fla.), do anti-narcotics patrols and perform migrant interdiction work. We have some striking memories [of *Operation Iraqi Freedom*, but it’s always good to be home,” said Colvin. “But we’ll also be ready to go again,” he said.

— By PA3 Judy L. Silverstein, PADET, St. Petersburg, Fla.



Seaman Alicia Todman, crewmember aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Dallas stands at parade rest as the Dallas prepares to moor in Norfolk, Va. from their deployment overseas in support of the war with Iraq.

Cutters Walnut, Boutwell return home

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Boutwell* returned home from the Persian Gulf to Coast Guard Island July 11.

Boutwell departed with the *USS Constellation* Battle Group Jan. 3, 2003 in support of *Operation Enduring Freedom*, *Operation Iraqi Freedom* and the Global War on Terrorism.

While in the Northern Arabian Gulf, the crew provided protection for amphibious landings, waterborne minesweeping operations, supported Coast Guard Port Security units guarding oil platforms and enforced United Nations sanctions against Iraq.

The Coast Guard role in *Operations Enduring Freedom* and *Iraqi Freedom* represented our largest overseas deployment in support of military operations since the Vietnam War. *Boutwell* was the only 378-foot cutter to deploy from the West Coast.

— PACAREA Public Affairs



Above: CGC *Boutwell* arrives home in San Francisco.

Below: CGC *Walnut* on patrol in the Arabian Gulf.



NORTH ARABIAN GULF — Coast Guard cutter *Walnut*, a 225-foot buoy tender homeported in Honolulu, recently completed its 20-day humanitarian mission of properly marking the navigational channel of the Khawr Abd Allah waterway leading from the North Arabian Gulf to Iraq's critical port of Umm Qasr.

The *Walnut* completely replaced 30 buoys and repaired an additional five along the 41-mile waterway, vastly improving the navigational safety of the waterway for humanitarian aid sailing to the port and providing a critical step towards the economic recovery of the people of Iraq.

The majority of the equipment used in the navigational improvements was located in a warehouse in Umm Qasr and was inspected and upgraded to ensure that the buoys matched as closely as possible to the charted channel.

The *Walnut* was originally deployed to the North Arabian Gulf with an oil spill recovery system in the event the regime of Saddam Hussein committed any acts of environmental terrorism. When those threats did not materialize, the cutter conducted maritime interdiction operations enforcing U.N. Security Council resolutions, participated in the search for two downed United Kingdom helicopters, and patrolled and provided assistance to captured Iraqi offshore oil terminals.



Farewell and Thank You from the Deputy Director of Reserve & Training

By CAPT Douglas E. Clapp

Ed's Note: The following are excerpts from CAPT Doug Clapp's remarks at his retirement ceremony held at TISCOM Alexandria, Va. June 13. CAPT Clapp's twilight tour was as Deputy Director of Reserve and Training. He can be reached by e-mailing: dougc@erols.com

Friday the 13th is considered by many to be an unlucky day. A good day to stay in bed with the covers pulled over your head. But for me,

Friday, the 13th of June was lucky indeed, because I was with friends and family as I closed the book on my 32-year Coast Guard career.

My retirement certificate says I have 29 years of service. That is one of those remaining quirks we haven't quite solved: we sometimes forget to value the time folks spend in the Selected Reserve, which I did. So, after 32 years, I get to try something else, and I'm looking forward to that with great anticipation. But for a moment, I want to look back and talk about the people who make me so proud of what I have done for you, the CG and for the people we serve.

Public Service is a noble endeavor. Doing good things for people and for America is what brought us all to the Coast Guard. It is what binds us together now. We dedicate ourselves to a cause, a purpose, a mission. And when it is our time to move on, we turn over the reins to others who continue to defend this Nation and protect its lifeblood of commerce, who save lives, and who guard the marine environment and its precious resources.

Throughout my journey with the Coast Guard, I had the distinct honor to learn, grow and share with a truly

peerless group of public servants who never shrink from getting the job done, whatever it takes. It's not easy to walk away from being a part of all that. But my journey with the Coast Guard was not taken alone. And my new journeys won't be alone, either. I have to thank my wife, Pam and my daughters Sarah and Amanda, first and foremost for their sacrifices, love and support over the years. Like the Coast Guard, my family is a wonderful team. Thanks to all three of you.

Now, to my Coast Guard family. You know, I learned so much from all of you. We deal with change every day, and you all make that seamless in so many ways.

You go about the business of the Coast Guard, often with humility and without recognition, yet are vital in meeting our nation's expectations. I know and fully appreciate all you have done, and are doing, for the people we serve, each and every day. For the staff of the Office of Workforce Performance, Training & Development, you do a lot for America to make Coast Guard men & women *Always Ready* and mission-capable. The Training Team strives daily, doing infrastructure development,

requirements analysis, curriculum development and delivery — and a myriad of other activities, turning mission-critical needs into confident, competent capability. You actively keep the Coast Guard in motion, growing, alive, and effective. In so many ways, we strive to measure what we teach, but our greatest metric is the fact that the Coast Guard still does so much with so few hands. Keep moving out!

To the staff of Leadership & Diversity, don't stop what you're doing. Cultural change takes time and the Coast Guard is benefiting from your efforts. Even when things seem to be barely moving, I can assure you that good things are happening. The White House, as well as many public and private agencies has recognized our



Photo by Chris Rose

RADM Robert Papp, Jr. presents Captain Doug Clapp with the Legion of Merit for his dedication and diligence as the Deputy Director of Reserve and Training at his retirement ceremony June 13.

approach in Diversity Management. The Navy and many other organizations look upon us as a “best practice” diversity program. And they are borrowing shamelessly from our construct. But we still need to “move the needle” faster. Our Policy Advisors have direct access to top leadership so that the voice at the deck plates is never lost in the buzz of competing priorities. Our multi-dimensional workforce needs to be confident that someone is looking out for their best interests — all the time. Keep moving out!

And of course, to the Reserve Affairs staff, continue to take the best of care with the people of our Reserve component. They are the Coast Guard’s most potent secret weapon and a national treasure. They selflessly leave their families, jobs and homes whenever America calls them. With unquestioned loyalty and commitment, they put themselves in harm’s way for our nation. We owe them the respect of full membership on the Team and the same quality support each of us expects of the Coast Guard. Today, we face the challenge of expanding the force to meet the demands of a tougher world neighborhood. Keep moving out!

I guess I’ll keep moving out too. I’m moving out to Colorado, and I’m delighted that such an opportunity

knocked on my door. I’ll be working in the private sector, but providing services to NORTHCOM, the new Combatant Command whose mission is defense of the homeland. I wrestled long and hard with the thought of ending my career of public service, but it seems I’ve just found a way to continue to serve America, albeit as a contract public servant.

There is much in my heart, but I promised to keep it short. We’ve worked so well together in Reserve and Training, in the Human Resources Directorate and all the way up to the Commandant and all the way out to the farthest reaches of our Coast Guard. Nothing has been out of our reach when we worked together to achieve it. I’m proud to have been part of such a great team, led by RADM Papp. The Reserve and Training Directorate needs strength and RADM Papp brings that to us. Strength in conviction, strength in taking calculated risks and strength in ensuring that each and every member of the Coast Guard is able to reach their full potential.

It’s a great time to be part of the Coast Guard and the Reserve program. I wish the best to every member of the crew, active, reserve, civilian and Auxiliary. I may not be on active duty in the Coast Guard anymore, but we’ll always be shipmates.

Department of Homeland Security Unveils New Seal



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary Tom Ridge unveiled the new Department of Homeland Security seal for the first time while speaking to 200 new employees in Selfridge, Mich. June 19. The seal was designed to be symbolic of the new Department’s mission: to prevent terrorist attacks within the United States; reduce American’s vulnerability to terrorism; and minimize the damage and recover from the attacks that do occur. The seal was developed with input from DHS senior leadership, employees, and the U.S. Commission on Fine Arts. The Ad Council, which currently partners with DHS on its Ready campaign, and the consulting company Landor Associates were responsible for graphic design and maintaining heraldic integrity. The seal’s description and symbolism is explained in ALCOAST 296/03. It can be viewed over the Web at: www.uscg.mil/news/cgnews.shtm

DoD official visits Coast Guard installations

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — When it comes to the integration of Active and Reserve forces, the Department of Defense looks to the Coast Guard as a model.

That's part of the reason Dr. John D. Winkler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, made a recent visit to Coast Guard installations in Hampton Roads, Va.

During his visit, Winkler stopped by the Marine Safety Office, the Integrated Support Command, and Group Hampton Roads. He also was on hand with Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge and Coast Guard Commandant ADM Thomas Collins when the *CGC Dallas* and four 110-foot patrol boats returned from service overseas in support of the war in Iraq.

During his visit, Winkler took every opportunity to talk with reservists about what works well in the Coast Guard Reserve — and what could use improvement.

One of the things discussed included a need for feedback from the field. The various leaders of the Armed Forces Reserve Programs are very interested in hearing feedback on how the Coast Guard Reserve program is going. The Coast Guard's Demobilization Survey Lessons Learned Activity lead by Dr. George Yaccus, is a Coast Guard wide attempt to gather much needed anonymous feedback from the field. Dr. Winkler, who has a background in behavioral science, was pleased that the Coast Guard is following up on hearing feedback from the field and is interested in seeing some of the results.

Afterwards, Dr. Winkler met with MLC Reservists. There were many ideas passed around on how to further improve the experience that reservists have, both while mobilized and while in IDT status.



Photo by PA2 John Masson, LANTAREA Public Affairs

Aboard Station Portsmouth's 41-foot patrol boat, left to right (all USCGR boat crew): LCDR Hawley Waterman, BM2 Connor Dillingham, CAPT Michael Price, Dr. John D. Winkler, PS1 Gary Feazelle, MK3 Erik Wiborg, MK2 Tony Kvasnicka, and CAPT Tim Spangler.

“He was immersing himself in the Coast Guard for two and a half days,” said CDR John Leonard, a recalled reservist who helped coordinate the visit. “The Department of Defense considers the Coast Guard a model of integration of reservists, so he wanted to get a picture of regular Coast Guard operations, and the reservists’ piece of Coast Guard operations.”

Part of that picture became clearer when a 41-foot patrol boat picked Winkler up on June 13 at Admiral's Landing on the shores of the Elizabeth River, in the shadow of Atlantic Area headquarters. The crew was comprised entirely of reservists.

— By LTJG Shawn Nesser and PA2 John Masson, USCGR

All “Set for Frasier”

Five Coast Guardsmen visit with Kelsey Grammer of the Emmy-award winning TV comedy “Frasier” after they sat through a recent taping at Paramount Studios in Los Angeles.

On the Cafe Nervosa set are seated, left to right, SA Tommy Oates, SA Guy Martel and FN Chris Giglio, all of CGC Halibut, Marina Del Ray, Calif. Standing, l to r, YN3 Joanna Larsen of ISC San Pedro, Kelsey Grammar, and PA1 Spring de Haviland, USCGR, of ISC San Pedro.

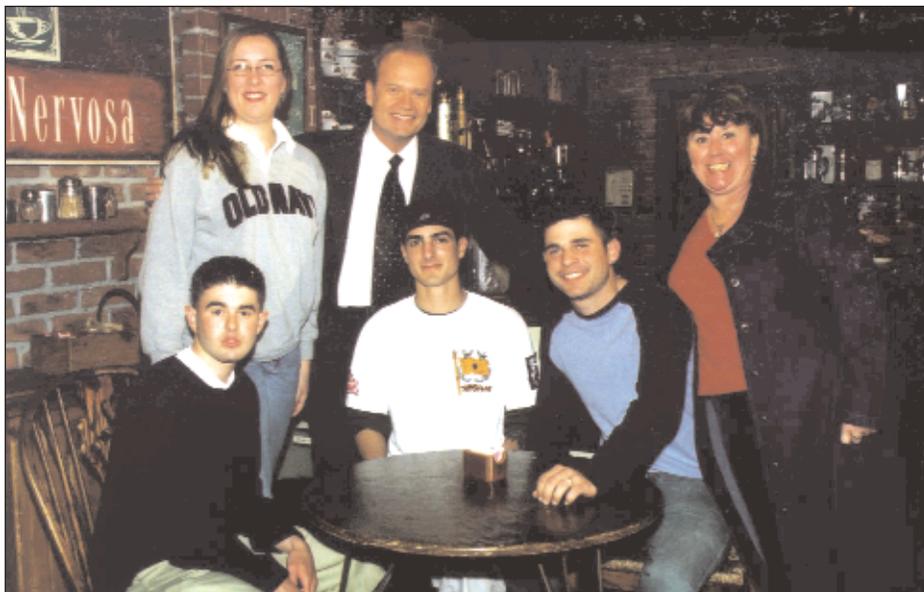


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Keeping it in the Family...

Photo courtesy MCPO James T. Bufford, USCGR.



The Buffords

When SN James W. Bufford, USCGR, graduated from USCG boot camp on Feb. 7, MCPO James T. Bufford, was in attendance. SN Bufford, of MSST 91104 in Galveston, Texas was sworn in by his father in San Antonio back on Dec. 17.

The Barrys

When SN Steve Barry graduated from Cape May May 30, the entire Barry clan was present for the momentous occasion...in uniform, thank you! Left to right, YN1 Marie Barry, sister and SN Barry's recruiter; SN Steve Barry, LCDR Robert Barry, USCGR(Ret.), and SK1 Susan Barry, mother. SN Barry was enlisted as a reservist by his father in Seattle on April 7 and is attending the University of Washington.

Photo courtesy SK1 Sue Barry, USCGR.



The Midgettes



Photo courtesy LCDR Don Midgette, USCGR.

When Don Midgette, Jr., right, was sworn into the Coast Guard Reserve by his father, LCDR Don Midgette, left, aboard CGC Forward May 31, it continued a long tradition of Midgettes who have served in the Coast Guard, including the "Mighty Midgettes" of the Outer Banks. Left to right: LCDR Don Midgette, USCGR; CAPT Bill Midgette, USPHS; Brenda Midgette, George Midgette, CDR Fred Midgette, CO of CGC Forward; and the newest Coastie, SR Don Midgette, Jr.

The Galindos

Reservist BMC Danny Galindo of MSO Miami stands tall on his home's front porch in Gainesville, Fla. along with his daughter, BM3 Julie Galindo, of MSO Tampa. The chief won the U.S. flag behind him at a raffle during Reserve CPO Academy Class 15 during May in New London, Conn.



Photo courtesy BMC Danny Galindo, USCGR.

Sparks Award Winners



Photo courtesy: PA2 Jaimie Knife, Group Boston

RADM Bennett “Bud” Sparks, left, presents his namesake award to Group Boston representatives at the ROA National Convention in New Orleans June 27. Left to right: RADM Sparks, CAPT Daniel May, Commander, Group Boston; LCDR Bob Fogel, RADM Mary P. O’Donnell, PACAREA Senior Reserve Officer; and LT Charles Jones, ROA Naval Service Section representative.

REPOY Unveiling



Photo by CWO2 Ed Kraska, USCGR

YNC Nathaniel F. Sargent, left, is assisted by Director of Reserve & Training RADM Robert J. Papp, Jr., during the unveiling of Sargent’s portrait at Headquarters June 11. Sargent is this year’s national Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year and was honored in Washington, D.C. the second week of June.

Honoring Historic Stamp Series

TYBEE ISLAND, Ga. — For more than 270 years, mariners have been relying on the imposing black-and-white banded lighthouse here to guide them safely into Savannah Harbor. And on June 13, members of the U.S. Coast Guard helped celebrate that tradition.

Marching in a time-honored ceremony, Coast Guardsmen joined with dignitaries from the city of Tybee Island and federal officials to celebrate the historic structure’s commemoration on a new U.S. postage stamp.

Despite soaring temperatures, members of the American Legion proudly wore full-dress wool suits. Master of Ceremonies Lizbeth Dobbins, U.S. Postal Service (USPS), thanked both the Coast Guard and the American Legion for their services. She was joined by other speakers including City of Tybee Island Mayor Walter Parker, and a USPS representative. Artist Howard Koslow praised Tybee Lighthouse’s historical significance, expressing his gratitude for being chosen to paint the series. Koslow designed a stamp series in 1990 for the Coast Guard’s bicentennial celebration.

During the ceremony, a crowd of lighthouse fanatics, stamp enthusiasts, and local citizens surrounded the towering lighthouse. The ceremony coincided with the first day of issue for the series Southern Lighthouses, featuring lighthouses from Virginia to Florida.

“It was an honor to have the Coast Guard be a part of this event,” said Cullen Chambers, director of the Tybee Island Historical Society. “I want to express how much we value the ongoing relationship between the Coast Guard and the Historical Society.”

On hand to mark the occasion were YN2 Melanie Byrd, YN3 Keagan Wren, SA Jonathan Welch, and SA Jerrod Hennigan, members of the Coast Guard Color

Guard, Group Charleston.

The Tybee Lighthouse dates back to 1732. Traditionally a Coast Guard asset, it was turned over to the Society last October. A Coast Guard team continues to maintain the light at the top of the structure, which is still used as a navigational aid for Savannah shipping lanes.

Now hanging at Group Charleston is a framed display of over-sized art prints representing each stamp in the series. Pausing to remark on this new collection was Group Charleston Commander Jim Tunstall.

“These historic stamps are an appropriate and honored way to depict the heritage of the Coast Guard dating back to the days of the Lighthouse Service,” said CDR Jim Tunstall of Group Charleston. “This is very special to us.”

The Southern Lighthouses Series features Old Cape Henry, Cape Lookout, Morris Island, Hillsboro Inlet, and Tybee lighthouses. For more information on Tybee Lighthouse visit www.tybeelighthouse.org. To view the Southern Lighthouse Series, visit: www.usps.gov

— By SN Lawrence Chambers,
Group Charleston



News Briefs

Coast Guard Reservist Recalls

WASHINGTON, D.C. — As of July 9, 2003, 2,878 Coast Guard Ready Reservists were on involuntary active duty under Title 10 USC recall orders. The Atlantic Area contributed 2,234 while the Pacific Area provided 644. During the recent recall, numbers peaked at 4,428 in April.

Acton selected as next CGR flag officer



WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Secretary has approved the report of the Selection Board convened on July 7, 2003 recommending officers on the ADPL and IDPL for promotion to the grade of rear admiral (lower half). CAPT John C. Acton, USCGR, of LANTAREA, has been selected for Reserve rear admiral (lower half) from the IDPL list. See ALCOAST 330/03 for details and ADPL selectees.

ROCI's 20th anniversary

NEW LONDON, Conn. — Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination celebrated its 20th year in conjunction with ROCI Class 2-03's graduation activities July 2-3 at the Coast Guard Academy. Several members of the first ROCI class in July 1983 attended the event and participated in a Senior Officer Discussion Panel. Class portraits of this year's ROCI graduates will be printed later this year.

Merrilees elected ROA President

NEW ORLEANS — RADM G. Robert "Bob" Merrilees, USCGR (Ret.) was elected National President of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States for 2003-2004 at the organization's National Convention in New Orleans June 27. Merrilees is the third Coast Guard officer to be elected to this position after RADM Bennett S. Sparks and CAPT Ralph J. Diverio. He enlisted in 1961 and served as Senior Reserve Officer, in both the Coast Guard Pacific and Atlantic Areas from June 1990 until his retirement in July 1994. Merrilees retired from the NASA, Kennedy Space Center, in 1998 after 33 years in Federal Budgeting. He served his last five years as Kennedy Space Center's Community Relations Officer.



Last Reserve CPOA at New London

NEW LONDON, Conn. — The Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy East held its final graduation exercises at the Coast Guard Academy June 19. The CPO Academy East is relocating to consolidate operations with CPO Academy West at Coast Guard Training Center Petaluma, Calif. Consolidating the two training centers will allow for

larger classes and will help meet the "goal of giving every Chief Petty Officer the opportunity to attend," according to MCPO Saundra O'Toole, School Chief of CPO Academy East. Founded in 1982 at Yorktown, Va., the CPO Academy was created to provide leadership training to the Coast Guard's senior enlisted personnel and to provide professional growth and training expected of newly advanced Chief Petty Officers. Since its start in New London in October 1998, the CPO Academy East has graduated 20 active duty classes and trained 640 active duty CPOs. In addition, the school graduated 10 Reserve classes including 314 Reserve CPOs. For more info on the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Academy, visit the following web sites at: www.cga.edu/ldc/chiefpettyofficeracademy/cpoa.htm Please request your quota as early as you can for the next class in summer 2004.

WWII CG Reservist Buddy Ebsen dies

LOS ANGELES — Buddy Ebsen, 95, an actor known to many as Jed Clampett of *The Beverly Hillbillies* and detective *Barnaby Jones* passed away July 6 in Torrance, Calif. A lifelong sailor, Ebsen was commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in the Coast Guard Reserve in 1941 and served three years during World War II, including time aboard the Navy Patrol Frigate *Pocatello*, a weather ship on Station Able. He was honorably discharged in 1946, and married his second wife, Nancy, a Coast Guard SPAR. They had four daughters and a son. Except for an allergy to aluminum paint, Ebsen would have been the Tin Man in *The Wizard of Oz*. But after 10 days of filming, he fell ill and the job went to Jack Haley. He danced with Shirley Temple in *Captain January*, but his career really took off when Walt Disney hired him to play George Russel, Davey Crockett's (Fess Parker) partner.



Work day held aboard CGC Taney

BALTIMORE — A volunteer project weekend was held aboard *CGC Taney (WHEC 37)* June 21-22. Volunteers painted, cleaned, and did other restoration work aboard the "last floating survivor" from Pearl Harbor. *Taney* is now part of the Baltimore Maritime Museum, the last floating survivor of the 101 warships at Pearl Harbor during Japan's surprise attack. Anyone interested in future work days should contact Mr. Paul Cora, Baltimore Maritime Museum, 802 S. Caroline Street, Baltimore, MD 21231; 410-396-3453 or e-mail: paul@baltomaritimemuseum.org

Wilmington named Coast Guard City!

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Wilmington has been named a Coast Guard City, the fourth city in the nation to earn that distinction and the first on the East Coast. A celebration was held July 24-25 in Wilmington, with CG Commandant ADM Thomas Collins attending festivities. Other CG cities include: Grand Haven, Mich., Eureka, Calif., and Mobile, Ala.



Coast Guard

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Story and Photos By
CWO2 Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

The nation's only Coast Guard Junior ROTC program started as an experiment. Twelve years later, it's an overwhelming success.

Ed's note: This is the final article in our series on sea service youth organizations. CAPT Dale Rausch wrote about the Sea Scouts and U.S. Naval Sea Cadets in issues earlier this year. This issue, we feature the Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officer Training Course (JROTC) located at the MAST Academy in Miami, Fla.



Brittney Lee, right, inspects members of a Coast Guard JROTC class at MAST Academy.

Welcome to MAST Academy!

It's warm, it's sunny, it's spring in Miami! OK, so you'd probably expect warmth and sunshine here in south Florida, home of perpetually nice weather. But what you may not expect or know is this is the home of a unique school called the MAST Academy. And while the Navy has Junior Reserve Officer Training Courses (JROTC) at many high schools throughout the nation, the Coast Guard only has one — located here at MAST Academy.

MAST stands for Maritime and Science Technology High School. It's part of the Miami-Dade Public School system, the fourth largest school district in the nation with 32,000 students. MAST Academy has 550 students, a diverse group chosen from the Miami area.

The idea for this unique maritime-theme school was born in 1984 when city leaders realized minorities were not a significant part of the marine industry. On April 5, 1991, a groundbreaking ceremony for MAST Academy was held and the school opened its doors in late summer that same year. The school is located near the bustling port of Miami across Biscayne Bay on Virginia Key. It is housed on the former site of Planet Ocean, after the school system purchased the 11.2-acre site from the University of Miami.



Not your typical American high school... LCDR Camuccio's command to "give me 10" results in JROTC students on the classroom floor.

The mission of the MAST Academy is to provide a nurturing culture and marine setting for studies and activism leading to academic success, career preparation, an appreciation of the sea and the environment, and lifelong personal development.

The MAST Academy is a nationally recognized U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, and a New American High School Showcase Site with an innovative marine theme. U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige visited two years ago, and VADM Thad Allen, Coast Guard Chief of Staff, walked the hallways in November 2002.

"At MAST, the students want to be here and teachers want to be here too," said Matthew Kuhl, only sophomore JROTC officer and Assistant Public Affairs Officer (and on staff of JROTC newsletter *Coastie Post*). "We've got some of the highest academic scores in the state of Florida and the school is rated very high."

Acceptance at MAST is very competitive — it takes hard work and just a wee bit of luck. Students applications are based on a point system including grades and an interview. Then, a lottery is held to make the final selections with about 120-140 chosen each year.

Nearly 100 percent of MAST's graduates go on to college. Three graduates of MAST are currently at the Coast Guard Academy: Kristen Nicholson and Christina Delgado are both 2002 graduates, while Lawrence Chen just arrived for swab summer 2003. Others are already serving in the Coast Guard including ENS Thomas Rodzewicz, who just graduated from New London in May. SN Latice Pinnot is serving at Station Miami and SN Francisco Vasquez is a reservist attached to Group Miami. Over 20 MAST graduates are in the other branches of the military. If graduates of the MAST Academy's JROTC program go the enlisted route, they come out of Coast Guard boot camp at Cape May as E-3s.

"Our kids aren't rocket scientists, but they're a cut above," said LCDR Robert Camuccio, a retired Coast Guardsman who is Senior Maritime Instructor at JROTC.

Curriculum and Instructors

MAST Academy's facility is built around a nautical theme, including portholes, lighthouses, docks and masts. The building includes 108,600-square feet and has a multi-purpose auditorium, five atriums for display purposes, recreation center, bayside cafeteria, conference rooms, Olympic pool, boat house and a maritime and science park.

Walking the halls at MAST, you know you've arrived at the Coast Guard JROTC classrooms when you see the familiar red and blue Coast Guard stripes painted on the hallway doors. The JROTC area is divided into three rooms — four if you count the instructors' office. One is a conventional classroom with desks, chairs and blackboards. The middle room is the drill room, a large airy space with high ceilings. The medals and awards locker is located in the back of the room and a USCG JROTC logo is painted on the front wall. Desks with computers line one of the walls. The third room is the

senior staffing area, which also contains desks, computers and even a display of USCG ballcaps donated to JROTC by former MCPOCG Vince Patton.

Bulletin boards in the hallways and classrooms are full of Coast Guard paraphernalia, including stories about Coast Guard heroes, from former Commandants to Ida Lewis, from crusty chiefs to World War II SPARs. A fourth room, actually a 10-by 12-foot office, is for the three JROTC instructors: LCDR Robert Camuccio, CWO3 Al Hawkins and CPO (H) Robert Lasseter.

These instructors are all retired Coasties who bring a combined total of over 60 years in the Coast Guard to the job. Lasseter teaches the freshmen, introducing them to the USCG, to drill, and the military (Maritime Science D). Freshmen (Seamen Recruits) are put through a JROTC Training Camp that begins the end of August and runs every day for three to four weeks after school.

"I feel I am contributing directly to the youth of my community," said Lasseter, who has worked at MAST since March 1999 and was named MAST's Rookie Teacher of the Year in 2000. "You have a direct influence on them. I feel I have the best job there is. I love the challenge of bringing in brand new freshmen who don't know anything about the USCG, then train them to a level where I would be proud to serve with them in the USCG — and I'm usually proud of them. It's conducive to USCG training."

Lasseter must be doing something right with the freshmen — many of the students stay on four years in JROTC. Take, for example, freshman Francis Rocha. When asked about JROTC, she said, "It's fun, especially drill team. I will continue in the program."

CWO3 Al Hawkins teaches the sophomores and juniors navigation and basic seamanship (Maritime Science II and III). He's been here since 1992. Hawkins was busy preparing for a student field trip scheduled for the end of the school year.

"I appreciate seeing the young people discover their own abilities, the confidence that comes from overcoming the challenges we give them and they give themselves," said Hawkins. "It's a good place to give them that."

LCDR Robert Camuccio is the Senior JRTOC Instructor, having taught here during the program's early days in 1990-93, coming back in 1998 and staying on ever since.

"Our goal is to make good citizens," said Camuccio.

Sitting in on Camuccio's class session with the seniors, it's easy to see he has great rapport with them. He jokes with them as they prepare for graduation and other



JROTC students stand in formation awaiting inspection. Wednesdays are the day students wear uniforms and are inspected.

upcoming events.

"Georgina, if you say that word 'like' one more time," smiles Camuccio referring to the common usage of the word "like" by teens.

Earlier in the day, Camuccio had JROTC students doing pushups for not standing when a Coast Guard officer walked in the room. When he met a JROTC student in the hall, he was "in his face" about what he was supposed to be doing.

"It's such an important job because in small ways, we effect these kids in big ways," said Camuccio. "The little things can have a huge effect on these kids."

Students choose JROTC as an elective and about 160 students are involved — or about 29 percent of the student body. On Wednesdays, they have inspections and wear the Coast Guard Tropical Blue Long uniform. Their rank is on the right collar and the letters JROTC on the left. Many of the uniforms are donated by the D.C. Chapter of the Chief Petty Officers Association who hold a semi-annual uniform exchange at Headquarters.

MAST students must do 75 hours community service to graduate, and many do theirs with the Coast Guard. They get to see first hand what the Coast Guard does day to day. They also take field trips to the base, station and air station in Miami.

JROTC activities abound including: marching in the Junior Orange Bowl parade, participating in the Pennzoil 400 Veteran's Day ceremony, open houses, awards ceremonies, back to school nights, a visit by D7's Tactical Law Enforcement Team, sailing on *S/V Heritage of Miami*, field trips to *F/V Armistad*, annual platoon competition (won this year by Alpha Four, thank you very much), "Project Challenge," and recruit training camp.

The annual Pass in Review is held each January on the school's front lawn to ring in the New Year. The entire student body watches in awe as the cadet JROTC students perform.

MAST Academy JROTC instructors have over 60 years of Coast Guard experience. Left to right, YNC Rob Lasseter, CW03 Al Hawkins, and Senior JROTC Instructor LCDR Robert Camuccio.



“It was funny to hear the student body ‘wow’ at our right face,” said Battalion Commander Monica Dominguez who graduated in June 2003.

The JROTC staff is also currently developing a relationship with *CGC Mako* homeported at Training Center Cape May. Since the Mako (a type of shark) is the school mascot, it’s a logical fit.

History of How it Happened

How did the Coast Guard’s only JROTC come to pass? Long story, short.

During the conceptual stage, Linda Eads, former principal at MAST, thought it would be a good idea to have JROTC at MAST. When the Navy didn’t seem too keen on the idea, she went to the Coast Guard. At that time, D7 Chief of Staff CAPT Mike O’Brien helped her get the wind going in the JROTC sails. Then, in 1989, the 101st Congress authorized the establishment of the first Coast Guard JROTC program with sponsorship by the late Florida Congressman Claude Pepper (it is named the Claude Pepper Coast Guard JROTC). The Coast Guard Recruiting Command helped get the program developed.

Enter Coast Guard Reservist LT John DeMas who was brought on active duty in January 1990 to develop the curriculum. Then, LCDR Camuccio was selected from 30 applicants to be the lead instructor. Camuccio wanted to teach when he retired from the Coast Guard and wanted to live in Florida so it was a perfect fit.

Students Speak...

Melissa Fernandez is a MAST employee who went through the JROTC program a few years ago. She served as Battalion Commander in 1999-2000.

“I have an appreciation for what the Coast Guard does because of JROTC,” said Fernandez. “Some of our students go to college and then get out and enlist. I do think that not having Coast Guard ROTC at the college level hurts the Coast Guard though.”

Still, she says JROTC gives shy students a real chance to shine.

“Some of the recent seniors were very shy at first and it’s like night and day how they grew into leadership positions. This gives them the chance to step up to the plate — there’s no real failure.”

Students are graded on aptitude, military bearing, unit inspections, quizzes and classwork.

Recent MAST graduate Ross Frow worked with the Coast Guard at Station Miami and was excited to report he was at the station during a Cuban migrant interdiction case.

“This is the best run JROTC in the country,” said Frow. “Everyone really cares here and I got one of the best educations I could have here at MAST. The staff is always here, and there’s always an open door to help out with questions or problems. The staff really made it interesting.”

But Frow had a real “dilemma” the latter part of his senior year: attend the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. or the Coast Guard Academy, New

London, Conn.

We all should have such problems.

“He’s now at the Merchant Marine Academy,” said Lasseter. “We really pushed Coast Guard but he made his decision.”

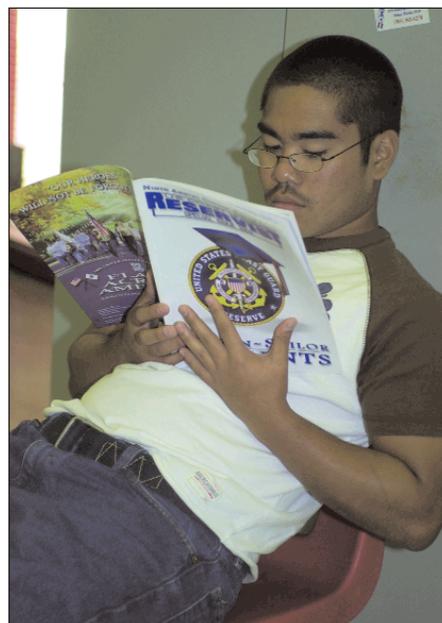
Kuhl says that JROTC is excellent but underrated.

“It’s a totally unique experience,” said Kuhl. “You learn the concepts first and then put them to work. JROTC is an excellent program but it’s a shame because people don’t appreciate it.”

A JROTC scrapbook sits on Lasseter’s desk, and it contains pages full of thank you notes. Perhaps one note summed it up best: *Petty Officer Lasseter, I want to thank you for helping me find my lost self discipline through the program.*

At the 1991 groundbreaking ceremony for MAST Academy, then Coast Guard CAPT Kent Ballantyne’s words may have been somewhat prophetic: “I’m excited that Dade County has taken such a forward position in education. I’m proud the Coast Guard could get involved in this school. The future looks real bright as a result of your commitment.”

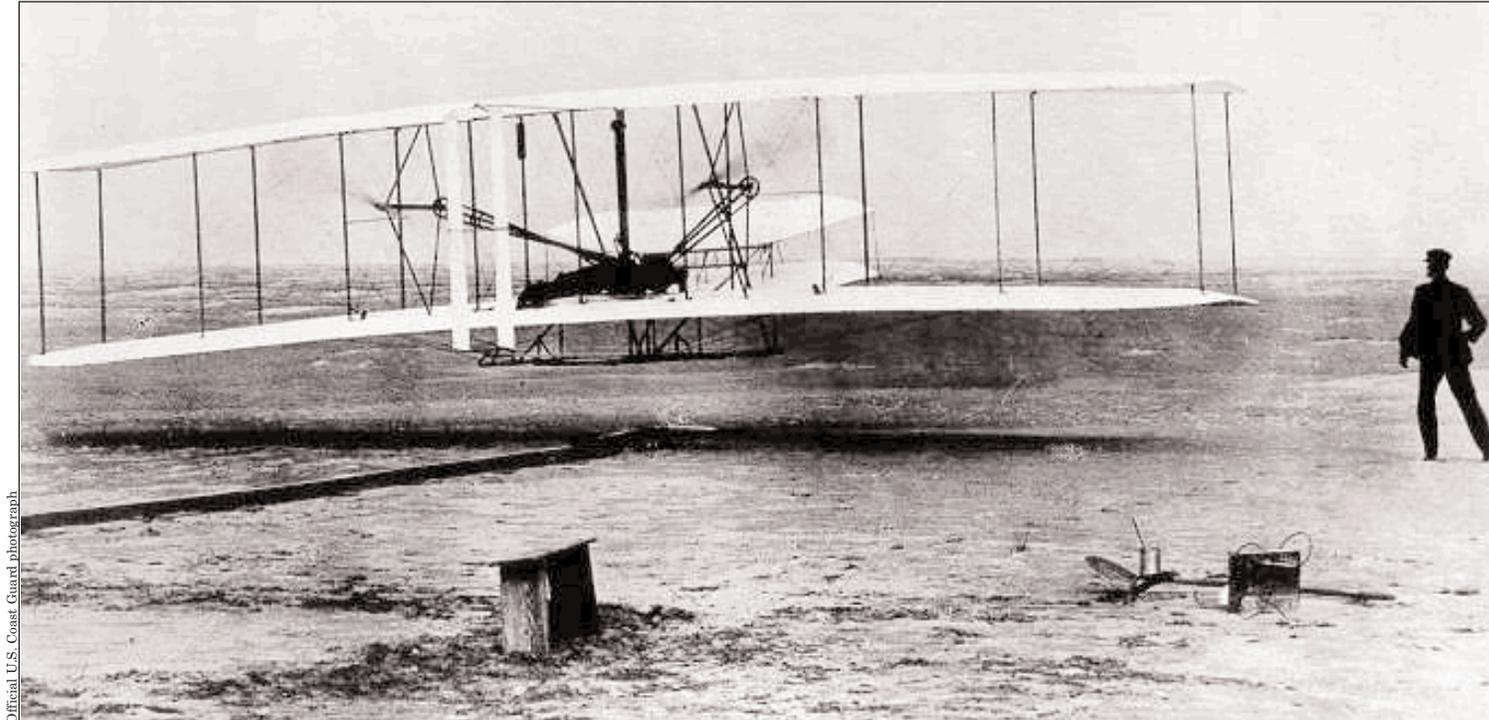
Twelve years later, the future looks even brighter.



MAST puts out smart students... especially those who read *The Reservist!* Enjoying the magazine is JROTC student Jonathon Diocares.

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(then click on “Academics,” under Academics click on “Departments” (Marine Related Industries — Waterfront)



Official U.S. Coast Guard photograph

The most famous aviation photograph ever taken...the Wright biplane, piloted by Orville Wright, takes off from a monorail launching strip at Kitty Hawk, N.C. Dec. 17, 1903. The photo was taken for the Wright Brothers by Surfman J.T. Daniels, Kill Devil Hills Life-Saving Station.

COMMEMORATING A CENTURY OF *Flight*

*New Memorial will acknowledge role our
Life-Saving Service played in this historic event*

Dec. 17, 1903: The crew of the U.S. Life-Saving Service Station at Kill Devil Hills, N.C. helps two brothers from "away" drag a strange, ungainly contraption into its place on a long wooden skid. The rough sound of a two-cylinder engine rattles across the beach, the rope is cut, the weight falls, and 605 pounds of canvas, wire, struts and engine start down the skid, bearing a lone passenger. Just as the world's first powered airplane takes off, Surfman John T. Daniels trips the shutter on a tripod-mounted camera and captures the moment for posterity. The age of flight is born!

Dec. 17, 2003 marks the 100-year anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first powered flights at the base of Kill Devil Hill on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Among the many planned celebrations will be the unveiling of a new monument commemorating the century of achievements in aviation since 1903. This "Monument to a Century of Flight," spearheaded by Icarus International, Inc., a non-profit organization, will pay tribute to significant accomplishments and milestones in aviation history, beginning with that world changing flight in 1903.

Few realize the significant role the U.S. Life-Saving Service, a forerunner of our Coast Guard, played in the

launching of that flight. It was Life Saving Station #6 at Kitty Hawk that served as the active weather bureau for the coastal area 100 years ago. They provided information on temperature and wind velocity for the experiments of the Wright Brothers on the sand dunes at Kill Devil Hills. After successfully completing the first flight, Wilbur and Orville Wright returned to the station to telegraph the world of the birth of aviation. The Life-Saving Station is now part of the Black Pelican Restaurant, located at 3848 Virginia Dare Trail at Kitty Hawk. A wooden sign posted on the back steps of the restaurant tells the story of the Wright Brothers and our Life-Saving Service. Read more about this at the Coast Guard Historian's Web site: www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/history/faqs/Wright_Brothers.html

A group of Coast Guard retirees headed by VADM Howie Thorsen and RADM Bob Johanson along with others working with The Foundation for Coast Guard History want to ensure the Coast Guard is recognized permanently in the commemoration of a century of flight. Included will be recognition of the Coast Guard's rich aviation history, as well as the tremendous contributions to numerous U.S. coastal communities by the crews of U.S. Life-Saving Service stations and Coast Guard boat stations. Their heritage will be remembered as part of the monument, including the five Surfmen (J.T. Daniels, Robert Westcott, Thomas Beacham, W.S. Dough and Uncle Benny O'Neal) who provided critical assistance to the Wright Brothers before and during the historic flight of Dec. 17, 1903.

The "Monument to a Century of Flight" will be located adjacent to the "Gateway to the Outer Banks" at the

Aycock Brown Welcome Center in Kitty Hawk, N.C. It will be a public park, accessible to all, and consist of 14 winged-shaped stainless steel pylons ascending in height from 10 to 20 feet in an orbit of 120 feet, the distance traveled during the first flight. The flat faces of each pylon will showcase black granite panels engraved with language and images about one hundred of the most significant events in aviation during the past century. A granite tablet at the base of each pylon will be inscribed with artwork and language recognizing the sponsoring organization. Inside the orbit of pylons and surrounding the center bronze dome will be a courtyard of bricks engraved with the messages of sponsors from around the world. Dedication of this monument is planned for Sept. 27, 2003 in conjunction with the town of Kitty Hawk's Heritage Days.

Members of the Coast Guard community, active duty, retired, reserve, auxiliary, civilians, their families, and other supporters can help sponsor this monument. For more info, contact RADM Bob Johanson, USCG(Ret.), 616 Lakeland Road South, Severna Park, MD 21146; Phone: 410-647-5272; E-mail: robtjohanson@aol.com and/or visit the following Web site: icarusinternational.com. To learn more about the Wright Brothers National Memorial at the Outer Banks, see the National Park Service's Web site: www.nps.gov/wrbr/. Also, the 1903 Wright Flyer, the aircraft that ushered in the age of flight, will be the centerpiece of a centennial exhibition at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. The exhibition opens in October 2003. See the following Web site for more info: www.nasm.si.edu/galleries/gal209/wrights.htm



The crew of the Kill Devil Hills Life-Saving Station, circa 1903. These men provided critical assistance to the Wright Brothers during their historic flight Dec. 17, 1903. Left to right: Keeper Jesse E. Ward, Surfman William T. Beacham, Surfman A.D. Etheridge(?), Surfman John T. Daniels, and Surfman W.S. Dough.



In Brief

• OFFICERS! HELP MANAGE RESERVE PROGRAM FULL TIME —

The next Selection Board for Reserve Program Administrators will be held in early December, but the deadline to apply is approximately the end of October 2003. RPAs manage the Reserve Program as well as have operational and other assignments outside the Reserve Program to round out their experience and knowledge. Being an RPA is a great way to use your drilling, mobilization and/or active duty experience to better train and support our dedicated reservists. In addition, you compete with other RPAs for promotion and can earn an active duty retirement. Active duty, Selected Reserve and recalled officers can apply. Detailed application information will be distributed via message. If you are interested or have questions about the RPA Program, contact CDR Vince Weber at 202-267-0549 or 1-800-842-8740; E-mail: vweber@comdt.uscg.mil

• RESERVE POLICY MANUAL (RPM)

REVISED — The RPM has been revised and is on-line via the Reserve home page (www.uscg.mil/reserve, then go to “USCG Publications”). Paper copies will be mailed to each unit in late summer. Future changes will be distributed electronically. For major changes to the manual, see ALCOAST 253/03.

• REVISED UNIFORM REGULATIONS —

Over the past several years, the *Uniform Regulations Manual* has seen numerous changes. Now, COMDTINST M1020.6E (Uniform Regulations) have been revised. They can be viewed over the internet (requires Adobe Acrobat Reader) from the following Web site: www.uscg.mil/ccs/cit/cim/directives/cim/cim_1020_6E.pdf For an overview of the changes, see ALCOAST 327/03.

• **CITIZEN-SAILOR ISSUE** — The 10th annual Citizen-Sailor issue will honor reservists’ civilian occupations. Send in a 100 words and a photo of you busily at work and we’ll print it in an issue later this fall. Deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003. Send via e-mail to: ekruska@comdt.uscg.mil or via regular mail to *The Reservist Magazine* (address and other info is on page 3).

• **2003 RESERVE OFFICER REGISTER** — The 2003 register (COMDTINST M1427.2W) was signed by the Director of Reserve and Training on May 30, 2003. Primary distribution is electronic through CG directives system at www.uscg.mil/ccs/cit/cim/directives/welcome.htm. An internet version is available through CG Reserve internet home page (www.uscg.mil/reserve, under “Other

Links”). Limited distribution of print versions will be mailed in September 2003. Questions should be directed to LT Rhonda Creecy at e-mail: rcreecy@ballston.uscg.mil or 202-493-1704. (ALCGPERSCOM 043/03)

• RESERVE SERVICEWIDE EXAMINATION (RSWE) —

The October 2003 RSWE competition for enlisted members of the Reserve component (E-5 through E-9) will be administered on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003. Please see ALCGPERSCOM 038/03 for details. For those expecting to use all their drills, consider requesting Reserve Management Periods (RPM) for the RSWE to save IDT for training. Requests go via chain to your ISC.

• HRSIC NAME CHANGED TO PSC —

HRSIC has been renamed to Personnel Service Center (PSC). The new toll-free number is 1-866-PSC-USCG (772-8724). Old numbers called will automatically roll to the new one. See ALCOAST 283/03 for details.

• PERSONNEL COMMAND (RPM)

RELOCATED — The Reserve Personnel Division (rpm) at Personnel Command has moved to the Ballston area of Arlington, Va. (from Headquarters in Washington, D.C.), effective June 16, 2003. **Members need to contact CGPC-rpm to view their records.** Please check the Coast Guard Global Address List for new phone and e-mails for specific staff members. Address is Commander (CGPC-rpm), 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1100, Arlington, VA 22203-1804. General rpm numbers are 202-493-1701/1702/1710/1720; FAX: 202-493-1675. Please see ALCGPERSCOM 042/03 for more details.

• CHANGE FROM CGHRMS TO DIRECT ACCESS —

CGHRMS has transitioned to Direct Access, an Internet hosted system that will provide greater access for all members. This means that reservists will be able to use their home computers to dial in and perform CGHRMS functions currently available only through the Standard Workstation III and the CGWEB (Intra-net). These functions include orders processing, Annual Screening Questionnaire (ASQ) preparation, changes of address, IDT scheduling, pay, etc. Stringent security procedures will ensure privacy of information. This is a significant event that will greatly improve a reservist’s ability to manage his/her career. Questions can be directed to the Direct Access Help Desk via e-mail at: direct-access@hrsic.uscg.mil or via phone, 785-339-3540. Q&As are posted on HRSIC’s Web site: www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic/

• **SGLI PREMIUM REDUCTION** — The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced that

premiums for Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (SGLI) will be reduced. Beginning in July 2003, the cost for a \$250,000 policy — the maximum coverage — will drop from \$20 to \$16.25 monthly, a \$3.75 savings. Rates for Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI) will not change. Premiums will also be reduced for SGLI family coverage, with rates varying among age groups. For more info, contact the office of Servicemembers Group Life Insurance, at 1-800-419-1473 or visit their Web site: www.insurance.va.gov

• **2003 PAY CHART** — Want to check out your active duty and/or Reserve drill pay on the Web? Go to the Reserve Web site (www.uscg.mil/reserve, then go to “Useful Sites”) or directly to www.dfas.mil/money/milpay/pay/

• **TEAM COAST GUARD BIKING GEAR** — Jersey, short-sleeve, \$47; Jersey, long-sleeve, \$57; shorts, \$42; Jacket, \$57; Vest, VS-XXXL, \$42. Sizes XS to XXXL. To place an order, contact LCDR Bruce Cheney at e-mail:

bcheney@comdt.uscg.mil or write, Commandant (G-MRP-1), USCG Headquarters, 2100 Second St., SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. Include an address to ship items to (add \$2 for shipping if you only order one item). *The Coast Guard does not endorse these items; they are printed here as a service to our readers.*



• **LONG ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS** —

President of the Long Island Lighthouse Society (www.lilighthousesociety.org) is seeking history of Long Island light keepers from Coast Guard personnel who manned those lights. Contact Mr. Bob Muller via phone: 631-207-4331; Cell: 631-645-5230; E-mail: bobmuller@lilighthousesociety.org

Reunions

SEPTEMBER 2003

• **CGCVA MINI-REUNION** — The Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association (CGCVA) is holding a mini-reunion at Training Center Cape May, N.J. on Friday, Sept. 26. For more info, contact Mr. Jack Campbell, 732-229-2413; Mr. Herb Weinstein, 908-262-2899, e-mail: herbflash1@aol.com or Mr. Terry Lee, 908-454-7470. CGCVA Web site: www.coastguardcombatvets.com

• **NORTH CAROLINA CG RESERVE REUNION** — For friends who were ever in North Carolina Reserve Units or who served with North Carolina reservists on ADT, Inspection Teams, Military Exercises, etc., Saturday, Sept. 27, 5:30 p.m., Greensboro Moose Lodge, Greensboro, N.C., \$18 per person; casual attire. For more info, e-mail John Brooks: brooks@netpath.net or send regular USPS mail to: Darrell Hayden, 103 Tesi Court, Greensboro, NC 27455. Please give name, spouse or friend's name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

OCTOBER 2003

• **NASHVILLE RESERVE UNIT** — Saturday, Oct. 4, at the MTSU versus Temple football game and the annual MTSU salute to Veterans game. Contact PSC J. Drugmand, USCGR(Ret.), E-mail: jdrugmand@mtsu.edu or QMC F. Schafer, USCGR(Ret.), Phone: 615-451-4326; E-mail: fds340gall@earthlink.net

• **GROUP MORICHES/SHINNECOCK, N.Y.** — Reservists' reunion to be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at the NCO Club, ANG Base, Westhampton Beach, N.Y. Pass the word and contact BMC Ed Neale, USCGR(ret.), 42 Indian Head Dr., Sayville, NY 11782-1703; Phone: 631-589-3940; or QM1 Steve Wade, USCGR(ret.), 4011 Wilshire Lane, Apt. G-11, Oakdale, NY 11769-1446; E-mail: bravepenguin2@aol.com

ON THE LOOKOUT....

• **GRAND ISLE, La.** — Looking for personnel that served aboard Barataria Bay Station 214/Station Grand Isle from 1919-present, *CGC Point Young* (WPB 82303) from 1960-65, *CGC Point Sal* (WPB 82352) from 1966-2001, Group Grand Isle from 1968-87, and LORAN Station Grand Isle, 1968-1980, for possible reunion. Contact LT Chris Thorpe, P.O. Box 158, Grand Isle, LA 70358; Phone: 985-787-2136; E-mail: cthorpe@stagrandsisle.uscg.mil

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

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

Upcoming Events

AUGUST 2003

- **CPOA NATIONAL CONVENTION** — 35th annual, Aug. 25-29, Mobile, Ala. For info, contact CPO Association, 5520-G Hempstead Way, Springfield, VA 22151-4009; Phone: 703-941-0395; E-mail: cgcpoa@aol.com Web: www.uscgcpoa.org

SEPTEMBER 2003

- **USCG STATION DEDICATION TO 9/11**

RESERVIST — USCG Station Kings Point, N.Y. is being named after LCDR Gil Granados, a retired Coast Guard Reservist killed on Sept. 11, 2001 while at his civilian job in World Trade Center Tower 2. The ceremony will be held Friday, Sept. 5, 2003, 11 a.m., USCG Station Kings Point, N.Y., U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. For info, contact CAPT Dan Croce, Activities New York, Phone: 718-354-4042; E-mail: dcroce@actny.uscg.mil



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



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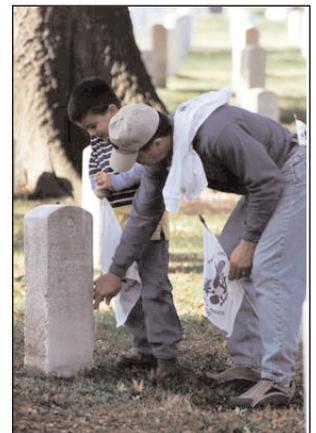
- **COAST GUARD BALL** — Saturday, Oct. 4, 5:30-11 p.m., Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va.
- **SAN DIEGO FLEET WEEK** — 7th annual, to honor all the sea services and military personnel, Oct. 4-19. For info, call 619-858-1545 or go to: www.fleetweeksandiego.org

- **RESERVE SERVICEWIDE EXAM** — Saturday, Oct. 18. Study hard, good luck, and make us proud! For more information or if you have questions, contact YNC Pamela Harris, HRSIC (adv); Phone: 785-339-3410; E-mail: pharris@hrsic.uscg.mil

- **CGC CUYAHOGA 25TH COMMEMORATION** — USCG TRACEN Yorktown, annual wreathlaying, tentatively slated for Oct. 20, to commemorate collision of *CGC Cuyahoga* and *M/V Santa Cruz II*. For more info, contact MKC William Every, Phone: 757-856-2371; E-mail: wevery@tcyorktown.uscg.mil

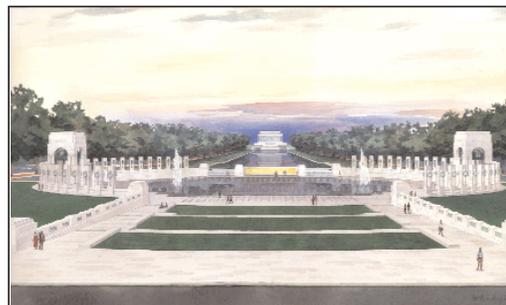
NOVEMBER 2003

- **USCG FLAGS ACROSS AMERICA** — Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m., 5th annual event will honor our Coast Guard veterans buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Muster at Fort Myer's Old Post Chapel between 0800-1000. Program lasts until early afternoon and is sponsored by DC CPOA. For more info, contact DC CPOA President BMCS Mark Allen, Phone: 301-486-3154; E-mail: mallen@sgt-inc.com or uscgflags@yahoo.com Web site: www.uscgcpoa-dc.org/faa/index.htm



MAY 2004

- **WWII MEMORIAL DEDICATION** — Saturday, May 29, 2004, 2 p.m. on the National Mall, Washington, D.C. "Tribute to a Generation" celebration is scheduled for May 27-30. For more info, see the WWII Memorial Web site: www.wwiimemorial.com or call 1-800-639-4992.



USERRA: What You Should Know

Ed's note: With many reservists being released from active duty, the following information may be useful as they return to the civilian sector. This information is from the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve Web site (www.esgr.org). Thanks to the MLCP Legal Assistance Branch in Alameda, California (phone: 510-437-5891) for sending out this information.

Congress provided clear protection for all members of the uniformed services (including non-career National Guard and Reserve members, as well as active duty personnel) in October 1994, with passage of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA, Chapter 43 of Title 38, U.S. Code). The Department of Labor is the enforcement authority for USERRA and it processes all formal complaints of violations of the law. Major sections of the law include:

- Expanding coverage to specifically include the Public Health Service, the Coast Guard, and others designated by the President in time of war or emergency;
- Placing a 5-year limit (with some exceptions) on the cumulative length of time a person may serve in the military and remain eligible for reemployment rights with the pre-service employer;
- Requiring an individual to give written or verbal notice to their employer prior to departure for military service;
- Establishing time limits for reporting back to work, based on the length of time in the uniformed service, rather than on the type of service, and requiring documentation of such service, if available;
- Providing for the continuation of employer provided health insurance (at the service member's request) for an 18-month period, with payment of up to 102 percent of the full premium by the service member;
- Requiring that an employee's military service not be considered a break in employment for pension benefit purposes, and providing that the person's military service must be considered service with an employer for vesting and benefit accrual purposes.;
- Providing that the U.S. Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) shall assist all employees, including federal government workers.

Significant changes in military leave of absence management include:

- An employee no longer requests permission to be absent for military leave but rather provides notification of pending military service.
- There is no longer any differentiation between voluntary and involuntary service.
- An employee cannot be required to use earned vacation or similar leave days for military leave of absence.
- Military service will not be counted as time away from the employer for retirement purposes (Federal employees should review the Code of Federal Regulations, series 5 CFR 353.201-210 for details related to their employment).

The Act seeks to ensure that members of the uniformed services are entitled to return to their civilian employment upon completion of their service. They should be reinstated with the seniority, status, and rate of pay they would have obtained had they remained continuously employed by their civilian employer. The law also protects individuals from discrimination in hiring, promotion, and retention on the basis of present and future membership in the armed services.

Problems?

If you are returning to your civilian job after a drill or active duty and you encounter problems with your civilian employer, you should immediately call the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) at 1-800-336-4590 for a referral to an ESGR volunteer ombudsman living near you. The ESGR ombudsman will advise you regarding your USERRA options and discuss your problem with your employer if you ask for their intervention.

Loss of Pay or Status?

However, if you are subject to any loss of pay or status, you should immediately open an investigation and file a formal complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), which has the statutory enforcement authority under USERRA. VETS can also refer your case to the U.S. Attorney if necessary. Lastly, you can always hire a private attorney to represent you, but VETS will not take your case if you have an attorney working on it for you.

Questions?

If you have questions regarding your rights under USERRA or if you need additional information, please call your local, military, legal assistance office.

VA Benefits for Reserve Personnel

Submitted by
CWO4 James Roberts, USCGR

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), offers a wide range of benefits for the veteran. Many Reserve personnel are eligible for VA benefits, and are not aware of it. My advice to all members who served on active duty is to contact the VA as soon as possible after being discharged or released to determine basic eligibility whether you plan to use your eligibility or not.

A veteran is any person who has served on active military duty, and discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. Federal law establishes your eligibility as a veteran and the benefits will be based on your veteran status.

The major VA benefits are as follows:

- Health care
- Home loans
- Burial benefits
- Life insurance
- Disability benefits
- Vocational rehabilitation and employment
- Education and training
- Dependents and survivors benefits

As a reservist called to active duty, you may be eligible for many of the above benefits, depending on the length and location of service. Even if you have never been called to active duty, you still may qualify for some of the VA benefits. You may call the VA at 1-800-827-1000 for specific information about your eligibility. You hurt no one but yourself by not applying for VA eligibility.

To apply for benefits, you must file a VA Form 21-526, Application for Compensation and/or Pension, VA Form 22-1990, Application for Education Benefits, and/or VA Form 28-1900, Disabled Veteran's Application for Vocational Rehabilitation. If your eligibility is based on current active duty service, the eligibility begins after 181 days of service or after 90 days service for the Gulf War unless discharged or separated from a previous qualifying period of active duty service.

VA benefit entitlement ends 10 years from the date of eligibility for the program, or on the date of separation from service. Members whose eligibility began on or after Oct. 1, 1992, have 14 years. If activated under Title 10, the eligibility period is extended by the time on active duty plus four months. A separate extension applies for each activation. An extension is not available if activated under USC Title 32.

VA BENEFITS & SERVICES

Health Care

- Hospital, outpatient medical, dental, pharmacy, and prosthetic services.
- Domiciliary, nursing home, and residential care.
- Sexual trauma counseling.
- Woman's specialized health care.
- Homeless programs.
- Readjustment counseling.
- Alcohol and drug dependency treatment.
- Medical evaluation for military service exposure.
- Extended health care for combat veterans.

Check with the VA for eligibility and information for Combat Vets.

Home Loans

- VA will guarantee loans for the purchase of a home, manufactured home, lot, certain types of condominiums, or to build, repair, and improve homes.
- This benefit may also be used to refinance an existing home loan.
- Certain disabled veterans may receive grants to have their home specially adapted to meet their special needs.
- Native Americans living on trust land may qualify for a direct home loan.

Check with the VA for eligibility.

Burial Benefits

- Including gravesite in any of our 120 national cemeteries with available space.
- Opening and closing of the grave.
- Perpetual gravesite care.
- A Government headstone or marker.
- A grave liner for casketed remains.
- A burial flag if completed one Reserve enlistment, or discharged due to service death or entitled to at age 60.
- A presidential memorial certificate, all at no cost to the family.
- A burial allowance of \$2,000 for service-related deaths.
- Other vets receive \$300 for expenses and \$300 for a plot.

Check with the VA for eligibility.

Life Insurance

- **SGLI** (Servicemembers Group Life Insurance)
- **VGLI** (Veterans Group Life Insurance)
- **FGLI** (Family Group Life Insurance)
- **SDVI** (Service-Disabled Veteran Insurance)

For specific insurance information, call 1-800-669-8477.

Disability Benefits (Two Programs)

Compensation: The VA pays monthly benefits to veterans for disabilities incurred or aggravated during *active duty* and *active duty for training*, and for heart attack or stroke incurred during *inactive duty for training*. Such disabilities are considered “service-connected.” Additional benefits for the member and their dependents or survivors may apply.

Pension: This income-based benefit is paid to veterans with honorable wartime service who are permanently and totally disabled (or age 65 or older).

Note: *Both of the disability benefits are tax-free.*

Education and Training

- Under the Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 1606), Selected Reserve members may be entitled to up to 36 months of benefits.
- You must have a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve.
- Officers must agree to serve six years in addition to the original obligation,
- Have completed initial active duty for training (IADT),
- Meet the requirements to receive a high school diploma or equivalency before applying for benefits, and
- Remain in good standing while serving in a Selected Reserve program.

Readjustment Counseling Service

- VA has broad readjustment counseling for veterans and their families.
- All services are supportive and confidential.
- Centers are community-based in all 50 states, DC, Puerto Rico, Guam, & US Virgin Islands.

How To Contact The VA

Each VA benefit has its own eligibility requirements. For specific information about eligibility call VA at 1-800-827-1000

• Health Benefits	877-222-8387
• Home loan EAST	888-244-6711
• Home loan WEST	888-487-1970
• Education Benefits	888-442-4551
• VA Life Insurance	800-669-8477
• Office of SGLI	800-419-1473
• CHAMPVA	800-733-8387
• Environmental Health	800-749-8387
• Headstones (status of claims only)	800-697-6947

Telecommunication

• Device for Deaf (TDD)	800-829-4833
• Direct Deposit	877-838-2778

WEB INFORMATION

The VA Web Site

www.va.gov

Apply for Health Benefits

www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/

Apply for Compensation, Pension or Vocational Rehabilitation benefits on line:

<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov>

Facilities Locator

<http://www.va.gov/sta/guide/home.asp>”

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents (2003 Edition)

<http://www.va.gov/pubaff/fedben/Fedben.pdf>

Insurance

<http://www.insurance.va.gov/>

Burial and Memorial Benefits

<http://www.cem.va.gov/burial.htm>

Center for Women Veterans

<http://www.va.gov/womenvet/>

Education

<http://www.gibill.va.gov>

Loan Guaranty

<http://www.homeloans.va.gov>

Veterans Service Organizations

<http://www.va.gov/vso/default.asp>

State Veterans Affairs Offices

<http://www.va.gov/partners/stateoffice/index.htm>

Readjustment Counseling Service

<http://www.va.gov/racs/>

For information on reemployment rights and unemployment insurance

<http://www.dol.gov>

Ed's note: CWO4 Roberts has copies of a useful brochure, “VA Benefits and Services for Selected Reservists.” Contact him at: Commandant (G-WKW-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001; E-mail: jroberts@comdt.uscg.mil; Phone: 1-800-842-8740, ext. 72448.

Medals & Awards

LEGION OF MERIT

CAPT Douglas E. Clapp, CGHQ

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

CAPT Francis C. Buckley, CGHQ
CDR Sidney J. Duck, LANTAREA
PAC Peter J. Capelotti, CGHQ
TCC Robert E. Ziehm, Group Buffalo

NAVY & MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL

CAPT David M. Butler, NCW Group Two

CG COMMENDATION MEDAL

LT Dan Eagan, PSU 307
TCCS John C. Marshall, Intell. Coord Ctr
PSC Andrew E. Aguilar, MSO San Fran

CG ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

LCDR Daniel V. Venne, Mar.Safety Center
LT John M. Hartzell, Intell. Coord. Ctr.
EM1 James M. Haag, PSU 309
MK1 Kevin J. Palmer, PSU 309
PS1 Kenneth W. Oberacker, PSU 309
BM2 Eric M. Drake, PSU 309
DC2 Wilton S. Terry, II, PSU 309
MK2 Stephen E. Bates, PSU 309



Photo courtesy PSC Andrew E. Aguilar, USCGR(Ret.)

CAPT Gerald Swanson of MSO San Francisco, left, presents a Commendation Medal to PSC Andrew Aguilar.

COMMANDANT'S LETTER OF COMMENDATION

LT John M. Hartzell, Intell. Coord. Ctr.
YNC Daniel C. Swanson, PSU 309

CG RESERVE GOOD CONDUCT

MSTC Mark P. Manthei, GP Buffalo (6th)

PSCS William A. Morschhauser, GP Buffalo (7th)
PS1 David J. Greenway, GP Buffalo (5th)
MST2 Jerry P. Russell, GP Buffalo (1st/2nd)
MST2 Phillip L. Scott, Group Buffalo (1st)

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL

LCDR Robert G. Gray, Group-Air Station Atlantic City

ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL

YNC Nancy L. Seely (silver hourglass)

MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION

MSO San Fran Sea Partners Team
River Rouge Mystery Oil Spill Response Team

MARINE SAFETY DEVICE

MST2 Michael Hogan, MSO Chicago

If you received an award recently and would like to see it published, send a copy of your award citation to the editor. Address is on page 2.

Bravo Zulu

Fire Chief **Charles Walker** of the Orlando, Fla. Fire Department received the Florida Committee Chair Award recently. He was selected as one of 11 employers statewide out of 700 nominated to receive the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve award. He was nominated by **MKC Robert S. Goldenberg**, USCGR, of Fort Myers Beach, Fla. • **PO Joseph M. Ungeheier** of Air Station Kodiak received the ADM Chester Bender Award for Heroism from the CG Foundation at the Foundation's Pacific Area Awards Dinner May 1. **MSO Valdez** received the Foundation's ADM John B. Hayes Award for Unit Excellence while **PO Tim Muldoon** of ISC Alameda received the ADM James Gracey Award for Professional Excellence. • The **Port of Houston Sea Marshals** are recipients of the Excellence in Government Team Award sponsored by the City of Houston. Many of the team members are reservists activated following Sept. 11. • **LCDR Michael Bee** of the Intelligence Coordination Center in Washington, D.C., is the recipient of the 2003 ADM Frederick C. Billard Intelligence Award (ALCOAST 198/03). • **The Coast Guard Yard** was one of 26 winners (out of 200 nominated) of the White House "Closing the Circle" Award, winning in the category of Environmental Management Systems (ALCOAST 302/03). • **Ms. Carleigh Villarreal**, ombudsman for **CGC Walnut** is the winner of the USO's Spirit of Hope Award for 2003.



Photo courtesy Glacier Society.

U.S. Congressman from Connecticut Robert Simmons, center, displays an award from the Glacier Society presented by Bernard Koether II of Westport, Conn., Society Chairman, left, in recognition of Simmons' long-time support of the Glacier Society's efforts to restore and recommission the USS/USCGC Glacier. The presentation was made June 6 at the home of Paul Foley, right. Simmons' district includes the CG Academy in New London and the Navy sub base in Groton. Glacier Society Web site: www.glaciersociety.org.

Villareal supported **Walnut** during its recent deployment to the Middle East for the Iraqi War. The Hope Award, named for Bob Hope, is the highest and most prestigious award given by the Uniformed Services Organization (ALCOAST 299/03).

Promotions

The following Reserve officers and Reserve Program Administrators (RPAs) are listed on the Officer Promotion Authorization Listing (OPAL) No. 07-03, ALCGPERSCOM 048/03 (R261353Z JUN 03), and are effective July 1, 2003 (some LTs effective July 2, 2003):

TO CAPTAIN

OHMS,STEVEN E., HDCU 208
FILIPOWICZ,JOHN D., CGD SEVENTEEN
RAUSCH,DALE M. RPA, MARSEC
BUNN,DONALD E. RPA, ATTACHE MEXICO CITY
TAYLOR,KAREN L., CGLO USSOUTHCOM
LEYERLE,JOHN S., HDCU 114
SPRINGER,DAVID W., CGD EIGHT
FEILEN,KENDEL D., CGRU JTRU US TRANSCOM
FULLER,DOREEN D., LANTD5
WEEKS,MAURY A. RPA, MLCLANT
BUTLER,TIMOTHY M., CGRU JTRU US TRANSCOM
JACKSON,STEPHEN N., DET DUTY PENTAGON
HANSEN,WILLIAM C., HDCU 110
SOLODUK,WARREN E., COMMANDANT

TO COMMANDER

MACKEY,MARK S. RPA, CGC MELLON
GARDNER,DAVID M., LANTAREA
HANDFORD,LEE A., LANTAREA
CAYLOR,PATRICK L., GP SEATTLE
NEWTON,ROBERT T., COMMANDANT
AVALLONE,STEPHEN V., CEU MIAMI
HAPIRO,STEVEN M., NPFC
BYRNES,SEAN F., CGD ONE
ANDERSON,JEFFREY G., MLCLANT
FERRIERE,DALE V., MSO PORTLAND
OFFORD,BRIAN H., CGD THIRTEEN
LLOYD,KAREN E., MSO JACKSONVILLE
HARWOOD,CHRISTOPHER J., CGD ONE
BOYLE,GEORGE W., MSO TAMPA
RODRIGUEZ,CHRISTOPHER M., HSC
OLD,KEVIN J., GULF STRIKE TEAM
PORTER,BRADFORD A., CEU OAKLAND
CRANE,ROBERT E.,II, OPS SYSTEMS CTR
DAWSON,DOUGLAS J., MSO PHILADELPHIA
WAJDA,DAVID S., HDCU 201
LANDRETH,LANDRUM R.,JR., MSO TOLEDO
TAMIMIE,HEKMAT D., LANTAREA

TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER

RAY,JERRY D., MSC WASHINGTON DC
DAVIS,JOHN W., FDCC ATLANTIC
PURDY,GREGORY M., ISC MIAMI
CAMPBELL,LISA M., MSO PROVIDENCE
PACHECO,ERNEST M., GP ASTORIA
MURPHY,CHARLES G., ICC
ROBINSON,JAMES P., HDCU 201
POLLIO,CAROL A., LANTD5
PIERSON,MICHAEL F., ACT BALTIMORE
CRAWLEY,SCOTT W., FDCC ATLANTIC
HOFFMAN,PETER M., MSO DETROIT
WAMPLER,MICHAEL RPA, MLCPCAC
BITOWF,STEPHEN C., MSO MOBILE
BROWN,BARON K., HDCU 114
MEDEROS,ROGELIO A., MSO MIAMI
BROWN, DENNIS A., ACT SAN DIEGO
O'BRIEN,CHRISTOPHER B., GP MORICHES
GRANT,RONALD K., AIRSTA NEW ORLEANS
ARNOLD,KAREN, MSO PUGET SOUND
ARNOLD,MICHAEL K., PSU 313
RAYHILL,ROBERT D., GP LOWER MISSISSIPPI
BJERGO,CHRISTINA M., MSO PORTLAND
WASCO,FREDERICK, MSO TOLEDO
MEILSTRUP, MARY J., ISC HONOLULU
MORGAN,CRAIG W., MSO HAMPTON ROADS



MAKI,KYLE E., MSO LA/LB
ROBINSON,KARL E., ESU SEATTLE
STUCK,MATTHEW B., CGD ONE
JOHNSON,CASSANDRA RPA, ISC MIAMI
CORRIGAN,BRIAN P., GP ASTORIA
WALDMAN,ROBERT, ICC
DAVIES,RONALD T., MSO LA/LB
OTTO, CHRISTOPHER P., MSO ST LOUIS
HARTZELL, JOHN M., ICC
MILLER,PHILLIP D., MSO HAMPTON ROADS
NOVIELLO,DONALD T., GP SEATTLE
MILLER,DONALD A., CGD SEVEN
VENNE, DANIEL V., MSC WASHINGTON DC
BLANCHARD, ROBERT S., HITRON
EVANISH,MICHAEL D., MSO PITTSBURGH
CSISAR,WILLIAM F. RPA, GP/MSO LONG ISLAND
SALL,CHAMPEE V., CGD SEVEN
LIVINGOOD,JAMES S., MSO HAMPTON ROADS
COX,MARK D., TRACEN YORKTOWN
ANDREWS,JAMES B., MLCPCAC
OCONNELL,JEFFREY G., ACT SAN DIEGO
WILLIS,FOREST A., NTL STRIKE FRC CTR
GAROFALO,JOHN J.,JR., HDCU 114
KILLMER,PETER D., MSO CLEVELAND
FITZGERALD,BRION J., HDCU 205
CLARK,DANIEL W., GANTSEC
BRADY,ROBERT M., AVTRACEN MOBILE
BROWN,SHERRI L., COMMANDANT
PRYOR,MARC S., PACAREA
CALAMETTI,CASSIE H., COMMANDANT
WEBSTER,CAMERON K., CGD THIRTEEN
TUBBS,ALAN R., PACAREA
MCCONNELL,FRANK V.,JR., TRACEN YORKTOWN
NAUERT,GERALD A., MSO LOUISVILLE
SCHAEFER,FRANKLIN H., GP CHARLESTON
HENDERSON,SCOTT D., PACAREA
SMITH,BENJAMIN L.,III, MSO TOLEDO
ELLIS,RICHARD, MSO WILMINGTON
ST JOHN,PATRICK J., GP PORTLAND
NUSSBAUMER,PAMELA S., ISC ST LOUIS
JANSZEN,JEFFREY A., CGD FOURTEEN
AUSTIN,CLAIRMONT RPA, ISC BOSTON

TO LIEUTENANT

CESSNA,RACHEL K., CGPC
SHANAHAN,SUSAN C. RPA, RECRUITING COMMAND

Advancements

Effective June 1, 2003

(From Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement ERAA No. 006-03). List types are: AL (Advancement List), SL (Supplement List), and ST (Striker List)

Boatswain's Mate (BM)

BMC 012A AL HOLMES,R.L., CGC NARWHAL
BMC 014 AL VARHAUG,M., STA GLOUCESTER
BMC 014A AL MORRISON,D.E., STA FORT PIERCE
BMC 016 AL KENNEDY,T.P., PSU 307
BMC 017A AL RENKER,E.J., STA SAND KEY
BMC 018 AL WOODRUFF,T.G., ANT G'TOWN
BMC 019 AL BASILICI,K.A., PSU TRA DET
BMC 020 AL UPTEGROVE,S.J., STA FORT LAUD.
BMC 022 AL TSCHANTZHAHN,J.M., STA KEY WST
BMC 023 AL HARVEY,K.L., GP MIAMI
BMC 024 AL CHASE,C.G., CGC GASCONADE
BMC 026 AL MAHER,M.E., STA PONCE DE LEON
BMC 027 AL FORD,E.R., CGLO NASSAU OPBAT
BM1 010 SL CANTEY,H.S., PSU 305 FT EUSTICS
BM1 011 SL OSULLIVAN,P.K., STA KINGS POINT
BM1 012 SL SPINDLER,K.M., STA ALEX BAY
BM1 013 SL TORO,S.J., STA SEATTLE
BM1 014 SL PARKER,J.R., STA DESTIN
BM1 015 SL DIAMCO,L.L., STA DESTIN
BM2 009 SL DYER,W.J., MSO PADUCAH
BM2 010 SL MONTOWSKI,T.M., PSU 309
BM2 011 SL HOLLOWELL,B.M., MSO SAVANNAH
BM2 012 SL LIPPOLD,S., MSO PORT ARTHUR
BM2 013 SL MENEZ,T.N., ACT NEW YORK
BM2 014 SL VAWTERS, R.A., STA LAKE TAHOE
BM2 015 SL LETARTE,K.J., ACT NEW YORK
BM2 016 SL POWERS,M.S., GRU BOSTON
BM2 017 SL SCHAEFFER,D., MSO MIAMI
BM3 005 ST BARHAM,M.A., MSO PADUCAH
BM3 006 ST BLACKSHER,J.M., MSO ST LOUIS
BM3 007 ST ROMANITCH,J.J., STA JONES BEACH

Damage Controllman (DC)

DCCS 001 AL GAGNON,J.P., ANT KENNEWICK
DC1 003 SL JOHNSTON,E.J., ACT NEW YORK
DC1 004 SL TAYLOR,G.A., ACT NEW YORK
DC2 001 SL WHIDBEE,S.B., ACT NEW YORK
DC2 002 SL RUIZ, E.W., ACT NEW YORK
DC2 003 SL WERNING,J.G., INTSUPRTCOM

Electrician's Mate (EM)

EM1 004 SL CARSTENS,M.W., STA PORT CANAV.
EM1 005 SL BIERLY,C.A., ACT NEW YORK
EM2 002 SL LOUIS,E.S., MSO PADUCAH
ETC 001 AL FUSCO,A.C., ESD NEW YORK
ET2 002 SL MILLER,T.M., PSU 305
ET2 003 SL REISENWEBER,K.T., PSU 305

Gunnersmate (GM)

GM1 001 SL HARVEY,M.R., ACT NEW YORK
GM1 002 SL WOOD, M.S., PSU TRADET

Machinery Technician (MK)

MKCS 004 AL VONSTRITZKY,B.O., STA BURL.
MKCS 005 AL WOOD,C.W., STA G'TOWN
MKCS 006 AL RUMFIELD,D, GP C. CHRISTI
MKC 009 AL FOSHAY,I.W., NESU HONOLULU
MKC 010 AL SPANN,E.E., PSU 308
MKC 11A AL LANDIS,M.S., ELC
MKC 012 AL NOBLE,W.H., STA ATL. CITY
MKC 013 AL CLARK,T.J., CGC MOBILE BAY
MKC 014 AL HOFFMAN,B.D., NESU SEATTLE
MKC 015 AL MILLER,J., STA SW HARBOR
MKC 016 AL SUNDEVIK,G.R., ANT KENNE.
MKC 017 AL MCCORMACK,W.T., STA PORT.
MKC 17A AL BLITCH,T.R., STA CHARLESTON
MKC 019 AL LAWSON,J.H., MSO PADUCAH
MKC 020 AL OBARSKI,W.A., STA TWO RIV.
MKC 021 AL JENSEN,D.W., GP ASTORIA
MKC 022 AL HAGNER,R.C., GP ATL. CITY
MKC 024 AL DLUGOLECKI,E.W., STA OSWEGO
MKC 025 AL SEEL,M.D., STA ST PETERSBURG
MKC 026 AL ALANIZ,C.J., CGC HALIBUT
MKC 027 AL KIBBY,G.S., CGC NARWHAL
MKC 028 AL SEABOYER,V.F., STA GLOUC.
MKC 030 AL BIGGS,M.J., STURGEON BAY
MKC 031 AL SCHOONOVER,W.S., ELC
MKC 032 AL BALDWIN,J.T., STA PARRA. BEACH
MKC 033 AL KUCINSKI,J.M., ISC PORTSMOUTH
MK1 012 SL STOUT,D.H., STA BELLINGHAM
MK1 013 SL BATES, S.E., PSU 309
MK1 014 SL ELDRIDGE,K., PSU 313
MK1 015 SL DAVIS,S.P., STA ATLANTIC CITY
MK1 016 SL TOBIAS,I.E., ACT NEW YORK
MK1 017 SL WILSON,J.A., STA TYBEE
MK1 018 SL GRAY,M.B., STA RIO VISTA
MK1 019 SL MATT,G.R., STA YANKEETOWN
MK2 008 SL DONOVAN,E.J., ISC ST LOUIS
MK2 009 SL WIGGINS,D.O., STA OAK ISLAND
MK2 010 SL MATTHEWS,C.P., ACT NEW YORK
MK2 011 SL ENGLER,E.J., GRU ST PETERSBURG
MK2 012 SL PLANTE,M.J., ACT NEW YORK
MK2 013 SL SWANDA,C.D., GP LOWER MISS
MK2 014 SL DEAN,C.M., ACT BALTIMORE

Marine Safety Technician (MST)

MSTC 010 AL RORABACK,K.E., MSO PUG. SND
MSTC 012 AL SPLIDSBOL,A.C., MSO PUG. SND
MST1 001 SL GRAVINO,M.A., MSO CHARLESTON
MST1 002 SL CROWE,J.R., ACT NEW YORK
MST2 002 SL GREEN, C.J., MSO SAN DIEGO
MST2 003 SL RILEY,K.K., MSO SAN DIEGO
MST2 004 SL HODGE,D.M., ISC ST LOUIS
MST2 005 SL OLLICE,C.S., MSO HUNTINGTON
MST2 006 SL WHITTINGTON,W.W., MSO WILM.
MST2 007 SL REHBERG,M.L., ACT NEW YORK
MST2 008 SL SALATINO,P.G., ACT NEW YORK
MST2 009 SL LEGER,J.N., MSU BATON ROUGE

Public Affairs Specialist (PA)

PA1 002 SL BAUMAN,C.D., GRU OHIO VALLEY

Port Security Specialist (PS)

PSC 019 AL PATTON,S.E., MSO JACKSONVILLE
PSC 020 AL ATKINS,K.R., MSO MOBILE
PSC 021 AL BERUTTI,C.P., MSO CHICAGO
PSC 022 AL RALSTON,W.A., MSO WILMINGTON
PSC 023 AL CHEESMAN,D.M., MSO WILM.
PSC 025 AL CURRY,S.W., STA GRAY HARBOR
PSC 026 AL MILKIEWICZ,J.M., TC YORK
PSC 27A AL HAMALA,S.J., MSU GALVESTON
PSC 029 AL DOWNER,D.F., MSO PADUCAH
PSC 030 AL ADAMS,D.R., PSU 305
PSC 30A AL WEISENBURGER,J.H., PSU 313
PSC 031 AL CHAPA,F.J., MSD BROWNSVILLE
PSC 032 AL RANDALL,W.D., GANTSEC
PSC 32A AL TURNER,J.D., MSO SAVANNAH
PSC 033 AL ASHTON,W.L., MSO MEMPHIS
PSC 034 AL MARSH,L.L., MSO HONOLULU



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Storekeeper (SK)

SK1 002 AL AMMON,M.L., GP ST PETE
SK1 03A AL SCOTT,R.L., MSO TOLEDO
SK1 004 AL BRUSICH,R.S., MSO PHILADELPHIA
SK2 019 AL ERICSON,C.A., MLCPCAC

Telecommunications Specialist (TC)

TCCS 002 AL FERRITTO,J.L., PERSRU WASH.
TCCS 003 AL FRANCO,J.A., GP MIAMI
TCCS 004 AL ANTIDORMI,M.J., ESD NEW YORK
TC1 003 SL WINN,D.M., GRU MIAMI
TC1 004 SL EUBANK,S.J., STA SAN DIEGO
TC1 005 SL NORRIS,K., PSU 308
TTC 001 AL KACY,R.A., ESU ALAMEDA
TTC 002 AL BARZ,W.H., OPS SYSTEMS CTR
TTC 004 AL DIAZ,J.E., ESD BALTIMORE
TTC 005 AL PASTORI,G., ESD NEW YORK

Yeoman (YN)

YNC 006 AL MORGAN,D.J., MSO NEW ORLEANS
YN1 035 AL WELSH,J.C., ISC ALAMEDA
YN1 036 AL SEARCY,K.Y., MSO SAVANNAH
YN1 037 AL MACCARTNEY,M.W., MLCLANT
YN2 001 SL BRADLEY,D.J., GRU MOBILE
YN2 002 SL LORAH,M.S., INTSURTCOM ST LOUIS
YN2 003 SL AMENT,J.P., CG PC
YN2 004 SL CLINE,M.A., MSO WILMINGTON
YN3 002 ST MOORE,R., GRU ATLANTIC CITY

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Boatswain's Mate (BM)

BMC 001 AL MOSELEY,S.F., CGC BLUEBELL
BM1 016 SL JONES,J.D., STA FREEPORT
BM1 017 SL TEW,J.M., PSU 307
BM1 018 SL HORTON,V.A., STA TYBEE
BM1 019 SL WILLIAMS,K.W., ACT NEW YORK
BM1 020 SL KNUITSEN,K.R., STA NEW HAVEN
BM1 021 SL NATALE,B.L., ACT NEW YORK
BM1 022 SL JOHNSON,A.L., STA WRITSVL BEACH
BM1 023 SL BATH,S.M., STA TYBEE
BM1 024 SL ROCHFORD,J.C., STA CHANNEL IS.
BM1 025 SL DILKEY,R.D., STA SAND KEY
BM2 018 SL SCHAEFFER,C.C., STA DULUTH
BM2 019 SL CARR,K.R., ANT POTOMAC
BM2 020 SL SIMPSON,D.T., GRU ATLANTIC CITY
BM2 021 SL REDELFS,S.L., ISC ALAMEDA



Photo by Ms. Shirley Gillen

Teri Kayati, USCGR, left, is presented with an advancement certificate by CAPT Roger Peoples, Commanding Officer of Activities Baltimore. Kayati made SK1 on April 1.

It was a great start to the new year for Coast Guard Reservist Valencia Ervin, center, when pinned YN1 at Coast Guard Personnel Command Jan. 2 by CDR Marilyn Stoney, left, and CAPT Gary Palmer. Ervin, who ranked first on the YN1 Reserve Eligibility List, served with PSU 305 in New York and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba last year and is currently serving with the IRR PERSRU at CG Personnel Command.



Photo by CW02 George Paitanasis, USCGR

Opposite Page, Top: C.C. Clayton is pinned PA1 by his wife, Erin, May 1. Clayton is a reservist in San Diego.

BM2 022 SL ALPHONSO,N.J., STA N. ORLEANS
 BM2 023 SL ELLIS,P.W., STA FT LAUDERDALE
 BM2 024 SL MONTEVERDE,S.U., MARSEC GU
 BM2 025 SL VONHANDORF,M.A., ACT NY
 BM2 026 SL MELIA,A.L., ACT NEW YORK
 BM2 027 SL HOOYDONK,A.J., STA ROCKLAND
 BM3 008 ST SHRIVER,J.M., PSU 313
 BM3 009 ST SMITH,B.J., PSU 309
 BM3 010 ST BASS,E.D., STA DAUPHIN ISLAND

Damage Controllman (DC)

DCC 001 AL SHEPHERD,J.P., ACT NY
 DC1 005 SL TUCKER,T.N., HONOLULU
 DC1 006 SL HABERMAN,J.K., LA/LB
 DC2 004 SL MEAGHER,D.F., NESU HONOLULU
 DC2 005 SL BOWERS,E.M., PSU 305

Electrician's Mate (EM)

EM1 006 SL OLANOLAN,G.B., NESU HONOLULU
 EM2 003 SL VAZQUEZ,A., MORRO BAY
 EM2 004 SL BROGREN,D.C., ANT SAN FRAN

Electronic's Technician (ET)

ETC 001 AL CHISHOLM,S.T., ESD SW HARBOR
 ET1 001 SL SEELY,G.H., ESU BOSTON

Food Service Specialist (FS)

FS1 008 AL GALLAGHER,M.P., STA ATL. CITY
 FS1 009 AL GORE,L.T., STA FORT LAUDERDALE
 FS1 010 AL SHAW,R.D., MSO PHIL.

Gunnersmate (GM)

GM2 002 SL ROBINSON,H.R., GRU CHAR.
 GM2 003 SL LUCERO,B.C., ALAMEDA

Information System Technician (IT)

IT1 001 SL KRIZE,J.D., TISCOM
 IT1 002 SL SCHEFFLER,R.J., ESU MIAMI

Machinery Technician (MK)

MKCM 002 AL MAJOR,M.R., CGD NINE
 MKCS 007 AL SAUNDERS,J.M., PSU 309
 MKC 33A AL GLINTENKAMP,G.G., PSU 311
 MKC 034 AL JACOBS,J.W., STA SAUGERTOWN
 MKC 035 AL RYAN, R.K., ANT SAUGERTIES
 MKC 036 AL MENZE,J.E., STA DULUTH
 MKC 037 AL MCMINN,J.A., STA ERIE
 MKC 037A AL AUSTIN,P.L., STA ST PETE
 MKC 038 AL GUINNANE,P., ISC ALAMEDA
 MK1 020 SL SOZA,R.R., ACT SAN DIEGO

MK1 021 SL YOUNG,R.A., ACT NEW YORK
 MK1 022 SL NOORIGIAN,A.J., ENGLGCEN
 MK1 023 SL KVASNICKA,J.A., STA OR. INLET
 MK1 024 SL CASTILLO,J., GRU C. CHRISTI
 MK1 025 SL KROPP,J.G., ACT NEW YORK
 MK1 026 SL DELANCEY,J.L., MSO PORT ART.
 MK1 027 SL LAVALLEE,M.R., STA FT LAUD.
 MK1 028 SL ARNOLD,R.W., ANT CAPE MAY
 MK2 015 SL ST DENIS,W.J., ACT NEW YORK
 MK2 016 SL BORJA,I.C., NESU HONOLULU
 MK2 017 SL NOE,D.A., ACT SAN DIEGO
 MK2 018 SL INMAN,H.H., STA WRTSVL BCH
 MK2 019 SL LUCAS,D.D., STA FT MEYERS BCH
 MK2 020 SL THOMPSON,D.M., STA PORTS.
 MK2 021 SL SCARBROUGH,J.F., PSU 305
 MK2 022 SL PAYNE,W.E., PSU 311

Marine Safety Technician (MST)

MSTC 013 AL ELMER,R.A., MSO CHICAGO
 MSTC 014 AL STABLER,R.E., MSO MOBILE
 MSTC 14A AL REA,M.S., MSO SAN FRANCISCO
 MSTC 015 AL TOROKE,M.R., MSO PUGET SOUND
 MSTC 016 AL GAMELIN,W.A., MSO S. S. MARIE
 MSTC 017 AL MIXON,L.W., MSO WILMINGTON
 MSTC 018 AL GREENE,F.E., MSO HAMP. RDS
 MST1 003 SL CINKO,T.A., ACT BALT.
 MST2 011 SL LANDHERR,H.N., MSO PHIL.
 MST2 012 SL AGOSTINO,D.A., MSO MIAMI
 MST2 013 SL HYDRO,J., LA/LB

Operations System Specialist (OS)

OSCS 001 AL SINES,R.A., TRACEN YORKTOWN
 OSCS 002 AL WEST, D.J., MSO PITTSBURGH
 OSC 001 AL MOORE,J.M., CGD SEVEN
 OSC 003 AL HELRING,J.J., STA PORT CAN.
 OSC 005 AL HENRY,W.A., GPPORT ANGELES
 OSC 006 AL HANKH,A., PACAREA
 OSC 008 AL ROGERS,J.J., PACAREA
 OSC 009 AL WILLIAMS,I.J., CAMSPAC
 OS1 001 SL HAWKEN,R.L., ANT ASTORIA
 OS1 002 SL KRAMER,M.D., GP OHIO VALLEY
 OS1 003 SL KRYGER,A.M., ACT NEW YORK
 OS1 004 SL CAMARA,M.A., RUITOFF PROV.
 OS1 005 SL JACKSON,J.M., PSU 313
 OS2 001 SL ORTIZ,T., HDCU 205, AUG TEAM
 OS2 002 SL MELTON,J.H., GP CHARLESTON
 OS2 003 SL DUDLEY,B.W., GP MAYPORT

Port Security Specialist (PS)

PSCS 001 AL AKERS,J.E., CGD NINE
 PSCS 002 AL SINAGRA,C.F., ACADEMY
 PSCS 02A AL FUHS,G.G., RUITOFF HOUSTON

PSC 035 AL SEVOS,J.W., PSU 307
 PSC 036 AL REESE,R.V., PSU 305
 PSC 037 AL MARESCA,D.A., ACT NEW YORK
 PSC 039 AL MCMAHON,J.T., ACT NEW YORK
 PSC 040 AL BROBECK,K.R., MSO PITTSBURGH
 PSC 40A AL DAMATO,G.R., ACT NEW YORK
 PSC 041 AL POWELL,W.G., MSO LOUISVILLE
 PSC 042 AL BROWN,L.W., HDCU 208
 PSC 043 AL GILLIS,W.G., PSU 305
 PSC 044 AL EWIG,J.W., STA MILWAUKEE
 PSC 045 AL IPPONIG,T.T., CGD FOURTEEN
 PSC 046 AL HAAKENSEN,M.P., STA SEATTLE
 PS3 002 ST VELA,M., MSO CORPUS CHRISTI

Storekeeper (SK)

SKC 002 AL WALDEN,H.J., ACADEMY
 SKC 003 AL WIEBER,D.M., CEU CLEVELAND
 SK1 005 AL NOIROT,M.J., GP HAMPTON RDS
 SK1 006 AL STUCKEY,R.S., RU CNCWGRU PAC
 SK1 007 AL TROTTER,L.R., MSO HAMPTON RDS

Yeoman (YN)

YNC 007 AL YEON,W.R., MSO LA
 YNC 008 AL HEAVEY,T.R., HDCU 113
 YNC 009 AL PERKINS,C.A., COMMANDANT
 YNC 010 AL HOWARD,R.G., ACT BALTIMORE
 YNC 011 AL MCCORMACK,M., RO NORFOLK
 YNC 012 AL TSHIDA,M.A., CGC WYACONDA
 YN1 36A AL WELSH,K.A., GP HUMBOLDT BAY
 YN1 037 AL CARR,S.D., ISC NEW ORLEANS
 YN1 038 AL BYRNE,J.T., TRNG QUOTA MGT CEN
 YN1 38A AL RAPAPORT,T.E., ACT BALTIMORE
 YN1 039 AL BRAWNER,T.L., GP WOODS HOLE
 YN1 040 AL HOARE,M.L., ACT BALTIMORE
 YN1 042 AL CAMERON, J.T., ACT BALTIMORE
 YN1 043 AL WIZST,K.S., CGD SEVEN
 YN1 044 AL HAYDUK,S.H., MSO CLEVELAND
 YN1 045 AL MACK,D.L., ISC NEW ORLEANS
 YN1 046 AL CORBETT,B.L., MSO WILMINGTON
 YN1 047 AL SPENCER,B.C., HDCU 205
 YN1 048 AL PIPKINS,T.R., CGIS CHESAPEAKE
 YN1 049 AL GRANT,E.V., HQ SUP CMD
 YN2 005 SL CASTILLO,J.R., ACT SAN DIEGO
 YN2 006 SL LOUDERMILK,J.G., INTSURTCOM
 YN2 007 SL ALVARO,D.M., ACT BALTIMORE
 YN2 008 SL NGUYEN,K.T., MSST 9110
 YN3 003 ST VANDENBERG,D.J., GRU LONG IS.
 YN3 004 ST VISOVICH,K.J., ACT SAN DIEGO

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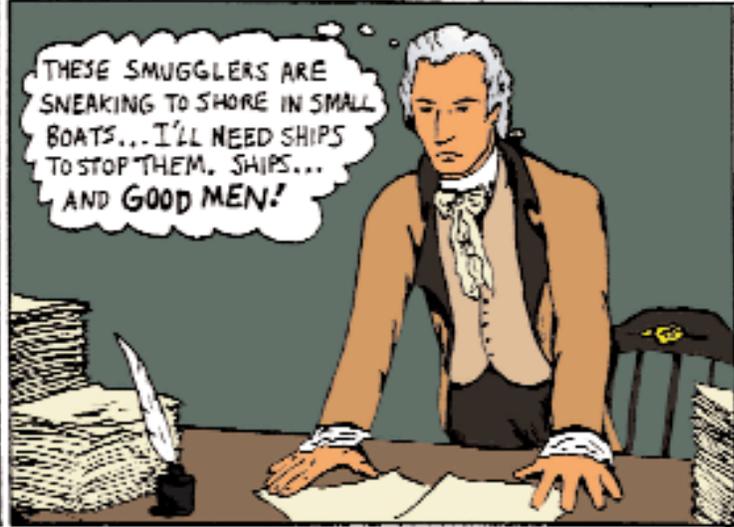
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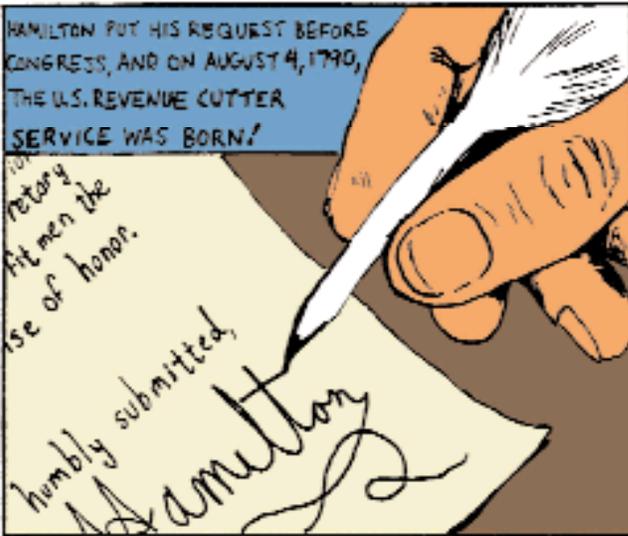
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APRIL 2003

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 CAPT Ronald A. Hassell, D7
 CDR Steven T. Burch, D7
 CDR Joseph R. Cuniff, D1
 CDR Thomas W. Dann, D7
 CDR Ronald E. Elliott, D7
 CDR Paul W. Needham, D1
 CDR Carroll P. Wedlund, D13
 LCDR James E. Clifton, D8
 LCDR Daniel W. Graham, D11
 LCDR Alvin L. Waskevich, D1
 LCDR David E. Zeilstra, D1
 CWO3 David S. Cuculich, D9
 CWO2 Frank C. Feeger, D8
 PSCM Martin P. Duggan, D9
 QMCM Richard E. Brouillard, D1
 GMCS William M. Runkle, D11
 PSCS Roger A. Cram, D1
 TCCS Barbara C. Foerster, D7
 TCCS John C. Marshall, D5
 YNCS Stanley Collins, D8
 BMC Alvin E. Cooley, D11
 BMC Ralph C. Savery, D1
 BMC Winston C. Thompson, D13
 MSTC Plato G. Evans, D5
 MSTC Harris S. Simon, D1
 PSC Robert A. McCarthy, D1
 YNC William C. Downs, D1
 PS1 Norman H. Hoover, D8
 PS1 Phil E. Keyerleber, D1
 SK1 Susan M. Barry, D13
 YN1 Joseph C. Clapcich, D1
 YN1 Robert H. Guillereault, D1
 BM2 James E. Davis, D8
 DC2 Robert W. Manson, D1
 PS2 Donald F. Zabinski, D9
 PS3 John B. Guacci, D1
 SK3 Kenneth W. Martin, D11

MAY 2003

CAPT Daniel R. Flood, D14
 CAPT Fredrick H. Hammond, D8
 CAPT Henry E. Plimack, D1
 CAPT Merrill J. Schweitzer, D13



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CAPT David M. Butler, USCGR, retired June 30 after 31 years service. He is shown here with his wife, Beverly.

CAPT Robert Sharkey, D8
 CDR Kurt J. Roessner, D1
 LCDR Joseph L. Gloss, D7
 LCDR Donald M. Kimple, D8
 LCDR Roberto B. Pandolfi, D11
 MKCM Robert F. Matusek, D8
 MSTC James F. Mathisen, D7
 YNCS Margret E. Oliver, D1
 YNCS Dan W. Wade, D5
 EMC Michael C. Cox, D13
 FSC Jim E. Richardson, D11
 HSC Herbert L. Pottle, D1
 MKC Herbert P. Peterson, D1
 PSC Roger G. Dornaus, D8
 PSC Paul A. Lewis, D13
 PSC Theodore D. Wilming, D11
 TTC John H. Bailey, D7
 TTC Daniel F. Koch, D7
 YNC Ruth M. Pascal, D5
 IV1 Louis J. Taylon, D5
 MK1 Robert E. West, D11
 YN1 Robert W. Gentry, D7
 YN1 Jane E. Quattrochi, D7
 BM2 James E. Hoff, D7
 BM2 Nick L. Pierce, D5
 PS3 David M. Harms, D8

RET-2 (Retired Awaiting Pay)

APRIL 2003

CAPT Patrick L. Donahue, D1
 CDR Jacqueline V. Wyland, D13
 LCDR Kevin A. Lang, D7
 CWO4 Paul J. Moran, D7
 CWO3 Kenneth L. Jones, D5
 IVCN Robert F. Ladd, D13
 MKCS James J. Gelato, D5
 PSCS Dennis H. Gruenberg, D9
 PSCS Alan A. Hayes, D8
 PSCS Robert K. Helms, D8
 BMC Carl M. Buick, D13
 EMC Ronald Nathan, D11
 MKC Robert G. Owens, D8
 PSC Robert J. Gryder, D17
 QMC David M. Kayfus, D7
 BM1 Charles P. Hill, D13
 IV1 Brian P. Smith, D1
 IV1 Robert L. Teeters, D13
 MK1 Domingo O. Garcia, D8

MST1 Peter H. Scofield, D13
 SK1 Andrea L. Hammock, D8
 SK1 Jay F. Snyder, D5
 BM2 John A. McLeer, D1
 EM2 James C. Nyvold, D8
 MK3 Joseph S. Sanchez, D9

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LCDR Kevin A. Lang, D7
 LT John E. Aucott, D1
 LT William M. Booker, D8
 LT David W. Freed, D7
 CWO4 Vernon E. Watkins, D5
 EMCM William C. Weber, D9
 BMCS Grayden P. Dyke, D8
 MKCS Michael E. Tournade, D7
 MKCS Wesley F. Tyvog, D11
 MSTC Darrell T. Griffin, D8
 PSCS Robert K. Helms, D8
 MKC Donald Cunningham, D5
 PSC Scott R. Kendrick, D11
 SKC Carlos Rivera, D1
 HS1 Lisa P. Roberts, D11
 MK1 Richard R. Bentz, D5
 MK1 James C. Harmon, D13
 MK1 Gary W. Knox, D8
 MST1 Louis B. Fahs, D5
 QM1 David L. Siberstein, D5
 SK1 David Cote, D17
 TC1 David W. Astemborski, D8
 YN1 Reginald J. Jackson, D8
 YN1 Sheila G. Koenig, D13
 BM2 Steve R. Gjeffe, D13
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 MK2 David A. Stapleton, D9
 PS2 Daniel L. Reyes, D17
 SK2 Thomas A. Walker, D8
 YN2 Jan R. Quinn, D5
 MK3 Daine L. Lawson, D5
 MK3 Eric Sobeck, D1

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LCDR Dave Kearns, left, receives a retirement plaque from CAPT Gary Palmer at Headquarters March 28. Kearns, a Reserve Program Administrator, retired from the Coast Guard after 24 years service.



Photo courtesy MSTCS William Farrell, USCGR

MSTCM Roger Dames, left, displays a retirement certificate at a June 6 ceremony at Activities New York. Looking on are CAPT Michael Moriarty, center, and CAPT Craig Bone of Activities New York. Dames served over 25 years in the CGR.

Taps

• **CAPT Allie B. Angle**, USCGR(Ret.), in Seminole, Fla., April 16, 2003. Interment Seminole, Fla.

• **CDR Frank M. Clark**, USCGR(Ret.), in New Castle, Pa., June 17, 2003. Survived by wife, Patricia.

• **CDR George H. Veazey**, USCGR(Ret.), in Clinton, Md., March 20, 2003. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton, Md.

• **CDR David A. Rose**, USCGR(Ret.), in Green Valley, Ariz., June 28, 2003. Survived by his wife, Elinor.

• **CDR James Watt**, USCGR(Ret.), in Farmington Hills, Mich. April 11, 2003. Survived by his wife Mollie Watt. Interment Novi, Mich.

• **LT Sloan Wilson**, USCGR, 83, of Colonial Beach, Va., May 25, 2003. Born May 8, 1920, in Norwalk, Conn., he graduated from Harvard University in 1942. He then served in the Coast Guard during World War II aboard *CGC Tampa* escorting convoys on the Greenland Patrol, and commanded trawler *Nogak* (WYP-171), the Coast Guard-manned Army supply ship *FS-158*, and the Army

gasoline tanker, the *Y-14*. After the war, he wrote 15 novels, including his 1955 bestseller *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit*, made into an award-winning film translated into 26 languages. Later novels about his war experiences included *Ice Brothers*, *Voyage to Somewhere*, *Pacific Interlude* and *What Shall We Wear to This Party?* He was also a reporter for *The Providence Journal*,

Time magazine, and taught at New York University. He lived for many years in Florida, where he spent time as a writer-in-residence at Rollins College. *The Reservist* magazine featured him for his 80th birthday in the April/May 2000 issue. Survivors include his wife, Betty Wilson; four children, Lisa, Rebecca, Jessica and

• **CWO4 John J. Meister, Sr.**, USCGR(Ret.), in Patchogue, N.Y., May 17, 2003. Interment Calverton, N.Y.

• **AOC James L. Clements**, USCGR(Ret.), May 3, 2003.

• **PSC Howard James “Jim” Shevchenko**, USCGR(Ret.), 62, in Concord, Calif., May 21, 2003. He graduated from Sacred Heart High School in San Francisco, class of 1958, served in the U.S. Marine Corps four years, serving in Japan until 1962 as a Lance Corporal. He later served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, and was recalled to active duty for Operation Desert Storm/Shield before retiring after 24 years military service. He worked as a Social Worker for Contra Costa County for 22 years retiring in 1998. He is survived by his former spouse Suzanne; children Steven and Karen; three grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the CPO Lounge on Coast Guard Island, Alameda on June 1.

• **BM1 Thomas J. Farren**, USCGR, in Dedham, Mass., May 11, 2003.

• **BM2 Robert F. Barry**, USCGR, in Seminole, Fla., May 2, 2003.

• **QM2 Amanda L. Rollins**, USCGR, following a single car accident on June 17, 2003, in Berkely County, S.C. She is survived by her mother and father, Priscilla and Tony Rollins of Cragford, Ala.

• **ET3 Ryan L. Brooks**, USCGR, in Cheboygan, Mich., Jan. 24, 2003. Survived by his spouse, Angela.



RADM Robert Papp, Jr. presents a flag to LCDR Sloan Wilson's wife, Betty, at a memorial service in Fredericksburg, Va. July 12.

Photo by CWO2 Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

David; a brother, Jeff; a sister, Sherry; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild. A memorial service was held July 12 in Fredericksburg, Va. with full military honors. Burial at sea was pending from *CGC Tampa* at a date yet to be determined.

• **CWO4 Arthur Axelrod**, USCGR(Ret.), May 12, 2003.

Taking One For The Team

All of us have heard this phrase. Its origin is believed to have come from the great American pastime of baseball. It depicts getting hit by a pitched ball in order to improve your team's chances of winning a game, getting on base to score runs, and doing whatever it takes to get the job done.

Since that dark day of Sept. 11, 2001 that is what our Coast Guard Reservists have been doing. They have pushed aside family, employment, educational pursuits and basically life, in general, to serve our great nation and its preeminent maritime service. But if you think about it, we are just doing the job that we "signed on the dotted line" to do. It's a job that the Coast Guard Reserve has performed, with pride, for over 62 years.

As I write this article, there are approximately 5,000 reservists serving with distinction throughout this land and around the world. With this in mind, let me remind all of you that mobilization has and is our primary mission in the Reserve. We are considered a "force multiplier." We add 8,000 players to any contingency that may arise. Our commands, however, should not be the only ones responsible for unit and personal readiness. It is time for each and every member to take ownership in his or her readiness process. So how can you help your unit and yourself?

Be proactive with:

- **Personal Readiness:** Take time to ensure that your family is informed about, and ready for, your absence away from home. You can divide this into two distinct areas:

Living: Educate that special person in your life about your part in the daily workings of the home. From banking to vehicle maintenance, from the lawn to chlorinating the pool in your absence — this impacts the continuity of home life. Open lines of communication are paramount. Spend some time with your customer service yeoman to assure your personal service affairs are up to date and accurate. Be aware of the provisions of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act and how it can benefit you.

Dying: Ensure that your decedent affairs are accurate and up to date. That goes for SGLI and personal policies. Again, some quality time with your customer service yeoman may alleviate problems in the future for your family members.

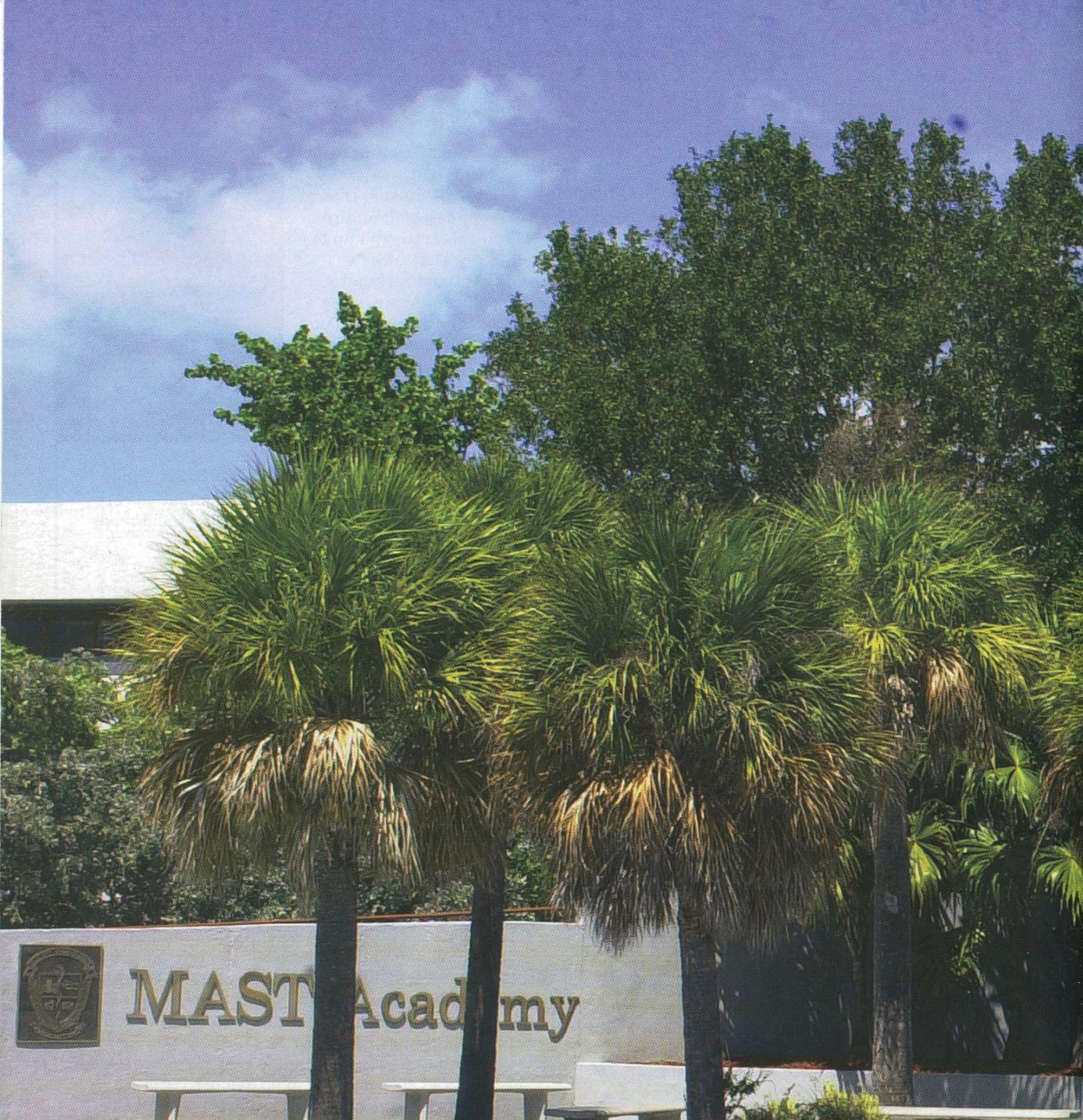


- **Dental and Medical Readiness:** Make sure that your dental and physical examinations are current. Assure that you are physically fit and ready for the rigors of active duty.
- **Employer/Employee Relations:** Ensure that your employer and in some cases employees are educated about your absence from the workplace for an extended period of time. Take the time to familiarize or re-familiarize yourself with the provisions afforded you under USERRA (Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act).
- **Qualifications:** Ensure all of your qualifications for mobilization are current and remain current. No one knows better than you where your qualifications stand.

This is truly a great time to be in the Coast Guard. Coasties, as usual, are doing what they raised their hands for. They are protecting life and property on our nation's waterways, fighting the war on terrorism at home and abroad while continuing our traditional daily operations. Reservists have answered the call without pause, doing what has to be done, taking one for the team. Under the new normalcy that prevails since 9/11, change and uncertainty are around every corner. But we must continue to keep our focus, move forward and always strive to be Semper Paratus.

In closing, thanks for what you are doing out there — not only for our service, but for our great nation. God Bless you, your families and God Bless America.

By MCPO William J. Dikun, USCGR
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