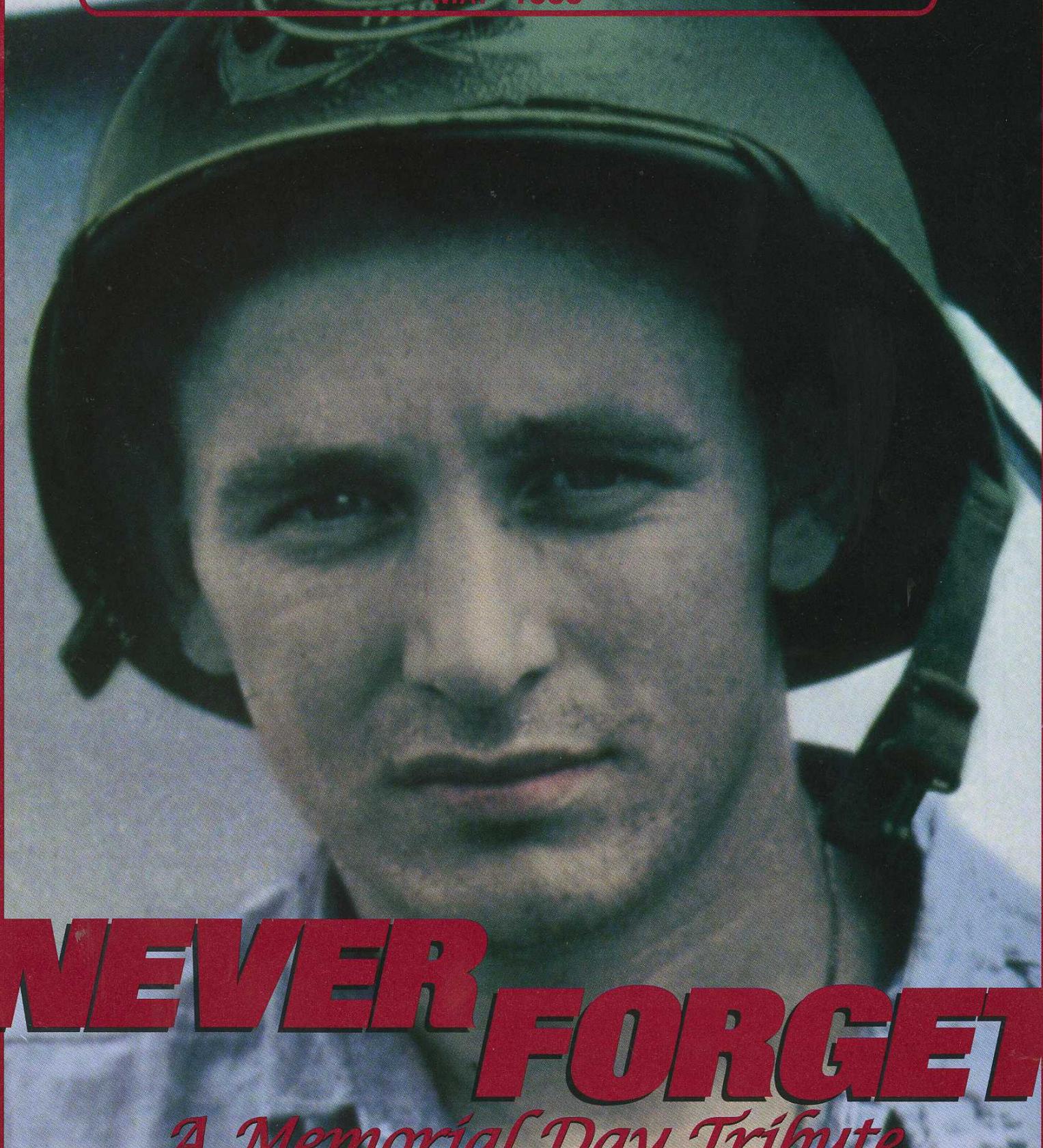


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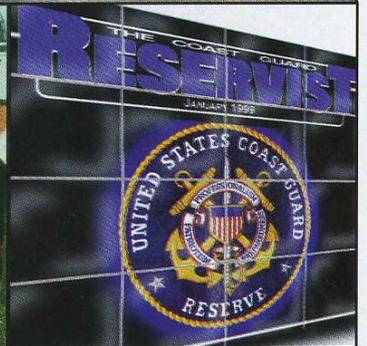
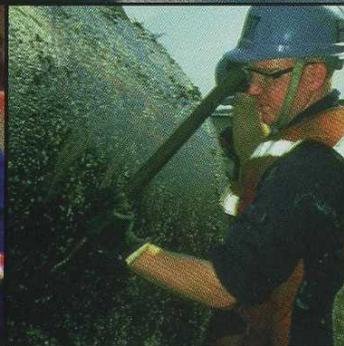
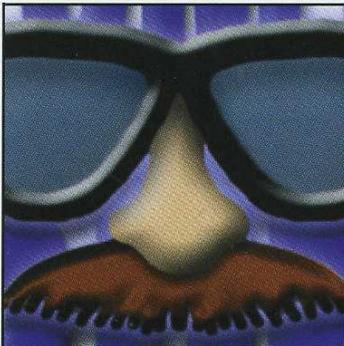
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On the Cover

FRONT: An unknown Coast Guardsman wears the service emblem on his battle helmet during World War II. Photo courtesy Coast Guard Historian.

BACK: The CG Monument at Arlington National Cemetery. Photo by PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR.

During the month of May, we move into one of the most patriotic times of the year. Consider the following...first comes Armed Forces Day in mid-May, then Memorial Day at the end of the month. On June 6, we remember D-Day, and June 14 ushers in Flag Day (vastly underrated in my humble opinion). A few weeks later, we celebrate Independence Day on the Fourth of July. Of course, for those of us in the Coast Guard, it all climaxes on Coast Guard Day celebrated each year on Aug. 4.

Each of these special days has in one way or another been featured in years past in *The Reservist*. However, Memorial Day has somehow been sadly overlooked. It's time to change that...to revisit and remember historically why we have that three-day weekend the end of May. Beginning with RADM Riker's View From the Bridge, and including the cover story and back cover of the Coast Guard Monument at Arlington National Cemetery, we pause to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. Our cover story is a patchwork of Memorial Day history, including some information on cemeteries, monuments and memorials around the nation. That begins on page 14.

Since each May also marks National Police Week, we also pause to remember the law enforcement personnel who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty for their cities, states and the nation. We salute our Coast Guard Reservists who serve in law enforcement as "Citizen-Sailors" of the month on pages 10-11.

While we were finishing this issue, one of our fellow Coast Guardsmen passed away on April 24. His name is **YNC Michael Phillips**, an active duty Coast Guardsman stationed in Kodiak, Alaska. Only 34, he was on leave visiting his family in Fredericksburg, Va. when he passed away suddenly of a heart attack. Chief Phillips was interred at Quantico National Cemetery in Virginia. The Coast Guard Honor Guard saluted him with military honors, while a cordon of chiefs and Headquarters personnel were also present. Several Coast Guardsmen came all the way from Alaska to Virginia to be present as well. I did not know the chief, and I was very busy with daily activities when I heard about his passing. Looking back, I'm glad I took time out to participate in his services.

I know how very busy all of you are too. Yet, I hope this Memorial Day, out of honor, respect and devotion to duty, you will take a moment to pause and reflect on those who have sacrificed so much before us.



CAPT Stratton's 100th

I was truly overwhelmed by the flood of greetings, cards and well wishes I received from across the nation for my 100th birthday. I am still reading and enjoying your letters and cards. It is impossible to answer each of you with a personal note, although I would really like to do so. Surely the time you spent getting the wishes to me should be recognized to show my appreciation.

I treasure the three years of active duty I spent in the Coast Guard during World War II, as well as the continued association with the SPARs and many other Coast Guard members throughout the

years. In reflecting on the many significant times and events of this past century and my long life, the privilege of being part of the Coast Guard is truly one of the highlights. I am so proud to be associated with such a fine organization.

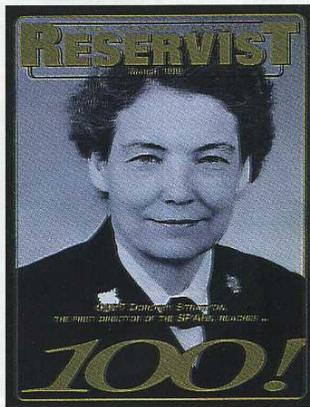
It is difficult to simply say thank you to such an overwhelming number of good wishes, but my thank you is heartfelt. I deeply appreciate the attention given to me at this most memorable time of my life. Again, you have demonstrated the true meaning of Semper Paratus, Always Ready. I salute you!

— CAPT Dorothy C. Stratton
West Lafayette, Ind.

Many compliments are due for the March issue of *The Reservist* featuring the 100th birthday of CAPT Dorothy C. Stratton. CWO4 Betty Splaine and I were privileged to be guests at a March 20 dinner hosted by CAPT Stratton's family in West Lafayette, Ind. to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Once at the dinner site, we entered the dining room, and the large two-by-three foot greeting card signed by hundreds of well wishers at Coast Guard Headquarters was propped behind the birthday cake. The cake had the Coast Guard shield on one end and the Purdue logo on the other. Most of the other attendees were from Purdue.

I had the privilege of presenting the attractive notebook containing the many good wishes from individuals, office groups, Coast Guard active duty, reserve, civilian, auxiliary, retired, veterans, ships and stations. CWO4 Splaine selected several greetings to illustrate the diversity of the greetings



which included the Commandant, former commandants, other flag officers, enlisted personnel, the president, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, members of Congress as well as some e-mails from the Internet.

Those of you who attended the SPAR's 50th anniversary reunion, held in Washington, D.C. in 1992, will be pleased to know that CAPT Stratton appears about the same as she did at the reunion — standing straight, witty, and with the “aye, aye, sir, thank you sir” twinkle in her eye as she spoke briefly to the group. On behalf of the SPARs, congratulations again for a job well done. It was indeed a proud moment to be a part of the Coast Guard!

— CAPT Jeanne Gleason,
USCGR(Ret.)
Washington, D.C.

When my March issue of *The Reservist* arrived I was so happy to see our beloved CAPT Stratton's picture on the cover celebrating her 100th birthday. The pictures, articles and well wishes from around the world were just great. The last time we were with CAPT Stratton was at our gala SPAR 50th birthday party in Washington, D.C. She was always special to us and her friendliness, keen mind and sharp wit made the celebration a memorable one.

— Betty Puffer Rockett
Coast Guard SPAR, Leeds, N.Y.

The March *Reservist* was a fine issue and a most fitting tribute to an outstanding person in our country's history. I have shared copies with our national leadership, and a copy was posted at a special reunion held in late March of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.

— Sally Lefler
Girls Scouts of U.S.A., New York, N.Y.

I have just read the March 1999 issue of *The Reservist* and would like to send our congratulations to CAPT Dorothy Stratton on her 100th birthday. America has been blessed with such a wonderful person! My husband, MK2 Joseph Schiffer and son, BM3 Joseph Schiffer III are both Coast Guard Reservists and drill at Station Montauk, N.Y. and Station Channel Islands, Calif., respectively. If CAPT Stratton would like to drill at a local station, I'm sure the Coast Guard could use her expertise! We again want to say thank you to CAPT Stratton for her contribution to our country.

— The Schiffer family
Lindenhurst, N.Y.

Thank you so much for your magazine article concerning Dorothy Stratton. Especially because she was born in Brookfield, we are extremely grateful and wish her a blessed 100th birthday! I forwarded information of her 100th birthday to our daily newspaper, the *Brookfield Daily News Bulletin*. Thanks once again.

— Dana Tarpenting, City Clerk
Brookfield, Mo.

Ed's note: Coast Guard personnel from throughout the nation sent CAPT Stratton, the first Director of Women's Reserve (SPARs), a total of 180 birthday cards and over 200 e-mails and electronic greetings for her 100th birthday. Greetings also came from the president, Sen. Frank Murkowski of Alaska, Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia, Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as well as the Commandant, two former Commandants, and five other Coast Guard admirals. Sen. Murkowski also had her 100th birthday recorded as part of the Congressional Record. CAPT Stratton was honored at two birthday dinners, the first by her family on March 20, the other on March 24, her actual birthday, by the health care facility where she lives in West Lafayette, Ind. The mayor of West Lafayette, The Honorable Sonya Margerum, presented CAPT Stratton with a Distinguished Citizen Award. The event received national attention as well — Willard Scott announced her 100th birthday on NBC's Today the morning of March 29. More follow-up coverage of CAPT Stratton's 100th birthday can be found in the Reserve News section of this issue on page 8.

Kudos for "On Deck"

I wanted to add my voice to the chorus that is complimenting the magazine's new format. I particularly feel that the Reserve Force Master Chief's "On Deck" column adds a valuable dimension. His straightforward and factual style communicates quite a lot of information on a single page. "Bravo Zulu" to MCPO George P. Ingraham for an outstanding product.

— CWO Len Woolard
MSD Concord, Calif.

CGMA on back cover

I see Coast Guard Mutual Assistance receiving less promotion and publicity than it used to when I first joined. So, it was nice to see a graphic that emits a profound message of lifesaving such as the one you depicted on the back cover of the March issue.

— BMC Tom Carroll, USCG
ANT Kennewick, Wash.

Training questions

How many reservists are actually receiving formal training? I am assigned to the 1st District where a large percentage of reservists are located. I do not know a single person who has received a formal Course of Instruction (COI) since Integration began. This slight is being brought to your attention not for personal gain, because at this point in my career, it's not essential that I attend classes. The younger reservists are missing a large part of what made membership so valuable to me.

Formal training during two-week ADT periods would benefit all of us in several ways:

1. Better trained personnel, ready to work and compete in Servicewide Exam competition
2. Provide the command with a motivational tool
3. Increase retention

The younger people are losing interest because far too many IDT weekends are spent doing the tasks found most distasteful by the full-time employees. Forty-one plus million bucks for Continuing Training is a lot of money (see Reserve Budget article, January 1999 issue). A lot of reservists feel that the full-time side pushed so hard for Integration to help offset their own budget shortfalls. I hope this is not so.

— CWO4 M. Zimmermann, USCGR
Far Rockaway, N.Y.

Ed's note: According to the Training Quota Center in Chesapeake, Va., 759 reservists attended some type of COI during FY1998 (192 to "A" schools, 476 to "C" schools, 73 attended PSU training, while 18 Reserve officers attended Reserve War and Staff College Courses). For those interested, each Coast Guard unit has a designated Educational Services Officer who is available to supply all Coast Guard members with current and up-to-

date course and training information utilizing COMDTNOTE 1540 (FY99 Class Convening Schedule for Coast Guard Class "C" Resident and Exportable Training Courses). Also, each ISC Force Optimization & Training Branch (pf) has Career Development Advisors who offer general career path counseling including Coast Guard course information, non-Coast Guard training courses, and college degree programs. COMDTNOTE 1540 for FY2000 is in the process of being updated and is scheduled for release on June 15, 1999. Another excellent source of training and course information is "The Coast Guard Ratings Information Director" available via the Internet: www.uscg.mil/hq/tpet/tpf/RatingsInfo/RatingInfo.htm. It lists all current sites which describe and support each rating. Included is SWE information, a rating reading list, current courses available, MRN study and more. It's an excellent source for supervisors planning training sessions for IDT weekends.

CLARIFICATIONS/CORRECTIONS

• Please make three pen and ink corrections to the *CGR Yellow Pages* included in the April 1999 issue. PSU 307's correct number is 727-893-3565 (page 6). The same error was also made at the end of the article entitled "Shielded Shark: PSU 307 passes first test" on page 8 in the April issue. The e-mail for ISC Alameda should be listed as filn@d11.uscg.mil. Also, the

Master Chief of the Coast Guard should be addressed as MCPO-CG, not MCPO (page 2, *CGR Yellow Pages*).

• The article entitled "Reservists assist with SWIII Computer Migration" in the March 1999 issue stated that reservists from ESD Boston and ESD New York were the primary Coast Guard personnel utilized for the computer migration

at the Battery Building in Manhattan. While this is true, we did not mean to imply they were the *only* reservists assisting with the SWIII migration nationwide. Many reservists across the nation have helped with the migration in various locations. ESDs Boston and New York were merely used as examples of sites where reservists have assisted.

LICENSE PLATE OF THE MONTH

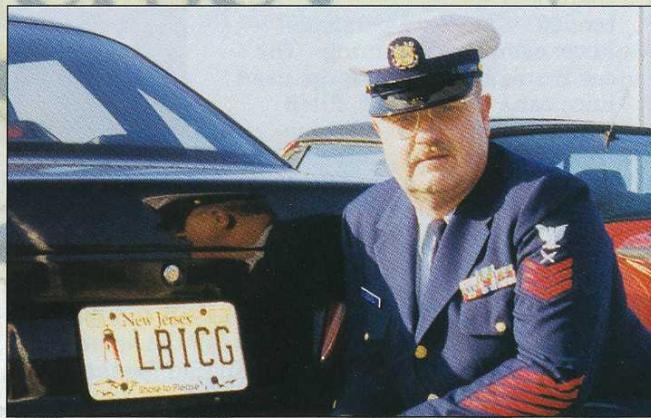
New Jersey - "Shore to Please"

New Jersey has 11 different specialty plates residents can buy representing 10 different causes. The second one issued was for shore protection, which included a picture of Barnegat Light. Being a reservist who drilled in the shadow of Barnegat Light (at Station Barnegat Light), YN1 A. William "Bill" Dietze just knew he had to buy one. He is pictured here with his specialty plate attached to his 1990 Ford Taurus SHO which he says has 167,000 miles on it.

"I've had the car since it was new and I hope to get at least a quarter of a million miles on it," said Dietze.

When applying for the plate, Dietze realized that *USCG* and *USCGR* were probably already taken in New Jersey. So he chose the letters *LBICG* because everyone in New Jersey, Delaware, eastern Pennsylvania, and southern New York knows LBI stands for Long Beach Island. And, reasoned Dietze, most people could figure out the CG is for Coast Guard, even though one Army type thought it stood for commanding general.

"One thing you can say about having a personalized license plate, it's easy to remember your plate number," said Dietze, who hails from Stockton, N.J., 90 miles northwest of Station Barnegat Light. A reservist since



YN1 A. William "Bill" Dietze

1981, Dietze says that money from the sale and annual renewals of the plates fund shore rehabilitation and protection projects. New Jersey also has custom plates for organizations including the military.

"I've seen a Coast Guard Reserve plate in mock-up but not on the road," said Dietze, "and I don't know if it is actually in use."

Photo by EMI Daniel J. Piszczatoski, USCGR

"STARBOARD WING"



A Memorial Day Salute

Memorial Day is usually associated with those who have made the supreme sacrifice in the service of their country. And to them, all glory and honor is certainly due. But

did not survive a sickness decades ago. The healing medicine had not yet been invented. Over there is the grandparent who perished in a railroad accident now only a distant memory. Right here is an uncle who was a favorite for telling great belly-busting stories; the stories never hurt or made fun of anyone unless it was the uncle himself. And here are the two grandmothers who were cigar makers in their youth. Over there is the devoted great-grandmother who carried her infant son to the logging camp each morning in a wicker basket; she did the daily cooking for the lumberjacks.

Memorial Day also offers personal meaning for each of us as well. To wit:

Lima, Ohio, is my hometown. Located in Northern Ohio about an hour south of Toledo, it is an industrial community of smaller size surrounded by farms. On the western side of town is Woodlawn-Gethsemane Cemetery; on the east side is Memorial Park.

I have visited these cemeteries on Memorial Day every year I have been on this earth, except for three or four years when away on Active Duty for the Coast Guard. And except for the weather of the moment — some Memorial Days are sunny and warm, others are cold and rainy — the setting is always the same, and so is the routine.

The grounds are always in their best spring green and well tended. Cemetery personnel know company is coming. The car trunk always has large used juice cans washed out, filled with fresh cut flowers, sometimes from family gardens. There is a can for each grave; flowers are arranged for each memory. The number of cans and amount of flowers has steadily increased over my 50 years of visitation. The bouquet is placed, a moment of reflection is observed, and then the stories are told.

The stories — always spoken in soft tones of respect and affection — are likewise always the same, but remain just as fresh as though shared for the first time that very day.

They are the oral traditions of an ordinary family — my family — living in an extraordinary land. Glancing at the tombstones, here is a parent's infant brother who

Then there are the small flags posted over the graves of the family veterans — the Spanish War and World War I. Now the World War II markers are being

installed. The flags fly year around. That is another tradition — stopping by the plots from time to time to replace a tattered or weathered Stars and Stripes. My father used to do this for the others; now the tradition has been passed on to me; I tend to the others, and to his flag as well.

But, on Memorial Day we come here each year to remember these people long since or recently passed away, and to whom we are kin. We remember them not as perfection embodied, but as individuals who lived through much — good times and bad, prosperous times and lean, in peace and in war — and who in their individual ways helped a Nation live through the challenges it faced at their time in history. We are reminded that

whatever we face as individuals — or as a Nation — probably was faced by our forebears as well. We remember them for having served their day and generation "...in the faithful performance of the humble tasks and duties of common life."

And then, looking up and out across the park, we see that we are not alone at these cemeteries on Memorial Day. We see flowers placed on other graves, and other families standing by and tending to their own. And we know that a People that pauses to reflect and honor its forebears remains strong, and Always Ready to face an uncertain future.

"MEMORIAL DAY IS USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY. AND TO THEM, ALL GLORY AND HONOR IS CERTAINLY DUE."

**By RADM J. Timothy Riker, USCGR
Deputy for Mobilization &
Reserve Component Affairs, Atlantic Area**

HEEDING THE CALL

Clinton recalls reservists for crisis in Kosovo

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Up to 33,102 Reserve component members can be called to active duty for Operation Allied Force under a presidential selected reserve call-up signed April 27 by **President Clinton**. The call-up order authorizes the mobilization of reservists for up to 270 days.

Initial focus is on 2,000 members and 47 aircraft in eight Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve air refueling units. The order affects all the services, however, and sets the Air Force activation ceiling at 25,000 reservists, the Army at 6,100, the Navy at 892, the Marines at 1,100 and the Coast Guard, 10.

Charles Cragin, acting assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, said the units in the first increment are all refuelers. The eight units are the Air Guard's 161st Air Refueling Wing of Phoenix, Ariz., 171st ARW of Pittsburgh, 117th ARW of Birmingham, Ala., and 128th ARW of Milwaukee, Wis.; and the Air Force Reserve's 927th ARW of Detroit, 940th ARW of Marysville, Calif., 434th ARW of Kokomo, Ind., and 931st Air Refueling Group of Wichita, Kan.

The reservists will help increase the tempo of the air campaign over Yugoslavia, Pentagon spokesman **Ken Bacon** said April 27. They will be based in Budapest, Hungary.

The services are also authorized to invoke stop/loss programs that would suspend service members' normal separation dates from active duty. The Air Force will invoke the stop/loss program; personnel most affected are pilots, air crews, aircraft maintenance personnel and those in other critical specialties.

Air Force **Maj. Gen. Susan Pamerleau**, director of personnel forces management on the Air Staff, said the service invoked stop/loss as a matter of fairness because of the large number of reservists being

called up. She said, however, stop/loss will specifically target those in critical specialties needed for the operation.

Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard officials said their services will not invoke stop/loss.

Cragin said the call-up demonstrates the critical role the Reserve components play today.

"Up to 33,102 Reserve component members can be called to active duty for Operation Allied Force under a presidential selected reserve call-up signed April 27 by President Clinton."

"We really can't do anything from a military operations point of view without the reservists," he said.

"The Guard and Reserve are integral parts of America's total force now and this is just the latest example."

Similar reserve call-up orders have been used for operations in Bosnia and Southwest Asia. Reserve component airmen also have been part of Operation Allied Force since the beginning, but they were volunteers, Cragin said.

"About 1,500 reservists at any one time support the operations over Yugoslavia," he said. However, the scale of operations has increased, and DoD could not sustain operations without calling the reservists,

he noted.

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve assets include aerial refueling and strategic airlift units, electronic warfare units and some strike units. Most units called will support air operations against Yugoslavia, though some will support the Kosovar refugee relief effort.

At this time, Army officials said they plan on calling not units, but individuals in such job specialties as civil affairs, psychological operations, water purification and logistics. These Army Reserve component members will concentrate on helping the humanitarian mission.

Once called up, reservists qualify for all benefits afforded active duty counterparts, including the tax exemption for service in the Allied Force area of operations.

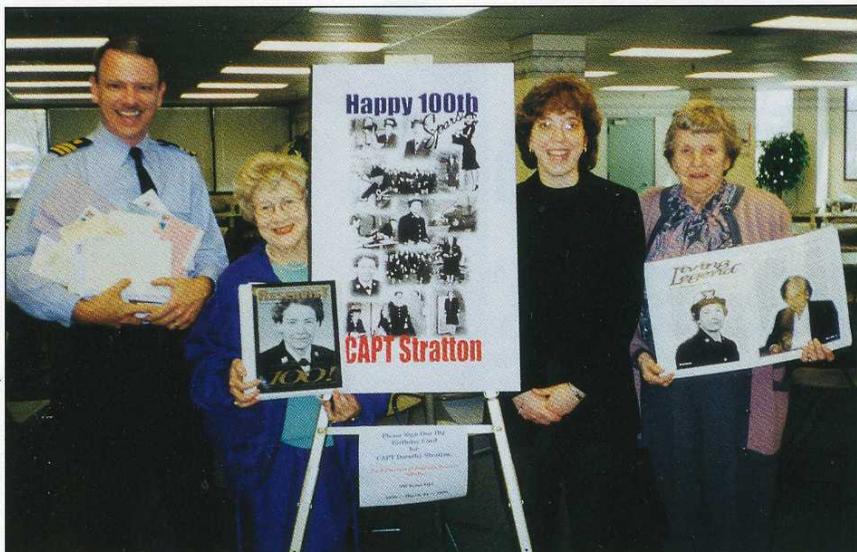
Some of the reservists will back-fill active duty personnel going to Allied Force, Cragin said.

"The United States has worldwide commitments," he said. "These must continue. We are handling all contingencies as they arise. Obviously, this requires an effort by all members of the total force."

— *By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service*

Ed's note: Four Coast Guard Reservists attached to USTRANSCOM's Joint Transportation Reserve Unit (JTRU) have volunteered for active duty. CDR Tim Butler of Maplewood, Minn., served several weeks as the Liaison Officer from USTRANSCOM to EUCOM (CINC European Command) in Stuttgart, Germany. CDR Ron Davis of Brentwood, Tenn. has now relieved Butler. Serving at USTRANSCOM, located at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., are CAPT Mike Stango and CDR Deborah Dombeck. The Coast Guard element of the JTRU was featured on the cover of the April 1999 Reservist.

DOROTHY STRATTON RESPONSE: OVERWHELMING



Hundreds of Headquarters personnel signed the huge two-by-three foot card displayed here for CAPT Dorothy Stratton's 100th birthday. Left to right are CDR Chuck Polk, displaying some of the many cards received; SPAR CWO4 Betty Splaine, showing the front cover of the March Reservist; Minda Littman, who designed the huge card; and SPAR CAPT Jeanne Gleason, holding a proof of the March Reservist. Splaine and Gleason presented Stratton with all of the birthday greetings March 20.



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24 March 1999

CAPT Dorothy C. Stratton, USCGR (Ret)
c/o Commandant (G-WTR-2)
US Coast Guard Headquarters
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Dear Captain Stratton,

On behalf of the men and women in uniform, congratulations on the occasion of your 100th birthday. Your dedicated service as the first Director of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve left a lasting mark on military history and laid a firm foundation for the vital role of women in the Armed Forces.

At the outset of World War II, the Coast Guard sought your help in organizing the large contingent of women joining the newly established Coast Guard Women's Reserve. You stepped forward from a promising academic career as Dean of Women at Purdue University and answered the call, transferring your Naval Reserve commission to the US Coast Guard Reserve. From 1942-1946, under your superb leadership, the SPARs grew to a force of over 10,000 women. They filled indispensable wartime specialties and offered the flexibility and discipline only military women could provide.

Your service is an inspiration to all who choose a career in the Armed Forces and I am delighted that your legacy is recorded in the Women in Military Service for America Memorial. Happy birthday and best wishes for a wonderful day filled with friends, relatives and old acquaintances.

Sincerely,


 HENRY H. SHELTON
 Chairman
 of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

A LITTLE MORE THAN PAINT BY NUMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Who says spare time can't be productive time? Just ask **LT Tom Farrell**, a Coast Guard Reservist and member of the Coast Guard Art Program (COGAP).

"I've been interested in painting all my life but really got interested while TAD at TRACEN Petaluma during spring 1997," said the 39-year-old Farrell. "During my spare time, I started painting the countryside at Petaluma."

One thing led to another and this University of Illinois business graduate was soon applying for and accepted to the Coast Guard Art Program. The themes of his work are based on the needs of the Coast Guard.

"I spoke to the Coast Guard Art Program administrators at Headquarters and they told me they needed certain pieces," said Farrell. "For example, they were commissioning the icebreaker *CGC Healy* and they didn't have any art of CAPT Michael Healy."

Four of Farrell's paintings have been accepted by the Coast Guard: CAPT Healy, Douglas Munro, *CGC Eagle* and *CGC Harriet Lane*.

He gets "lost in his work" losing all track of time while working.

"I don't count days, but each painting probably took a couple of months," said Farrell, who paints in oil, water color and pastel depending on the subject.

Once COGAP accepts a painting, they frame it. In the case of the *Healy* painting, the Commandant liked it and invited Farrell to his office for a photo session.

"He (**ADM James Loy**) was complimentary. It will hang on his Wall of Heroes for a while," said Farrell, who also did the artwork for the Commandant's 1997 Holiday card. "It was interesting painting those subjects because of what they have done and because when I paint a portrait, I'm trying to



LT Tom Farrell, left, displays his painting of CAPT Michael Healy with the help of ADM James M. Loy, in the Commandant's office on March 26.

convey the spirit of the person," said Farrell, who grew up in Tinley Park, Ill. and is now on ADSW-RC in the Office of Reserve Affairs at Headquarters.

The Coast Guard Art Program has 314 artists. For more information, contact **PA1 Marshalena Delaney** at 202-267-1900 or e-mail her at: mdelaney@comdt.uscg.mil.



Photo by Max Taylor, Reflections Photo Inc.

Reservists from every component were honored at the USO Annual Awards Dinner March 9. Front row, left to right: Gen. Joseph Ralston, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Maj. Michael Theisen, Maryland Air National Guard; Maj.

Debra Clark, Army National Guard. Back row, l to r: BMC Mark Allen, USCGR; Lt. Col. Robert Swain, Jr., USAFR; CPO Junior Johnson, USNR; Gunnery Sgt. Scott Dotson, USMCR; and Staff Sgt. Heidi Madsen, USAR.

USO HONORS LOTT, SPIELBERG, RESERVISTS

ARLINGTON, Va. — Film maker **Steven Spielberg** and **Sen. Trent Lott** were honored at the Uniformed Services Organization (USO) of Metropolitan Washington's Annual Awards Dinner at the Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City on March 9. All seven Reserve components were also honored as part of USO's Special Salute to the National Guard and Reserve. Representing the Coast Guard Reserve was **BMC Mark Allen** (see photo for names of other Service representatives).

"It was really an honor to represent the Coast Guard Reserve at this wonderful event," said Allen, a 19-year reservist who drills at Station St. Inigoes, Md. "I was almost more enamored with my fellow reservists from the other components than with all the celebrities."

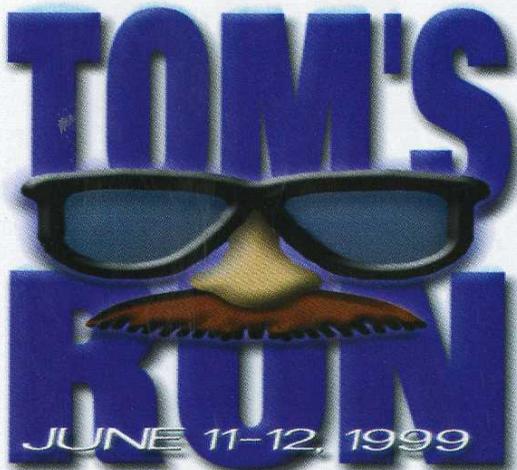
Spielberg accepted the 1999 USO-Metro Merit Award for his commitment to numerous philanthropic foundations as well as for his critically acclaimed depiction of American soldiers during the D-Day invasion in the movie *Saving Private Ryan*. Sen. Lott (R-Miss.) received the 1999 USO-Metro Service Award in recognition of his history of service in public office. The event was emceed by **Adrian Cronauer**, whose character was played by **Robin**

Williams in the movie *Good Morning Vietnam*.

"We are thrilled to honor such outstanding individuals as Steven Spielberg and Senator Lott who truly symbolize the volunteer effort on which USO-Metro depends," said **Elaine Rogers**, USO-Metro president.

Master Sgt. Sidney McNeil, USAF, of Bolling Air Force Base, received the *C. Haskell Small Award* for outstanding volunteer achievement. Miss America 1999, **Nicole Johnson**, of Roanoke, Va., sang the National Anthem. Also attending from the Coast Guard were **MCPO-CG Vince Patton** and **MCPO Diane Bucci**. Earlier in the day, in the middle of a late-winter snow-storm, Bucci and Spielberg laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

The USO of Metropolitan Washington is a non-profit organization serving 300,000 military personnel and family members in the metro-D.C. area. USO receives no federal, state or local government funding. The proceeds from the dinner provide a significant portion of the USO's operating budget. For more information about USO, see their web site at: www.usometrodc.org or call 703-696-2628.



WASHINGTON, D.C. — The C&O Canal 200-mile Relay Marathon is being coordinated by the Office of Reserve Affairs (G-WTR) and sponsored by the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Chief Warrant Officers Association. This year's event, being held in honor of CG Reserve webmaster **CWO4 Tom Brooks**, will raise awareness of ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. It will also serve as a fundraiser for the National Capital Chapter of the ALS Association. Relay teams are forming now for this June 11-12 event from Cumberland, Md. to CG TISCOM Alexandria, Va. For more information, contact **LT Phil Brookings** at e-mail: tomsrun@hotmail.com.

SALUTING OUR RESERVISTS IN...

Every May, National Police Week recognizes and honors law enforcement personnel around the nation. In Washington, D.C., the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, dedicated in 1991 by President George Bush, honors America's federal, state and local law enforcers. Hundreds of Coast Guard Reservists work in law enforcement, so this issue we salute them.

"What law enforcement personnel do on a day-to-day basis provides an excellent source of cross-training within the *Team Coast Guard* approach," said IVCS Benjamin Kenney, a Kansas City policeman. "Over the years, the Coast Guard has benefited from hundreds of years of law enforcement knowledge and experience utilized in a cost-effective manner."

Here are a few of our law enforcement personnel from around the nation, listed alphabetically by last name, and pictured on this two-page spread.

- **IVC Raymond E. Channel** is a Deputy for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department in Birmingham, Ala. where he has worked for almost 13 years. "I really enjoy the variety of work that I do," said Channel, who says that can include answering calls to directing traffic. His department is very supportive of Reserve duty and they are allowed 21 days to serve in support of Reserve component activities.

- **PSC John A. Costello** and his brother, **BMC Daniel E. Costello**, both work for the Portland, Ore. Police Bureau which has about 900 officers. John works as an afternoon shift supervisor in the Operations Division of the East Precinct. During his 22-year law enforcement career, he has worked patrol, river patrol, traffic motorcycles, street crimes unit, the Domestic Violence Reduction Unit, Transit Division, and as the Reserve Coordinator (Reserve officers who work for the department come into help for surge operations, similar to the Coast Guard Reserve).

"After all those years, I still look forward to going to work just about every day," said PSC Costello.

Brother Dan is assigned to the Domestic Violence Reduction Unit. Both Costellos drill at Coast Guard Station Portland, Ore.

- **TCCM George P. Ingraham** recently retired after 29 years with the San Jose, Calif. Police Department and three years as a Deputy Sheriff with the San Mateo County, Calif. Sheriff's Office. His police work ranged from patrol and training, personnel and investigations, to just POBC (Plain

Ole Beat Cop). He is currently serving as Reserve Force Command Master Chief at Coast Guard Headquarters (see "On Deck" on page 23).

- **IVCS Benjamin "Benny" C. Kenney** is a 29-year veteran of the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department. He is presently assigned as one of the senior detectives with the homicide unit. His career has spanned from helicopter patrol to bicycle squad.

"Over the years it has been very rewarding for me personally but can also be very challenging emotionally," said Kenney.

- **IVCS Gregory L. Morgon** is a lieutenant for the County of Los Angeles, Calif. Sheriff's Department. Morgon has worked in all aspects of the Department from patrol, jails, detective bureau to records. Because of his extensive background, he was selected as Commander of the Identification Section.

"It's actually an exciting time right now with technology changing so rapidly," said Morgon. "We're going to start using a fingerprint ID system in patrol cars to investigate crimes via facial recognition."

Morgon, a reservist since 1972, says that his job requires him to travel on occasion around the state and nation, and he says that much of his work overlaps into his Coast Guard Reserve duties.

- **FSCM William C. Phillips** returned to "the beat" with the Portland, Ore., Police Bureau in October 1998, after retiring from the Coast Guard Reserve in September as Reserve Force Command Master Chief (see photo at left below). He began his career with the Portland Police in 1977 and currently works in the Central Precinct where he responds to calls for police service.

- **IVC Donald J. Rifkin** is a lieutenant with the Miami-Dade Police Department in Miami, Fla. He is a Section Supervisor in the Central Records Bureau, supervising 62 civilian employees comprised of three separate units who work 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The three units include filing and retrieving police reports (over 300,000 annually), criminal information, and identifying all arrested persons.

For more information about National Police Week and the National Law Enforcement Officers Fund and Memorial in Washington, D.C., see their web site at: www.nleomf.com.



Photo by PA2 Chris Rose, USCG



Photo courtesy of IVC Don Rifkin, USCGR

Far left: MCPO Bill Phillips is presented with his Portland Police Bureau jacket by fellow police officer and reservist BMC Dan Costello at the Reserve Force Change of Watch & Retirement dinner Sept. 3. Phillips had been away from "the beat" four years. Left: IVC Don Rifkin at work in the Central Records Bureau at the Miami-Dade Police Department.



LAW ENFORCEMENT



L to R: CPO Ray Channel, MCPO Bill Phillips, SCPO Greg Morgon,
MCPO George Ingraham, SCPO Ben Kenney, CPO John "Big Bird" Costello
Story & Photo by CPO Ed Kruska

E X T E A C T I V E D U T Y

What to expect when you sign on

By LT Kent L. Bauer, USCGR

As more and more personnel needs surface in mission critical areas of the active duty Coast Guard, many high performing reservists with critical skill sets are being recalled to fill the gap. One such mechanism to bring these members of *Team Coast Guard* into the Active Component is Extended Active Duty, or EAD. If you are one of those reservists on EAD, or are considering it, here are some things to think about.

EAD Recent History

In July 1997, recruiting shortfalls and the additional need for Recruit Company Commanders refocused attention on the enlisted EAD program. The call went out and reservists filled billets from Hartford, Conn. to San Antonio, Texas. These contracts focused on the special individual skills that are ingredients for recruiter success as opposed to enlisted rate specific needs.

After these billets were filled, the Coast Guard saw an opportunity to use EAD contracts as a way to fill gaps in enlisted rating pyramids supporting peacetime mission areas. The latest enlisted EAD solicitation that went out the beginning of Fiscal Year 1999 targets reservists in the BM, MK, QM, EM, ET, FS, FT, RD, DC, SK, TC, and TT ratings. To date, 113 enlisted personnel are on EAD contracts.

The officer EAD program also experienced resurgence in 1997. The program was marketed through a series of messages, which solicited volunteers to apply for general billet assignments. To date, 45 officers are on EAD contracts.

Process for Enlisted

The overseer of the enlisted EAD program is the Coast Guard Personnel Command, Enlisted Personnel Management Division (CGPC-epm). The guiding document for the program is a Commandant Instruction published in October 1997 entitled "Recall of Enlisted Reservists to Extended Active Duty," COMDTINST 1141.3A. Here's how the program works:

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the Commandant's Workforce Forecasting and Analysis Staff puts together a targeting matrix for enlisted EAD accessions for that fiscal year. The billets listed are specific by rating and paygrade and are meant to fill rating pyramid gaps while not affecting advancements of active duty enlisted personnel. CGPC-epm takes the listing of billets and puts out the call via message to the Reserve community.

Reservists that are interested in filling one of the open billets are required to fill out a form (CG-3472) and route to CGPC-epm via the chain of command with copies sent to the member's servicing Personnel Reporting Unit (PERSRU). The Commanding Officer's endorsement is a critical part of the package and should be as detailed as possible. Once the request is received by CGPC-epm the reservist's personnel record is pulled for an administrative review. The record is looked at for prior active service and the quality of the member's overall performance. If the request is approved, the member is contacted and an EAD contract package is sent to the reservist.

EAD contracts typically run from two to four years. Some one-year contracts are given, strictly on a case-by-case basis. Once the contract is accepted, the assignment officer for the particular rating will contact the reservist and permanent change of station (PCS) orders will be sent to the member's servicing PERSRU. While applicants must be available for worldwide assignment, including sea and isolated duty, EAD contracts conditional on a specific unit assignment are considered in light of Service need.

Enlisted reservists that have filled an EAD contract for a minimum period of 12 months are eligible to enlist

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in the active duty Coast Guard. The enlistment, if authorized by CGPC-epm, would be for a period of three to six years at the option of the member. Members will be enlisted at the same pay grade in which they were serving on EAD.

Process for Officers

The overseer for the officer EAD program is the Coast Guard Personnel Command, Officer Personnel Management Division, CGPC-opm. The guiding document for the program is the *Coast Guard Personnel Manual*, COMDTINST M1000.6A, Article 1.B.1. Here's how the program works:

About every six months, a solicitation message comes out requesting officers interested in EAD contacts. The message does not give specific billets but lays out general criteria. These include being in a paygrade below lieutenant commander and having less than 11 years total active service, or, in the case of officers with no prior active service, less than 11 years commissioned service as a Reserve officer.

Reserve officers interested in EAD are required to write a letter and route to CGPC-opm via the chain of command with copies sent to the member's servicing PERSRU. Two enclosures should be included with the letter: a Reserve Officer Personal Resume (CG-5481) and a resume that includes civilian experiences and qualifications. Once the request is received by CGPC-opm, the reservist's personnel record is pulled for an administrative review. If the request is approved, an EAD contact and assignment is offered to the applicant. Officer EAD contacts run from one to three years.

Things to Consider

Here are some things to consider when you start thinking you might want to come on active duty via an EAD contract.

Enlisted advancements: Taking an EAD contact affects enlisted Service Wide Exam (SWE) eligibility.

While on EAD contracts, reservists in general ratings (those other than the Reserve-specific PS and IV ratings) will participate in the active duty SWE. Members in the Reserve-specific ratings compete for advancement through the Reserve SWE. While there is some provision made for time-in-grade requirements, reservists must meet all SWE prerequisites. For example, to compete on a BM SWE, the member must have the requisite sea time required by the active duty SWE.

Officer promotions:

Officers recalled on EAD contracts will compete for promotion on the Active Duty Promotion List (ADPL). Officers considering EAD should really look hard and evaluate their potential for promotion on the ADPL. Officers that compete favorably under a best-qualified criterion will be offered an opportunity to integrate.

Officers who fail selection on

the ADPL will carry the pass over back to the Inactive Duty Promotion List (IDPL) upon the expiration of their contract.

Reserve MGIB benefits: Reservists on EAD for a period of no longer than 12 months temporarily suspend their eligibility for the Reserve Montgomery G.I. Bill (MGIB) education benefits until they go back to the Selected Reserve. During the EAD period, the member may not receive education benefits regardless of class attendance. For members who elect to serve on EAD contracts of two years or greater, their Reserve MGIB eligibility is terminated and they lose any remaining education benefits available to them under this plan. However, they may elect to participate in the active duty MGIB if they meet eligibility requirements.

Those interested in EAD should contact the following. Enlisted, contact CGPC-epm-1 at 202-267-2733. Officers, contact CGPC-opm-1 at 202-267-1660.

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MEMORIAL DAY

1999

Story by
PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

Memorial Day! For many of us, the holiday may bring visions of spending time on a favorite sporting activity or hobby, or with family and friends. It marks the end of the school year and the beginning of summer vacation for many. Yet, the original reason for "Decoration Day" was to honor the men and women who gave all they had in the defense of our nation and its freedom. Memorial Day, like some of our American traditions, was born out of the tragedy and patriotism surrounding the Civil War.

History of Memorial Day

More than 620,000 men and women lost their lives during the War Between the States. Many soldiers were buried in enemy territory far from home and their graves fell victim to neglect. On April 25, 1866, widows of

Confederate soldiers in Columbus, Miss., placed flowers on the graves of their husbands' former enemies. This laid the foundation for Memorial Day. Similar ceremonies in other cities — Macon and Columbus, Ga., Richmond, Va., Boalsburg, Pa. and Carbondale, Ill., as well as approximately 25 other towns and communities throughout the nation have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day.

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson and Congress gave the ultimate distinction to Waterloo, N.Y., as having conducted the first official Memorial Day because they had conducted a formal and community-wide ceremony on May 5, 1866. On that day, businesses across town honored local soldiers and sailors who had fallen during the Civil War.

On May 5, 1868, Maj. Gen. John Logan, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union soldiers and sailors, proclaimed May 30, 1868, "Decoration Day" through his General Order No. 11. It stated in part:

The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now live in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.... If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us....

Maj. Gen. James Garfield spoke at the first Decoration Day at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. After the speeches, about 5,000 observers recited prayers and sang hymns as they walked through the cemetery, casting flowers on many of the more than 20,000 graves of Union and Confederate soldiers.

Thereafter the northern states celebrated this day, and in 1882, the name Decoration Day was changed to Memorial Day. The southern states observed a similar holiday on various dates until the turn of the century, when many state legislatures passed proclamations designating May 30 as "Memorial Day."

World War II veterans of the Amphibious Personnel Assault ships show their patriotic spirit at the April 23 dedication of the APA monument at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. Representing the USS Samuel Chase (APA-26) are Jim Carrie (on scooter) and Al Upper (wearing beige coat).



Photo by PAC Rob Wyman, USCG

In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. They also expanded the tradition to include all soldiers who had died in service to the nation. Memorial Day serves as a reminder to citizens across the country of the ideals upon which this country is based.

Cemeteries: Home and Abroad

On and around Memorial Day, cemeteries nationwide will be busy as relatives decorate the graves of their loved ones. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration maintains 115 national cemeteries in 39 states (and Puerto Rico) as well as 33 soldier's lots and monument sites. Also, 61 veterans cemeteries are run by various U.S. states and territories. The U.S. Department of Interior maintains 14 national cemeteries, including the one at Gettysburg, Pa. (see www.cem.va.gov).

One of our nation's most famous national burial grounds, Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., is run by the Department of the Army. During the Civil War, Union soldiers were buried here, site of the former Lee estate, to ensure Gen. Robert E. Lee would never return. The Army also maintains the Soldiers Home National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. The nation's largest national cemetery is Long Island National Cemetery, in Farmingdale, N.Y. with approximately 316,000 interred over its 365 acres.

By walking through one of these national cemeteries, occasionally you will find a "U.S. Coast Guard" headstone (see photo on page 17). Our Coast Guard's lone Medal of Honor recipient, Signalman First Class Douglas Albert Munro, is interred in the Veteran's section of Laurel Hills Cemetery in Cle Elum, Wash. His parents, including his mother, LT Edith Munro, a WWII SPAR, is interred next to him.

Thousands of Americans who served overseas never returned home and are buried in American cemeteries around the world. To ensure that their remains would be cared for overseas, Congress established the American Battle Monuments Commission in 1923. They design, construct and operate permanent American military burial grounds in foreign countries and establish and control memorials outside the U.S., or within its borders when directed by public law. General of the Armies John J. Pershing, who had led the American Expeditionary Forces to Europe in 1917, was named the first chairman of the ABMC and held

that position until his death in 1948.

The majority of the American cemeteries overseas are in Europe — England, Italy, France and Luxembourg. Eight World War I and 12 World War II cemeteries exist there while four other overseas cemeteries are administered by ABMC — in the Philippines, Mexico, Panama and Tunisia. Since the Korean War, the remains of American service members have been returned for burial in the United States.

"Visitors to these cemeteries or memorials come away with a greater appreciation of the sacrifice of American military men and women," said Maj. Gen. John P. Herrling, ABMC secretary. "It's impossible to walk away from one of these cemeteries and not feel proud to be an American."

Monuments & Memorials: Ashore & Afloat

As Memorial Day comes again this year, many parades will conclude at and ceremonies will be held at thousands of monuments constructed in honor of our fallen heroes. Some of the more prominent Coast Guard monuments include:

- **Coast Guard Monument** — Located in Section 4 of Arlington National Cemetery, it is a tribute to the Coast Guardsmen who lost their lives in World War I (see back cover). The monument also honors the *CGC Tampa*, sunk by enemy submarine, on Sept. 26, 1918 (115 lost), and the *CGC Seneca*, torpedoed in the Bay of Biscay Sept. 17, 1918 (11 lost). Many graves of Coast Guardsmen, including World War II Commandant ADM Russell R. Waesche and the Coast Guard's first aviator, CDR Elmer F. Stone, are buried adjacent to this monument in an area known as Coast Guard Hill.

- **USS *Serpens* Memorial** — Just down the road from Coast Guard Hill at Arlington is the *USS Serpens* Memorial, an octagon-shaped monument honoring the 250 (193 Coast Guardsmen) who lost their lives when this Coast Guard-manned ship exploded and sank Jan. 29, 1945 at Lunga Beach, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. It was the largest single disaster suffered by the Coast Guard in World War II and marks the second largest mass grave in Arlington.

- **CGC *Escanaba* Memorial** — Every year during the annual Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, Mich., a national memorial service is held to commemorate those on the *CGC Escanaba*, which sank June 13, 1943, off southern Greenland with the loss of 101.

- **CGC *Ingham* National Memorial** — In 1992,

Memorials like this new one at the Citizens Cemetery in Flagstaff, Ariz. dot the American landscape. Each of the Armed Forces has a memorial dedicated to it here, and the Coast Guard Arizona Memorial is the second one from the right. The American Legion, Department of Arizona, headed up this project. It was dedicated on Memorial Day 1998.



Photo courtesy of Bob Reyes, The American Legion



A Coast Guardsman, right, (notice helmet), assists a soldier during World War II.

the *CGC Ingham*, located at the Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum, in Mount Pleasant, S.C., was designated a National Historic Landmark. On Oct. 8, 1996, the *CGC Ingham* was proclaimed the National Memorial to Coast Guardsmen killed in World War II and in Vietnam.

For the record, 231,000 Coast Guardsmen served our nation with five out of every six being reservists during World War II. Of these, 1,918 paid the ultimate sacrifice and nearly 2,000 Coast Guardsmen were decorated. Seven died in Vietnam and are listed on the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C.

Another major national memorial being worked on is the World War II Memorial slated for construction on the National Mall. It will honor all those who served in World War II, and will be located between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial on the east end of the reflecting pool. President Clinton signed Public Law 103-32 on May 25, 1993, authorizing ABMC to establish the WWII Memorial. Ground-breaking is to be no later than Veteran's Day 2000. The WWII Memorial web site is www.wwiimemorial.com or call 1-800-639-4WW2.

Freedom Isn't Free

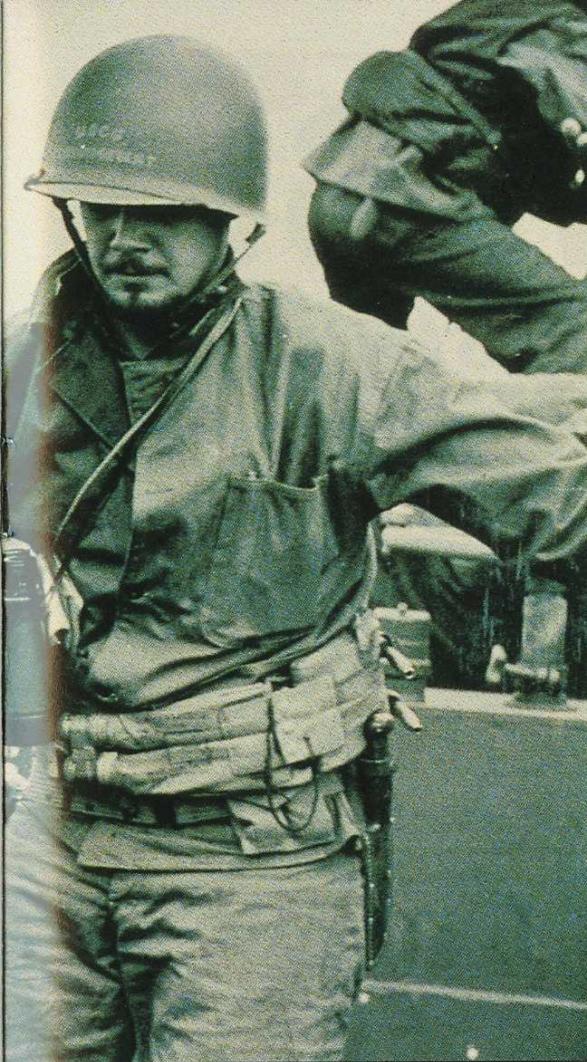
The grounds of the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., are filled with monuments. One more monument was added when the World War II Amphibious Personnel Assault monument was dedicated April 23. At the dedication, keynote speaker MCPO-CG Vince Patton thanked the many veterans present.

"I, for one, am quite moved to not only be an active

participant here today, but also to look at the number of Coast Guard, Marine, Army, Navy and Air Force veterans, and say thank you," said Patton. "Thank you for your dedicated service. Thank you for your willingness to put your life on the line because you believed that freedom is not free. This monument will forever serve as a constant reminder to recognize the superb performance of our World War II veterans."

Patton closed his speech by reading a poem entitled "Freedom Isn't Free." Written 18 years ago by Kelly Strong, then a young ROTC Cadet, he is now a Coast Guard lieutenant commander serving at Air Station Miami. The poem is published on the opposite page.

*Ed's note: Various sources were used in compiling this article. The Memorial Day historical information came from two web sites: www.pbs.org/memorialdayconcert/history.html and <http://edinburgh.k12.in.us/wwwmemor/memorial.htm>. Special thanks to Quantico National Cemetery for their help with information on national cemeteries. The information on American cemeteries overseas came from a May 1998 supplement to *Soldiers Magazine*, "A Guide to American Memorials and Overseas Military Cemeteries," by Joseph W. Purka, Jr. of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Coast Guard monument information is from the May and June 1996 issues of *The Reservist* which featured a two-part series, "Coast Guard Monuments Across the USA." Both of these articles are on the Reserve web site: www.uscg.mil/reserve.*



U.S. Coast Guard Historian

FREEDOM ISN'T FREE BY LCDR KELLY STRONG, USCG

*I watched the flag pass by one day,
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.*

*I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud;
With hair cut square and eyes alert,
He'd stand out in any crowd.*

*I wondered how many men like him
Had fallen through the years,
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?*

*How many pilot's planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.*

*I heard the sound of taps one night
When everything was still.
I listened to the bugler play,
And felt a sudden chill.*

*I wondered just how many times,
Taps had meant "amen."
When a flag had covered a coffin,
Of a brother, or a friend.*

*I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons, and husbands
With interrupted lives.*

*And I thought about a graveyard,
At the bottom of the sea,
Of unmarked graves in Arlington,
No, freedom isn't free.*



PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGH

A Coast Guard headstone at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

THE COAST GUARD RESERVIST

How to get Published

The *Reservist Magazine* has always depended on its readers for story ideas, articles and photos. This article is a brief overview of what we are looking for and may help you get started on the way to being a published author.

Brainstorming for ideas

Finding story ideas isn't as hard as it may seem. Try to think of something you or your shipmates would be interested in. The stories you hear around the coffee mess could be possibilities. Tell us about a really difficult Search and Rescue case or something that made the unit or boat crew really come together with each other or the active duty command. If they are worth telling, they are usually worth writing about. Stories about people are always good subjects.

Brainstorming can help; simply sit and jot down the many ideas you may have. At last summer's Reserve Chief's Academy, one such session was held and the chiefs contributed over 30 story ideas in a 90-minute session that we're still using today!

Every year in late summer, the staff of *The Reservist* holds an annual planning meeting to go over story ideas and plans for the coming year. Our readers are always welcome to contribute to this meeting via letter, e-mail or a phone call.

Even if you are uncomfortable writing a story, jot down your impressions and ideas, give us your phone number and e-mail address in case we have questions. With your help, we may be able to write your story and run it in a future issue. We also advertise for reader input for special features like the annual "Citizen-Sailor" issue and our photo and essay contests held every two years. We keep many stories (and story ideas) on file so be patient if you don't see it right away — it may resurrect itself at another time.

Case in point: Coast Guard Reservist LT George Pazak wrote a great story a few years ago about the Coast Guard's use of Differential Global Positioning Satellites. Although we liked his story, we held it for about a year and published it (with updates) in our Coast Guard Technology issue published in April 1996. The same is true of the Coast Guard License Plates you see featured each month. We keep a bulging folder with those submissions. Be patient...eventually, yours will be featured.

Awards, Retirements, Taps:

Contrary to what many of you may think, we **do not** receive a list of award recipients from the Awards & Medals branch. Some units send in awards, but if you received an award and want to be acknowledged, send us a copy of the award citation. We find out about the death of reservists the same way (for the "Taps" section). As for retirements, we receive copies of retirement letters from HRSIC (ras) each month. Advancements and promotions are obtained from the Reserve message traffic.

Citizen-Sailor: The individual reservists featured each month grew out of our annual "citizen-sailor" issue

last September. We had too many submissions for the allotted space and decided to feature one person (or group like law enforcement this month) each issue. The idea to feature Chief Bernie Steele, who works for the St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadium (April 1999 issue), simply grew out of the reservists at USTRANSCOM telling us about his job. They were right on target!

Writing the Story

Before you write, gather the important notes and ideas and jot them down. Using the five Ws of newsgathering (who, what, where, when, why) is a good way to ensure you've included all of the needed details. Avoid a "laundry list" of who worked or did something. It's much more readable if you incorporate that into the story instead. Keep in mind that good quotes can really spice up a story.

As you attempt to write your story, if you're having trouble organizing your ideas, try an outline. Length of your story varies according to how detailed you want to be but a good rule of thumb for *The Reservist* is about 600-800 words for a news item or feature.

We work in Microsoft Word and submitting electronically is preferred these days (as opposed to fax which means we have to rekey the story in many cases). We lay out the magazine in Quark Express 4.0.

Photography

As for photography, we can use prints, slides and in some cases, digital photography. Vertical pictures are easier to use, add variety to pages and may be cover candidates. One industrious reader sent us a photo thinking it would make a good cover. He even photocopied the print with our masthead attached as an example. It worked and was used on a cover a few years ago.

DEADLINES

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
July 1999.....	June 1
August 1999	July 1
Sep/Oct 1999	August 1
November 1999.....	Oct. 1
December 1999	Nov. 1
January 2000	Dec. 1

As for digital photography, we can use them for mug shots. Technology is improving rapidly, but we still prefer 35 mm prints and slides to digital. If you do send digital over your computer, please send it in TIF format versus JPEG.

Think about the picture before you take it. Does the activity meet safety standards? What about uniform regs and grooming standards. Yes, we're guilty sometimes of missing some of these things ourselves.

Some of these things may sound petty but they are very important. We understand that it's not always possible to stay clean in our line of work. The question to ask yourself is, "Does the picture reflect the image we want to project?"

We do have preferences about picture topics. People **doing** things are much better than the entire unit lined up against a wall with grins on their faces. Those are called "firing squad" pictures. Another classic to avoid is the "grip n' grin" – an award winner hanging onto a plaque with one hand and shaking hands with the CO with the other. Be creative. Rather than using a grip n' grin, try taking a picture of the person **doing** the award-winning thing. Be sure to identify each person with rank, rate, first and last name and unit and tell us what they are doing. We spend a lot of time tracking down rates and names because

they come into us incomplete. Make sure you send us shots that are in focus. We've received many that we couldn't publish because they were out of focus.

The best pictures have what is called full identification. That means that you can see what the person is doing as well as their face. Close ups are good for this. For example, if the chief is teaching a new seaman to tie a knot, try to get a picture that shows the faces of both the chief and the seaman as well as the knot being tied.

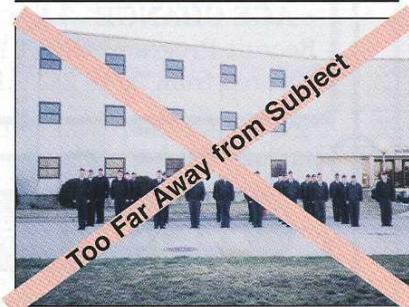
It can be a bit difficult to consider all these things at first, but you'll get the hang of it with practice and your pictures will be much more interesting. We also use "stand-alone" photos. That means, if you have a good photo but not a lot of information to go with it, we may be able to run just the photo with a cutline describing the action. Please include the name of the photographer as well.

A Final Word

Remember, *The Reservist* is your magazine. We need and want input from you to make it something that you will enjoy reading. Our address is listed on this page and is always on page 3 of every issue. Hope to hear from you soon.

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LICENSE PLATE OF THE MONTH

This space for rent....

No, you're not seeing double. This is a repeat photo from page 5. Coast Guard Reservist YN1 Bill Dietze is our model for what we're looking for "License Plate of the Month." First, hopefully after washing your car, have a friend or family member take a shot of you in uniform squatting next to the plate, just like YN1 Dietze did here. Then, take a focused close-up photo of just the plate itself. This will be used in the background as you can tell from this box. License plates submitted meeting these criteria will win out every time versus those sent in that are out of focus or with the person not in uniform. License plate of the month has been featured since January 1998



Your Name Here

and continues to be very popular. Approximately 12 are awaiting publication in future issues. We will be repeating states, so have fun, be patient, and your vehicle and plate will eventually grace these pages.

BULLETIN BOARD

IN BRIEF

- **RESERVE SERVICEWIDE EXAM** — Is slated for Saturday, Oct. 16. All MRNs and paperwork should be completed by May 31 in order to be eligible to participate.
- **AGE CHANGE** — Age to be eligible for the RX Recruit Program (Direct Petty Officer) has been lowered from 26 to 24. ALDIST 009/99.

RESERVE CMCs

Below is a listing of our CG Reserve Command Master Chiefs nationwide

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 1999

- **MEMORIAL DAY CG BAND CONCERT ON NPR** — National Public Radio will air a national broadcast of the CG Band from the CG Academy's Leamy Hall on May 31, 7 p.m. Check your local listings for air times as they may vary. The public is invited to the Academy for this event and should be seated by 6:45 p.m. No tickets required. 860-701-6825. Band web: www.cga.edu/band/

JUNE 1999

- **TOM'S RUN** — The Office of Reserve Affairs and Chief Warrant Officers Association are organizing a 200-mile fun run along the C&O Canal to raise money for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) in honor of the CG Reserve webmaster, CWO4 Thomas L. Brooks. For more information, see page 9 or contact LT Phil Brookings at: tomsrun@hotmail.com
- **ENLISTED PERSONS OF THE YEAR — ET3** Patrick C. Dill, *CGC Storis* (active duty) and PS3 Carol A. Mullins, MSO Tampa, Fla (reserve) will be honored the week of June 14-18 in Washington, D.C. Main ceremony is set for Friday, June 18, 9 a.m., CGHQ cafeteria. Contact Office of MCPO-CG at 202-267-2397 or your Command Master Chief.
- **COAST GUARD AUXILIARY 60TH ANNIVERSARY** — Wednesday, June 23 is the 60th anniversary of Coast Guard Auxiliary! All units are encouraged to plan activities with their local Auxiliary units and District Director of Auxiliary to celebrate this significant milestone. For information on the Auxiliary, see web site: www.cgaux.org or on the 60th, call LT John O'Leary at 202-267-1336.
- **ROA SUMMER CONVENTION** — At the Marriott in Anaheim, Calif., June 23-26, Contact ROA, 1 Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. 202-479-2200. FAX: 202-479-0416. Web: www.roa.org

JULY 1999

- **CGC SUMAC DECOMMISSIONING** — Friday, July 9, in St. Louis, Mo. The 54-year-old *CGC Sumac* (WLR-311) is the oldest river tender, and has been homeported at eight different sites during its tour of service. An open house will kick off festivities at 3 p.m. The formal decommissioning ceremony will be held at the foot of the Gateway Arch starting at 6 p.m. Former crewmembers are invited to attend. For additional info., contact LT Ed Lutsky, 314-282-0229 or BMCM Robert Hunsaker, OIC, at 314-481-6793.
- **COAST GUARD FESTIVAL** — 75th annual! July 30-Aug. 8. Parade and fireworks on Aug. 7. Entire CG family encouraged to attend. Contact: U.S. Coast Guard Festival, P.O. Box 694, Grand Haven, MI 49417. 616-846-5940 or 1-888-207-2434. Web: <http://www.grandhaven.com/uscgfest>

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RESERVE ENLISTED ADVANCEMENTS

Effective 1 MAY 1999								
Rate	No.	Name						
Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9)			PSC	15	J. R. CASH	YN1	4	M LANUM
			PSC	16	D. R. BERG	YN1	5	B. A. HANSEN
			PSC	17	T. D. STYERS	YN1	6	J. L. STONE
Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8)			SKC	3	L ABBADINI	Petty Officer Second Class (E-5)		
PSCM	2	F. D. ADAMS	TCC	2	P. W. CITEK	BM2	5	J. R. GARRISON
			TTC	2	P. E. ROBERTS	BM2	6	K. M. TYRRELL
			YNC	1	M. A. RANKIN	DC2	2	D. R. CREASON
			YNC	2	P. J. MORE	FS2	2	T. W. JAROWSKI
Chief Petty Officer (E-7)			Petty Officer First Class (E-6)			GM2	4	D. W. CLAYTON
BMC	1	K. J. ROCHE	BM1	5	R. L. WURGLER	GM2	5	M. W. HODGES
BMC	2	G. T. GREER	BM1	6	J. J. CHAVES	HS2	2	M. M. COHEN
BMC	3	F. D. VERHEUL	DC1	4	B. J. ECKEL	MK2	5	W. R. MORALES
EMC	1	J. P. LAVERTY	DC1	5	B. D. SCOTT	MK2	6	J. W. DAMERON
EMC	2	R. W. GRANTHAM	EM1	2	W. H. KOHLWAY	MK2	7	M. A. FILIPPI
GMC	2	D. M. PFEIFFER	HS1	2	R KOZAK	PS2	9	S. L. COOK
HSC	1	S GAGER	MK1	8	P. J. PAPARELLA	PS2	10	M. S. LIVINGSTON
IVC	2	H. M. SHOWALTER	IV1	9	R. C. HARNER	PS2	11	M. C. DENNIS
IVC	3	B. A. KERIN	IV1	10	D. H. LEA	PS2	12	M. A. SLODITSKIE
MKC	2	B. P. TEENER	IV1	11	C. D. HORAK	PS2	13	D. K. BUTLER
MKC	3	P. A. BENHAMIN	PS1	17	J. G. COMISKEY	PS2	14	L. H. HINES
MKC	4	D. W. JOHNSON	PS1	18	C. P. AYERS	PS2	15	D. L. BALDERSON
PSC	8	A. A. HAYES	PS1	19	L. W. BROWN	PS2	16	K. G. VASQUES
PSC	9	R. J. SEIBEL	PS1	20	S. M. KRAMER	SK2	6	R. A. MCLENNAN
PSC	10	J. L. KLEIN	PS1	21	S. W. ROBINSON	SK2	7	R. DOMINGUES
PSC	11	J. F. HART	PS1	22	O. D. BALDWIN	SK2	8	M. S. TALBERT
PSC	12	M. J. DUBRO	PS1	23	G. A. DENNIS	YN2	4	R. M. LEASK
PSC	13	S. J. RUPNOW	PS1	24	R. E. MOYE	YN2	5	G. HAYES
PSC	14	E. W. BEACH	PS1	25	C. L. FYKES	QM2	1	AB. W. BOSANQUET
			PS1	26	R. G. LOVICK	TC2	1	R.A. FIELD
			PS1	27	A. G. BRAL	Petty Officer Third Class (E-4)		
			PS1	28	D. WILLS	(Striker List)		
			PS1	29	J. M. FUCITO	BM3	1	S.A. MORAMARCO
			PS1	30	J. M. AZIZ	This list is taken directly from		
			PS1	31	B. R. RUSSELL	ALCGRSV 007/99 (R121716Z APR		
			PS1	32	A. J. LUKOWSKI	99). Questions may be directed to		
			SK1	5	M. T. MACNEIL	YNCS Jones, 785-357-3400 or via		
			SK1	6	A. D. DALOISIO	e-mail: rjones@hrsic.uscg.mil		
			TC1	4	D. R. KINNEY			
			TC1	5	S. C. BRITTON			

RETIREMENTS

MARCH 1999

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 SKC Curtis E. Sanborn, D13
 FS1 Daniel A. Noble, D11
 TC1 Ralph S. Schulze, D5
 BM2 Richard A. McCann, D7

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CAPT James L. Krish, D1*
 LCDR George Plante, D11*
 LCDR Raphael W. Roy, D8*
 CWO4 Frederick R. Wolf, D8*
 EMCM Zeke C. Magee, D7*
 PSCM Gary W. Gregg, D7*
 DCCS Ronald A. Wilkins, D9*

PSCS Dominic A. Ficarra, D9*
 PSCS Arthur A. Sondheim, D1*
 YNCS Richard R. Cornell, D1*
 BMC James M. Kingston, D8*
 IVC Robert M. Ford, D13
 PSC Jerry D. Hutchinson, D8*
 PSC Ralph L. Galatz, D9*
 PSC Robert H. Sieck, D8*
 BM1 Alexander J. Mavica, D1*
 CM1 Raymond F. Mayther, D13*
 EM1 George A. Basnight, D5
 MK1 James K. Bess, D8*
 MK1 Elton E. Warner, D9*
 PS1 Donald Alibrande, D1*

PS1 David L. Curnutt, D11*
 PS1 Marvin C. Herndon, D7*
 PSI Frederick A. Hinze, D1*
 PA1 Thomas J. Morrow, D11*
 SS1 Arthur M. Teska, D1 (Ret-3)
 MK2 Edward L. Beals, D5*
 MK2 Frank P. Encalada, D1*
 EM3 Douglas R. Graham, D13

MAY 1999

LCDR Kenneth E. Carlile, D8*

* RET-1 (Retired With Pay); all others without * are RET-2 except where noted. Source: HRSIC (ras)

A COUPLE OF THINGS...

I hope that all of you enjoyed "Spring Break" and the Easter/Passover Holidays. Here are some updates as we move into the busy summer months.

• **Congratulations Are In Order:** Congratulations to all those advanced on May 1, 1999. Your hard work making the cut is commended. A list is of those advanced is published on page 22 or see the Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement (ERAA) No. 02-99, ALCGRSV 007/99 (R121716Z APR 99).

• **PSU Pin:** I have had many inquiries about the port security unit (PSU) pin. **Yes, it is going to happen!** As I write this, the ALDIST is in final clearance. We have also approved the final cut on the proof copy of the pin itself (it looks great). I am optimistic that it will be implemented some time during the summer. Yes, there will be a "Grandfather Clause" for those who served with a PSU prior to May 1, 1995 (DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM and OPERATION UPHOLD DEMOCRACY). The exact qualifications for "grandfathering" and for those who have been a member of a PSU since May 1, 1995, will be in the ALDIST.

• **PSU 309 Takes Thomas E. Morris Award:** Congratulations to PSU 309 on winning the Thomas E. Morris Award. It is presented by the Navy League annually to recognize the Coast Guard deployable contingency unit with the best mobilization readiness. It took an extraordinary amount of dedication and just plain hard work to be the "best of the best." Bravo Zulu!

• **Say Thank You:** I attend many events where the term *Team Coast Guard* is mentioned. Usually the groups mentioned are Active, Reserve, Auxiliary, and Civilian. One very important element of *Team Coast Guard* that is sometimes missed or taken for granted is your spouse or significant other. May 14 is Military Spouses Day. Take the time to say thank you for their support. They are as important to *Team Coast Guard* as any other element.

• **Commissary Use Now 24 Times A Year:** Just a reminder, you can now use the commissary up to 24 times a year. You should have been issued a 12-use card already. In June/July, you will receive a second 12-use card. Next year, the cards issued will be a 24-use card. This change was mentioned twice already in *The Reservist* (November 1998, February 1999).

• **Opportunities Available:** The Coast Guard Reserve Web Page has an Availability Web Page. What this means is if you want to be considered for EAD, ADSW, etc., I would heartily suggest that you list your availability there. I can guarantee you that it is the first place employers (active duty commanders) look when they need someone. Check it out at: www.uscg.mil/reserve/temac.html

• **Recruiting:** Our numbers continue to climb. We just crossed the 7700 barrier. Don't forget the recruiting incentives outlined in ALCOAST 095/98. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

• **Use of Chain of Command:** This issue is one that I feel we need to be reminded of. Please use your chain of command before resorting to writing letters to people outside your chain of command. You owe your chain of command the opportunity to take care of problems. On the flip side, you also don't need to suffer in silence if there is a problem at your unit. I have become aware of a few cases where reservists felt they were not being treated fairly and did nothing to make anyone aware of the

problem for an extended period of time. Avenues available to you are your chain of command, the Chiefs' Corps, Reserve and Active Command Master Chiefs, myself and the MCPO-CG.

• **Reserve Command Master Chiefs:** Many of you may not know that we have Reserve Command Master Chiefs. They wear the Command Master Chief Gold Badge. Their full-time duty is being your advocate within their Area of Responsibility. I refer you to the list is published on page 20. You will note that there is no one listed for D5, D8-East, D14, and D17. The positions for D5 and D8-East are in progress. D14, while it does not have a Gold Badge position, has a billet for a Reserve CMC that they are considering filling. D17, which only has approximately 50 Reserve RPAL billets, does not have a Reserve CMC billet. All Areas, MLCs and Districts have active duty Command Master Chiefs who can also help with Reserve-related problems, especially in those Districts without Reserve CMCs.



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YOUR SPOUSE OR
SIGNIFICANT OTHER.**

**By MCPO George P. Ingraham, USCGR
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