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Our Coast Guard Heritage

Earlier this year, I was cleaning out some files and looking at some old Coast Guard photographs from World War II. These had been sent in by retired Coast Guardsmen over the years but I had never had the chance to publish them. One of my shipmates said that I should publish them so all could enjoy. So, when the opportunity presented itself to do a Coast Guard Heritage issue, I thought this was my chance to publish some of these “never seen before” photographs. I also asked RADM J. Timothy Riker, USCGR(Ret.) to write his thoughts about our Coast Guard Heritage and he has done so in fine, thought-provoking fashion. I hope you come away from his article and this issue even more proud to be a Coast Guardsman.

Congratulations to the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association on the new Vietnam Monuments at Cape May and the Academy. Congratulations also to VADM Tom and Sheila Barrett on their retirement July 23. VADM Barrett served as Director of Reserve & Training from 1997-99. We will miss them!

Finally, we learned of the passing of CWO4 Tom Brooks on July 3. CWO4 Brooks was one of the Reserve’s first Webmasters in the mid-1990s and Tom’s Run, a Coast Guard Relay down the C&O Canal in Maryland was named in his honor. Tom’s favorite quote was, “Yesterday is history, tomorrow a mystery. Today is a gift...that’s why we call it the present!” CWO4 Brooks, in his short 49 years on this earth, made his mark and left a legacy we can all be proud of. He didn’t worry about his legacy...he lived it every day! He indeed added to what this issue is all about: Coast Guard Heritage! Enjoy, and as Tom always said, “catch ya on the flip side!”

— ED

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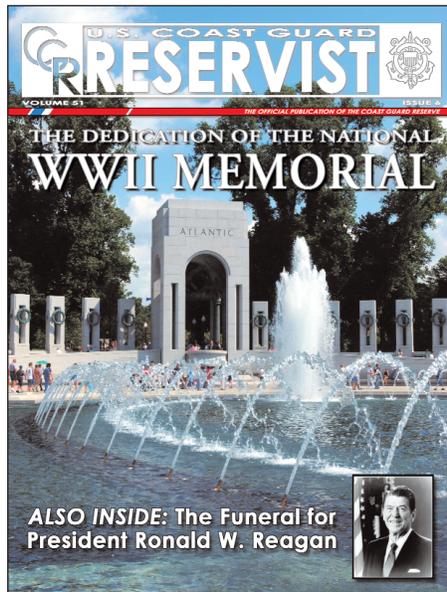
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World War II Memorial

On Memorial Day, our family went to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. There were many visitors there that day, and quite a few older veterans wearing their uniforms. My husband, LT Paul Fawcett, quickly picked out an old Coastie in uniform. Despite the generation gap, they easily fell into conversation trading stories of the Coast Guard then and now. Though regrettably I didn't get his name, I thought your readers might enjoy this photo I snapped of the two of them. As wonderful as the memorial itself was, this was really the highlight of the day for Paul.

— Holly Fawcett
Crofton, Md.



In reading the article "Striking A Pose For History" (Vol. 51, No. 6) concerning the use of Russian reenactor Don Taylor as a model for the base relief of the Elbe River meeting of the Soviet and U.S. army (World War II Memorial), I was struck by the last paragraph of an otherwise good piece of journalistic work. It seems that Mr. Taylor appears to view the Soviet red army as an army of liberation whose members "...faced down the fascists and at great personal risk defended and liberated his homeland."

As is the case with virtually every hackneyed Hollywood production being recycled recently, ignored is that Soviet forces repulsed Hitler's assault just to plunge all of Eastern Europe and the enslaved Soviet Union into Communist oppression. Likewise what is never ever mentioned is the swath of unrelenting gang rapes, torture and mass executions and deportations into Soviet labor camps of 2.1 million German civilians along with millions of Finns, Lithuanians, Latvians, Estonians Cossacks and Ukrainians. Even liberated Russian POWs were deported to Siberia. Over 15 million German civilians were forcibly expelled from their homes in the greatest refugee exodus in history. These events were encouraged and Russian soldiers whipped into greater frenzy by Soviet propagandists. My mother barely escaped the gang rapes and slave labor in camps but many of her friends did not during their trek from East Prussia.

I'm sure Mr. Taylor's intentions are noble but such knee jerk phrases seem to echo back to the naive and romantic perception Americans, including FDR and Anglo-American intelligencia had from the 1920s through 1946 with the Soviet Union, until the term "Iron Curtain" revealed the nature of our Soviet "friends."

— LCDR Erich W. Doll, USCGR
Louisville, Ky.

No Such Thing as E-10

I read Volume 51/Issue 6, and noted something I had to discuss on Page 27. I feel strongly enough about this

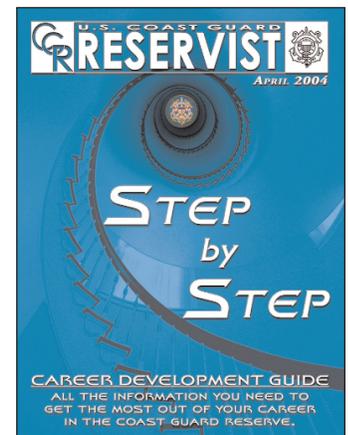
issue that I'd like to see a correction noted. There is no such thing as an E-10. As you know, the term E- followed by a number from 1 through 9 is a pay grade. There is no E-10 pay grade; thus there is no such thing as an E-10. One will never find the pay grade E-10, as there has never been one that I'm aware of. The pay scales show the highest enlisted pay grade as E-9, with a footnote explaining that the senior enlisted person from the military services will be paid at the higher level of pay while so serving. I'm not being nit-picky here. I am simply seeking to educate others, and every time I see the nonexistent term E-10, I do the same.

—Mr. Pete Buel
Personnel Service Center, Topeka, Kan.

Ed's note: We appreciate this educational letter! A recent visit to TRACEN Cape May revealed that the new building is actually called "Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Hall," not the E-10 building. Everyone there was referring to it as the E-10 building for short and that's how it ended up in print.

Career Development Guide

I was very pleased to see the Career Development Guide in the April 2004 issue of *The Reservist*. I was also glad to know that it is available for future reference on the Web site. You have consolidated very valuable information in one convenient place, which would take the average person years to accumulate. With all of the information scattered throughout publications and manuals, it is nice to have useful information in one place. I can tell you from experience that I wish it would have been available early in my career.



By the grace of God, years of preparation, help from my shipmates, and support from my wife, I have gone from a BM2 in the Reserve through BM1 and BMC during the call-up, to an active duty LTJG. In my 27 years of Reserve service and now active duty, I have never seen the opportunities and resources available like I do at this time. I urge everyone that I meet, especially the junior people, to take advantage of training and advancement opportunities now. I also want to recognize my employer, SBC Corporation, for their support during my two years of mobilization and three years military leave.

It's hard to think about your Reserve career when you do it once a month, especially for new reservists. That is why it is so important to have all of this information readily at hand. In nautical terms, to navigate a successful course for your career, use all available resources and keep them readily available.

— *LTJG Dave Wood, USCG*
Alexandria, Va.

20 Years of REPOY

I have received many e-mails from old shipmates since the "20 Years of REPOY" article was published (Vol. 51 No. 5). It has been wonderful hearing from them and catching up. I know a lot of work went into putting that all together so from the "first" REPOY, a heartfelt "thanks!"

— *CDR Lisa B. Milone, USCGR*
Group Woods Hole, Mass.

Advancement of Regulars and Reservists

Many reservists are starting to get an accurate picture of the definition of "Team Coast Guard" when it relates to advancement: senior billets are clearly migrating to the regular component. It is hard to provide incentive for reserve recruits when the July 1 officer advancement list is longer than the cumulative advancement lists for reservists for FY04. This is more heavily reinforced when looking at the regular and reserve lists published this past April: the regular list was 16 pages, the reserve list was barely one.

When the balloon went up after 9/11, senior reserve members were ready to serve. Many of us were placed in training capacities for the regular members who had NO experience in real time Military OutLoad (MOL) activity, especially when dealing with explosives. Now, almost three years down the road, the Coast Guard says "thank you" by advancing regular component members who we helped train and telling the more senior reservists they are not needed, that we should go back to our corner — but be ready for the next emergency.

— *MSTCS Russ Hoyser, USCGR*
MOL Jacksonville, Fla.

Reagan Memories...

In honor of our former Commander in Chief, President Ronald "Dutch" Reagan, I was/am proud to serve in the USCGR. President Reagan personified our core values of "Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty." Our paths criss-crossed three times when he was the governor of California. One time, I served as chairperson and work closely with the Reagans for an official State Dinner to honor the president of Mexico. Another time, I worked in his office filling in for a day. A third time, I met him in Texas. God Bless President Ronald Wilson "Tear Down This Wall" Reagan.

— *PA1 Spring de Haviland, USCGR*
Santa Monica, Calif.

It was about 17 years ago that President Ronald Reagan had lunch with the crew of the *CGC Vigorous*. It was an honor for the ship and for the U.S. Coast Guard.

We received about two weeks notice that he would be dining with us, and having just returned from a six-week south patrol, there was much to do. We all worked long hours preparing *Vigorous* but there were few complaints.

When President Reagan stepped aboard the vessel, it looked new and we would have been ashamed if it didn't. President Reagan was a true friend to service members and we all realized that. There were not enough seats on the mess deck for everyone to dine with him at the same time, so we rotated out every five minutes, except for the three crew members chosen to sit at his table, so each and everyone of us could claim to have shared lunch with President Reagan.

I remember Sam Donaldson trying to ask the president questions during the meal but President Reagan wasn't about to cut short his lunch with the working men of the Coast Guard to grant a press conference. After lunch, we all gathered on the fantail so he could speak with us as a group. I don't remember all his words, but what I do remember was his humor, his easy manner, and mostly his pride in the U.S. serviceman. And just in case you're wondering what we had for lunch that day...hamburgers.

— *SK1 Paul Zagaryuka, USCG*
Fredericksburg, Va.

Word "Comprise" Used Wrong

I avidly read *The Reservist* magazine and on the whole find it a pretty good magazine. There is one word consistently used wrong and that is the word "comprise." I have seen it used wrong in every instance in your magazine. The word comprise is used like the word encompass or constitutes. For example, the correct usage of the word comprise is: The Coast Guard fleet comprises (encompasses) offshore patrol boats, tugs, icebreakers... If you are going to use the word comprised followed by the word 'of,' then it's wrong — use the word compose instead.

— *MKC Jim Miller*
Bar Harbor, Maine

Clarifications / Corrections

A reader was upset recently when his last name was cut off on the advancement list, even though information is published verbatim from the message. PSC Pamela Harris of PSC Advancements explained that there are only so many spaces available for typing information on each line of a message. There are only eight characters for a member's last name. Names longer than eight characters will be cut off, leaving the reader with the impression that it is a mistake or typo. Such is not the case. • [There] was an error in the article about PSU 308 returning home ("Home Sweet Home," April 2004). It is stated that MK2 Jeff Keim painted the recruiting office Kuwait sign on the SCUD bunker. It was painted by BMC Lisa McCawley at the request of the command. • The President Reagan funeral photo spread in Vol. 51, No. 6 (page 9) said Naval Base Ventura County is in Pt. Magus, Calif. It is Pt. Mugu, Calif.

RESERVE NEWS

Joliet, Ill., July 10, 2004 — Justin Labonte holds the trophy as Team Coast Guard Racing/Labonte Motorsports celebrate in Victory Lane of the NASCAR Busch Series Tropicana 300. Photo by PA3 Dave Mosely, USCG.



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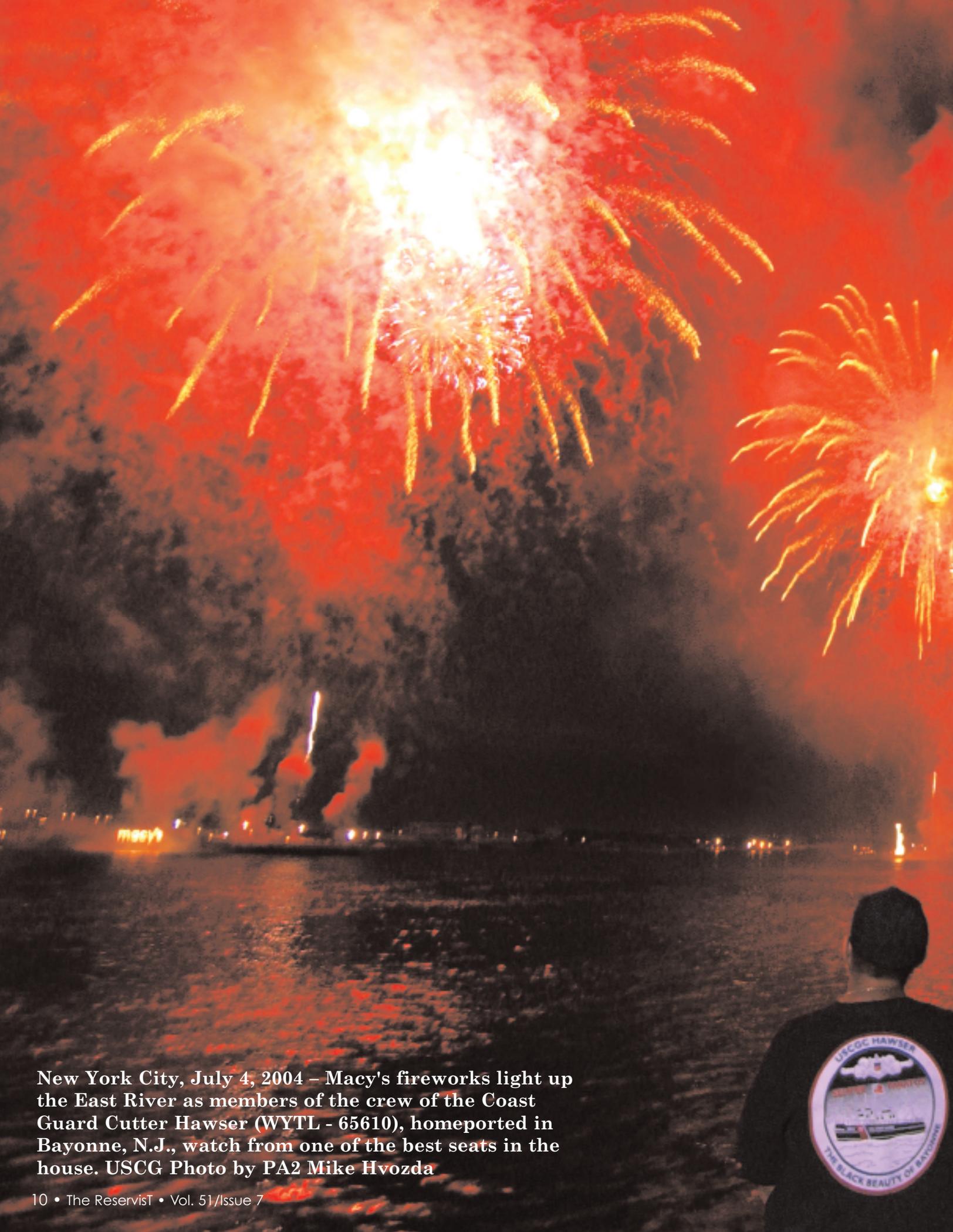
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Washington, D.C., July 23, 2004 – Vice Commandant VADM Thomas J. Barrett and his wife Sheila, depart at the conclusion of his change of command and retirement ceremony after 35 years in the Coast Guard. Photo by PA1 John Gaffney, USCGR.





New York City, July 4, 2004 – Macy's fireworks light up the East River as members of the crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Hawser (WYTL - 65610), homeported in Bayonne, N.J., watch from one of the best seats in the house. USCG Photo by PA2 Mike Hvozda



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED

Vietnam Monument Memorial Dedicated

Story and Photos by CWO Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

CAPE MAY, N.J. — A new monument honoring all Coast Guardsmen who served in Vietnam was unveiled at Training Center Cape May July 16.

“This is an extraordinary event,” said guest speaker and retired Coast Guardsman CWO4 Paul C. Scotti, author of *Coast Guard Action in Vietnam*. Scotti noted that the Coast Guard has a chip on its shoulder because the public rarely acknowledges its participation in combat operations such as those in Vietnam.

“The Coast Guard was in Vietnam and this monument will remind people of that,” said Scotti. “What the Coast Guard did in Vietnam is something every American should be proud of.”

The monument was sponsored by the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association (CGCVA) with the generous support of numerous private donors. Many in the crowd of about 200 had served in Vietnam and traveled from across the nation to be at the dedication.

Following opening remarks by CAPT Curtis Odom, Commanding Officer of Training Center Cape May, a proclamation from New Jersey’s Governor was read, and Cape May’s mayor declared it “USCG Service to Vietnam Day in Cape May.”

The monument was unveiled by Vietnam veterans BMCM Tommy Bowden, USCG(Ret.), BM2 Gill “Frenchy” Benoit, and RADM Paul Blaney, Academy Class of 1965. Laying a wreath were Vietnam veterans EN2 Jerry Goff, USCG(Ret.) of Camden, S.C. and BMCM Marshall Smith, USCG(Ret.) of Texas.

The monument is located in front of the training center’s galley on a landscaped area. A USCG World War II monument graces the other end of the area. The new monument is 5-foot

high by 4-foot wide, made of granite from the Chicago area, while the plaque was cast in Ohio. It honors the seven Coast Guardsmen lost in Vietnam, Squadron One (82-foot patrol boats), Squadron Three (High Endurance Cutters), aviators and other support roles including explosive loading detachments, port security, ATON, and LORAN. Some 8,000 Coast Guardsmen and 56 different combatant vessels were assigned to duty in Vietnam.

Mr. Robert MacLeod, an EN3 who served aboard *CGC Point Grey* in Vietnam (1968-69), was event emcee and a driving force behind the creation of the new monument. The idea for the monument originated with Vietnam veterans years ago. However, it was CAPT Donald Taub, Academy Class of 1956, who approached MacLeod at an April 2002 CGCVA convention that really put the project in high gear. It’s been an ongoing production ever since.

“Looking out at the gathering of Coasties from the past, and knowing that just up the road are hundreds of Coasties going to our future made me believe that what was accomplished with this monument at Cape May is a work directly from the heart,” said MacLeod. “CAPT Donald Taub had the inspiration, I had the drive — mission accomplished. All of this would not be possible without fellow Coasties who served in Vietnam. This is for them. This is for our future, and this is for the education that it brings.”

Another CGCVA-sponsored Vietnam monument will be unveiled at the Coast Guard Academy Oct. 23 at 9 a.m. For information, contact Mr. Robert MacLeod, 980-253-0566, rgbysheast@aol.com



People gathered at Training Center Cape May, N.J. for the unveiling of the Vietnam Monument, built to remember the service of the Coast Guard in the Vietnam War.



U.S. COAST GUARD IN VIETNAM WAR, 1965 - 1973

THAT MEN THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE IN PEACE

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USCG Vietnam Veterans stand next to the Vietnam Monument, at Training Center Cape May, N.J., built to remember the service of the Coast Guard in the Vietnam War.

Lund Named Williams Award Winner

LT Joyce C. Lund of MSO Guam is the 2003 winner of the National Naval Officers Association's (NNOA) CAPT Edward R. Williams Coast Guard Reserve Award for Excellence.

Lund, who has been on active duty since shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, displayed exemplary performance of duties as a Coast Guard officer, demonstrating outstanding commitment to the development of subordinates. She personally mentored an enlisted member to successfully compete for the Selected Reserve Direct Commission program and assisted a student at the University of Guam obtain admission to the Coast Guard College Student Precommissioning Initiative Program. She also contributed significantly to several unit members pursuing college-level courses on off-duty time. Lund used her Chamorro heritage to facilitate positive communications between the Coast Guard and local government and industry representatives to further key Coast Guard initiatives in Guam and throughout the Northern Marianas. Lund was responsible for re-establishing the community service/sister village relationship with a local township.

The award was presented at the NNOA National Conference in August in Millington, Tenn. See ALCOAST 354/04.



Photo courtesy LT Joyce C. Lund, USCGR

LT Joyce C. Lund

Mackinaw Keel Laying

A keel laying for the new icebreaker CGC Mackinaw (WLBB-30) was held Feb. 9 at Manitowoc Marine Group in Marinette, Wis. Left to right: U.S. Rep. Mark Green, R-Wis., Mr. Martin Lakes, CEO of Marinette Marine Corp.; Mrs. Jean Hastert, sponsor; ADM Thomas Collins, USCG Commandant. The new icebreaker will be 240-feet in length and is slated for commissioning in 2006.



Photo courtesy LT Eric Jones, PRO-Marinette



Photo by Mr. Chris Rose

REPOY Unveiling

*MSTC Naomi Broughton unveils the national Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year plaque along with CAPT Steve Ratti, Deputy Chief of Reserve & Training at Coast Guard Headquarters June 24. Broughton, from MSO Charleston, S.C., is the 21st recipient of this coveted national award and was featured on the cover of *The Reservist* (Vol. 51, No. 5) earlier this year.*

REBI Class Romeo 08/04

Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination Class Romeo 08/04 graduated June 18 at TRACEN Cape May. Front row, l to r: OS3 Umana, PS3 Miyataki, PS2 Keeley, MK3 Black, PS3 Degeorgis, PS3 Karschner, SN Abreu. Middle row: YN3 Benson, IT3 Priest, OS3 Ansari-Cobiella, YN3 Ringle, SN Aceves, BM3 Knudsen. Back row: DC3 Zornick, PS3 Gabriele SN Hamilton, PS3 Landes, PS2 Samuel, SN Barton, OS3 Ukwa, IT Glass. Company Commanders, l to r: YN1 Cuomo, MKCS Self, PS2 Berry.



Photo by Mr. Scott Prince

PS "A" Class 04-04 Graduates

Port Security Specialist "A" School Class 04-04 graduated recently from TRACEN Yorktown, Va. Guidon: SNPS Edward J. Coakley. Front Row, l to r: CWO4 D. F. Allen, School Chief; SNPS Jeannette Burlingame, SNPS Cameron Gastelum, SNPS Joshua Fahrenholt-Hunt, PS3 Jesse Burns, PS3 Joseph Phillips, SNPS Roy Waters III, SNPS Luke W. Ray, Class Yeoman; SNPS Andrew H. Lavin, SNPS Jose Garcia, Honor Graduate; Ross Colquhoun, Instructor. Second Row, l to r: Daniel Montgomery, Instructor; PS3 Joseph Herrera, SNPS George Clarke, SNPS Julian Echeverry, SNPS Brent Reeder, SNPS Charles Burnett, SNPS Michael Frontz, PS3 Michael White, Master of Arms; SNPS Kenneth Townsend, PS3 Sean Kreller, Class Leader; Samuel Solivan Jr., Instructor, Michael Young, Instructor. Third Row, l to r:



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Patrick Wycko, Instructor; GMC K. Robinson, Instructor & Class Advisor; Gregg Smith, Instructor; SNPS Stuart Stamp, SNPS Mathew Rodau, SNPS Dustin Emter, SNPS Kyle Gouchoe, SNPS Stephen Knapp, SNPS Dennis Ebanks, SNPS Kyle Cardinal, Steven Childs, Instructor; Charles Lindsey, Instructor; MSTSC C. Stevenson, Asst. School Chief.

CPO Academy Reserve Class 18

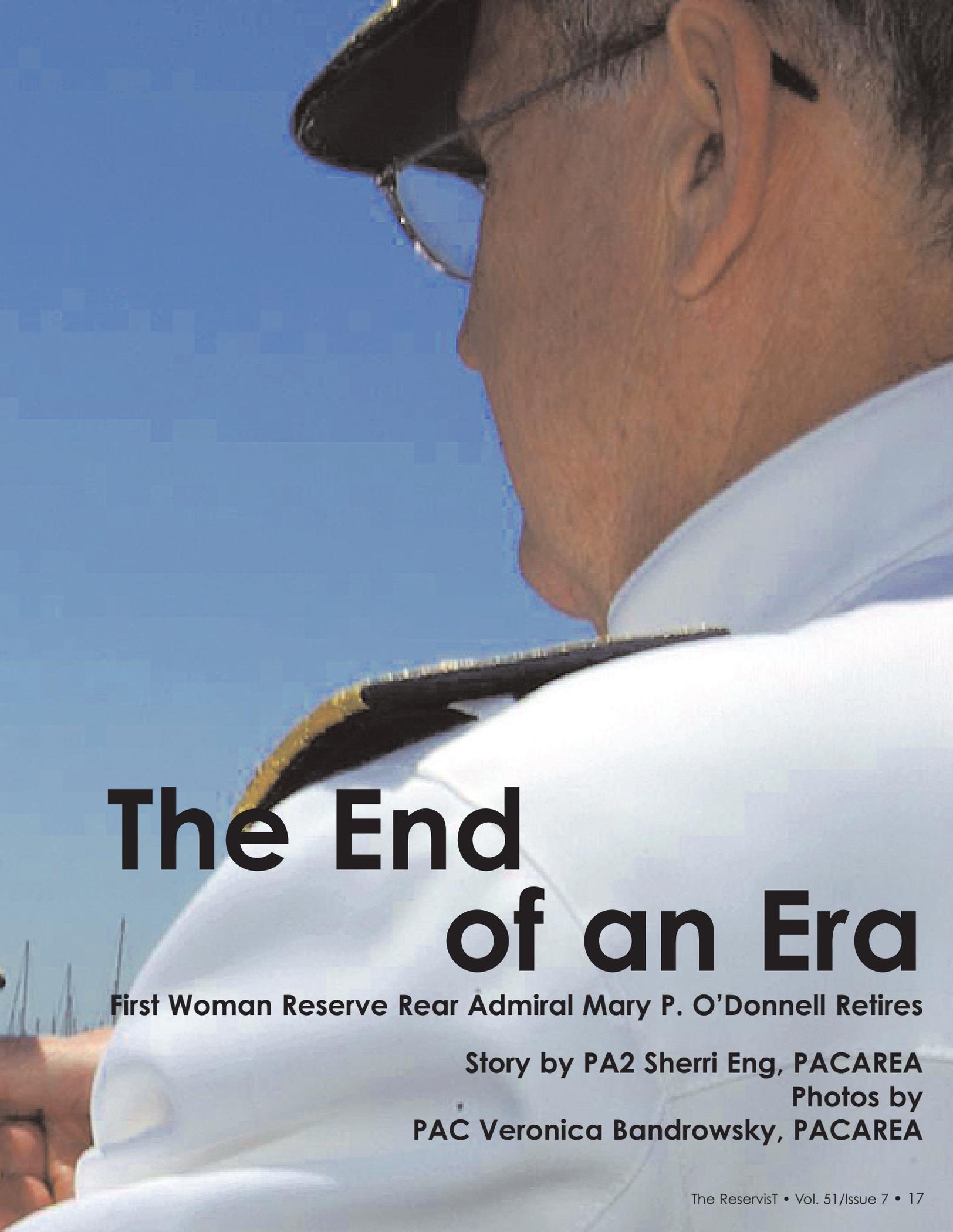
Reserve Class 18 of the Chief Petty Officers Academy graduated June 3, 2004 at TRACEN Petaluma, Calif. Front row, l to r: MKC Gary Deitrich, PSC Francisco Chapa, OSC Stephen Miles, PSC Michael Gough, ITC Connie Bosold, ETC Richard LaRosa, YNC Steven Sennott, MSTC James Richardson, ETC Anthony Fusco, MSTC Rodney Tucker, YNC Sherry Sloan, PSC Joseph Neddill, YNC Jamie O'Kelly, OSC Wendy Henry, MSTC Henry Cambre. Second row, l to r: MKC Thomas Landrigan, MKC Edwin Perez, , MSTC Edward Sherman, BMC Michael Kendall, BMC Todd Miele, MSTC Richard Currie, MKC Richard Kieft, MKC Gordon Minter, IVC Wayne Chamberlain, IVC Michael Stephens, MSTC John Vick, ETC Jeff Dougherty, BMC Deborah Marsh, ITC Gerard Pastori, PSC Donald Maresca, PSC Stephen Wildermuth. Back row, l to r: GMC Craig Freeman, HSC Douglas Wetzstein, IVC Ronald Bradley, PSC Richard Reese, MSTC James Douglas, MKC John McMinn, MSTC Floyd



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Greene, MKC William Rose, BMC Steven Moseley, YNC Mike Tschida, BMC Richard Deal, BMC Walter Haven, MKC Fred Gehrke, SKK John Kercher, MSTC Fred Reich, MSTC Richard Elmer, IVC Mark Dixon, PSC Joseph McMahon, PSC Scott Wilke, PSC Darrick Waller, BMC Andrew Reyes, MKC John Poker, OSC Bryan Hunt, PSC John Ewig, BMC Timothy Kennedy, BMC Jorge Romero, EMC Joseph Allione.





The End of an Era

First Woman Reserve Rear Admiral Mary P. O'Donnell Retires

**Story by PA2 Sherri Eng, PACAREA
Photos by
PAC Veronica Bandrowsky, PACAREA**

Rear Admiral Mary P. O'Donnell's commitment to the Coast Guard began before she even entered the service.

O'Donnell was getting ready to head to her interview for the Coast Guard Reserve's direct commission program when she realized that the building where she worked in San Francisco for the U.S. Navy Recruiting Office was barricaded by anti-war protesters. Determined to make her appointment, O'Donnell made her escape by climbing out of a basement window, running her stocking in the process. That determination and pluck would characterize O'Donnell for the next 31 years as she rose through the ranks to become the Reserve's most senior officer.

O'Donnell's illustrious Coast Guard career finally ended June 27 when she officially handed over her duties as the Pacific Area's Deputy Commander of Mobilization and Reserve Component Affairs to RADM Duncan C. Smith III and then retired. Commandant ADM Thomas H. Collins also presented O'Donnell the Distinguished Service Medal —

the fourth highest military award — for her meritorious service and commitment to the Coast Guard during a change of watch ceremony held on Coast Guard Island in Alameda, Calif.

"She is unbelievably energetic, supportive and committed to the Coast Guard," said CAPT Doug Ash, who has known O'Donnell since 1994. "She's probably the best advocate of the Coast Guard."

Born Oct. 22, 1946 in Philadelphia, O'Donnell developed a strong sense of patriotism from her parents — her father, John Wilson, a colonel in the Air Force and her mother, Frances, an Irish immigrant who escaped religious persecution to enjoy the freedoms of America. But it was her mother who empowered her three daughters and told them that they could accomplish anything that they set their mind on and worked hard for.

"She was a woman among women," O'Donnell said of her mother, who passed away two years ago. "She lived her life by high standards, integrity, and always close to God — she was a shining example of our core values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty."

O'Donnell decided to join the Coast Guard Reserve after befriending a recruiter who was seeking women officers. O'Donnell's rise through the ranks was no cakewalk. She overcame many challenges during her Coast Guard career. In fact, she was almost denied entry into the service after she revealed that a bicycle accident she suffered as a youth rendered her blind in her left eye. But again, O'Donnell persevered. She wrote letters to numerous politicians, asking for a waiver. After a year of persuasion, O'Donnell received her direct commission as an ensign April 13, 1973.

O'Donnell's assignments have included both traditional Coast Guard missions and six years in the joint environment

of expeditionary warfare. As a member of the Naval Coastal Warfare community, she served as force security officer and participated in fleet training exercises in Korea, Bahrain, Egypt and Australia. She was the commanding officer of Harbor Defense Command Unit 111, Composite Naval Coastal Warfare Unit 111, Reserve Unit Yerba Buena Island, and Reserve Unit Station Fort Point. Other assignments included Plans Department head, Naval Coastal Warfare Group One; and deputy group commander,

Reserve Group San Francisco and the Maritime Defense Zone.

In 2000, O'Donnell broke ground when she became the first female admiral in Coast Guard Reserve history. O'Donnell and her younger sister, Frances C. Wilson, an active duty major general in the U.S. Marine Corps, are the highest ranking sister pair in the military.

"I wanted to set a standard that women should not get anything that they were not qualified for," O'Donnell said. "I felt that I had a responsibility to do our gender proud and to try to open as many doors as I could."

O'Donnell traveled all over the world to visit Coast Guard personnel to offer encouragement and support as well as to act as a sounding board for the troops. She's held all-hands meetings for reservists in Guam, Iraq and Cuba. During *Iraqi Freedom*, she visited a unit stationed on an oil platform in the Arabian Gulf to offer support. As a flag officer, she was offered transportation to an awaiting cutter where she could enjoy nicer accommodations for the night. She turned down the offer, instead choosing to sleep on the oil rig.



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“I’ve always felt that my job has been to support those who are in harm’s way and to be amongst our people so that they know they have a champion,” said O’Donnell, who was recalled twice to active duty — from September 2001 to March 2002, and from February 2003 to January 2004.

O’Donnell has worked hard to include all members of *Team Coast Guard* — active duty, reserve and auxiliary personnel. As president of the Coast Guard Reserve Policy Board, O’Donnell kept the best interests of auxiliaries in mind by recommending that they be reimbursed for maintenance costs on the vessels they used to help carry out Coast Guard missions. She also pushed to include auxiliaries on the Board to ensure that their views were represented.

“She’s been a champion not only of the Reserve, but of all members of the Coast Guard,” said CAPT John Dwyer, who was O’Donnell’s chief of staff in 2002. He recalls one telling moment when Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld spoke several years ago at a Reserve Officers Association convention and failed to mention the Coast Guard. Not easily intimidated, O’Donnell went up to Secretary Rumsfeld to point out the omission.

“She’s a highly successful officer who has left her imprint on the organization,” Dwyer said. “She’s shown a lot of folks how to be successful by supporting your personnel and by taking leadership roles.”

Oftentimes, her commitment to the Coast Guard meant that O’Donnell had to put her civilian career on hold. Working for Bechtel Corporation the past eight years, O’Donnell admits that she’s had to pass up several opportunities for promotion because her Coast Guard duties have taken her away from her job. Prior to working for Bechtel, O’Donnell retired from service with the U.S. Navy after working for the Military Sealift Command; U.S. Naval Station, Rota, Spain; the Mare Island Naval Shipyard; and the Consolidated Civilian Personnel Office. O’Donnell’s civilian work with the Navy and her reserve duty with the Coast Guard helped her foster ties between the two services.

“She has represented the Coast Guard well and has reached out to other services, particularly in the joint environment where she has made a lot of contacts,” said Ash. “She has really made other services aware of what we do and our capabilities.”



Even though her time with the Coast Guard has officially come to an end, O’Donnell will not stray too far from her military roots. She plans to be heavily involved with the Navy League and the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley. After spending so many weekends with the Coast Guard, O’Donnell says she’ll enjoy being at home with her husband, Claes Elfving, and daughters, Shannon, 25, and Shawn, 21.

“I consider myself the luckiest woman I know,” said O’Donnell in her farewell speech to the 150 people who attended her change of watch and retirement ceremonies. “It has been a highlight of my life just to have associated with you, and I have had that opportunity not for just one day, but for 31 years.”



Come with us as we stroll down memory lane. Over the years, *The Reservist* has accumulated a lot of photos. Some are famous, some are not.

We went back and looked through our entire photo archive. In the following pages you'll have a small peek at what we found. While we found a lot of great photographs, we didn't find a lot of cutline information. For that we apologize to you the reader as well as the photographers.

We divided the photos by decades starting in the 1940's when the idea of the Coast Guard Reserve began.

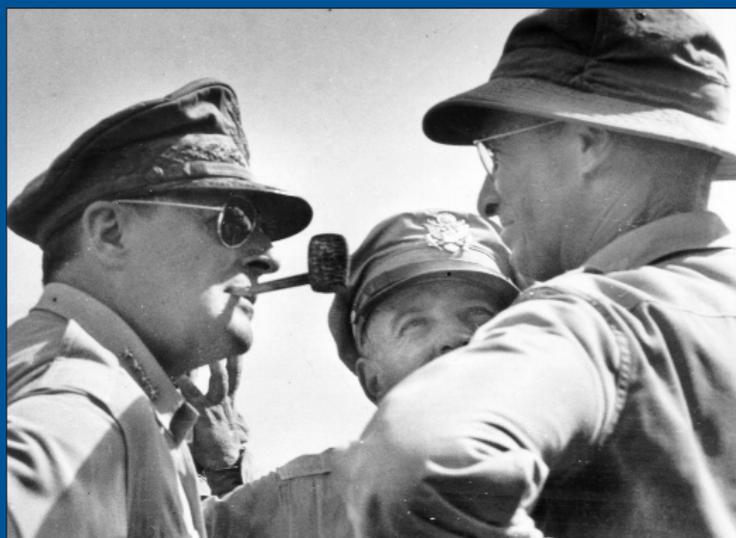
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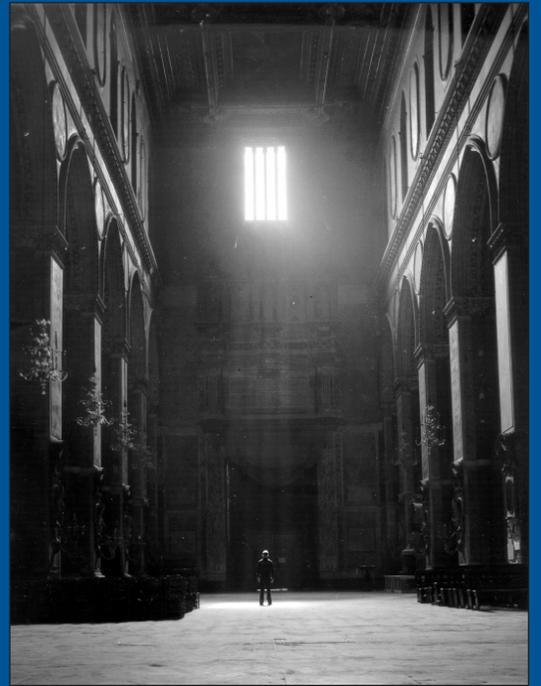
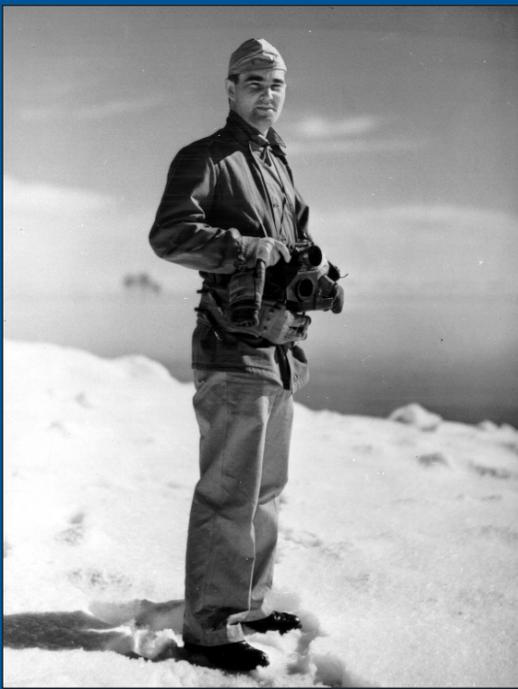
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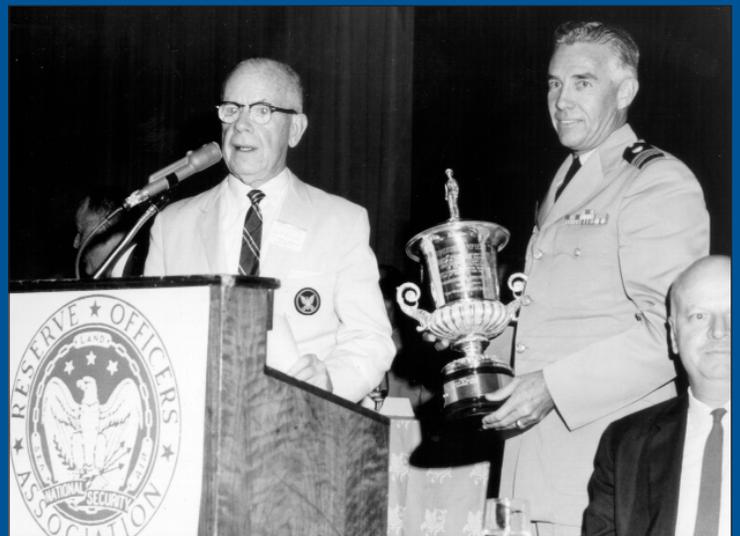
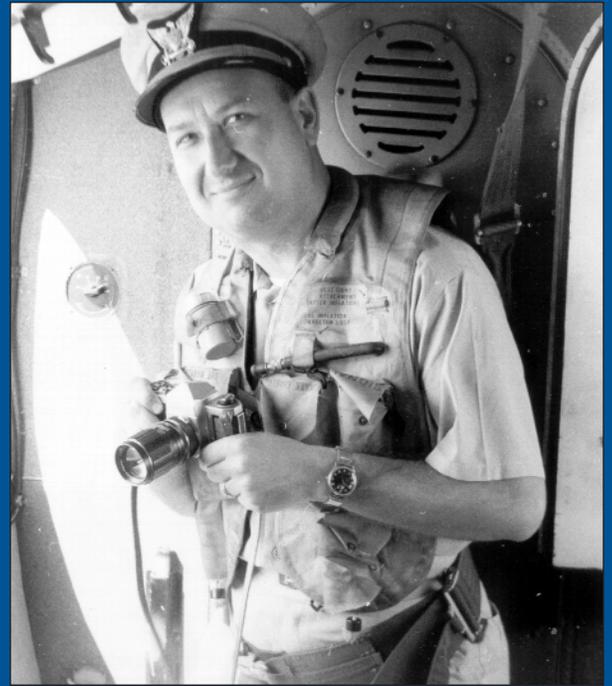




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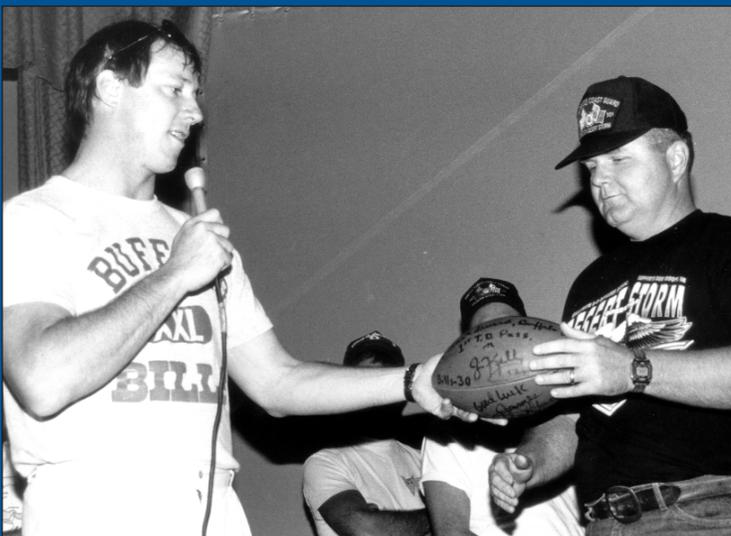










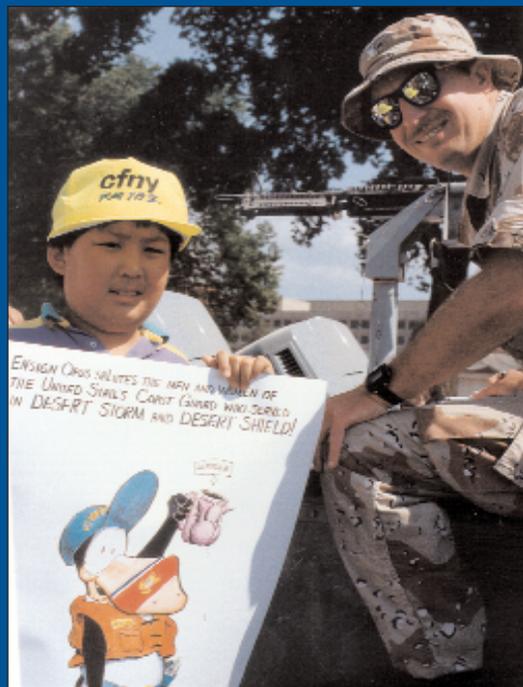


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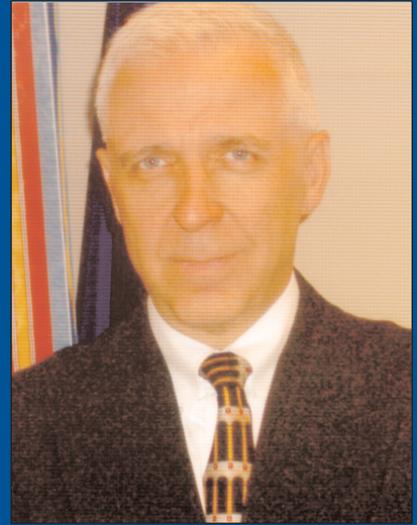






Our Coast Guard Heritage

By RADM J. Timothy Riker, USCGR(Ret.)



*“The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.”*

— Psalm 16:6

The men and women of the United States Coast Guard have a goodly heritage. I have enjoyed reading, thinking, speaking, and occasionally researching this heritage for the past 34 years.

But writing a few lines about this heritage is not easy. The problem isn't finding something to say. The difficulty is deciding what to cut out. After all, it isn't every institution — actually, I can't think of any other — whose personnel somewhere engage in daily acts of heroics under the most trying of circumstances, and regardless of whether our Nation is at peace or war.

Consider also that the exploits of our men and women are not confined to one corner of the Service. Each one of the main threads of the Coast Guard's origin — especially the Revenue Marine or Cutter Service, the Lifesaving Service, and the Lighthouse Service — offers stories of courage, resourcefulness, and derring-do. (Meanwhile, the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation conferred upon the Service a sailor's instinct for safety at sea, which if followed more closely, would obviate the need for some of the heroics in the first place).

Then consider that our heritage is not confined to human made events alone, such as war or disasters born from negligence. It encompasses stout hearts in small boats, or single ships, or at lonely lighthouses facing unbelievable natural forces — such stout hearts performing their duties with a coolness and tenacity that seldom fails to excite the reader of or listener to stories about them.

Finally, consider that even when not called upon to perform duties under arduous conditions, the daily scope of what our Coast Guard does is so varied — and so well executed — that any observer can point to the Coast Guard as an example of a federal agency that knows its job, and returns to the people of the United States a healthy dividend of service from its modest annual budget.

So, where to begin.

I usually begin with the citations to personal decorations involving operational deeds. They are almost always understated. Adverbs and adjectives are kept to a minimum. The narrative is easily carried along by the reader's own imagination. For example, one of my favorites cites a W.J. Calfee of the Lighthouse Service. On May 25, 1912, Calfee — alone — was repairing post lights on the St. Johns River, Fla. As reported in his citation:

“He was knocked from a beacon by an explosion of the lamp. He fell 22 feet to the ground, his leg was broken, and he was severely bruised on the head, leg, and arms, and rendered unconscious. He came to in about three hours.”

So what did Calfee do when he came to? Did he stop work on the aid? Did he seek medical attention? Obviously not, as the citation continues:

“[Calfee] went back upon the beacon, found the lamp gone, crawled 250 feet along the dock to his boat, got another lamp and put it on the beacon.”

Impressive attention to duty by Lightkeeper Calfee. Now, surely, he must have sought medical attention, the reader thinks. Actually, no again, since the citation concludes:

“He then attended to some other beacons, ran his boat eight miles, and then fainted as he entered the creek near his home.”

Astounding attention to duty by Lightkeeper Calfee! Blown unconscious for three hours. A 22-foot fall. Severe bruises and a broken leg. A climb back up the beacon — exactly how does one do that with a broken leg? — only to find the lamp gone. Climb back down the beacon. Crawl 250 feet to get another lamp. Climb another 22 feet to finish the job — I wonder how the severe bruises felt by this time. And then attending to some other beacons. Well, you get the picture in your own mind, and only one adverb — “severely” as applied to his bruises — was used.

The heritage passed down to us by Calfee would appear to be a tenacity that knows no bounds. He was one very tough lightkeeper.

Here's another — actually two citations — from World War II. It is May 27, 1944. Two Coast Guardsmen from Northern Ohio — a LTJG Cantillon, USCGR, and a BM1 Snyder, USCG, are members of a Navy Beach Party in an amphibious attack on a remote island in the South Pacific. They are met with a hostile reception. As their citations read:

“...members of the party landed on Green Beach and were subjected to severe hand ground fire from...two caves in the cliff near the beach...”

This was a problem that someone needed to deal with — and not in a little while, but right now. So what did the lieutenant and the boatswain do? It would seem that neither was inclined to delegate. Their citations report that both “procured hand grenades.” But that's not all. The lieutenant's citation states that he also obtained “...a weapon with which he was unfamiliar, from a soldier...” Then he and the boatswain “...returned to the cliff area and by ground fire eliminated the enemy resistance [four in number]...and made possible the expeditious landing of vital material without casualty.”

A most interesting picture is drawn here: It would appear the Beach Party was surprised by the resistance it encountered. Members didn't have the right weapons. Apparently the lieutenant and the boatswain believed it was their personal responsibility within the party to remove the resistance. It must have been an interesting field tutorial that the soldier gave to the lieutenant on the unfamiliar weapon. And exactly what was the plan as hatched and executed by these two determined and very focused Coast Guardsmen?

These two Buckeyes bespeak a heritage of coolness, determination, and bravery while in mortal danger. By the way, the citation for both the lieutenant and the boatswain accompanied the award of the Silver Star.

After the citations, one might consider the routine reports that our predecessors have filed over the years. We have all read them. Many are dry, but some provide yet another glimpse into our remarkable heritage.

Returning to the Lighthouse Service, consider this: As we know, fog is not an uncommon phenomenon in San Francisco. (More

understatement.) But fog combined with a mechanical malfunction presented the keeper of the Angel Island light with a real challenge during the first week of July in 1906. She reported that the fog signal broke down and so she "struck the bell by hand for 20 hours and 35 minutes until the fog lifted." Note her preciseness. The minutes were 35; no rounding off here to a mere 30.

Now, did the keeper put some cotton or other protection in her ears before she began her marathon? What did she do between strikes? She couldn't have gone far away from that bell. Was she close to utter exhaustion when the fog lifted? Well, we admire the lightkeeper for her steadfast attention to duty. She must have rested comfortably after she repaired the signal — except for a possible persistent ringing in her ears. Or perhaps she rested first, and then repaired the signal. Either way, her mission was accomplished. She had kept any nearby ships and vessels off the rocks.

But wait! There's more. A few lines down in the keeper's report, we read that only two days later the fog returned and the signal failed once again. And summoning up a truly deep resolve, she "stood all night on the platform outside and struck the bell with a nail hammer with all her might."

A heritage of...well, you can pick whatever superlative you want, and you will be right.

Beyond the citations and the routine reports are the narratives written up by others. Consider the Lifesaving Service. The tales here routinely include the hair raising, the magnificent, or just plain thrilling.

For thrilling, I wish I could have been there to watch the evening unfold in Evanston, Ill., on Nov. 28, 1889. The life-saving station in Evanston was kept by L.O. Lawson, a veteran of some years. Meanwhile, his crew was entirely made up of college students attending Northwestern University. We can presume all were snug in the station on that stormy night many years ago. But in the early morning arrived an urgent message from Fort Sheridan, 10 miles away: "There is a large vessel ashore off Ft. Sheridan. Come!"

As reported in the recent book *The U.S. Life-Saving Service* by Shanks, Woo Shanks, and York:

"The thermometer was at twenty-two degrees below zero and the 'furious gale' blowing made the chill factor far colder. The wind howled off [Lake Michigan] and the 'mad rush of waves' left a coating of ice wherever they struck. Keeper Lawson immediately prepared to go to the rescue." Note that Lawson immediately prepared. But, of course. Just another day in the

Life-Saving Service: gales, wind chills, and coats of ice to deal with. The usual.

What sets this rescue apart from some others is the sheer logistics of it: The crew traveled to the scene by train, horse, and on foot. That must have been a sight to see. I wonder whether the nightriders on the train peered over the tops of their newspapers when the surfboat crew came aboard.

By the time the crew arrived on the 75-foot high bluff overlooking Lake Michigan, the distressed Calumet was almost submerged to her main deck. The Lyle Gun was shot twice, but fell short. Now, capture the scene from there: Time is running out. The surfboat (exactly where did that

come from?) is dragged down off the bluff, but only after steps and footholds are cut into the clay by soldiers and civilians who had arrived to help. Meanwhile, the surfmen are waist deep in icy water once they get down to the shore. And the boat is completely filled with breaking water three times before they can even attempt the launch. Things must have looked grim from the deck of the sinking Calumet.

But then the boat is launched, and perhaps spirits turned brighter. But now the little boat hits a breaker and Keeper Lawson is nearly thrown overboard. Grim again. Then another breaker hits the boat and completely fills it. The stroke oarsman desperately bails and the rest of the crew furiously rows.

And they actually get to the Calumet! When they come alongside with ice crusted clothes, oars, and all else, the astonished ship's captain says: "I never thought you'd make it, boys." Not a surprising statement. But eventually they made the trip between the shore and the ship not once, but three times. And this crew of one veteran and the rest college students saved every one of the 18 who were aboard the Calumet.

The Evanston crew bears witness to a heritage of whatever inspiring and uplifting descriptors you can think of.

In every nook and cranny of the Coast Guard, one finds more soul stirring heritage, still more witness to Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. Which is why the Coast Guard provides an endless source of inspiring stories. And more heritage will be added today somewhere. More will be added tomorrow.

Our heritage belongs to all Americans. It is a national treasure. Our men and women add to the treasure every day.

And like a fine diamond, our heritage can be viewed and admired from all sorts of angles. For example, someday — when I get around to it — I'm going to write about the Coast Guard and one of my theories of American history. It is that the 80 men and 20 boys who crewed our first 10 cutters were crucial to getting the first Washington Administration out of the gate, and our Nation past its first four critical years under the new Constitution. How's that for some additional heritage?



The crew of Life Saving Station Evanston, Ill.



In Brief

• **PS1/PS2 CORRESPONDENCE COURSES** — The new PS1 and PS2 course material is ready to be ordered from the Coast Guard Institute. As of press time, the PS1/PS2 End of Course Tests (EOCT) were not available. Personnel will only be able to obtain course material (scheduled for release at a later date). Once the EOCT(s) become available, Educational Service Officers are reminded to order “tests only” for members currently enrolled. For those not enrolled, they must order “enrollment with test.” The course also includes a CD with the Marine Corps Common Skills Handbook, which is required reference material needed to complete both the PS1 and PS2 course. The new PS1 and PS2 Courses are in the new Performance Qualification Guide format that will require department heads or command appointed/designated accomplished performers to sign off all successfully completed job aids and tasks. Course material includes: Security and Inspection Team Tactics, Vessel Security Planning, Preparing Port Security Assessments, Performing Security Assessment Surveys for Shore Side Facilities. To order the new PS1/PS2 courses, please contact your ESO. The new courses will be required for those taking the October 2005 Reserve Service Wide Exam. The PS3 course is scheduled to be out in fall 2004. For info, contact the CG Institute, CWO Mason, 405-954-7275, mmason@cginstitute.uscg.mil or GMCW Wainscott, 405-954-7238, ewainscott@cginstitute.uscg.mil

• **NEW CGR ITEMS** — The Coast Guard Exchange System now has some new CGR items available including: CGR Patch, (Stock No. P69CG), \$2.25; Key Chain FOB (Stock No. NKC60), \$2.00; Window Decal, (Stock No. D53-CG), \$1.00; Window Strip, (Stock No. D54-CG), \$1.00; CGR Ball Cap, (Stock No. BC16-CG), \$7.99. To order, contact Coast Guard Exchange System Special Orders, 1-800-242-9157; ask for Kathy or Amy.



• **WEEKEND ASSISTANCE FOR RESERVISTS AT PSC**— Reservists at PSC are now “answering the call” one weekend a month to assist and answer questions from reservists nationwide! The weekend schedule for the remainder of 2004 is as follows: Sept. 18-19, Oct. 16-17, Nov. 20-21, Dec. 11-12. Contact PSC at 1-866-772-8724; Web: www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/

• **HELP SAVE AN OLD 36-FOOT MLB** — The old 36-foot Motor Life Board (36423) is currently next to the Old Coast Guard Station Umpqua River in Winchester Bay, Ore. The plan is to build a structure over the boat and then restore this historic relic. If you are interested in helping and/or helping



fund this project, contact FN Stuart Coplan, 955 Lighthouse Road 7B, Reedsport, OR 97467; 541-271-0820; e-mail: stuartcoplan@yahoo.com www.heplsavethecg36423mlb.com

• **MONTAUK POINT LIGHTHOUSE** — Montauk Point Light Station was automated by the Coast Guard in 1987 which ended Coast Guard manning and ended a long history of government ownership which goes back to 1796 during the administration of President George Washington. The lighthouse

was then acquired by the Montauk Point Historical Society to present the history of the light and preserve the heritage of light-keeping to the public. The Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum Committee is presently expanding their facilities and offerings and is seeking public support in order to showcase the history of both the Lighthouse Service and Coast Guard presence at the light. They are seeking any help and/or assistance in achieving that goal, and are particularly interested in photographs, memorabilia, and artifacts acquired during the period up until 1987, particularly from people who had served at the light. Contact: Montauk Point Lighthouse, Box 943, Montauk, NY 11954; Phone: 631-668-2544. Toll Free: 1-888-Mtk-Point. E-Mail - Keeper@montauklighthouse.com

• **GOVERNORS ISLAND PRINT** — An 8x10-water color print of the USCG Governors Island ferry with Manhattan skyline (pre-9/11) is still available, and is suitable for framing. These were also offered back in December 1997 when Governors Island closed. Send check or money order for \$16 to Kathryn Dean, 15670 SW 123 Avenue, Miami, FL 33177; schlossdean@aol.com. *(USCG does not endorse this product; it is published as a service to our readers).*



• **SHOW YOUR SUPPORT / AMERICA'S CAR** — More than 385,000 National Guard and Reserve members have been called to military active service since Sept. 11, 2001. Employers have been a tremendous support nationwide. To continue to show support, a series of large banners are traveling the country with Employer Support of Guard & Reserve's (ESGR) show car program. The goal is to gather 1.2-million signatures from across hometown America, one signature for every member of the Guard and Reserve. ESGR invites you to show your support by logging onto their Web site: www.esgr.com to learn more about their organization and to sign the banner electronically. Simply click on “America's Car” and sign the banner. Your name will be entered to the register with thousands of other patriotic Americans who have given their support for deployed troops overseas. These banners will be sent to Southwest Asia to be placed in the dining facilities and recreational centers in Iraq, and Afghanistan for all the troops to see. For more info, contact ESGR at 1-800-336-4590 Ext. 540 or via Web at www.esgr.com

• **2004-05 NAVAL WAR COLLEGE FLEET SEMINAR PROGRAM** — The Naval War College Graduate-level Fleet Seminar program will be offered in 19 regional locations for academic year 2004-5. Please see NAVADMIN 130/04 on the Reserve Message board.

• **RESERVE SERVICE WIDE EXAM** — Attention enlisted reservists! This year's RSWE is slated for **Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004**. Members planning to take the test should read and review ALCGPERSCOM 034/04. **Deadline for EOCTs, EERs and other administrative advance work was 30 JUN 04**. For more information, contact YN2 David Lynch, PSC (adv); Phone: 785-339-3400; E-mail: dlynch@hrsic.uscg.mil

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 2004

- **OLD TIMERS PICNIC** — For over 25 years, the Mobile Chapter of the Chief Petty Officers Association has held an annual picnic in Mobile, Ala. The 2004 "Old Timers" picnic is set for Saturday, Sept. 4, beginning at 8 a.m. at Walters Park adjacent to the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center. The Mobile Chapter is holding a fundraiser to help with its community projects. The winner will receive a 2004 Yamaha ATV, \$500, or a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond. You need not be present to win. If you need any further information on the picnic or fundraiser, please contact BMCS Jack Crowley, USCG(Ret.), 2500 Melanie Court West, Semmes, AL 36575; Phone: 251-649-8800; E-mail: jjccc99@mchsi.com
- **COAST GUARDSMEN OF YESTERYEAR BREAKFAST** — 5th annual, Saturday, Sept. 11, doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee with breakfast to follow at 9 a.m. at Chincoteague, Va. High School gymnasium. Contact BMC Tarr, Station Chincoteague, 3823 Main St., Chincoteague, VA 23336-1809; Phone: 757-336-2874; E-mail: jtarr@stachincoteague.uscg.mil
- **PSU ISSUES CONFERENCE** — PSU leaders will be meeting Sept. 14-17, 2004 in Arlington, Va. to discuss operational and administrative issues facing PSUs. For more information, see COMDT message (P 211407Z JUN 04).
- **U.S. MARTIME SECURITY EXPO 2004** — Jacob Javits Center, New York City, Sept. 14-15, 2004. Web: www.maritimesecurityexpo.com/
- **FLEET WEEK SAN DIEGO** — Eighth annual, Sept. 25-Oct. 23. For info, call 619-858-1545; Web: www.fleetweeksandiego.org

OCTOBER 2004

- **ANNUAL COAST GUARD BALL** — Saturday, Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m. Hyatt Regency Hotel, Arlington, Va. Sponsored by

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SEPTEMBER 2004

- **RESERVE UNIT CHATTANOOGA** — Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, 1 p.m. at Shipp's RV Center and Campground, Chattanooga, Tenn. Contact: CWO4 Terry Siler, USCGR(Ret.), Phone: 423-842-5963; E-mail: Tenncoastie@aol.com
- **CGC ANDROSCOGGIN (WHEC-68), VIETNAM DEPLOYMENT 1967-68** — Sept. 15-19, 2004, Charleston Riverview Hotel, Charleston, SC. Contact MKCM James Bridges, USCG(Ret.), 6 Dunvegan Drive, Charleston, SC 29414-6938; Phone: 843-766-1060.
- **CGC WESTWIND ASSOCIATION** — Third annual reunion, Sept. 17-19, 2004, Wyndham Hotel, 101 West Fayette St., Baltimore, MD 21201; Phone: 410-385-6700; Special room rate \$99 per night (mention Westwind Association when reserving your room with reservation deadline of Aug. 18, 2004). For more info, contact Alex Mavica, Chairman, Phone: 845-352-7040; E-mail: amavica@optonline.net
- **PSU 305 10-YEAR REUNION** — Saturday, Sept. 18, 4 p.m., rain or shine, at PSU 305 compound, Building 2743, Fort Eustis, Va. Adults, \$7; Children, ages 6-12, \$3.50; no charge for younger guests (money will be collected at the door). Please RSVP by July 31 to YN3 Julio Vigoreaux, Phone: 757-878-5922; E-mail: jvigoreaux@psu305.uscg.mil
- **USS LST 787 ASSOCIATION** — Sept. 22-26, The Clarion Hotel of Albany, 3 Watervliet Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12206, 518-438-8431. Contact: Gene Lilledahl, 1154 Wienzel Point Road, Lake Shore, MN 56468; Phone: 218-568-4495; E-mail: galilly@tds.net

OCTOBER 2004

- **USCG LIGHTSHIP ASSOCIATION** — Oct. 7-9, Astoria, Ore. Contact: Mr. Thomas J. Hess, E-mail: hesstj@juno.com Web site: www.uscglightsipsailors.org

Washington Coast Guard Association. For info, contact LCDR Carol McCarther, 202-267-2445 or YN2 James Winter, 202-493-1235.

- **RESERVE SERVICEWIDE EXAM** — This year's annual RSWE test date is Saturday, Oct. 16. Study hard and make your shipmates 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

NOVEMBER 2004

- **USCG FLAGS ACROSS AMERICA DAY** — Sixth annual, Nov. 6, 10 a.m., Coast Guard Hill, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. If you can't attend, why not plan an event in your local area to honor USCG veterans? Contact USCG Flags Across America, e-mail: uscgflags@yahoo.com or visit the Web site: <http://uscgcpoa-dc.org/faq/>

DECEMBER 2004

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

JANUARY 2005

- **55th PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION** — Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005! As always, the USCG will be participating in this event in Washington, D.C.

FEBRUARY 2005

- **ROA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE** — Feb. 13-16, Hilton Hotel and Towers, Washington, D.C. For info, contact ROA, One Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002; Phone: 202-479-2200; Web: www.roa.org

- **USS CENTAURUS AKA-17** — 13th Annual Reunion (see photo at left), Oct. 7-10, 2004, World War II Coast Guard-Manned Attack Transport, six Battle Stars and two Kamikaze Splashes, Sheraton Westport, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Kent Price, 837 Orpington Ct., St. Louis, MO 63131; Phone: 314-822-4637; E-mail: kent_p@sbcglobal.net or George E. McCabe, Jr., 116 Knotty Pine Trail, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082; Phone: 904-280-3013; E-mail: congeng@bellsouth.net
- **USS LST 767 (WWII)** — Fourth reunion for Coast Guard-manned WWII LST 767, Oct. 10-13, Mobile, Ala. This is a change of date and place from previous postings. Contact Dave Ramsay, One Utah St., Beverly Hills, FL 34465-4378; Phone: 352-527-2869; E-mail: ramshorn@xtalwind.net
- **USCGC BIBB (W-31)** — All crews 1937-1985, 11th reunion, Oct. 14-16, 2004, at Holiday Inn-Mt Pleasant, Charleston, S.C. Contact Bibb Shipmates, c/o Mike Johnson, 277 Brandon, GA 30265-1499; Web site: www.cutterbibb31.com
- **USS CAVALIER (APA-37)** — WWII USCG crew, Oct. 21-24, Holiday Inn Sarasota-Lido Beach, Sarasota, Fla. Contact: CWO4 John E. Giles, USCG(Ret.), P.O. Box 325, Pacific City, OR 97135; Phone: 503-965-6732; E-mail: jegiles39@earthlink.net
- **RESERVE UNIT NASHVILLE** — Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004 at MTSU vs. Idaho football game and annual MTSU Salute to Veterans game. Contact: MSTC J. Drugmand, USCGR(Ret.), 615-898-2426 (home), 615-898-0846 (work), jdrugmand@mtsu.edu or QMC F. Schafer, USCGR(Ret.), 615-451-4326, fds340gall@earthlink.net
- **SAN ANTONIO UNITS** — First reunion for reservists assigned to San Antonio, Texas units, Saturday, Oct. 30, Aggie Park, San Antonio. Contact: MCPO Jerry Fierro, 210-432-4419, E-mail: hscmuscg@aol.com, Retired CPO Russell Miller, 210-342-0321; SCPO Carl Rodriguez, 210-736-5759.

Advancements

Effective July 1, 2004

From Enlisted Reserve
Advancement Announcement
(ERAA) No. 07-04

BOATSWAIN'S MATE (BM)

BMCS B WELLS
BM1 J SCHAIBLE
BM1 D LEE
BM1 R GRESS
BM1 C FONTENOT
BM2 K HEISER

FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST (FS)

FS2 A ANDERSON
FS2 N EVANS

GUNNER'S MATE (GM)

GMC G JOHNSON
GMC D CLAYTON

MACHINERY TECHNICIAN (MK)

MKCS D HACKLEY
MKCS C WADE
MK1 J HERNANDE
MK1 L WONG
MK1 E OWENS
MK1 P BOURQUE
MK1 E DONOVAN
MK1 E ENGLER
MK1 R SANDERSON
MK1 P SUTTON
MK1 K MYERS
MK2 D JONES
MK2 G DUNLAP

MK2 T YOTKA
MK2 A FERNANDE

MARINE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN (MST)

MST1 J HARDEE
MST1 J BARNES
MST1 F FIGONI
MST2 P GIGNAC
MST2 K BOURGAUL

STOREKEEPER (SK)

SK2 D BRADSHAW

YEOMAN (YN)

YN2 R MONTFORD
YN2 R MOOREFOR
YN2 K FOSTER
YN2 R TINLOY
YN3 L GIL
YN3 A TARPLEY

Effective August 1, 2004

From Enlisted Reserve
Advancement Announcement
(ERAA) No. 08-04

BOATSWAIN'S MATE (BM)

BMCM J CUNNINGHAM
BMC G ZITZEWIT
BM1 S LIPPOLD
BM1 D KIMSEY
BM1 M HENSON
BM1 J MURDOCK
BM1 L BROWN
BM2 G ORDUN

BM2 S MARCHEAN
BM2 K DOZEMAN

DAMAGE CONTROLMAN (DC)

DCCM P JONES
DCCS R KELMEL
DCC S BALL
DCC M BROWN

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (ET)

ET2 C BRYANT

GUNNER'S MATE (GM)

GM2 W GIBSON

MACHINERY TECHNICIAN (MK)

MKC D MCCORMIC
MKC J SAYLORS
MK1 K WALDO
MK1 J ELKINS
MK1 J FEUCHACK
MK1 J STABLEY
MK1 A TRAHAN
MK1 R MIZIKAR
MK1 D THOMPSON
MK1 H INMAN
MK1 D LUCAS
MK1 T CASTELLO
MK2 N WATSON
MK2 D NOLAN
MK2 D MIDGETTE
MK2 C KALAVSKY
MK2 P FLOWERS
MK2 A SUCRE

MARINE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN (MST)

MST1 C GREEN
MST2 M HENDRIX
MST2 M MOORE
MST2 S CORRIGAN
MST2 I CLAYTON

OPERATIONS SPECIALIST (OS)

OS2 D ROSS
OS2 P TARANTIN

PORT SECURITY SPECIALIST (PS)

PSC F MERRITT
PSC D LAWSON

STOREKEEPER (SK)

SK1 M MARTIN
SK1 M ANDERSON
YEOMAN (YN)
YN2 C ISBELL
YN2 J EVERETT
YN2 S CHENG
YN2 K BARNHILL

These lists are taken directly from ERAA No. 07-04, ALCGPERSCOM 043/04 (R 241745Z JUN 04), and ERAA No. 08-04, ALCGPERSCOM 055/04 (R 231532Z JUL 04). Questions should be directed to YNC P. Harris, pharris@hrrsic.uscg.mil or 785-339-3402.



Photo by CWO2 E.J. Kruska, USCGR

Triple promo, triple joy!

It was memorable moment for three Reserve officers and their families recently at a long-standing traditional pinning ceremony at Headquarters recently. Promoted to lieutenant commander were Allen Balough, Dan Eagan, and Necia Chambliss.

Promotions

*Reserve Officers Promoted From
OPAL No. 07-04
ALCGPERSCOM 044/04
(R 231907Z JUN 04)*

TO REAR ADMIRAL:

SMITH, DUNCAN C. III RESERVE

TO REAR ADMIRAL (LOWER HALF):

ACTON, JOHN C. III RESERVE

TO CAPTAIN:

WELCH, JOHN S. RESERVE

TO COMMANDER:

SCHAEFER, SCOTT D. RESERVE
BAUER, KENT P. RPA
FLORY, BRIAN RESERVE
LOSEGO, JACQUELINE M. RESERVE
BEIER, KURT J. RESERVE
TYLER, SLOAN A. RESERVE
JOHNSON, GREGORY W. RESERVE
JENSEN, PETER A. RESERVE
CONGDON, STEVEN W. RESERVE
PAZAK, GEORGE J. RESERVE
GREENE, CHARLES M. REGULAR
ANDERSON, DON D. RESERVE
EASTBURN, ROBERT F. RESERVE
CRAIG, STEVEN J. RESERVE
BRANC, ROBERT P. RESERVE
FREEMAN, KEVIN P. RESERVE
AUZENBERGS, EDGARS A. RESERVE
FORDHAM, ANDY J. RESERVE
PARTRIDGE, CAROL J. RESERVE
SCHAFFER, CHRISTOPHER RESERVE
HUENEFELD, DONALD G. RESERVE
HART, MICHAEL K. RESERVE
REAGAN, ALAN L. RESERVE
HIGGINS, EDMUND G. RESERVE
MYERS, CHRISTINA L. RESERVE
GARGIULO, PAUL C. RESERVE
MARCHESE, JAMES J. RESERVE
WILLIAMS, WALTER F. RESERVE
CONLEY, PETER D. RESERVE
EDMISTON, CARL J. RESERVE
WEHRMANN, GARY R. RESERVE
CHANEY, WILLIAM L. REGULAR
RONCONE, RICHARD F. REGULAR
STOVALL, GEORGE E. RESERVE
POPE, STEVEN H. RESERVE
LISKE, ANDREW G. RPA
MCMILLEN, MONT E. RESERVE
BARTLETT, STEPHEN J. RESERVE

TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER:

LAFFERTY, MIRIAM L. RESERVE
EAGAN, DANIEL J. RESERVE
SALTER, SEAN D. RESERVE
ROSARIO, TAMMY K. RESERVE
PAIVA, PAUL P. RESERVE
HALL, JEFFREY S. RESERVE
CHAMBLISS, NECIA L. RPA
HUDDY, DAVID P. RESERVE
SEEHAUS, DENNIS M. RESERVE
MELOTT, JAY D. RESERVE
FERGUSON, JAMES F. RESERVE
PELTONEN, DON R. RESERVE
GOERLING, RICHARD J. RESERVE
MARTIN, VYARL W. RESERVE
FINLAY, EDWARD W. RESERVE

SMITH, LIBBY A. RESERVE
RILEY, EDWARD RESERVE
ALMAZAN, LEO M. RESERVE
PRINCE, CATHERINE A. RESERVE
BRAUN, SAMUEL U. RESERVE
BENSON, SCOTT R. RESERVE
SHEFFIELD, ANDREW R. RPA
WARREN, GEOFFREY J. RESERVE
CAMPBELL, DWIGHT L. RESERVE
FELKAY, MICHAEL A. RESERVE
STEWART, KEVIN P. RESERVE
OHARO, KYLE C. RESERVE
GRIFFIN, MICHAEL J. RESERVE
HAMOR, LON RESERVE
MCMAHON, GERALD K. RESERVE
HILL, BRIAN P. RESERVE
WOLF, PAUL A. RESERVE
MCCLAY, THOMAS E. RESERVE
MCCABE, MARK F. RESERVE
PEARSON, DAWNA H. RESERVE
DORCHAK, MICHAEL G. RESERVE
PETRAS, GEORGE W. RESERVE
RICKABAUGH, KENNETH D. RESERVE
JACKSON, MICHAEL W. RESERVE
SLETO, LYNN S. RESERVE
MCCORMICK, BRIAN M. RESERVE
CHILDERS, TODD A. RESERVE
GILL, RICHARD J. RESERVE
ANDERSON, KAREN R. RESERVE
CURRIER, ANDREA P. RESERVE
MARTIN, THOMAS O. RESERVE
STEWART, ANNA A. RESERVE
KOSTECKI, HEATHER M. RESERVE
BRADLEY, SHALAKO M. RESERVE
BUCKLEY, JOHN F. RESERVE
GOETZEE, WILLIAM W. RESERVE
BALOUGH, ALLEN V. RPA

TO CWO4:

DEMPSEY, JOHN RESERVE
DOGGETT, SHARON D. RESERVE
HOORNSTRA, DALE R. RESERVE
BROWN, JOHN J. RESERVE
KIESEL, FREDERICK G. RESERVE

TO CWO3:

DUPONT, MARK R. RESERVE
LYNESS, WILLIAM F. RESERVE
ALEXANDER, MAUREEN E. RESERVE
SWOPE, DONNIE R. RESERVE
INNAIMO, JOHN J. RESERVE
PADGETT, DAVID C. RESERVE
RIFKIN, DONALD J. RESERVE
WHITAKER, GEORGE B. RESERVE
WALL, JAMES A. RESERVE
JOHNSON, PAUL R. RESERVE
LEE, TOMMIE A. RESERVE

*Reserve Officer Promoted From
OPAL No. 08-04
ALCGPERSCOM 053/04
(R 221914Z JUL 04)*

TO COMMANDER:

LUTSKY, EDMOND H. RESERVE

TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER:

MCALLISTER, CAROL M. RESERVE
WALKER, BRUCE K. RESERVE
WALLACE, JAMES B. RESERVE

LARUSSO, ANTHONY RESERVE
WEBER, JAMES L. RESERVE
YERGEAU, ROBERT A. RESERVE
PATRICK, RONNIE RESERVE
RODRIGUEZ, YOUNG A. RESERVE
ADAMS, CHRISTOPHER RESERVE
HOOKS, DENNIS R. REGULAR
CAMPBELL, JAY D. RESERVE
COBB, JAMES T. RESERVE

TO LIEUTENANT:

MECKETSJY, MEREDITH J. RESERVE
JACKSON, CHRISTA D. RESERVE
ROEBUCK, MONIQUE M. RESERVE
TYRRELL, KEVIN M. RESERVE
OMARA, MAUREEN K. RESERVE
SCOTT, JOHN D. RESERVE
DETEMPLE, CLIFFORD J. RESERVE
COWLES, SHARI A. RESERVE
KACHINSKI, ROBERT R. RESERVE
DEVEAU, GLEN E. RESERVE
DRZEWIECKI, JEFFERY A. RESERVE
OSTDIEK, JOSEPH R. RESERVE
RUTLEDGE, ROBERT M. RESERVE
SUTER, WILLIAM W. RESERVE
MILLS, EDWARD E. RESERVE
MILNE, DAVID G. RESERVE
LAVIGNE, RICHARD J. RESERVE
SIPALA, TODD M. RESERVE
SPIRIDES, HARRY G. RESERVE
LEE, SUSANA E. RESERVE
FITZGERALD, JOHN M. RESERVE
SULLIVAN, MARK W. RESERVE
TANKO, DARON J. RESERVE
BRODAK, JOSEPH I. RESERVE
DEVEREAUX, JETON F. RESERVE
DIMITRY, KENNETH E. RESERVE
WILLIAMS, DAVID J. RESERVE
PERMAN, BENJAMIN RESERVE
FISCHER, STEVEN M. RESERVE
SIEG, KENT G. RESERVE
NUSSBERGER, JULIE M. RESERVE
OHALLORAN, CHRISTOPHER RESERVE
THAYER, COREY M. RESERVE
STAPLETON, FRANK M. RESERVE
KNIGHT, RICHARD A. RESERVE
WALSTEAD, MARK M. RESERVE
STANEK, GERALD D. RESERVE
TURNER, LON M. RESERVE
HERNANDEZ, LILIANA I. RESERVE
BYRNE, MICHAEL J. RESERVE
RHODES, JOHN W. RESERVE
COOLEY, DONALD P. RESERVE
LUONG, TUAN L. RESERVE
MUNOZ, ORLANDO T. RESERVE
CRABBE, DOUGLAS K. RESERVE
WERTHMULLER, KEVIN J. RESERVE
DOMINGUEZ, RAYMUNDO RESERVE
BROWNE, HENRY S. RESERVE
KALISZ, THOMAS W. RESERVE

CWO3:

DUCOTE, RUFUS H. RESERVE
MCCALL, BRUCE H. RESERVE

Re-Enlistments



Photo by IPTJG Kevin Werthmuller

CWO Terry McNabb, right, administers the reenlistment oath for BM1 Robert Sessions Feb. 12 at the Inland Rivers Vessel Movement Center in St. Louis. It is the first time that McNabb (formerly MKC) has administered the oath since he made warrant officer in June 2003, and it will be the last time Sessions will reenlist since he will reach age 60 at the end of this enlistment. Both reservists are assigned to the Inland Rivers Vessel Movement Center located in St. Louis.

Awards



Photo by CDR John Meier, USN

CAPT Frank Mullen, USCGR, receives the Defense Meritorious Service Medal from VADM Gordon Holder, Joint Staff Director for Logistics, at the Pentagon July 27, 2004, upon completion of a three year assignment on the Joint Staff. CAPT Mullen was on IDT in the Pentagon when it was attacked on Sept. 11, 2001. He was immediately recalled to active duty and spent the next two years working full time for VADM Holder. Coast Guard Reservists serve in a number of select billets inside the Pentagon, including the Joint Staff, Navy Staff, and Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Retirement List

RET-1 (Retired With Pay)

JUNE 2004

PS2 James M. O'Sullivan, D1

JULY 2004

CAPT Thomas E. Carroll, D5
 CDR Philip J. Grossweiler, D8
 LCDR Marvin M. Epstein, D5
 LCDR William F. Knutson, D8
 LCDR Joseph D. Neill, D11
 LCDR Gerald M. Sampont, D13
 CWO4 Stephen J. DeCrosta, D1
 CWO4 Edwina C. Mroz, D9
 CWO4 Richard E. Simmons, D1
 AMTCS Robert C. Satter, D7
 MKCS Ronald S. Ocker, D11
 BMC George Huey, D7
 MSTC Richard E. Chalue, D7
 MSTC Bruce B. Edwards, D13
 MSTC Charles H. Lawley, D8
 PSC John E. Lieberz, D7
 MK1 Charles A. Leoni, D1
 PS1 William A. Bogardus, D5
 PS1 Don L. Farwick, D8

PS1 John L. Morgan, D8
 YN1 David P. Currier, D1
 YN1 James E. Knapp, PACAREA
 BM2 John E. Flinn, D5
 MK2 Claude M. Williams, D8
 YN2 James W. Long, D13

RET-2 (Retired Awaiting Pay)

JUNE 2004

YNC Janice Minson, D1
 DC2 Douglas D. Barnes, D13

JULY 2004

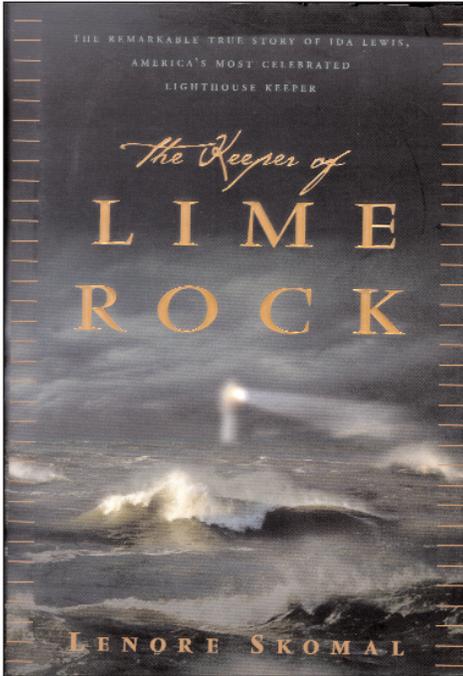
CAPT Daniel R. Croce, D1
 CAPT George Elliott, D8
 CAPT Kendel Feilen, D8
 CAPT John D. Filipowicz, D17
 CAPT Doreen D. Fuller, D5
 CAPT Robert M. Gauvin, D5
 CAPT William C. Hansen, D8
 CAPT Stephen N. Jackson, D5
 CAPT Larry C. Mercier, D5
 CAPT David Riley, D11
 CAPT Carol A. Rivers, D5

CDR John E. Minter, D1
 CDR Nancy A. Galloway, D5
 LCDR Robert C. Baxter, D13
 LCDR Jay L. Briggs, D7
 LCDR Harry D. Craig, D13
 LCDR John G. Stanley, D1
 LT Dan Larson, D5
 CWO4 William Wylie, D13
 PSCM Kenan R. Foley, D1
 ITCS Mike S. Bordas, D13
 ITC Gilbert Reyna, D11
 MKC James P. McGuire, D1
 MSTC James L. Stanley, D5
 BM1 Alexander Eristavi, D1
 BM1 Michael T. Goodrich, D5
 BM1 David Wallace, D5
 MK1 Shawn Jervis, D11
 MST1 Walter Blanchard, D8
 SK1 Genevieve Panni, D11
 BM2 Adrianus J. Hooydonk, D1
 PS2 William Smith, D5
 SK2 Ione J. Bolden, D8
 MST3 Gary McGinnis, D5

Source: YN2 Kelli Gonzales, Personnel Service Center (ras)

The Keeper of Lime Rock

The Remarkable True Story of Ida Lewis,
America's Most Celebrated Lighthouse Keeper
By Lenore Skomal



"We have only one life to live, and when our time comes we've got to go; so it doesn't matter how. I never thought of danger when people needed help. At such times you're busy thinking of other things." — Ida Lewis

It wasn't until her fifth daring rescue at sea in 1869 that the world discovered the remarkable Ida Lewis, tender of the Lime Rock Lighthouse off the coast of Newport, R.I. Hailed for her lifesaving efforts by President Ulysses S. Grant, Admiral Dewey, Susan B. Anthony, and other luminaries of the day, Lewis was the first person awarded a Congressional medal for her years of bravery and extraordinary heroism. Weaving thrilling nautical adventures with tales of other female lighthouse keepers, this compelling biography opens a fascinating and previously unexplored chapter in the history of American women.

The Keeper of Lime Rock, published by Running Press Book Publishers, 125 South Twenty-Second St., Philadelphia, PA 19103-4399 (www.runningpress.com) is 152 pages, black and white photographs, 5-1/2 x 8-1/2 inches, printed in 2002, ISBN: 076241538X. Check your local bookstores.

Hi... my name is Ida Lewis!

Amy Davis, 7, was a 2nd grader at Bodkin Elementary School in Pasadena, Md., this past school year. Her teacher, Mrs. Donna Rush, had each class member choose a person who made a difference in the lives of other people. They had to research the person, make a poster, and write a short essay on the person. Amy, daughter of LT Charles Davis, USCGR, chose famous lighthouse keeper Ida Lewis. Here is her essay she wrote in April 2004:

Hi, my name is Ida Lewis. I made a difference in other people's lives because I was the most famous lighthouse keeper in American history. I was the lighthouse keeper at Lime Rock, which is in Newport, Rhode Island. I lived there from 1857 to 1911. During that time I saved 25 boaters from drowning. I made my first rescue when I was only 14! I made my last rescue when I was 65 when a close friend who was rowing out to visit stood up in her boat, lost her balance and fell overboard. Since I saved so many lives I was awarded the gold lifesaving medal and Lime Rock was renamed Ida Lewis Rock in honor of me. Besides saving lives, I had to make sure the light burned brightly in the lighthouse all night long. Every night at midnight I would climb the long stairway up to the light and refill the lantern with oil. Gee, do you think that's where the saying "burning the midnight oil" came from?



Photo courtesy LT Charles Davis, USCGR.

• **RADM Robert E. Hammond, USCG(Ret.),** 85, July 11, 2004, in Silverdale, Wash. After graduating from the Coast Guard Academy in 1940, he served aboard CGC Itasca and the CGC Seneca at Pearl Harbor. In port at the time of the Japanese air attack, CGC Seneca, with then ENS Hammond aboard, helped drive away the enemy planes with a defensive barrage of anti-aircraft gunfire. He attended flight training from 1942-43 at Naval Air Stations at Grosse Isle, Mich. and Pensacola, Fla. He was assigned to Air Station Kodiak as Commanding Officer and provided outstanding support in alleviating distress during the 1964 earthquake and tidal waves in Alaska. RADM Hammond was appointed to flag rank in 1968 and subsequently served as Commander, 17th Coast Guard District. He served as Chief, Office of Operations, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters until his retirement in 1972. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Hammond; two children, CAPT Bob Hammond, USCG(Ret.), and Pat Florio. The family requested no services or memorial donations. ALCOAST 343/04.

• **CAPT John P. Stozich, USCGR(Ret.),** July 5, 2004, in Findlay, Ohio. Survived by his wife, Nancy Stozich. Interment Findlay, Ohio.

• **CDR Cameron Ervin, USCGR(Ret.),** June 19, 2004, in El Dorado Hills, Calif. Survived by his spouse, Mrs. Mary Ervin. Interment San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, Gustine, Calif.

• **CDR Robert W. Lamprecht, USCGR(Ret.),** June 3, 2004, in Elmhurst, Ill. Survived by his wife, Alice Anne Lamprecht. Interment Oak Brook, Ill.

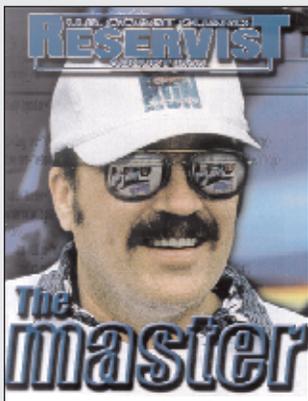
• **CDR Henry D. Ledbetter, USCGR(Ret.),** May 11, 2004. Survived by his wife, Barbara D. Ledbetter of Brooksville, Fla.

• **CDR Thomas M. Quinn, USCGR(Ret.),** June 20, 2004, in Queensbury, N.Y. Survived by his daughter, Patrice Fiore. Interment pending, Sarasota, N.Y.

• **LCDR Harold E. Kavern, USCGR(Ret.),** June 23, 2004, in San Luis Obispo, Calif. Survived by his spouse, Mrs. Carol Kavern. Interment Greenlawn Cemetery, Bakersfield, Calif. June 25, 2004.

• **LCDR David B. Lorenz, USCGR(Ret.),** June 5, 2004, in Thailand. Survived by his wife, Somthawin Lorenz of Thailand.

• **CWO4 Thomas L. Brooks, USCG(Ret.),** 49, June 26, 2004, of Sykesville, Md., namesake of "Tom" Run Coast Guard Relay." Born in Canton, Ohio, he graduated in 1973 from Westminster High School, Md., and joined the Coast Guard in 1973. His career in the Coast Guard took him to Maryland, Hawaii, New York, California, New Jersey and Kansas. He served as one of the first Reserve webmasters for the Coast Guard while serving at Headquarters during the 1990s. He retired as a chief warrant officer 4 in 1999 after 26 years service. He was diagnosed with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) in 1998. "Tom's Run," an annual event in honor of him, was started to raise awareness of ALS. The event consists of groups of fellow Coast Guardsmen who run/bike the length of Maryland's C&O Canal tow path (see the August 1999 Reservist for a cover story on CWO4 Brooks and Tom's Run). His favorite quote: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift. That's why we call it the present." He is survived by his wife, Debra Erickson Brooks; children Daniel and Jennifer; grandsons Tyler and Joshua; father, Harry Thomas



Brooks; brothers Jim Long, Ted Brooks and Doug Brooks. A memorial service was held July 3 at Triadelphia Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Clarksville, Md. Memorial donations may be made to ALS Association, DC/MD/VA Chapter, Administrative Office, 615 S. Frederick Ave., Suite 308, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. CWO4 Brooks' body was donated to the University of Maryland.

• **CWO4 Richard L. Forry, USCGR(Ret.),** June 12, 2004, in Peoria, Ariz. Survived by his daughter, Kathleen Anderson. Interment Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Phoenix, Ariz.

• **SKCM Robert E. "Bob" Breseman, USCGR(Ret.),** 72, June 30, 2004, of Wheaton, Ill. He graduated from the Luther Institute in 1949, and Valparaiso University in 1953. He served in the Coast Guard, both active duty and in the Reserve, from 1952 to 1991. His career was devoted to the Fraternal Insurance industry where he served on the board of the Fraternal Field Manager's Association. He was active in Wheat Ridge Ministries, and with St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton since 1960. Survived by his wife of 50 years, Lois A. "Toni" Breseman; daughters Robin, Kim, Karen; sons Mark and Michael; grandfather of eight. Services were held July 3 at St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton. Interment Oakridge Cemetery, Hillside, Ill. Memorials may be made to Wheat Ridge Ministries, 1 Pierce Place, #250e, Itasca, IL 60143 or St. John Lutheran Church, 125 E. Seminary, Wheaton, IL 60187.

• **MKC Roy L. Ballou, USCGR(Ret.),** June 1, 2004, in Mountain Top, Pa. Survived by his daughter, Raelaine B. Wong. Interment Indiantown Gap, Pa.

• **GM1 Chester H. Benson, USCGR(Ret.),** June 22, 2004, in Glendora, Calif. Survived by his daughter, Kathleen Benson. Interment Rowland Heights, Calif.

• **David Anthony Abella,** 26, of Plant City, Fla., April 21, 2004. He served four years in the Coast Guard, and was on duty with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department when his patrol car crashed trying to avoid a tractor-trailer. Survived by his wife, Angela; three children, Shawn, Allyssa and Alexis.

• **Harold Flagg, USCGR,** 81, the last surviving crewman of the Vineyard Lightship, which sank during the hurricane of 1944 with the loss of 12 of his fellow crew members, died June 2, 2004, in Sandwich, Mass. Mr. Flagg was featured in a story about the loss of the Vineyard Lightship, which appeared in the September-October 2003 edition of Martha's Vineyard Magazine. The lightship, anchored at the western approaches to Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound, was ordered to remain on station Sept. 14, 1944, even though a monstrous hurricane, with winds clocked at 134 miles an hour off the Virginia Capes, was closing on the southern New England coastline. The vessel also served as a lookout for German submarines during World War II. Mr. Flagg, together with the four other survivors, vowed to remember their lost crewmates. He spent the next 45 years working with the Lightship Sailors Association, of which he was a life member, to establish a memorial to the ship and crew. It was unveiled on the New Bedford, Mass. waterfront in September 1999. The centerpiece of the memorial is the bronze bell of the Vineyard Lightship, which was lifted off the wreck in 1963. After the loss of the lightship, Mr. Flagg went on to serve 38 years in the Coast Guard and Naval Reserve, running a carpentry shop and inspecting ships. Ethel Flagg, Mr. Flagg's wife of 54 years, passed away this spring. He is survived by three daughters, Marcia, Nadine, and Sandra Fon; one grandchild and one great-grandchild.





World Events Portend Change: Will You Be Semper Paratus?

As we approach the third anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, our service motto, *Semper Paratus...Always Ready*, has never been more important to our nation. The Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) continues in earnest in far away places around the world like Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Philippines. Here at home, concerns are raised daily about attacks during the Democratic and Republican National Conventions, and leading up to Election Day, as was the case in Spain's recent national election.

In a speech to the Reserve Officers Association's Mid-Winter Conference this past January in Washington, D.C., Lt. Gen. James R. Hemly, Chief of the Army Reserve, talked about the 'gravity of the moment' and made the following observation with regards to the Reserve components' changing role: "This is serious business...we must remember why we exist as an Army Reserve. We don't exist to be in reserve; we exist to serve." He added, "Let me make it clear, the Cold War Army Reserve is the Cold War Army Reserve. Now we are in the 21st Century and we are going to change institutional processes and policy to ensure our institution continues to serve our Nation."

It is my view that the general's comments apply to all Reserve components. It certainly does for the United States Coast Guard Reserve. Like our sister services, the Coast Guard is evaluating how best to train, equip and improve human resource management to ensure our Reserve component continues to be Semper Paratus.

Currently there are a number of initiatives underway which, in my opinion, will shape the USCGR of the future.

These initiatives include the Reserve Strategic Assessment Team (RSAT) study, the Reserve Program Administrator (RPA) study and the Reserve Strategic Employment (RSE) study. The RSAT was conducted during FY03 and identified 80 gaps (admin, training, medical and dental readiness to mention but a few) within the existing Reserve Program and has laid out an aggressive implementation plan — many are already underway — to mitigate these shortfalls. If you are not familiar with the RSAT, I strongly recommend taking the time to do so by visiting the Reserve and Training (G-WTR-1) Intranet Web site at: <http://cgweb.uscg.mil/g-wtr-1/reserve/RSAT/index.htm> during your next scheduled training period.

The need for the RPA study was identified during the RSAT process and the study team's report is nearing its final stages (RPAs fill 45 Full Time Support billets throughout the Coast Guard to administer and manage the Reserve workforce.). I anticipate its release later this year. While I do

not wish to speculate on the study's findings at this time, I do feel how the RPA Corps is structured and positioned will have a significant impact on the readiness of reserve personnel in the future.

This brings me to the Reserve Strategic Employment study and what I consider the core of General Hemly's comments about changing the roles of Reserve components service to our Nation. With the GWOT and the Coast Guard's

expanding responsibilities within the Department of Homeland Security as a backdrop, the RSE study will address where the Reserve component should intersect with the active component and determine what core competencies and capabilities should reside within the Coast Guard Reserve.

This type of organizational introspection will most assuredly lead to change: some will be embraced and some will not. It may be decided, for example, to move reserve billets from traditional augmentation sites to locations more in alignment with today's maritime homeland security mission requirements. Training received through the

traditional augmentation model may be more narrowly defined to meet new and emerging requirements.

This could well have the affect of moving Reserve personnel from units where they have been performing drills for 10, 15 or even 20 years or more. In addition, more specific tour rotation policies for enlisted personnel may be instituted to bring relief to our growing expeditionary warfare units.

Whether these specific changes or others yet to be identified occur, I feel confident in saying change will happen. I urge you to be engaged. Capture 'the gravity of the moment', as Gen. Hemly puts it. Get access to and read appropriate message traffic. Take the time to educate yourself and your shipmates about the many initiatives currently underway such as those described above. Provide feedback, where appropriate, via your chain-of-command. And most importantly, take charge over the things within your control — there are more than you may realize — to ensure that when your Service and Nation call, you are truly Semper Paratus.



“...I continue to be impressed with how our Coast Guard Reserve continues to serve and serve proudly.”

**By MCPO Jeffrey D. Smith, USCGR
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