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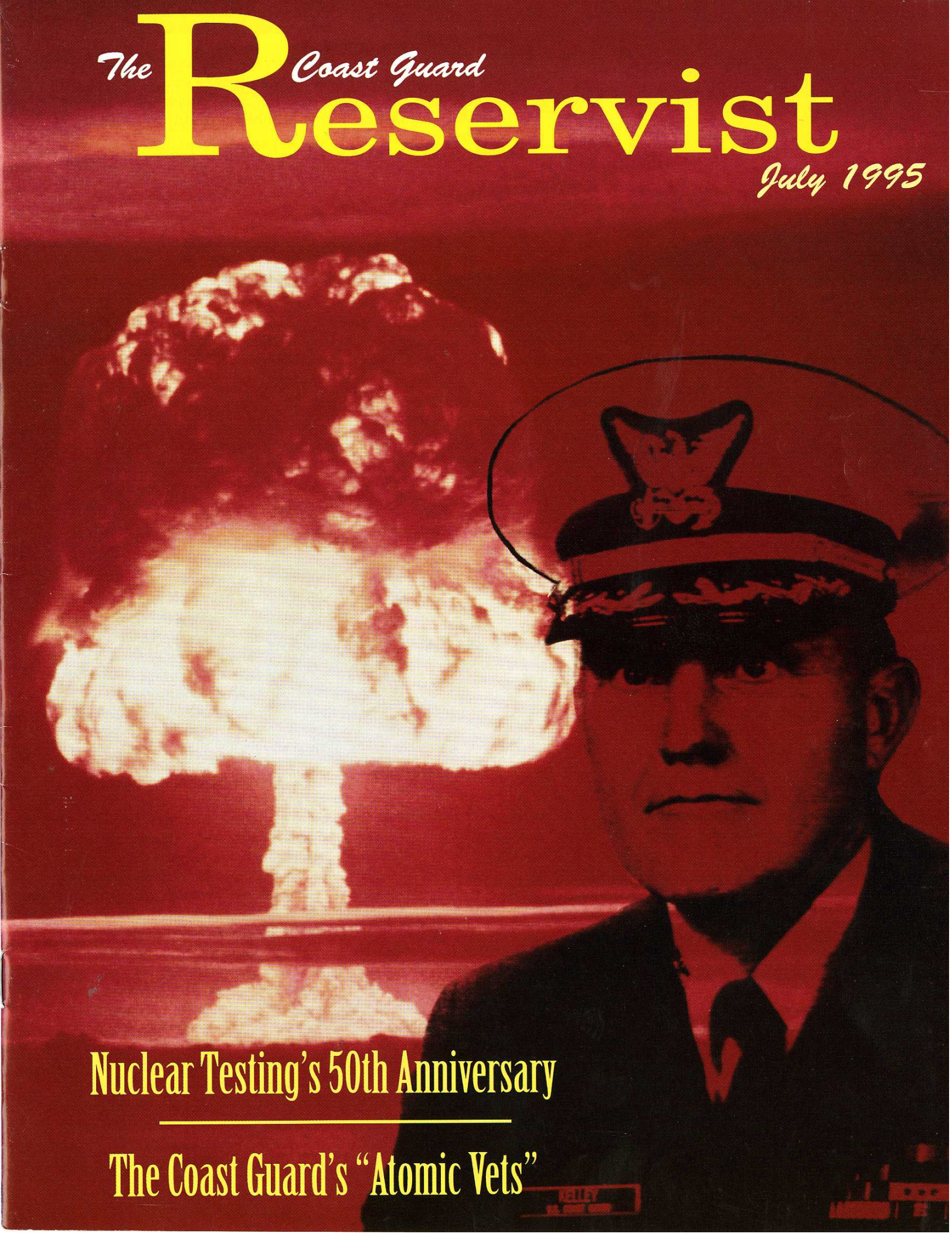

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On the Front Cover

CAPT Tad D. Kelley was 37 miles from the 1954 OPERATION CASTLE 11-megaton ROMEO shot shown behind him. Background photo courtesy of Defense Nuclear Agency.

Rating badge on wrong arm?

I have a question about the April 1995 issue's back cover photo showing the SPARs marching in FDR's funeral procession in 1945. Why does the SPAR in the front row, second from right, have her rating badge on the right arm? Was she wrong? Just curious.

— CWO Dalton Wood
St. Inigoes, Md.

Editor's note: We checked with retired SPAR, CWO4 Betty Splaine who co-chaired the 50th SPAR reunion in November 1992. She says she is not sure why, but during World War II, all boatswainsmates and gunnersmates wore their rating badge on their right sleeve. Does anyone out there know why?

USCG photo

ESGR article refreshing

It was refreshing to note the article on the very important subject of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve in the February 1995 issue. The concept of ESGR came about when the military services went on the total voluntary basis in the early 1970s. In 1979, the structure of the ESGR committee was enhanced by the development of state committees.

ESGR is a program that has been a most effective force in promoting increased employer understanding of the rights and needs of reservist/employees. And, equally as important, ESGR creates an understanding on the part of reservists of the rights of the employer and the reservist's obligations to the employer. Both have rights and both have responsibilities to each other.

— CAPT W.H. Adam, USCGR (Ret.)
Cumberland, Md.

Editor's note: For information on the National Committee for ESGR, call 1-800-336-4590.

Benefits Chart correction

Thank you for the informative USCGR Benefits Chart published in the June 1995 issue. However, I think there may be a clarification needed on the comments on Space-A travel (line 14). The chart states "at age 60, member and dependents are eligible to travel in CONUS and to overseas locations." Has there been a change that now allows family members to travel in CONUS?

— CAPT D.L. Pearl
Middletown, Del.

Editor's note: No! The note on Space-A travel was misleading. Family members are allowed to travel in CONUS only while en route and manifested through to an overseas (OCONUS) location. Travel from a CONUS location to another CONUS location is not authorized for family members.

Obtaining CG info.

As a former member of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, I am interested in receiving information about Coast Guard publications, films and videos, patches, uniforms and equipment, etc. which are available to former members and / or to the public. Could you please tell me where I should write to obtain information about this?

— W.K. Cheverton
La Jolla, Calif.

Editor's note: Those interested in publications, films, videos can write: Commandant (G-CP), U.S.C.G. Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20593-0001. For other Coast Guard-related paraphernalia, write: Coast Guard Exchange, RTC Yorktown, Yorktown, VA 23690 or call (804) 898-2157.

First-rate periodical

I have just finished reading my copy of the March '95 *Reservist*. Each month when I read *The Reservist,* I want to write and tell you of the high quality and professionalism of this publication. This month I am doing so.

The Reservist has been elevated to a first-rate periodical. You have mastered the ability to write and print the issues that appeal to your audience. I know that you do this with minimal resources and a minimum staff.

USCG photo

RADM Sparks

Your initiative, your judgment, your accuracy, all lead to a quality product. I wanted to take this few minutes to congratulate you on your excellent product. Well done!

— RADM Bennett "Bud" S. Sparks
USCGR (Ret.)
Windsor, Calif.

Editor's note: Wow! That's quite an endorsement from a premier CGR member. For those of you who may not know, RADM Sparks career in the CGR spanned five decades, from 1942-1989. In a three-page story featuring him in the July/August 1991 Reservist, Sparks said this of his fellow CG Reservists: "The one thing about CG Reservists is the high level of integrity, honesty, and ethics that I don't see across America." And, of the Reserve program's future, he said, "We have to have a long-range plan so we know where we will be at various milestones in the future.... If we maintain our standards and ethics, and our professionalism and integrity, we'll do well." Here at The Reservist, we strive hard to be a mirror-image of both our people and our organization — so nothing less than a first-rate periodical is acceptable.

Good word from NERA's National President

I just received my copy of *The Reservist* and want to compliment you on another great issue [April 1995]. The planning and coordination that go into each issue is evident and every Coast Guard Reservist should be proud of this publication.

As a Naval Reservist and Command Senior Chief, I tend to think in terms of the Navy and Marine Corps when hearing the words Iwo Jima. Your article entitled "Iwo Jima Remembered" [February 1995] serves to remind us of the role played by the Coast Guard in World War II.

Also, the one-page pullout of USCG Reserve Terminology [April 1995] is outstanding. Although intended to serve as a guide for those unfamiliar with the Reserve, it is a useful reference tool for the reservist. I intend to furnish each member of my unit a similar guide, modified to include Naval Reserve terminology.

In conclusion, thank you for including the picture of NERA's San Francisco Chapter President, PSCS John Dowd and for mentioning NERA in the Reserve Terminology page.

— SKCS Paul Colwell
USNR-R
National President, NERA

Appreciated hearing from USCG

Editor's note: We received the following note upon publication of "Taps" for CAPT James T. McCracken, Jr., USCGR, who passed away March 10, 1995:

We deeply appreciated hearing from you and from the Coast Guard. Jim was a wonderful son and always did well at anything he attempted — he enjoyed his years with the Coast Guard and made many lasting friendships. He was looking forward to a late vocation to the priesthood. However, due to lung cancer, he couldn't fulfill that mission.... Jim suffered much quietly until his Heavenly Father took him home — he is now at peace.

Jim's father is in his 80s and I'm in my 70s (we have been married almost 55 years). We didn't expect Jim would die before us. It has left a real void in our lives. Yet, we must say, "God's will be done."

— James & Dorothy McCracken
Belmont, N.H.

Integration/Team CG article jogs retired reservist's memory

CDR Richard E. Jaffe, USCGR (Ret.)

CDR R.E. Jaffe

The articles about "Integration/Team Coast Guard" in your March issue reminded me of my own experiences as a Reserve lieutenant performing weekend drills almost 30 years ago before augmentation/integration became fashionable.

In the aftermath of the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Coast Guard was tasked with a vital surveillance mission of finding and photographing the deck cargo on all Soviet-bloc shipping bound for Havana. This was accomplished from the open waist hatches of the venerable old Grumman Albatross amphibians which in the early 1960s took off from Biscayne Bay out of Dinner Key.

Although I was nominally the Training Officer of a Search and Rescue Reserve Unit, as an avid photographer and Treasury Agent in civilian life, I volunteered and performed as an Observer/Photographer on some dozen "Red" and "Green" patrol flights deep into Cuban waters. Surveillance film taken on those flights was immediately processed and forwarded up to the Pentagon for photo analysis of the deck cargo on the freighters and tankers we shot.

— CDR Richard E. Jaffe, USCGR (Ret.)
Miami, Fla.

July 16 marks the 50th anniversary of the first atomic bomb tested in the New Mexico desert at Alamogordo. On Aug. 6, the Enola Gay dropped the bomb on Hiroshima; three days later, another one was dropped on Nagasaki, bringing World War II to a halt shortly thereafter. The Defense Nuclear Agency (DNA) reveals that 178 Coast Guard personnel have been classified as "atomic vets" in that they directly participated in the nuclear tests held from 1946 through 1962. In addition to the 178, a May 1995 inquiry by The Reservist indicates that some Navy personnel who later transferred to the Coast Guard are also atomic vets. Coast Guard participation by test and year is shown in the box below. The following story describes the nuclear tests witnessed by Coast Guard Reservist CAPT Tad D. Kelley during the 1950s while serving as a radarman in the Navy aboard USS Epperson and USS O'Brien. Despite Kelley's willingness to talk about the tests openly, the Epperson's log from that time revealed little about any of the tests. In fact, the most common entry was simply,

Steaming As Before

THE STORY OF ONE ATOMIC VET

By LT Barry S. Roffman, USCGR
Reserve Information Management Branch (G-RS-1)

Coast Guard Participation in Nuclear Testing

OPERATION	YEAR	DETONATIONS	SHOT MAGNITUDE*	NO. OF USCG PERSONNEL**
CROSSROADS	1946	2	21 KT each	63
SANDSTONE	1948	3	18 to 49 KT each	1
GREENHOUSE	1951	4	45.5 to 225 KT	51
IVY	1952	2	10.4 KT to 500 KT	5
UPSHOT-KNOTHOLE	1953	11	200 TONS TO 61 KT	2
CASTLE	1954	6	110 KT TO 15 MT	23
REDWING	1956	16	190 tons to 4.5 MT	16
HARDTACK I	1958	35	0 to 9.4 MT	16
DOMINIC I	1962	25 (approx..)	50 KT to 1 MT	1

Source: Defense Nuclear Agency

* KT = Kiloton MT = Megaton

** The above figures do not include the Navy personnel who later transferred to the Coast Guard.

Steaming As Before

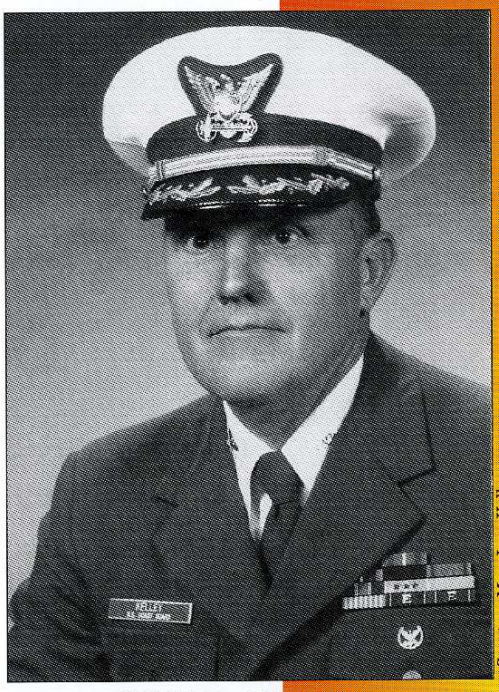
The Story of One Atomic Vet

The nuclear sword affected different individuals in different ways, but for one Coast Guard Reservist (ex-Navy), CAPT Tad D. Kelley, the memories were very personal indeed as he had participated in six atmospheric thermonuclear tests and one submerged atomic detonation.

He said of one test, "I was told you'll see a flash. What happened next was incredible. Though night, the world lit up. It was frightening. We hit the deck. When we stood up, we were hit by the blast wave."

In 1989, he received a statement of presumptive compensation from DNA. It warned that if he developed any of 13 radiological diseases, the presumptive cause would be the bomb. I've often wondered how this affected his psyche. His wife, Joan Kelley, isn't certain, but she believes he probably suffered nightmares from his nuclear experiences. If he did, he certainly never let it affect his fierce dedication to his country. As Mrs. Kelley stated, "Tad's attitude was that being there was his job — just one aspect of many." He never questioned the government that sent him and his fellow shipmates into harm's way, his country needed him there so he trusted and went.

While in the Navy, Kelley was present as a radarman for OPERATION CASTLE March 1-May 31, 1954, and OPERATION WIGWAM, May 14-15, 1955. He served on *USS Epperson* (DDE 719) and *USS O'Brien* (DD 725).



Courtesy Mrs. Joan Kelley

CAPT Tad D. Kelley

For the first detonation, he wasn't very close. In fact, he was 200 miles away for the BRAVO TEST held at 6:45 a.m. March 1,

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"At 15 megatons, it was the most powerful bomb ever detonated by the U.S. Fifteen megatons is the equivalent of 15 million tons of TNT. By comparison, the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima was 13 to 15 kilotons."

CAPT Tad D. Kelley, USCGR, 1933-1993

Tad D. Kelley entered the Navy in 1951. He was honorably discharged as a Radarman First Class in 1959. Although he had no prior commissioned service, he received an appointment as a lieutenant junior grade in the Coast Guard Reserve in February 1965. Kelley reached the grade of captain on Dec. 1, 1984, retiring in February 1993. Highlights of his highly-decorated career included command of five different units including Reserve Group PACAREA, his last command.

RADM Robert E. Sloncen, Senior Reserve Officer, Pacific Area, notes that thousands of reservists recall Kelley during his years as an instructor at Reserve Schools Alameda (RSA). CAPT Carl Moore, Deputy Commander, Naval Coastal Warfare Group Pacific, remembers that Kelley was a "mainstay" there. Moore even declared that RSA eventually became known to many reservists as "Kelley's College."

Kelley also served as President of the Reserve Officers Association's Chapter 34 in San Francisco (then the largest all-Coast Guard ROA chapter in the nation), along with numerous professional educators' associations.

In civilian life, he was a professor at Chabot College, Calif., with a Ph.D. from Berkeley in zoology and a specialty in neurochemistry. In December 1993, Kelley suffered a fatal heart attack at age 60 while playing tennis. He is survived by his wife, Joan, two sons, two daughters and three grandchildren, including one named after him.

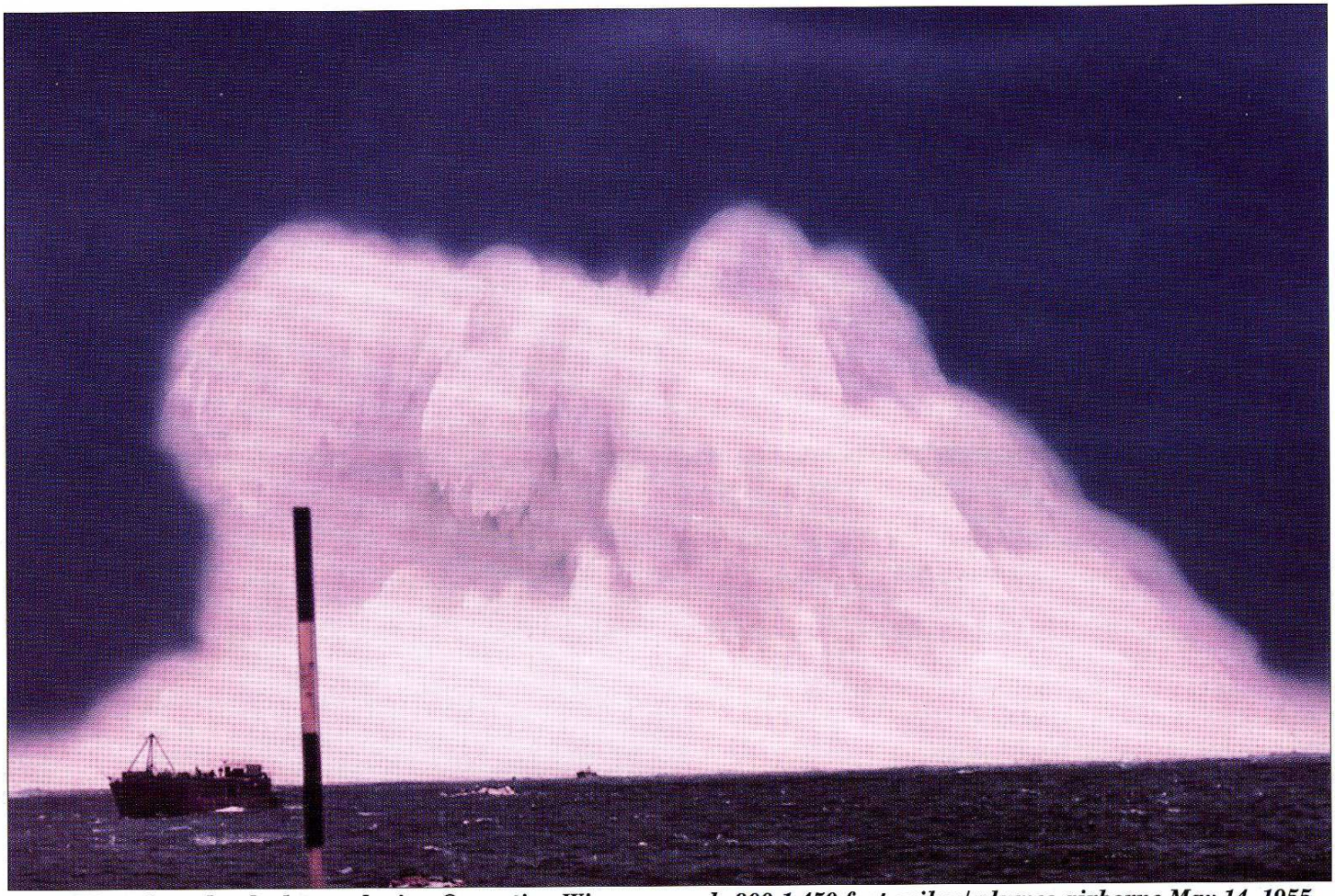

Photo courtesy of Defense Nuclear Agency

A 30-KT nuclear depth charge during Operation Wigwam sends 900-1,450 foot spikes/ plumes airborne May 14, 1955.

1954. This bomb, however, wasn't just any nuclear explosion. At 15 megatons, it was the most powerful bomb ever detonated by the U.S. Fifteen megatons is the equivalent of 15 million tons of TNT. By comparison, the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima was 13 to 15 kilotons (equal to 13,000 to 15,000 tons of TNT), while the Nagasaki bomb was about 20 kilotons.

Richard B. Huff, a shipmate of Kelley's aboard the *Epperson* noted that while the countdown was at night in complete darkness, the detonation, even at 200 miles, created "instant daylight. The sky was white. After a while the shock wave arrived. It was like hitting a speed bump."

The BRAVO shot consisted of a fireball more than three miles in diameter with a huge mushroom cloud. Debris fell on the *Lucky Dragon,* a Japanese tuna fishing vessel about 100 miles from the test site. The fishermen there suffered beta radiation burns from the fallout, but later recovered. BRAVO was a unique beast, a fission-fusion-fission bomb. The device itself was the size of a railway freight car. In addition to a standard A-bomb trigger used to detonate the H bomb, it had a natural uranium (U-238) outer

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jacket. No chain reaction occurred here, but fusion neutrons had sufficient energy to cause fission of the uranium nuclei and this added to the explosive yield, and to the radioactivity of the bomb residues.

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The second test, ROMEO (see front cover) on March 27, 1954, is probably the test that the captain described as so frightening. Its force (11 megatons) was almost as strong as BRAVO's, but this time the horror was only 37 miles away. At 6 p.m., *Epperson* received fallout with intensities of 25 mr/hour (roughly equivalent to the exposure from a total body X-ray each hour). An hour later, the ship left the area to avoid unnecessary personnel exposure. In addition, the ship's water wash down system was activated to wash fallout overboard. *Epperson* continued to report readings of from eight to 15 mr/hour for the next two days.

The 110-kiloton KOON shot on April 7, 1954, was the least powerful atmospheric test experienced by *Epperson*, but the ship was only 23 miles from ground zero. Three remaining tests varied from 1.69 megatons to 13.5 megatons with *Epperson* 123 to 220 miles away.

On May 14, 1955, while stationed on *O'Brien* for OPERATION WIGWAM, the captain got to experience the effects of a 30-kiloton nuclear depth charge. It was detonated at a depth of 2,000 feet in water that was 16,000 feet deep. *O'Brien* was five miles upwind from the shot.

During the first three seconds after detonation, the radioactive debris was contained within the initial bubble formed by the interaction

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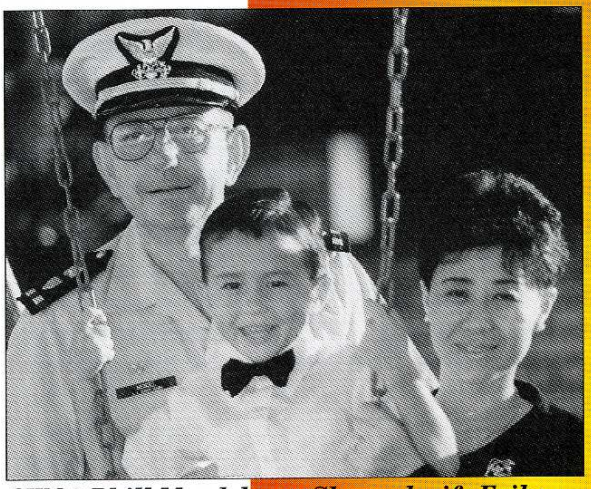

CWO3 Phill Mendel, son Sho and wife Eriko.

A Reserve Warrant Officer's Nuclear "Bump in the Road"

In 1963, Coast Guard Reservist CWO3 Phill Mendel was sitting in his jeep two miles from a test in Nevada, when it was nearly overturned by an underground A bomb. The detonation "vented" through the desert floor and sent a radioactive cloud floating toward the Canadian border. Mendel was previously given a different sort of nuclear fright aboard the *USS Iwo Jima* just off Johnston Island in the Pacific. During OPERATION DOMINIC I, a nuclear-tipped missile there failed to lift off the pad. Later, although no longer close in, Mendel still got to see the blast effects from Waikiki Beach at 11 p.m. on July 8, 1962. Although over 800 miles away, the 250 mile high, 1.4 megaton STARFISH PRIME blast turned the middle of the Hawaiian night into complete daylight. Over the course of the next six minutes, the newly awakened blue sky faded to an eerie green glow and then returned to darkness.

Assistance for Atomic Vets from DNA

The May 1995 *Reservist*'s request for atomic vets to call or write brought in several poignant stories that appear to indicate feedback we may expect from this cover story. Atomic vets with questions about health problems or potential health problems are encouraged to contact the Defense Nuclear Agency. DNA holds total radiation dose information on 108 of the 178 Coast Guard personnel who participated in nuclear tests. Of these, the data is based on 41 participants who wore film badges and 67 whose dose rates are "reconstructed" based on proximity to others who wore badges. Additional data is held for personnel who later transferred from the Navy to the Coast Guard. Atomic vets can learn more about the information contained in DNA files by calling 1-800-462-3683 or by writing to:

Nuclear Test Personnel Review
Defense Nuclear Agency
6801 Telegraph Road
Alexandria, VA 22310-3398

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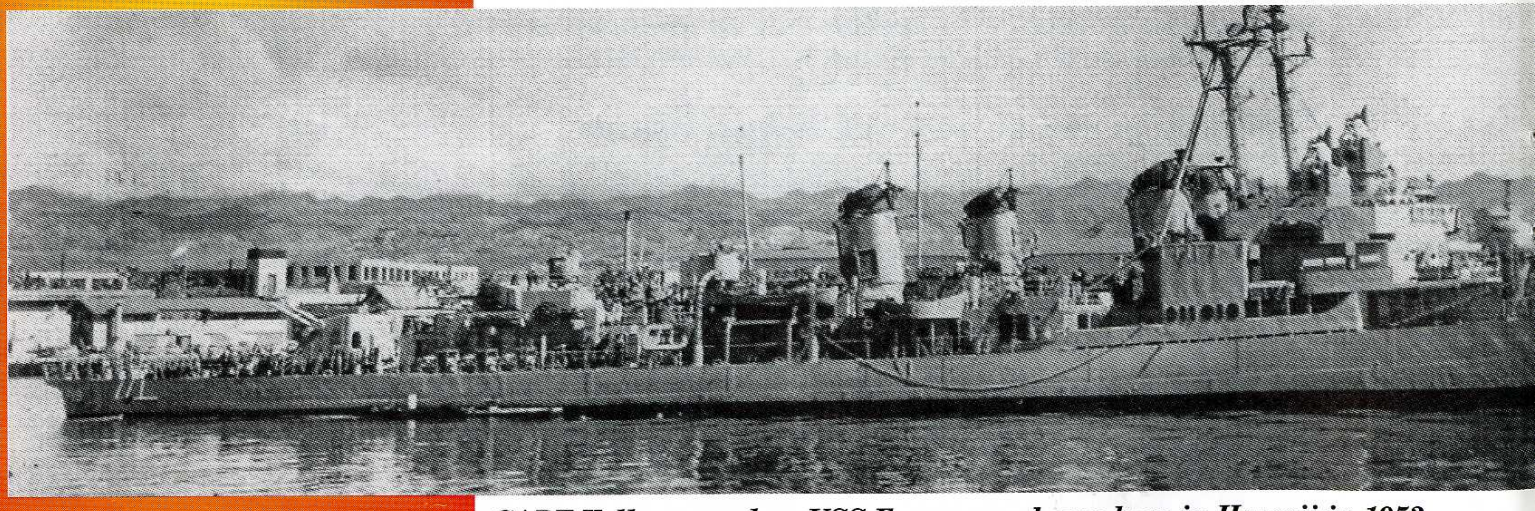
of thermal energy with the water. At 10 seconds after detonation, these gaseous products began to reach the surface, forming spikes and plumes reaching heights of 900 to 1,450 feet above the ocean and emerging from an area roughly 3,100 feet in diameter. As the plumes fell back into the water, a large cloud of mist was formed. This was the base surge which, at 90 seconds after detonation, had a radius of 4,600 feet and a maximum height of 1,900 feet. The visible surge persisted for four minutes. At 13 minutes, a foam ring appeared with a 10,400-foot diameter. The area within this ring approximated the extent of contaminated water. Average exposure for crew members was 129 milliroentgens.

Of these shots, the first test, the 15 megaton BRAVO device, turned out to be much more powerful than anticipated. Over 7,000 square miles were contaminated to such extent that avoidance of death or injury would have depended upon evacuation or taking protective measures. Lesser, yet still significant exposures existed over an additional 200,000 square mile area which was officially designated as the "danger zone." Appreciable radioactive contamination was found 300 miles downwind from the explosion. Wind directions, of course, can change at any time.

Such facts had to play on the minds of all who steamed so close to the ROMEO, KOON and WIGWAM



CAPT Kelley served on USS Epperson, shown here in Hawaii in 1953.

Photo courtesy of Richard B. Huff

Despite witnessing the horrors of nuclear testing, there were lighter moments while aboard USS Epperson. Here, CAPT (then Radarman) Kelley, far left, is shown at a Waikiki restaurant in November 1952 with other Epperson Radarmen. L to r: Kelley, Dwight Stevens, Don Stanaway, Roger Drabin, Mike Hagan and Richard Huff.

blasts, but these brave sailors knew that there was a greater concern than their own safety. There was an enemy out there testing its own (even bigger) super bombs. Our government needed answers, and the information gained at the cost of exposing men like the captain to dangers from these bombs played a major role in preserving the peace for a generation to come.

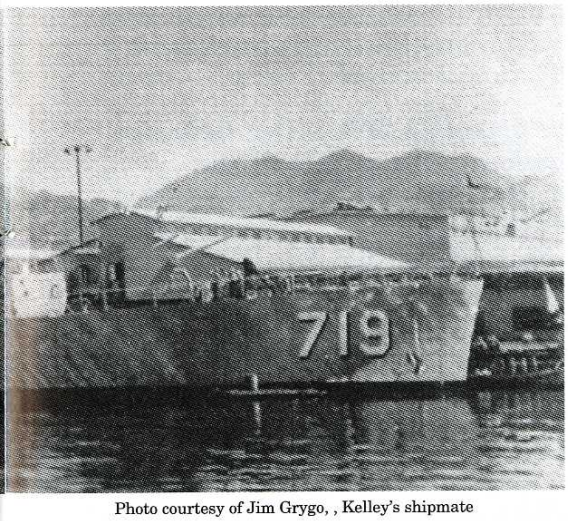


Photo courtesy of Jim Grygo, , Kelley's shipmate

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In civilian life, he has taught science in the Dade County, Fla. school system for 20 years, and is a published author.

Nation commemorates 50 years since V-E Day

By YN1 Theresa Roberts & PA1 E. Kruska
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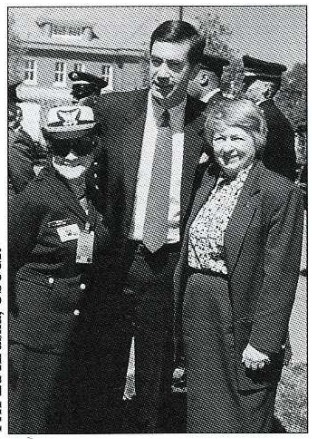
While the Allies in Europe celebrated V-E Day May 8, thousands gathered across our nation as well for various celebrations and commemorations. One such event occurred at Fort Myer, Va. across the Potomac River from our nation's capitol, where cannon fired and marching units from all the Armed Forces were represented, including the Coast Guard Honor Guard.



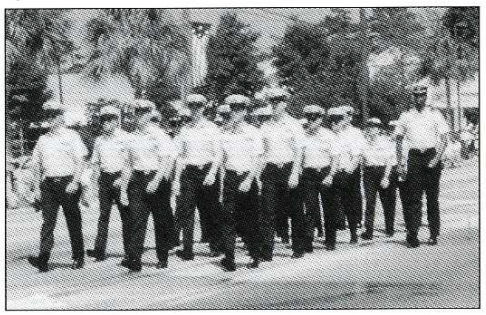
PA1 Ed Kruska, USCGR

Two busloads of Coast Guardsmen from Headquarters attended the ceremony attended by President Clinton and other military dignitaries. Coast Guard retirees dotted the crowd, including World War II Coast Guard veterans SN1/c George Ellers, USCGR, SPARs CWO4 Betty Splaine, USCGR (Ret.) and CAPT Jeanne Gleason, USCGR (Ret.).

Farther down the coast in Charleston, S.C. members from various Coast Guard units and World War II veterans from all over the country marched together in a "Victory 1945" parade May 7. The World War II theme parade concluded at the Patriots Point Naval Museum, home of the *CGC Ingham* and *USS Yorktown*. One of the members of the marching unit was BMCS Tom Gelwicks, USCGR (Ret.) who served in the Pacific theater during World War II. His missions included the invasions of Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and Japan. After the war finished, Gelwicks stayed overseas sweeping Japanese minefields, thereby missing the home front celebrations. BMCS Gelwicks said the long awaited hero's welcome home was well worth the wait.

PA1 Ed Kruska, USCGR

CAPT Richard E. Bennis of MSO Charleston and CDR E. P. Boyle of Group Charleston served as members of the honorary committee which organized the Charleston parade as well as a student assembly on the *USS Yorktown*, a big band musical tribute to victory, fireworks show over the harbor, a Coast Guard museum display featuring World War II memorabilia, and a retreat ceremony. The Charleston committee's motto was "To honor, to celebrate, to educate."



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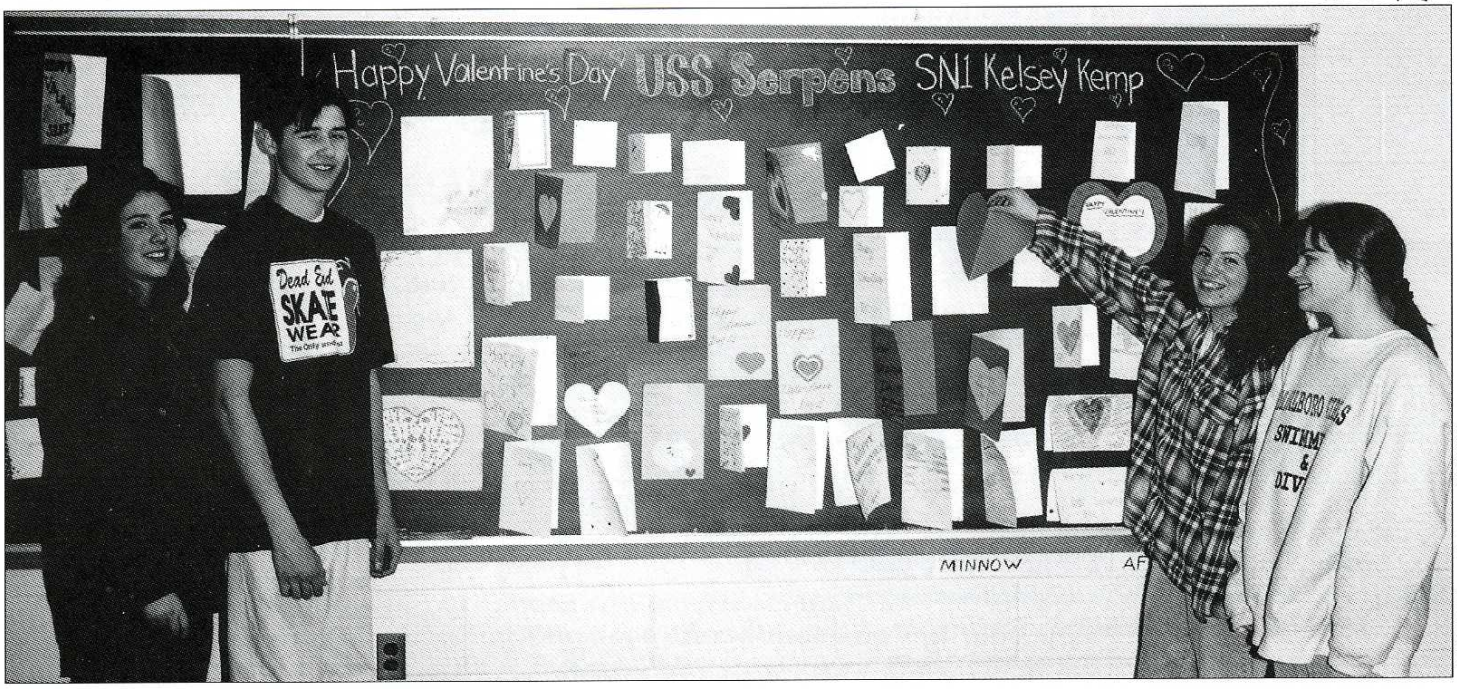
Clockwise from left: BMCS Tom Gelwicks, Sr., left, pauses with son, BMC Tom Gelwicks, Jr. • Coast Guard SPAR CWO4 Betty Splaine, left, pauses with Sen. Chuck Robb (D-Va.), center, and Gen. Wilma Vaught, USAF, Chair of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial. • President Clinton addresses the V-E Day crowd. Representing the Coast Guard at far left is George Ellers, who served aboard CGC Spencer during WWII. • A CG "Victory 1945" Marching Unit led by LTJG Mike Barkley represents the Coast Guard in the Charleston parade.



PAC Matthew Peterson, USCGR

Marlboro High School seniors display some of the more than 100 hand-crafted Valentines sent to USS Serpens survivor SN1/c Kelsie M. Kemp. Left to right: Kim Sanford, Scott Quintero, Maria Gattuso, and Carolyn Morhous.

1st Students send messages to Serpens survivor

By PAC M. Peterson & PA1 J. Igo
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE

MARLBORO, N.Y. — Marlboro High School students in this tiny New York community are a part of a World War II Commemorative Community. This past school year, CG Reservist PA1 John Igo, an English teacher at Marlboro High, had elements of the 9th and 12th grade classes spend time studying about the Coast Guard's role in World War II, and in particular, the tragic destruction of the *USS Serpens* off the coast of Guadalcanal in 1945.

In particular, they paid tribute to former Seaman First Class Kelsie M. Kemp, one of two survivors following the explosion of the *USS Serpens*, a Coast Guard-manned ammunition ship.

They thought it would be nice to send the Coast Guard vet a Valentine's Day message as part of the national "Valentine's for Vets Program." With the guidance of MCPO Tim Lackey at CGHQ, the students obtained the address of Kemp in Barron Springs, Va. As it turned out, more than one hundred were mailed out!

"The Valentine's messages were upbeat and positive in nature," said Marlboro High Principal John F. O'Donnell. "In many cases they focused on the pleasures to be found in doing the tasks of daily living."

Other students penned poems or quoted little known poets whose words would convey to Kemp that they too had approached an understanding of what American youth was like a half century ago.

Kemp was honored at the 50th Anniversary wreathlaying at the *Serpens* monument at Arlington National Cemetery Jan. 29, 1995.

2nd Reservists called up for Mississippi flooding

ST. LOUIS — When drenching rains caused waters to reach flood stage in the Mississippi Valley this spring, CCGFs St. Louis and Paduch were activated and D2 was authorized to recall up to 300 reservists involuntarily under provisions of 14 U.S.C. 712. Fortunately, the waters crested, then began receding and Commander, CG Forces St. Louis stood down May 31. But, not before the CCGFs involuntarily called up a total of 77 reservists provided from 10 reserve units including: Chattanooga, Nashville, Paducah, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Memphis, St. Louis OPS, St. Louis and D2(r). As *The Reservist* went to press, nearly 400 miles across four rivers remained closed including the Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois and the entire Kaskaskia (21 miles); some reservists were still on duty at D2's Traffic Control Center to assist in clearing out backed up vessel traffic once the rivers were reopened.

Coast Guard "Pony Patrol"

Station Chincoteague corrals boats at annual pony swim

By PA1 Elizabeth Neely, USCGR
COMMANDANT'S QUALITY STAFF

CHINCOTEAGUE, Va. — A Coast Guard 45-footer cuts a path through the murky waters of Chincoteague Channel. The sun struggles to burn through the early morning haze. Emerging from the mist are faint silhouettes of horses in the distance.

As the Coast Guard vessel draws close to Assateague Channel, a mob scene begins to appear. Boats of every shape and size crowd the water while spectators line the shore. They wait in anticipation to steal a glimpse of the wild horses of Chincoteague.

Welcome to the pristine environs of Virginia's Eastern Shore, a region rich in maritime history, from lighthouses to lifesaving stations. The area is also rich in wildlife. Osprey, egret, blue heron, pelican, duck, geese, and the famed wild horses of Chincoteague coexist peacefully in the marshes, saltwater and sand of this barrier island.

The quiet waterfront town of Chincoteague is reminiscent of a Norman Rockwell painting — a little girl sells lemonade from a roadside stand — an old man carves a decoy shaded from the hot sun beneath a sturdy oak tree.

BMC Scott Ruterbusch, Officer-in-Charge at Station Chincoteague, describes his present assignment with obvious satisfaction, "I love it — it's a unique area." Commenting on Chincoteague's small town appeal, he said with amusement, "You're waiting to see Opie!" However, on the last Wednesday and Thursday in July, the town is transformed. It hosts the Annual Pony Swim and Auction which draws thousands from around the country.

"One part history, one part folklore" best describes the mystique that surrounds the wild horses.

> ***"Our [Coast Guard] presence alone is all it takes to keep the peace."***
> ***— BMC Scott Ruterbusch***

Legend says the horses are descendants of mustangs that found their way to shore from a Spanish Galleon shipwrecked off the Virginia coast. They have lived wild on Assateague ever since. When fires devastated downtown Chincoteague in the early 1920s, islanders decided to organize a fire department. The "Pony Penning," as the swim and associated events are called, dates back to 1925 when local firefighters first herded and auctioned the horses. All proceeds benefit the island's Volunteer Fire Company; revenues totaled $65,400 in 1994. This year will mark the 70th Annual Pony Swim and Auction.

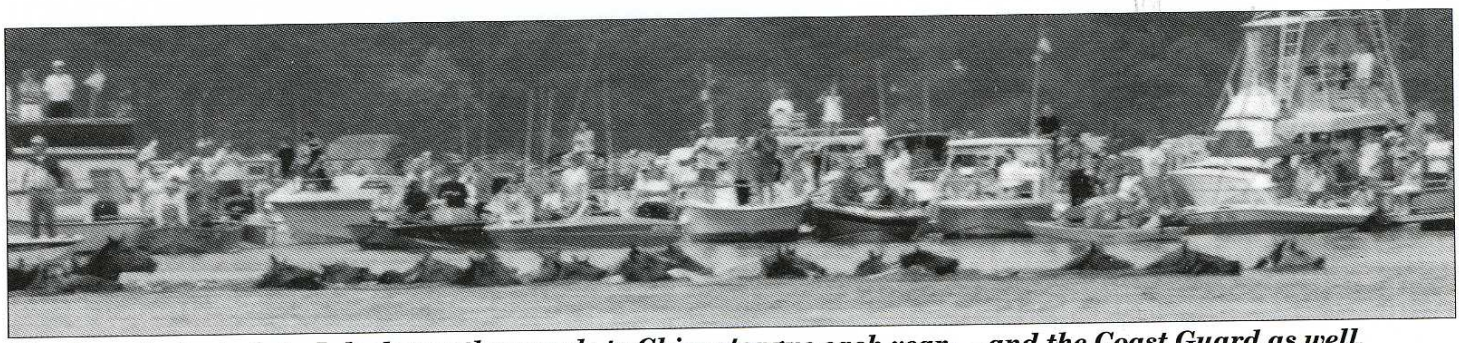
Misty of Chincoteague, penned by Marguerite Henry in 1946, greatly contributed to the initial interest in the wild ponies, an interest that has evolved into the popular attraction they are today. The book tells the story of two children and their dream to own one of the wild ponies.

Sitting atop a pile of sun-washed oyster shells on the banks of the Chincoteague Channel, Station Chincoteague, augmented by 16 reservists, is a visible reminder of the Coast Guard's presence. The Coast Guard plays a vital role in the annual event. In fact, Congress passed a special law (33 CFR 100.519) authorizing the Coast Guard to restrict vessel movement in the area. State and local agencies, along with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, help to clear a path for the horses and enforce regulations.

Ruterbusch, patrol commander, described last year's event as "picture perfect."

"Our presence alone is all it takes to keep the peace," said Ruterbusch.

More than 40,000 spectators attended last year's event, down from about 50,000 in 1993. Thunderstorms the night before may have limited the size of the



PA1 Elizabeth Neely, USCGR

The Pony Swim in late July draws thousands to Chincoteague each year — and the Coast Guard as well.

crowd, but it didn't dampen enthusiasm. The crowd cheered as a Coast Guard crewman sent a flare up with a cloud of thick orange smoke to signal the start of the swim. Local firemen and volunteers, who call themselves "saltwater cowboys" herded about 150 horses toward the narrow channel between Assateague and Chincoteague. The round-up was timed between high and low tide when the water is calmest. Young foals and pregnant mares were transported across the channel on barges.

After a brief rest, the horses were paraded down Main Street to the town fairgrounds. There they were checked by veterinarians before being auctioned off the following day. According to SN Rob Bonham, many people buy the horses, then donate them back to their natural habitat.

For Lee Boyle, the event was nostalgic. A Coast Guardsman during World War II, Boyle belonged to the Mounted Beach Patrol at Bethany Beach, Del.

"We came down in December to volunteer for duty," recalled Boyle. "We'd patrol the beach on horseback from sunset to sunrise. We had passwords and counter words and carried Enfield rifles. We thought there was a real threat." Patrols were stationed along the coast from Maine to Florida before being disbanded in early 1945.

Station Chincoteague is fortunate to take part in this bit of living history. The wild ponies of Chincoteague tie us to our past. Like the tidal ebb and flow through these marshes, each passing year gives participants reason to pause, to honor tradition, and to renew their appreciation for the natural resources that represent our future.

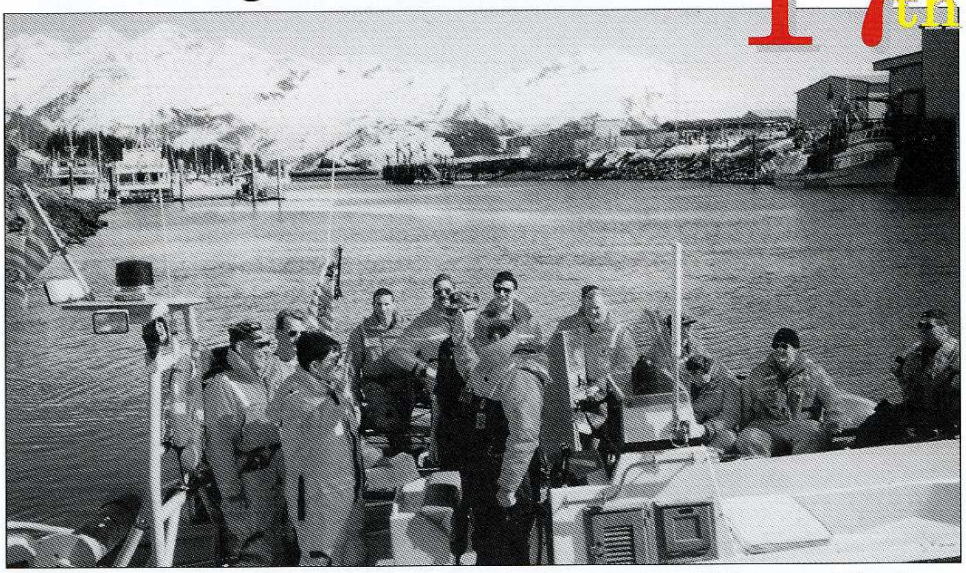
The 1995 Chincoteague Pony Round-Up and Swim is July 26-29. Pony swim is July 26, auction is July 27 and return swim for unsold ponies is July 28. For information, contact the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 258, Chincoteague, VA 23336. (804) 336-6161.

7th USCG careers in the making?

LTJG Stephen K. Browning, USCGR

Stephen Browning, left, and Jordan Nacht of Ramblewood Elementary School, Coral Springs, Fla., proudly display their recently completed U.S. Coast Guard Career Poster. This poster, along with information gathered during their tour of Base Miami Beach, was used during a career field presentation to fellow students during this past school year. Stephen Browning is the son of LTJG Stephen K. Browning, a Coast Guard Reservist in D7.

Reenlisting in The Last Frontier 17th



Submitted by LTJG Tom Stuhlreyer, USCGR

With snow-covered mountains as a backdrop, PS1 Tom Richards, right, is re-enlisted April 25 by PSU Training Detachment supervisor LCDR Mike Kopito of Commandant (G-RST-2) during FTX Northern Edge 1995 in Valdez, Alaska. Richards, of RU Rochester, N.Y., was a PSU boat tactics training instructor to Coast Guard and Naval Reservists at Northern Edge and served in both the Persian Gulf War and Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti.

Next Month:

A 75th Birthday Tribute to Our Chiefs, 1920-1995

Coast Guard Day, Aug. 4

D8 wins Waesche

The 8th Coast Guard District is the winner of the 1994 Reserve Officers Association ADM Russell R. Waesche Award. The award, named for the Coast Guard's Commandant during World War II, is presented annually to the district that best manages its Reserve Program.

The 8th District excelled in Force Management and Training, Personnel Support, Program Support and Delivery Activities. With realignment, 94 percent of D8 reservists directly augmented their assigned active duty commands and 88.5 percent obtained needed qualification codes.

Personnel support included district-wide presentations on Reserve Transition Benefits, major reductions in overdue physical exams and rapid transfer of IRR members to the SELRES when high priority billets were vacated. Program support included transforming dilapidated reserve berthing areas into office space and increasing available berthing by 45 percent while cutting costs by $13,000. Finally, delivery activities were apparent when 37 fully qualified reservists provided 461 days of emergency support during the October 1994 San Jacinto River flood, fire and pollution disaster.

The award was accepted on behalf of the 8th District at ROA's national convention in Des Moines, Iowa June 30. In addition, a plate recognizing the 8th District as the 1994 recipient will be placed on the Admiral Russell R. Waesche Plaque maintained at Headquarters.

Overall, the district with the most awards is the 2nd with seven, followed by the 13th with six while the 8th now has five.

Waesche Award winners

Year	District
1994	**— 8th District**
1993	— 1st District
1992	— 13th District
1991	— 8th District
1990	— 2nd District
1989	— 2nd District
1988	— 2nd District
1987	— 7th District
1986	— 5th District
1985	— 13th District
1984	— 13th District
1983	— 13th District
1982	— 13th District
1981	— 5th District
1980	— 5th District
1979	— 1st District
1978	— 2nd District
1977	— 5th District
1976	— 3rd District
1975	— 14th District
1974	— 11th District
1973	— 8th District
1972	— 2nd District
1971	— 2nd District
1970	— 3rd District
1969	— 13th District
1968	— 1st District
1967	— 8th District
1966	— 8th District
1965	— 11th District
1964	— 11th District
1963	— 9th District
1962	— 2nd District
1961	— 7th District

Courtney captures Williams Award

LCDR Ann M. Courtney of Reserve Group Portland, Maine, has been selected as the first annual "Captain Edward R. Williams Coast Guard Award for Excellence" winner. The award, sponsored by the National Naval Officers Association, recognizes the Coast Guard Reserve officer judged to have been most supportive of initiatives to achieve, value and manage diversity in the Reserve.

LCDR Ann Courtney

Courtney has served as Deputy Group Commander at Reserve Group Portland and commanded RU Maintenance and Repair in Portland. Courtney coordinated the creation of the first civil rights council at RU Station Boston and was the primary mentor for all females and minorities within the Group. She was also instrumental in obtaining a 100 percent retention of women and minorities in the reserve group over a three-year period. As an attorney, she serves on the Board of Governors for the Maine Trial Lawyers Association.The award will be presented on July 19, 1995 to Courtney at the NNOA Convention in Virginia Beach, Va.

Taps

■ **George S. Wieland**, 78, died at his home April 9, 1995. A resident of Cedarville, Mich. and Euless, Texas, Wieland served as a Coast Guardsman in the Pacific aboard the *USS Middleton* during World War II. From 1949 to 1977, he served in the Coast Guard Reserve in Yorktown, Va., on the Great Lakes and Lake Texoma. Following his retirement from the Reserve, he joined the Auxiliary, serving at St. Ignace, Cedarville and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He is survived by his wife, the former Eleanor Ruth Ross; a daughter, Sherry Lezlie Little, of South Bend, Ind.; two sons, George Glenn, serving the Coast Guard in Erie, Pa., and Duane Edmund, of Euless, Texas; and a stepson, Charles Frank Robbins, of Perry, Ohio.

■ **CWO4 Daniel J. Ory**, 72, USCGR (Ret.), died May 2, 1995, in Westwego, La. He served four years active duty with the Coast Guard during WWII. A seaman aboard the commissioning crew of the *USS Serpens*, Ory became a coxswain and was transferred just six months prior to the explosion that disintegrated the ship, killing all but two aboard. Ory wanted to attend the recent rededication ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in January (see March 1995 *Reservist*) honoring the crew but was unable to due to medical treatment. He also served three years in the Naval Reserve and 32 years in the Coast Guard Reserve. He was very active in the American Legion, VFW, Knights of Columbus, AmVets, Volunteer Fire Co. #1 and International Grand Isle Rodeo. Ory is survived by his wife, Elline C. Ory of Westwego, La. Interment was at Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Westwego, La. with military honors.

Retirements

JANUARY 1993
MKCS Victor Rose, D2**

DECEMBER 1994
PSC Billy Miller, D11*

JANUARY 1995
MK1 Melvin Johnson, D8**

APRIL 1995
LCDR Alvin Kruger, D11*
LCDR Charles Muilenburg, D1*
CWO2 Curtis Gray, D9**
DPCS Lawrence Verjinski, D11*
PSC Philip DiPasquale, D2*
YNC Shelley Johnson, D8**
TC1 Terry Vore, D8**
AD2 James Pauletich, D7**
BM2 Frank Goodwin, D1*
BM2 Earl Bray, D5*

MAY 1995
CAPT John Olson, D2*
CDR Theodore Piersma, D13**
CDR Allan Goldberg, D2**
CDR Paul Hanson, D2*
LCDR Fred Deal, D7**
LCDR Joseph Geiger, D2**
LCDR Robert Ben-Hanania, D7**
LCDR DuWayne Altman, D5**
LCDR Edouard Lacroix, D1**
LCDR Stewart Richardson, D1**
CWO4 Thomas Deck, D17**
CWO3 Joseph Zaworski, D2*
PSCM Richard Henning, D7**
QMCM Dennis Beitey, D13**
YNCS John Beatty, D7*
PSC John Roper, D7**
PSC Lee Wood, D8**
SKC William Crankshaw, D7*
YNC Boyd Peters, D8*
BM1 Albert Seltenreich, D7**
EM1 Donald Shean, D13*
EM1 Curtis James, D8**
PS1 Ronald Ferger, D5**
PS1 Gasparo Lepore, D1**
PS1 William George, D11**
TC1 Allen Hill, D13*
MK2 George Beyer, D1**
BM2 Robert Sandberg, D1**
BM2 Luther Herring, D5**
MK2 Harold Moss, D11*
SS2 Dominador Ochoa, D17**
SS2 Kenneth Heresko, D1**
YN2 Leonard Rehbein, D8**
BM3 Eric Hansen, D1**
SK3 Adelaide Henriquez, D7**

JUNE 1995
CDR Thomas Johnson, D9**
CDR Philip Grossweiler, D8
CDR Gregory Patrick, D7**
CDR Sarah Walsh, D5**
CDR Paul Rabuck, D8**
CDR Tino Serrano, D11**
LCDR Robert Lanning, D9**
LCDR Judith Kramer, D8**
LCDR Jerome Adamek, D2**
LCDR Robert Lockhart, D7**
LCDR Loyd Grimes, D2**
LT John Aslakson, D2**
CWO4 Gary Plough, D5**
CWO3 Robert Titter, D9**
BMC Edmund Neale, Jr., D1**
EMC William Halstead, D5*
HSC David Mitchell, D2**
MKC Thomas Todd, D9**
PSC David Centner, D9**
ET1 James Slaughter, D7**
MK1 Raymond Hawkins, D7**
MK1 Robert Kiel, D5**
YN1 Eusebio Ambriz, D11**
EM2 John Rust, D13**
TC2 William Bosse, D5**
SS3 William Sullivan, D8**
YN3 Nicholas Lubinski, D9**

JULY 1995
CAPT Alexander Brodie, D14**

** RET-1 (Retired With Pay)*
*** RET-2 (Retired Awaiting Pay)*

Medals & Awards

Navy Achievement Medal
BM1 Melvin Emond, D1

CG Achievement Medal
PSC R. K. Helms, D2 (w/"O")
EM1 Andreas Apenburg, D1
MK1 P. M. Hutton, D2 (w/"O")
MK1 T. A. Labs, D2 (w/"O")
SK2 Michael Pallon, D1

Commandant's Letter of Commendation
EM1 F. T. Reyna, D2
MK2 A. B. Cruz, D2
BM3 G. J. Donahoe, D2

CG Meritorious Team Commendation
LTJG C. M. Chamberlain, D2 (w/"O")
LTJG J. K. Druskis, D2 (w/"O")
CWO3 T. L. Fletcher, D2 (w/"O")
BMC K. M. Sharp, D2 (w/"O")
MKC D. R. Hackley, D2 (w/"O")
PSC R. K. Helms, D2 (w/"O")
BM1 Melvin Emond, D1
EM1 F. T. Reyna, D2 (w/"O")
MK1 P. M. Hutton, D2 (w/"O")
MK1 T. A. Labs, D2 (w/"O")
PS1 G. B. Kester, D2 (w/"O")
PS1 J. A. Foster, D2 (w/"O")
QM1 D. J. Dissinger, D2 (w/"O")
BM2 T. M. Rynaski, D2 (w/"O")
BM2 C. G. Chase, D2 (w/"O")
MK2 R. H. McHugh, D2 (w/"O")
BM3 J. M. Wilbur, D2 (w/"O")
BM3 M. R. Baker, D2 (w/"O")
BM3 T. D. Davis, D2 (w/"O")
BM3 G. J. Donahoe, D2, (w/"O")
BM3 D. L. Jones, D2 (w/"O"
DC3 T. J. Norrison, D2 (w/"O")
EM3 R. M. Hess, D2 (w/"O")
MK3 M. D. Hodson, D2 (w/"O")
MK3 J. L. Delancey, D2 (w/"O")
PS3 J. R. Spinhirne, D2 (w/"O")
PS3 P. A. Gentleman, D2 (w/"O")
PS3 D. J. Tanko, D2 (w/"O")
SN J. W. Knight, D2 (w/"O")
SN R. A. Wetzler, D2 (w/"O")

How your award shows up here...

From talking with folks in the field, it appears that there is a common misconception about how award information is gathered for *The Reservist*. This information is not available to us from the Medals and Awards Branch at HQ. Rather, award information is gathered through a variety of sources, including CG Reservists like yourself who submit a copy of the award citation, or their CO sends a list of award winners in from his/her unit. Sometimes, we hear about an award winner by word of mouth or message and then follow up. Also, you may not see it right away due to the high volume of submissions we receive, so please be patient! It will be published as soon as possible. So, remember the old adage, the "squeaky wheel gets the grease."

SWE Update

The October 1995 Reserve Servicewide Exam (SWE) is coming fast. In order to be prepared to compete, here are some key dates and deadlines ***you*** as a member need to be aware of:

Member's Responsibility	Deadline
Complete rating/MRN EOCT	30 June 95
Performance Qualifications	30 June 95
Rating-Specific Qual. Codes	30 June 95
Earn CO's Recommendation for Advancement	30 June 95
Verify / Correct PDE	25 Aug 95

The PDEs will be mailed out by the Pay and Personnel Center in early August. If you have not seen a copy of your PDE by mid-August, you should contact your PERSRU. When reviewing your PDE, make sure ***all*** the information is current, especially your OPFAC, personal information, and exam board information. With the large number of Reserve units closing or changing commands this year, make sure all creditable awards earned prior to July 1, 1995, have been updated and credited.

The Reserve SWEs for SCPO and MCPO has been revised. Beginning with the October 1995 Reserve SWE, the current problem solving and language skill sections will be deleted and will be replaced with an expanded Military Requirements (MRN) section. These examinations will now consist of 80 professional rating questions and 70 Military Requirement questions. MRN questions will be based upon current MRN Quals and Coast Guard Human Resource Management Programs, (Diversity, Ethics, Wellness, TQM principles, Gender Equality, and the Commandant's new goals and objectives). For more details, see ALDIST 184/94.

— YNCS Dick Jones
Reserve Enlisted Personnel Branch

All aboard for Citizen-Sailor issue!

The July 15, 1995 deadline for our annual "Citizen-Sailor" issue is fast approaching! Last year, over 100 reservists submitted articles on their civilian occupations. This year, we want to feature ***your family's contributions to your Reserve career***. Send us a brief account (approximately 100 words) written by either you or your family and pictures of you and your family (with you in uniform, all the better). *The Reservist's* address is on Page 2.

Voter Slogan Contest

The 1995 Voter Slogan Contest sponsored by the Federal Voting Assistance Program is underway! The winning slogan, selected by a panel of judges, will be an integral part of the 1996-97 voter awareness media campaign and will be based on originality and motivational value.

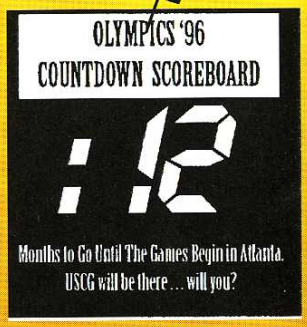
Slogans should be submitted on letter size, 8 1/2 x 11 paper and each page must include your full name, branch of Service, mailing address, fax number and/or e-mail (if available) and daytime phone number. There is no limit to the number of slogans you may enter and anyone may enter.

The originator of the winning slogan will receive a certificate of recognition from the Secretary of Defense. Second through 5th place, honorable mentions, and the military Service with the highest participation rate will also receive a certificate of recognition from the Secretary of Defense. Over 6,000 slogans were received for the 1993 voter slogan contest. The winning slogan was, "America's Most Wanted: Voters!"

Send your slogans to: The Federal Voting Assistance Program, Room 1B457, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301. All slogans must be received by July 14, 1995.

Opportunities for reservists

MLCLANT is in need of CG Reservists to fill several positions aboard various cutters. Rates needed include: SS, GM, ET, DC, HS, QM, RD, TC and SK. Mail or fax you resume, including your Social Security Number and experience to: Commander (pp), MLCLANT, Bldg. 400L, Governors Island, NY 10004. ATTN: LCDR Dennis Houghton. (212) 668-6372. (212) 668-7117 (FAX).



Nationwide TEMAC/SADT/EAD*

As of 6/15/95

Place	Duration	Rate/Rank	Quals	Point of Contact
MLCLANT (Governors Island, NY)	TEMAC (FTE-14 days)	O4 and below	Mil. Justice, Admin. Investig, Ethics etc.	CDR Seidler, (212) 668-7140
LORSTA Port Clearance, Alaska	TEMAC (30 days)	E3-E4	General station maintenance, prefer DC	LTJG Wessel, (907) 463-2253
LORSTA Shoal Cove, Alaska	TEMAC (45 days)	EMC, ETC	Experienced electricians	LTJG Wessel, (907) 463-2253
D17, Juneau, Alaska	TEMAC (60 days)	Prefer E3-E4 (up to E6)	Boating Safety Office administration	CPO Simmonson, (907) 463-2195
D5, Finance Center, Chesapeake, Va.	TEMAC (139 days)	SK1-SSC/CWO (F&S)	Supply Funds Store Statements	Ms. Lomanno, (804) 523-6820
GRU Port Angeles, Wash.	TEMAC (65 days)	PYA	Fill vacant PYA billet due to retirement	CAPT Ude, (360) 457-2271
CGHQ (MPC/Recruiting), Wash., D.C.	Thru FY95	Any	CG workstation exp.; troubleshoot BTOS	CDR Hickman, (212) 267-1737
CGHQ, Washington, D.C.	TEMAC (Aug. 1-Sep. 30))	E4-E6	Clerical experience, admin. assistance	CDR Jacob, (202) 267-1195
Various Cutters / MLCLANT***	TEMAC/SADT	SS,GM, ET, DC, HS QM, RD, TC, SK	Send resume & your qualifications	LCDR Houghton, (212) 668-6372 (212) 668-7117 (FAX)

*** For SADT/TEMAC positions, members need an endorsement from his/her augmented active command (see ALDIST 020/95)**
**** For those advertising TEMAC/SADT/EAD openings, please contact PO Ross at (202) 267-0548 or G-RSM-1 at 1-800-283-8724 if positions are filled or changes to the information are desired.**
***** See box "Opportunities for reservists" above.**
****** Olympic Task Force planner position advertised here in June 1995 issue has been eliminated.**

Coast Guard Reserve Hotline Number; 1-800-283-8724 (USCG)

letin Board

Happy Fourth of July!

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."
— Thomas Jefferson

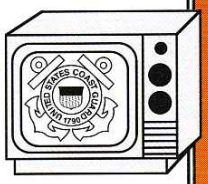
SHIPMATES ROLL CALL

The Corpus Christi Chapter of the USCG Chief Petty Officers Association invites ***ALL HANDS*** from Seamen to Admirals to become listed in its National CPOA Convention Roster Roll Call. You do not have to be a member of CPOA to sign up! There is no cost to be listed but donations are appreciated.

However, each $5 donation will be entered in a drawing to be held during the CPOA National Convention in Corpus Christ Aug. 20-25. The grand prize is a Mark I Model "N" 4-inch small boat compass. It was built in 1942 by Lionel Corp. in N.Y. and has been donated by a combat vet in the name of CG Medal of Honor recipient Signalman First Class Douglas A. Munro.

To be listed in the Roster, please send your name, address, city, state, zip (mailing label appreciated) to: Roll Call Roster, P.O. Box 18-1118, Corpus Christi, TX 78480-1118. ATTN: MCPO Walt Gorr. Donations in the form of checks may be made out to: CPOA Corpus Christ Chapter.

Coast Guard TV Series...a real "Home Improvement!"



A nationally syndicated "Reality" TV series titled *Coast Guard*, based on the real life activities, missions and people of the USCG is being produced by TAM Communications and will begin airing in Fall 1995. The half-hour weekly program will air at times that may vary from market to market. The series will include actual footage and not reenactments or scripted material.

Project manager for *Coast Guard* is the USCG Motion Picture-Television Office (G-CP/M). Questions should be directed to: USCG, Motion Picture-Television Office, 11000 Wilshire Blvd., 10th Floor, Suite 10125, Los Angeles, CA 90024. ATTN: CWO3 Dan Dewell. (310) 235-7817. (310) 235-7851 (FAX).

See ALCOAST 052/95 for more information on this upcoming exciting viewing experience. Look out *Home Improvement*, here comes *Coast Guard*!

ALDISTs / ALCOASTs / COMDTINSTs

Coast Guard Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY) .....ALCOAST 054/95*
Command Enlisted Advisor Selections .....ALCOAST 053/95
Coast Guard Reality TV Series .....ALCOAST 052/95
CG Streamlining Implementation Team Move/Change of Tel #s ..ALDIST 110/95
Change to Scheduled Inactive Duty RADM Selection &
CAPT Retention Bds. .....ALDIST 108/95
Suicide Prevention .....ALDIST 107/95
Chemical, Irritant, OC Pepper Spray .....ALDIST 106/95
NNOA "CAPT Edward R. Williams Award for Excellence" .....ALDIST 104/95
Ready Reserve Direct Commission In the Inactive Reserve ....ALDIST 101/95
Coast Guard Retired Community .....ALDIST 098/95
ADM Russell R. Waesche Award for FY94 .....ALDIST 097/95
Reserve Policy Board, Solicitation for Membership .....ALDIST 094/95
Annual Validation of BAQ, VHQ & COLA Entitlements .....ALDIST 084/95
Ancient Mariner Award .....ALDIST 077/95
PY96 Reserve Enlisted-To-Warrant Officer Appointment Board .ALDIST 071/95
Reservists SGLI Debts .....ALDIST 064/95
Extension of the 1-Year Application Deadline for Electing
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** EPOY award winner (Reserve), HS2 Craig E. Monk of D2, will be featured in an upcoming issue. EPOY winner (Active) is BM2 Janette S. Corneck of D8.*

Upcoming Events

- **Chief Petty Officers Association** — 27th annual National Convention, Aug. 20-25, 1995 in Corpus Christi, Texas. Contact: 1995 CPOA National Convention, Box 165, 302 N.A.S. Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78418.
- **Coast Guard Festival** — Grand Haven, Mich, also known as "Coast Guard City, USA" invites all Coast Guard men and women, past and present, to the annual festivities, July 28-Aug. 6, 1995. Parade and fireworks set for Aug. 5. Contact: Coast Guard Festival, Inc., P.O. Box 694, Grand Haven, Mich. 49417. (616) 846-5940.
- **Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR)**, convention in Rome, Italy, July 15-21, 1995. Contact ROA at address/phone above.
- **Korean War Memorial Dedication** — July 27, 1995 in Washington, D.C. adjacent to the Vietnam Memorial Wall. Other activities are also occurring July 26-29. Contact Korean War Memorial Advisory Board at 1-800-KORVETS.
- **Reserve Officers Association** National Convention is set for June 28-July 1 at Marriott Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: ROA, 1 Constitution Ave. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. (202) 479-2200.

Reunions...

- **CGRU Cincinnati** — Former RU and MSO Cincinnati members, Aug. 12, 1995 reunion and awards dinner cruise aboard M/V Queen City Clipper in Cincinnati. Contact: MKCS John Warfield, RU Cincinnati, 1776 Hillstation Road, Goshen, OH 45122. (513) 722-2772.
- **Coast Guard Retired Veterans** — Nov. 7-10, 1995 at Radisson Inn, Oklahoma City, Okla. Includes tour of Cowboy Hall of Fame, Remington Park and Planetarium (for $75 fee). Reservations by Oct. 23 to: Ray Lovejoy, Box 66, Frederick, OK 73542. (405) 335-5824.
- **Greenland Patrol** — Third annual reunion, all 47 USCG ships and 3 Navy ships, CG PBYS and CG Bases, 1940-45, WWII. Corpus Christi Sheraton Bayfront Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas, Oct. 10-14, 1995. Contact: Albert F. Courter, Jr., (813) 856-7387 or John St. Stamford, (516) 223-1467.
- **Korean War Veterans** — First annual, Oct. 16-18, 1995 in Virginia Beach, Va. Contact: Korean War Veterans Reunion, 808 Oldham Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. ATTN: R. Gallmeyer or call Mr. Dick Kinsley at 1-800-822-3224.
- **Medium Endurance Cutters** — Including *CGCs Escape, Acushnet, Yocona, Ute, Lipan, Chilula, Cherokee,* and *Tamaroa*. Reunion planned Sept. 14-17, Pensacola, Fla. Contact: George Kingston, 1611 Woodbridge Circle, East, Foley, AL 36535-2267.
- **National Association of Fleet Tug Sailors** — Navy and Coast Guard tug sailors, sixth annual reunion, Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 13-17, 1995. Contact: George Kingston, 1611 Woodbridge Circle, East, Foley, Ala. 36535-2267. (205) 943-7823.
- **USCGC Duane Association** — Oct. 20-22, 1995 at The Heritage House Hotel, 259 Maine Street, Hyannis, MA 02601. 1-800-352-7189. Contact: USCGC Duane Assn., c/o Ronald C. Golec, Tory Hill Road, Alstead, NH 03602. (603) 835-6009.
- ***USS Vesuvius (AE-75)*** — WWII crew, Oct. 16-18, 1995 in Las Vegas, Nev. Contact: Alan C. Moore, 507 NW 36th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32607. (904) 372-2037.
- ***USS Callaway (APA-35)*** — 29th reunion, Sept. 12-14, 1995, at Best Western Motel in Mystic, Conn. Contact R.L. Stambach, 4283-B Island Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33919-4427. (813) 481-0359.
- ***USS Champlin (DD-601)*** — Oct. 11-14, 1995 in Lancaster, Pa. Contact George Styles, 45 Oak Avenue, Smithtown, NY. 11787. (516) 265-2155.

It may be July, but now is the time to think about earning your degree through...

Voluntary Education Programs

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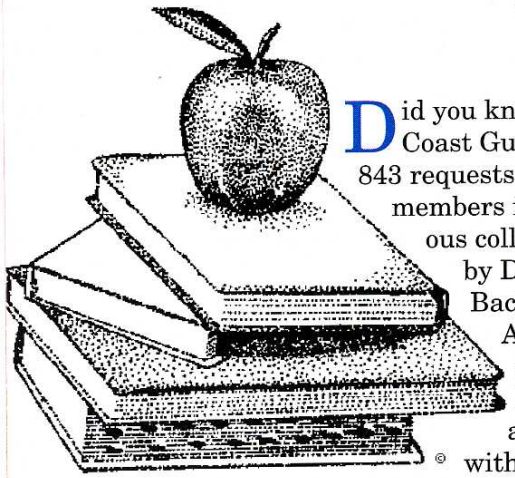

Did you know that in 1994 the Coast Guard Institute received 843 requests to aid Coast Guard members in the pursuit of various college degrees? Or that by December 1994, 24 Bachelors and 40 Associate Degrees were awarded to these hardworking individuals? All this happened with the help of the Coast Guard' s Voluntary Education Program — and nearly 200 fully-accredited universities offering thousands of courses through independent study, video and audio cassette. In fact, as an undergraduate, there are over 150 subject areas to choose from regardless of your location. For graduate studies, master's degrees can be awarded from 49 universities in 93 subject areas, and doctorates can be earned from 12 universities.

The educational services offered by the Institute are many, but perhaps the most important is the External Degree Program. For example, did you know that the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) can be taken in lieu of college courses? Using video tapes ordered through the Institute may also properly prepare you for the GRE.

How it works

First, members and dependents who have earned 30 credit hours or more need to get an External Degree Application via their active duty Educational Service Officer (ESO). A copy can be reproduced from your active duty ESO and *The ESO's Guide to Voluntary Education Programs for Coast Guard Service Members and Dependents.* The applicant will receive an education evaluation with one to three plans for degree completion. It's an easy to understand printout telling you what credits you have earned and the best way to utilize them.

In addition, many courses you take for rate training may be used as college credits. Credits from "correspondence courses and A-Schools" are in many cases applicable to a degree. Furthermore, Carolyn Smith, Educational Technician, says the new Coast Guard Transcript is endorsed by the American Council of Education. Smith says even if you don't have a degree, an official Coast Guard Transcript "can be taken to a perspective employer." This transcript would break down military training with respect to college credits so your civilian employer understands the full extent of your training.

Should you desire to know what rate-related courses count toward your degree, the second half of *The ESO's Guide* provides an in-depth listing which gives the recommended credits for each rate and/or instruction. The only draw back is that the Institute can only service those Coast Guard members and dependents with 30 college credits already earned (to exclude credits earned from military training). This is necessary to ensure a "sincere desire to pursue a degree."

If you have not obtained 30 college credits, "Degreetrak" will evaluate your experience for a fee. An application may be obtained from and submitted to Project World Class of Lynchburg, Va. To receive an application, call 1-800-852-5277 (expect a fee). Also, you can fill out the Self Evaluation form in the second half of *The ESO's Guide....*

Perhaps the best benefit is that the Institute simplifies complicated procedures. For example, some other services are:

- **Estimation of Financial Costs** — *informs you what you can expect to pay for college.*
- **Computerized Search for Monetary Assistance** — *can help you find scholarships, grants, and loans.*
- **College Choice Survey** — *where information is taken in regards to your college preferences to help determine the best college for you.*
- **Video/Audio Tapes and Software Evaluation** — *Institute provides feedback as to cost and quality of tape.*

All forms related to these services can be obtained from your active duty ESO.

Make sure it's DANTES/Institute approved

It is important to remember only those colleges or universities approved by Defense Activity for Non-traditional Education Support (DANTES) or The Coast Guard Institute are recognized by the Coast Guard. This prevents you from spending time and money on schools which are not recognized by certain state and/or federal educational bodies. ESOs should pay particular attention to those needing tuition assistance and those wanting to attend Officer Candidate School. If you have a question about a particular school, call (405) 954-7241/7239. The Coast Guard is willing to help you obtain your degree and will provide guidance and information on specific external degree programs before you invest your time and money. Your point of contact is your unit's ESO and *The ESO's Guide* mentioned above.

The Voluntary Education Program is outlined in ALDIST 102/94 (COMDTNOTE 1560). Reservists and dependents are eligible to participate in many of these programs. Check with your ESO for details.

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I am pleased to introduce you to the Reserve Forces Senior Enlisted Advisors Council for the Office of the Assistant Secretary Of Defense for Reserve Affairs. As you can see in the photo below, the Council is comprised of senior enlisted members of each Reserve Component. The purpose of this council is to bring issues that effect all the Guard and Reserve components of the Armed Forces of the U.S. to the attention of DOD through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, The Honorable Deborah R. Lee.

The Council submitted 18 papers to DOD on quality of life issues effecting Guard and Reserve enlisted members. A couple of examples are commissary privileges, Space-A privileges, and loss of BAQ entitlements for periods of less than 30 days of active duty.

The Council meets on a regular schedule and in April we were hosted in two locations. In Orlando, Fla. we held an all services' town meeting at the Navy Training Center. We had several VIPs in the audience including the D7 CEA, MCPO Steve Spencer, and the D7 Reserve CEA, MCPO Ron Horrocks. I would like to thank them for all their support during my D7 visit.

The big highlight for the Council was a visit to Coast Guard Station Port Canaveral. Thanks to the extra effort by the station's personnel, we were provided with a Space Shuttle brief, a 41-foot UTB ride to the shuttle security zone, and an evening meal. During the course of the afternoon, the Council was shown films on the Coast Guard's integration program and its multi-missions.

The Council also attended the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institutes (DEOMI), Senior Enlisted Equal Opportunity Workshop at Patrick AFB, Fla. This gave senior enlisted members an opportunity to interact with personnel from other services and to deal with real life issues. The D13 CEA (alternate) MCPO Jim Connolly, USCGR and myself were the only Coast Guard members in this class. The instructors at DEOMI are assigned from all services and we found two excellent Coast Guard instructors that kept the students involved. Many thanks to the instructors, LT Mark Metoyer and YNC Scott Lanum.

Two items of interest occurred in May that I wanted to mention. First, the May 1 advancements looked very good. It serves as a reminder that you are in charge of your career, so keep studying and taking those Servicewide Exams (SWEs).

Second, PSU 305 participated in Allegiant Sentry 1995 in Cape May, N.J. I would like to thank all the Coast Guard Reservists that were there, as the weather conditions were difficult and the training was conducted over many long hours. I came away from Cape May proud of the enlisted community for their flexibility along with the professional attitude of "tell us what you want and we can make it happen."

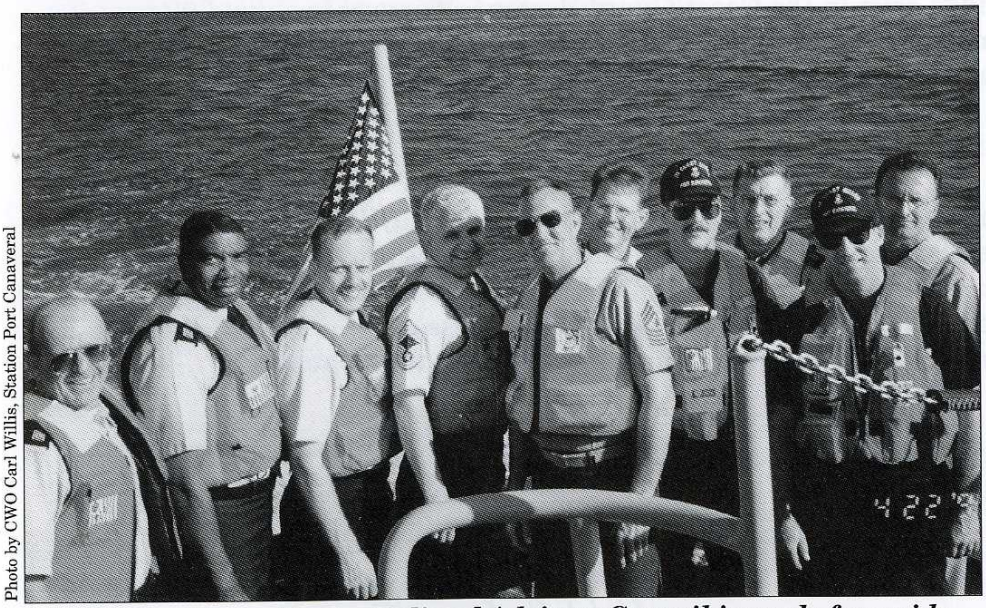

Photo by CWO Carl Willis, Station Port Canaveral

The Reserve Forces Senior Enlisted Advisors Council is ready for a ride aboard a Station Port Canaveral 41-footer. Left to right: CSM Larry D. Pencer, Army National Guard; CSM Collin L. Younger, Army Reserve; MCPO Bill Phillips, USCGR; CMSGT Edwin B. Brown, Jr., Air National Guard; SGTMAJ William M. McDonald, USMCR; FM/C Paul R. Gauthe, USNR; MK1 Scott Huff, USCGR; CSM Douglas E. Murray, Senior Enlisted Advisor, OASD; MKC Thomas Morris, USCGR and FM/C(s) Michael Krbec, USNR. Not shown is CMSGT James A. Rossi, USAFR.

To the Men and Women of the Coast Guard Reserve

May 16, 1995

As the senior leadership of the Coast Guard Reserve, we are writing to each of you to bring you up to date on the Reserve Program. We are working hard to ensure that the Program meets the needs of our members and remains responsive to the missions of the Coast Guard. While we have faced some difficult times over the past few years, we believe that we are now on a steady course and headed in the right direction. This is happening for many reasons, but the most important one is you. Despite many changes, particularly downsizing, you have continued to distinguish yourselves. During an extraordinary operational period, reservists were there alongside their active duty counterparts. Initial signs indicate that integration is working and that active duty and reservists alike are supporting this concept. Every one of us has a stake in our Coast Guard's future, and we need your continued support as we build a Coast Guard Reserve that can react to our government's changing needs.

We know that recent uncertainties have placed a strain on morale. However, we are now confident that our transition to an integrated force is building a solid future for the Coast Guard Reserve. Today, advancement opportunities exist in most ratings, and the prospects look good for future advancement opportunities. Integration of reservists at active duty commands will help stabilize the size of the Selected Reserve and provide an invaluable asset to the Coast Guard. Integration will also bring more meaningful opportunities for each of you. Admiral Kramek, in his "State of the Coast Guard" address, recently expressed the need for a Coast Guard Reserve trained and able to perform a variety of missions. He is committed to maintaining a Reserve Force that meets the needs of "Team Coast Guard."

Today, approximately 800 openings exist in the Coast Guard Reserve. We need to enlist 300 new recruits and 500 prior service members. In the May issue of *The Reservist*, we asked you to help us find the best and brightest members to serve with you to crew our Coast Guard. History has proven that our members have been the best recruiters to find qualified individuals who desire to be part of the Coast Guard family.

As we head into the next century, we will be called upon to respond to many different missions. In the past when reservists have been asked to perform these missions, you have always answered the call. *Semper Paratus* has truly been your motto. Your continued support and commitment to excellence will assure the success of "Team Coast Guard" and, ultimately, maximize the Coast Guard's value to the public.

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