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*BM2 Barbara "Bobby" J. Hoepner
"Grandma Boats" retires*



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On the Covers

Front: BM2 Bobby Hoepner, believed to be the oldest female Coast Guard Reservist, is retiring...or is she? To find out, see Page 5. Photo by PAC Bob Borden, USCGR, 11th District Public Affairs (NR).

Back: Some people are far from retirement, especially at the "Kid's Day" Flipper & Lifevest Run held during the 1995 Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, Mich. Photo by DC3(PA) Dave Davis, USCGR.

'Ed' itor's Turn: Retirees are "Solid Gold"

Wherever I've been this past year, whether it's covering World War II events, working on the job, or even being on vacation, I've run into wonderful Coast Guard retirees. They've all had several things in common — they're retired, they have a lot of experiences to share, and they love our Coast Guard. At *The Reservist*, I've had so many requests and letters on retirement (most of our letters are

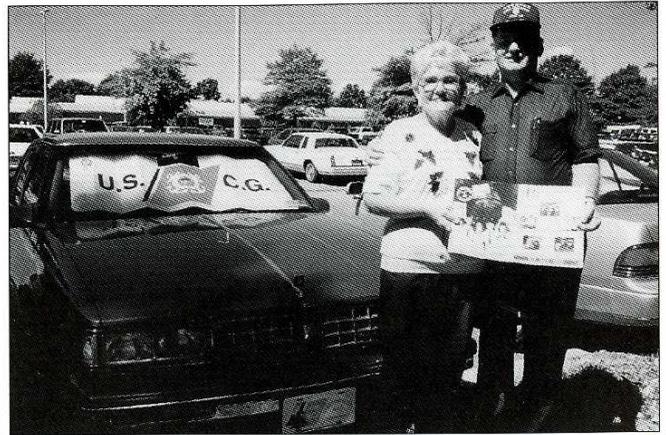


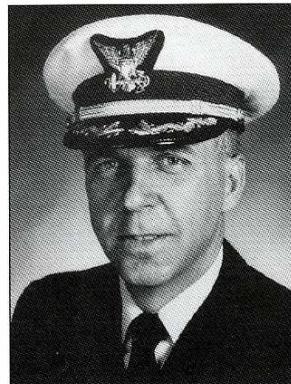
Photo by PA1 E. Kruska, USCGR

There's no question which service retired reservist Bill and Therese McClernan of Philadelphia love, as shown by their ball cap, car visor, license plates and Reservist magazine at V-J Day ceremonies Sept. 2 at Fort Myer, Va. Many retired Coasties were present.

from retirees), it is time for the first "Special Retirement Issue!" You may think this issue is only for retirees, but it really contains something for everyone — whether it's reading about retirees making the most of their golden years, planning for *your own* retirement, or answering questions about retirement. But especially for our retirees, for all you've done, do now and will do in the future, this pub's for you!

— PA1 Ed Kruska, Editor

Riker selected as new Reserve Flag



RADM(Sel) J. Timothy Riker

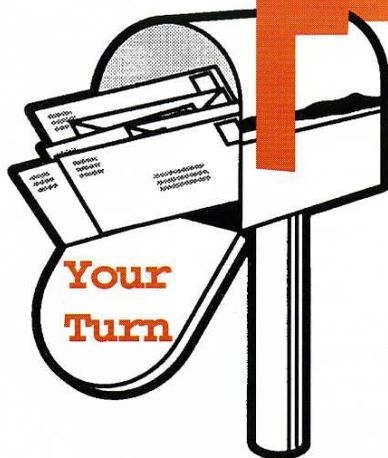
The Secretary of Transportation has approved the report of the Selection Board convened Aug. 29, 1995, recommending that CAPT J. Timothy Riker, USCGR, be promoted to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Riker's nomination, published in ALCOAST 081/95, must now be confirmed by the president with advice and consent of the Senate.

Born in Lima, Ohio, Riker graduated from Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, with a B.A. in History/Government in 1970, and from The Capital University, Bexley, Ohio, with a J.D. in Law (*cum laude*) in 1977.

Enlisting in the Coast Guard in 1970, Riker was assigned to *CGC Hamilton (WHEC-715)*. After receiving his commission from Officer Candidate School in

June 1971, he was assigned as Deck Watch Officer aboard *CGC Unimak (WTR-379)*. A member of the Coast Guard Selected Reserve since 1975, he has held five Reserve unit commands at Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio; Paducah and Louisville, Ky.; and Buffalo, N.Y., as well as Commander, Reserve Group Detroit, Mich. In 1991, he was recalled to active duty as the N5 (Plans) Officer with the Harbor Defense Command in Manama, Bahrain during the Persian Gulf War. In 1994, he was recalled and deployed as Harbor Defense Commander and CO of PSU 301, Cap Haitien, Republic of Haiti. He recently completed a period of TEMAC as Chief, Defense Operations Division, Office of Operations and Law Enforcement, at CGHQ in Washington, D.C. Riker is currently assigned as CO of RU Harbor Defense Command (CNCWU 206), Jacksonville, Fla. His many awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device, CG Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and CG Achievement Medal. In civilian life, Riker is a trial attorney in Cincinnati. He and his wife, Miriam, are the parents of two daughters, Katharine, 13, and Alison, 10.





August issue excellent

Congratulations on an excellent August edition of *The Coast Guard Reservist*. I would like to comment on both the CPO 75th birthday story and the obituary of the late CAPT Harold Cotton, USCGR.

The CPO story reminded me that I think I was the first Chief Storekeeper appointed in the Coast Guard (Feb. 23, 1943) after the service was transferred to the Navy Department. In peacetime, all personnel, pay and supply work was performed by yeomen and CPOs were appointed temporary for one year as CPO (acting), after which they were given a permanent appointment. I was serving as Pay Clerk when this appointment was made. A traditional congratulations in those days was to initialize the bottom left corner of the CPO Rating certificate; several CGHQ personnel initialed mine.

The late CAPT Harold Cotton was known to those who knew him as "King Cotton." He and I were among the pioneers of the Coast Guard Organized Reserve program which was authorized by the Reserve Act of 1948. I served with him when he was assistant director of Reserve in the old 3rd CG district, New York. "King" was a great shipmate and I'm sure that all who knew him will feel that same way! He was complaining most of time about not being warm when his duty

was in the northern states. He always had a funny story about being "cold."

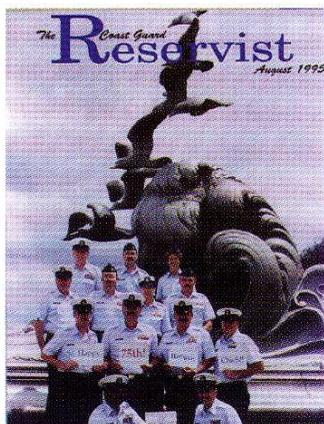
With all good wishes for your continued success in publishing a very interesting magazine!

— CDR Robert L. Stambach
USCGR(Ret.)
Fort Myers, Fla.

By "work" or "word"

On the back cover of the August 1995 issue, you published the Creed of the United States Coast Guardsman. The third line reads, "I never, by **work** or deed, will bring reproach upon the fair name of my Service, nor permit others to do so unchallenged." I was wondering if "work" should be "word?"

— CAPT John L. Bender
USCGR(Ret.)
Bethesda, Md.



Editor's note: A quick check of our source, a TRACEN Petaluma Certificate of Training, showed that "work" was the original term used. This Creed is not published in the current edition of The Coast Guardsman's Manual. If anyone has information about the original source of the Coast Guard Creed, we would like to hear from

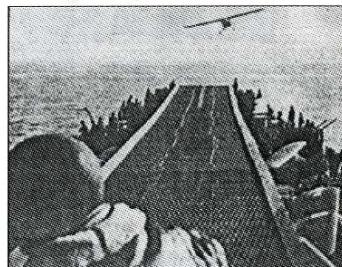
you. CAPT Bender retired from the Reserve in 1981 after four years active duty during WWII and 38 years total service.

Include USCG history

I have just received my August 1995 issue of *The Reservist*. The magazine has come a long way from the early issues. I would, however, like to make a request to include some section of the publication devoted to Coast Guard history.

For example, does any of the Reserve family know that the Coast Guard manned an aircraft carrier during World War II? (Some of the Coast Guard-manned LSTs were

converted to include an improvised flight deck built out over the hold as shown in *Recognition Journal*, Number 15, November 1944). I remember reading the *U.S. Coast Guard Magazine* before World



CG-manned LST at Anzio was fitted to land planes.

War II and each copy had a full-page photograph of a major Coast Guard Cutter. I am sure many readers would like to see photos of some of those ships that served so well over the years.

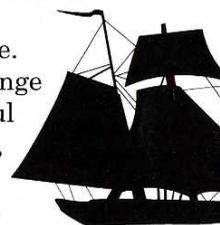
— LCDR Edward C. Werner
USCGR(Ret.)
Historian, Southport Lighthouse
Kenosha, WI.

Editor's note: Since the CGR celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1991, we have been running WWII historical items quite regularly (e.g., CGC Escanaba, D-Day, Iwo Jima, USS Serpens, V-E and V-J Day). Now that these 50th anniversaries are over, we will concentrate on Coast Guard history in general a bit more.

CGC Eagle in Smithsonian

Perhaps you would like to call your readers' attention to the excellent article in the August 1995 issue of *Smithsonian Magazine* about a cruise on the Eagle. "Now lower your butts, flange heads, and haul away, haul away," by Russell Drumm, appears on Pages 22-33.

— Ruth M. White
Asheville, N.C.



Correction

On our August 1995 cover story featuring the Chiefs' 75th Birthday, the author's name was omitted from the sidebar entitled "CPOA formation and reformation," on Page 10. The author was retired Coast Guardsman GMCM William R. Wells, II. Sorry about that!

More Letters

Merging with Commandant's Bulletin?

I'm an active duty Coastie with 18 years service. However, today is the first time I remember ever seeing *The Coast Guard Reservist* magazine (June 95 issue). Apparently it ain't been getting around much in my circles.

With the recent shift to the "Team Coast Guard" concept, would it make sense to devote several pages of the *Commandant's Bulletin* to Reserve-specific matters (adjust the distribution to include your mailing list) and just do away with *The Reservist*? (Perhaps consider this for the Coast Guard retiree publication also). This way, the active duty folks would learn more about the Reserve, reservists would keep up with active duty and general Coast Guard issues, and you wouldn't get letters asking questions like "What's a TCC?"

Everyone wins, and the Coast Guard might even realize some savings with the reduced overhead and bulk printing of one magazine.

— CWO2 Thomas P. Hanley
TRACEN Petaluma, Calif.

Editor's note: The idea of merging The Reservist and Commandant's Bulletin has been talked about for years. In fact, this past year, after receiving several field suggestions through "Idea Express," an extensive cost/benefit analysis was undertaken to study the feasibility of a merger. Obviously, a merger would be fairly involved (staffing, contracts, equipment, distribution, etc.). Ultimately, although there would be some cost savings experienced, it was decided

at the Flag level to keep The Reservist as a stand-alone pub as it continues to serve as a major source of communication to the field. It remains the one constant reservists have during the integration/Team Coast Guard transition. In the meantime, we would like to hear what you, our readers, have to say on this topic.

Offer SWE twice a year?

If we're supposed to be integrated with our active-duty counterparts, which is, on the whole, a positive development, when are our enlisted people once again going to be allowed to sit for the Servicewide Examination twice a year? Perhaps one exam could be administered during the regular working week and one could be administered on the weekend. At MSO San Diego, where my wife, PS2 Vikki

Hanley, and I drill, reservists are in and out of there all week. Anyway, a lot of folks are wondering why the reserve SWE is offered only once a year when everything else is being modified to conform to active-duty standards

and active-duty personnel are evaluating reservists.

— LTJG Robert T. Hanley, USCGR
San Diego, Calif.

Editor's note: According to YNCS Dick Jones of HQ Reserve Enlisted Personnel Section (G-RSM-1.2), there are not enough Reserve advancement opportunities to justify administering the SWE twice per year. However, an idea to administer the SWE to parallel the active duty SWE is in the "think-tank" stage. This would be the same as for the active duty Coast Guard. Questions/comments can be directed to YNCS Jones at 1-800-283-8724.

Maximum Paid Drills

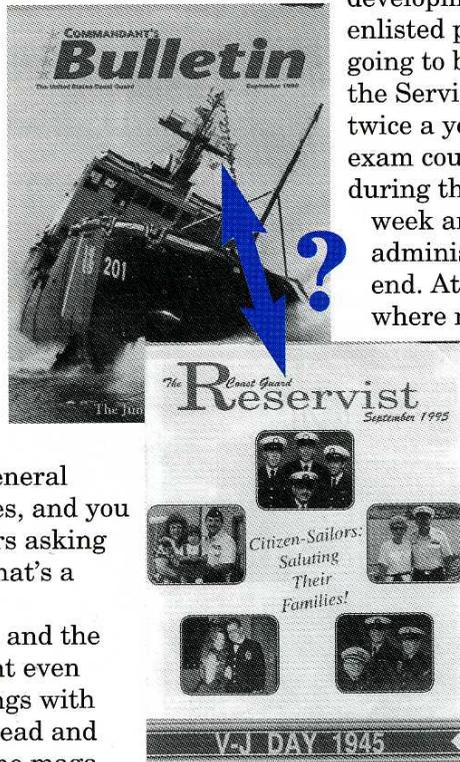
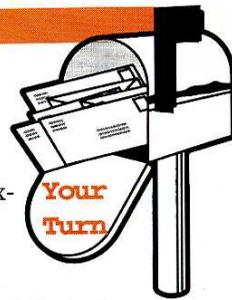
I am writing to address the issue of maximum paid drills per day, week, month and quarter (COMDTINST M1001.27A, *CG Reserve Admin & Training Manual*, para 5-B-2a). I understand the need for limiting paid drills for the year; however, the current requirements of limiting the number of drills for the other time periods hinders the augmentation process at some active duty commands.

As we begin a new era of Team Coast Guard and total integration, various commands have unique needs and surge operations. The active duty commands we augment will have the ultimate responsibility of budgeting their reserve assets as they see fit. The limitations I am addressing, placed upon the active duty command, appear to serve no purpose. For example, if a reservist is available for a one week period to augment an active duty command, under the current rules, he can only be paid for three of the seven days. The remaining time must be non-pay IDT or SADT (more paperwork). Moreover, radio watchstanders (both active and reserve) at some locations are on a 12-hour shift which would account for an additional drill.

I propose the policy be reviewed and changed if possible to allow the active duty commands to have full authority to schedule their reservists to best fulfill their mission requirements while limiting them to 48 paid drills per year.

— LCDR John S. Welch
Wheeling, W. Va.

Editor's note: HQ Reserve Budget Branch (G-RSP-2) says they generally agree. However, they also tell us that they are bound by law to the two drills per day maximum, but have been considering eliminating the per week, per month, and quarterly restrictions to give active commanders more scheduling flexibility. Final decision on this is anticipated in early FY96.



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RETIREEE PROFILES

BM2 Barbara J. Hoepner

Good-Bye, Grandma Boats

By PAC Bob Borden
D11 PUBLIC AFFAIRS (NORTH REGION)

In the waning days of her 20-year Coast Guard Reserve career when it was finally time to cut some slack and take it easy, BM2 Barbara "Bobby" J. Hoepner was having none of it.

In fact, when the call went out to Coast Guard Station San Francisco to save a windsurfer in trouble south of the Richmond Bay Bridge, Hoepner led the charge. Even at the age of 61, Bobby Hoepner — the oldest woman in the Coast Guard Reserve — wasn't about to slow down.

"She's amazing," said BM2 Cathy Carpenter, a Coast Guard boat crewman at Yerba Buena Island (YBI) and a long-time friend of Hoepner. "She's motivated, she's a good decision-maker, and a good leader. She's always been there for us when we've needed her."

Hoepner entered the Coast Guard Reserve in 1975 when she was 41, an age when some service

members have already completed a 20-year career. A boat owner who was already involved with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Hoepner received an age waiver to enter the Reserve program when the organization opened the door for more women to integrate its ranks in the 1970s. She quietly proved her entry into the Reserve was no fluke. Hoepner quickly became a qualified boat engineer before she was named a coxswain.

Born in Santa Cruz and raised in Alameda, Hoepner received a degree in physical education from San Jose State University, a graduate degree from the University of North Carolina, and a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. She taught at U.C. Berkeley and was named the school's first director of female athletics in 1974. But after eight years at the university without tenure, she left the Berkeley campus in 1975 to become a licensed real estate broker in Alameda.

"I had to do something

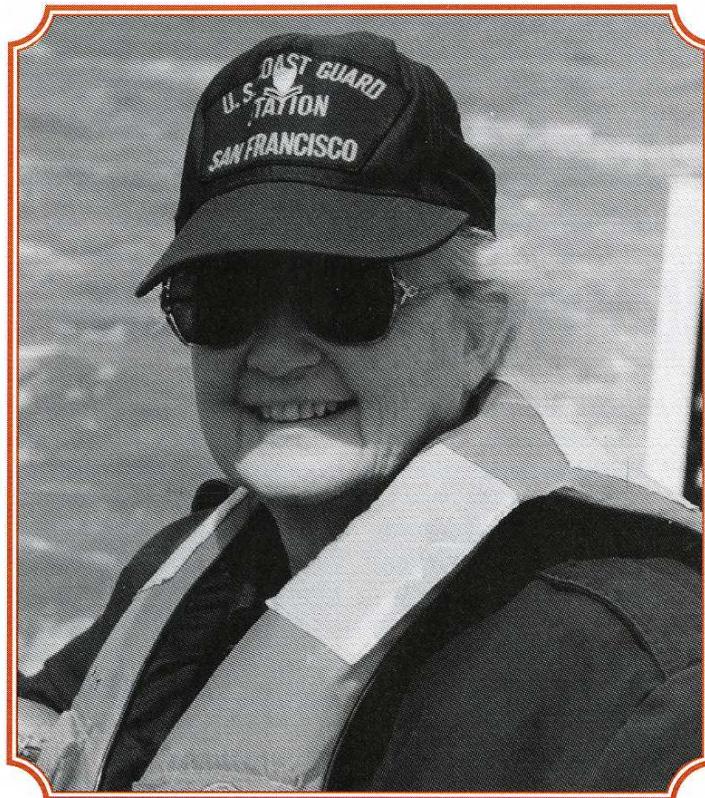


Photo by PAC Bob Borden, D11 dpa (nr)

to make money," quipped Hoepner, a profitable investor who went on to own her own successful real estate firm.

Blessed with a curious mind, Hoepner enrolled at the College of Alameda in 1975 and spent two years studying diesel mechanics. She rebuilt the boat engine for a 41-foot twin-diesel trawler named *Chiquita III* which she owns with two other women.

"I enjoy working on engines," says Hoepner, who picked up the nick-

name, 'Grandma Boats,' years ago. "It's fun. And it's been useful in my Coast Guard career."

When Hoepner attended her final drill weekend at YBI June 18, she ended a career that's hardly been dull. She's helped free wayward whales temporarily lost in San Francisco Bay. She's assisted cargo ships on fire and plucked boaters from the bay. Hoepner spent seven months on active duty with the Coast Guard in 1990 and 1991 in the

San Francisco Bay Area when some regulars were deployed to the Persian Gulf for Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. She's served as boat engine man, coxswain, OOD, editor of a station newspaper, instructor for an aids-to-navigation class, and executive petty officer for her unit.

"Bobby's one of the most professional, competent boat handlers you'll find anywhere in the Coast Guard," says ENS Rick Evans, a former boatswain's mate who served with Hoepner on

more than 50 sorties in San Francisco Bay before he became a reserve officer. "She always puts other people first. We're a cohesive station today because of Bobby's efforts."

Hoepner could be a stern taskmaster. She didn't allow swearing or cursing on her boat, nor did she tolerate smoking inside her boat's cabin.

"You'd think some of the younger kids would rebel against me but they didn't," she laughed. "In fact, more often than not, they'd confide in me and ask me for advice."

Despite being older than those with whom she served, Hoepner remained in excellent health, sidelined only once with an ear infection. When she turned 60 almost two years ago, she again had to request a special waiver from the Coast Guard to allow her to complete 20 years of service. With her Coast Guard career over, Hoepner, as always, is looking for new challenges. She intends to build a home in the Santa Cruz mountains and perhaps do some more traveling. She'll continue with

her other hobbies, which include golf, creating video films, and working on her computer.

"It's been a great experience, one that few people get to do in a lifetime," mused Hoepner on her final days with the Coast Guard. "I've enjoyed some exciting times and had the pleasure of working with some wonderful people. But it's time for some of the younger folks to move up, so I'm just going to get out of their way."

BM2 Frank Goodwin

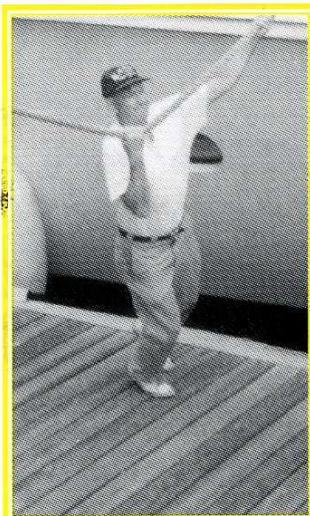
Retiree a "good cookie"

A retired Coast Guard Reservist and full-time dockmaster at Boston Yacht Haven, **Frank Goodwin, 60**, somehow finds the time to bake, package and deliver 100 to 300 dozen macaroons to some of Boston's most distinguished dining rooms every other week or so. Since 1949, Goodwin has used much of his own money in addition to the profits from his "macaroonary," as he calls it, to help fund the educations of nine elementary and high-school children from needy homes. The students are brought to his attention by members of the clergy or

by friends.

"I don't know how some of these kids live," said Goodwin. "They are in toxic environments, toxic to their development as human beings."

Jack McCune, head of the upper division at the prestigious St. Albans School in Washington, D.C., recalls one struggling student sent to him by Goodwin in 1988. On paper, the youngster was a risk. But, says McCune, Goodwin's "gentle persistence" eventually persuaded the admissions office to take a chance on the boy, whom Goodwin



Frank Goodwin at Boston Yacht Haven.

A "Mega" Retirement...



Photo by Ann Phillips

It's all smiles at SKC John J. Mega's retirement ceremony Aug. 18 at RTC Yorktown. From left, MCPO Bill Phillips, MCPO Bob Kidder, Mega and MCPO Frank Plunkett. Chief Mega served in the CG Reserve since 1964.

called "a priceless gift." In this challenging new academic environment, the boy's grades went from D's and F's to A's and B's. After four years at St. Albans, he is majoring in political science at Tulane University.

Goodwin considers what he does for children his moral duty. A devout Episcopalian, he often expresses himself in ecclesiastical terms: "A few years in a prep school

won't solve all their problems, but like the buttresses on a cathedral, it will give them the strength to deal with them."

Editor's note: BM2 Frank Goodwin retired in April 1995, with 22 cumulative years in service. He served from 1957-63 in the Army, and from 1978 to 1995 with the Coast Guard Reserve. This article reprinted with permission from the February 1995 Reader's Digest, and Author Tom Verde.

CWO4 Henry G. Martin

Keep on coastin' along...

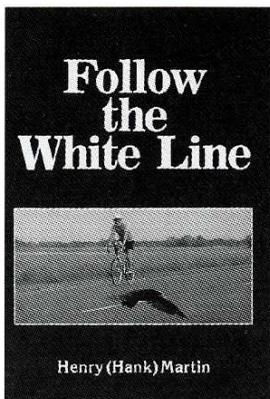
Retiring from the Coast Guard Reserve in 1970 and from civilian employment in 1979 meant whole new horizons for **CWO4 Henry Martin**. He relocated from the midwest (9th District) to Homestead, Fla., where, in addition to serving as a Red Cross Volunteer at Homestead Air Force Base, he became active in bicycle promotion and touring.

After participating in numerous bicycle tours covering most of Florida, Martin made plans in 1986 to attend the 50th reunion of his 1936 high school graduating class. Working out a route from Homestead to Battle Creek, Mich., Martin left Homestead early one August morning on his bicycle loaded with tent, sleeping bag and gear necessary for 19 days of bicycling.

An account of this solo journey is included in a book

written and published in 1990 entitled *Follow The White Line* [Maverick Publications]. The book also includes an account of a solo bicycle trek across England in 1989 in search of his roots; and other interesting bicycle sojourns, recounting people

met along the way, and tips on ways to enjoy bicycling during leisure time or after retirement. Martin is still coasting along with rides of 40 to 50 miles twice a week. He's currently planning his next big trek.



Henry (Hank) Martin

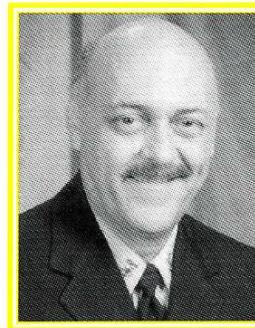
Editor's note: CWO4 Martin served in WWII aboard the USS Samuel Chase. He is always interested in hearing from fellow Coasties. His address:

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PSCM R.M. Gruchalla

Reflections on 30 years

Having served in the Coast Guard Reserve for 30 years and just retiring in December 1994, **MCPO R.M. Gruchalla** shares some highlights.



PSCM Gruchalla

• **1964** — After enlisting Dec. 22, he drilled in Portland, Ore. at the Navy and Marine Corps Training Center in a vintage WW II building. Training consisted of watching *Victory at Sea* films and performing short order drills.

• **1967** — While on ADT at Camp Rilea near Astoria, Ore., riots broke out across the U.S. Although no riots occurred in Portland, his unit was the only one in the nation mobilized on account of the threat.

• **1971** — His first opportunity to provide meaningful support to an active command materialized as the need for a greater CG presence at oil facilities

increased.
• **1973** — He began augmenting active duty commands as the Reserve began a form of augmentation. Basically, he was allowed to watch the active duty personnel perform their jobs, but occasionally helped.

• **1974-1980** — He performed actual augmentation in the Harbor and Waterfront Safety (H&WS) Branch, boarding vessels to check documents and hazardous materials.

• **1991** — While performing his annual ADT in the MSO Portland investigations shop, he became a qualified casualty investigator and joined that office for the duration of his career. He says this was his best tour.

Gruchalla says he is proud to have served his country for 30 years, and wishes success and satisfying careers to all reservists.

QMCM Roland Jarrell and CWO4 Dalton Wood Challenge Ripken?

Lookout Cal, Coasties in for long haul, too!

Q MCM Roland Jarrell,

USCGR, came into the Army/Army Reserve in September 1953 and served in the Army Reserve until 1958. In 1962, he joined the CG Reserve and is still drilling in a non-pay status, but will be retiring Dec. 4, 1995.

Reflecting upon his years in the Coast Guard, Jarrell says it's best to "set goals, achieve them, then set higher goals to



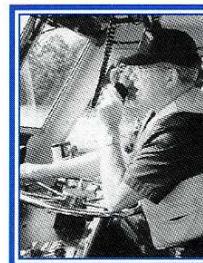
QMCM Jarrell

be Semper Paratus. We all can do better... I did OK, but there were some things I wanted to achieve that I didn't."

CWO3 Dalton Wood, USCGR, (who, along with his family, was featured

in the September 1995 *Reservist*) joined the Coast Guard June 27, 1953. Wood says that for several years during the 1950's, the Coast Guard

budget allowed then SN Wood to get paid for three out of every four drills, and each four-hour drill in those days landed a whopping \$1.39. On Sept. 9, 1995, after over 42 years of service, he retired from the Coast Guard Reserve. A retirement ceremony was held for the Station St. Inigoes Reservist Sept. 17 at Patuxent Naval



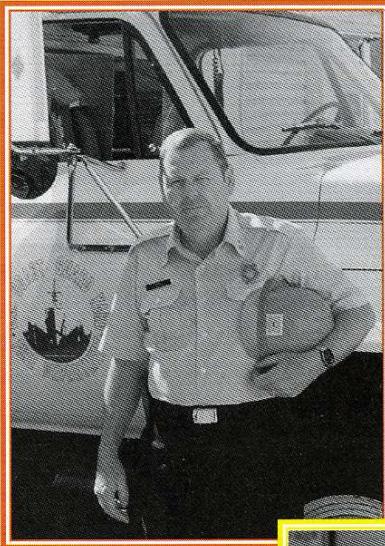
CWO3 Wood

Ed's note: Since the late 1980's, it has been CG policy that enlisted and CWO members of the Reserve may not remain in a pay billet once they have completed 30 years of service (officers are limited to 30 years of commissioned service). Reservists may continue serving longer, but they do so in a non-pay status.

Air Station, Md. Said Wood, "I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to belong to such a fantastic outfit as the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve."

The Many Faces of Retirement

Photo by SN Travis Parks, CG Yard

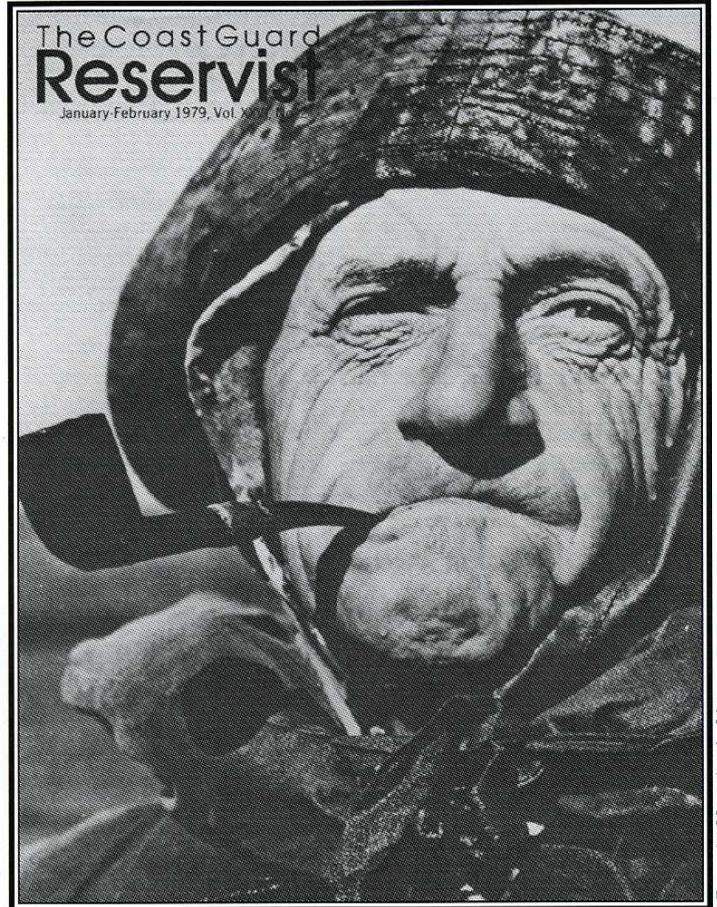


PS1 Roy Lippy proudly stands in front of the CG Yard's pumper at his retirement from the CG last Nov. 1. Lippy devoted his 22 year reserve time to the CG Yard's Fire Department at Curtis Bay, Md. The Pre-Fire Plan he helped develop with PS1 Bill Meyers in the mid-70's is still in use.

CAPT A. C. "Sandy" Brodie and wife, Lynn, stand before the awards and farewell gifts he received during his June 30 retirement ceremony in Hawaii. Brodie, who enlisted in the Reserve in 1963, was Commander, Reserve Group 14th District, prior to retirement.



Photo courtesy CWO Phill Mendel, USCGR



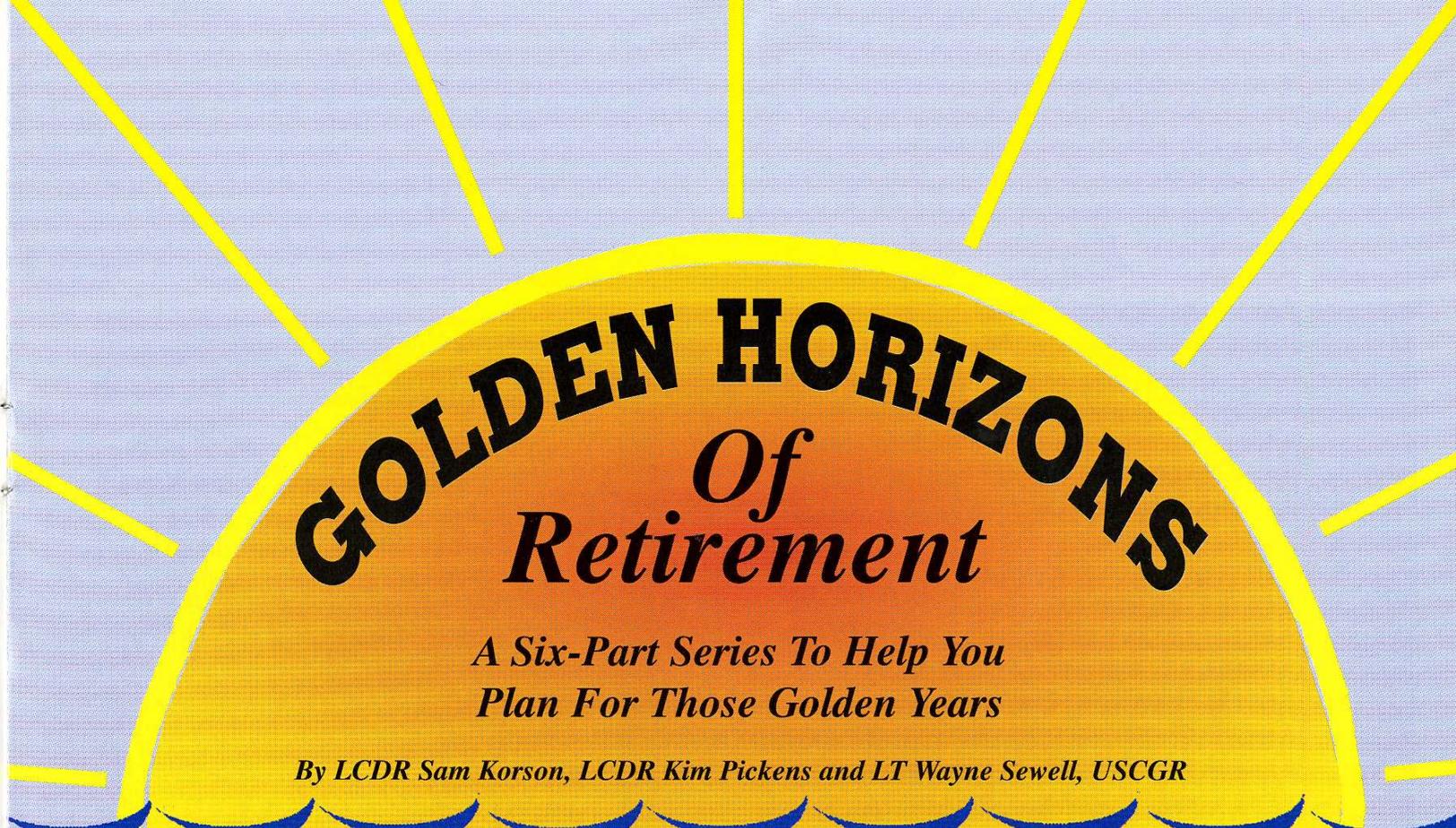
This salty chief boatswain's mate was photographed in 1948 for the 158th Anniversary of the Coast Guard. It was used on the cover of the January/February 1979 Reservist. Can any of our readers identify him?

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Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, Chairman, Joints Chiefs of Staff, right, presented the CG Commendation Medal to CDR Robert B. Wilson, center, at Wilson's retirement ceremony at Washington State University's Alumni Center May 12. Pictured left to right are WSU President Samuel H. Smith, Dixie Brock, Anna Wilcox, CDR Wilson, his daughter Jillian Wilson, and Shalikashvili. Wilson's daughter Kathryn was unable to attend. Currently Director of Public Safety at WSU, Wilson retired from the CGR in November 1994 with 27 years combined CG/Army service. Shalikashvili was at WSU for the graduation of his son, Brant, and was commencement speaker.



GOLDEN HORIZONS *Of Retirement*

*A Six-Part Series To Help You
Plan For Those Golden Years*

By LCDR Sam Korson, LCDR Kim Pickens and LT Wayne Sewell, USCGR

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* Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan was in the middle of major revisions as *The Reservist* went to press. An article on it will be published in the near future to conclude this series.

You've done it! Twenty or so years of drills, classes, weekends away from home, augmentation training, correspondence courses, Cape May, Petaluma, Yorktown, some hard work, lifelong friends and lasting memories — these are just a few of the things you'll be taking with you as you retire.

Of course, if you've worked it right, you'll also be taking with you the promise of a pretty nice retirement income when you reach age 60, along with other retirement benefits. There are three main categories of retirement. The common names for these are RET-3, RET-2 and RET-1.

RET-3 Retired Without Pay

RET-3 is a catch-all category for "honorary" retirees. These are reservists who have, for one reason or another, accumulated less than the required years of satisfactory federal service (defined momentarily) and thus are not qualified to receive retired pay.

RET-3 status carries no benefits with it except the honorary designation, "USCGR, Retired." RET-3s are not eligible to participate in the Survivor Benefit Plan, enjoy commissary and exchange privileges or other benefits. Therefore, it is in your best interest to keep careful track of your retirement points, and make 20 satisfactory years of service.

If you have any questions, be sure to contact your PERSRU. If you still are not satisfied, use your chain of command to get the answers you need.

RET-2 Retired Without Pay Awaiting Age 60

Title II of Public Law 810, 80th Congress (10 USC 12731a-12738) provides that an inactive duty reservist who has earned at least 20 years of satisfactory federal service (15 years for members who qualify for Reserve Transition Benefits) and has reached age 60 is entitled to retired pay based on the number of retirement points earned. A satisfactory year of federal service is one in which 50 or more retirement points are earned within the member's anniversary year. Points are applicable only to the anniversary year in which they are earned.

Within a year after you have completed 20 years of satisfactory service, Commandant (G-RSM-3) will send you a letter asserting that fact. This is not just a nice gesture by Commandant. It is required by Public Law and is the key document to show that you are eligible for both retirement and retired pay starting at age 60. **You should safeguard this letter along with your other important documents.** You do not have to request eligibility letters, they are automatically issued upon qualification.

Important Note: *Enlisted members with over 20 years of satisfactory service MUST continue to reenlist or request retirement awaiting pay at age 60 (RET-2).*

DO NOT elect to be discharged because according to Federal law, you will be considered a "former member" and your benefits will be strictly limited to pay and medical care. If you know anyone who was discharged after receiving a 20-year letter, please have them contact Commandant (G-RSM-3) immediately.

Included in the envelope with your letter is a booklet on the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), explaining what the various options mean, plus a blank form, NAVMC 11221 (Survivor Benefit Plan Election Certificate). This form must be filled out and returned to Commandant for inclusion in your service record.

If you choose either Option B (coverage at age 60) or Option C (immediate coverage), you do not need to submit another form when you are ready to retire with pay. If you choose to defer making an election until age 60 (Option A), another form will be included in a package sent to you approximately six months prior to your 60th birthday.

Once you have received your "20-year letter," you may retire or continue to drill. Generally, you may continue to drill and accumulate retirement points up to age 60. For officers, retirement is mandatory upon completion of 30 years commissioned service or age 60, whichever comes first.

Let's say that you've decided to call it quits at 20 years, however. All you need to do then is submit a letter to Commandant (G-RSM-3) via the chain of command indicating your desire to "retire awaiting age 60." Within a few

To paraphrase a famous quote, "Old Coasties never retire, they just sail away"



months, a final point computation will be done and orders will be issued placing you in a RET-2 status.

You may remain in this category for 20 days or 20 years, depending on your circumstances. While in RET-2, you are in a kind of "limbo." You are "retired," but you're not! You are issued a new red I.D. card annotated with "Ret" in the grade block.

In addition, you do enjoy limited Military Airlift Command (MAC) Space Available flights within the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. You may also maintain your Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) up until you start receiving retired pay at age 60. To do so, you must apply directly to the Office of SGLI in New Jersey, within 120 days of being placed in a RET-2 status (an application form is included in your RET-2 package). Premiums are set up on a scale based upon your age and the amount of coverage you want. Currently, the maximum is \$144 a month for \$200,000 (.72 per \$1,000) coverage for age 55 and over.

You are also entitled to use commissaries for 12 days each calendar year. In addition, you are entitled to use the exchange and other revenue generating facilities operated by nonappropriated fund activities for morale, welfare and recreation.

RET-1 Retired With Pay

Around six months before your 60th birthday, Commandant (G-RSM-3) will send you a letter notifying you of your impending change in status. Included will be one or two forms which must be completed and returned. The first is your "Survivor Benefit Plan Election Certificate," if one is not already on file. The second is your "Application for Retired Pay Benefits" (DD-108). **These two forms MUST be on file at Headquarters in order for your retirement processing to start.**

Once both forms have been returned, G-RSM-3 will prepare the necessary paperwork for your "final" retirement. Shortly before your 60th birthday, you'll receive yet another package from Headquarters. Included in this package will be:

- A letter signed by the Chief, Records & Retirement Branch placing you in a retired-with-pay status and

RET-1 Entitlements

As a RET-1, you are entitled to a Retired I.D. card, with all the benefits of a regular military retiree. You and your spouse, along with any eligible dependent children, are entitled to:

- Unlimited access to commissaries and exchanges.
- Use of Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR) facilities.
- Medical care through CHAMPUS, the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (until you fall under Medicare) and at military medical facilities, on an space-available basis.
- Space Available travel **anywhere**. Your spouse and any dependent children under 21 may travel to and from OUTCONUS locations only and must be accompanied by you, the sponsor.
- The Survivor Benefit Plan or SBP, one of the best protection plans available for your spouse and other eligible survivors in the event of your death (watch for an article on SBP in the near future).

As you can see, your entitlements go beyond having a nice pension. Keep these great benefits in mind when considering whether or not to make the Coast Guard Reserve a career. For a "part-time" career, your hard work will really pay off in the end.

thanking you one more time for your faithful service.

- A Certificate of Retirement signed by the Commandant.
- Instructions and an Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card / DEERS Enrollment (DD Form 1172).
- A final computation of retirement point credits.
- An instruction called "Preparing for Your Coast Guard Retirement," accompanied by several pay-related forms to be filled out. These forms must be returned to the Pay and Personnel Center in Topeka before you can receive your first paycheck.

You should receive your first paycheck within 30 days following your 60th birthday, assuming all the paperwork is submitted and processed in a timely fashion. Although this is your primary benefit in RET-1, it is certainly not the only one. (See RET-1 box above).

You may not be concerned about retirement points right now. Retirement may be the last thing on your mind at this point in your life. But if you are a "career" reservist or are considering it, take some time today (how about right now?) to look over your annual points statements to make sure you have been credited with all the retirement points you're due.

As you look over your annual points statements, check to see that your pay base date (PBD), birthdate and anniversary date are all correct. Your pay base date may or may not be the same as your anniversary date. Before we continue, here are a couple of definitions:

■ **Pay Base Date (PBD):** A date that provides a base point from which service for pay purposes may be readily computed. For persons with unbroken service, no matter how many active duty or Reserve components in which a particular member has served, the pay base date remains that date on which the member first enlisted in the armed forces. For persons with one or more periods of broken service (where enlistment has expired for more than 24 hours), the pay base date is constructed or "made up" by adding together all the days the member served in any of the armed forces, active duty and Reserve. Then, a date is calculated that would account for all of those days if the member had served them in unbroken rather than broken service.

■ **Anniversary Year (A/Y):** A period extending from the date the person entered into active service or into active status in a Reserve component (anniversary date) to the day preceding the date of entry or re-entry for the purpose of determining satisfactory federal service for retirement. The start date for each successive anniversary year will not be adjusted unless the member has a break in service. When a member with a break in service returns to an active Reserve status or to active service, the anniversary date is revised to the date of return. Your anniversary year is an important consideration where points are concerned. In order to achieve what's called a "satisfactory year for retirement purposes," you must accumulate a total of 50 points within that anniversary year. Normally, that's not a problem for reservists who are drilling regularly.

Example Number One

But let's just say, as an example, you miss two months' worth of drills at the beginning of your anniversary

year due to travel with your civilian job. Then say you miss another month due to illness and one other Saturday near the end of your anniversary year due to another job conflict. Let's also pretend that you schedule your annual training for a period which actually starts after your anniversary year ends (normally not a problem; as a reservist, you generally have a "window" of 120 days on either side of your anniversary date in which annual training can be credited to either anniversary year). Let's see how your anniversary year comes out in black and white:

IDT Drills	34 points
Correspondence Courses	00 points
Membership Points	15 points
<u>Active Duty</u>	<u>00 points</u>
Total	49 points for the given anniversary year

That total of 49 points is not enough for a satisfactory year of federal service for retirement purposes. While the points themselves count toward retirement, the anniversary year does not. Barring any other "unsatisfactory" years, you would have to serve 21 years of service in order to achieve 20 years of satisfactory federal service for retirement in this case.

Example Number Two

Let's take a more typical (and much happier) example to see how the retirement point system usually works. BM3 Rightaway, a diligent reservist, attended 48 drills, performed 13 days of annual training and completed a six-point correspondence course. excluding for a moment her ADT points, we come up with the following:

IDT Drills	48 points
Correspondence Courses	06 points
<u>Membership</u>	<u>15 points</u>
Subtotal	69 points

Now for the confusion factor. The maximum number of points that can be credited for retirement by law in any given anniversary year, **exclusive of active duty**, is 60. When this subtotal is adjusted by adding the 13 points BM3 Rightaway earned for annual training, we come up with this:

Points To Be Credited By Law	60 points
<u>Active Duty</u>	<u>13 points</u>
Total	73 points

About three months after the end of your anniversary year (A/Y), a *Coast Guard Reserve Annual or Terminal Statement of Retirement Points* (CG-4175A) is generated from the computer which reflects your past anniversary year's performance. This three month time delay is built into the computer in order to allow for the normal processing of points accumulated during your anniversary year.

Example Number Three

Let's take another example to see how your anniversary date can affect your annual point statement.

MK2 Barque is a hard-working reservist and attends 48 drills during his A/Y. He begins his annual training for A/Y 1991 on 26 June 1991 for 12 days. His A/Y ends on 30 June. Here is what his annual retirement points will look like for 1991:

IDT Drills	48 points
Correspondence Points	00 points
<u>Membership Points</u>	<u>15 points</u>
Subtotal	63 points
Points To Be Credited By Law	60 points
<u>Active Duty</u>	<u>05 points</u>
Total	65 points

As you can see, five of MK2 Barque's 12 days' annual training will count for A/Y 1991; the other seven will be credited to A/Y 1992.

During his next anniversary year, MK2 Barque again attends all his drills, but completes his annual training before the end of his A/Y. Here's what his annual point statement will look like for 1992:

IDT drills	48 points
Correspondence Courses	00 points
<u>Membership</u>	<u>15 points</u>
Subtotal	63 points
Points To Be Credited By Law	60 points
<u>Active Duty</u>	<u>19 points</u>
Total	79 points

For retirement purposes, MK2 Barque has earned a "satisfactory year" of federal service in both 1991 and 1992, but the points earned for retirement are credited only in the anniversary year in which they are actually performed. In the case of correspondence course points, credit would be given based on the date given on the course completion letter.

A "Satisfactory Year":

Retirement Versus Training Purposes

Keep in mind, however, that a "satisfactory year" for retirement purposes is **not** the same as a "satisfactory year" for training purposes. It's easy to get the two confused. For purposes of satisfactory participation standards (training), annual training which ends no earlier than 120 days prior to the beginning of the next A/Y may

be credited to either anniversary year (but not both) in order to meet annual participation standards for a given year.

Conversely, annual training which begins not later than 120 days subsequent to the end of the previous anniversary year may be credited to either anniversary year (but not both) to meet annual participation standards for a given anniversary year. In other words, you have a "window" of 120 days on either side of your anniversary date (240 days altogether) in which any annual training you perform can count for participation in either anniversary year.

The 12 days of annual training MK2 Barque performed in June and July of 1991 will satisfy his annual training requirement for his A/Y ending 30 June 1991. The remaining active duty he performed during his next anniversary year will satisfy his annual training requirements for A/Y 1992.

Statement of Creditable Service

Let's say you spent several years in the Navy and the Navy Reserve before transferring to the Coast Guard Reserve, and now you're wondering if you received all the retirement points due you for your prior service.

Somewhere in your service record you should have what's called a *Statement of Creditable Service*, which was generated sometime after you joined the Coast Guard Reserve from whatever component in which you previously served. This statement shows all prior active and inactive duty, with what component it was done, and a total amount in years, months and days of satisfactory federal service.

You may also have a *Computation of Retirement Point Credits*, a real nifty little document which spells out line by line each and every retirement point earned for each anniversary year in every active duty and Reserve component in which you have served.

If you are prior service and don't have a *Statement of Creditable Service* somewhere in your record, you may request one by letter via the chain of command to Commandant (G-RSM-3). Check your statement to ensure all periods of active and inactive duty are included.

It's up to you!

The bottom line is this: **You** are the one with the greatest interest in seeing that you get all the retirement points that are properly due you. Check your annual point statements carefully and report any errors, backed up by documentation, to Commandant (G-RSM) via the chain of command. However, hold those requests until you receive the new form. (See article on Page 16, Part V).

Be sure to consider your anniversary date when you schedule your annual training. Make sure your scheduled annual training will satisfy your annual training requirements and will not jeopardize your chances of receiving a satisfactory year of federal service for retirement purposes.

Ask questions of your (at) staff if things just don't look quite right to you. Remember, they aren't the ones who have the most interest in your retirement. The one who has the **most** interest is **you!** You worked hard for your retirement points. You've earned them. Enjoy them!

And now for the \$25,000 question (OK, so maybe not that much): How much will your long-awaited retirement check be for? While there is a complicated formula for calculating retired pay, the chart below is a short-cut method for arriving at very close to the same result. The point values in the chart at right were calculated based on the formula: Basic (active duty) pay (using a 1995 pay chart) times .025; take that result and divide by 360.

To use the chart, multiply the total number of retirement points you have earned by the appropriate multiplier from the chart. If you haven't retired yet (a likely possibility), you can make an estimate based upon your past points performance, how many more years you intend to stay in, and at what grade you intend to retire.

For example, YNC Crackerjack earned 3,784 points in 20 years of active and Reserve service. Using our chart, his estimated monthly retired pay would be:

3,784 Points
x \$.1534 Multiplier
\$580.46 Retired Pay

Let's take another example. MK2 Greasemonkey has earned 430 points in her six year Coast Guard Reserve career. She plans to stay in for at least 20 years and make CW04 before retiring. If she continues at her present rate of earning 72 points per anniversary year, she would earn:

1440 Points
x \$.2344 Multiplier
\$337.54 Retired Pay

Note that your estimated retirement pay may be quite different from the amount you receive these days as a drilling reservist. It may, in fact, be much higher than what you're getting now. For example, a Reserve chief with 20 years of service grosses around \$294.44 for four drills each month (basic monthly active duty pay divided by 30, then multiplied by four). If that chief then retires and starts receiving retired pay at age 60, the amount of retirement (in 1995 dollars) would greatly depend on the number of retirement points accumulated.

At 2,000 points, gross pay would be \$306.80.
At 3,000 points, gross pay would be \$460.20.
At 4,000 points, gross pay would be \$613.60.

You can use this chart to determine what the difference in your retired pay might be at various grades, number of years and point levels. The estimates you come up with might even spur you on to think about one more advancement or maybe some SADT to pile up more retirement points. Remember, we're talking 1995 dollars here. Your actual retired pay will probably be different.

Approximate Point Values For Retirement Points*



To use, multiply actual or estimated number of retirement points at time of retirement by the appropriate multiplier. Result will be approximate gross retired pay at age 60 (1995 dollars).

Pay Grade **Over 20 Years** **Over 26 Years**

Commissioned Officers

RADM(O8)	.4710	.4710
CAPT(O6)	.3607	.4139
CDR(O5)	.3263	.3377
LCDR(O4)	.2823	.2823
LT(O3)	.2441	.2441
LTJG(O2)	.1812	.1812
ENS(O1)	.1429	.1429

Commissioned Officers with over four years active duty as Enlisted Member / Warrant Officer

LT(O3)	.2478	.2478
LTJG(O2)	.2098	.2098
ENS(O1)	.1775	.1775

Warrant Officers

CWO4(W4)	.2344	.2611
CWO3(W3)	.2062	.2212
CWO2(W2)	.1850	.1926
WO1(W1)	.1717	.1717

Enlisted Members

MCPO(E9)	.1983	.2290
SCPO(E8)	.1738	.2045
CPO(E7)	.1534	.1718
PO1(E6)	.1343	.1343
PO2(E5)	.1140	.1140
PO3(E4)	.0918	.0918
SN(E3)	.0665	.0665

* Keep in mind this is an approximation. Your actual retirement pay may vary plus or minus a few dollars.

The "Last Six-Years Rule"

Editor's note: This article is reprinted from the January 1995 issue not only because of its importance but because of our retirement theme this month.

Well, your 20th year of service has finally arrived. Now it's time to pass the baton to a new recruit and request retired without pay while awaiting age 60 (RET-2). Whoa, not so fast!

Sure, you have 20 satisfactory years documented but have you satisfied the "Last Six-Years" rule? For that matter, what is the "Last Six-Years" rule? Please allow me to explain.

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995 was signed effective Oct. 6, 1994. Section 636 of the Act changed retirement qualifications for reservists by substituting "the last six years" for "the last eight years" of Reserve service.

Title II of Public Law 810, 80th Congress (10 USC §1331-37) provides that a reservist who has earned at least 20 years of satisfactory federal service and has reached the age of 60 is entitled to retired pay. ***An additional qualifying factor is that the last six years of qualifying service must have been performed as a member of a Reserve component.***

Let's say that BMC Taylor has reached 20 years of satisfactory service and decides to retire. Her first 14 years of service were performed in the active duty Coast Guard and her last six years were performed as a

reservist with RU Mayberry. If all six of BMC Taylor's reserve years were "satisfactory" (she earned 50 or more points), then she qualifies for RET-2 status.

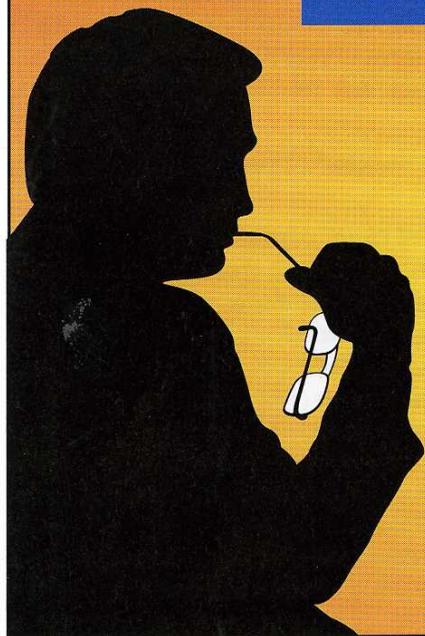
In another example, SK1 Fife had earned 20 satisfactory years of federal service and he decided to request RET-2 status. SK1 Fife spent his first eight years as a member of RU Mount Pilot. An opportunity arose and he enlisted on active duty for eight years with Station Outer Banks and MSO Raleigh. He left active duty at the end of the enlistment, returning to RU Mount Pilot where he performed satisfactory service for four more years. Unfortunately, SK1 Fife does not yet qualify for RET-2 status. When he hit the 20-year mark, he had served only four of his last six years in the Reserve. Therefore, he must remain in the Reserve for two more years in order to satisfy the six-year rule. (See SK1 Fife's retirement profile below).

Those last six years do not have to be consecutive nor in a pay status. Had SK1 Fife returned to active duty from year 20 through year 22, he would still need two more years in a Reserve component to satisfy "the last six-year" rule.

Your career is most important to the Coast Guard, but you have the greatest interest to protect. You are encouraged to maintain a personal record and include a chronological history of service performed. Keep copies of everything — including your orders. Ask questions if things don't look quite right. Your retirement is a hard earned benefit, so protect it and enjoy it!



Retirement Profile for SK1 Fife



RU Mount Pilot	8 years (reserve)
Station Outer Banks	4 years (active)
MSO Raleigh	<u>4 years (active)</u>
Subtotal	16 years

RU Mount Pilot	+ <u>4 years (reserve)</u>
Subtotal	20 years

(Note: Last 4 years in Reserve component at this point)

RU Mount Pilot	+ <u>2 years (reserve)</u> *
Total Service	<u>22 years</u>

*Necessary to satisfy "Last Six-Years" rule.

GOLDEN HORIZONS of Retirement Part V

Reserve Retirement Point Accounting System

An inordinate number of retirement point errors on their individual CG-4175 USCG Reserve Retirement Points Statements, have been reported by Reserve members over the past three years. These errors have been corrected individually up to the present time, at a great cost in manpower, time, and credibility. Many errors were due to software incompatibilities or data input mistakes.

To eliminate the root problem and streamline the retirement point accounting/reporting system, it was decided to automate the retirement point accounting process and transfer it to the Pay and Personnel Center (PPC). The first step taken toward improving the system was to suspend production of the CG-4175. The December 1994 batch (all members whose anniversary date is in December) was the first not to be distributed.

The retirement point database was then examined for incomplete histories. A "tiger team" was assembled and is currently entering retirement point data for those

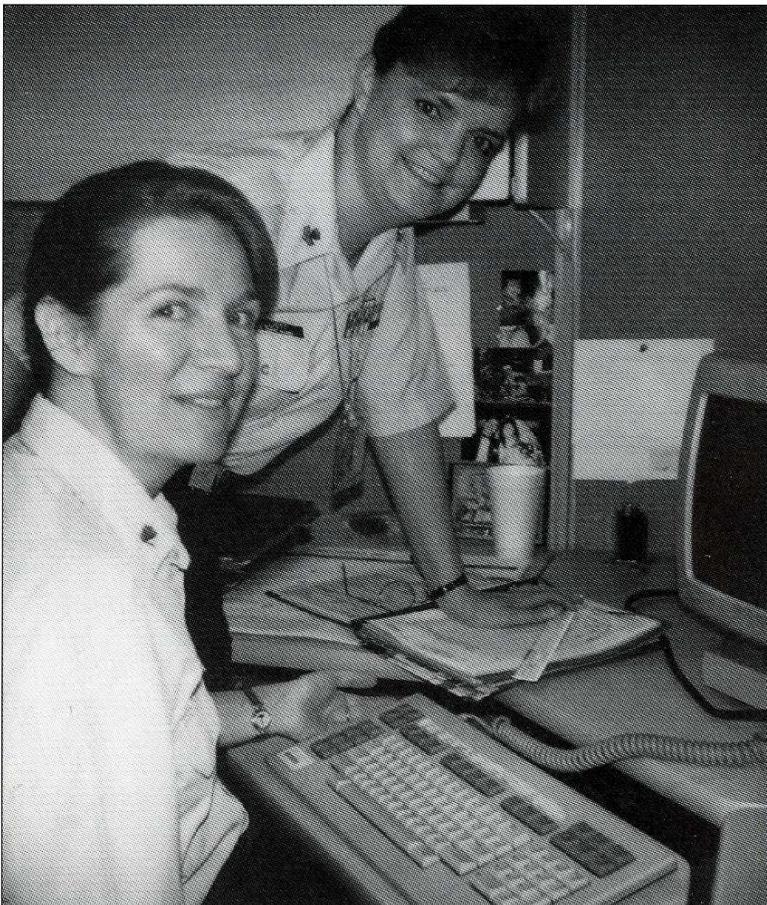
reservists identified as having incomplete histories. Our estimated date for completion of this massive undertaking is Dec. 30, 1995.

While the database is being populated a new hybrid retirement point statement is under development by members of (PPC) and the Reserve Records/Retirement Branch at Headquarters. The new form will contain information currently found on the CGHQ-4973A, *Computation of Retirement Point Credits*, and the CG-4175, *Annual Retirement Point Statement*. It will list the entire chronological retirement point history of a member, including correspondence courses.

In the past, Annual Retirement Point Statements were issued 90 days after a members anniversary month. The first monthly publication of the new form is tentatively scheduled for February 1996. It is planned to contain retirement point information for those members whose anniversary month is December, thus improving on the old schedule by 30 days. Members will be required to verify the information and return a copy to Commandant (G-RSM) for validation.

Those members who are about to request retirement without pay (RET-2), those who are approaching retirement eligibility or retirement with pay (RET-1), need not worry. Retirement point audits for members in any of these categories are still being produced and will be provided to the member for validation. It is most advantageous for the member, and the Coast Guard, to have a correct point total *on record prior to processing a member into (RET-1)*. However, corrections to point totals can be accomplished at any time before or after retirement with pay. Until the new form is received, members are requested to hold back any requests for retirement point corrections.

Reservists part of "Tiger Team" at CGHQ...



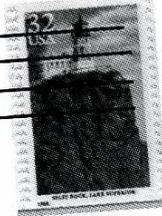
YN1 Patty Elliott of the Gulf Strike Team, Mobile, Ala., standing, goes over some retirement point data with YN3 Liz Fleischman of Triangle, Va. and D5. Both are CG Reservists brought on Special Active Duty (SADT) to help update the CGHQ Retirement Point Accounting System. They, along with several other active and Reserve personnel, make up the Retirement Point Data "Tiger Team."

Photo by PAI E. Kruska, G-RS-1

post card

October 1995

Dear Readers:
Coast Guard Retirees have always been the most prolific letter writers to *The Reservist*. Although many of them are published on a regular basis, this month our mail folder, er...mailbag, is bulging, so it's time to empty that mailbag! Whether written by a retiree, reservist or other interested party, all of the following letters contain some type of retirement-related theme. Editor's notes follow in italics.
— The Editor
P.S. Happy Columbus Day!



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More on retirement

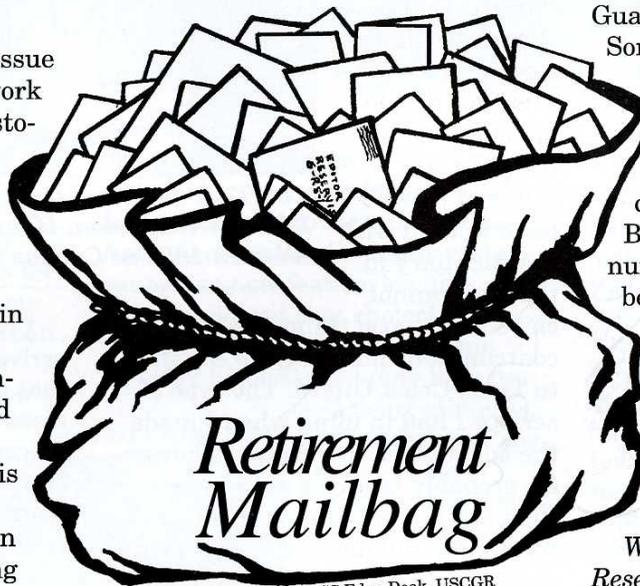
Just received my July 1995 issue of *The Reservist*. Again, it's a work of art. It's a good mix of news, stories and facts. Keep up the good work!

As a reserve retiree, I'd like to see just a little more on retirees and their activities. Needless to say, after 31 years in the reserve — 14 enlisted, two warrant officer and 15 as a commissioned officer, I'm interested in what others are doing.

Sometimes picking up news is difficult for an editor and I've watched the retirements column with interest. I retired (awaiting pay) Jan. 1, 1995, but haven't seen my name yet.

— LCDR Wendall L. Smits
Byron Center, Mich.

Hopefully, this issue should take care of the need to "see more on retirees and their activities." As mentioned in the past, retirements do take time to process and some take longer to make it into the magazine than others. If you have not seen your name in the magazine yet in the retirements column and wish to do so, send a copy of the retirement letter you received from CGHQ and we'll see that your name is published in a future issue.



Graphic by YNCS Edna Doak, USCGR

List total years of service

Sincere thanks for continuing to do a great job on *The Reservist* magazine. It's been interesting to watch the evolution from the two page, black and white double-sided *Reservist* of the early 60's to the present absolutely professional publication of the mid-90's.

One thing I would appreciate seeing in future editions of *The Reservist* is that when you list the recent retirees from the Coast Guard Reserve, you include the **total years of service** of each individual plus a total for each group listed. As you are well aware, most of us devote a major

portion of our lives to the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve.

Sometimes that service is entirely as an enlisted member, sometimes entirely officer service and for some, like myself, it is a combination of enlisted and officer service.

But no matter how served, the number of years of service for members of a "part-time" force has just got to be an incredible statistic that ought to be recognized by the Coast Guard as retiring members are acknowledged!!

— LCDR A.W. Curtis
Alameda, Calif.

We checked with the CGHQ Reserve Retired Affairs Section about listing the total years served. They're the folks we get the list from each month that appears in *The Reservist*. Though an interesting idea, *Retired Affairs* has neither the time nor staff to provide this information at the present time. Plus, there's also the dilemma of how to define total years service — active, reserve, IRR, broken or unbroken service.

Letter hit a heartstring

LCDR R. Schlenker's letter "Calling upon Retirees" in the February 1995 *Reservist* hit a heart string with me. I, like LCDR



Schlenker, feel I have many good years of active life left in me and would much rather be a contributor than an observer. The years of experience retired people have is very hard to comprehend.

In the small business shop I own and operate, I hire only retired people because of their vast experience and knowledge. Of the eight people that I hired, my business has a total of 365 years of experience. When I give one of my employees a job, it gets done with precision and quality and without continual review. Their efficiency is equal to that of a fine Swiss watch. My business won the Pennsylvania statewide award for doing the most for retired people — helping them reach their highest potential and helping them become contributors (not parasites) to the community.

This same philosophy could be applied to the Coast Guard. I am sure there are plenty of opportunities within the Coast Guard that are available where years of experience could be tapped. This would benefit the Coast Guard by saving money to fill billets that remain open because of budget shrinkage, etc. Keep in mind that the retirement age limit of 60 was decided when a person's life span was much shorter than it is today. Perhaps that needs to be extended or revised.

I have been an avid sailor since my pre-Coast Guard days and have helped hundreds of boys learn to love and respect the sea through Sea Scouting for over 25 years. I have always tried to prompt them to join the Coast Guard. I am now retiring to Long Beach Island, N.J., and would very much like to become involved in the Coast Guard at one of the boat stations there.

— Richard G. Conant
Ivyland, Pa.

Recalling retired reservists

The "Your Turn" section of *The Reservist* provides a great place for Coast Guard people to network, and the May 1995 issue was outstanding

(Integration Snapshots from Coast to Coast). In the February 1995 issue, you printed a letter from me about recall of retired reservists to accomplish tasks seemingly impossible to bring to closure because of a conservative budgetary environment. After that article, the editor suggested retirees interested in volunteering to return to non-pay active duty call their respective districts. I am aware that many retirees did and am wondering what happens next? Are their names simply to remain on lists at district offices?

Then, in the May issue of *The Reservist*, PSCS Yeckley points out that the Coast Guard Auxiliary is a great place for some retired members to continue service. Those of us who have worked with the Auxiliary in the past cannot say enough good things about the contributions made by the Auxiliary to Team Coast Guard. The type of service I had in mind when I made the suggestion in February, however, probably requires more time than can be contributed through the Auxiliary, and may well be in places requiring travel, etc. My recommendation should not be taken as one of just wanting to do a Coast Guard job.

CAPT Bruce, in his article, "Problems with/suggestions for retirees volunteering (May 1995) points out some unique problems he had when he attempted to volunteer his services and then makes some recommendations to the Coast Guard and to retired Coast Guard personnel. I support his recommendations and would expand upon number three to say the Coast Guard seek the authority to recall volunteer retirees to active duty without pay. As I recall, the only problem now is "without pay" —

legal authority already exists for the Coast Guard to recall retirees to active duty with pay.

— LCDR Richard M. Schlenker
USCGR

Old timers rarely recognized

While perusing through my Coast Guard correspondence folder, I came across a copy of a news release from my employer, the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD). It was sent to the editor of *The Reservist* at the time.

I remembered that *The Reservist* staff at that time never published anything concerning my reenlistment, which Col. Johnson and I thought was an unusual one and noteworthy, along with my career history with years of many contributions to the Coast Guard.

U.S. Army photo



Col. Tom Johnson, Cynthia and PSCM Philip Williamson, II, at his reenlistment in 1992 at Corpus Christi, Texas.

I read each *Reservist* when it arrives at my home. It appears to me that us old timers are rarely recognized in the issues — the young petty officers and the "brass" receive all the attention. The only time that we are mentioned or remembered is in the retirement or obituary columns!

— PSCM Philip T. Williamson, II
Corpus Christi, Texas

Master Chief Williamson will have a total of 38 years of military service when he retires in 1997. He believes he may have set a record for the number of assignments and units (17) he's served in due to his civilian employment. He first entered the military in January 1956 when he enlisted in the Virginia Army National Guard, joined the CGR in March 1967 and advanced to E-9 in April 1978. Concerning reenlistments, The Reservist rarely publishes them. Hopefully, this Retirement Issue will help all retirees feel like they're being paid attention to, finally!



Senior MCPO to troops: Get that cholesterol down

After my physical in March 1995, the doctor told me I was in great shape. My father, at 91, is in good physical condition, and my mother, who is 84, also enjoys good health. I was looking forward to a long healthy life.

I celebrated my 60th birthday May 14. But, on May 24, I woke up around 3:30 a.m. not feeling well. I had indigestion, pains in my upper left arm, trouble breathing and nausea. I went in to work and requested an EKG, suspecting something was wrong. The doctor administered the EKG and immediately called 911. I was given a quick ride in an ambulance to The George Washington University Hospital.

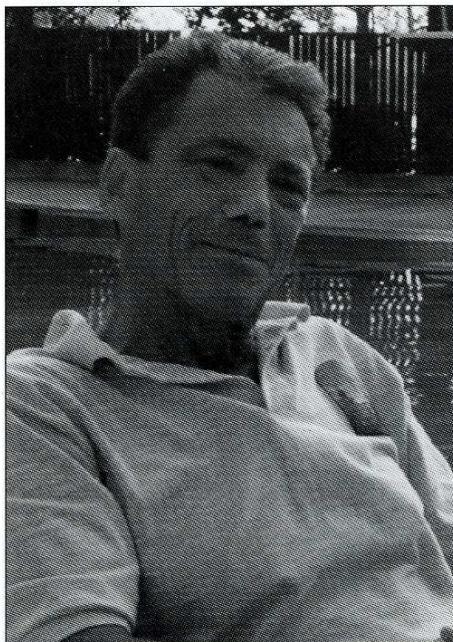
I had suffered a heart attack!

No one could believe it had happened to me — including me. I thought I was in good shape! Each day I did 60 push-ups, walked four miles and climbed steps whenever I could. My cholesterol was 200, but I had heart disease.

The point I am trying to convey is that you can never be sure of anything. I have since recovered; the fact that I was in good shape helped me survive the attack and the operation. I am presently participating in a supervised exercise program three times a week for 50 minutes a

session. Most importantly, I am on a diet of 20 grams or less of fat and 2000 milligrams or less of salt. My family has been very encouraging. My wife is on the same diet, making it much easier for me to stick with it.

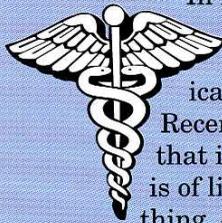
While recovering, I read many health-related books. There are many new cook books with low fat recipes. It is surprising how many no-fat,



MCPO Paul Antic has served continuously since February 1953.

Photo by PA1 E. Kruska, USCGR

Cutbacks in medical prescriptions?



In recent months, I have noted a growing cutback in the availability of medical prescriptions and supplies, many of which are significant, such as diabetic supplies vital to my wife.

Recently, I was told these supplies were not available and that it could not be determined when they might be, which is of little consolation. I have never complained about anything, except occasionally the chow, but where medical assistance is required, I **have** to at least **call** it to your attention for evaluation. Best wishes on land or sea, and keep *The Reservist* sailing.

— CDR John T. Delaney, USCGR(Ret.)
Quogue, N.Y.

Retirees should be aware of a mail service prescription program for eligible CHAMPUS beneficiaries. You can receive up to a 90-day supply of your necessary medication, which will be delivered to your home postage paid. As your supply gets low, simply call the 800 number listed below for a refill. You are responsible for your cost share (20 percent active, 25 percent reserve) after your deductible has been met. To find out more details about this program, call 1-800-782-4441, between 8:30-4:30 EST or write:

*Jefferson 2000
P.O. Box 386
Chester, VA 23831*

low-fat products are available. The one thing they advise is a lower cholesterol level — **people with a cholesterol count under 150 do not have heart attacks.** Many restaurants also now feature low fat entrees. So, get that cholesterol down, feel better and live longer.

Healthy lifestyles not only help prevent heart ailments, but can improve the quality of life of those who have coronary heart disease.

Editor's note: A native of Pittsburgh, MCPO Antic has served continuously with the Coast Guard Reserve since Feb. 26, 1953, the longest according to CGR records. He plans on retiring some time during 1996. That'll be 43 years service when he finally does retire to enjoy his sunny southern hide-away on St. Simons Island, Ga.

An uphill battle?

Recently I had a discussion with a friend and former reservist with whom I had served for about 15 years. He is now receiving his retired pay, having reached the age of 60 during 1994. However, during our discussion, he informed me that applying for, and getting, his retired pay was an "uphill" battle beginning with writing his letter requesting retired pay (about six months before he reached age 60, I think he said), until he actually received his first check.

Since I knew nothing about the "six-month letter of request," and since I also assumed that retirement checks started coming to a member "automatically" (another wrong assumption), I am writing to solicit the aid of you and your staff regarding this matter. I would like to make a request that you and your staff do an article, or perhaps a series of several articles (as it may take several to cover all issues), on applying for retirement pay. The articles could include a sample letter that needs to be written notifying Headquarters(?) of an upcoming 60th birthday and requesting retirement funds, along with "sample" examples of the necessary forms that will need to be com-



pleted by the reservist.

I know that I, along with many, many other reserve members would owe you a debt of gratitude for your services, and after reading the retirement article in the March 1995 Reservist (Reserve Transition Benefits), I can't help but believe that it would reduce some of those 879 phone call requests for information/assistance that you referred to in the article. Thanking you for your assistance and consideration in this matter.

— CWO4 Robert L. McCanless
USCGR(Ret.)
Statesville, N.C.

Hopefully, if you read the various articles in this issue, most of your questions will be answered and the "uphill battle" will be over!

Last Six-Years rule

As a member who was impacted by the "Last Eight-Years Rule" before I retired, I enjoyed the article on the change to the six-year requirement (January 1995, Page 18). However, I believe there was one deficiency in the article. The example given of the retirement profile for SK1 Fife probably left a false impression for those not intimately familiar with the rules. It was not clear that the eight years of "active" duty SK1 Fife performed, which did not count toward his "last six-years" in a Reserve component, was in the U.S. Coast Guard (an active duty component) and not in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve (either active or inactive).

I realize that the author equated "active duty" to regular Coast Guard duty. But, not all your readers will realize this. For many reservists, TEMAC and/or SADT are "active duty." Please set the record straight that the time clock on the "last six-years" rule does not get reset to zero if you go on active duty in the Reserve.

As a related item, I would like someone to provide me with a **logical** explanation for the "last six-years/last eight-years" rules. SK1 Fife had 12 years of reserve time when he achieved 20 good years; why would he be less worthy of a reserve retirement than someone who spent his first 14 years in the regulars and then spent six years in the Reserve? They both

have 20 good years, but the person who spent more time in the reserve isn't eligible for retirement.

— LCDR S. P. Purvine, USCGR (Ret.)
Lacey, Wash.

The "Last-Six Years" Rule article published in January 1995 is reprinted on Page 15. As for a "logical" explanation, the CGR's number one resource to attain reservists is from active duty components of all branches. For example, if a member spends 18 years active Navy and then laterals to the CGR, the CGR wants to ensure it receives something back from the member prior to retirement. This is especially true since the CGR is accountable to those members who retire with a "USCGR" behind their name.

SCPO Gambale response

I always look forward to receiving my copy of *The Reservist* magazine. I enjoyed the December 1994 issue about lighthouses. It brought back many memories. The article about the Coast Guard's role at Iwo Jima in the February 1995 issue also was excellent.

In that same issue, BMCS Antonio Gambale wrote to you about his 40 years in the CGR, as of May 26, 1995. He and I have something in common as I also will complete 40 years in the CG/CGR on May 26, 1995. It has been the major part of my life as I joined up in the program as a 17-year-old senior in high school in 1955. It has been a wonderful experience and I have met so many interesting people and been to many interesting places. Thank you and keep up the good job.

— YN1 Norman Pihl, USCGR
Arlington Heights, Ill.

Another Gambale response

With regard to BMCS Tony Gambale's letter in the February 1995 issue relative to the senior reservist with the most time, well, here goes....

Upon my retirement on Feb. 8, 1993 (which never appeared in *The Reservist*), I had 45 years accumulated service during six (6) decades — 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. The junior warrant gunner, regular and reserve, was 11 years behind me.

Most of the current small arms training and administration courses, as well as the 1st District small arms OPLAN, being utilized today in the Coast Guard were written and developed with much of my input, as well as the small arms training programs conducted at RTC Yorktown from 1962 through 1991.

The military left me with a very grateful and satisfying feeling of having done something with my life. Upon my retirement on Feb. 8, 1993, CDR Frank Buckley gave me my only acknowledgement, by adding to my retirement certificate, "Well Done Bucky."

— CWO4 George "Buck" R. Senn, Jr.
USCGR (Ret.)
Crystal River, Fla.

During his career, CWO4 Senn gave all five military services a tour of duty. It's a small club with membership restricted to those who have served in all five branches of the armed forces, regular and reserve, one for each point of the star.



YN1 Norman Pihl, a reservist since graduating from high school in 1955, is shown here along the Duluth, Minn. waterfront.

Photo courtesy YN1 Norman Pihl, USCGR



Gambale dittos...

I never did figure that I would be writing to *The Reservist* after receiving this fine publication since I have been in the Coast Guard Reserve. But, in response to SCPO Antonio Gambale's letter ["Truly Great Americans!" February 1995] to find out who the senior CG Reservist is. I, too, still enjoy both the labor and fellowship of the CGR.

My base pay date is July 1, 1953, when I enlisted in the Wisconsin Army National Guard. I have not had a break in service since that date. When I left the National Guard and transferred to the Coast Guard Reserve on Sept. 9, 1963, my goal was to complete my 20 years for retirement.

On July 1, 1986, I had to go the Category "H" route but still stayed active with RU Milwaukee. In the summer of 1990, I transferred to the RU 9th District office and served as a member of the D9 Rate Team until Oct. 1, 1994. I have done some SADT (with pay), but all of those drills that I attended were in that famous (non-pay) status.

So, July 1, 1995 marked 42 years service and, when I reach 60 on April 30, 1996, I will be two months short of 43 years. All in all, I have been able, along with my best friend (my wife ...we celebrated our 40th anniversary July 2, 1995), to raise three children (and they have children), so the Coast Guard family has also been good to this family. My family and I just like to give back some of what we took.

Some of us can remember when it was just classroom instruction at RU Madison, Wis. When that unit was decommissioned, it was split between RU Milwaukee and Kenosha where it still was classroom instruction. Then, along came augmentation and now, as it should be, as Team Coast Guard.

To those people that I have not named may God Bless, Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing.

— SSCS Glenn R. Hauge, USCGR DeForest, Wis.



SSCS Glenn R. Hauge

Long, fruitful career

I have to agree with BMCS Gambale's comments in the February 1995 *Reservist* ("Truly Great Americans!"). I, too, have had a long and fruitful career in the Reserve. With few exceptions, all the men and women, officer and enlisted, reserve and regular, of the Coast Guard have been hard-working, dedicated Americans. One of the reasons I still drill (in category H) is the association with the members of my unit, some of whom I've known for many years. The week-end drills also provide a change of pace from my "other" job as a Land Surveyor for the County

of San Diego where I've been employed for 29 years.

This leads me to something else Senior Chief Gambale brought up — the longevity of some of us still in a drilling status. I enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve on Aug. 4, 1954, in San Diego. When I retire in October 1996, I will have served 42 years and two months. The years have provided many happy experiences from both my active duty time (almost three years) and from the week-end drills.

Although we've seen fat times and lean times, it's the "can do" attitude of Coast Guard people that makes it such a great organization. Semper Paratus!

— PSCS Bernie De Selm, USCGR El Cajon, Calif.



PSCS Bernie De Selm

Retirement recognition

First, let me congratulate you on the fine magazine and the many fine articles I have read over the many years it has been in circulation. One of the nice things about *The Reservist* is that it

allows Coast Guard personnel to air and share problems that are not just in one area, but may be at a number of commands within the Reserve. Please allow me to air just a couple of those concerns that I have discovered are at more than one unit.

First, I retired with pay on Jan. 4, 1995, as a BMCM and found no mention in *The Reservist* over the past several months. I realize that the fault probably lies within my last unit.

Next, after spending a large part of my life in either the regular Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve from 1952 to 1995, advancing from seaman recruit to master chief, I was allowed to exit this very fine Service without a handshake or even a "thank you." The only evidence of my service or departure was a framed form showing my tenure in the Coast Guard Reserve.

I bring these points out because I have talked to many other chiefs that have retired recently, and they tell me their treatment has been the same. I have talked to many other chiefs who are coming up for retirement soon and they say that no one has approached them about a retirement ceremony either. I would like to ask my fellow chiefs out there if this is now the trend? According to the regs, there is supposed to be some form of retirement ceremony, **no matter how small**, and that **it is not on the shoulders of the retiree**, but on the command at the unit. Am I right?

— BMCM Charles S. Glidden
USCGR (Ret.)
Nantucket, Mass.

The Reserve Administration & Training Manual (COMDTINST M1001.27A) is silent on retirement ceremonies. However, with the advent of Team Coast Guard, reservists now follow policies outlined in the Personnel Manual (COMDTINST M1000.6A), which contains a specific section on retirement counseling/ceremonies. Active and reserve personnel should review the contents of Chapter 12-C-4, of the PERSMAN.



The mailbag is now empty... except for a few snippets saved for next month!

TREA / TROA



Since 1963, The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) has been fighting to protect the hard-earned entitlements of enlisted military retirees from every branch of the military service. TREA has grown to be a nationally recognized organization with more than 80,000 members. It was chartered by Congress Oct. 23, 1993 (P.L. 102-484). Membership

is open to enlisted retirees from all branches of the service, active and reserve, as well as active duty personnel with over 20 years service. Membership benefits include: scholarships, legislative, Vet's Service programs, insurance, motor club, magazine, and discount buying service. Write to:

The Retired Enlisted Association
1111 S. Abilene Court
Aurora, CO 80012
1-800-338-9337 or 1-800-554-8732
FAX: (703) 548-4876
E-mail: TSCL.MZ@aol.com

Founded in 1929, The Retired Officers Association (TROA) operates exclusively to benefit uniformed services personnel and their families and survivors. With 400,000 members, it is the largest association of active duty, reserve and retired officers and warrant officers. TROA, with five registered lobbyists, works on Capitol Hill to protect what uniformed service members earned for their retirement. TROA also offers a wealth of benefits: expert advice on military retirement, post-retirement job placement; dependent educational assistance; CHAMPUS supplemental insurance and term life insurance; and an award-winning monthly magazine. Write to:



The Retired Officers Association
201 North Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-2539
1-800-245-TROA (8762), ext. 114; (703) 549-2311
FAX (703) 838-8173
E-mail: troa@troa.org

Retirements

MARCH 1995

PSC Knox Lively, D5*
LCDR Ronald Trapani, D2*

MAY 1995

LCDR Robert Rydbeck, D11*

JUNE 1995

DCC Joseph Beck, D5*

JULY 1995

CAPT Gregory Chapman, D7**
CDR Stephen Bukowy, D8**
LCDR Lyle Johnson, D13**
LCDR Stephen Kenney, D11**
LCDR Kenneth Ekelund, D9**
LCDR Randall Jones, D8**
LCDR Arthur Sala, D13**
LCDR Lyle Johnson, D13**
CWO4 Conrad Clementson, D13**
HSC Antonio Rivera, D11**
BM2 Philip Hamer, D5**

AUGUST 1995

CAPT George Karavitis, D13**
CDR Paul Faulhaber, D9*
CDR Edward Cannon, D14**
CDR Robert Rife, D11**
LCDR David Michalski, D2**
PS1 Billy Greer, D8*
PS1 Kenneth Richards, D9**
BM2 James Davis, D8**
HS2 Raychel Watkins, D2**
SK3 John Costello, D5**

SEPTEMBER 1995

CAPT Kerney Bolton, D1*
CAPT Kenneth Sanders, D11*
CAPT John Cece, D5*
CAPT Richard Cunan, D11*
CAPT Robert Rabon, D5*
CDR Ronald Wagner, D11*
CDR Thomas Watts-Fitzgerald, D7**
LCDR Janice Kulik, D9**
LCDR Charles Peele, D5**
LCDR Otto Ramsey, D8**
LCDR Robert W. Cryder, D9**
CWO4 Edward Chapman, D1**

CWO4 Victor Germino, D5**
DPCS Philip Evans, D1*
QMCS Lauren Ritcher, D5*
YNCS Diane Caster, D5**
MKC David Rous, D8**
PSC James Maxin, D8**
PSC Joseph Kaley, D13*
SKC Gordon Pederson Jr., D8**
DP1 Richard Carrico, D11**
ET1 Manfred Gleinig, D8
IV1 John Necco, D1**
PS1 Jean Abbott, D5**
PS1 Mary Wood, D7**
SK1 Harris Plyler, D5*
PS2 George Legg, D5**
PS2 Keith Richards, D11**
SK1 Syvert Berg, D11**
MKCS Kerry Woodward, D13**

OCTOBER 1995

CDR Richard D. Christensen, D11**
CAPT Terry Hauck, D8*

* RET-1 (Retired With Pay)

** RET-2 (Retired Awaiting Pay)

OLYMPICS '96 COUNTDOWN SCOREBOARD

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Months to Go Until The Games Begin in Atlanta.
USCG will be there...

Address Changes

It is the individual reservist's responsibility to ensure that his or her address is correct. In fact, policy requires that as long as you are a member of the Reserve program, SELRES or IRR, you must keep your address current with the Pay & Personnel Center, HQ, your District and your Unit. (See *Reserve Administration & Training Manual*, COMDTINST M1001.27A, Chapter 5, Section A, Page 1.). *The Reservist's* mailing list is obtained from PPC.

RETIREEES: Address corrections must be sent in writing to *The Reservist* at the address on page 2. **Please include your Social Security Number.**

Again, we do appreciate the conscientious efforts of those who have kept us abreast of their whereabouts.

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Deadlines for FY96

Submission Deadline	For Issue
Monday, Oct. 2	December 1995
Wednesday, Nov. 1	January 1996
Friday, Dec. 1	February 1996
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Friday, March 1	May 1996
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Wednesday, May 1	July 1996
Monday, June 3	August 1996
Monday, July 1	September 1996

* *The Fiscal Year (FY) runs from Oct. 1-Sept. 30, 1996.*

Upcoming Events

- **Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA)** — Annual convention in Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 25-28, 1995. Contact NERA at 6703 Farragut Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22042-2189. (703) 534-1329. FAX (703) 534-3617.
- **ROA Mid-Winter Conference** — Jan. 21-24, 1996, at Washington Hilton & Towers Hotel, Washington, D.C. Contact: ROA, 1 Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. (202) 479-2200.
- **The Nation's Parade** — New York City Veterans Day Parade this year will feature Coast Guard Veterans from WWII marching to mark the end of WWII. This is the last of the 50th Anniversary commemorations. Contact: "The Nation's Parade, CG Vets Reunion Committee, 6 Poplar Ave., West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

Reunions

- **CGC Burton Island (WAGB-283)** — Operation Deep Freeze support ship, tentative May 1997 reunion. Contact: Greg Reel, 4900 N.E. Park Lane, Kansas City, MO 64118-5928. (816) 454-7991.
- **Coast Guard Festival** — The 1996 Festival's theme is "Welcome Home" and there will be a special reunion/salute to former Group Commanders from 1946-1996. Festival dates are July 26-Aug. 4, 1996. All Coast Guard active, reserve, retired and reunion groups welcome. Contact: Coast Guard Festival, P.O. Box 694, Grand Haven, MI 49417. (616) 846-5940.
- **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. Ralcmeyer or call Mr. Dick Kinsley at 1-800-822-3224.
- **RTC Yorktown** — All former Yorktowners are invited to the 6th annual reunion, Oct. 20-22, 1995, at RTC Yorktown, Va. Contact: Tom Travers, 998 Ridgewood Lane, West Chester, PA 19382. (610) 436-0181.
- **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 Saratoga (CV3, CVA60, CV60)** — "Rooster Booster Club" reunion, Oct. 12-15, 1995, in San Antonio, Texas. Call (702) 656-1776.
- **USS Vesuvius (AE-75)** — WWII crew, Oct. 16-18, 1995 in Las Vegas, Nev. Contact: Alan C. Moore, 2215 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. (704) 733-8863.
- **USS Champlin (DD-601)** — Oct. 11-14, 1995 in Lancaster, Pa. Contact: George Styles, 45 Oak Avenue, Smithtown, NY. 11787. (516) 265-2155.
- **USS Monterey C.V.L. 26 & Air Groups** — Oct. 11-15, 1995 in San Antonio, Texas. Call Jim Pallace at (516) 281-8456.

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Seeking Information

- **CG Reservist/Auxiliarist and researcher seeks information on CG Auxiliary, from members of CG Reserve in WWII, including personal stories, documents and photos.** Contact: John T. Lincoln, 05NR Historian, 1309 Emerson Ave., N. Cape May, NJ 08204-2108. (609) 886-6364, after 4 p.m.
- **Researcher is writing book, *American Inshore Coastal Rescue Craft — 1807 to the Present*. Needs information on the strengths and/or weaknesses in design and construction of coastal rescue craft.** Contact: William D. Wilkinson, Director Emeritus, The Mariners' Museum, 747 West Springfield Ave., Springfield, PA 19064-1337.

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As of 9/15/95

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CGHQ (G-RST); Washington, D.C.	TEMAC/SADT	Open	Experience in Oracle	CWO Bates, (202) 267-0623

* 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.

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

Future Coast Guard Retirees?



*Having fun at the 1995
Coast Guard Festival,
Grand Haven, Mich.*