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### On the Cover

It was a happy moment in Memphis, Tenn. when four reservists from MSO Memphis rescued the Wortham family. Two of the family's girls who were caught under their capsized boat on McKellar Lake, Tenn. Back row: BM3 Cody Scott, left, and SN Bryan Blair; center row: BMC Robert Cox, Sparkle, Treasure and Demetrius Wortham; front row: Ronnie and Moseita Wortham and MK3 Stan Hayward. Photo by LT Byron Black, MSO Memphis. Story on Page 5.

## USCG in Vietnam

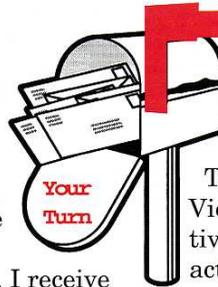
The November 1996 *Reservist* contained a nice overview of the CG's role in Vietnam. There seems to be a growing interest in the Coast Guard's Vietnam era. I receive e-mail from former Coasties each week wanting to know how they can find old shipmates and if they rate any more awards, as many may have not received some. In the November issue, I believe the photo of the *Point Comfort's* mortar crew on Page 6 was printed backwards. I'm sure the original photo was like that. The mount captain should be on the port side. I also find it odd that the Coast Guard hasn't seen fit to name anything after ones who died in Vietnam except for the pilot (a hangar at CG Air Station Detroit is named after LT Jack Rittichier).

— *Bill Wells, USCG (Ret.)*  
*Martinez, Ga.*

I liked your coverage of the Coast Guard in Vietnam, but am sad that you did not point out the Coast Guard's major role in the "most significant naval victory of the Vietnam campaign." I wrote a piece on this event that was published in the book *Coast Guard Combat Veterans*. Also, I was glad to see your note on CAPT Alex Larzelere's book due out in April 1997, *The Coast Guard at War: Vietnam 1965-1975*.

— *James C. Bunch*  
*Floral City, Fla.*

*Editor's note: The "most significant naval victory of the Vietnam era" that Mr. Bunch refers to occurred March 1, 1968 when four heavily armed North Vietnamese trawlers made attempts to infiltrate into South Vietnam to resupply Viet Cong forces. The enemy's efforts were thwarted in three Coastal Zones. In Coastal Zone I, CGC Androscoggin destroyed an enemy trawler. In Coastal Zone II, another trawler was destroyed by a South Vietnamese patrol boat while another enemy trawler retreated when CGC Minnetonka began tracking it. CGC Winona in Coastal Zone IV scored a direct hit on an enemy trawler. Commander, Naval Forces Vietnam, in a news release, termed these surface*



actions as the "most significant naval victory of the Vietnam Campaign."

The article on the Coast Guard in Vietnam is well done and very informative. Thanks for publishing it. I was on active duty in the Coast Guard for 11 years and was one of the original members of the Squadron One Task Force. The photo on Page 6 of November's Vietnam article improperly identified me as being on the right. I am, in fact, on the left and Lee Bradshaw on the right.

— *Edward J. Hanson, USCGR(Ret.)*  
*Shelton, Wash.*

## Father's acquaintances

I am looking for anyone who knew my father, Michael Harris Painter, an EN1 who served on the CGC *Point Arden* and the CGC *Point Dume* in Vietnam. He was killed in action on Aug. 9, 1969 when an enemy 81mm mortar struck the bow, which was his battle station. My father was from Moscow, Idaho and had three brothers, Charles, Daryl and Roger. He was married to my mother, Faye, and had an only son, Brian (me, of course)

There was also a LTJG Michael Kirkpatrick, who was beside my father and died a couple of days later.

I would appreciate any information regarding any missions my father was involved in or interesting stories. Please contact me at USCG Air Station, 611 Airport Road, Sitka, AK 99835. (907) 966-5430 or (907) 966-2441.

— *HS3 Brian Painter, USCG*  
*Sitka, Alaska*

## Spouse enjoys Reservist

As a spouse of a Coastie, I always enjoy *The Reservist*. It's informative and gives us very valuable information. Many times we clip and post the items published. Especially helpful is the TEMAC box which is so easily read. Your Olympic photo layout (October 1996) was very eye-catching!

— *Nellis Bluthe Deakin*  
*Salt Lake City, Utah*

*Editor's note: The "Highlights of 1996 Issues" on this month's back cover should be particularly useful for summarizing and looking up past articles.*

## Coastal Forces rating

I had to pinch myself when I read the small article on the Coastal Forces (CF) rating in the May 1996 *Reservist*. The Coast Guard had almost been completely silent about my rating for 31 years! Often when describing my training and my duties to fellow Coasties, other military personnel and civilians, I went away thinking the audience didn't really understand or believe me.

I must admit the CF rating was unique to the Coast Guard at that time. Readers may want to refer to *Prints in the Sand* by Eleanor C. Bishop, Pictorial Histories Publishing Co., Missoula, Mont. for a good reference on the WWII operations of the beach patrol, which was quite similar to the later CF Program.

— Michael A. Benjamin  
Hillsboro, Ore.

*Editor's note: The Coastal Forces (CF) rating was formed during 1963 but was phased out in 1967. See the May 1996 and November 1996 issues for more CF rating information.*

## More November feedback

That was a great and well-written column by RADM Riker in the November 1996, "View from the Bridge." Also, the 1997 pay tables are great material. The "Team Coast Guard" series is great in concept but weak in examples and "how to." You might want to use examples of where reservists are getting creative in the field.

— QMC Tom Rau, USCGR  
Manistee, Mich.

## Essay contest feedback

I wish to respond to the letter in October's issue questioning my Team CG essay, specifically regarding Vietnam-era veterans. Nowhere in the article did I state that "all" Vietnam-era Coasties were "remnants who avoided the draft." What I did say was that we had members who were "not our premier workers." Nowhere did I insinuate that all Coast Guard members were "remnants who avoided the draft," but to deny that these types existed would be putting blinders on the past.

— LT Steve Craig, USCGR  
Oakville, Wash.

I was disappointed that your magazine chose to publish the photo of the essay contest winner in the August issue. My disappointment turned to disgust when I read your response to the letter pointing out several uniform discrepancies in the photo. You applauded the photo as a "teaching tool" instead of owning up to the error in publishing it. Your response can be a teaching tool on how not to shirk editorial responsibility.

— LT Robert J. O'Brien, USN  
D14, Honolulu, Hawaii

*Editor's note: We have received inquiries about The Reservist's policy regarding letters. See box below for an explanation of our policy.*

### Letters Policy

The letters section is intended to encourage discussion. Our policy is to publish letters that reflect a wide variety of opinions and are not necessarily those of the editor. Letters will not be published whose author is not identified or those that lack a broad appeal to our readership. Letters that disparage individuals are not published. If a letter has value but includes personal references, it may be edited to delete names of individuals. Letters may be handwritten or typed and should be mailed to Commandant (G-WTR-2), faxed to (202) 267-4325 or sent via e-mail at [ekruska@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:ekruska@comdt.uscg.mil)

## Add DTG to ALCOAST list

The ALCOASTS/ALDISTIS section of *The Reservist's* "USCGR Bulletin Board" is a very valuable tool for me especially because I miss some Reserve subject messages that are important. Unfortunately, what I overlook are sometimes also overlooked by our administrative staff. Please consider adding another column to the magazine's listing that gives the messages date-time-group (dtg).

— LT Darrell Prather  
MSO Mobile, Ala.

*Editor's note: A good idea! We've added dtg beginning this issue.*

## Retirement letter question

On June 8, 1996, after completing my two weeks ADT at my unit, MSO Tampa, Fla., I sent in a letter request-

ing my 20-year retirement. As I write this, it is now Nov. 26 and I still have not heard from the CG Personnel Command. I have since gone into the IRR. I have also contacted my unit but no response has been forthcoming. What should be my next step?

— PS2 Manfred Meiners  
Oldsmar, Fla.

*Editor's note: According to the CG Personnel Command Reserve Personnel Management Division, when requesting retirement, give at least 90 days advance notice of the retirement date for administrative processing. If you've heard nothing within 30 days of your requested retirement date, have your unit yeoman contact Pay and Personnel Center (Reserve & Annuitant Services). If questions remain, contact LT Wayne Sewell, CGPC-rpm at (202) 267-0551.*

## TEMAC chart verification

Several months ago, I saw TEMAC/SADT/EAD published that I was interested in. When I called, they stated that there were no funds available. In the future, can these be verified before they are advertised? Most promised to call back, but to date, I've yet to receive a return call from any about the status of my request.

— LT W.A. Segarra, USCGR  
Base San Juan, P.R.

*Editor's note: Every month just before "The Reservist" goes to press, each TEMAC listing is verified. As mentioned in previous issues, the problem with the chart has always been the time lag between printing (11 working days) and mailing (about 10 days via bulk mail). So, by the time our readers receive the magazine, many listings are at least three-to-four weeks old. That is also why readers are encouraged at the bottom of the chart to check the Worldwide Web for more up-to-date TEMAC listings. At this time, there is no central control of TEMAC in terms of jobs offered or the management of the solicitations (except for financial tracking in G-WR-1). Each district is responsible for distributing TEMAC FTE (days) and each unit funds the days. LCDR Bill Edgar, who manages the TEMAC solicitations for the CG web page, deletes them after two months. "The Reservist" shares new listings it receives with Edgar and vice versa.* →

## PSU 303 decommissioning

On Oct. 1, 1996, the Coast Guard's PSU 303 in Milwaukee, Wis. was decommissioned. In today's world of drawdowns and cutbacks, this move is not unusual. It is, however, tragic for two reasons.

First, PSU 303 had a rich heritage. It was a part of the CG's PSU commitment from the beginning and was the first unit activated when mobilized for Desert Storm in September 1990. Despite its decommissioning, its senior members have been continuously called upon to support the PSU mission by serving as trainers, coordinators, evaluators and support staff for other PSU activities. Its members have rounded out other PSUs on several occasions when they were short-staffed for deployments. A lot of experience has been lost.

The more tragic situation is the way PSU 303 was decommissioned. On Sept. 30, the unit existed, on Oct. 1, it was gone. There was no recognition, no ceremony, no lowering of the flag. Its members were denied an opportunity to recall the good memories, remember absent shipmates and celebrate the satisfaction of many, many jobs well done. One has to wonder if the same would hold true had PSU 303 been an active duty command. The Coast Guard, which prides itself on the quality of its work and the richness of its traditions, really dropped the ball on this one.

Farewell old friend, you were a major part of my life for the past 12 years. May you have fair winds and following seas.

— PSC Peter J. Vickerman  
Sun Prairie, Wis.

## Coast Guard Camp for Girls?

I am a former SPAR and am inquiring about a "Coast Guard camp for girls." Have you heard of it?

— Rita Malecky  
Akron, Ohio

*Editor's note: We have never heard of one. If any of our readers have, please drop us a line and we'll publish the information.*

# 1997 Flag Duty Assignments\*

## Headquarters

Commandant (G-C) .....	ADM Robert E. Kramek
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MLC Pacific .....	RADM Fred L. Ames

## Headquarters Units

CG Academy Superintendent .....	RADM Douglas H. Teeson
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## Joint Commands

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Commander, JIATF West .....	RADM Joseph J. McClelland, Jr.

## Field Commands

First District .....	RADM Richard M. Larrabee
Seventh District .....	RADM Norman T. Saunders
Eighth District .....	RADM Timothy W. Josiah
Ninth District .....	RADM John F. McGowan
Thirteenth District .....	RADM J. David Spade
Fourteenth District .....	RADM Thomas H. Collins
Seventeenth District .....	RADM Terry M. Cross

\* These assignments will go into effect during the 1997 summer transfer season. See ALCOAST 102/96.

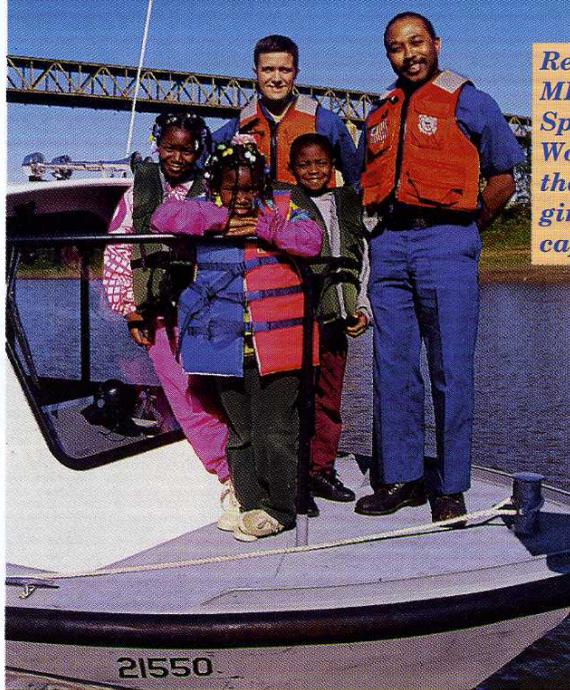
## Barrett named upcoming Director of Reserve & Training

RADM (Sel.) Thomas J. Barrett has been named Director of Reserve & Training (G-WT), and will assume those duties during the summer of 1997. RADM Richard M. Larrabee will continue as Director of Reserve & Training until his transfer to Boston this summer, when he will assume duties as Commander of the First District.



RADM (Sel.) Barrett

*Reservists BM3 Cody Scott and MK3 Stan Hayward rescued Sparkle and Treasure Wortham, shown here with their brother, Demetrius. The girls were trapped under a capsized small boat.*



**T**wo girls who were trapped under the hull of a capsized pleasure boat were rescued by the crew of a Marine Safety Office Memphis, Tenn. patrol boat. An unsafe boater, who was being escorted to shore by the same patrol boat, watched the rescue unfold and learned a valuable boating safety lesson.

Reservists BMC Robert Cox, MK3 Stan Hayward, BM3 Cody Scott and SN Bryan Blair were patrolling the Mississippi River near Memphis Oct. 13 on their drill weekend. A 14-foot open skiff with two people on board passed near the patrol boat shortly after 1 p.m.

"It can be dangerous for a boat that small on the Mississippi," Cox said. "Towboats create a wake that can easily swamp a small pleasure craft."

Cox and his crew approached the skiff to warn the operator of the danger. A man and his 10-year old daughter were on board the small open boat. Neither was wearing a life jacket and the only life jacket on the skiff was designed for an infant, much too small for the girl. The man said they could use the seat cushions if they got into any trouble.

"I told the man that the law required him to have a wearable life jacket for both he and his daughter," said Cox. "We gave them life jackets to wear and told them we would stay with them until they were safely ashore," said Cox.

As the crew of the patrol boat escorted the skiff toward the entrance to McKellar Lake, they saw a 17-foot bass boat capsize in the wake of a towboat entering the Mississippi River.

"I saw several people tossed into the water," Scott said. As they raced to the scene, the patrol boat crew could see five people clinging to the hull of the overturned boat.

"A woman was screaming, 'My babies are under the boat,'" said Scott. Meanwhile, Cox was on the radio with Group Lower Mississippi as he maneu-

# Rescue in Memphis

## Reservists rescue family, teach safety lesson to boater

By CWO Dan Waldschmidt, USCG  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, WESTERN RIVER OPERATIONS

vered the patrol boat into position.

"MK3 Hayward grabbed a life ring and went over the side as soon as I throttled down," Cox said. "BM3 Scott was right on his heels," said Cox. "They had those two little girls out from under that boat in no time at all."

Both the girls were wearing life jackets, as were the five people clinging to the capsized boat. All seven were brought safely aboard the patrol boat. Cox quickly determined that one of the girls who had been trapped under the boat needed medical help.

"She was coughing up a considerable amount of water and looked as though she was dangerously close to suffering from shock," Cox said. The chief radioed the group to arrange for an ambulance to meet them at the shore.

"We're all proud of Chief Cox and his crew," said LCDR Lynn Mountcastle, Executive Officer of MSO Memphis. "This rescue is typical of the outstanding performance we have come to expect from all our people."

According to Mountcastle, more than half the MSO Memphis team are members of the Coast Guard Reserve.

As the ambulance sped toward the hospital, Scott went to retrieve the two life jackets that had been loaned to the unsafe boaters.

It's strange how things worked out," reflected Scott. "If we hadn't stopped that first boat, we wouldn't have been there to save those two girls."

The unsafe boater thanked Scott for protecting his daughter and himself.

"He told me he didn't realize how dangerous it was to be out on the river without life jackets," Scott said. The man assured Scott that he was going right to the marina to buy two life jackets.

"That was the icing on the cake," said Cox when he heard the man's reaction to incident. "We saved two lives and taught a boating safety lesson at the same time...I don't know if it gets any better than that." //

# Team Coast Guard and the Reserve Program

## Sixth in a Series

By Individual Rating Force Managers  
COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

Enlisted Rating Reviews:  
BM, QM, ET

We continue with our year-long series by taking a different tack with this issue, beginning with enlisted rating reviews.

These will continue for at least four more issues. This month focuses on the BM, QM and ET ratings.

## Boatswain's Mate (BM)

As Boatswain's Mate Force Manager, I provide oversight of the CWO (BOSN) specialty and the Boatswain's Mate rating.

The prospects for an E-4 to advance right now are excellent! Over the next five years, the number of E-4 billets is likely to increase and the number of E-5 to decrease in order to create more balanced structure. It also points out that advancements to E-5 may never be better than they are today!

Reserve billets are now assigned to Coast Guard active units. As reservists, you will be working more in your rate now than in the past. Reservists bring a valuable resource to the unit with skills, local knowledge and experience. These traits are more valuable than ever before with the downsizing of the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard needs well-rounded people to perform its missions. As a reservist, try to round out your career as much as possible. Take the opportunity to get any training that will help your career, be active and willing to learn and teach others at the unit, both active and reserve.

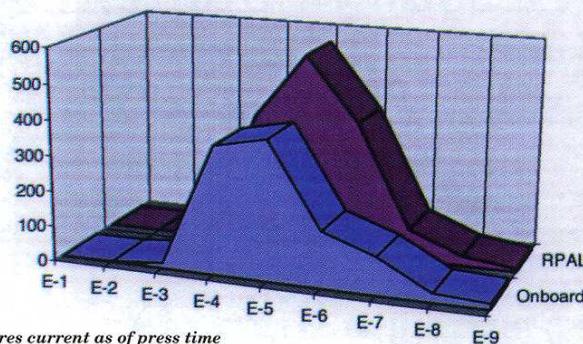
Here are some BM updates:

- ALCGENL 045/96 provides important information on advancement requirements for BMs.
- The new BM qualifications are now in effect.

- Passing the Deck Watch Officer exam is now required to advance to BM1. As of Feb. 1, 1997, order the DWO course from the CG Institute through your Educational Services Officer. Include your name, rank, social security number, OPFAC and address where the examinee's test results should be sent, whether the exam is an initial exam or renewal exam, reason (advancement or qualify as OOD), provide the name and phone number of ESO or authorized proctor.
- The new BM correspondence courses require you to use the listed references. You need to use these references in preparing for your EOCT.
- BM3s are now required to complete the Rules of the Road exam.
- The new BM3 course is almost ready. It is similar to the BM2 course and will require you to use the references (manuals and instructions) to prepare for the EOCT.

### BM Onboard vs. RPAL Billets

Rank	E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9	Total
Onboard	—	1	14	359	391	156	105	25	16	1,067
RPAL	—	—	—	372	558	378	89	29	9	1,435



Figures current as of press time  
Source: Commandant (G-WTR-1)

- The Boatswain's Pipe video has been completed. Expect to see it soon.
  - The districts have just completed the OIC certification process. One lesson learned is to review your records and ensure your qual codes, marks, time in service and rate and awards are correct.
- I'd like to hear from you as your messages and input improve our program.

— BMCM Charles Bunch  
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**Note: There is currently a critical shortage of BMs. We need BM recruits!**

## Quartermaster (QM)

There are 922 active duty QMs and 150 reserve QMs. In order to remain abreast of QM news, I hope that you have received my *QMFORCENOTES* from your active duty counterpart or MCPO Bill Phillips, CGR CEA.

A couple of important items are presently in progress in the QM rate. First, a rating review is conducted approximately every five years to update the training requirements and performance qualifications and to bring rates in line with the demands of modern technology. An Occupational Analysis Survey has been mailed to all active duty members and drilling reservists. The purpose is to find out what QMs do at their present assignment. The information obtained will hopefully improve the way QMs are trained by recommending changes to our performance qualifications (practical factors), "A" school curriculum, correspondence courses, and any other rate-related training. So, even though reservists are a small part of the QM workforce, your input is welcomed and needed to decide what changes are made.

Lately, there has been feedback from the fleet asking why QM3s graduating from "A" school don't have a background in Allied Visual Communications? Since being removed from "A" school, an AVC "C" school was created to accommodate this need for E-5 and above. So what we want to do now is to reinstall a portion of the AVC course back into "A" school. This means that the SWEs and performance qualifications will probably change in the future if this revision takes place. Watch for updates in my *Forcenotes*.

The graph below points out that advancements will be fast up to E-6 for those who take the exam. Over the next few years it is likely that the number of E-4 billets will grow as the number of E-5 and E-6 billets decreases, in order to maintain a balanced structure. Advancements to E-6 may never be better than they are today.

— QMCM Jim Parks

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## Electronics Technician (ET)

In two years as ET force manager, I have not heard from any of my Reserve ETs. Obviously I have failed to communicate effectively with you, and I apologize. The most important item we're working on for you is the Electronics Technician Force Development Plan, a planning document that considers the ET world of work for the next 5 to 10 years. I'm not sure when it will be approved, but it outlines the way we will be doing business in the future.

We are piloting a work measurement system to determine how many hours technicians spend doing planned and corrective maintenance, installation/modification work, training, admin/supply and travel. This will be captured by the shop supervisors or a bar code reader. We have implemented an alternative entry level qualification criteria for becoming an ET (or TT) to increase the number of people eligible. The new standard is the Armed Forces Qualification Test, or AFQT, and the number is 66. No waivers will be granted. The EM rating is going to adopt this method and DC, MK and the new aviation ratings are looking at it also.

As you know, advancements on the active side, although not booming, were at least reasonable and FY97 looks about the same. Reserve advancements will be stable, with replacement of losses (retirements, discharges, transfers to IRR, etc.) driving the numbers. It is likely that the number of E-4 billets will grow slightly while E-5 and E-6 decrease slightly as the workforce structure is balanced over the next few years.

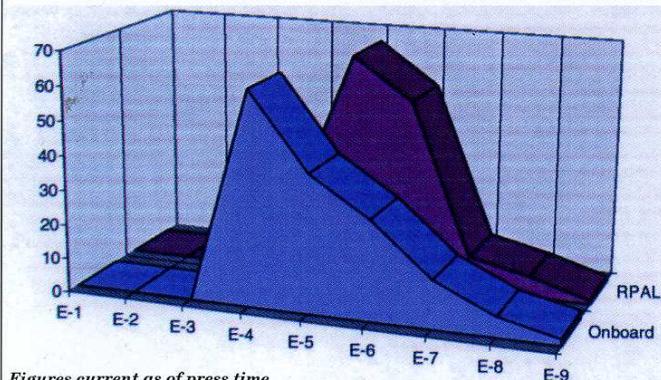
Please drop me a line and let me know what you are doing as an ET when drilling. We are finishing up the reorganization of shore electronics support (Electronics Support Unit Detachments) by examining the work loads at each detachment to best determine where and when to redistribute the Reserve ET billets.

— ETCM David Pier

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### QM Onboard vs. RPAL Billets

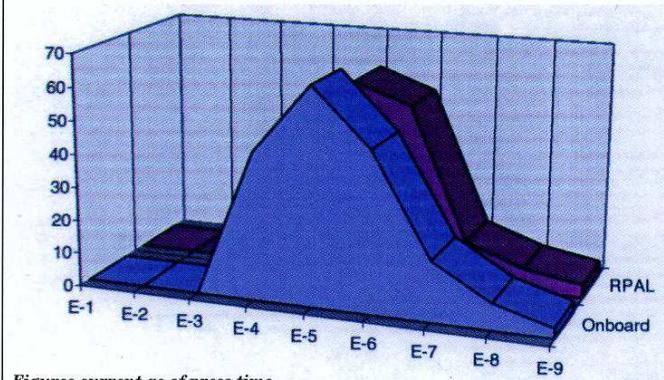
Rank	E1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9	Total
Onboard	—	—	—	62	40	29	14	6	2	153
RPAL	—	—	—	22	66	54	10	6	1	159



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### ET Onboard vs. RPAL Billets

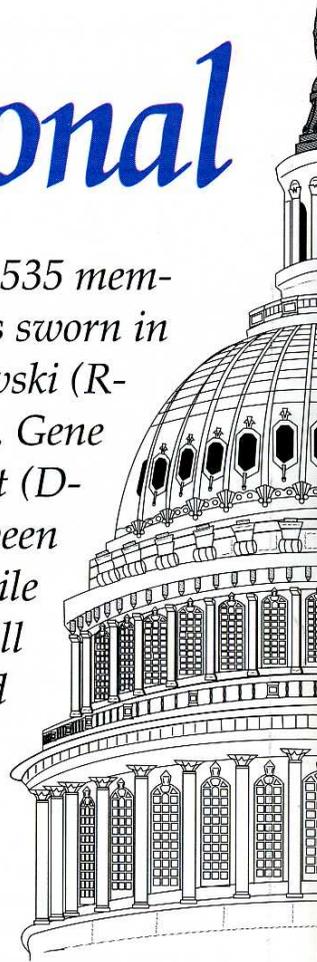
Rank	E1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9	Total
Onboard	—	—	—	44	65	48	18	8	3	186
RPAL	—	—	—	27	59	53	13	7	4	163



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Source: Commandant (G-WTR-1)

# Congressional

Four former Coast Guardsmen are among the 535 members who comprise the 105th Congress that was sworn in Jan. 7. They include Sen. Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska), Rep. Howard Coble (R-NC), Rep. Gene Taylor (D-Miss.) and Rep. William Delahunt (D-Mass.). Murkowski, Coble and Taylor have been members of Congress for several terms while Delahunt is among the freshmen on Capitol Hill this term. Between the four of them, they served a total of 50 years in the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve. During the 104th Congress (1994-1996), six members could boast of Coast Guard service. In addition to Murkowski, Coble and Taylor,



## Senator Frank H. Murkowski Republican - Alaska



Born in Seattle March 28, 1933, Sen. Murkowski is now in his third term as only the fifth senator to represent the "Last Frontier." The Fairbanks resident and father of six children studied at the University of Santa Clara before earning his B.A. degree in economics from Seattle University in 1955. After graduation, he served on active duty in the Coast Guard from 1955-57 and was stationed in Sitka and Ketchikan, Alaska,

serving on the *CGC Sorrel* and *CGC Thistle* attaining the rate of SK3. In 1970, he was named president of Alaska National Bank in Fairbanks, a position he held until 1980 when he first ran for the U.S. Senate. The senator presided at the decommissioning of his first cutter, *CGC Sorrel* at Governors Island, N.Y. and then took the helm when *Sorrel* headed into port for the last time at Curtis Bay, Md. last summer. *Sorrel's* decommissioning ended 54 years service, 22 of which were spent in Alaska (see article on Page 10). "Serving in the Coast Guard was a special time in my life; a true privilege," said Murkowski. "It taught me more about life and myself than I can ever recount."

## Congressman Howard Coble Republican - North Carolina



Congressman Coble represents the Tarheel State's sixth congressional district in west-central North Carolina. He has done so since first winning a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1984 by 2,662 votes out of 203,188 cast. His first bid for reelection in 1986 was even tighter when he won by a mere 79 votes. In 1992, he defeated Democratic challenger Robin Hood by a 71-29 percent margin. In 1994, he ran unopposed and in 1996, tallied 73 percent. Born March 18, 1931, Congressman Coble is a graduate of Guilford College (AB, 1958) and earned a JD from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1962. He has worked as an insurance claims supervisor and lawyer. Coble served in the N.C. House from 1969-70, and again from 1979-83. He served on active duty in the Coast Guard from 1952-56 and also in the CG Reserve from 1960-82, retiring at the rank of captain. During the 104th Congress, he chaired the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation. "I'm proud to have been a Coast Guardsman," said Coble. "The Coast Guard is so unique and versatile yet it's such a small, family-like Service. I think that's why I have such vivid memories."

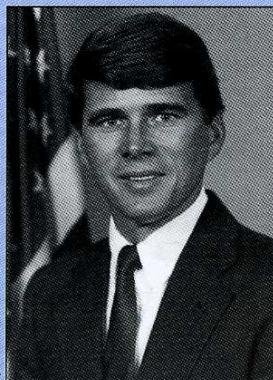
# Coast Guardsmen

*Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-RI) served four years on active duty during World War II and in the Coast Guard Reserve from 1945-78. Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) served on active duty in 1959-60 and in the Coast Guard Reserve from 1960-66. Pell and Nunn retired at the end of last term. Rep. Bill Baker (R-Calif.) was a Coast Guard Reservist from 1957-65 and served one term during the 104th Congress. Below are profiles of each Congressional Coast Guardsman in the new 105th Congress. They are listed left to right by seniority, with their thoughts on the Coast Guard, and their time in the Service....*

## Congressman Gene Taylor

Democrat - Mississippi

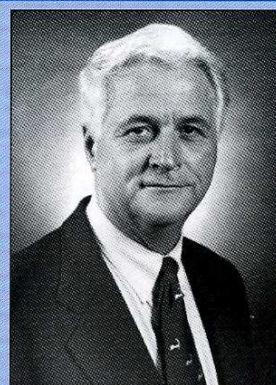
Born Sept. 17, 1953 in New Orleans, Rep. Taylor is the youngest Congressional Coast Guardsman at 43. Now heading into his fourth term, Taylor represents Mississippi's fifth congressional district in the southeast part of the state. He first won a U.S. House seat in a special election in 1989 after Rep. Larkin Smith (R-Miss.) died in a plane crash. Smith had defeated Taylor in 1988. A graduate of Tulane University where he earned a B.A. in political science and history, Taylor then attended the University of Southern Mississippi for graduate work. Taylor and his family reside in Bay St. Louis, Miss. where he has worked as a sales representative. He also served in the Mississippi Senate from 1983-89. From 1971-84, he served in the Coast Guard Reserve and earned two Commandant's Letter of Commendation awards, one for fire fighting, the other for saving the life of a crew member. "I enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1971 at the age of 17," said Taylor. "I proudly wore the uniform for 13 years and served as a SAR boat captain for 10 of those great years. My experience in the Coast Guard left me with an incredible respect for the men and women who sacrifice every day to keep our country strong and free."



## Congressman William D. Delahunt

Democrat - Massachusetts

The newest member of Congress who also served in the Coast Guard Reserve represents Massachusetts' 10th congressional district in the state's southeastern region. Rep. Delahunt was born in Quincy, Mass. July 18, 1941. He earned a B.A. in 1963 from Middlebury College and a law degree in 1967 from Boston College. He served in the Massachusetts State Legislature, representing Norfolk's Third District from 1972-75. He was then appointed Norfolk County District Attorney in 1975 by then-Governor Michael Dukakis. He then won election as Norfolk County District Attorney in 1976 and reelection in 1978, 1982, 1986 and 1994. Delahunt says he "enjoyed the camaraderie," during his service in the CG Reserve from 1963-71. "My years of service in the Coast Guard were a learning experience," said Delahunt. "I obviously am benefiting from my experience in the Reserve when it comes to issues relevant to the 10th congressional district, since so much of this district is bordered by coastline. I look forward to working with the Coast Guard as an essential agency in this nation, not simply because of its mission, but because of the fact that it's critical to public safety and the enforcement of our environmental laws."



# Some Ships Are Hard To Forget



By Sen. Frank H. Murkowski

USCG Historian

Sen. Frank Murkowski's (R-Alaska) service in the Coast Guard included a tour on board **CGC Sorrel** (WLB 296). **Sorrel** was Murkowski's first cutter while on active duty in the mid-1950s. He was on hand when **Sorrel** was decommissioned at Governors Island, N.Y. during the summer of 1996. **Sorrel's** final resting place is at the CG Yard in Baltimore. As **Sorrel** came into Curtis Bay, Md., the Senator took the helm and brought her in for the last time. What follows is an article by the Senator published in Alaska newspapers last summer.

**T**he other day, I had an occasion to spend time remembering a special time in my life — my time aboard the **CGC Sorrel**.

But don't let the title fool you. Almost all the Coast Guard's larger vessels are officially considered "cutters." The **Sorrel** was a buoy tender and light icebreaker — 180-foot long and built for business, not speed or beauty.

I'm forced to use the past tense because **Sorrel's** buoy tending days are over at long last. She was decommissioned — for the second time — on

June 21. As one of the few former Coast Guardsmen in Congress, and the only one to serve aboard the **Sorrel**, I was invited to speak at the ceremony.

I'm glad I did. I not only learned more about **Sorrel's** long and honorable history than I knew before, but had a chance to revisit my own history. I found that despite the years, many events are still fresh in my mind.

In 1955, as a youngster in Ketchikan, Alaska, I was activated from Reserve status and ordered to report for duty. **Sorrel** was short-handed. I was immediately sent to Annette Island, where I was put aboard a Grumman Albatross headed north.

**Sorrel**, stationed in Sitka, Alaska and responsible for aids to navigation in the Panhandle, was a long way from home. I finally caught up with her in Kodiak, en route to the Beaufort Sea, on an unusual rescue mission.

In 1955, firmly locked in the Cold War, America was building a Distant Early Warning network called the

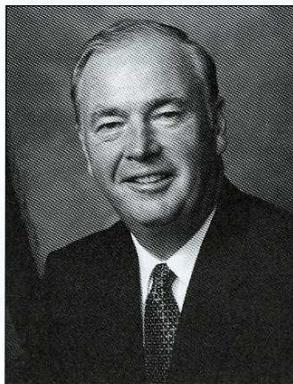
DEW line. Its job was to let us know when the long-range bombers came over the border. Tensions were high at the time — children were taught to duck under their school desks when the air raid sirens went off, and backyards across the country were excavated for bomb shelters and stocked with water, toilet paper and canned goods.

Building the DEW line was a national priority, and to make sure the earliest possible warning was given, DEW sites had to be as far north as possible. That summer, a convoy of supply ships was ordered north with supplies.

As they lay at anchor in the Beaufort Sea, an onshore wind began blowing, and the Arctic icepack, never very far offshore

even in high summer, moved in. It was our job to get them loose.

For those first few days, as we sailed down the Peninsula toward False Pass, I was segregated with a couple of other newbies — all of us sick enough to pray for sinking. But time cures even that ill, and eventually we recovered enough to be welcome in our regular bunks.



Sen. Frank Murkowski

When I visited the *Sorrel* on decommissioning day, I found bunks stacked three high, with real mattresses and even a privacy curtain — but when I was aboard they were six-high, and nothing but stretched canvas. In those days, you had to get out of the rack to roll over.

We had company when we reached the Beaufort Sea ice pack. To free the cargo ships, every available asset was called in. There was a Navy icebreaker, *Burton Island* and two other Coast Guard 180-foot buoy tenders like the *Sorrel*. We were all there because we were built stoutly enough, with a little luck and a lot of patience, we too, could help break the ice.

And break ice we did. We lost two blades off our five-bladed prop while backing down into pack ice, but we kept working — they were on opposite sides and the losses balanced well enough to let us continue.

At one point we, too, became trapped in the ice. Rumors ran through the ship that if we had to winter over, we'd all get an extra month's leave time; it was even odds whether more of the crew was hoping for staying or getting lost.

*Sorrel* was built during World War II — one of a fleet of 38 buoytenders built over two and one-half years. She was commissioned in early 1943, stationed in Boston, and began the task of resupplying LORAN stations in Newfoundland, Labrador and Greenland. During the war years, she got her first taste of ice-breaking when, at need, she was diverted to plow through the clogged sea lanes at Goose Bay, Labrador.

She spent the first few years after the war in Boston, as well — tending aids to navigation, participating in search and rescue operations, and all the other jobs common to Coast Guard vessels. In 1954, she was reassigned, sailed through the Panama Canal, and homeported in Sitka.

Many of Southeast Alaska's fishermen will remember *Sorrel* from those years when she took care of lighthouses and other navigation aids throughout the Southeast, conducted law enforcement operations, and participated in many rescues, including saving 102 passengers from a downed airliner in 1962.

In 1976, *Sorrel* was taken out of service for reconditioning and updating, adding several more years to her work-

USCG Historian



*CGC Sorrel cruises by Lady Liberty in New York harbor in 1991. Opposite photo: CGC Sorrel in its earlier days in Alaska.*

ing life. After leaving later that year, she was posted to Governors Island, N.Y., serving one of the world's busiest ports.

When I served aboard the *Sorrel*, she was just 12 years old — and we

thought of her as an old veteran. Just a few days ago, she finished her last voyage for the Coast Guard at age 53 — a veteran indeed. I was privileged to know her.



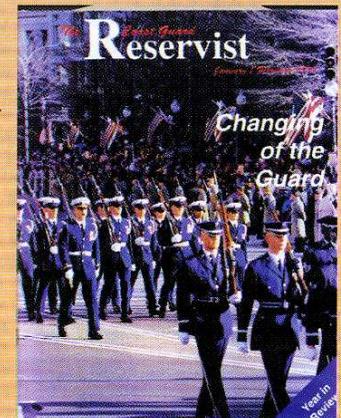
## Coast Guard at Inaugural events

The 1997 Presidential Inaugural will mark more than 200 years of military participation, dating back to April 30, 1789, when George Washington was escorted to his swearing-in ceremony at Federal Hall in New York City by members of his former Revolutionary War contingent.

The Coast Guard will be well represented during the 53rd Presidential Inauguration Jan. 20 marking the beginning of President William Jefferson Clinton's second term.

The Coast Guard is coordinating its personnel and activities through the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee. AFIC is a temporary joint task force comprised of soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen and Coast Guardsmen formed specifically to support the Presidential Inaugural. Over 40 Coast Guardsmen are scheduled to work at AFIC.

A 27-person platoon from the CG Honor Guard based in Alexandria, Va. is tentatively marching in the afternoon parade. Two additional cordons made up of 11 Honor Guard members each will be on hand, one at the swearing-in ceremony, the other on the White House lawn. The Coast Guard band from New London, Conn. will arrive in the capital Jan. 14 and will participate in pre-inaugural ceremonies. They will conclude their week-long stay by marching in the parade before departing Jan. 21. Also marching as part of the presidential escort will be RADM Gordon G. Piche, USCG. A joint service cordon made up in part by Coast Guardsmen will line the parade route along Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House, and along the presidential escort route near the Capitol. Among those reviewing the parade with President Clinton will be all the Armed Forces Service chiefs, including Coast Guard Commandant ADM Robert E. Kramek. Though the exact number of Coast Guardsmen participating in inaugural activities was still uncertain at press time, 63 reservists were among 600 Coast Guardsmen who participated in 1993 inaugural activities.

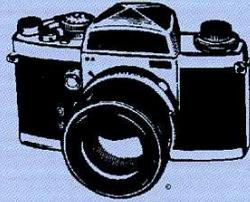


*The cover of Jan / Feb 1993 Reservist showcased the CG Honor Guard in the Inaugural parade.*

**Note: AFIC's internet home page is <http://www.dtic.mil/afic>**

Magazine Presents A

# Winter Ops Photo Contest



**THEME:** Coast Guard Winter Operations  
(yes, even if you live in a sunny southern climate).

**PARTICIPANTS:** Open to everyone in the CG family — Active, Reserve, Auxiliary, Retirees, Civilians and Dependents.

**SUBMISSIONS:** Should be original work, not previously published. Entries can be any size **prints** and may be black & white or color. They need not be mounted. Sorry, no slides or digital photography accepted. Limit five entries per person, and each entry should include a caption describing the action including names and unit, if appropriate. Submissions become property of the U.S. Coast Guard and cannot be returned.

**AWARDS:** Top three contestants will be published in *The Reservist* and will receive plaques and savings bonds.

**SEND ENTRIES:** **Commandant (G-WTR-2)**  
**U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters**  
**2100 Second Street, S.W.**  
**Washington, D.C. 20593-0001**  
**Attn: Reservist Photo Contest**

**DEADLINE:** Must be postmarked by March 1, 1997.

## ROA Mid-Winter Conference Schedule

Here is a tentative schedule of events for the 1997 ROA Mid-Winter Conference set for Feb. 16-19, 1997 at Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C.

Date-Time	Function
Sunday, Feb. 16, 1400	CG Affairs Committee Meeting
Monday, Feb. 17, 1300	CG Affairs Business Meeting
Monday, Feb. 17, 1830	CG Reception, ROA HQ*
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1030	RADM Larrabee Presentation to CG Affairs Committee
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1000	Understanding Legislative Process**
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1400	Commandant's Address***

\* See announcement / coupon on opposite page.

\*\* This session will familiarize attendees with the legislative process and will include ideas on how to assist the USCG with its interaction with Congress. Keynote address and panel moderator will be The Honorable Al H. Bemis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. Other panel members include: RADM Tim Riker, USCGR; CAPT John Gaughan, USCGR; CAPT Duncan Smith, USCGR; CAPT Jeffrey Hathaway, USCG and CAPT Fred Becker, USN(Ret.).

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### Fred's Place E-mail change

Please note that *Fred's Place, Where Old Shipmates Meet* has a new e-mail address: [fsiegel@fredsplace.org](mailto:fsiegel@fredsplace.org). The web page: <http://www.fredsplace.org>

### ALCOAST's / ALDIST's / COMDTINST's

SUBJECT	NUMBER	DATE-TIME-GROUP
1997 Navy League National Awards .....	ALCOAST 105/96 .....	132112Z DEC 96
Renaming of the Subsistence Specialist Rating (to Food Service Specialist) ..	ALCOAST 086/96 .....	071350Z SEP 96
FY97 Compensation Issues .....	ALDIST 271/96 .....	111430Z DEC 96
Coast Guard Headquarters Titles .....	ALDIST 269/96 .....	101645Z DEC 96
USCG Policy Concerning Internet Service Providers .....	ALDIST 268/96 .....	101324Z DEC 96
Allotment Policy Change .....	ALDIST 267/96 .....	041606Z DEC 96
CAPT John G. Witherspoon Inspirational Leadership Award .....	ALDIST 266/96 .....	032010Z DEC 96
Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer .....	ALDIST 254/96 .....	262357Z NOV 96
Uniform Clothing Pricing and Ordering Information for FY97 .....	ALDIST 236/96 .....	221919Z OCT 96
FY97 TEMAC FTE Allocation .....	ALDIST 230/96 .....	041836Z OCT 96
30-Year Waiver for SELRES Participation .....	ALDIST 229/96 .....	031415Z OCT 96
Inactive Duty Reserve LTJG Selection Board .....	ALCGPERSCOM 100/96 .....	122028Z DEC 96
May and August 1997 OCS Classes - Application Deadline and Procedures .....	ALCGPERSCOM 096/96 .....	101452Z DEC 96
Reserve Program Administrator Designator Board .....	ALCGPERSCOM 093/96 .....	272027Z NOV 96
Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement (ERAA) No. 01-97 .....	ALCGENL 081/96 .....	191730Z DEC 96
Presidential Selected Reserve Callup (PSRC) Authority (Joint Endeavor) .....	111540Z DEC 96	
CG Appearance in the Movie "Daylight" .....	101333Z DEC 96	
Solicitation for CG Operations - Billet Locations .....	091932Z DEC 96	
Termination of Voluntary Recall of Ready Reservists for TWA Flight 800 Crash .....	041400Z DEC 96	
CGR Assignment Request and Orders, CG 5525 .....	031717Z DEC 96	

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## Upcoming Events

- **Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association & USNI Western Conference & Expo** — Jan. 22-24, 1997, San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, Calif. Contact AFCEA, 4400 Fair Lakes Court, Fairfax, VA 22033-3899. 1-800-336-4583, ext. 6128. E-mail: [afceaprg@spaceworks.com](mailto:afceaprg@spaceworks.com)
- **Association of Naval Services Officers (ANSO) Conference** — 16th annual, March 5-8, 1997, at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla. Contact CDR Adolfo Ramirez at (202) 267-0109.
- **Lighthouses and Keepers** — Exhibit running through April 27, 1997 depicts historical role of lighthouses and keepers. The Mariners' Museum, 100 Museum Dr., Newport News, Va. 23606-3759. (757) 596-2222. Web page address is <http://www.mariner.org>
- **National Military Powerlifting / Benchpress Championships** — March 8-9, 1997, sponsored by American Drug Free Powerlifting Association at Fort Hood, Texas. All Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired military personnel eligible. Entries required by Feb. 14, 1997; entry fee \$50. Lifters will compete in various gender, weight and age classes with awards to top five finishers in each weight class. Team entries allowed. Contact Johnny Graham, Attn: Military Powerlifting, 1706 Shoemaker Drive, Killeen, TX 76543. (817) 526-0779 or (817) 287-3337.
- **Reserve Officers Association Mid-Winter Conference** — Feb. 16-19, 1997, Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C. Contact ROA, 1 Constitution Ave. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. (202) 479-2200. *The Coast Guard Reception this year is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at ROA HQ building. Please note this is a one-time change from the traditional Sunday night reception due to the President's Day holiday. See coupon at right for more information on this reception.*
- **Sea-Air-Space Systems & Technology Exposition** — Sponsored by Navy League of the United States, March 25-27, 1997, at Sheraton Washington Hotel, 2600 Woodley Rd. at Connecticut Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. Contact Pat Holmgard at U.S. Navy League, 2300 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201-3308. (703) 528-1775. FAX (703) 528-2333. E-mail: [MAIL@Navyleague.org](mailto:MAIL@Navyleague.org)

## Get A Piece of "The Rock"

A limited supply of *The Rock: Governors Island, New York, 1966-1996*, a history of the USCG on the island are still available. The book costs \$22 and can be purchased or ordered from LT Topper at (212) 668-7200.

## Researching CGC Escanaba I, II, III

Researcher writing a book on *CGC Escanaba* (I, II, III) would like your stories/input. Contact James "J.C." Carney, 113 1/2 West 3rd St., Park Rapids, MN 56470-1572. (218) 732-1346.



## 1997 COAST GUARD RECEPTION

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Enclosed is my check made payable to "DC Chapter Four"

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All members of the *Team Coast Guard* and our friends are welcomed to join us for this special event. Please send your check today.

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## Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has been established in the name of *IV1 Ian M. Shipley, Jr.*, USCGR, for a graduating student of Indian River High School in Chesapeake, Va. who plans on attending college to study law enforcement. If you would like to contribute to this fund, make checks out to "Ian Shipley Scholarship Fund" and mail to:

**Coast Guard Investigative Services  
431 Crawford Street, Room 201  
Portsmouth, VA 23704.**

(Taps for IV1 Shipley were published in the December 1996 *Reservist*.)

## Nationwide TEMAC/SADT/EAD

As of 12/20/96

Place	Duration	Rate/Rank	Quals	Point of Contact/Phone/E-mail
• CGHQ (G-SCT), Wash, D.C.	89 days (Apr-Jul 97)	E7-O3 (includes CWO)	Communications or electronics background	CWO Mann, (202) 267-2221 <a href="mailto:vmann@comdt.uscg.mil">vmann@comdt.uscg.mil</a>
• Seward, Alaska	12 days TEMAC	O2-O4; PA, BM, QM, YN, TC	Opens 3/17/97; Exercise Northern Edge	YN2 Brown, (510) 437-3423
• CGC <i>Polar Star</i> , Portland, Ore.	140 days (start ASAP)	MK, DC, EM (E-6-E-9)	Polar Class Reliability Improvement Project	YN2 Brown, (510) 437-3423
• Perform. Tech Ctr, Yorktown, Va.	90 days minimum	Open	Authorware computer-based training	CDR Herb Hood, (757) 898-2391 <a href="mailto:H.Hood/RTCT6@cgsmt.uscg.mil">H.Hood/RTCT6@cgsmt.uscg.mil</a>
• CG Navigation Ctr, Alexandria, Va.	14 days (March 97)	YN1/2/3 (2 positions)	Typing, Windows 95, Microsoft Word exp.	YN1 Ford, (703) 313-5870 <a href="mailto:kford@smt.navcen.uscg.mil">kford@smt.navcen.uscg.mil</a>
• Natl Maritime Ctr., Balston, Va.	30 days TEMAC	O-3/O-4	Port safety/enviro; port contng. planning	LCDR Rotermund, (202) 267-6982
• CGC <i>Gallatin</i> , Charleston, S.C.	70 days (starts Feb. 8)	RD2/3	marine safety, readiness	<a href="mailto:drotermund@comdt.uscg.mil">drotermund@comdt.uscg.mil</a>
• PSU TRADET, Camp Perry, Ohio	Monthly drills	BM1/2	Males only	LTJG Whealton, (757) 628-4495
			Raider Boat coxswain qualified	LT Bob Stohlman, (419) 635-4137
			RPAL billets (5) at Camp Perry with TAD potential	<a href="mailto:r.stohlman@psutradetoh(SWS)II">r.stohlman@psutradetoh(SWS)II</a>

For those advertising TEMAC/SADT/EAD openings, please contact LCDR Bill Edgar at (202) 267-6235 or e-mail to [bedgar@mailstorm.dot.gov](mailto:bedgar@mailstorm.dot.gov) if positions are filled or changes to information are desired. For more up-to-date TEMAC listings, check the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.dot.gov/dotinfo/uscg/hq/reserve/temac.html>

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



CGR Web Site: <http://www.dot.gov/dotinfo/uscg/hq/reserve/reshmpg.html>

# Front & Center

■ Congratulations to Coast Guardsmen for their winning entries in the U.S. Naval Institute's annual essay contest. First prize and \$1,000 went to **LT James D. Carlson**, CO of *CGC Vashon* (WPB-1308) for "Coast Guard International Interaction."

First Honorable Mention and \$750 went to **CDR Davalee Norton** for her entry, "Forward...From the Sea — Where Does the Coast Guard

Fit In?" **LT Robert B. Watts** won \$500 for his Second Honorable Mention essay entitled, "The Color Purple: The Coast Guard and Joint Operations in the 1990s and Beyond." All three essays were published in the December 1996 issue of Naval Institute's monthly *Proceedings Magazine*.

## Taps

■ **BM2 Ronald D. Strong**, 47, of Yoña, Guam, passed away Nov. 22, 1996 at the Earl B. Hadlow Center for Caring, in Jacksonville, Fla. He had been battling cancer since about February 1996 and left his home in Guam in March to receive treatment in Jacksonville. Though he wanted to return to Guam, he was not able to. A 1972 graduate of Syracuse University, he received an M.S. in marine biology from the University of Guam in 1975. He was vice president of Pacific Basin Environmental Consultants, Agaña, Guam which he founded in 1977. As a licensed stock broker, he was also a founding member of Asia Pacific Investors Services, in Agaña. He served at MSO Guam since 1979 and was actively involved in the Coast Guard's Sea Partner program, serving as one of the lead coordinators in Guam's first international coastal clean up. He was a certified SCUBA diver and instructor and served as treasurer for the Syracuse SCUBA Society. With his wife, Diane, he enjoyed underwater photography and led SCUBA tours of Truk (Chuuk) Lagoon, and other Micronesian travel destinations. He was also an avid racquetball player. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Diane Martiny Strong of Yoña, Guam; parents Dr. Willis and Florence Olmstead Strong, of Auburn, N.Y.; brothers Donald (wife Ann) of Jamesville, N.Y. and Dr. Gerald (wife Angela) of Mandarin, Fla.; three nephews Gerry, Laurin and Gregory; and friends on islands throughout the world. Funeral services were held at University Methodist Church, Syracuse, N.Y. Future scattering of ashes will occur in the waters off Hawaii and Guam. Contributions may be made in BM2 Strong's memory to the Hospice Fund, American Cancer Society, Guam Chapter, Box 6562, Tamuning, Guam 96931.

Note: The family invites friends to visit BM2 Strong's web page for information on the hospice program at: <http://www.cybernautica.com/ronspage.html>

## Awards

**Joint Service Commendation Medal**  
CAPT Gerald P. Fleming, OASD/RA  
CDR Donald E. Bunn, Allied Forces, Southern Command (NATO)  
YN1 Mary T. Adams, JTRU TRANSCOM

**Commandant's Letter of Commendation**  
QMC Thomas J. Rau, D9  
BM1 L. Todd Reed, D9

## Retirements

### DECEMBER 1991

BM1 Robert D. Greer, D11\*\*

### MAY 1992

PS1 Gerald J. Choate, D8\*\*

### JUNE 1992

PS1 David W. Walker, D1\*\*

### APRIL 1995

ET1 Edward J. Gnazzo, D1\*\*

### OCTOBER 1996

LCDR Peter V. Schubert, D1\*\*  
CWO4 Craig C. Conrad, D8\*\*  
PS2 Leonard D. Abrams, D8\*\*

### NOVEMBER 1996

CAPT Gerald W. Seelman, D11\*\*  
LCDR Thomas A. Zeitz, D8\*  
LCDR Michael A. McClary, D11\*\*  
CWO4 Richter L. Tipton, D8\*\*  
SKCS Billy L. Dempsey, D7\*\*  
BMCS John D. Schampera, D13\*  
SSC Edward B. Minichiello, D1\*  
PS1 Tyrone R. Keller, D5\*\*

### DECEMBER 1996

PSCS Roger H. Boulanger, D8\*\*

### JANUARY 1997

CAPT Robert L. Pendleton, D11\*\*  
LCDR Robert H. Gaunt, D5\*  
MK1 John A. Blair, D5\*\*

### APRIL 1997

MKC Donald C. Stevens, D7\*  
YN1 Robert M. Simons, D9\*

\* RET-1 (Retired With Pay)

\*\* RET-1 (Retired Without Pay)

Source: Pay & Personnel Center (RAS). If you are retired or received an award and have not seen your name published here, mail a copy of your retirement letter and/or award citation to "The Reservist" and we'll ensure it is published in a future issue.

## Reserve Advancements

Effective 1 Jan. 1997

Rate	Name	District	Rate	Name	District
<b>Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9)</b>			<b>Petty Officer Second Class (E-5)</b>		
SKCM	T.H. Kelly	D5	BM2	P.J. Kohl	D1
<b>Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8)</b>			BM2	E.E. Somers	D5
MKCS	J.M. Whitney	D7	BM2	C.S. McCoy	D7
YNCS	J.W. Gorham	D5	DC2	C.A. Matthews	D8
<b>Chief Petty Officer (E-7)</b>			DC2	C.R. Delucci	D1
DCC	D.J. Knopf	D9	DC2	F.J. Varone	D1
SKC	C.A. Litel	PAC	DC2	J.E. Digirolamo	D1
SKC	K.L. Dupont	D1	HS2	R. Kozak	D5
YNC	S.L. Tanizawa	PAC	IV2	F.G. Ofner	LANT
YNC	D.C. Swanson	D8	MK2	C.S. Wetzel	D13
YNC	L.R. Stamm	D7	MK2	M.T. Richards	D7
<b>Petty Officer First Class (E-6)</b>			MK2	J.G. Reed	D9
BM1	K.J. Roche	D1	MK2	S.E. Allen	D7
BM1	M.D. Ownes	D5	MK2	M.D. Hodson	D8
BM1	B.M. Swaine	D1	MK2	R. Vanwyngaarden	D9
BM1	W.C. Ritchie	D5	MK2	J.R. Whitby	D8
BM1	A. Malaguti	D7	MK2	B.J. Glines	D11
BM1	W.T. Haven	LANT	MK2	C.D. Horak	D8
BM1	G.D. Taylor	D7	MK2	K. Lautenschlager	D1
BM1	L.M. Hitchcock	PAC	MK2	K.P. Dowd	D1
BM1	D.A. Cadiz	D11	MK2	M.R. Wood	D5
BM1	K.M. Connors	D1	MK2	D.R. Mills	D5
BM1	E.R. Ford	D7	MK2	W.H. Robinson	D8
BM1	G. Leonov	D7	PS2	J.R. Peck	D8
BM1	P.J. Steele	D8	PS2	D.L. Smith	D5
BM1	J.F. Balzac	D7	PS2	D.E. Battles	D8
BM1	G.M. Williamson	D5	PS2	F.E. Gorman	D1
BM1	P.J. Rooney	D1	PS2	J.W. Andrade	D1
DC1	T.A. Marks	D9	PS2	D.M. Leitinger	D5
DC1	W.G. Hatch	D9	PS2	K.E. Pounds	D8
EM1	J.A. Decastillia	D5	PS2	R.J. Baunen	D11
EM1	M.W. Berry	D8	PS2	J.R. Copley	D11
EM1	C.C. Romero	D8	PS2	F.R. Urgelles	D14
EM1	R. Edington	D1	PS2	M.F. Baiker	D1
EM1	J.S. Theros	D8	PS2	R.G. McLoughlin	D1
ET1	A.C. Fusco	D1	PS2	K.E. Roraback	D13
GM1	K.J. Brislin	D1	PS2	S.P. Wildermuth	D11
HS1	C.M. Jani	D1	PS2	H.B. Hueston	D8
HS1	K.M. Barnes	D5	PS2	J.E. Becton	D7
HS1	D.S. Supenski	D9	PS2	J.T. Campbell	D7
MK1	J.L. Patterson	D8	PS2	D.R. Adams	D5
MK1	J.A. Palazzo	D1	PS2	C.L. Croft	D8
MK1	J.D. Briest	D8	PS2	R. Handy	D8
MK1	S.W. Stahl	LANT	PS2	J.S. Smith	D5
MK1	R.E. Kieft	D5	PS2	L.D. Harris	D5
MK1	C.J. Alaniz	D11	PS2	M.J. Frank	D5
MK1	D.R. Seivert	D9	PS2	A. Garon	D14
MK1	E.G. Bernius	D1	PS2	B.L. Jones	D7
MK1	J.A. Schipper	D11	PS2	M.B. Lee	D7
MK1	J.M. Schellhammer	D8	PS2	R.V. Sutehall	D11
MK1	J.H. Lawson	D8	PS2	R.E. Reese	D5
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MK1	C.D. Sekerka	D9	PS2	E.K. Kamoku	D14
MK1	E.R. Tuten	D7	PS2	J.T. McHahon	D1
MK1	D.C. Booker	D8	QM2	J.E. Kapsimalis	LANT
MK1	J.F. Tracy	D1	QM2	C.C. Bare	D7
QM1	J.D. Warner	D1	QM2	M.S. Codega	D1
SK1	D.C. Padgett	D5	QM2	J.R. Ostrowski	D11
SK1	G.A. Taylor	D13	SK2	J.C. Linfield	D1
TC1	M.E. Mansur	D5	SK2	T.G. Kayati	D5
TC1	S.U. Malaguti	D7	FS2	W.L. Standberry	D7
TC1	S.C. Miles	D7	FS2	J.P. Gregoria	D9
TT1	A.R. Samson	D8	FS2	E. McGilivray	PAC
TT1	W.F. Ellis	D1	FS2	M. Rowan	D1
TT1	R.E. Cook	D9	FS2	B.L. Kraft	D5
TT1	R.P. Gresak	D5	FS2	T.A. Dornfried	D1
YN1	M.A. Rankin	LANT	FS2	H.A. Williams	D7
YN1	A.W. Dietze	D5	FS2	J.J. Odonnell	D5
YN1	G.M. Owen	D13	FS2	J. Tank	D7
YN1	C.G. Cerles	D11	TC2	E. Romos	D7
YN1	L.A. Weller	D17	TC2	P.K. Abrera	D5
YN1	T.P. Collins	D1	TC2	P.D. Hughes	D2
YN1	J. Wilcox	D1	TC2	A.L. Burrell	D1
YN1	R.J. Jackson	D8	TT2	C.J. Griffin	D1
YN1	L.D. Dickenson	D13	YN2	C.J. Winner	D5
YN1	D.S. Dill	D8	YN2	F.E. Selby	D9
YN1	G.A. Smith	LANT	YN2	M.J. Naumovitz	D1
YN1	S.A. Glenn	D1	YN2	L.S. Kentch	D8
YN1	J.L. Murrell	D8	YN2	T.J. McCarthy	D5
YN1	J.D. Graviss	D8	YN2	J.A. Jackson	D13
YN1	R.P. Maher	D1	YN2	L.J. Borders	D13
YN1	W.R. Lyford	D1	YN2	E.M. Herndon	D8
YN1	C.E. Wilcox	D7	YN2	K.A. Aubry	PAC
YN1	J.W. Murnane	D7	<b>Petty Officer Third Class (Striker List)</b>		
YN1	C.J. McClafferty	D1	BM3	A.B. Vernon	D8

Refer to COMDTNOTE 1430 of 11 Dec. 96 (ALCGENL 081196, dtg 191730Z DEC 96) for more information. Names listed in rate rank order.

# On Deck

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personnel at the Atlantic Strike Team. The unit's mission includes response to oil and hazardous substance incidents, training for environmental emergency response as well as testing and evaluation of equipment. SCPO Robert Majka, CEA of the Atlantic Strike Team, gave a brief to Perry and escorted him on a tour of the facilities. During the tour of the "CDR Mark L. LaVache" equipment facility, Majka told Perry that Reserve support was essential to accomplish the unit's mission. Perry talked to many of the active and reserve members of the Strike Team, and he was very impressed with all the Strike Team's equipment. Also while at Fort Dix, we visited all of the Reserve Components on their drill weekend, concluding with an All Hands with remarks from Lee and Perry. I only wish I could have showcased all the *Team Coast Guard* integrated commands.

Welcome back from the holidays. I was able to go home to Portland, Ore. for Christmas and spend time with my family. I hope everyone had as nice a time as we did.

Now that we're into a new year, the first order of business is advancements. I congratulate all of you who were advanced (see box opposite page). For those of you hoping to be advanced, keep up your quals and study for those tests.

An exciting thing occurred at Fort Dix, N.J., home of the USCG Atlantic Strike Team. Dr. William Perry, outgoing Secretary of Defense, visited Fort Dix on Saturday Oct. 26, along with Assistant Secretary of Reserve Affairs, Ms. Deborah Lee, and the Senior Enlisted Advisors Council. I was able to travel with Dr. Perry and visit all the Reserve components attached to Fort Dix.

Dr. Perry enjoys visiting enlisted members of the Service and we had an opportunity to showcase the Active/Reserve

To chiefs, remember the CPO Academy is designed for you. It will give you additional tools for not only your Coast Guard Reserve career, but also for your civilian occupation and life in general. I highly encourage all CPOs to put in for the Academy. The next Reserve Class is scheduled for June 21-July 3, 1997. The application deadline has been extended to Jan. 25, 1997. Those selected to attend the Academy will also be given the opportunity to perform this period of active duty in addition to their annual Active Duty for Training (ADT) at the assigned commands.

I receive a number of questions regarding Class "C" schools. If you or a shipmate have access to the internet, I highly recommend the information on the internet page on Resident Training for CG Reservist at <http://www.dot.gov/dotinfo/uscg/hq/reserve/rtrain/htm> or call (202) 267-1622 and we'll fax a copy to you.

Speaking of questions, I have been asked many good questions from the field. Before you ask, however, please ask yourself, "am I using all available resources before I ask the question?" I have received many questions about points, point statements and how to figure your retirement. Please keep your back copies of *The Reservist* as many answers are published in it. For example, the entire October 1995 issue of *The Reservist* was devoted to retirement-related issues. My suggestion is keep all copies of *The Reservist* and use them as a resource as well as a mentoring tool.

Please remember recognition of not only reservists but also of their employers. I attended a briefing by Master Sgt. James Holmes of Employer Support of Guard and Reserve. ESGR has a great program for employer recognition at the state and national level (1-800-336-4590).

Finally, I am looking forward to meeting the nominees for the 1996 Outstanding Junior Officer Award at the ROA Coast Guard Reception Feb. 17 in Washington, D.C. and especially congratulating our national winner, LT Olen F. Roberts of MSO Wilmington, N.C. and D5.



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**Inset above: Secretary of Defense Dr. William Perry, center, with Active and Reserve members of the Atlantic Strike Team and Senior Enlisted Advisory Council at Fort Dix, N.J. Oct. 26. Above: Secretary Perry, center, chats with CG Reservist BMC Tom Sost, left, and D CCS Robert Majka, right, both of Atlantic Strike Team. Inset right: CG Reservist PSC Dean Matthews, Atlantic Strike Team, left, meets Perry, center, while MCPO Bill Phillips, CGR CEA, looks on.**

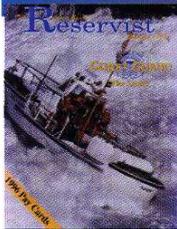
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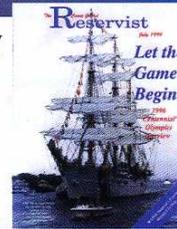
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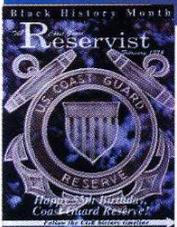
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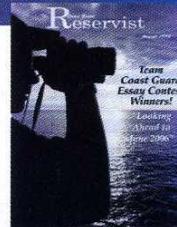
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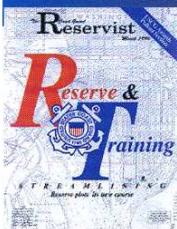
- Happy 55th Birthday, Coast Guard Reserve: Follow the CGR History Timeline
- CG Academy chapel window dedicated to CGR
- CAPT David V. Edling, Guest Columnist
- African-American Women: Past, Present, Future
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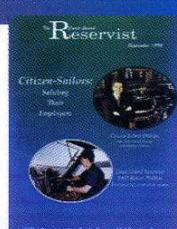
- Team Coast Guard Essay Contest winning entries
- RADM Larrabee on RADM Sloncen's retirement
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- Recording Proper Program Codes; OER changes

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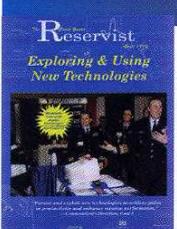
- Reserve & Training: Reserve Plots its new course; New Headquarters Organization
- USCG Awards Order of Precedence: 4-color insert with CG Reserve specific awards information
- Spotlight on CGR OJO finalists (photo)
- Remembering CG's first female helo pilot: LT Colleen Cain, USCGR (back cover)

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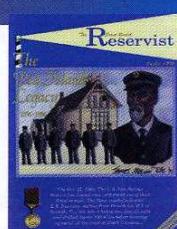
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- RADM Schneider salutes employers
- Reservists partake in Rhode Island ESGR Boss Appreciation Day; Reservist's invention fools drivers
- Team Coast Guard & the Reserve Program: What's A Billet? (Part II)
- Ready Reserve Mobilization Income Insurance Program Questions & Answers
- Taps for CG's 14th Commandant: ADM Chester Bender

**APRIL 1996\***



- Exploring & Using New Technologies
- RADM Richard M. Larrabee on technology
- USCG Webmaster: LCDR Bill Edgar, USCGR
- Understanding Differential Global Positioning System
- Standard Workstation II; Cellular Phones; R&D Center
- USCG Enlisted Rating Managers
- So Long 2nd District! Hello 8th District! (back cover)

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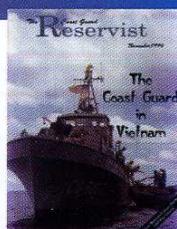
- The Pea Island Legacy: 1896-1996
- Reserve & Training Conference
- USCG 1996 Centennial Olympic Games Insert
- Over 100 Reservists Respond to TWA Flight 800
- USCG Voluntary Education Programs
- Team Coast Guard & the Reserve Program: Always a Military Force (Part III)
- New Reserve "M" Device

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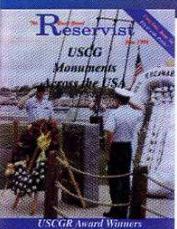
- A Master Chief's Memoirs: *MCPO Paul R. Antic*
- Now departing: husband-wife CGR team (Dobsons)
- Over 100 reservists advanced in May cycle
- USCG Monuments Across the USA (Part I)
- USCG Band information with concert schedule (back cover)

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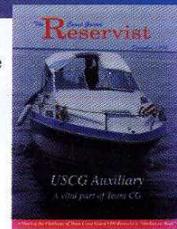
- The Coast Guard in Vietnam
- RADM Riker on CGR as good stewards
- Team Coast Guard & the Reserve Program: New Career Paths for Senior Reservists (Part IV)
- Reserve Senior Enlisted/Officer Career Path Chart
- 1997 Monthly Basic/Reserve Drill Pay; BAQ & BAS
- REBI returns; Yorktown establishes PSU TRADET

**JUNE 1996**



- USCG Monuments Across the USA (Part II)
- Award Winners — MKC Charles Wade & YN1 Yvonne Zuber (EPOY); Group Boston (Sparks); D13 (Waesche)
- Employer Support of Guard & Reserve
- Disabled Coast Guardsman salutes at Lincoln Memorial (World War II-era black & white back cover photo)

**DECEMBER 1996**



- USCG Auxiliary: A Vital Part of Team CG (insert)
- Team Coast Guard & the Reserve Program: How Reserve Program is Meeting the Challenge of Team CG (Part V)
- BM2 Paul Cormier: D9 Reservist is "Hooked on Haiti" Pea Island ceremony; CGR response to Hurricane Fran
- Officers' FAX-On-Demand; RRMIIIP Clarification
- Big Sable Point Lighthouse (Holiday/winter back cover)

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