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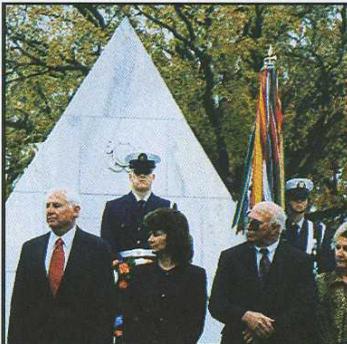
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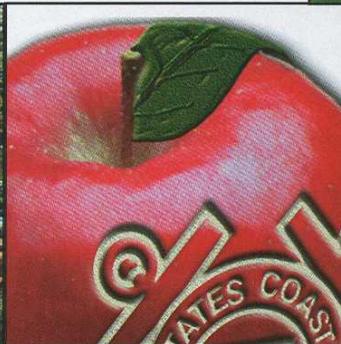
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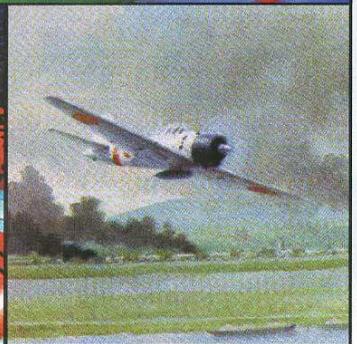
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One wintry Michigan day in 1968 when I was in the 4th grade, our teacher asked us to figure out how old we'd be in the year 2000. Doing the math quickly, one of my classmates yelled out,

"Wow! I'll be 42...that's old!" Of course, at that point I thought 2000 would never arrive.

But now it has!

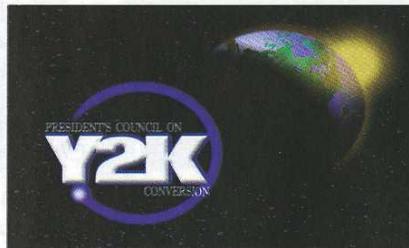
So much has happened during the century in just the Coast Guard, let alone the nation and world. At the turn of the century, the Coast Guard's predecessor organizations, the Revenue Cutter Service and U.S. Lifesaving Service were in existence. The two merged to form the U.S. Coast Guard on Jan. 28, 1915 (perhaps the Coast Guard's real birthday?). Chief petty officers didn't legally exist until 1920 and the Reserve wasn't established by Congress until Feb. 19, 1941.

One of the most traumatic events of the century for the United States, was the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor — Dec. 7, 1941. That's why I've republished *Dr. Robert Browning's* story on the Coast Guard's involvement at Pearl Harbor in this issue.

Fortunately, I was finally able to make the trek to Baltimore for the annual Pearl Harbor Day ceremony aboard the last surviving warship still afloat from Pearl Harbor — our own *CGC Taney*. You can read about that in this issue as well.

Of course, who at the turn of the century could have foreseen Y2K, let alone the computer age? A key player in the Coast Guard's computer systems is OSC Martinsburg, W.Va. Read about their important mission on page 14.

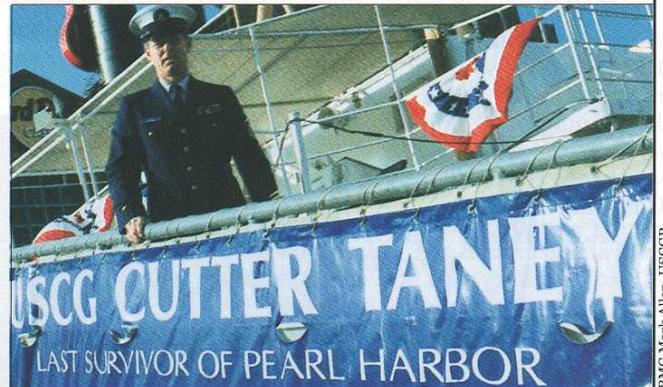
Speaking of Y2K, a hearty congratulations to our own **PA2 Chris Rose**, who created the logo now in use by the *President's Council on Y2K Conversion*.



When Rose was asked recently by **LT Bill Travis**, the Coast Guard representative at the Council, to come up with a Y2K logo, he quickly went to work. The President's Council accepted the logo and perhaps you have seen it behind the Y2K press-room podium on TV, on the

Internet, or in photos in magazines and newspapers. Rose, who left active duty and joined the Reserve in July 1999, has done an outstanding job of improving the layout and graphics in *The Reservist* since coming on board in July 1998. Congratulations to him and to all reservists who worked on Y2K-related contingencies.

By the way, turning 42 this year as my classmate figured correctly back in 1968, shouldn't be that bad. As fellow staff member **CWO4 Sue Krisher** always says, "Kids in the Guard!" And as a family friend used to say at birthday parties, "Every age is a good age to be." Happy New Year 2000!



BMC Mark Allen, USCGR

CITIZEN-SAILORS IN EDUCATION

The September/October *Reservist* was terrific! What a great idea to have the cover and the beginning of the "Citizen-Sailors in Education" story resemble handwriting on a chalkboard. I loved it. I also liked the Coast Guard insignia in the apple, too. I can imagine the amount of time and work that went into that issue. Congrats to all!

— PA3 Al Haraf, USCGR
Alsip, Ill.

The September/October 1999 issue was most interesting and informative. I read all of the bios on the teacher-sailors. Good stuff. We Coast Guard people are into everything. I guess the "Short Takes" list is incomplete because I did not see my name, and I am a professor of journalism at Texas A&M University, where I have taught for 13 years. I just turned 74, and am still teaching full time with no plans for stopping.

— CDR Douglas Starr, USCGR(Ret.)
College Station, Texas

Ed's note: Due to the overwhelming response, even the Citizen-Sailors in Education "Short Takes" had to be cut in half. However, the remainder of those received are published in this issue as "Citizen-Sailors of the Month."

Your Citizen-Sailor in Education issue was outstanding. Thanks for including my story and students.

— SK1 Mary C. Fowlkes, USCGR
Milwaukee, Wis.

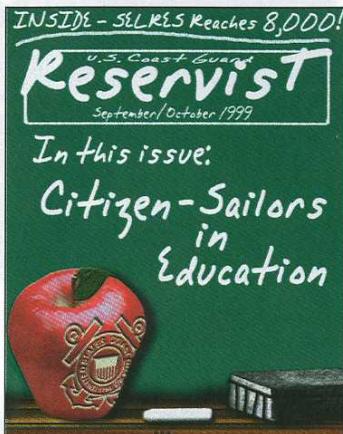
I thought it was a great idea highlighting Citizen-Sailors in Education. Have you ever considered doing the same with law enforcement? I drill at Group Seattle and three of the four junior officers there are police officers. Thanks a lot and great work on the magazine as usual.

— ENS Jeff Engel, USCGR
South Prairie, Wash.

Ed's note: Our reservists in law enforcement were saluted as Citizen-Sailors of the Month in the May 1999 issue (pages 10-11). However, we are open to your suggestion for a larger spread on law enforcement (and other ideas from our readers, too) for next year's citizen-sailor issue.

The Citizen-Sailors in Education issue was a beautiful edition. I am very proud to be listed along with so many stellar Coast Guard Reservists from across the country.

— PAC Ron Cabral, USCGR
Concord, Calif.



FIRST ACTIVE FEMALE ADMIRAL

You forgot one very important thing about RADM(Sel.) Vivien S. Crea, the first active duty female to be selected for rear admiral (September/October 1999, page 7). She is a graduate of Officer Candidate School, and as such, first served as an active duty Reserve officer!

— CDR Rocco Cappeto, USCGR(Ret.)
Seattle, Wash.

URBAN SAR

I enjoyed the story in the September/October issue on the Fairfax County, Va. Urban SAR team that deployed to Turkey following the devastating earthquake. The article stated correctly that the Fairfax County Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue Team (VATF-1) is one of only two in the United States trained and authorized for international disaster assistance by the U.S. Agency for International Development and the State Department. However, the article did not mention that there are also 27 teams around the nation that are trained for domestic (CONUS) disaster response as well. I serve proudly on one of them — the Virginia Beach, Va. Fire and Rescue Department (VATF-2). Thanks for a good article.

— PSC Thomas Trumbauer
Chesapeake, Va.

GET-WELL CARDS

When I sent a reunion letter to former members of Reserve Unit Nashville, Tenn. recently, I received a letter back from Beverly Newman, wife of FI1 James D. Newman, USCGR (Ret.). He was a fireman with the Lebanon, Tenn. Fire Department and augmented MSO Nashville, Tenn. for many years. Beverly said he was unable to attend because he was in the hospital, unable to talk or breathe without oxygen, and had also lost mus-

cle control. He can no longer swallow and is on a feeding tube. Since it's nice to be remembered by friends, especially during the holidays, fellow Coasties may send get well cards to him at Cedars Health Care Center, P.O. Box 2879, Skilled Room 29, 932 Baddour Parkway East, Lebanon, TN 37088.

— CWO4 Robert D. Davidson, USCGR(Ret.)
Palmyra, Tenn.

MIRACLE CHILD IS FINE!

I wanted to send a final note to close the loop with the many readers of *The Reservist* on the status of our 2-year-old son, John. His story was featured on the cover of *The Reservist* earlier this year ("The Fortunate Son," February 1999).

In 1998, our son was diagnosed with a rare and often fatal auto-immune disease called histiocytosis, and required a bone marrow transplant. Last fall, after the transplant, John started to lose his donor graft, and we were seeing signs that his old bone marrow was returning, carrying with it the genes causing the histiocytosis. We faced the dismal prospect for the second time of losing him to this disease if we did nothing, or he could undergo a second transplant. Only a small number of patients survive second bone marrow transplants because of damage caused to organs by the pre-transplant chemotherapy. Fortunately, John's transplant team was experimenting with a new method of saving failing bone marrow grafts called Peripheral Blood Stem Cell (PBSC) infusion. This treatment stimulated the donor graft to grow and "fight back" by creating an immune response against John's old bone marrow. John received monthly infusions of bone marrow stem cells from his generous and still anonymous donor from October through June. The experiment worked and John's bone marrow and immune system are now of 100 percent donor origin, eliminating the source of his disease. He is doing exceptionally well, and his physician, Dr. Yisheng Lee, recently pronounced him "just fine."

The bone marrow transplant team at Stanford University is particularly proud of John and their work on his case. He is their first successful transplant on a histiocytosis patient, and their first "complete save" of a failing bone marrow graft using the PBSC infusion technique. Given those firsts, Dr. Lee's other assessment that John is a "miracle child," certainly holds true. Jill, John and I just wanted to say

“thank you” again to all of you for your prayers and support. We could not have made it though the last two years without you.

— *LT Mike Bee, USCGR Winters, Calif.*

TAXING QUESTIONS

I am currently assigned to PACAREA (Pi) in Alameda, Calif. and live near Phoenix. I previously was assigned to CGRU Hilo, Hawaii, and drilled two islands away in Honolulu. In both cases, I was/am required to pay my own way to the drill site. At Alameda, berthing is provided if there are funds, but in Honolulu, it was strictly up to the members.

While speaking with my tax preparer recently, I asked about being able to deduct the cost of drilling against the income earned from drilling. I was told that the Internal Revenue Service considers the Armed Forces Reserve (and National Guard) to be equivalent to a hobby, and therefore, costs associated with it are not deductible. And, any income is fair game for taxation.

I typically make about \$38 for a two-day drill, just barely on the plus side, after I have paid for airfare, rental car and incidental expenses. And there are a lot of little things that can make that \$38 go away in a hurry...missed flights, meals, etc. Now, I have no problems paying tax on the \$38, but of course the

IRS wants its cut of the \$288 two-day base pay (1999 rates).

Have any other reservists managed to find a way to deduct the “cost-to-drill” and if so, how? I’ve been paying my way to drill sites since 1991, but it’s only been the last year or so that it’s become noticeably more expensive.

— *TC1 Stephen Walker, USCGR Glendale, Ariz.*

Ed’s note: Funding for IDT berthing is available through the ISCs. Currently, there are tax benefits for reservists. Please consult with the IRS or your tax advisor. The Reserve Officers Association and the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs are studying the issue of enhancing tax benefits for reservists. RADM Dennis Sirois, Director of Reserve and Training, has introduced this as an issue for consideration by the Reserve Forces Policy Board. Watch for updates.

LIFELINE FOR ASP MEMBERS

This is a note of thanks to you and your staff for the professional, high-quality magazine you have published over the years. You probably don’t think of *The Reservist* as a “lifeline,” but I want you to know that it is.

I say this because when you are in the ASP (Active Status Pool), it is as though the Coast Guard has totally forgotten about you. There is no mail, no message traffic, no newsletters to keep you

informed of changes in the Coast Guard Reserve that could affect your career.

The Reservist is the only source of information that comes to your home while you are in the ASP. It fills the gap for reservists in the ASP who want to know what messages have been issued, what new programs are being implemented, what opportunities are available and just plain good stuff about what other Coasties are doing. I credit *The Reservist* and its top-notch staff with giving me the information and motivation I needed while I was in the ASP so I was ready to come back to the SELRES when the opportunity arose. *The Reservist* was the lifeline that kept me from giving up on my Coast Guard career.

— *YNCS Edna Doak, USCGR Silver Spring, Md.*

Ed’s note: The Reserve Web page (www.uscg.mil/reserve) can also be a lifeline with plenty of information for ASP members.

CORRECTIONS

Please note the following errors in the September/October 1999 issue. RADM(Sel) Mary P. O’Donnell is a native of Philadelphia, not California (page 7). Officer Snook was played by SK3 Jason Watson, not Christopher Cekus, as published on page 11. However, Cekus did play the part of Officer Snook at other CG Festival events. Also, Norwich University is located in Northfield, Vt., not Norwich.

LICENSE PLATE OF THE MONTH

MARYLAND: THE OLD LINE STATE

Coast Guard Reservist *ETC Rich Hines* has displayed his pride in both the state of Maryland and the Coast Guard Reserve on his 1993 Pontiac Grand Prix for several years. The Maryland native has been a reservist since November 1984. He enlisted in the Coast Guard on Aug. 4, 1980 (he claims he didn’t know it was Coast Guard Day). The University of Maryland graduate currently drills at Electronics Support Detachment Baltimore, and since 1997, has also served as an instructor at the Chief Petty Officer Academy’s Reserve classes. A quality manager for Allied Signal in Columbia, Md., this citizen-sailor lives in Jessup, Md. (between Baltimore and Washington, D.C.) with his wife, Karen, and son, Gerry (and one on the way).

Maryland has 31 miles of Atlantic Ocean coastline and 3,190 miles of shoreline, much of it on the Chesapeake Bay. With that much water around, the Coast Guard is a major player there, and will continue to be in the 21st century. Was the chief thinking ahead when he obtained his plate number 0021? The state’s largest city is also home to a significant relic of the Coast Guard’s past — *CGC Taney*. Now decommis-



ETC Rich Hines

sioned, *Taney* saw action at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. It now rests in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor as a floating museum.



2000 AND BEYOND...

As we enter the new millennium, a rapidly changing world will present new challenges for our Service. All of us, active-duty, Reserve, civilian and Auxiliary, must be ready to meet those challenges.

The Coast Guard's fundamental roles — saving lives and property at sea, ensuring a safe and efficient maritime transportation system, protecting the marine environment, enforcing laws and treaties and defending national security interests and maritime borders — won't change. Coast Guard Reservists, as they do now, will continue to participate as full members of *Team Coast Guard*. But as noted in *Coast Guard 2020*, the Commandant's vision of our Service's future, a growing global economy, shifting demographics, increased competition for resources and the emergence of new threats to national security will mean increased demand for the Coast Guard's services.

In the future, as today, our people are the key component in delivering the services the public expects. Two key issues, fostering diversity and managing the workload, are critical to building the best possible Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve of the 21st century.

Just as we strive to create a Coast Guard that is the employer of choice, attracting and retaining the best and brightest men and women with a diverse variety of backgrounds, we also must ensure the Coast Guard Reserve attracts high-quality, diverse applicants for enlisted and commissioned service. This isn't just a job for Headquarters, the Areas, Districts or individual commands. This is everybody's job. We must all do our best to foster a climate in the Coast Guard Reserve in which diversity at all levels is valued and fully utilized. We are all recruiters. We are all mentors and counselors.

Another critical issue is managing the workload to attain maximum efficiency without sacrificing quality of

life. As we all know, reservists are a force multiplier for the Coast Guard, helping shoulder the burden in times of war, natural or man-made disasters and other events requiring a heightened Coast Guard response. Reservists, by helping to carry the load, have a direct impact on quality of life at their units.

Even though we must all continue to move out smartly when duty calls, we also must aggressively seek opportunities to further the Commandant's initiative to better manage the workload through process improvement, reduction and balance. Whatever your job, whatever your pay grade, when you see a better way of doing things, let your command know. This issue is as important for reservists as it is for other members of *Team Coast Guard*. Indeed, the effort to improve workload

management through better processes presents another opportunity for reservists to give the Coast Guard a "fresh look," using their civilian experience to make it a better organization.

Finally, as we enter the new millennium, we need to keep focused on where we are going. The Coast Guard's *Strategic Plan 1999* offers a clear path to the future envisioned in *Coast Guard 2020*. The Commandant's initiatives to seize the future include Deepwater recapitalization and leading a Waterways Management initiative for DOT. In the new century, the Coast Guard will continue responding to emerging challenges and will strive to build on its strong reputation as a unique instrument of National

Security. If you haven't read *Coast Guard 2020* and the *Strategic Plan 1999*, I urge you to do so. Your unit should have copies of each.

These are exciting times. Although the job before us is a big one, it is worthy of our best efforts. Let's all work together to make the vision of *Coast Guard 2020* and the *Strategic Plan* a reality.

Editors note: If your unit doesn't have a copy of Coast Guard 2020, let us know at Commandant (G-WTR-2) and we'll arrange to get a copy for you. Coast Guard 2020 and the Strategic Plan are available on-line at www.uscg.mil.

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**By Rear Admiral Dennis Sirois, USCG
Director of Reserve and Training**

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY HONORS WWI TAMPA CREW, PURPLE HEARTS AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY

ARLINGTON, Va. — The presentation of Purple Heart Medals awarded posthumously to the crew of the original *CGC Tampa* was the highlight of the third annual Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on Nov. 11.

Despite cold and overcast conditions, over 300 people gathered at the Coast Guard's World War I monument located on what is known as "Coast Guard Hill." After Secretary of Transportation **Rodney E. Slater**, Commandant **ADM James M. Loy** and **MCPO-CG Vincent Patton** laid a wreath at the base of the monument honoring all of the Coast Guard's fallen heroes, they then presented Purple Hearts to relatives from the original *Tampa* crew.

The Purple Hearts were presented in memory of the 111 Coast Guardsmen who perished when *Tampa* was struck by a torpedo from a German U-boat on Sept. 26, 1918.

Accepting on behalf of *Tampa* crew members were **Ms. Mildred McGourty Blair**, daughter of **2nd Lt. John F. McGourty**; **Mr. Ralph Poppell**, relative of **SN Felix George Poppell**, and **Mr. John Henry Nix Sr.**, relative of **Jacob Darling Nix**, ship's writer. **CDR Jim Howe**, commanding officer of *CGC Tampa* (WMEC 902), accepted a Purple Heart on behalf of the present day *Tampa*.

Also recognized during the ceremony was 80-year-old **CAPT Earl R. Fox**, a Public Health Service physician assigned to the Coast Guard who recently retired. Fox was the last U.S. armed forces member still serving on active duty who had served during World War II. He served as a flight surgeon at Coast Guard stations on the East coast for many years and worked nine additional years at Headquarters as the senior medical officer. Fox was featured on *CNN* and in newspaper articles on Veterans Day.

Members of the Coast Guard Band, Coast Guard Honor Guard, *CGC Tampa* from Portsmouth, Va., Activities Baltimore, Headquarters, and many retired Coast Guardsmen also attended. Girl scouts from Troop 542 in Bowie, Md., led by CG Reservist and troop leader **MCPO Linda Reid**, passed out programs and served refreshments at an informal reception that followed the ceremony.

Before the ceremony, members of the Washington D.C. Chapter the Chief Petty Officers Association, with assistance from the girl scouts, placed 150 miniature Coast Guard flags

on Coast Guard graves on Coast Guard Hill. Some of the more notable Coast Guardsmen buried there include World War II Commandant **ADM Russell R. Waesche**, **ADM Chester R. Bender**, **ADM Joseph F. Farley**, the Coast Guard's first aviator **CDR Elmer Stone**, and the officer who wrote the Coast Guard song *Semper Paratus*, **CAPT Francis Saltus Van Boskerck**.

The Purple Heart presentation came about when retired Coast



Photos by PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

Purple Hearts are presented at the Coast Guard Veterans Day wreath laying by MCPO-CG Vince Patton, left, and Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater, second from left. Receiving them are, third from left to right, Mildred Blair, Christopher Blair, Ralph Poppell, Sandra Poppell, John Henry Nix, Betty Jo Nix, CDR Jim Howe and CDR Thomas Vitullo.

Guardsman **MCPO James Bunch** discovered that no Purple Heart had ever been awarded on behalf of the crew. After sending MCPO-CG Patton a letter last year documenting his discovery, Patton brought it to the attention of the Commandant and the Coast Guard Historian, **Dr. Robert Browning**.

"As Master Chief Bunch indicated in his letter, 'we need to make this right, and with dignity,'" said Patton. "I can honestly say that those requests were faithfully honored with professionalism and passion on behalf of everyone who took part in this event as well as the large number of attendees."

The Purple Heart is an award initiated by **Gen. George Washington** during the Revolutionary War to signify loyal military service and to recognize "any singularly meritorious action." After the Revolutionary War, no American soldiers received it until 1932, when it was reestablished in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth.

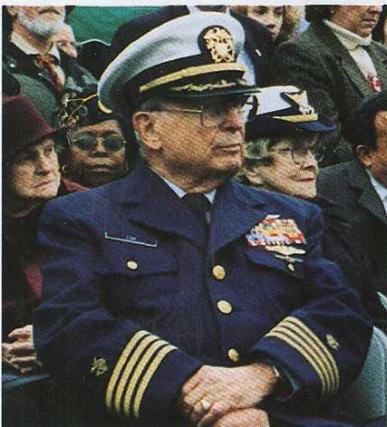
"This year's event had all the elements that bring proper recognition to the Coast Guard's past and present," said **Mr. John Thorne**, Chief of the Community Relations Branch at Headquarters.

The Coast Guard Veterans Day wreath laying at Arlington began in 1997, but was attended by only a handful of onlookers that year. It has grown in size and stature each successive year. One couple attending the ceremony every year so far is **LT Darryl Schaffer**, a Reserve Program Administrator, and his wife, **Janis**.

"There are so many people here!" marveled Janis. "This is the way it *should* be!"

Ditto that from CG Reservist **BMC Mark Allen**, who brought his parents, **Warren and Patsy Allen** of Beltsville, Md. along this year as well.

"My parents, fellow Coasties, and I found this year's Coast Guard Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington to be an especially meaningful experience," said Allen. "This year's event was the best we have ever held."



CAPT Earl R. Fox

SMOOTH SAILING...



Photo courtesy of LT Bob Grassino, USCGR

A 19-foot Coast Guard small boat navigates its way down the parade route during the Veterans Day festivities in El Dorado, Kan. Nov. 13. Coast Guard Reservists from Leavenworth, Kan. participating included MK1 Terry McNabb, BM1 Rod Wurgler, MST1 Pete Johann, and MST2 Luther Prather. The El Dorado Veterans Day parade is the largest in Kansas, lasts several hours, and includes all branches of the military.

OPERATION FIRESIDE: A "HOME" FOR THE HOLIDAYS

CAPE MAY, N.J. — On Thanksgiving Day, 455 recruits from the Coast Guard Training Center took a break from training to enjoy home-cooked meals with families throughout Cape May County.

For the 19th straight year, the Cape May County American Red Cross arranged what is known as "Operation Fireside." The Red Cross advertises and collects names of families requesting to take at least two recruits home for the day to enjoy both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Local organizations such as the VFW, Elks, and Moose participate as well, and up to 50 recruits at a time spend the day at their lodge or post.

"It's a win-win situation," said CWO2 Bill Carson, TRACEN's public affairs officer. "The recruits get to enjoy a home-cooked meal, spend some time on the phone with loved ones, and a day away from training, while the families that host these young men and women form lasting relationships with future Coasties."

Most of the families attend their recruits' graduation ceremony, and continue to correspond with them long after they leave Cape May.

— CWO Bill Carson, USCG

COAST GUARD GAINS BATTLE STREAMER IN '99

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A new battle streamer has been added to the Coast Guard standard during 1999. The 34th battle streamer recognizes action by the Revenue Cutter Service from 1790 to 1797, during which there was no other maritime force to protect our nation.

Secretary of Transportation **Rodney E. Slater** presented the newly authorized red and white battle streamer to the Commandant, **ADM James M. Loy**, at a ceremony on Aug. 2 at the Department of Transportation's courtyard.

The Revenue Cutter Service fought against French privateers who were seizing British and Spanish ships in American waters. The Revenue Cutter Service undertook actions of great value to the United States — including the Service's efforts to prevent maritime smuggling — thus securing a reputation for excellence that continues to embody the Coast Guard today.

The Coast Guard adopted battle streamers in 1968 following the practice established by the U.S. Marine Corps. Streamers are attached to the Coast Guard standard, replacing cords and tassels. They are carried in all ceremonies representing heroic actions in all naval encounters from 1790 to the Vietnam War and beyond. Only major Headquarters commands may display a complete set of battle streamers. Individual units may only display those they have earned. A list of the Coast Guard's 34 battle streamers and their descriptions can be found on the Coast Guard Web site Historian's page under FAQ (www.uscg.mil).

This year was also the 200th year since the Coast Guard ensign was first approved by Congress (March 2, 1799). Secretary of Treasury Oliver Wolcott then issued an order on Aug. 1, 1799 describing the new ensign with the 16 vertical stripes.



Photo by PA1 Peter Milnes, USCG

Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater, right, helps the ADM James M. Loy attach a new battle streamer to the Coast Guard standard as Deputy Secretary of Defense John J. Hamre looks on.

LEAVING THE LIGHT ON...

Reservists spend two weeks restoring a national treasure lighthouse

TRINIDAD, Calif. — Reservists from ANT San Francisco lent a hand to ANT Humboldt Bay for two weeks during July to help restore a national treasure — the Trinidad Head Lighthouse.

Located in this northern California coastal town 25 miles north of Eureka, the light is situated on Coast Guard housing property and stands on a cliff approximately 140 feet above the water. Trinidad Head's tower height is 25 feet, and has a fourth-order fresnel lens that was first lit in 1871.

The reservists repainted the light to conform to the original color scheme based on data from historical archives. They also built a 70-foot long exterior deck for the lucky inhabitants of Coast Guard housing located at the light.

The crew included **BMC Jeff Slusarz, QMC Dixon Haun, DC1 Bernie Eckel** and **BM2 Ron Minnis**. They were quartered at Air Station Humboldt Bay, in Aracta, Calif., which has one of the best galleys in the Coast Guard.

BM1 Brad Vandiver, ANT Humboldt Bay OINC, expressed his appreciation for the helping hand the reservists provided. ANT Humboldt Bay has a five-person crew for an AOR that extends from Mendocino County to the Oregon border. They are responsible for maintaining all minor aids as well as all lighthouses along California's northern coast. The workload is very heavy for such a small unit.

The experience of helping to restore this grand light was great. The crew enjoyed the chance to work in another unit's AOR, as well as the opportunity for duty in such a scenic location. The light's location has to be one of the most scenic spots on the entire West Coast. Once the morning fog lifts, the sight of whales and jumping dolphins is not uncommon.

The crew felt this was one of the most rewarding projects they had ever been assigned during ADT.

I would highly recommend exploring the opportunities for ADT at other units. This not only helps to showcase and enhance job skills, but also lends a valuable hand when needed.

— by **BMC Jeffrey Slusarz, USCGR**



BMC Jeffrey Slusarz (on ladder) and DC1 Bernie Eckel paint the Trinidad Head Lighthouse tower.
Photo courtesy of **BMC Jeffrey Slusarz, USCGR**

MANAGING SELRES FORCE STRENGTH WAIVERS, EXEMPTIONS FOR 30 PLUS YEARS SERVICE, OVER AGE 60

WASHINGTON, D.C. — An important ALCOAST announcing assignment and retention of CG Reservists in the Selected Reserve was released Nov. 5. ALCOAST 170/99 (R051903Z NOV 99) outlines exemptions and actions for reservists with 30 plus years service and those who are over 60 years old. Here are the major points:

BACKGROUND

The Coast Guard Reserve attained its congressionally mandated SELRES strength of 8,000 in August 1999. During the course of the recruiting initiatives that enabled the Reserve to hit that number, over 400 reservists voluntarily answered the call to continue beyond their standard service participation limits. These highly dedicated and experienced people alleviated significant personnel shortages across the Coast Guard. Over the last few years, SELRES participation waivers were granted to reservists to exceed the 60-year maximum age limit, or the 30-year total qualifying service limits. These waivers have permitted senior reservists to be over billeted while the Coast Guard Reserve was below personnel strength. With the SELRES now at authorized strength, the task is to properly manage a balanced workforce.

Despite a very austere FY00 budget, our goal remains to maintain the force as close as possible to 8,000. That requires us to continue an aggressive recruiting and RELAD accessions policy this year as resources permit (the Reserve force "intake valve", while carefully managing attrition (the force "outflow valve") to keep from exceeding authorized end strength). The strategy is to balance recruiting and retention initiatives with age/time in service waivers while anticipating command needs and personnel/funding ceilings. A lag in recruiting or an unexpected decrease in retention could, for example, delay one or more actions of this strategy.

EXEMPTIONS

A. Not Affected — SELRES officers, O-4 and below, warrant officers, and enlisted members not currently serving in a 30-year/over age 60 waiver status are not affected.

B. Still Exempt in Waiver Status — Enlisted SELRES members in a 30-year waiver status and meeting at least one of the following criteria are exempt from the provisions of the Action section (paragraph 6 of ALCOAST 170/99):

(1) Personnel assigned to Port Security Units, Naval Coastal Warfare Groups and Harbor Defense Command Units

(2) Personnel in critical Reserve ratings (currently BM and MK)

(3) Personnel in all ratings E-6 and below

C. Age 60 and Over — These exemptions will not apply to personnel age 60 and over. However, for those members nearing qualification for retirement, waivers will be considered.

D. Periodic Reviews During FY2000 — As the composition of the SELRES evolves in FY 2000, periodic reviews will be conducted to assess the status of these exempted waivers. In addition, units impacted may submit a waiver request to Commandant (G-WTR-1) if a reservist affected is filling a critical RPAL billet (note: most affected are current-

ly serving in excess of the unit RPAL).

ACTION

A. As of Dec 1, 1999 — No additional RPAL over-billeting assignments of senior officers (O-5, O-6) are authorized.

B. As of Dec 1, 1999 — No ADT will be authorized for reservists falling into the categories listed in paragraphs E. through K (below).

C. As of Jan. 31, 2000 — Over age 60 waivers will no longer be approved.

D. As of Jan. 31, 2000 — No further 30-year waiver requests will be accepted.

E. February 2000 — All personnel age 60 and over will be transferred from SELRES status or separated as appropriate.

F. March 2000 — Captains and commanders not assigned to an RPAL billet will be removed from SELRES status or separated as appropriate.

G. April 2000 — Chief warrant officers with 30 or more years of service will be transferred from SELRES status or separated as appropriate.

H. May 2000 — Enlisted personnel in paygrades E-7, E-8 and E-9 with over 33 years time in service will be transferred from SELRES status or separated as appropriate.

I. June 2000 — Enlisted personnel in paygrades E-7, E-8 and E-9 with 32 to 33 years time in service will be transferred from SELRES status or separated as appropriate.

J. July 2000 — Enlisted personnel in paygrades E-7, E-8 and E-9 with 31 to 32 years time in service will be transferred from SELRES status or separated as appropriate.

K. August 2000 — Enlisted personnel in paygrades E-7, E-8 and E-9 with 30 or more years time in service will be transferred from SELRES status or separated as appropriate.

FOLLOW-UP

Commandant (G-WTR-1) will provide lists of personnel affected by this force management strategy by e-mail to the integrated support commands 120 days prior to transfer/separation date to enable the ISCs to verify the information. Affected reserve personnel will then receive a notification letter from ISCs outlining their options; reserve personnel should then respond back to the ISC via their chain of command no later than 60 days prior to the transfer/separation date. ISCs will notify HRSIC (copy CGPC-rpm) of all personnel who intend to be placed either in RET-1 or RET-2 status. *Please note that ALCGRSV 029 (R 102137Z DEC 99) gives amended guidance on procedures originally outlined in ALCOAST 170/99.*

Personnel affected by this message represent some of the unit's most experienced and dedicated personnel, and are a vital link to local communities. **Commands are strongly encouraged to plan appropriate recognition for the contributions of transferring and/or separating members.** The Coast Guard Reserve's Web site (www.uscg.mil/reserve) will be periodically updated with any changes to the above schedule.

RESERVIST SETS PACE AT CG DAY RACE

PORT ANGELES, Wash. — **YN2 Sandra Spidell** of Group Port Angeles' PERSRU had the ride of her life during 1999.

Each year on the Saturday closest to Coast Guard Day, Coasties are admitted free to Port Angeles Speedway. This year, Coasties were not only granted free admission, but they also provided the intermission entertainment with a four-car race!

The four Coasties were chosen by drawing at the Group Port Angeles Coast Guard Day picnic, one from the active-duty wardroom, one active-duty enlisted, a retiree, and a reservist. The cars were from the "Fever Four" division and the owners, who graciously loaned their cars for the event, took the time the night before the race to train the participants.

Spidell, who won the one-lap time trial, started on the pole and led the first two laps of the eight-lap event (each lap of the oval track was one-third of a mile). But when Spidell "got a little loose" in turn two, **GMC Wally Perry**, the active-duty rep, took the lead for good with respectable competition from **CAPT Stewart Gingrich**, CO of Group/Air Station Port Angeles. Spidell finished in third, but the good news was that there was only one minor spin, by retired **CAPT Bob Vail**, and no damage to any vehicle or individual (except for perhaps the captain's pride).

— **YNC Ken N. Fredrickson, USCG**



Coast Guard Reservist YN1 Sandra Spidell prepares for the CG Day Race At Port Angeles Speedway, Wash.

Photo courtesy of YNC Ken N. Fredrickson, USCG and Port Angeles Speedway

WELCOME TO THE FLEET CGC HENRY BLAKE!



The CGC Henry Blake (WLM 563) plunges into the Menominee River at its launching christening at Marinette, Wis. Nov. 20. It is the 13th cutter of the 175-foot Keeper Class of coastal buoy tenders constructed by Marinette Marine Corp. Sponsor of the new cutter was Mrs. Mary Saccardi Blayney, wife of RADM Paul Blayney. CGC Henry Blake's namesake was assigned to the New Dungeness Lighthouse, Wash. in March 1858.

Photo by Val Ihed

LIKE DAUGHTER, LIKE MOTHER?

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Everyone's heard the old saying, "like father, like son." But how about "like daughter, like mother?"

That was the scenario recently when **SA Sara Eisen** referred one of the newest enlistees into the Coast Guard Reserve — her mother, **YN3 Cindy Eisen**. Cindy Eisen's first contact with Coast Guard recruiters came when she drove her daughter to the recruiting office in San Antonio, for Sarah's initial interview with **AMT1 Randy Langley** and **MK1 David Delgado**. The recruiters asked Cindy Eisen if she would like to sit in on the interview. Soon, Cindy Eisen was showing an interest in becoming a member herself. She was referred to **PS3 Patrick Zinck** who told her all about the Direct Petty Officer (RX) program.

It wasn't long before Cindy was putting on Coast Guard blue alongside her daughter. Sarah graduated from boot camp on Sept. 17 and will be stationed aboard **CGC Sweetgum** in Mobile, Ala. Cindy graduated from Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination on Oct. 29 and will drill at Group Corpus Christi, Texas.

— **PS3 Patrick Zinck, USCGR**



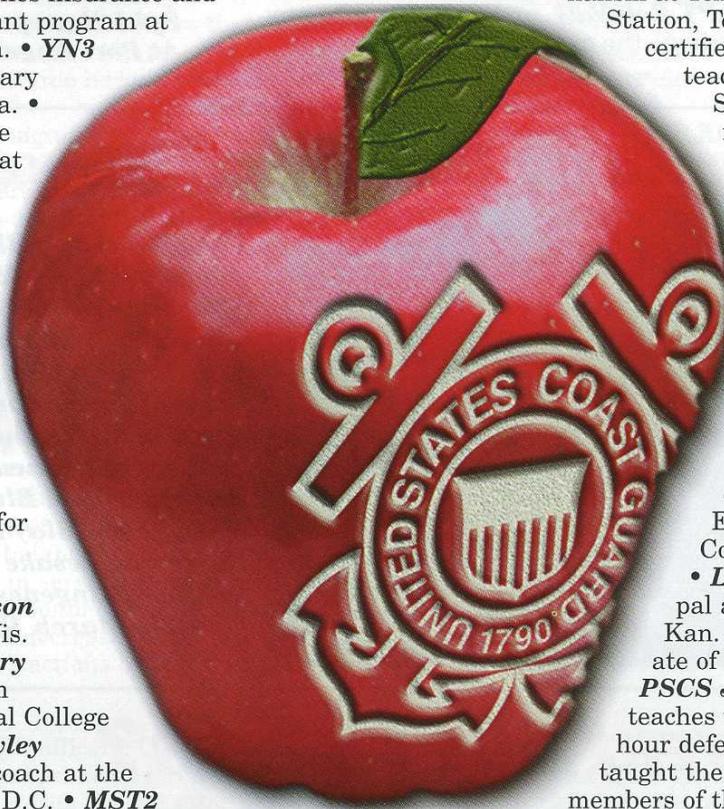
The Coast Guard added two new members in the way of a mother/daughter team recently. Left to right are recruiter AMT1 Randy Langley, SA Sara Eisen, YN3 Cindy Eisen and recruiter PS3 Patrick Zinck.

Photo courtesy of PS3 Patrick Zinck, USCGR

MORE EDUCATION "SHORT TAKES"

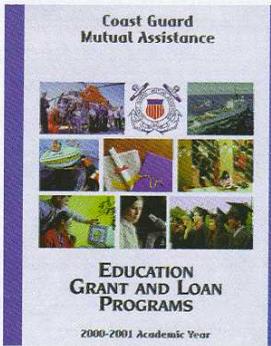
Ed's note: Citizen-Sailors in Education were featured in the September/October 1999 Reservist including a column called "Short Takes." Here are more "Short Takes" that we couldn't fit into the original feature. We salute and honor them all. Bravo zulu!!

LCDR David G. Burgess is principal of Henry Ward Elementary School in Richmond, Va. • **LCDR Bob Cunningham** is principal of an elementary school in Stark County, Ohio. • **PSC David P. White** serves as a guidance counselor for Nitro High School, Kanawha County, W.Va. • **YN2 Marciell Quinlan** teaches insurance and coding for the medical assistant program at Pensacola Junior College, Fla. • **YN3 Hannah Hart** is an elementary school principal in Mobile, Ala. • **YN3 Eric Duke** is a graduate teaching assistant in history at Michigan State University in East Lansing. • **CAPT Henry Plimack** is a trustee for the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (the Emmys) program to create critical viewers in elementary and middle schools. • **CDR Doreen Fuller** is an assistant principal in the Boston area. • **Jerry Saulter** is director of maintenance and operations for the Edmonds School District, Wash. • Retired Coast Guard Reservist **CDR Gary Anderson** teaches in the Sun Prairie, Wis. school system. • **CWO3 Henry Wallace** recently retired from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay, Wis. • **LT Hawley Waterman** is a teacher and coach at the Maret School in Washington, D.C. • **MST2 David Brennan** is a driving instructor at the Tribal schools in Wellpinit, Wash. • **PS2 Clifton Danley** serves on the School Advisory Committee for Paxon School for Advanced Studies in Jacksonville, Fla. • **YN3 Jody Huddleston** teaches health and fitness and coaches track and cross country for the Corps of Cadets at The Citadel • **BMC John McCarron** is a certified alcohol and substance abuse counselor and employee assistance professional in the New York City area. • **CDR Sidney Duck** is assistant superintendent of schools for operations, Portsmouth, Va. • **CDR Wayne Dumas** works with gifted 5th graders in the Seattle public schools. • **LT Robert V. Fogel** is executive director of executive education at Harvard Business School in Massachusetts. • **YN2 Eugenia M. Herndon** is a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the state of Tennessee. • **CAPT Seth Hudak**, USCGR(Ret.), is a tenured professor at the University of Maryland who currently works at the Naval War College, Newport, R.I. • **MCPO Bobby Parnell** has been a teacher at Wayne Community College in Goldsboro, N.C. since 1971. He has taught diesel technolo-



gy, vocational mathematics, physics and computer literacy. • **BMC G. Waller** is employed as a supervisor/principal serving emotionally impaired students in the Traverse Bay Intermediate School District in Michigan. • **BMC Todd Reed** works as a photography instructor at West Shore Community College, Scottville, Mich. • **PAC Chuck Wullenjohn** is a member of the associate faculty at Arizona Western College in Yuma where he teaches political science. • **MK1 Thomas M. Bonaroti** of MSO Pittsburgh has been a school psychologist and coordinator of special education for the Beaver Area School District in Beaver, Pa. since 1989. • **CDR Douglas Starr**, USCGR(Ret.) is a professor of journalism at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. • **CDR David Roundy** is a certified foreign language and English teacher who taught at Clayton High School, Clayton, Mo. He is currently on active duty at Headquarters as assistant program director of the Coast Guard's Y2K staff. • **LTJG Peter Stinson** taught English, coached lacrosse and directed theater at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School in Kingston, Pa. for six years. He now conducts critical incident stress management training for emergency service workers through the Tidewater, Va. Emergency Medical Services Council, a non-profit organization. • **LT Robert J. Grassino** is principal at Circle High School in Towanda, Kan. Grassino completed his doctorate of education degree in May 1999. • **PSCS Johannes "Hans" Verhaeg** teaches the National Safety Council's six-hour defensive driving course. He has taught the course to approximately 1,500 members of the Coast Guard family. • **LT Pam Nussbaumer** is an elementary teacher in Morgan City, La. and says it's the "greatest job in the world." • Retired Coast Guard Reservist **LCDR Robert Hilgerman** taught a total of 34 years — three years of 8th grade in Arizona, seven years of high school in California, and 24 years at Santa Barbara City College, Calif. He taught business and English at SBCC and is now Professor Emeritus there. • **IV2 David Cheesman** works as a Deputy Sheriff in Dare County, N.C. where he is assigned as a school resource officer at the Manteo Middle School and Dare County Alternative School. • **BMC Michael T. Uland** is a mathematics teacher and coordinates the math department at Ida B. Wells High School in San Francisco. • **CDR Jerry Smith** is a retired Coastie and is now director of the Coast Guard Festival. But he also served as a teacher and coach at Lowell High School in Lowell, Mich. and served 25 years as a school administrator. He also taught nights for community education at Grand Rapids Community College and still teaches on weekends at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich.

75TH YEAR A BANNER ONE FOR CGMA, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS EXPANDED



As the new year begins, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) is poised to initiate new programs and expand existing ones, including eligibility for them. Every segment of the Coast Guard family, including reservists, are now eligible for most of the CGMA education programs. These programs are briefly described below and in a newly released pamphlet *Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Education Grant and Loan Programs: 2000-2001 Academic Year*. See the CGMA web

site (www.cgmahq.org) or contact either your local CGMA representative or Education Services Officer (ESO) to obtain more information about any of these education programs.

CGMA Education Grant Program — Provides need-based grants for undergraduate students. *Eligibility:* Dependent children and spouses of all CGMA members.

Supplemental Education Grant (SEG) Program — Provides reimbursement of certain costs associated with earning your first undergraduate degree, VOTECHE certificate, or GED. *Eligibility:* All CGMA members, dependent children and spouses.

Federal Student Loan Program — Assists with post-secondary education through Federal Stafford Loans, Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS), and the Federal Direct Loan Program. CGMA reimburses the 3% Origination Fee required by this program. *Eligibility:* All CGMA members, dependent children and spouses.

Vocational and Technical Training (VOTECHE) Student Loan Program — Provides need-based assistance to pay associated VOTECHE costs. *Eligibility:* All CGMA members, dependent children and spouses.

Supplemental Student Loan Program — Assists eligible students with additional costs after receiving Coast Guard tuition assistance. *Eligibility:* Active duty personnel, civilian employees, and reservists who are eligible to participate in the Coast Guard tuition assistance program are eligible for the Supplemental Student Loan Program but must demonstrate a financial need after receiving assistance from CG Tuition Assistance Program.

This past year was the 75th year for CGMA since its founding as the League of Coast Guard Women (its name was changed in 1979 to CGMA). It was an exciting year, too, as the CGMA fundraising campaign resulted in contributions totaling \$1 million for the first time. During 1999, CGMA also provided \$6 million in financial assistance to 8,000 Coast Guard members in the form of loans and grants.

In addition to program expansions, the new millennium will usher in additional CGMA automation, a new Web site, an updated *CGMA Manual* and the 2000 CGMA fundraising campaign. You can request information about any CGMA program from your local CGMA representative, on the Web site (www.cgmahq.org), call CGMA-HQ at 1-800-881-2462, or write to:

**Coast Guard Mutual Assistance
Commandant (G-ZMA)
2100 2nd St. ,SW
Washington, DC 20593-0001**

SUMMERSTOCK 2000

Summer Stock is an excellent opportunity for fully qualified boat crew members. It's also ideal for students and teachers seeking full-time summer employment. During the summer of 2000, each Coast Guard billet listed is available from May 22 through Sept. 8. Orders are authorized for continuous periods of 60 days or more. Personnel with previous Summer Stock experience are particularly desired and will be placed at the station where they previously served, if possible. Interested per-

sonnel should submit a Request for Reserve Orders (CG-3453) via the chain of command should arrive at CCGD9 (osr) as soon as possible, but no later than the end of April. Ensure that the following information is listed on your CG-3453:

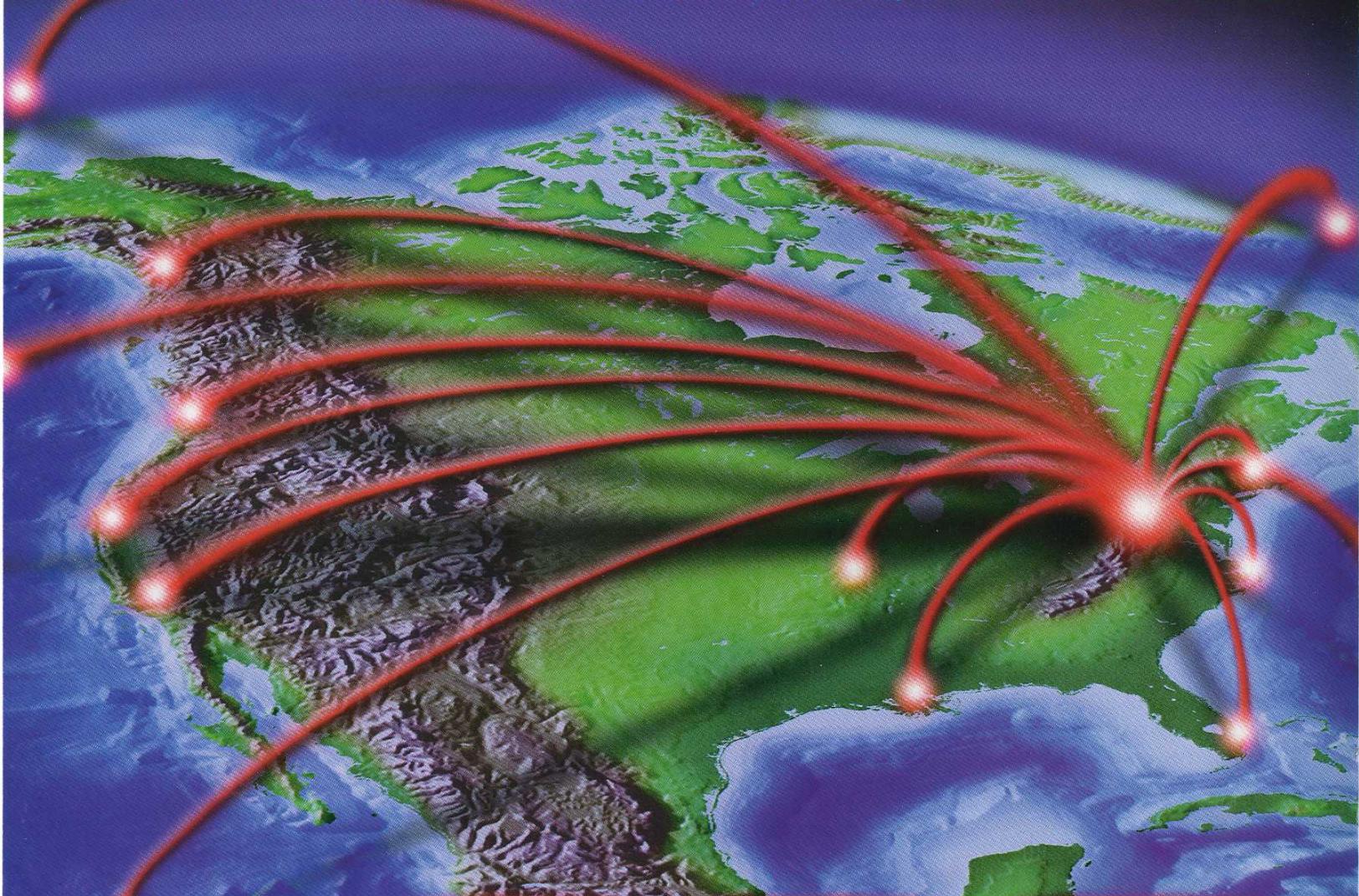
Station(s) requested, duration in days, servicing PERSRU (very important — they cut your orders), date of last physical, pay base date, number of dependents, qualification codes, point of contact and phone number at your regular drilling unit, your yeoman's name and phone number, your current address, home and work telephone numbers.

Please indicate exactly where the Summer Stock yeoman should address messages to request preparation of orders. Summer Stock point of contact is YN2 Patricia Feeney, D9 (osr) at (216) 902-6116. E-mail: pfeeney@d9.uscg.mil. Advance copies of CG-3453 are encouraged and may be faxed to the Summer Stock Yeoman at (216) 902-6121.



THERE IS A REASON FOR THE SEASON.

LOCATED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE OF WEST VIRGINIA IS A COAST GUARD UNIT WITH NO TIES TO THE WATER. ON A DAILY BASIS, THE MEN AND WOMEN ASSIGNED THERE HAVE BUT ONE TASK — KEEP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN. WHETHER YOU KNOW IT OR NOT, NEARLY EVERY COMMUNICATION ON A COAST GUARD COMPUTER GOES THROUGH THIS SLEEPY LITTLE TOWN.



MOSC MARTINSBURG

OSC Martinsburg rests peacefully in the West Virginia countryside on Highway 9 between Martinsburg and Kearneysville. The new three-story annex, left, was dedicated in April 1999.



Perhaps you remember the words to one of John Denver's most popular tunes of the 1970s: "Take me home...country roads, to the place, I belong, West Virginia...."

Well, the country roads of West Virginia's Jefferson and Berkeley counties in the state's eastern panhandle *really do* take nearly 300 people to the place they belong — to work at the Coast Guard's Operations System Center (OSC) Martinsburg.

Once they turn off West Virginia's Highway 9 onto Coast Guard Drive and park within the fenced in 12.5 acres that comprise OSC, employees are soon off and driving on some of the world's most sophisticated information super highways — and helping *you* navigate on them as well.

Talk about extremes!

Like the Coast Guard's Joint Transportation Reserve Unit at USTRANSOM and the Coast Guard's International Ice Patrol, OSC is one of those obscure outposts with a *very* important mission. No matter where you are located in the Coast Guard, when it comes to the information super highway, computers and data bases, all roads lead back to Martinsburg.

MISSION AND PRIMARY SYSTEMS

The OSC, the hub of the Coast Guard's computer network, is the center of excellence for Coast Guard computing. Their mission is to serve the Coast Guard workforce and improve mission performance through innovative and dependable applications of Information Technology. The OSC staff develops, fields, maintains, and provides user support for the major operationally-focused information systems and data bases accessible to the Coast Guard from around the world, around the clock. These systems serve as the information heart of the Coast Guard's search and rescue, law enforcement, marine safety, logistics, and personnel support functions.

The OSC operates the four Coast Guard gateways to the Internet including the firewall computers that protect the Coast Guard's private network from computer viruses and hacker intrusions. Lastly, OSC carries out the Automated Information System risk management program for other data centers and major mission-critical software development projects.

To fulfill this mission, OSC supervisors ensure operations staff members are trained to provide support services, operate application software to designed specifications, and properly configure hardware to meet user needs. The OSC provides technical support to Headquarters program managers for systems supported by the OSC. The OSC works closely with the program managers to ensure proper systems operation, analyze needs, and to recommend configuration changes.

OSC supports over 30 of the Coast Guard's most strategically vital computer/information systems. Some of the major information systems operated and maintained by the OSC include:

- **Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue (AMVER)** — This system tracks merchant vessels to aid in maritime search and rescue. AMVER allows Rescue Coordination Centers worldwide to locate vessels near a ship in trouble in order to divert them to render aid. This system is used frequently, and is responsible for saving hundreds of lives each year (232 in 1998).
- **Computer Assisted Search and Planning (CASP)** — CASP is an analytical tool for planning search patterns and is used to predict the most likely areas where a distressed vessel may be located, thus improving the chances of saving lives and property.
- **Law Enforcement Information System II (LEIS II)** — This system is used in Coast Guard law enforcement efforts including drug and fisheries enforcement boardings, recording what vessels have a history of illegal activity, etc. LEIS was used for 54,146 boardings in 1998.
- **Marine Safety Information System (MSIS)** — This system supports Coast Guard safety related regulation of the maritime industry. It is used to ensure mariners comply with the many regulations to minimize oil spills, damage from hazardous cargo, collisions, and other marine disasters. MSIS tracked 497,314 vessels in 1998.
- **Personnel Decision Support System (PDS)** — This system handles assignments, training, security clearance, promotion boards, performance evaluation tracking and many other related systems in support of Coast Guard personnel.

FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

Groundbreaking for the OSC occurred Oct. 20, 1989 and by November 1991, the Coast Guard was moving in. Prior to that, much of the work that OSC now oversees was located at the Operations Computer Center on Governors Island and at Battelle Laboratories in Columbus, Ohio. The move occurred for a variety of reasons including the anticipation of Governors Island closing, OSC's geographical proximity to Headquarters (it's located about 85 miles northwest of Washington, D.C.) as well as budgetary concerns.

According to Gordon Shillito, OSC's Deputy Director since 1992, the concept of centralizing computer systems at OSC was a wonderful idea and vision... "it's really taken off."

"OSC is a great place to work," said Shillito, who has worked as a civilian for the Coast Guard since 1972. "It is on the front line of information technology in the Coast Guard, and is unique in that it is more like a business than a government facility."

As you come down Coast Guard Drive, the casual observer sees a huge three-story brick building surrounded by a chain-link fence. The front part of the complex, OSC's original one-story 37,000 square foot center, was a state-of-the-art facility from the beginning. It includes a fiber optic cable plant and an independent power plant, in the event of power failure.

Due to rapid growth, a 75,000-square-foot annex was built and dedicated on April 6, 1999 to house the majority of OSC's current workforce. The annex contains a 250-seat auditorium, 74 offices, 81 cubicles, eight private and one open-area conference rooms, an exercise area, three security stations, and a 60-seat lunch room which leads to a huge outdoor patio (great place for a Coast Guard Day picnic?). A volleyball net and small pond await employees who may want to take a lunch-time breather from the pressures of the day.

"The annex is really the main hub of OSC now," said Shillito. "We don't really have a good name for it yet



Photo courtesy CAPT Jim Willis and OSC Martinsburg

The Commandant, all past and present OSC Commanding Officers and the Deputy Director were present for the dedication of the new annex building, April 6, 1999. Left to right: CAPT James Decker, current OSC CO; CAPT James Willis, Deputy for Reserve and Training; ADM James M. Loy, USCG Commandant; Mr. Gordon Shillito, OSC Deputy Director, CAPT William Ashforth and CAPT Fred Squires. Shillito received a Superior Achievement Award at the dedication.

because calling it the 'main building' is kind of a klunky term."

Reservist TC1 Dave Swain worked at OSC for five years, first on active duty and recently as a civilian contractor and network systems technician. He has drilled here since joining the Coast Guard Reserve in 1999.

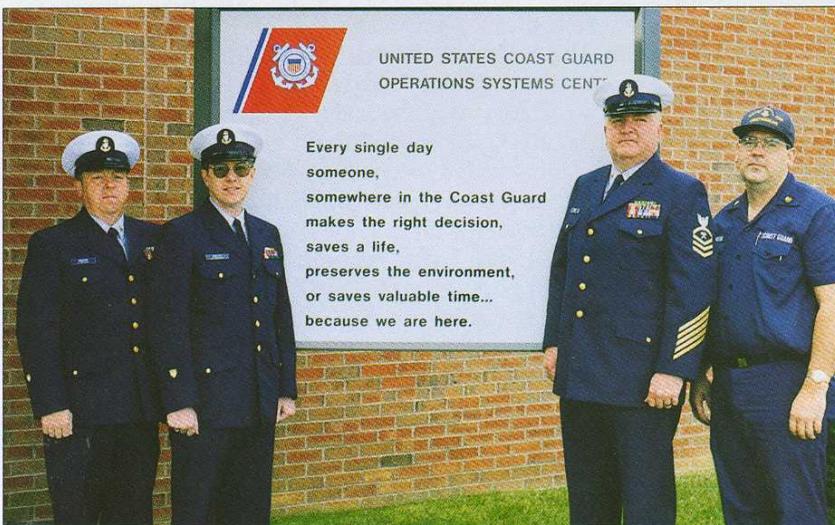
"Everybody and everything is backed up here," said Swain, who's worked on hard-cabbling servers and networks. "This is a unique building...there is none other like it in the world, at least that's what the architect said."

The nearly 300 people who work at OSC Martinsburg break down as follows: 28 active duty, 10 reservists, 21 civilians and approximately 223 contractors. The FY1999 total budget for OSC was \$17.3 million.

Coast Guard Reservist TCC Adrienne Ketcham, has worked as a civilian at OSC since it first opened and even attended the groundbreaking. "As a civilian at OSC, I support multiple Coast Guard proprietary applications and I also travel to various Coast Guard sites and install law enforcement software and provide training to end users," said Ketcham, who stands watch in the Network Control Facility on her drill weekends. "I enjoy working at OSC because it allows me to tie my civilian skills to my Coast Guard Reserve job and vice versa, and I enjoy my affiliation with the Coast Guard."

Following Reserve Integration in the mid-1990s, SKC Jim Harris of Harrisburg, Pa., helped organize the reservists here along with CDR John Welch. Harris, along with Ketcham, Swain, SKC Lenny Abbadini, FTC Regis Griffin, YN1 Dave Morgan, YN3 Dave Montelione, SK2 Jeannie Barnhart, TC1 Shane Britton, TT3 Stephanie Stover make up the OSC Reserve contingent.

"Chief Abbadini and I augment the two



Reservists greet visitors at OSC's front door including, left to right, SKC Lenny Abbadini, FTC Regis Griffin, SKC Jim Harris and TC1 Dave Swain.



SKC Jim Harris, front, goes over some computer data with SKC Lenny Abbadini during a drill at OSC.

active duty storekeepers and we are assigned jobs and projects like stockpiling of supplies with Defense Reutilization and Management Organization, which we do a lot of," said Harris. "We also work on projects like assisting with the migration to Standard Work Station III."

Meanwhile, Griffin works in the Information Technology Division supporting short-term projects, including System III upgrades and migration. The maintenance of the automated inventory management system (AIMS) for the building is an important Reserve function along with maintaining inventory and data bases.

"We have a major impact on the Coast Guard," says OSC Commanding Officer CAPT James Decker. "When I read about a case or rescue the Coast Guard was involved in where I know they used our services, it makes me smile. What we do helps our Coast Guard people do their job better, we add value."

OSC's FUTURE

Since 1996, OSC has been involved in the Coast Guard's Y2K plans. Early on, the Coast Guard identified 74 mission critical systems and hundreds of non-mission critical computer and electronics systems. OSC maintained a comprehensive Y2K data base of the status of these systems that was accessible on the Coast Guard's network using a web browser.

OSC Martinsburg had its Y2K rollover, backup and contingency plan for OSC-supported systems in place long before New Year's Eve 2000. Each system was tested and certified Y2K compliant. External issues such as the loss of power or telecommunications was seen as the primary Y2K risk to OSC.

"In preparing for Y2K, our focus was on business continuity," said OSC's Operations Manager Kevin Gallagher. "We wanted to ensure that there was no interruption in service to the Coast Guard community, so from the start, we wanted to adopt the best industry practices that we could

find. A huge research effort culminated in the development of our standard Y2K methodology."

No matter what happens on New Year's Eve (we'll follow that up in a future issue), OSC will continue to focus on operations and maintenance. But now, with the demand for new systems development services it has become the fastest growing segment of the OSC mission triad.

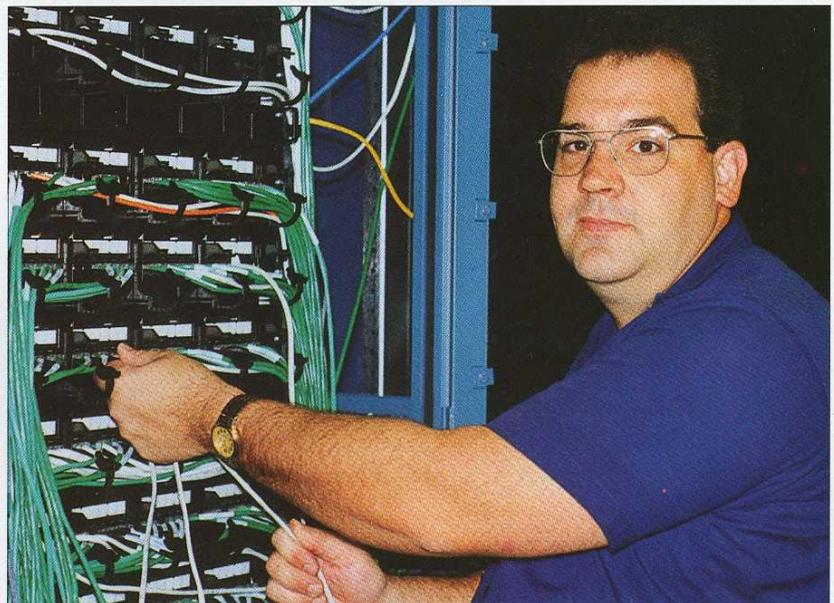
"Development is our future," said Shillito. "We are constantly challenged to find new and innovative ways to provide these services at a reasonable cost. Nowhere has this been more evident than in our software development business where we have expanded rapidly to meet the demand for replacing older systems and to bring new Coast Guard computing systems into operation." Despite this rapid growth, Shillito foresees only modest growth in terms of the number of actual personnel working at OSC.

"We're trying to become more efficient and trying to make operations more effective," said Shillito. "Our target is to become the Information Technology Center of Excellence."

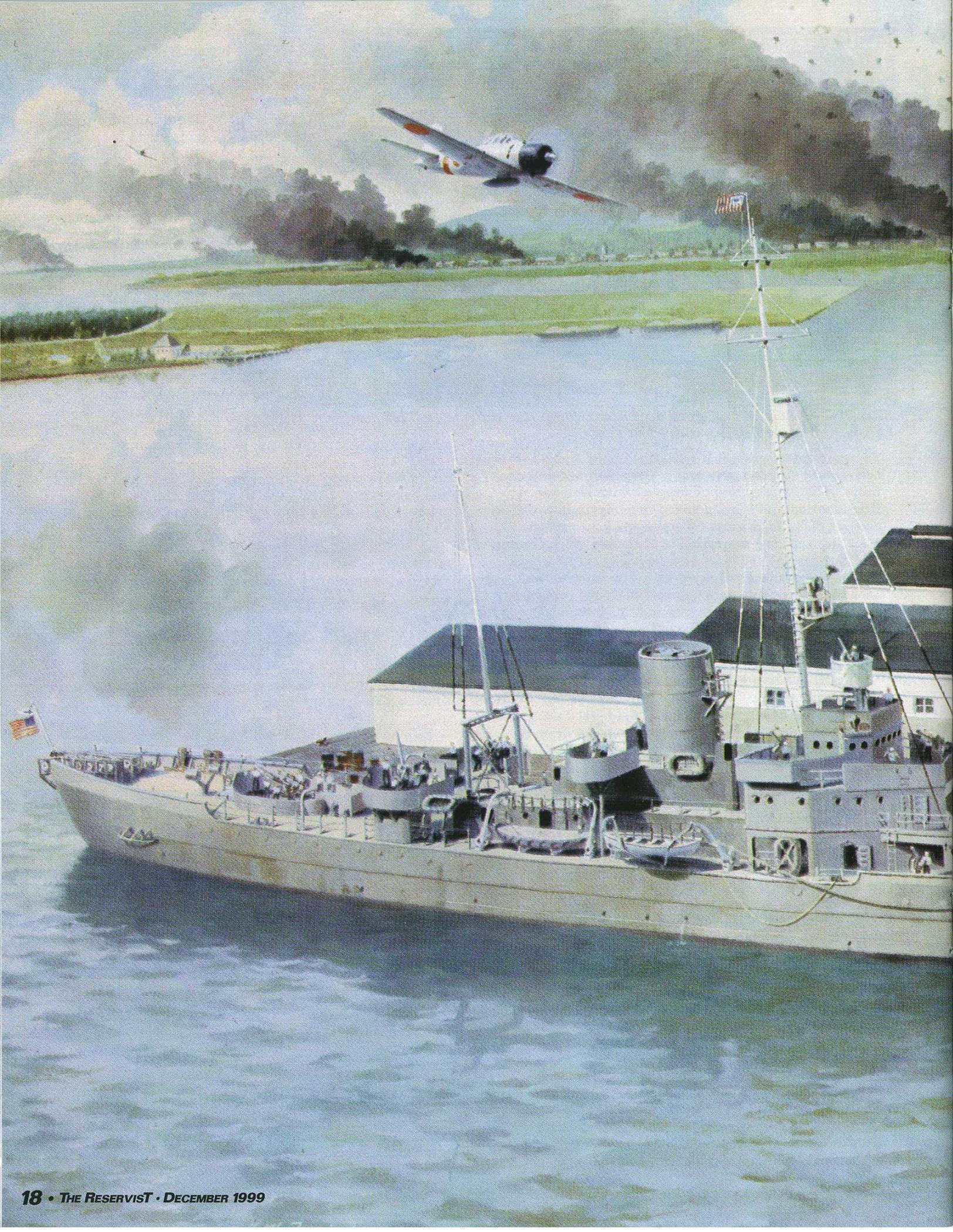
As the year 2000 dawns, OSC Martinsburg is well on its way to hitting a bullseye. They've already been awarded several unit commendations, have been noted as a Center for Excellence for Information Resource Management.

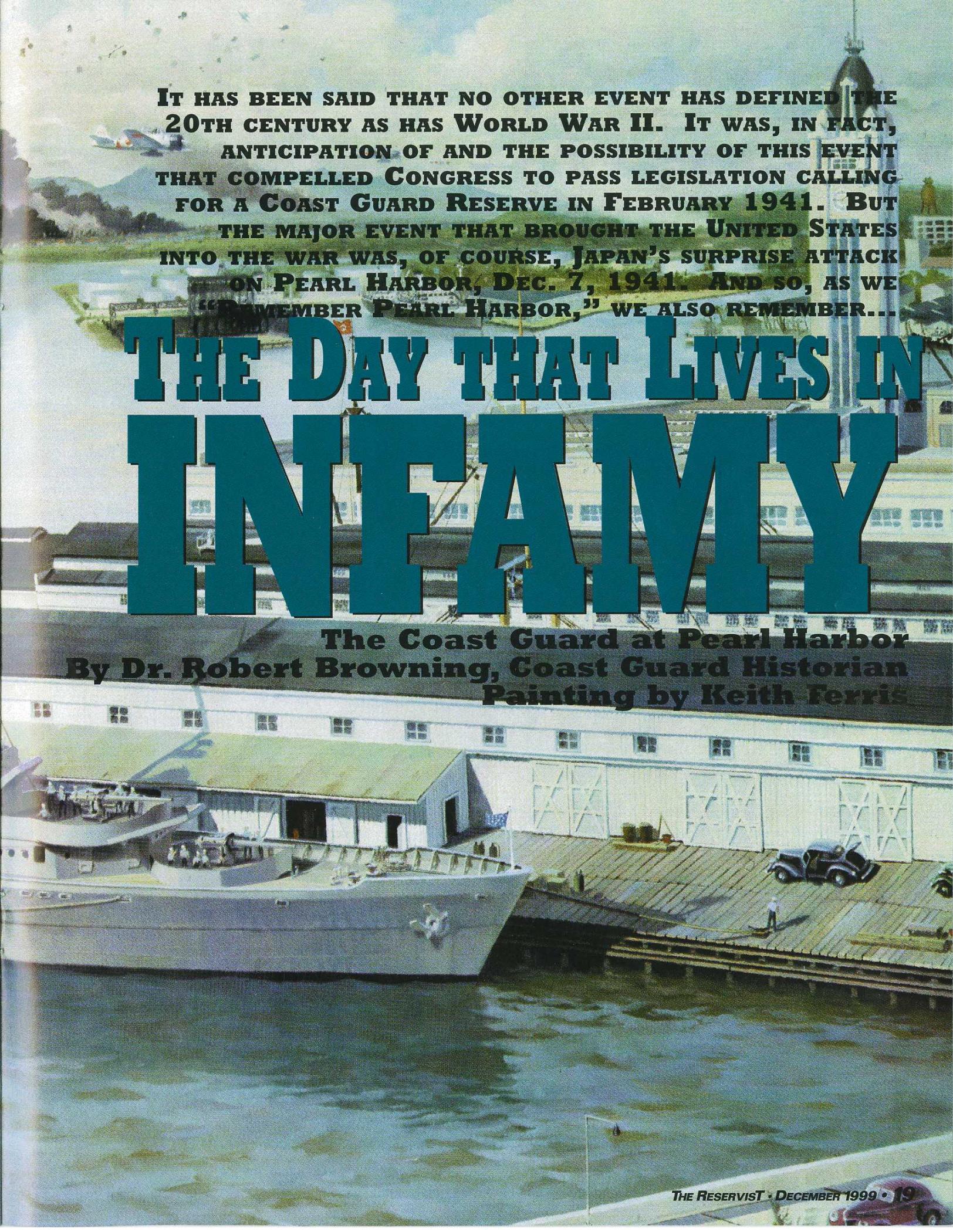
Perhaps their motto, which greets you at the OSC front door says it best: "Every single day someone, somewhere in the Coast Guard makes the right decision, saves a life, preserves the environment, or saves valuable time...because we are here."

Ed's note: The OSC Martinsburg Web site is available from the USCG Intranet site at: <http://cgweb.oscg.uscg.mil/>



TC1 Dave Swain works on some cabling during a Reserve drill at OSC on Oct. 23.





IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT NO OTHER EVENT HAS DEFINED THE 20TH CENTURY AS HAS WORLD WAR II. IT WAS, IN FACT, ANTICIPATION OF AND THE POSSIBILITY OF THIS EVENT THAT COMPELLED CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION CALLING FOR A COAST GUARD RESERVE IN FEBRUARY 1941. BUT THE MAJOR EVENT THAT BROUGHT THE UNITED STATES INTO THE WAR WAS, OF COURSE, JAPAN'S SURPRISE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR, DEC. 7, 1941. AND SO, AS WE "REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR," WE ALSO REMEMBER...

THE DAY THAT LIVES IN INEFAMY

The Coast Guard at Pearl Harbor
By Dr. Robert Browning, Coast Guard Historian
Painting by Keith Ferris

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n the quiet Sunday morning of Dec. 7, 1941, an initial attack force of 183 Japanese naval aircraft attacked approximately 100 ships of the United States Navy at Pearl Harbor.

This strategic surprise attack on America's largest Pacific naval base truly became a day of infamy. Today it is clearly the most recognizable of all American battles or events. Historians have well-documented the Navy's role in the attack, but have all but forgotten that Coast Guard vessels also participated. The Coast Guard, while only a small force at Pearl Harbor, actively took part in the battle.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt began transferring portions of the Coast Guard piecemeal to the Navy several months before the attack. In May and June, various vessels were transferred, the 14th Coast Guard District went to the Navy in August, and the whole service that November. All six of the Coast Guard's 327-foot cutters had been transferred to the Navy at least a month before the rest of the Service due to their value as escort ships. Stationed in Honolulu were the 327-foot cutter *Taney*, the 190-foot buoy tender *Kukui*, two 125-foot patrol craft, *Reliance* and *Tiger*, two 78-foot patrol boats and a couple of smaller craft.

At the time of the attack, *Taney* lay at Pier Six in Honolulu Harbor, *Reliance* and the unarmed *Kukui* both lay at Pier Four and *Tiger* was on patrol along the western shore of Oahu. All were performing the normal duties for a peacetime Sunday.

At 6:45 a.m. while on regular patrol, *Tiger* intercepted a dispatch from the destroyer *Ward* which claimed the destruction of an enemy submarine. Thirty-five minutes later, *Tiger* detected an underwater object on its rudimentary sonar apparatus near Barber's Point. Believing that this might also be a submarine, *Tiger* maneuvered to get a better position and stopped both engines to reduce sonar interference. Hearing motor noises, *Tiger* continued trailing the sound toward the harbor entrance. The small cutter tracked the object toward the left side of the channel but abandoned the search when it ran into shoal water.

Tiger continued its patrol toward the Pearl Harbor entrance, passing the open harbor anti-submarine net before 8 o'clock. At around 8 a.m., to the surprise of the men on board, the "buck and a quarter" cutter came under fire. The fire came from an undetermined source and fell within 100 yards. LTJG William J. Mazzone called the crew to general quarters and observed Japanese planes heading southwest away from Pearl Harbor. Manning the anti-aircraft guns, he ordered no return fire because of the extreme range of the



aircraft. *Tiger* immediately headed for her designated war-time station off the entrance to Honolulu Harbor. For the remainder of the day, the patrol vessel lay at the entrance and observed the air attack, being out of range to help defend against either of the attacks.

Taney had worked out of Honolulu since its commissioning in 1936. As the Japanese planes began their attack, *Taney* lay moored at Pier Six in Honolulu Harbor six miles away from the naval anchorage. After the first Japanese craft appeared over the island, *Taney's* crew went to general quarters and made preparations to get underway. The anti-aircraft battery as well as all other guns were ready to fire with their full crew and three officers at their stations within four minutes. While *Taney* did not participate in the initial attacks by the Japanese, the high-level bombers of the second phase of the battle offered the cutter the opportunity to enter the fray. Just after 9 a.m., after the second wave of planes began their attack, *Taney* fired on some scattering formations of high altitude enemy aircraft with its 3-inch guns and 50-caliber machine guns. The extreme range of the bombers limited the effect of the fire and the guns were secured after 20 minutes. According to a report filed by *Taney's* commanding officer during Pearl Harbor, CDR Louis B. Olson, 27 rounds of three-inch shrapnel were fired from *Taney* during these attacks. *Taney* is also credited with preventing the destruction of the Honolulu Power Plant by successfully fending off a five-plane glide-bombing run against the plant.

Other Coast Guard vessels also participated. The 78-foot patrol boat designated CG-8, lay moored to Pier Four in Honolulu Harbor when the Japanese struck. Within minutes the crew of six, led by BM1 Boyd C. Maddox, was at general quarters and prepared to get underway. At approximately 9 a.m., CG-8 moved to Sand Island to pick up the depot keeper while bombs exploded nearby. The buoy tender *Kukui*, also at Pier Four, remained there because she had no armament to fight the Japanese. CG-8 proceeded back across the channel to Kewalo Basin and was strafed by Japanese aircraft while en route. At the basin, CG-8 prohibited the small private vessels and sampans from leaving until the owners could be cleared by Naval Intelligence.

After the two waves of Japanese planes withdrew from Pearl Harbor, Coast Guard small craft secured the port areas, blacked out all navigational aids and stationed guards along the waterfront. *Tiger* maintained a patrol off the harbor entrance during the night. In the darkness, the cutter was fired on by overly anxious Army units along the shore.

The buoy tender *Walnut* also unexpectedly became



CGC *Taney* in the 1940s

involved in one of the far actions of the attack. The Japanese sent a force of destroyers to Midway Island to neutralize any American naval forces there. That night, about 1,000 miles northwest of Hawaii, these destroyers shelled Midway Island. At 9:30 p.m., the unarmed *Walnut*, stationed there for ATON duty, observed gun flashes from the northwest. Shells began landing within 100 feet of the ship, but *Walnut* remained anchored during the 30-minute attack. Unharmed, the tender later steamed to Hawaii and received guns and depth charges to safely perform ATON duty during the war.

The role of the Coast Guard during the battle, while not

crucial to the outcome, is worth repeating. The Service would provide invaluable assistance during the war, participating in every theatre and all major amphibious campaigns, providing crucial convoy protection, and ensuring port security and the safe handling of munitions. Five of every six Coast Guardsmen serving during World War II were reservists: 6,800 Reserve officers, 300 Reserve warrant officers, and over 135,200 Reserve enlisted. The Coast Guard may have been the smallest armed branch but it was a major component of the war effort.

Pearl Harbor Day aboard *Taney*: Be Alert!

BALTIMORE, Md.—“Be Alert” was the theme expressed repeatedly by guest speakers at the annual Pearl Harbor Day ceremony aboard *CGC Taney* Dec. 7.

Organized by the Baltimore Maritime Museum and Maryland Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, it was standing room only as attendees filled *Taney's* fantail for the mid-day event. Under sunny skies, the American Legion Balladeers of Parkville Post 183 led off the event with a mini-concert, followed by an invocation by CAPT Leroy Gilbert, Chaplain of the Coast Guard. Several guest speakers who served at Pearl Harbor then recounted their experiences on that “date that will live in infamy.”

“America needs to be more alert today,” said Mr. Clyde Ludwig, stationed at Hickham Army Airfield in Hawaii during the attack. Ludwig said that with all the threats of terrorism now, America needs to be especially alert.”

Ms. Myrtle Watson, who served with the Army Nurses Corps at Schofield Barracks, also recounted her memories of Pearl Harbor.

“I received the wounded, the dead, the dying,” said Watson. “I can still see the faces of those dying young men.... We worked around the clock but [at one point], I went into a linen closet and cried. We weren’t aware that World War II had started and weren’t ready for a military emergency...that is why the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association’s motto is *Keep*

America Alert!”

When finished speaking, Watson surprised everyone by casting the Hawaiian lei she was wearing overboard in memory of those killed at Pearl Harbor. Following a bell-ringing ceremony by the St. Andrew’s Society of Baltimore, a Maryland National Guard helicopter dropped an aerial wreath into the waters surrounding *Taney*. A rifle salute by the Coast Guard Honor Guard, the playing of Taps by a Navy bugler, and the playing of *Amazing Grace* by a St. Andrews Society piper concluded the ceremony.

never happen again...we must never, ever forget.”

Taney (WHEC 37) is the last floating survivor of the 101 warships at Pearl Harbor during Japan’s surprise attack. One of seven Treasury Class ships built and commissioned Oct. 24, 1936 as *Roger B. Taney*, it is named after the former Acting Secretary of Treasury during Andrew Jackson’s administration and former Chief Supreme Court Justice. Taney was a native of Maryland and was married to the sister of Francis Scott Key. Now part of the Baltimore Maritime Museum and moored at Baltimore’s Inner Harbor, *Taney* was decommissioned Dec. 7, 1986, and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1988.

“As the years go by and the average American becomes less familiar with all that Dec. 7, 1941 meant for the country, the importance of having a focal point — a tangible artifact like *Taney* that connects us with one of the most important events in 20th century American history — can only increase,” said Mr. Paul Cora, curator of Baltimore Maritime Museum. “The 1999 ceremony was as moving

as any I’ve experienced...it was a huge honor to host the Pearl Harbor Survivors — it was their day.”

To contact *CGC Taney*, write Baltimore Maritime Museum, 802 S. Caroline St., Baltimore, MD 21231. Phone: (410) 396-3453, FAX (410) 396-3393, Web: nationalhistoricseaport@erols.com



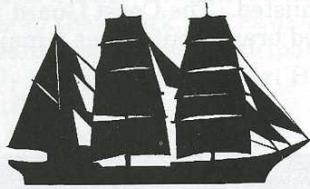
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One of the many guest speakers aboard *Taney* for the annual Pearl Harbor Day ceremony tells those in attendance that America must “Be Alert!”

“I return each year for this ceremony aboard *Taney*,” said principal speaker VADM Douglas J. Katz, USN(Ret.). “We are here on the eve of the millennium as the greatest, most powerful nation on earth. From World War II until today, we still have the greatest military in the world, but we need to be more alert than ever as we move into the 21st century so that a Pearl Harbor will

IN BRIEF

- **SAIL WITH EAGLE IN 2000** — *CGC Eagle* is slated for two training cruises during the spring and summer of 2000. On board for the first cruise are Officer Candidate School students from March 5-25, followed by the annual cadet cruise from April 24-Sept. 9. Volunteers for both



cruises are needed in the following ratings: BM, DC, ET, FN, FS, HS, MK, QM, RD, PA and SN. Additionally, qualified underway deck watch officers (officer or enlisted) are needed. Reserve personnel (male or female) may apply for all or any portion of these deployments with preference given to those who volunteer for longer periods. This year, the cadet cruise will be highlighted by *Eagle's* active participation in OPSAIL 2000 along the East Coast. Interested PACAREA reservists should contact YNCS Harvey at (510) 437-3257, lharvey@d11.uscg.mil; LANTAREA reservists should contact CWO Hargrove at (757) 628-4496 or e-mail to rhargrove@mlca.uscg.mil.

- **COMMISSARY PRIVILEGE CARDS** — The Human Resources Service and Information Center will be producing and distributing annual Commissary Privilege Cards (CPCs) in late December 1999/early January 2000. In years past, CPCs were mailed in early December. The Coast Guard had hoped to issue the new 24-visit CPC this year, but because of printing problems, the 24-visit cards were not available for distribution in January. Therefore, the calendar year 2000, two 12-visit cards will be issued and they will be mailed approximately one month apart. Cards for RET-2 reservists and IRR reservists with over 20 years satisfactory service will be mailed directly to reservists' homes. Cards for drilling Reserve members will be mailed to reservists' units for presentation at their next scheduled drill. To be eligible for a CPC, a reservist must either: (1) Have completed 20 years satisfactory service, or (2) Have earned 50 retirement points during the reservist's last anniversary year. If you do not receive your CPC by late January, please contact: Commanding Officer (MAS), Coast Guard Human Resources Service & Information Center, 444 SE Quincy St., Topeka, KS 66683-3591; Phone: (785) 357-3540; FAX: (785) 357-2594.

- **RESERVE CPO ACADEMY CLASSES** — During 2000, there will be two class convenings for the Reserve CPOA at New London, Conn., June 17-29 and July 15-28, 2000. Each class convening has 32 quotas available. Submit your training request early as classes will fill quickly. Point of contact is YNCS Alex Keenan, (202) 267-2441 or e-mail: akeenan@comdt.uscg.mil.



- **PC-RPM NEWSLETTER** — The Coast Guard Personnel Command Reserve Management Division has

an electronic newsletter that you can read on the Reserve web site under Hot Items and Publications (Miscellaneous). PC-rpm are the folks who work on officer and enlisted advancements, selection boards, OERS, etc. Check it out at: www.uscg.mil/reserve.

- **ATTENTION WWII COAST GUARD VETS** — Veterans are being sought to share their wartime experiences for a book about the Coast Guard's involvement in all World War II theaters of operations. Coast Guard Veterans should contact LT Kenneth Hines, 3700 Bray Court, Columbia, MO 65203. 573-445-2526. E-mail: khi-nesa27@aol.com.

- **CPO BUMPERSTICKERS** — Both styles of CPO bumper stickers as depicted here are available for E-7, E-8, E-9. They are blue and gold. Cost is only \$2 each. Please indicate type and style desired. Also available are mini-size for placement next to vehicle



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- **COAST GUARDS AROUND THE WORLD** — Beginning with the January 2000 issue, *The Reservist* will publish a year-long series about the Coast Guards (in many cases, navies) from other nations. Two stories have already been submitted: New Zealand and Italy. If you have knowledge/experience about any foreign coast guard and would like to write an article for this series, drop us an e-mail at: ekruska@comdt.uscg.mil or write us at Commandant (G-WTR-2). Complete address is on page 3.

- **COASTIES OF THE CENTURY** — If you had to name a Coastie(s) of the Century, who would they be? Drop us a line with your top three picks and we'll put together a compilation based on our readers' responses for an article during 2000.

- **COAST GUARD IN ACTION 2000 ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR** — Coast Guard calendars for 2000 are now available by mail and at Coast Guard Exchanges! This is the fifth consecutive year that Retired Coast Guard Reservist CWO4 Tom Fletcher is offering the calendars. Calendars can be ordered by mail for \$10.95 each plus \$2.25 shipping and handling (for more than one calendar, check the S&H on the Web site, www.coastiecalendar.com). If ordering 10 or more, ask about discounts. Make checks payable to *Lighthouse Enterprises*. Major credit cards accepted. **Mail to:** Lighthouse Enterprises, P.O. Box 1126, Arvada, CO 80001-1126. *The U.S. Coast Guard does not endorse this product; this is published as a service to our readers.*



THE "YEARS" IN REVIEW

WHICH YEAR IS WHICH...

By CDR Neil Hurley, USCGR

A PS2 selected to attend Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination last summer had many questions, and he asked them via the Reserve Forum. The following article is in response to his questions, listed in Reserve Forum topic 505, regarding "Anniversary Year, Training Year, etc."

• **ANNIVERSARY YEAR** — The most important "yearly requirement" is the Anniversary Year (AY). A "good" AY is obtained by earning at least 50 Reserve retirement points during a year which starts and ends on your anniversary date. A good AY earns a satisfactory year for federal service bringing you one year closer to a paid Reserve retirement (RET-1) at age 60. Every member's anniversary date is different. Your anniversary date is based upon the first day of membership in the Coast Guard Reserve (even if you received a commission at a later time in your career, your anniversary date is still the original date). It is listed at the top of the CGR Retirement Point Statement (CG-4175A) which is sent to each member of the Reserve annually.

If you drill regularly and perform at least 12 days of ADT each year at about the same time, you'll earn a good AY. But, if you group your drills all together in one part of the year, and perform ADT at different times in different years, you could end up with a bad AY (less than 50 points). The consequence of getting a "bad" year is that the time served does not count toward the 20 sat-

isfactory years of federal service needed for a Reserve retirement. By law, ADT can only be credited to the AY in which it was performed. You cannot credit ADT performed in one AY toward another AY. There are no waivers to this policy.

• **TRAINING YEAR** — Training year is a term no longer used by the Coast Guard Reserve, so, please, just forget about it! For those of you who refuse to forget it, a past policy allowing a 120-day window to credit performance ADT-AT was based on completing a good training year. This policy was removed when the training year concept was discontinued. The 120-day window never applied to getting a good AY.

• **FISCAL YEAR** — Fiscal year is also important to you. In order to provide effective budget management by your servicing Integrated Support Command (pf) staff, IDT drills and ADT funds are managed on a fiscal year basis. For most members, 48 IDT drills and 12 days of ADT-AT are authorized each fiscal year. Fiscal years run from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, so we're currently in FY2000.

The *Reserve Policy Manual* (www.uscg.mil/reserve/pubs/rpm/rpmhome.htm) covers these policies in greater detail. See chapters 2-B-2, 3-B-2, 4-A-2 and 8-C-1. And, while you're at it, have a good Anniversary Year and Happy New Year too!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2000

• **ROA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE** — Jan. 24-26. ROA Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer will be honored at a congressional reception Jan. 24. Contact ROA, One Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. 202-479-2200. Web: www.roa.org. **The Coast Guard reception is Monday, Jan. 24, 5-8 p.m. at ROA Headquarters Building, One Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. Contact LCDR Robert Carmack, 8417 Bates Dr., Bowie, MD 20720. 301-262-8066, E-mail: RCarmack@ventera.com.**

• **BLACKTHORN MEMORIAL SERVICE** — 20th commemoration of the Jan. 28, 1980 collision of tanker *Capricorn* and *CGC Blackthorn* (WLB 391) that took the lives of 23 Coast Guardsmen. Ceremony scheduled for Friday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m., at Blackthorn Memorial Park, north side of Sunshine Skyway Bridge in St. Petersburg, Fla. Contact AMC John Chassereau, USCG(Ret.), 5830 12th St. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33703-1112. Call 727-522-3298 or E-mail: old-chief@juno.com.

FEBRUARY 2000

• **WESTERN CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION** — Feb. 10-11, San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, sponsored by Armed Forces Communication Electronics Assoc. and U.S. Naval Institute, includes guest speakers and 300 defense-related exhibits. Theme is "Chaos in the Littorals." For more info, contact USNI Seminars. 410-295-1067, or send e-mail to: seminars@usni.org, Web site: www.usni.org.

• **COAST GUARD RESERVE'S 59TH BIRTHDAY** — The Coast Guard Reserve was formed Feb. 19, 1941. What type

of event is your unit planning to observe this special occasion?

• **IWO JIMA 55TH REUNION** — Combat Veterans of Iwo Jima and members of all services who served on Iwo Jima at any time will hold a reunion Feb. 18-20 in Washington, D.C. Contact Jan Emde, Iwo Jima Vets, 4424 Montgomery Ave., Suite 201, Bethesda, MD 20814. 301-986-0325 or toll free 888-233-2863; FAX: 301-654-3739, E-mail: imi@imimtg.com.

JUNE 2000

• **TOM'S RUN II** — Team Coast Guard is invited to participate in Tom's Run II set for June 9-10. The relay is held annually to raise awareness of and funds for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's Disease) and is named in honor of retired Coast Guardsman CWO4 Tom Brooks. Participants run and/or bike the historic 180-mile C&O Canal from Cumberland, Md. to Fort McNair Army Base (next to CG Headquarters). Coordinated by the Office of Reserve Affairs (G-WTR) and sponsored by the Chief Warrant Officers Association Washington, D.C. Chapter, the event was featured in the August 1999 *Reservist* (www.uscg.mil/reserve) and is also on Brooks' Web site at <http://www.tlbrooks.com/tom.htm>. To register, donate or for more info, contact LT Daryl Schaffer, 202-267-0569 or e-mail: tomsrun@hotmail.com.

AUGUST 2000

• **CHIEF PETTY OFFICER CONVENTION** — Aug. 28-Sept. 1, 32nd annual at Clarion Hotel in Mobile, Ala. Old-timer's picnic is Sept. 2. For info., contact BMCS Jack Crowley, 334-649-8800 or E-mail: jccc99@gateway.net.

RETIREMENTS

JUNE 1999

LCDR Denis A. Cronin, D1

JULY 1999

LCDR Lawrence L. Lundin, D11

SEPTEMBER 1999

LCDR George D. Walker, D5

OCTOBER 1999

LCDR Steven L. Holcomb, D5
 LCDR Charles E. Lahey, D5
 LCDR Floyd R. Martinez, D8
 CWO4 Thomas E. Bates, D11
 PSCM Thomas F. Grant, D7*
 IVC Kenneth M. Penrod, D8
 YNC Peter W. Andrew, D1

NOVEMBER 1999

CAPT Larry D. Brooks, D11*
 CDR Daniel M. Pecoraro, D11*
 CDR Archie T. Smith, D5*
 LCDR Harald B. Creech, D5
 LCDR William F. Csisar, D1*
 LCDR Edward L. Love, D14
 LCDR Stephen R. Pearson, D9*
 LCDR Michael J. Powers, D5
 LCDR John H. Russell, D5
 LCDR David I. Vaughn, D7*
 LT George H. Self, D5
 CWO4 Eugene G. Muller, D1*
 CWO4 Jeffrey A. Rochin, D11*=-

CWO3 Ward C. Bauer, D13*
 CWO3 John W. Ridley, D1*
 CWO4 John Speranza, D9*
 CWO4 Ronald Sylvia, D11*
 HSCM G. Fierro, D8*
 DCC Mike J. Frazier, D5
 ETC Elmer Sanderson, D5*
 MKC Jimmy L. Patton, D8
 MSTC James E. Borders, D7
 MSTC Ronald Mateas, D11
 QMC David Griffith, D11*
 YNC John J. Williams, D5
 DC1 Stanley J. Dziuba, D1*
 DC1 Joseph F. Ruddock, D7*
 MK1 Bennie R. Day, D8*
 MK1 J.M. Klein, D11*
 MK1 Earl J. Myers, D9*
 PS1 Ray Crooks, D8*
 PS1 Nancy P. Jones, D9
 PS1 Robert P. Robertson, D1*
 SK1 Angelo Hayes, D9
 YN1 C.L. Gabriel, D1*
 MK2 Michael R. Atherton, D8*
 MK2 Jessie F. Hill, D5*
 MK2 Conrad M. Roach, D8*

DECEMBER 1999

CAPT James M. Begis, D5
 MKC Bobby C. Bilton, D7
 MKC Neal A. Kirby, D9



Photo courtesy of LT Raby Collins, USCGR.

CAPT Dan Ryan, left, presents reservist LCDR Ken Carlile, of MSO Morgan City, with his retirement certificate at an April 30 ceremony in Morgan City, La.

MSTC James R. Pearce, D5
 BM1 Rudy E. Meurer, D1
 EM1 Dwight L. Smith, D8
 FS1 Jacques B. Davis, D5
 MST1 Benjamin P. Norris, D5
 SK1 Howard W. Cook, D5
 BM2 Robert A. Duncanson, D1
 DC2 Edward D. Seymourian, D1
 MK3 Paul J. Cugini, D1

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



Photo by PAC Ron Cabral, USCGR.

Coast Guard Reservists CAPT Claudio Azzaro and PSCS John Dowd, (at far left), sail away in a whaleboat at the conclusion of their joint Oct. 16 retirement ceremony at CG Island in Alameda, Calif. It was a fitting tribute to the men, both assigned to

HDCU 111, to sail to their new and challenging assignments as retirees — a form of independent duty! The whaleboat crew was made up of personnel assigned to CG Island.

1921 RADM Charles Jerold Hanks 1999

Reserve Educator, Trainer 1954-77

■ **RADM Charles Jerold Hanks**, USCGR(Ret.), 78, of San Luis Obispo, Calif., passed away Nov. 20, 1999, of natural causes. Born in Clearville, Pa. on Feb. 15, 1921, he graduated from Uniontown Senior High School, Uniontown, Pa., in 1937, earned a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State College at Shippensburg, Pa. in 1942, a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1949, and a doctorate in education from the University of Arkansas in 1954. Following graduation from Officer Candidate School at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. on Oct. 28, 1942, he became the youngest officer at the time to command a ship, the CG-83363, a sub-chaser out of Charleston, S.C. During 1943-44, he served as an instructor in anti-submarine warfare at the Advanced Frigate School, St. Augustine, Fla. For the remainder of the war, he commanded the Freight Supply Ship FS-194 in the South Pacific. After the war, he became an assistant professor of mathematics and assistant football coach at Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia. From 1950-54, he was a member of the mathematics department at the University of Arkansas, and also served as head football line coach. In 1954, he joined the faculty of California State Polytechnic



College in San Luis Obispo, where he served as a professor of mathematics and golf coach. In 1972, he became head of the mathematics department. His post-World War II Reserve assignments included executive officer of Organized Reserve Training Unit (ORTU) 12-82820, Monterey, Calif. in 1956-57. He then commanded ORTU 12-82825 at San Luis Obispo from 1958-66, Organized Reserve Port Security Unit (ORPSU) San Francisco from 1966-69 and Voluntary

Training Unit 12-88388 from 1969-72. He was widely known in the Coast Guard Reserve for his summer assignments as director of the 12th Coast Guard District Reserve Training School, Alameda, Calif., from 1960-63, and as director of the Western District Reserve Summer Training School, from 1964-71. After being promoted to flag rank in 1972, he served a five-year tenure (at that time permitted by law for rear admirals) before being transferred to the Retired Reserve on May 25, 1977. In addition to his many World War II campaign medals, ribbons and other service decorations, he was awarded two Meritorious Service Medals, one of them at his retirement ceremony in San Francisco on June 4, 1977, for dedicated service to the Reserve program. RADM Hanks is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marjorie; two sisters, Lois Thompson and Ruth Lenhart Fell, and a brother, Paul. A memorial service was held at Reis Chapel in San Luis Obispo on Nov. 26. RADM Hanks was cremated and his remains were scattered at sea on Dec. 11, 1999 from Coast Guard Station Morrow Bay's 47231. Donations in RADM Hanks' memory may be made to the Mathematics Department Discretionary Fund at California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407. ALCOAST 195/99.

■ **CAPT Egerton Burpee Sawtelle**, USCGR(Ret.), 95, passed away Aug. 29, 1999, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine of natural causes. Born in Boston, he earned a bachelor's degree from Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia and worked for the Pennsylvania, Maine and New Jersey highway departments before accepting a commission in the Coast Guard in 1941. During World War II, he served as executive officer of the *USS Sheliak* in the South Pacific and at Okinawa. In 1950, he was recalled to active duty, serving in Boston and New York. In 1954, he was the senior member among the first 37 Coast Guard officers who remained on active duty to administer the Reserve program (now called Reserve Program Administrators or RPAs). He retired from the Coast Guard June 1, 1964. An expert in navigation, he was the author of two booklets on navigation and held a patent on the "Sawtelle Navigator," a complete kit of course and position plotting instruments. He was married in 1931 to Muriel F. Storer of Boston, who preceded him in death in 1993. His oldest child and only son, the Rev. Malcolm S. Sawtelle, also died in 1993. He is survived by three daughters, Christina Teale of Cornwall, England, Janet Houghton of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, and Audrew Delafield of South

Portland, Maine; a sister Louis Libby of Southwest Harbor, Maine; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held Sept. 18, 1999, at St. Albans Episcopal Church, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, with a Coast Guard color guard in attendance. CAPT Sawtelle was cremated and buried at sea near his summer home on Little Cranberry Island, Maine. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Isles Ford Historical Society, Isles Ford, ME 04646.

■ **CDR Richard Francis "Mac" McGrath**, USCGR(Ret.), 68, of Fullerton, Calif., passed away Oct. 8, 1999, of congestive heart failure. He was a professor of criminal justice at Cerritos College for 38 years. Prior to teaching, he served 10 years as a deputy and a sergeant for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. His military service included four years with the Naval Reserve and 17 with the Coast Guard Reserve. He is survived by his wife, Judith; four children, Michael, Robert, Heather and Melody; two grandchildren, Thomas and James; and his mother, Alma Andrews Passmore. A funeral service was held Oct. 15, 1999 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Ladder-Day Saints in Fullerton, Calif. Interment at Riverside National Cemetery,

Riverside, Calif. A scholarship fund has been established in his name at Cerritos College. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: Cerritos College Foundation, Richard F. McGrath Scholarship, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90796.

■ **Walter P. Kennedy**, 78, of Washington, D.C., passed away Oct. 24, 1999. Raised in Paterson, N.J., he served in the Army during World War II and began a 44-year career as a congressional staff member in 1950 as the chief administrative assistant for U.S. Rep. Gordon Canfield of New Jersey. Canfield is considered the father of the Coast Guard Reserve as he introduced the legislation that established the Coast Guard Reserve in 1941. As an assistant to Canfield, Kennedy also drafted legislation that affected the Coast Guard Reserve. He is survived by his wife, Ana Luisa Bou; seven children, Walter, Ana, Thomas, Dennis, Stella, Kevin and Kathleen. A funeral Mass was held Oct. 27 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Kensington, Md. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring, Md. Donations in his memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

MESSAGES

Here is a partial listing of the latest messages from the Reserve Web Site Message Board. A complete listing can be found at www.uscg.mil/reserve/msg.htm.

R 161846Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 214/99, COMDTNOTE 1080	Census 2000 Enumeration Procedures
R 161235Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 213/99	Certificates of Recognition and Separations
R 161154Z DEC 99	ALCGRSV 030/99	(OER Submissions for Reserve CWO4s
R 152025Z DEC 99	ALCGENL 078/99	Solicit. For Ops Spec. Rating Dev. Team
R 141933Z DEC 99	MLCLANT1214-99	Mission Critical Solicit.: Summerstock (FY00)
R 131512Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 209/99, COMDTNOTE 1850	Physical Disability Eval. System Imminent
		Death/Expedited Review Contin. Plan Y2K
		Half-Masting of National Ensign
		Vacant CDR RPAL Billet
P 140248Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 211/99, COMDTNOTE 5360	CG Mutual Assistance Ed. Flyers Available
R 131910Z DEC 99	MLCLANT1213-99	Managing SELRES Force Strength
R 131706Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 210/99 COMDTNOTE 5760	Changes to Work-Life Phone Nos.
R 102137Z DEC 99	ALCGRSV 029/99	Personnel Assignment/Advancement Issues
R 101515Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 208/99, COMDTNOTE 5400	Civilian Recruitment & Retention Incentives
R 101437Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 207/99, COMDTNOTE 1000	R&D Ctr. Law Enforcement Adv. Program
R 091954Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 206/99	Basic Allowance For Housing & Leased Housing
P 091838Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 205/99, COMDTNOTE 5580	May 2000 SWE Competition (for Active Duty)
R 091720Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 204/99, COMDTNOTE 11101	Change (4) to COMDTNOTE 1540
R 081155Z DEC 99	ALCGENL 075/99	Officer Evaluations Branch Home Page Update
R 072023Z DEC 99	TQC4-99	Half-Masting of National Ensign
R 071920Z DEC 99	ALCGOFF 092/99	Solicitation for CPO Academy Instructors
O 071350Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 202/99, COMDTNOTE 5360	Tuition Assistance Program Update
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P 062250Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 201/99, COMDTNOTE 1524	Use of Auxiliary Aviation and CAP Assets
R 032000Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 199/99, COMDTNOTE 1430	CG Civilian Sponsored Training Programs
R 031407Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 198/99, COMDTNOTE 3120	Selectees for Annual DOT Awards Ceremony
R 031407Z DEC 99	ALCGCIV 016/99	Death of CG Flag Officer (<i>see Taps</i>)
R 021610Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 197/99, COMDTNOTE 12451	Invite to Participate in CG Rugby (<i>Jan. 23-25</i>)
R 011946Z DEC 99	ALCOAST 195/99, COMDTNOTE 5360	Vacant CDR RPAL Billet
R 302135Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 194/99, COMDTNOTE 1710	Extension of Deadline for ET/FT on JRR Team
R 302121Z NOV 99	LANT1202-99.htm	Holiday Driving Safety
R 301842Z NOV 99	ALCGENL072/99	RPA Designation Board (<i>Application deadline</i>
R 291426Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 193/99, COMDTNOTE 5100	<i>Jan. 7, 200; board meets Jan. 19, 2000</i>)
R 261354Z NOV 99	ALCGPERSCOM 108/99	Unit Readiness & the HR System
		Personnel Management Resources on Intranet
R 241935Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 191/99, COMDTNOTE 1000	Revised Guidance on Credit for Partial Years of
R 241821Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 190/99, COMDTNOTE 5300	Service (<i>for Reserve retirement</i>)
R 231743Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 189/99, COMDTNOTE 1215	Creation of Waterways Management Directorate
		1999 LANTAREA Res. Senior Off. Assignments
P 222140Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 188/99, COMDTNOTE 1600	Noms. for 2000 ASNE Awards (<i>deadline Jan 15</i>)
R 222050Z NOV 99	LANT1122-99	Sol. for Enl Apps. to the CGAs Cadet Program
R 221830Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 187/99, COMDTNOTE 1650	Dr. MLK, Jr. Basketball Tournament
P 221636Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 186/99, COMDTNOTE 1520	Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB)
P 221536Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 185/99, COMDTNOTE 1710	Late Reserve CWO3 and CWO4 Sel. Boards
R 221354Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 184/99, COMDTNOTE 7220	Mission Critical Sol. for <i>CGC Eagle's</i> Cruises
R 221330Z NOV 99	ALCGRSV 028/99	Officer Promotion Auth. Listing No. 12-99
R 191400Z NOV 99	LANT 1119-99	Addendum No. 1 OPAL 11-99
R 192026Z NOV 99	ALCGPERSCOM 106/99	Late Reserve CWO3 and CWO4 Sel. Boards
R 192024Z NOV 99	ALCGPERSCOM 105/99	1999 Alex Haley and CDR Jim Simpson Awards
R 191157Z NOV 99	ALCGRSV 027a/99	Use of GSA Contract Air Fares by SELRES
R 191145Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 183/99, COMDTNOTE 5780	Members Attending IDT
R 171247Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 180/99, COMDTNOTE 4515	Career Development Advisors
		E8 & E9 MRN Performance Quals. Update
R 162320Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 179/99, COMDTNOTE 1040	Reserve Officer Extension Board
R 151820Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 178/99, COMDTNOTE 1418	Forms Data Call
P 122233Z NOV 99	ALCGOFF 087/99	Death of CG Officer (<i>RADM Edward C. Allen, USCG-Ret.</i>)
P 121713Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 177/99, COMDTNOTE 5213	Inactive Duty Reserve Commander Selection Board
P 121646Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 176/99, COMDTNOTE 5360	Change (3) To COMDTNOTE 1540
R 102232Z NOV 99	ALCGPERSCOM 101/99	Solicitation for Port Security Specialist (PS) Pilot "A" School
R 102025Z NOV 99	TQC3-99	Vacant CAPT RPAL Billet
R 101400Z NOV 99	ALCGRSV 027/99	Prepaid Calling Card Procurement Policy & Usage Guidelines
R 082020Z NOV 99	LANT 11a-99	Physicians Assistant Advanced Education Selection Panel
R 081945Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 173/99, COMDTNOTE 1650	Veterans Day (<i>see story in Reserve News section</i>)
R 081244Z NOV 99	ALCGPERSCOM 099/99	Announcement of Selectees for DOT Awards Ceremony
R 081400Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 172/99, COMDTNOTE 5700	Managing Selected Reserve Force Strength
R 052008Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 171/99, COMDTNOTE 12451	Solicitation for Team Coordination Training, Cutter Ops
R 051903Z NOV 99	ALCOAST 170/99, COMDTNOTE 5320	FY2000 Military Pay & Benefits
R 042122Z NOV 99	PAC11-99	FY00 ADSW in Support of the Active Component
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END OF YEAR FORCE UPDATE

It is hard to believe that another year has passed. It also has been a very successful year for the Coast Guard Reserve. In addition to the great job you have done supporting day-to-day operations, you have been involved in high profile operations such as the John F. Kennedy, Jr. tragedy, drug/AMIO operations, space shuttle launches, and Hurricane Floyd. I wish to pass on my congratulations for a job well done. Keep up the great work in the new millennium.

• **ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL:** Thank you for your response to my note on this subject (September/October 1999). My point of reference for the proper wearing of the AFRM/"M" device is listed on the CG Reserve Web site (www.uscg.mil/reserve) 1996 message board (R 231630Z AUG 96). It is also discussed in ALDIST 211/96 and in an article in the October 1996 *Reservist* on page 15 (also on-line). The *Awards Manual* is in the process of being updated but does not currently reflect the proper wearing of the AFRM and the Mobilization device.

• **RESERVE INJURIES:** In the past, I have stressed knowing your rights under the Uniformed Services Employee Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). You should also know what to do if you get injured while performing Coast Guard duties on IDT or ADSW. This is covered in the *Reserve Policy Manual*, which is on the Reserve Web site as well. Chapter VII (Causalities and Medical benefits) sections E.1-E.9. What is your responsibility? It is to immediately notify your command of the injury. Do not show up for treatment and bill the Coast Guard without authorization. There have been cases in which reservists have ended up at collection bureaus for unpaid medical bills that were not authorized.

• **RETIREMENT PAY ISSUE:** With the elimination of REDUX and the institution of the "High-Three" retirement system, how does that affect you as a reservist? The High Three is for those who enlisted after 1986. Those who enlisted prior to 1986 still use the last highest rank held pay scale. Is your retirement pay based on the last three years of pay status? What happens if you go to RET-2 at age 48 but don't collect your retirement until age 60? Is the pay based on the pay scale from 12 years before? The answer is found in 10 U.S.C. Section 1407(d) for computing Non-Regular Service for the High Three average. Basically what it states is that your pay is based on the pay scales when **you** are 57, 58, and 59 years of age, **not** your last three years of being in pay status. Those 36 months are averaged and then multiplied times 2.5 percent per year of service. For those of us who use the last pay scale, it would be the pay scale used just prior to turning age 60. You may wish to check the following Web site: <http://www.arpc.org/arpc.html>.

It is a retirement calculator for Reserve retirement. It will also factor the Survivor Benefit Plan payment into the equation. Unfortunately it only works for those **not** under the High Three system.



• **CONGRATULATIONS:**

PSCM William J. Guido became the Reserve Collateral Duty Command Master Chief for Activities New York at a ceremony on Nov. 20. **RADM J. Timothy Riker**, Deputy for Mobilization & Reserve Component Affairs, LANTAREA, **CAPT Richard Bennis**, Commanding Officer of Activities New York, and **MCPO Tom O'Neill**, 1st District Reserve Command Master Chief, presented him with a Silver CMC badge at the ceremony.

• **KNOW YOUR LANGUAGE:** Many of you will be reading the FY00 National Defense Authorization Act and notice it contains many great things. You will see the term "Authorized" used. What that means is there was permission given to implement whatever the topic was **but** unless otherwise stated, there may be **no funding** attached. Please take that into account when you read these bills and authorizations. Our leaders must always fight the battle over what has been authorized and what they can afford to implement.

• **RESERVE HEALTH CARE CHANGES RECOMMENDED:** In a report to Congress, Secretary of Defense **William Cohen** recommended changes to ensure members of the Guard and Reserve receive sufficient health care coverage when called to active duty. The recommendations cover medical treatment, entitlements and health protection measures. The report's complete text can be found at:

www.defenselink.mil/pubs/Sec746_111099.html

Thank you for what you do every day for our country. Happy Holidays, happy New Year and happy New Millennium.

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