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A View from the Bridge

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One of our goals is to increase the force size of the Coast Guard Reserve to meet mobilization requirements even in these restrictive budget times.

The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal years 1988 and 1989 required the Secretary of Transportation to submit to Congress a plan to enable the Coast Guard to meet 95% of its wartime mobilization requirements by September 30, 1998. This Selected Reserve growth Plan was recently approved by the Secretary of Transportation and submitted to the Congress.

A summary of this plan indicates that our national defense and warfighting strategies rely on rapid deployment of forces and support to combat theaters. United States ports are critical hubs for military deployment and resupply effort. Every United States port is vulnerable and could be closed by hostile actions or accident. A Coast Guard active duty force of 38,000 personnel cannot guarantee the security of U.S. ports during a period of mobilization. The Coast Guard must depend heavily upon its Reserve component.

The Selected Reserve growth Plan is based upon the need to increase Coast Guard manpower by 27,500 within the first 30 days of a full mobilization. The Selected Reserve force consisted of a little more than 12,000 person-

BOATSWAIN MATE AND SMALL BOAT TRAINING CHANGES

Over the next two years, there will be several major changes in Boatswain Mate (BM) and small boat ADT training at RTC Yorktown. These changes are a result of the new BM practical factors, new *performance based* vice knowledge-based, training methods, and reports from the field.

The first of these changes will take place in the next few months. The BM basic Course (BM Bas) will be dropped and the Small Boat Crewman (SBC) course will be substituted. The core requirement of the new BM E-4 practical factors is to become a qualified crewman, therefore, the content of BM Bas was out of date. The SBC course covers about half of the tasks in the Small Boat Crewman Qualification Guide.

BM Advanced (BM Adv) will also be revamped for the FY89 school year. The course content will be modeled on the content of the Officer-in-Charge course taught at TRACEN Petaluma. Areas covered will be boat crew training, small boat management, and unit administration. Training will be more focussed on the mobilization needs of senior BM's in the Reserve assigned to Command and Control mobilization billets and will cover many qualifications required for advancement.

Changes slated for FY90 will also greatly improve Reserve small boat training at RTC Yorktown. To begin with, the Small Boat Coxswain (SBX) course in its present form will be dropped. In its place will be the active duty Coxswain "c" course broken into two two-week phases, "Phase I" and "Phase II." You will attend Phase I during one ADT period then could return the following year for Phase II if you have not completed qualifying as a coxswain. Essentially, we have doubled the amount of formal coxswain training for the Reserve. In

FY89, we have eight convenings scheduled of SBX course. In FY90, we have tentatively scheduled five convenings of Phase I and three convenings of Phase II. Reservists who attend the SBX but have not qualified are eligible to attend Phase II.

Another significant change is how you will be trained while attending the SBC or SBX courses. The BM school has gone to a "mentor" system of instructing. This means one instructor will have the same four students for the entire two weeks and will teach them the whole course. No more one instructor for this class, one for that, etc. You will also be given a pretest the first day so that your knowledge and skill level is identified and you can be trained from that level up. To accommodate this instructing approach, class sizes will be limited to 16 students.

Finally, convening date for FY90 for the small boat courses will not be restricted to the summer months. In fact very few will be offered then. Most will be in the non-summer (August-May) time frame. This will provide you the flexibility to attend BM and small boat courses year round and the opportunity for the most "hands-on" training.

Article by LTJG Brad Groves, G-RST-2

ENLISTED PERFORMANCE EVALUATION SYSTEM CHANGES

Chapter 10-B of the Personnel Manual (COMDTINST M1000.6A) has been rewritten in order to add clarification and readability to the EPES. It will be available for field use soon. Will these changes affect you? Yes!

20 YEARS AGO IN THE RESERVIST

FEBRUARY 1969

Reservist honored for leadership in Vietnam

CDR Gail A. Roose, Jr. USCGR has been awarded the Bronze Star and a Navy Commendation Medal for his leadership and devotion to duty while serving as Chief Staff Officer, Coast Guard Division ELEVEN and Commander, Coast Guard Division THIRTEEN in Vietnam. CDR Roose received the Bronze Star for meritorious service while serving in Vietnam from December 1967 to July 1968.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE RESERVIST

FEBRUARY 1959

New ACDUTRA form in Supply Centers Form CG-3453, Application for Active Duty for Training, is now available at the Supply Centers. (This form is still in use today)

THINK TANK UNIT ORGANIZED IN FIRST DISTRICT

The First Coast Guard District has established a strategic planning "think tank", comprised of its most experienced officers. The mission of the operation is "... to identify, plan for and complete detailed projects that will enhance the Coast Guard readiness and reserve programs in a broad strategic sense."

The officers who are starting this effort were carefully selected from among the District's senior officers. They were considered for their ability to deal with policy-level issues related to Reserve program management. The current slate of commanding officers for the three "executive resource units" (ERU's) are: CAPT W. G. Appell, CO, CGERU Boston; CAPT P. N. Davidson, CO, CGERU New London and CAPT F. S. Golove, CO, CGRU New York.

It should be no surprise that this "consulting organization" will operate much like a civilian consulting firm. Each Executive Resource Unit will function as an arm (a "branch office") of the overall District activity (the "firm"). Guidance will come from the District Commander, with overall direction being recommended/provided by a "board of directors" chaired by the District Chief of Readiness and Reserve, and consisting of the District Chief of Reserve and commanding officers of ERUs New York, Boston and New London.

This new concept is aimed at substantially improving the Readiness and Reserve programs, initially in the First District, but eventually in the entire Coast Guard Reserve.

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nel at the end of FY 1988. With a mobilization manpower requirement of 27,500, and a programmed billet fill rate of 95 percent (which equates to filling 26,125 of those billets), the Selected Reserve force must grow by 14,125 by the end of FY 1998 to meet the Coast Guard's long range wartime manning goal.

With these additional resources, the Coast Guard will also expand its capability for rapidly responding to peak peacetime operations and major domestic emergencies such as the Cuban exodus in the Mariel boatlift. More important, however, the Coast Guard and its Reserve force will stand ready to assure the security of U.S. ports in any contingency.

You contribute to the peacetime Coast Guard by assisting the active duty force in operations, such as security for satellite and Space Shuttle launches arrival zone, drug law enforcement operations, floods and other natural disasters, and peak summer search and rescue operations. Since port security will be one of our prime missions in wartime, it is understandable that over 40 percent of the future growth will be concentrated in the port security/firefighter ratings. The addition of machinery technicians and boatswain's mates for port security boat crews will increase this share to over 60% percent of the total growth.

Your monthly drill program may be affected by the growth of the Selected Reserve. The proposed increase in personnel will be achieved by increasing the strength of existing units and adding more Reserve units at existing sites.

One of the major problems of a larger Selected Reserve is access to small boats for boat crew training and qualification. We have identified a shortfall of 80 small boats for the fully expanded Reserve Force. If all 80 training boats are procured, they will serve two missions, i.e., Reserve training and reduction of the Coast Guard's mobilization boat shortfall by 18 percent.

The Coast Guard Reserve, as a central leg of the Maritime Defense Zone structure, stands as the guarantor of the deployment of essential forces and war stocks.

As I previously stated, this Growth Plan was approved by the Secretary of Transportation and forwarded to the Congress. In forwarding the Plan, the Department and the Office of Management and Budget reaffirmed the Coast Guard Reserve's role in defense of our nation. The justification for growth set forth in the plan is sound. We must now ensure that both the new administration and the Congress support and fund the annual increments of growth described in this plan. We will keep you posted on developments.

PA. Welling

Chief, Office of Readiness and Reserve

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GREMLINS

Gremlins at some point in the printing of the December, 1988 issue of the RESERVIST caused an incorrect Volume and issue number. For those who keep close check on the issue number", please correct the December issue to read: "Vol. XXXVI, No. 2 .

"The deterrence of war is the primary objective of the armed forces."

—Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor

THE COAST GUARD PISTOL TEAM

ALCOAST 01/89 announced the Coast Guard competitive pistol shooting program. The Coast Guard has not fielded a competitive shooting team since 1969. This year the Coast Guard will field a pistol team consisting of 10 to 12 individuals in the all-Navy interservice and national matches. The criteria for selection indicates shooters must be an E3 or higher, active or reserve, have an NRA classification of sharpshooter or higher, or have qualified as expert with the service pistol (M9 or 45) within the past year, or posses other appropriate pistol shooting credentials and have a favorable command endorsement. All commands are encouraged to support this program to the maximum extent possible. Although it is too late to apply for this years team, you are encouraged to prepare for the selection of next years team. Information regarding the 1990 team should be available in December.



RESERVISTS FEEL THE HEAT

A fire at sea. It's a sailor's nightmare. Billowing smoke, roaring flames and searing heat distort your senses. What do you do?

As part of a ship's firefighting team you have to react. Your ability to think quick and effectively use your equipment will undoubtedly save lives. Much of your reaction will be based on experience and training.

This is why Reservists from the Ninth District are being sent to the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) Fire Training Center in Toledo, Ohio. The center offers reservists the all-important "hands-on" experience needed when learning how to fight shipboard fires.

Working in cooperation with the Coast Guard, MARAD instructors Mike Romstadt and Steve Parsons have taken what is normally a four-day basic firefighting course and condensed it into an intensive two-day session. This was done to accommodate reserve training schedules.

Not a minute of the two days is wasted," says Romstadt. "We want to give every student as much actual experience as possible."

Reservists attending MARAD fire training first spend several hours in the classroom. There they are taught the chemistry of a fire as well as firefighting procedures.

"Students are talked through the fighting of a fire step by step," says Parsons. "We want them to learn the 'good habits' of firefighting before they begin to use the equipment."

Following the classroom session, the training is moved outside to a mock ship, complete with compartments, passageways, water-tight doors and steel grating. Here the theory is put into practice. The firefighting equipment used is similar to that found on Coast Guard vessels.

Reservists also are trained in the use of the Oxygen breathing apparatus (OBA) by a member of the Ninth District Mobile Training Team. A member of the training team is on hand to assist with each Coast Guard class at the MARAD training center.

While wearing protective gear and OBAs, Reservists are put through their paces fighting a variety of fires including an oil tank fire, a

bilge fire and an engine room fire. Although the fires are controlled, they still present many of the problems that could occur during a shipboard fire. Teamwork and safety are stressed at all times. "We want students to learn their own limitations and the limitations of their equipment," says Parsons. "It requires a lot of hard work and concentration."

Reaction to the training by Reservists has been very positive. DC3 Bill Graham, RU Lake Erie Support, said "the course was great. Any Coast Guard Reservist with firefighting responsibilities should be required to take it on a regular basis." MK3 Dena Felters, RU Lake St. Clair, concurred. "The hands-on training was extremely valuable. Everyone in the class was given a chance to handle all of the different types of firefighting equipment and assume the various roles on a firefighting team."

Reservists taking the course receive a MARAD certificate of completion. More importantly, they take back to their units the knowledge and experience provided by this unique training opportunity.

Article by PA1 Richard DeChant, RU, Lake Erie Support

MOBILIZATION VIDEOTAPE AVAILABLE TO RESERVE UNIT

A videotape about Coast Guard Reserve mobilization and an accompanying review booklet are available for use in Reserve unit training. The fourteen minute VHS tape, developed by Reserve Unit Atlanta, explains why and how Coast Guard reservists are mobilized and what their responsibilities are at that time. Units may use this tape to meet their annual mobilization training requirement. Copies of the tape and booklet were distributed to each district (rst). In addition, Commandant (G-RST-2) is in the process of establishing an audiovisual lending library to support Reserve training at the unit level. Information will be forthcoming in the next issue of *The Reservist*.

KUDOS

Congratulations to the Second Coast Guard District and CDR John Griggs, winner of the 1988 Waesche Award. It was close this year. The Eighth Coast Guard District came in second with less than a three point difference.

Reserve Officers Association selected Reserve Unit Dallas, commanded by LCDR Harry Lee as the "most outstanding Coast Guard Reserve Unit for the Fiscal year 1988". The announcement was made at the Mid-Winter ROA Convention in Washington on 22 January.

CDR Terry Sauvain, Chairman of the Coast Guard Affairs Committee of the Reserve Officers Association announced the selection of LT Joseph T. Lucas as Outstanding Coast Guard Reserve Junior Officer of the year at the ROA Mid-Winter Convention in Washington. LT Lucas is attached to CGRU Hilo, Hawaii.

CAPT Walter A. Schmidlin, Jr. USCGR was the third Coast Guardsman to receive the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge in two decades. He is the 767th person to earn the award since it origin in 1891. The award honors the highest achievement in the field of competitive marksmanship in the Coast Guard.

SK3 Judith Hall was selected as the Outstanding Coast Guard member in the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee. Only one member for each Armed Service was selected. Petty Officer Hall also distinguished herself by being awarded the Joint Service Achievement Medal for meritorious services while serving in the J6, Communications Branch of the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee. SK3 Hall was serving on SADT at Headquarters, Office of Readiness and Reserve in Reserve Personnel Management Division when she was reassigned TAD to the Inaugural Committee. CAPT E. Williams, Division Chief, upon learning of her assignment to the Inaugural Committee told her to "Go over there and do us proud", She did.

WAR AND STAFF COLLEGES

Selection boards for FY90 War and Staff Colleges will be held in July 1989 and January 1990. Officers 0-4 to 0-6 interested in career-enhancing post-graduate level professional training should consider application

Courses are designed to enlighten high potential Reserve Officers on current national security issues, decision making strategies, and related national policy issues. All courses are Joint-Service oriented and utilize extensive group interaction.

Dates and descriptions of each course can be found in CONDTINST 1571.11 (Series). Application procedures are outlined in Article 15-E-4 of the Reserve Administration and Training Manual. (COMDTINST MIOO1.27).

NOTE: Applicants should list courses in order of preference on their 3453; it does make a difference in the selection process.

Article by ENS S. Sumpter, G-RST-1

OFFICER EVALUATION CORNER

OFFICER EVALUATION SYSTEM CHANGES

New changes to the Officer Evaluation System (OES) are set for March 1989. That's correct—more changes, but these are being made to improve the number of reports to use as well making the reports easier to use on the standard terminal.

The OES has been on line now for over four years. Officer Evaluation Reports (OERs) are providing the quality information necessary for selection of best qualified officers, plus valuable professional feedback on them throughout their career.

Although the OES provides very good information, the process involved is costly in both time and money. An evaluation by the active duty side of the house was conducted on the OES in an effort to increase efficiency and to improve timeliness and specificity in the comments.

One of the changes resulting from this study is the number of OER forms being reduced from seven to three, all of which will be printed on white paper. The three new OER forms are: Captain (CG-5313); Level II OER (CG-5312)-used for Commanders. Level I (CG-5311)-used for Lieutenant Commanders and Lieutenants; Lieutenants (Junior Grade), Ensigns and Chief Warrant Officers.

Also, the OER receipt has been incorporated into the body of the OER, resulting in a standard 8½ by 11 inch form. A return address block on the last page will deliver the official copy back to the Reported-on Officer when the original is accepted and filed in the officer's record.

The following performance dimensions have been revised based upon feedback from selection boards and assignment panels. *Professional Expertise* has been separated into:

- a. Operational/Specialty Expertise
- b. Collateral Duty/Administrative Expertise
- c. Warfare Expertise

Warfare Expertise includes, but is not limited to, developing familiarity with DoD/JCS/USN terminology. It also indicates knowledge of national political and military objectives, strategies, doctrine, missions and issues, which can be obtained by a thorough review of publications, related books periodicals. Direct participation in exercises, war games, REFTRA, MCM, ASW, MIUW, Port Security, Coastal Defense, and military command and staff schools should also be considered. Knowledge or deliberate planning processes, (CG, MDZ, and JCS major operations plans), as well as understanding how the Coast Guard fits into the crisis action system will provide suitable material for this section.

An officer may demonstrate skills in conducting operations under the Maritime Defense Zone

Chain of Command. Demonstrating a comprehension of the C3 structure/chain and in preparing required operational reports are more areas to evaluate as warfare skills. A basic understanding of Naval weapons, control, defense and detection systems and a proficiency with firearms and weapons systems, and combat gear may also be included.

These should not be construed as a complete listing of all the warfare skills, but as examples to be mentioned as opportunities under this subdimension.

Articulating Ideas has been incorporated into both "Speaking and Listening" and "Writing" dimensions, thereby eliminating it as a separate dimension.

A *Health and Well-Being* dimension has been developed that incorporates the "Sobriety" dimension and how the individual compares to the weight standard.

Additionally, Reporting Officers, when preparing an OER, are directed to ascertain if the Reported-on Officer has completed the required physical examinations scheduled during the quarter of their birth date. Failure to meet this requirement by the Reported-on Officer should normally result in the assignment of a mark not exceeding "3" in this dimension.

It cannot be stressed enough that managing the OES is ultimately the responsibility of the Reported-on Officer. These changes will help to provide a more timely and substantive OER, but time and effort must still be invested by all of those in the OER chain of command for it to be truly effective.

Article by LCDR G. A. Domnisse, G-RSM-3

A NEW YORK HAVEN FOR MILITARY ENLISTED PERSONNEL

It would be very difficult for any travel agent to recommend a hotel, a few blocks from the Empire State Building, for twenty dollars a night.

There is such a hotel and it has been there for the last 70 years. The place is the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Club, Inc. The club serves enlisted personnel from all branches of the Armed Forces. One floor is specifically reserved for female personnel. Reserve personnel while on ADT, TEMAC, or SADT are welcome. Spouses and children over age twelve are also welcome. The club also provides below cost meals on weekends, club-type facilities, lounges, TV room and library. Guidance on where to go and what to do in New York and reduced price tickets to Broadway shows and sports events are also available.

The club is located at 283 Lexington Ave. New York, NY 10016 in two typical New York brownstones. Enlisted personnel can call for reservations, 24 hours a day, at 212-683-4353.

RESERVISTS FIGHT TOWBOAT FIRE ON MISSISSIPPI

It started as another Saturday afternoon of training for the boat crews and Port Safety Inspection Team of CGRU St. Louis A, but it ended with the crews helping to fight a major towboat fire on the Mississippi River.

On 15 October 1988, the towboat FRANCIS R. KEEGAN discovered a fire in their engine room and cut loose their barge with its cargo. Other towboats in the area quickly corralled the barge. The towboats DELMAR JAGER and PIONEER rescued the KEEGAN's crew, pushed the burning vessel towards shore, and sprayed water onto the outer surface of the KEEGAN without much success in arresting the fire.

Meanwhile, the CG 179100, which was underway for training up-river from the KEEGAN, observed the smoke and diverted to investigate.

At the same time, the Inspection Team was entering a shoreside facility opposite the KEEGAN while on routine patrol. PSI Richard Daly, the assistant Fire Chief for St. Charles, MO, noticed smoke rising from the river. Quickly assessing the situation, he climbed down the river bank and was ferried to the JAGER by the CG 179100.

Both PSI Daly and BM2 John Heber, a fireman and EMT, directed the firefighting efforts of the JAGER and PIONEER. The two reservists boarded the KEEGAN, ventilated the spaces to relieve smoke, and attacked the flames with hoses from the JAGER.

The CG-179100 and CG 171209 from Base St. Louis began ferrying local firefighters, hoses and equipment from shore to the KEEGAN. CG 179071, also from CGRU, St. Louis A, stood down-river in case of man overboard.

The trainees from the Reserve boats and the other Port Safety Inspector remained on shore to help the local firefighters transport hoses and equipment down the steep bank to the riverside staging area. The Coast Guardsmen stayed on scene until the blaze was extinguished.

Story by ENS E. H. Lutsky, USCGR, CGRU St. Louis A.

COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

BM2 Charles E. Huyler, USCGR has been appointed National Membership Director, Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association. Coast Guard Combat Veterans of WWI, WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, Grenada and Persian Gulf operations who have a combat related medal, award, or who served in or provided direct support to combat situations recognized by an appropriate military award, may wish to contact BM2 Huyler concerning membership and/or 1990 bicentennial reunion, July 18-23, Baltimore, MD. Admiral Paul Yost is a member of Huyler's membership committee. Personnel interested in the CGCVA may contact BM2 Huyler at: 1702 Drift Road, Westport, MA 02790. BM2 Huyler is currently assigned to the CGC VIGILANT, New Bedford, MA for reserve drills.

Article by CWO4 Baker Herbert, USCG(RET)

MONTGOMERY GI BILL BENEFITS FOR RESERVISTS IMPROVED AGAIN

Reservists will now be able to use their Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) benefits to cover the costs of college courses taken one at a time as part of a recent change to the law.

The new provision, which authorizes benefits for less than half-time study programs, will enable those who don't have time to take a least six hours of courses each semester to still receive MGIB benefits at the rate of \$35.00 a month for undergraduate college study programs. The total benefits you can receive throughout your 10-year period of eligibility remains \$5,040. Score one for our side!

There are two other changes which may affect you. First, the requirement to complete 180 days of Selected Reserve service has been eliminated. If you enlisted in either the RK or RP programs, then you'll probably be eligible to use your benefits as soon as you complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT). If you enlisted as an RX (Direct Petty Officer), you may be eligible immediately. However, you must complete Reserve Enlisted Basic Indocination (REBI) during your first year to remain eligible. Finally, you can now become eligible after completing the requirements for a high school diploma or a GED certificate, instead of receiving a diploma or certificate.

Your district Montgomery GI Bill Coordinator can answer questions regarding your specific eligibility status or benefits.

Article by LTJG Contratto, G-RSP-1

FIRST RESERVIST GRADUATE OF THE CPO ACADEMY

FTCS Keith Frederick, CGRU PACAREA Vessel Augmentation, is the first Reservist to attend the CPO Academy. He graduated November 5, 1988 and received his diploma from Admiral Yost.

Admiral Yost was the keynote speaker of the CPO Academy Class XI.

The CPO Academy is designed to provide Chief Petty Officer information and skills in leadership and management that cannot be readily obtained in on the job training. This resident program takes the typical high performing Chief and gives him or her an extra edge.

The Coast Guard Reserve has one quota for each convening of the CPO Academy. Application procedures are given in COMDTINST 1500.15 (series).

The CPO Academy's address is: Chief Petty Officer Academy, USCG TRACEN, Petaluma, CA. 94952; telephone FTS 623-7123/7295, commercial (707) 623-7123/7295.

Article from THE CHIEF, USCG Chief Petty Officers Association Magazine



OPERATION "BOSS LIFT"

Sitting in the middle of wind-swept Cleveland Harbor, last Oct. 22, on board CGC BRISTOL BAY, guests watched as Air Station Detroit and Station Cleveland Harbor put on a hoist demonstration. The cold rain that had been falling much of the morning held off so the guests could see how the Coast Guard, both active and reserve, operates.

Who were these people and what were they doing in Cleveland on a blustery fall weekend?

The "guests" were part of an operation known as "Boss Lift". This event was organized for about 55 Ohio employers by the Ohio Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. The employers were escorted by CAPT A. Wickley, USCGR, a member of the military advisory committee to ESGR. The purpose of ESGR is to encourage employers to develop favorable personnel policies for employees who are Reservists and to help the public understand the contribution of Reservists to the national defense.

Once the group made the short trip from Burke Lakefront Airport to the Marine Safety Office in Cleveland, CAPT C. Fitzgerald, USCG, Chief, Readiness and Reserve Division of the Ninth District, welcomed all and gave a brief presentation of Coast Guard activities highlighted by a video tape of Ninth District Reservists undergoing "Combat Skills" training at Quantico, VA., Marine Corps Base. From there, it was on to the tours of the MSO and Cleveland Harbor station before boarding CGC BRISTOL BAY for the SAR demonstration.

A couple of passes by the Reserve PSU "Raider" boat helped point out that, while much of the training for Reservists is done at local Coast Guard units, many of their mobilization billets are outside the continental U.S.

LT Bunn, District coordinator for the event, said the ESGR group was impressed by the Coast Guard. "A lot of people came up to me and said, 'I didn't know the Coast Guard did that,'"

"The employers were very surprised to learn the extent of functions, missions, responsibilities that the Coast Guard has" LT Bunn explained.

It was a satisfied group that boarded the C-130 for the return to Columbus. According to LT Bunn, "In spite of the weather, the people enjoyed themselves." Only time will tell how deep of an impression "Boss Lift" made, but the employers in attendance showed a definite interest in the different missions of the Coast Guard.

Story by PA1 Rich Muller

YORKTOWN REUNION

A reunion is being proposed for all former summer I/A's and support personnel of Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, VA. This reunion will coincide with the 30th Anniversary of the opening of Yorktown in July, 1959. The reunion will be held on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of November, 1989. If interested, write to CAPT Thomas J. Travers, USCGR-RET, 998 Ridge-wood Lane, West Chester, PA 19382.

OFFICER EXPERIENCE INDICATORS

Change Three to the Reserve Administration and Training Manual will soon be out. Of particular interest to many officers will be changes to the Officer Experience Indicator Code (EIC) requirements in Chapter 6. This revision was necessary due to changes in many course offerings and program manager technical requirements.

Change Three addresses many of the issues raised at both the Reserve Training Workshop and the Reserve Program Workshop. Any questions regarding this change or any other questions about EIC's should be directed to your district reserve division. Suggestions for future changes to EIC's may be submitted to Headquarters (G-RST) through your district Commander (r).

Article by ENS S. Sumpter, G-RST-1

RESERVISTS PARTICIPATE IN PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL

"Peace, Prosperity and Independence" was the theme President George Bush chose for the American Bicentennial Presidential Inaugural, and 57 Reservists from the Baltimore Washington area had the opportunity to participate in this historic occasion. The Reservists were part of the military street cordon lining the route of the Inaugural parade on 20 January. As part of the joint service sector, Coast Guard Reservists combined with members from the other four Armed Services to provide a military presence and render honors to the President and the colors. Training and practice on weekends preceding the Inauguration was provided at the Coast Guard Yard by five active duty members from the Information Systems Center (formerly Station Alexandria). CDR John Sineath, LCDR Thomas Falvey and CW04 Ken McLaren acted as project officers, recruiting volunteers and tending to the logistical details.

Although a chilly breeze prevailed throughout the afternoon, another of Presidents Bush's favorite theme was reflected in the "kinder, gentler" weather for his Inauguration. Inaugural Day began early for the participants as they departed the Yard at 0530 on buses. Upon arrival at the Capitol Mall, the Reservists spent the morning practicing marching and posting procedures. After a hot lunch, cordon members were posted along the parade route in rotating shifts. The parade starting time was delayed, and the parade lasted much longer than planned, but neither the military members nor the 300,000 spectators lost their enthusiasm. "We were standing for a very long time," said PSC Barbara Pulket, who was positioned in the joint west sector near the White House, "but it was worth it to see the President and Vice-President as they got out of their cars at the reviewing stand." Several other participants reported they were glad to have had the opportunity to participate and are looking forward to 1993.

Article by SKC Linda Reid, USCGR

"The more directives you issue to solve a problem, the worse it gets."

— Jack Robertson,
electronics writer

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Each mailing of the RESERVIST results in approximately 1,000 issues returned because of incorrect addresses. We forward these returns to the appropriate district, however it is your responsibility to notify your district through your reserve unit of any change of address. The editor has been receiving requests for change of address. These requests are being sent to the home district office. All changes of address must be made through your Personnel Reporting Unit.

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Do You Know

The name of a cannon projectile consisting of two cast-iron balls joined by an iron bar, used in early naval warfare to destroy the rigging of enemy ships?
bar shot

U.S. COAST GUARD BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

In 1988, at the request of the U.S. Coast Guard, Congress established Grand Haven, Michigan (Coast Guard City U.S.A.) as the official site for the U.S. Coast Guard Bicentennial anniversary celebration (1790—1990). Numerous dignitaries are expected to attend the festivities including the Commandant of the Coast Guard. An invitation has also been extended to President Bush. Additionally, reunion groups, past Commandants and celebrities who are past Coast Guard members will be invited.

The Bicentennial Festival committee is asking for information of any reunion groups and retired personnel who would like to participate in this once in a lifetime Bicentennial Celebration. The dates of the 200th anniversary celebration will be July 29 thru August 5, 1990 at Grand Haven.

The 199th Anniversary celebration will also be held in Grand Haven. The 199th anniversary celebration will be July 30 thru August 6, 1989 at Grand Haven. The point of contact for both celebrations is: Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival, Attn: Jan Terrill or Bill Boonstra, P.O. Box 694, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

Please forward any Coast Guard Anniversary celebration information in your area to the RESERVIST so that it may be disseminated to our readers.

PLUM ISLAND TAKES TOP HONORS

Station Plum Island, a Reserve operated summerstock station recently took first place against all the Group Milwaukee Stations in the Operation and Readiness Evaluation (ORE). Plum Island, open from mid-May to mid-September, is located in Door County, Wisconsin, "plumb" between the peninsula and Washington Island. The Station is located on an otherwise uninhabited island and has been reserve operated for more than five years.

Under the direction of the Station's active crew, BMC Jack Tanner and MK1 Bob Schefler; the Station crew earned 91.08 points from a perfect score of 100. The evaluation consisted of a station and boat facilities inspection and underway drills including engineering, SAR, and maritime law enforcement.

Station Plum Island, in its 102nd year of operation, is manned by Reservists in the rates of BM, MK, PS, ET, EM, SS, as well as non-rated personnel. Although many of the crew arrive unqualified, most leave at the end of the summer with qualifications for 41' UTB crew, communications watchstander, and 25' UTL operator. Many of the engineering rate personnel also receive their UTB engineer qualification and the deck rate personnel earn their coxswain badge.

The ORE was conducted in mid-June—only a month after the station opened. During that 30 day period, Station personnel had to get the Station buildings and boats in shape, all while conducting certification and re-certification training—training which the seven other stations in the Group (all Active Duty operated) had been conducting throughout the year. Many of the Station Plum Island personnel have been on-board for more than one season. Of the 16 members attached to the Station this season, 9 are participating in a return engagement at Station Plum Island. The Station maintains an aggressive training program throughout the SAR season, ensuring that the crews maintain a professional level of skill.

The Ninth District summerstock program provides an opportunity for Reservists from across the nation (Hawaii to North Carolina) to hone their small boat and mobilization-related skills. It gives Reservists a chance to prove that they are among the best, America's Finest, the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. For information about participating in next year's summerstock program, contact Commander (rsp), Ninth CG District, 1240 East Ninth St., Cleveland, OH 44199-2060, or call (216) 522-7064.

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"The commander in war must work in a medium which his eyes cannot see; which his best deductive powers cannot always fathom; and with which, because of constant changes, he can rarely become completely familiar."

— Gen. Carl von Clausewitz