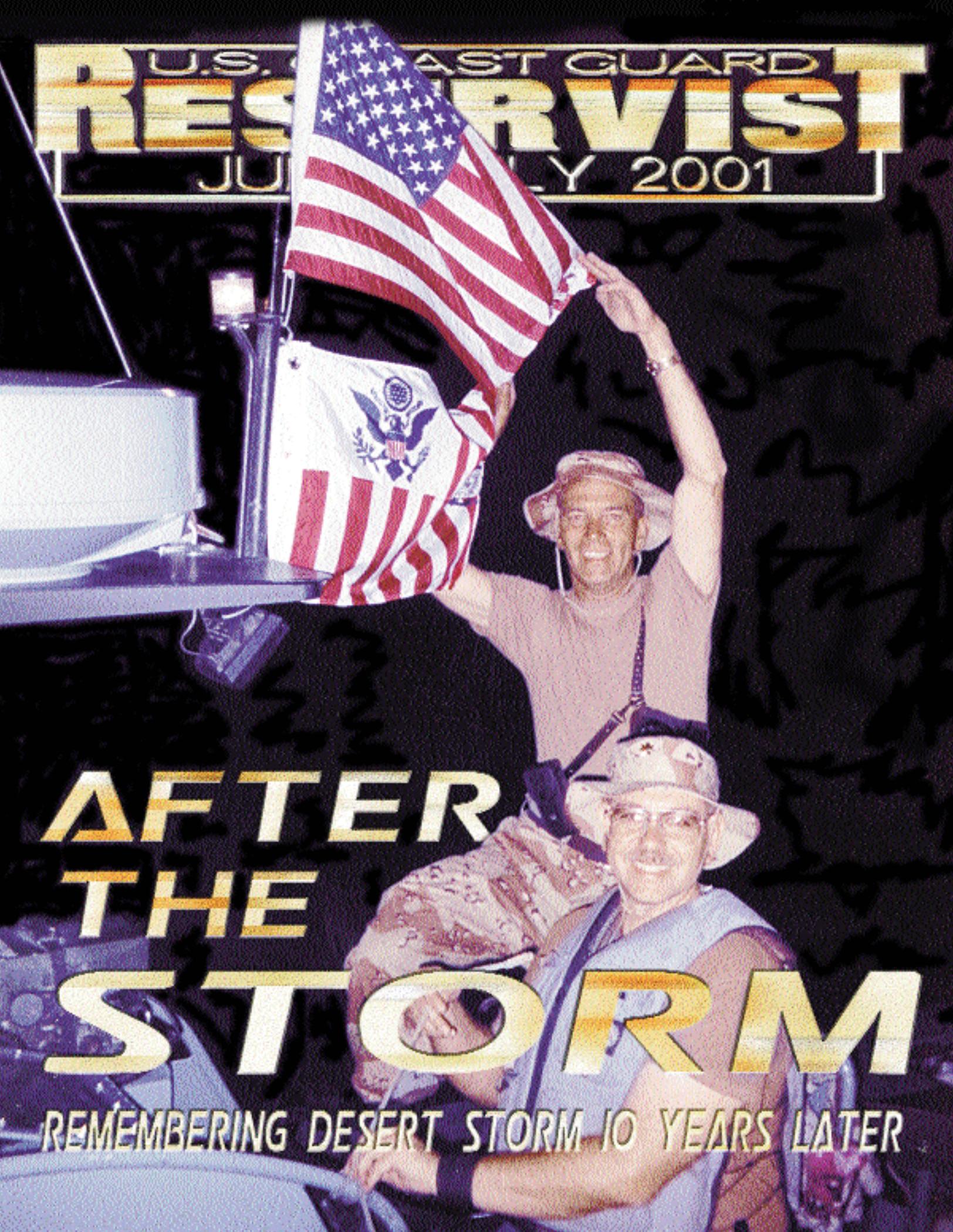


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A man in a military uniform is shown from the chest up, smiling and holding a large American flag high above his head with both arms. He is wearing a tan t-shirt and a tan bucket hat. In the background, another man in a military uniform is visible, wearing a blue vest and a tan bucket hat, looking towards the camera. The setting appears to be the deck of a ship, with a white structure and a light fixture visible on the left. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

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ON THE COVER

BM1 Mel Emond puts up the national and CG ensigns, the first flags to fly by water in free Kuwait in 1991 following Desert Storm. Also shown is LCDR Mark Zecco. USCG Photo.

Welcome back to another exciting edition of *The Reservist* magazine. As another facet of our CGR 60th anniversary, we've dedicated this issue to the Coast Guard Reserve's involvement in Desert Shield/Desert Storm exactly 10 years ago. Before you read the articles, see how much you know/remember about the Coast Guard's involvement in this historic event.

Questions

1. What date did Iraq invade Kuwait, which began the long Desert Shield build-up in the Middle East?
2. Where did the first three Port Security Units train before deploying?
3. In what order did the first three PSU units deploy?
4. Where were the three PSUs located in the theater of operations?
5. How many CG Reservists were called to active duty during Desert Shield/Desert Storm?
6. Which district had the most CG Reservists called up?
7. What states had the most CG Reservists called up?
8. At how many ports did CG Reservists work supporting loadouts for the Middle East?
9. Where did the PSU replacement units train?
10. What active duty Coast Guard units deployed to the Middle East?
11. What day did the first 15 reservists from PSU 303 return to the USA?
12. Where were returning Coast Guard PSUs debriefed and medically screened?
13. On April 21, 1991, what historic event occurred in Kuwait City's Harbor?
14. Who was Commandant during the Persian Gulf War?
15. Who was Chief, Office of Readiness & Reserve, during the Persian Gulf War and Coast Guard Reserve's 50th anniversary in 1991?
16. What dates did National Victory parades occur in Washington, D.C. and New York City?
17. What Coast Guard Reservist documented the war via artwork that is now part of the Coast Guard Art collection.

Answers

1. Aug. 2, 1990 — two days prior to the Coast Guard's Bicentennial, Aug. 4, 1990
2. Camp Perry, Ohio, on Lake Erie
3. PSU 303, Milwaukee, Sept. 14, 1990; PSU 301, Buffalo, Sept. 20, 1990; PSU 302, Cleveland, Nov. 14, 1990
4. PSU 301, Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia; PSU 302, Bahrain; PSU 303, Al Dammam, Saudi Arabia
5. 1,649, roughly 13 percent of the SELRES at that time.
6. 5th District with 418; 7th, 332; 9th, 242; 8th, 210; 11th, 201
7. Florida, 211; North Carolina, 194; California, 191; Texas, 179; Virginia, 130. In all, 42 states had CG Reservists called up plus D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.
8. At least 10 on the East, West and Gulf coasts
9. Camp Blanding, Fla., from January to March 1991. Two of the three replacement units deployed (PSU 301B, 303B, while 302B did not)
10. Law Enforcement Detachments (LEDETS)
11. March 10, 1991, at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. The rest of PSU 303 returned shortly thereafter.
12. Governors Island, N.Y., which has since closed (Sept. 30, 1997)
13. A Coast Guard PSU 301 Raider boat was the first boat into the newly reopened harbor (see front cover)
14. ADM William J. Kime, USCG
15. RADM John N. Faigle, USCG
16. June 8, 1991 and June 10, 1991, respectively
17. LTJG Darrell Orwig, USCGR

USCG PRIDE AND SUMMERSTOCK

It was a pleasure to review the March/April 2001 *Reservist*. I enjoyed the articles on my son, Bryon V. Mayo, and also on Summerstock stations.

As expected, the picture and article of Bryon (Plate of the Month) boosted his self esteem and pride in the U.S. Coast Guard, and he's on track to be a future Coastie. Bryon and I have been to Cape May and toured the facility, and he is aware that the task is not easy.

In the 1970s, Summerstock stations were manned by Reserve OICs with active and reserve support personnel. I had the privilege of being part of this as XO at Station Manistee, Mich. (1975), OIC at Station Plum Island, Wis. (1976) and OIC at Station Harbor Beach, Mich., (1978). These stations have changed or have been relocated to other properties, but friendships gained through the years have remained. The experience of Summerstock is not only the two weeks or five months of active duty, but what you make of it. What you leave with will always be part of your life. Many thanks and well done.

— CWO4 Leonard E. Renquin, USCGR(ret.)
Palm Harbor, Fla.

We received all the Summerstock issues of *The Reservist*...beautiful job. Everyone here in D9(osr) is proud of it. I have received about 20 calls, many from reservists, three of whom can come [onboard for Summerstock] for more than 30 days. I also bought an oak frame and hung a Summerstock cover poster in it, and am proudly displaying it on my office door for all of D9 to see!

— YN1 Patricia Feeney, USCGR
Summerstock Yeoman
Cleveland, Ohio

Just received the Summerstock Issue...you out did yourself this time! This may be the best issue ever.

— LCDR Robert A. Stohlman, USCGR
Norfolk, Va.

SWE ARTICLE

That was an excellent article in *The Reservist* magazine on Servicewide Examinations (March/April 2001, page 32-33). Thanks from all of us here at HRSIC(ADV). We have republished another valuable tool, HRSICINST M1418.1A, which is on the HRSIC Web site (www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic/ADV.htm). We strongly encourage all personnel to review it. Once again, a huge thank you from the ADV crowd here in Topeka. Based on recent strokes-of-the-pen and ALCOASTs which have changed the sea duty points factor, etc. we'll be publishing another change to this Instruction in the near future. Bravo Zulu for a job well done!

— Mr. Peter Buel
USCG HRSIC(Adv)
Topeka, Kan.

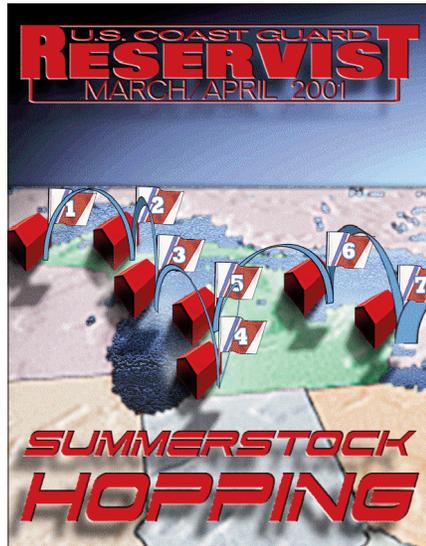
Ed's note: In addition, make sure to read the article on SWE variables in this issue by LT Dave Roberts on pages 38-39.

A UNIFORM PRESENCE REVISITED

In response to the letter by TC1 Allen P. Hill, "A Uniformed Presence," in the January 2001 *Reservist*, I believe the National

Guard has taken over from, or has supplemented, our Active service components in performing these needed veteran services. I believe each state's National Guard has full time personnel dedicated to performing these duties. If TC1 Hill would check with the Washington State Adjutant General's Office, I believe he will be able to obtain any information on these burial teams. Here in Maryland we have three or four teams geographically located to service our veterans. As an Army "grunt" I enjoy reading *The Reservist*, and as editor of the *Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States* newsletter (www.foxfall.com/mofw.htm), I take many opportunities to pass on some of your valuable information to our members, many of whom are Coasties. Keep up the good work!

— Mr. Ronald Sommer
Baltimore, Md.



While I agree with TC1 Allen's comments that this nation's veterans deserve the appreciation and ceremony associated with a uniformed honor guard at their funeral, I do not see how to provide such services. While I am now a reservist, I have had some experience with this matter. During my career, I have been assigned the task of leading a detail of pallbearers for a veteran and also had to assist in locating an honor guard for a fallen veteran. In the matter of leading the detail of pall bearers, I was placed in the uncomfortable position of taking inexperienced junior non-rates through the process with no honor guard experience of my own or "official" guidance. As a sidebar, these non-rates were taken from other tasks including training for qualification on station boats. The family was grateful and we were glad to help — but we were no ceremonial detail.

Later as a SAR controller, I fielded multiple calls from families requesting honor guards. I spent hours on it and could not get a detail together. In this instance, I was at a major Coast Guard unit and the only available personnel were support types who, for the most part, had little interest in extra duty. The bottom line is that in most cases, the personnel who are willing to perform the service are operational types who lose time from valuable training to honor the fallen veteran.

There is no policy establishing honor guards at field units and very often no personnel in the billet structure for the job. Perhaps the solution lies with VFW lodges and American Legion posts — I really can't see operational types without formal training performing these well-deserved services. It is irresponsible to look only at the problem — the problem is in the situation, the availability of trained personnel, and not in the rank and file's willingness to honor our veterans.

— QM1 Rob Riemer, USCGR
Long Island, N.Y.

Ed's note: For more information, contact LCDR Jim Brewster, Commandant (G-WPM-2), 202-267-1648 or E-mail: jbrewster@comdt.uscg.mil.

ELEVATING COMMUNITY AWARENESS

I wanted to elevate community awareness of the Coast Guard in our area, so, when BM1 Karl Brobst came to me proposing a blood drive, I was all for it. The idea was presented by reservist CWO Paul Kaiser and approved by our active command, namely CWO David Umberger.

Brobst, Kaiser, MKC Don Cunningham, and myself are working closely with Umberger and BMC Scot Druckrey on future

community fundraisers with both active and reserve volunteers. We have volunteers for two bike races (Muscular Distrophy and a church charity) and volunteers to sponsor a meal for three needy families around the holidays. We are also looking into posting a five-person team for a February 2002 Polar Bear fundraiser at Point Pleasant, N.J. This past February, the Polar Bears had over 4,000 entries raising over \$500,000 for the Special Olympics.

Then we read an article in *The Reservist* (January 2001) about placing Coast Guard flags at cemeteries. We thought this was a great idea and brought it to the attention of our crew at Barnegat Light, who also thought it was a great idea. I just authorized a donation from my private company for the first 100 flags. *Semper Paratus*

— BMC Daniel J. Piszczatoski, USCGR
Station Barnegat Light, N.J.

Ed's note: Approximately 57 Coast Guardsmen representing 23 states and the District of Columbia have expressed an interest in the "USCG Flags Across the USA" program so far. Why not be a USCG flag volunteer in your local area? For more info, check out the January 2001 Reservist under Volunteer Opportunities (www.uscg.mil/reserve) and/or send e-mail to: uscgflags@yahoo.com

HEALTH CARE FOR RESERVISTS

I am a proud member of *Team Coast Guard* and try to remain informed on the many issues facing our service today. One such issue is the retention of our current reservists and RELAD of active duty personnel. Have there been discussions to make health care/insurance available to Selected Reservists? I think this would be a very attractive benefit to retain members.

In today's civilian world, obtaining individual health care insurance is very expensive for a typical family if their employer does not offer such a benefit. I work for a small business and pay \$139 a month for my personal insurance. Currently the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Program is available to reservists and a recent change now allows for dependents to be covered as well. For reservists without a dental program, this is a wonderful, low-cost benefit. I think it is time for a health care program to be offered in the same manner.

— PS3 Rex Bettis, USCGR
Galveston, Texas

Ed's note: This question is being floated by military advocacy organizations to Congress. Stay tuned.

RESERVE UNIFORM ALLOWANCE?

I am an active drilling reservist at MSD Santa Barbara and am having a hard time getting a question answered. Do drilling reservists get a uniform allowance? After so many years, is there a request form to fill out to get new uniforms? Do you have any idea on procedure? Any help you could give would be appreciated.

— PS3 Gary E. Barancik, USCGR
Bakersfield, Calif.

Ed's note: According to CWO3 Sandie Robillard of the HQ Reserve Funds Management Division (G-WTR-3), drilling reservists get a Clothing Maintenance Allowance (CMA) in their paycheck every month. The Reserve Standard Maintenance Allowance (for over three years service) is \$2.48 per paid drill for males, \$3.34 for females. See ALCOAST 397/00 of 161299Z OCT 00. Effective Oct. 1, 1997, there is no longer a Replacement-In-Kind program. In 1997, the CGR gave everyone an opportunity to get their seabags up to date before the new CMA program took effect. Now, they must maintain their own seabags.

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

The USCG photo of Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff Gen. Henry Shelton on page 8 of the March/April 2001 issue was taken by TC3 Rob Holden, USCGR. The photos of the *Ehime Maru* story in the May 2001 issue were taken by BM2 Clayton Williams, Station Honolulu, while the photo of LT Dave Allen on his Harley-Davidson in the July/August 2000 issue was taken by YN2 Pat Hayworth, ISC Honolulu(pf). CDR James J. Corey's last name was misspelled in the May 2001 Medals and Awards section. It should be Corey, not Cory. Taps for BM2 Scott Chism in the May 2001 issue stated he was a graduate of Pamona High School. It should've read Ramona High School in North San Diego County.

L I C E N S E P L A T E //

WASHINGTON: THE EVERGREEN STATE



Photo courtesy SK2 John C. Ruud, USCGR

SK2 John C. Ruud shows off his Washington Coast Guard plate.

The great state of Washington is in the spotlight this month along with **SK2 John C. Ruud**, USCGR, of Kingston, Wash. Ruud has owned the personalized plates, shown here on his 1992 Honda Accord, since 1986. He lives in a Navy town close to Naval Submarine Base Bangor.

"Needless to say, the plates go over very well in a Navy town," said Ruud who served on active duty in the Coast Guard from 1968-72 and has been a reservist since 1985.

Ruud has been attached to Port Security Unit 313, Tacoma, Wash., since the unit was commissioned in December 1998. Named for our nation's first president, Washington became the nation's 42nd state on Nov. 11, 1889, and is in the Coast Guard's 13th District.



THE RESERVE POLICY BOARD

"To achieve greatness, start where you are, use what you have, do what you can."

— Arthur Ashe

One of the privileges I have, as a Reserve flag officer, is to act as President of the Coast Guard Reserve Policy Board (RPB). The RPB is required by law (Title 14 U.S.C. 703) to convene at least annually to consider, recommend, and

report to the Secretary of Transportation on Reserve policy matters.

Over 60 interested Active Duty, Reserve, and Auxiliary Coast Guard personnel submitted applications to serve on the 2001 RPB. The selection process was difficult and reflected a high level of interest in the future of the Reserve Program. The selection criteria were constructed with a focused outcome — to appoint a Board reflective of you — rich in diversity. As you can see from the photo on this page, the 2001 Board represents members from all components of *Team Coast Guard*. During our first meeting at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland on March 2-3, we reviewed three key issues and 10 issues of concern from the 1999 Board in addition to 16 new issues. We chose to review a limited number of issues, which, in our opinion, have, and will continue to have, a significant impact in determining the roles and viability of the Reserve.

In deciding which policy matters this Board should address, it became clear that a number of the issues before us were a product of the ongoing process of integration. Integration has served the Coast Guard well. The Reserve Component is fully integrated into all mission areas with the exception of those units tasked to support our defense operation mission. Integration has been successful, yet, has created its own challenges — opportunities remain to further improve the employment and contributions of the Reserve personnel to the Coast Guard missions. Prior to integration, reservists could rely on their chain of command in the Reserve units to provide career counseling and guidance, focused training opportunities and training requirements, assistance in resolving reserve administrative matters, and providing recognition.

With integration, we have essentially become part-time

employees of the active duty commands. In many cases, senior Reserve officers and enlisted personnel have lost their traditional management roles, and in some cases are under utilized. As you read the issues before this year's RPB, you will see many of the issues are related to ensuring Reserve personnel perceive they can engage in fully satisfying, challenging and value-added work throughout a planned career.

The following are Reserve policy issues under consideration:

1. Revise the Reserve Personnel Allowance List (RPAL) to reflect and align with the Contingency Preparedness Requirements list (Note: RPAL assignment policies are being reviewed by the MLCs and G-WTR).
2. Develop career guidance for Reserve officer and enlisted personnel.
3. Establish a process to ensure the Active Component has access to information needed to effectively train/assign Reserve personnel.
4. Define roles for Senior Reserve Personnel.
5. Evaluate the need for annual senior officer Retention

Boards (contained within the recommendations of the IROMS).

6. Improve availability and delivery of training — specifically "C" school opportunities.
7. Resolve EAD issues related to SWE and advancement.
8. Define the role/mission for Force Optimization and Training branches at the ISCs and identify a program manager.
9. Ensure that all personnel resources are available for reservists —

including morale funded events, workspace configuration etc.

The RPB will reconvene in either September or October 2001. Those issues that are not deemed appropriate for the Board to forward under its charter will be provided to the Commandant in a separate report.

I encourage you to provide us with the benefit of your experience and the wealth of information you have gained in serving our great Service. The point of contact for submitting input to the RPB is MCPO Marilyn Carr, e-mail: mcarr@hrsic.uscg.mil. This is an opportunity to have your issues/recommendations be heard in a formal process. This is your Coast Guard — this is your program.

God bless all of you and God bless the Coast Guard. Semper Paratus.



Photo by CDR Dale Ransuch, USCGR

The 2001 Coast Guard Reserve Policy Board front row, l to r, MCPO Marilyn Carr, CAPT J. Andrew McDonough, RADM Mary O'Donnell, LCDR Serena Dietrich, YN1 Robert Tyler, LT Wayne Claybourne, Back row, l to r, CWO3 Donald Borries, LCDR Douglas Dawson, LCDR Andrew Liske, CAPT Lawrence Hall, CDR Larry White, Commodore Henry Pratt, LT Daryl Schaffer, and MCPO George Ingraham.

**By Rear Admiral Mary P. O'Donnell, USCGR
Deputy for Mobilization & Reserve Component Affairs, PACAREA**

HEITNER, APPERSON WIN EPOY FOR 2000

WASHINGTON, D.C. — **BM2 Lee P. Heitner** and **MK1 Rawlins D. Apperson** have been named 2000 Coast Guard Enlisted Persons of the Year (EPOY). Both were selected for this national award due to their exemplary military bearing, leadership ability and work performance.

BM2 Heitner, 34, this year's active duty EPOY, is currently assigned to the Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team (PACTA-CLET) in San Diego. He is an exceptional boarding officer with quals as an ionscan operator, flight observer, ops petty officer, Spanish linguist, and weapons petty officer. When deployed to other nations, he is often called upon to use his many skills to provide technical training and give insightful briefs to personnel from foreign nations.

Heitner, a resident of Ocean Beach, Calif., has made superior contributions to his unit and the surrounding community. He volunteers for a local soup kitchen, and the Drug Awareness Resistance and Education (DARE) program, including a jamboree with over 1,200 students from local schools.

"I'm deeply honored to be recognized as the Coast Guard EPOY," said Heitner. "None of this would have been possible without the unending teamwork and support of the crew and command at Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team. In the past year, I have been fortunate enough to be able to travel completely around the world in support of Coast Guard missions. In my travels, I worked closely with the navies and coast guards of many different countries. The best part of it was the respect and admiration they held for the USCG. I think I'm the luckiest person in the world when I'm underway in Coast Guard Blue."

Heitner, who enlisted in the Coast Guard in April 1995, was born in New York City. He attended Humboldt State University, Arcata, Calif. from 1995-1997.

This year's Reserve EPOY, MK1 Apperson, 47, is assigned to *CGC Mustang* in Seward, Alaska. His personal commit-



BM2 Lee P. Heitner

ment to reducing the burden of isolated rural Alaska has greatly minimized the acclimation period of new personnel and their families. He has personally assisted with plowing driveways, removing heavy snow from roof tops and provided emergency repairs to members' homes while the unit was underway. He has been vital in troubleshooting countless systems, tracing grounds and fixing parts. Part of his daily routine is

to inspect both the unaccompanied housing and mooring facility. He has applied his maintenance expertise on many occasions. Apperson is active in the local community as an assistant Cub Scout master and has participated in several weekend camping activities. He is also an avid sponsor of Seward High School's ski team.

"I was surprised and honored to be named Reserve EPOY," said Apperson. "This award would not have been possible without the support and trust of the *CGC Mustang* crew, Commanding Officer LT S. Pearson, Executive Officer LTJG J. Dubay, MKC R. Dunno, my employer, and especially my very supportive wife and family."

Born in Greenville, Texas, Apperson enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1973 and has served eight years active duty and 19 years in the Reserve. In addition to extensive training he received in the Coast Guard, he holds a two-year certificate in plumbing and heating from the University of Alaska in Palmer. Apperson is employed as a maintenance mechanic by the University of Alaska Fairbanks Institute of Marine Science, Seward Marine Center. He is married to Bonnie Apperson and they reside in Seward with their two children, Heather, 15, and David, 13.

Both Heitner and Apperson were selected from a competitive field of Coast Guard active and reserve personnel (see lists on this page). They were recognized during ceremonies in Washington, D.C. the week of June 18. ALCOAST 186/01 announced their selections.

Active Duty Nominees

Name	Unit
BM2 Todd M. Behney	D1, CG Station Point Allerton
ET2 Chris M. Wagner	D5, <i>CGC Elm</i> (WLB 204)
BM2 David N. Lewis	D7, Group Key West
MST3 Michael L. Watts	D8, MSO Morgan City
MK1 Brian S. Hall	D9, <i>CGC Mackinaw</i> (WAGB83)
BM3 Jay S. Fair	D11, Activities San Diego
SK1 Clark T. Jelley	D13, MSO Puget Sound
TC2 Kien M. Pham	D14, Command Center
DC1 John W. Holtzinger	D17, Air Station Sitka
TC1 Brett R. Rouzer	LANTAREA
BM2 Lee P. Heitner	PACAREA TACLET
YN3 Dustin M. Joseph	MLCLANT, ISC Cleveland
EM1 John W. Alexander	MLCPAC, ISC Ketchikan
HS2 Maria A. Cintron	HQ, CINTRON of MEPS LA
YN1 Diane E. Copper	CG Academy, New London

Reserve Nominees

MST3 Jack D. La Torre	D1, Activities New York
YN1 Christine M. Ostrom	D5, MSO Wilmington
PS1 Raymond L. Spann	D8, MSO Louisville
MST1 James Rachwal	D9, MSO Detroit
BM3 Benjamin J. Bridwell	D11, Group San Francisco
MK2 Christopher W. Stadiem	D13, Station Seattle
TC1 Michele C. Roe	D14, Group Honolulu
MK1 Rawlins D. Apperson	D17, <i>CGC Mustang</i>
YN1 Susan A. Glenn	LANTAREA, HDCU 201
QM1 Bryan L. Hunt	PACAREA, PSU 313
SK2 Susan R. Bacot	MLCLANT, ESU Portsmouth
YN2 Johnnie T. Dodge	MLCPAC, ISC Honolulu
SK1 Terence E. Mansur	HQ, ELC Baltimore



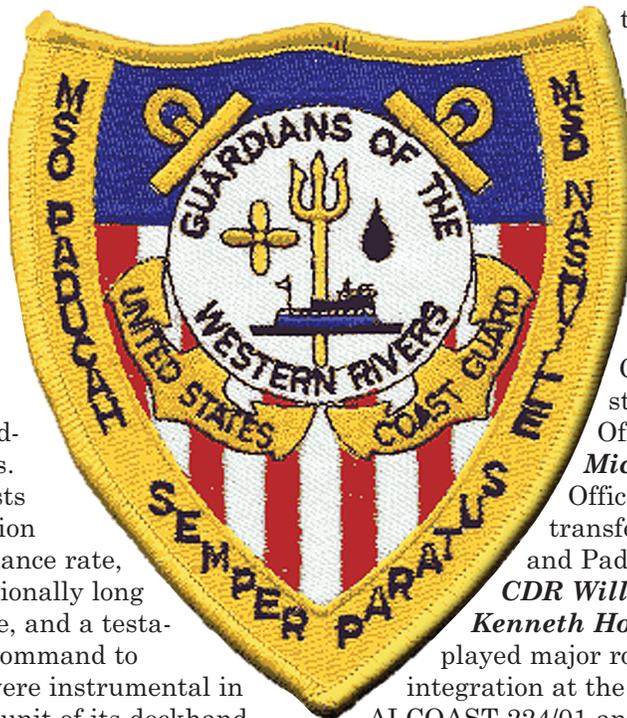
MK1 Rawlins D. Apperson

SPARKS AWARD GOES TO MSO PADUCAH

Marine Safety Office Paducah, Ky. has been selected as the recipient of the RADM Bennett S. "Bud" Sparks Award for 2000.

The Sparks Award is presented annually by the Reserve Officers Association of the United States to the active command judged to be the most supportive of a totally integrated Coast Guard force.

From a very competitive field this year, MSO Paducah was selected due to its impressive leadership and partnership initiatives. MSO Paducah's assigned reservists covered 48 weekends of duty section watches with a 92 percent attendance rate, strong numbers in spite of exceptionally long distances traveled to the duty site, and a testament to the commitment by the command to *Team Coast Guard*. Reservists were instrumental in the effective management by the unit of its deckhand and towing vessel training certification and partnership programs, key initiatives to enhance maritime safety and environmental protection on inland waterways. MSO Paducah effectively trained and integrated reservists into key leadership roles, including XO, MSD Supervisor, and various department head, training board, safety boat, and QMB positions. MSO Paducah implemented an "electronic YN" and "E-study hall" chat room, technological innovations to optimize communica-



tions and information exchange for its geographically dispersed crew. The MSO also established a Reserve integration work group, a formal structure for process improvements, issues resolution, and continuing dialogue.

"This award is the culmination of over 20 years of hard work by all members of Team Coast Guard who have been stationed at Marine Safety Office Paducah," said **CDR Michael Blair**, Commanding Officer, MSO Paducah. "Recently transferred **CDR Michael Mazzone**, and Paducah Reserve Plank Owners **CDR William Huston** and **MCPO Kenneth Hollowell** and many others have played major roles in all aspects of reserve integration at the MSO."

ALCOAST 224/01 announced MSO Paducah's selection from a field of 10 units. Units wishing to submit packages for future SPARKS Award competition are encouraged to review the MSO Paducah package under the Reserve Web site's "Hot Items."

The 2000 Sparks Award will be presented to MSO Paducah's Commanding Officer, **CDR Michael Blair** and Senior Reserve Officer, **CDR William Huston** at the Reserve Officers Association Annual Convention in Albuquerque, N.M. on July 6.

NEW D13 RCMC AND PS FORCE MANAGER APPOINTED

Congratulations to **MCPO Wayne North** on his appointment to the position of D13 RCMC. North will succeed **MCPO James Connolly** who is now the PACAREA Reserve Command Master Chief.

Congratulations also to **PSCM Jeff Smith** who recently took on the role of Port Security Rating Manager. Smith relieves North who had served as PS Rating Manager since June 1, 2000.

KENTUCKY HOUSE PASSES RESOLUTION BACKING STRONG USCG

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Commonwealth of Kentucky's House of Representatives adopted House Resolution No. 151 on March 8, 2001. The major points of the resolution are: port security and homeland defense are not just issues for the coastline, but also for our inland navigable waterways; the U.S. Coast Guard should ask for more resources and increase planning in roles involving national defense, port and homeland security, and maritime security; USCG should continue

to elevate its presence within the Department of Defense; and the Coast Guard's "Deepwater Project" is critical to maritime security and should be approved by Congress.

Representatives **Steven Riggs**, **John Adams**, **Mike Cherry**, **Jodie Haydon**, **William Scott**, **Charles Siler**, and **John Weaver** introduced the resolution. The resolution was adopted unanimously and sent to Congress.

GALLEY OF THE YEAR AWARDS PRESENTED

Coast Guard Galleys of the Year award recipients were on hand to receive awards in a ceremony held in Anaheim, Calif. March 3, 2001. The Joint Service Excellence in Food Service Awards, sponsored by the International Food Service Executives Association, are held annually to recognize excellence in food service by the Coast Guard, Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Military Sealift Command.

This year's Coast Guard winners came from units around the country to receive their awards at this prestigious event. On hand to present the awards were **RADM Joyce Johnson**, MLC Director of Health and Safety and **MCPOCG Vincent Patton**. This year's winners were:

LARGE AFLOAT

CGC Gallatin, CGC Mellon, runner-up

MEDIUM AFLOAT

CGC Confidence, CGC Harriet Lane, runner-up

SMALL AFLOAT

CGC Bluebell, CGC Washington, runner-up

LARGE ASHORE

AIRSTA Clearwater, AIRSTA Cape Cod, runner-up

MEDIUM ASHORE

ISC San Pedro, ISC Honolulu, runner-up

SMALL ASHORE

Station Manasquan Inlet, Station Gulfport, runner-up

— By PA2 Dan Tremper, PACAREA/D11 PADET



Photo by PA2 Dan L. Tremper, PACAREA/D11 PADET

Coast Guard Galleys of the Year award recipients gather on the stage for final applause at the Joint Services Excellence in Food Service Awards.

CAPE MAY DEDICATION



Photo courtesy CWO Bill Carson, USCG

Two Coast Guard members stand tall aboard the new CG-44404 Motor Life Boat Memorial during its dedication at Training Center Cape May, N.J. May 31. The Douglas Munro exhibit was also dedicated the same day, the Training Center's 53rd birthday.

CG RESERVISTS GO "DOWN UNDER"

SYDNEY, Australia — It's Australia's Centennial this year and five Coast Guard Reservists are headed "Down Under" to help them celebrate. The U.S. Coast Guard Reserve was asked to join the other U.S. Reserve Components for Australia's Reserve Forces Day and related events from June 23 to July 3.

The five Coast Guard Reservists attending are **LT Ken Stefanisin**, Naval Coastal Warfare Group One, San Diego; **CWO2 Brance McCune**, ELC Baltimore; **BMC Tim Sullivan**, Station Seattle; **PS2 Carol Mullins**, MSO Tampa; and **PS2 James Cullen**, Activities New York. All are former national ROA Outstanding Junior Officers or Reserve Enlisted Persons of the Year.

The CG Reservists will participate in several events, including a parade in Sydney on July 1 as well as visit the Federal Parliament in Canberra. They will also meet with government officials and Australian Reservists. These events are being organized in conjunction with the Centenary of Federation National Events, which commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Australian federation.

“RESERVE” POMP & CIRCUMSTANCE



Photo courtesy LTJG Mike McCarthy, MSO Portland

Three graduates of Maine Maritime Academy’s Class of 2001 were commissioned CGR ensigns May 6 in Castine, Maine. Left to right are Harold F. King, Turner, Maine; Trevor M. Gill, Annapolis, Md.; and Daniel C. Barrett, Point Pleasant, N.J. The grads were enrolled in the Coast Guard’s Maritime Academy Reserve Training Program.

A WINNING DESIGN...



Photo by EM3 James K. Dowell, USCGR

Seven-year-old Jesse Dowell displays a model 44-foot USCGR motor surfboat that won him the Best Design Award and accompanying trophies in the annual Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby (Mohawk District) competition. The proud crew consists of Jesse, a Tiger Cub, and his father, EM3 James K. Dowell, USCGR, who worked on the winning “car” together.

GOOD MORNING AND BE SMART AMERICA!

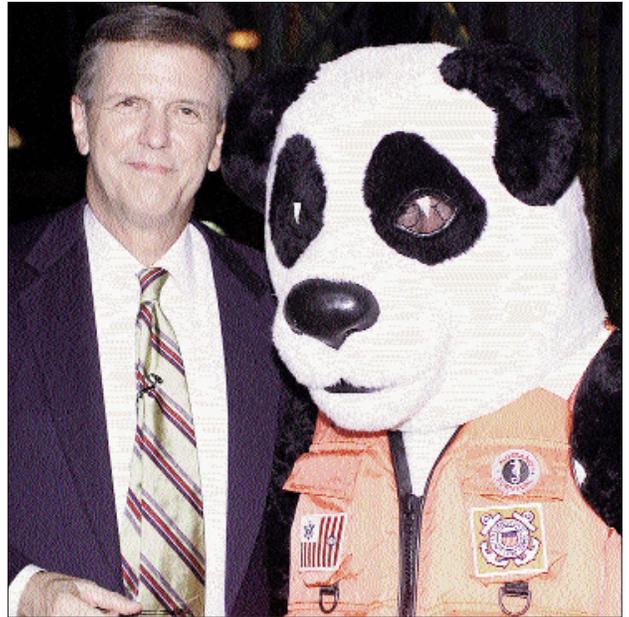


Photo by PA3 Tom Spעדuto, USCG

PFD Panda (aka PA3 Mike Hvozda) visits with Good Morning America host and former Coast Guard member Charlie Gibson May 25. PFD Panda made a brief appearance on the show to remind America to “be smart from the start, wear a life jacket” as part of New York’s annual Fleet Week, which coincided with National Safe Boating Week.

NEW BULL ENSIGN



Photo by PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

ENS Nelson Santiago, USCGR, left, places the “Bull Ensign” hat on ENS Sean Hughes, USCGR, at an HQ ceremony May 9. The Bull Ensign is a long-standing tradition given to the most senior ensign serving in the Office of Reserve. Santiago held the “honor” from October 2000 until May 2001.

Photo by CWO4 Lance Jones, PADET Los Angeles



A SAFE SALUTE

Coast Guardsmen "aboard" a Station Los Angeles Safe Boat salute during the 42nd annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance, Calif. on May 19. Left to right, SNBM Ilisha Choi, USCGR, Stephanie Soars, CWO2 Everett Soars, and Andrea Soars. Also representing the Coast Guard were RADM Mary P. O'Donnell, USCGR, PSU 311's Raider boat, an Auxiliary Facility boat, the Aids to Navigation dual-wheel truck, and a color guard from Support Center San Pedro.

WATER SAFETY PRESENTER

BM2 Tom Carey, USCGR, of Station Wrightsville Beach, N.C., speaks with third graders from Baldwin Elementary School in Hope Mills, N.C. during March as part of the school's water safety month. The students also learned about lifejackets and were able to "board" the 21-foot RHI supplied by Station Oak Island. Carey is a police officer in Hope Mills.



Photo by Nicole Mincey, Hope Mills Police Department

Photo by PA2 Dan Tromper, D11/PACAREA PADET



POINT OF NO RETURN

It was a proud and somewhat bittersweet moment for the crew of CGC Point Stuart, (WPB 82358) shown here at the decommissioning ceremony April 26. The 82-footer, homeported in Newport Beach, Calif., is being transferred to the El Salvadorian Naval Forces.

PSU 307's WHIRLWIND OF ACTIVITY

TAMPA, Fla. — Things are normally busy at PSU 307, but the month of May and beginning of June was an especially busy time. First, on May 9, six members of PSU 307 who had been deployed to the Middle East with PSU Detachment Delta, were welcomed home to cheers and tears by family and friends at Tampa International Airport. Twenty-two unit members, along with 23 PSU 309 members, remained deployed to the region at press time but were due back home June 22.

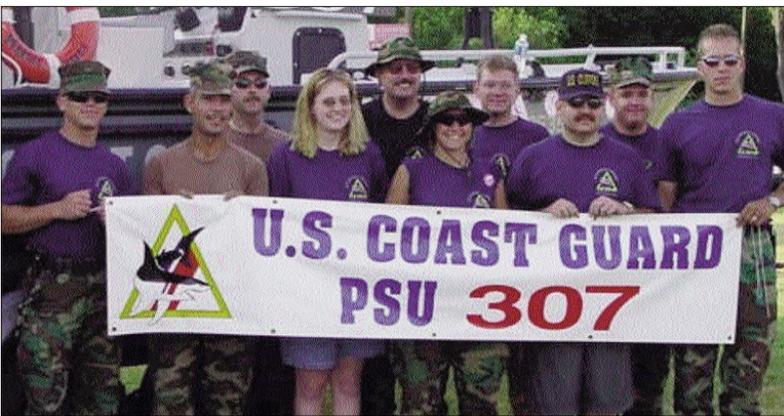
Then, on May 18, the PSU participated in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" at the Long Center in Clearwater. Organized by *QM2 Sandy Maszera*, the relay was a continuous 18-hour event.

"PSU 307 raised over \$2,000 and all teams together raised over \$96,000," said Maszera. "We plan on participating again next year as well and inviting other Coast Guard units to join us."

As that event was wrapping up, unit members were on hand to talk with the public at an open house at Group St. Petersburg, which happened to fall on Armed Forces Day. That same weekend, the unit was involved in a training exercise with the Lee County Sheriff's Office SWAT team and the *SS American Victory*. PSU 307's mission was to repel the "terrorists" from the Sheriff's Office who tried to "take over" the *American Victory*. Then, during early June, unit members not deployed to the Middle East held their annual two weeks ADT. PSU 307 is commanded by *CDR Paul Crissy*, USCGR.



Photos courtesy CDR Paul Crissy and PSU 307 members



Top: Family Members welcome home members of PSU 307 from the Middle East. Middle: Members of PSU at the Open House at group St. Petersburg. Left: 307's participants in the Relay for Life at the Long Center in Clearwater.

HDC 114 SUPPORTS FIFTH FLEET IN ARABIAN GULF

ARABIAN GULF — Thirty-one members of Harbor Defense Command 114, a composite U.S. Navy/Coast Guard unit based in Long Beach, Calif., recently deployed to the Arabian Gulf to support a Fifth Fleet exercise with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations.

To conduct its Naval Coastal Warfare mission, HDCU 114 was joined by 70 personnel from Inshore Boat Unit (IBU) 11 from Everett, Wash. and Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit (MIUWU) 110 based in Portland, Ore. HDC 114 was also augmented by personnel from HDC 110, based in San Diego, Calif., Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 105 from Los Angeles and Naval Coastal Warfare Group One from San Diego.

"The combined NCW forces met the challenge of deploying from the United States and operating as a self-contained force protection unit, operating shoreside command, control and communications equipment and providing seaward training to participating nations in small boat operations and tactics," said HDC 114's Commanding Officer CAPT Bill Hall, USNR.

HDC 114's mission is to train and deploy as a force protection package for U.S. and Allied forces by providing command, control, communications, computers and intelligence (C4I) for Naval Coastal Warfare units on the shores and ports of any waterway in the world.

— *By LT John Garofolo, HDC 114, USCGR*

PSU 313 TRAINS WITH ARMY RANGERS

TACOMA, Wash. — 10 May 2001. Zero dark thirty. In the bushes on the shore, an Army Ranger Strike Team from 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash., is postured in the bushes waiting for the call in a simulated training exercise, involving both the Rangers and the Coast Guard Reserve's PSU 313.

The call comes in from 1,000 meters offshore as **BM1 John Yeager**, the lead coxswain and PSU 313 member, grabs the handset from his AN/PRC-117, and confidently establishes contact with the awaiting Strike Team. As the Task Force from the PSU comes closer to the shore, the Army Rangers see three 25-foot Piranha boats armed to the teeth bearing 50 cal. machine guns. The other Piranha boats, led by **BM3 Brian Burfoot** and **BM3 Jason Martin**, skillfully beach the boats to await loading of the Army Rangers.

After the Rangers have embarked, the three PSU Piranha boats speed to the shore of Macneil Island under the cover of darkness and covertly approach the shore of this simulated "hostile nation." As the boats touch down and the Rangers disembark from the boats,

the three PSU boats slip silently into the dark and posture themselves to await the call for extraction at the agreed pick-up point.

After the Rangers "blow up" the radio tower that they have been charged to do, the call goes in and the three Piranha boats rush to the shore to extract the Strike Team. As the PSU boats get into position to pick up the team, they come under fire from hostile OPFOR nation and the gunners swing into action. Led by **PS2 Dennis Telfer**, the gunners from the Piranha boats inflict massive casualties on the OPFOR allowing for the safe extraction of the Ranger Strike Team. Harkening back to the days of the Coast Guard's only Medal of Honor recipient **Douglas Munro**, Yeager leads the escape and evasion of the ground troops and retreats into the night.

With the success of the mission, it proved to all that the capabilities and the missions of the United States Coast Guard Port Security community can support elite ground troops.

— By TC2 Rick Burke, PSU 313, USCGR

ARCTIC SERVICE MEDAL



Photo courtesy of CDR Lynn Henderson, USCG

CAPT Ray Seebald, CO of MSO Chicago, left, proudly presents the Arctic Service Medal to 91-year-old **CDR Karl E. Stein, USCGR(ret.)**, center, while Stein's wife, **Flora**, looks. Stein served aboard *USS Tampa* while on Greenland Patrol during WWII. He was on Comms watch and alerted the bridge when *USS Escanaba* was sunk by the enemy June 13, 1943. The Steins, who visited the MSO March 6, will also be guests of honor at this year's Coast Guard Festival.

WANTED: USCG FESTIVAL GRAND PARADE VOLUNTEERS

The theme of this year's U.S. Coast Guard Festival is "United States Coast Guard Reserve: Sixty Years of Service to America." The Festival committee is soliciting volunteers from the Reserve community to represent each decade of the Reserve's 60 years,



beginning with the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, etc. and up through the present, to march and ride in the Grand Parade. Whether you're an active reservist or retired, man or woman, young or old, come be a part of this unique and historic event, one of Michigan's largest and best parades. The event is set for Saturday, Aug. 4, 2001, 12 noon in Grand Haven, Mich., Coast Guard City, USA. **Deadline to sign up for marching is Friday, July 20!** Interested parties should contact LCDR Jim Butler at 616-846-0855, e-mail: jujube@novagate.com or CPO Ed Kruska at 1-800-842-8740, ext. 7-1991, e-mail: ekruska@comdt.uscg.mil. USCG Festival Web site: www.grandhaven.com/gbcgfest. For info on Grand Haven area accommodations, call 1-800-303-4097 or visit: www.grandhavenchamber.org

DESERT STORM:



TEN YEARS LATER

From loadout to homecoming, relive the days of *Desert Shield* and *Desert Storm* through articles from *The Reservist*. Short excerpts are republished here. Author's rank represents their rank at the time with the exception of the Dear Diary section.

THE LOADOUT:

MIDDLE EAST LOADOUT OPERATIONS

Largest call up since 1980 has CG Reservists hopping on East, West and Gulf Coasts

SAVANNAH, GA. — Fast on the heels of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait on Aug. 2, 1990, America's response included the largest peacetime military movement ever of troops and cargo bound for the Middle East. This response resulted in the largest Coast Guard Reserve voluntary call up since the Mariel Boatlift of 1980.

Reservists from Charleston, S.C., St. Simon's Island and Savannah, Ga., assisted in the loading of troops and cargo onto Military Sealift Command vessels destined for the Middle East.

While the ships belong to the Navy, and the weaponry and equipment to the Army, it took the Coast Guard to get them loaded securely, and to provide safe escorts for the vessel's transit to open sea. Coast Guard involvement also included the maintenance of a security perimeter of 200 yards both on the pier and afloat.

Said PSCM William Lyle, Jr., who headed up a boat crew providing security: "The hours are lousy, the food is bad and the weather is terrible," said Lyle, "but I wouldn't miss this for the world."

— By PA2 Steve Blando, USCGR
October 1990 Reservist

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. — Never underestimate the power that a telephone call can have on your life and never, ever underestimate the commitment of the Coast Guard Reserve to live up to the Coast Guard motto "Semper Paratus — Always Ready."

As the build-up for the Middle East escalated, most of the reservists called up got the call at their jobs. Over the next few days, 41 reservists from D7 assembled in Jacksonville to assist with the loading of the DOD Military Traffic Management Command vessels carrying supplies and equipment bound for the Middle East. Most reservists called were port security rated, but yeoman, storekeepers, boatswain's mates and a variety of other rates responded to the call.

The days were long and difficult. Twelve hour days in temperatures around 95 degrees, with high humidity were the norm. Couple that with the fact that they are in

direct sunlight, checking equipment as it is loaded, and monitoring safety regulations compliance. The boat crews face the same challenges, but on the water.

— By PA1 Helen Carney, USCGR
October 1990 Reservist

HOUSTON — Coast Guard Reservists from Texas to Alabama are among those involuntarily called up from around the country to support "Task Force Texas," one of the military loadout operations supporting Desert Shield.

In La Porte (Port of Houston) and Beaumont, Texas, the Coast Guard Reserve joined forces with active duty Coast Guard, Army, Army Reserve, Navy, Navy Reserve and civilians — stevedords, pilots, and dock workers — to make Task Force Texas successful.

A total of 134 Coast Guard Reservists are working with Marine Safety Offices in Houston, Galveston and Port Arthur, Texas, serving as boat crews and safety and security patrols.

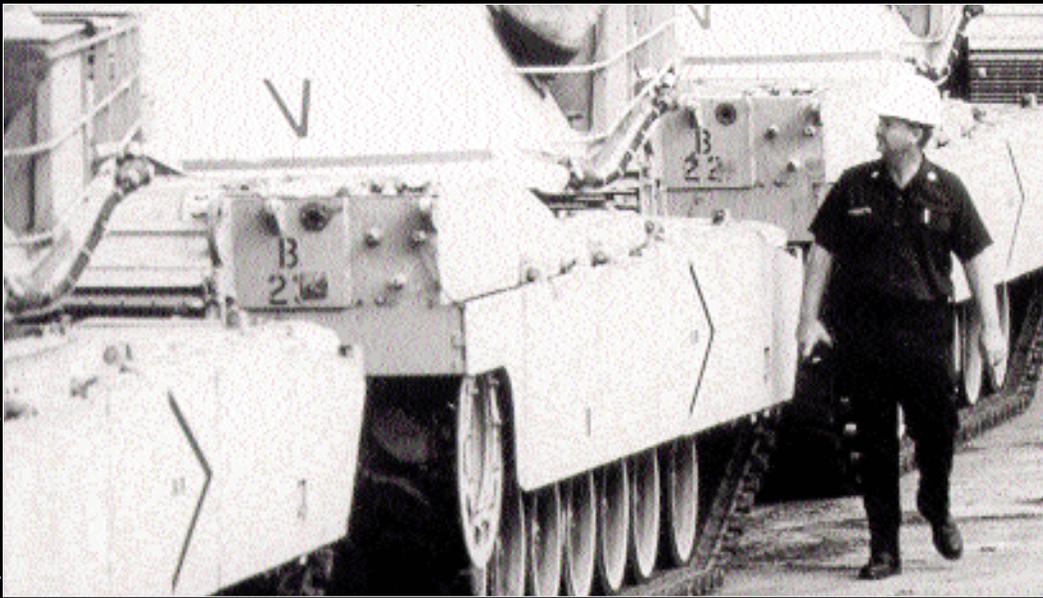
Reservists were called up involuntarily on Friday, Aug. 24 and by the following Monday, all called up had reported for duty. It is the largest outload operation undertaken in Texas since Vietnam.

— By PACS J.L. Gibson, USCG
October 1990 Reservist

WILMINGTON, N.C. — The 5th District called up 92 reservists on a volunteer basis for two and one-half weeks to assist in enforcing the safety zone at the North Carolina Port Authority's loadout of army equipment at



Above: PSU 301 marches from the hangar at ANG Base Niagara Falls to a C-130 awaiting to whisk them off to Toledo and Camp Perry. **Left:** PS3 Thomas McCook of RU Charleston maintains security in Savannah as soldiers from the U.S. Army's 24th Infantry Division board USNS Bellatrix for Saudi Arabia.



DC2 F.W. Denmark of RU Station St. Simons Island, a member of the Maritime Security Team, checks tanks before being loaded onto ships heading for the Middle East. Denmark was one of over 200 Coast Guard Reservists who helped out at Savannah.

MSO Wilmington. When it appeared that the operation would be ongoing, 100 reservists were then called up involuntarily for 90 days.

Reservists were employed as explosive loading supervisors and hazardous materials teams, boat crews, and maritime security teams. PS's, BM's, FS's, YN's, RM's, MK's and special agents filled the ranks of the MSO's expanded staff, providing 'round-the clock support. Junior officers with EIC 42 (Port Safety and Security) were called to stand CDO and OOD watches.

As operations shifted from Wilmington to Charleston, 35 reservists were transferred to MSO Charleston to assist in securing that loadout.

MSO Hampton Roads is now employing 45 reservists at Newport News Marine Terminal to help enforce a security zone for still another army loadout.

— *LTJG Nona Smith, USCGR*
October 1990 Reservist

CONCORD, CALIF. — Since last August, reservists from every part of the 11th Coast Guard District have been reporting for active duty in support of Desert Shield. To date, 36 Port Security personnel have been on duty at Concord Naval Weapon Station performing explosive loading supervision and other Port Security duties such as the maintenance of a waterside security zone.

As of November 1990, the Reserve complement has taken over 98 percent of all shipboard explosive loading supervision. All the remaining 25 reservists on active duty either volunteered or were selected by the Coast Guard for 180-day call-up based on needs of the service.

— *PA1 Ron Cabral, USCGR*
January 1991 Reservist

LOS ANGELES — The call reservists had been anticipating since shortly after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait had finally arrived. More than 100 11th District reservists were called to active duty in the first large-scale call-up since Vietnam. Their duties range from enforcing security zones around ships loading supplies and equipment destined for the Middle east to supervising the loading of

ammunition and other explosives onto vessels deploying to the Persian Gulf.

Reservists mobilized to the Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment at Naval Weapons Station Concord have helped supervise the handling of more than 23,000 tons of explosives since mid-September. Meanwhile, several junior officers were sent to Saudi Arabia with the Navy Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare units.

According to an 11th District survey, less than a third of the reservists felt distressed about being involuntarily recalled — despite the fact that more than 70 percent had sustained pay cuts.

— *YN2 Robert Hanley, USCGR*
January 1991 Reservist

SEATTLE — Since mid-August, many Coast Guard active and reserve units in the northwestern United States have been involved in military readiness activities that have supported *Operation Desert Shield*.

During August, September and October, six U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD) Ready Reserve Fleet (RRF) vessels were activated from a laid-up state in Portland, Ore. and Seattle. Many local Coast Guardsmen were involved in having these logistic support vessels activated, inspected, manned and safely escorted to sea.

From September through December 1990, the U.S. Army's Military Traffic management Command, Pacific Northwest Outport conducted military cargo loadouts onto five U.S. Navy, Military Sealift Command vessels at the Port of Tacoma. These loadouts were immediate in nature, deploying strategic military hardware and supplies to the Middle East.

— *LCDR Richard Brundrett, MSO Puget Sound*
January 1991 Reservist

Ed's note: Loadouts also occurred in Bayonne, N.J. and Norfolk, Va. but no report was filed with The Reservist on their activities during the conflict.

ENROUTE:

PSUS MOVE OUT FOR MIDEAST DEPLOYMENT

By the fall of 1990, over 700 Coast Guard Reservists had been called up in support of *Operation Desert Shield*. In mid-September, the first port security unit, a 100-person detachment from Reserve Group Milwaukee, deployed from Toledo, Ohio. A few days later, another PSU from Reserve Group Buffalo followed suit. The third and final PSU from Cleveland shipped out Nov. 14. It was the first involuntary overseas mobilization of Coast Guard Reserve PSUs. The stories that follow are accounts of the port security units' training at Camp Perry, Ohio, just prior to the overseas deployment.

CAMP PERRY FINAL STOP BEFORE HEADING OVERSEAS

CAMP PERRY, OHIO — The Coast Guard motto was put to the test on Aug. 20, 1990 when approximately 150 reservists from around the 9th District reported for active duty at Camp Perry, an Ohio National Guard base located 30 miles east of Toledo on the shores of Lake Erie.

All had volunteered with just 48-hours notice to take part in a week of intensive training in port security. Some came from as far away as Milwaukee, Chicago and Green Bay, while others traveled from Buffalo, Erie and Cleveland.

"This training was originally scheduled for late September," said CAPT Carmond Fitzgerald, Chief of 9th District (r). "It was to have been part of a two-week exercise known as Flame River '90. The training was moved ahead on the calendar, however, because of increased tensions in the Mideast."

First stop upon arrival was the office of the Mobilization Processing Team. The MPT, comprised of active duty personnel from D9(r) PERSRU, tamed a monstrous amount of paperwork as they processed the reservists for mobilization. Records were updated, active duty I.D. photos taken and Direct Deposit forms completed. Coast Guard attorneys also were on hand to assist with the preparation of wills and power-of-attorney documents.

The next stop was the supply warehouse. For many, the reality of the situation set in as they were issued their sand camouflage uniforms, as well as items such as goggles, two-quart canteens and sandstorm scarfs. The potential for possible overseas deployment in the Persian Gulf was confirmed that evening at an all-hands briefing.



BM2 Joe Gosh of PSU 303 chambers a 50-caliber round while practicing.

It was at that moment that some 150 individuals from different units and a variety of civilian backgrounds jelled as a team. From that point on, it was all business — Coast Guard business.

For the next several days, Camp Perry was nothing short of a whirlwind of activity. The whine of twin-engine Raiders echoed down the Lake Erie shoreline as boat crews sharpened their skills. The steady "thump, thump, thump" of 50-caliber machine guns reverberated across the firing range. The handling of the 50s was made even more difficult because the gunners were firing from a trailered Raider as it was towed down the range by a pick-up truck.

The private beach near the base officers' quarters looked like the scene of an invasion from outer space. Under the watchful eye of Ohio National Guard trainers, reservists marched and ran through the sand and 90-degree heat in full chemical warfare suits.

"Improvise" was the key word as mess halls were quickly converted to classrooms for command and control training. All day long, officers worked through a variety of port security scenarios developing operational plans to handle a multitude of situations.

At night, the maple groves near the south end of the

Photo by PA3 Chuck Ammann, Reserve Group Milwaukee

base came alive with the loud pops of automatic weapon fire and the bright burst of M-16 muzzle flashes. Marine Security Teams made their way under cover of night to confront, drive back and capture “terrorist forces” that had entered a simulated compound.

Eventually, the week that seemed like a month drew to a close. The volunteers were dirty, sore and tired, but they were proud of what they had accomplished in just a week. And very proud of what they had accomplished as a team — a Coast Guard team.

In the two weeks that followed, another 170 9th District reservists would take part in the same intense training. And what would the future hold for the men and women of the 9th District PSUs? No one knew for sure. Only time would tell. But one thing was certain — all were ready for the call.

— *ENS Rick DeChant, USCGR*
November 1990 Reservist

PSUS: A LIGHTNING-QUICK RESPONSE TO “THE CALL”

CAMP PERRY, OHIO — “OK gang, let’s give it our all. Let’s do it, and do it right, for ourselves, our families, our country, and the U.S. Coast Guard.”

That was a voice I heard aboard a Coast Guard C-130 bound for Camp Perry, Ohio, during the final days of preparation before the Port Security Unit attached to Reserve Group Buffalo was deployed to the Middle East.

I know most of these people very well. I’ve served with many of them for several years. So, as the plane headed for Camp Perry, I looked around and reflected on what all of this meant. Here was this group of reservists, on the eve of the 50th Anniversary of the Coast Guard Reserve, doing something that had never been done before — responding to the first involuntary overseas mobilization in the history of the Coast Guard Reserve. This was history in the making!

An important factor in the success of the call-up of these citizen-sailors was their feeling of confidence — about their own abilities and that of their fellow unit members. It’s a feeling that has come about after a half dozen years of specialized training in the field of port

security. One of the things that stands out most in my mind about the training was the positive attitude and great morale of everyone.

On Friday, Sept. 14, 1990, in the barracks, on the grounds, at the snack bar, and across the base, the word spread in a matter of minutes: “Milwaukee’s been called-up!”

And so, with those four words, reality set in. The Reserve Group Milwaukee PSU (303) would be leaving in a few days for the Middle East, and shortly after that, Reserve Group Buffalo’s PSU (301) would deploy followed by PSU 302 from Cleveland on Nov. 14.

For the reservists involved and their families, it was a time in their lives that they would not forget. At the airports in Milwaukee, Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse, there was fear and apprehension, coupled with hugs, kisses and farewells. The devotion of families and their love for each other was something to see. The sorrow and tears of loved ones being separated in this way was overwhelming.

But I knew as I looked around that these were fine people. It was a good feeling to know them and be around them because these were America’s best. There was sorrow all around, but there was no bitterness.

And then I remembered that last day of training at Camp Perry, when the troops were visited by RADM Fred Golove, the Senior Reserve Officer in the Coast Guard, who asked many, “What would you be doing if you weren’t here?” Among the group, RADM Golove found plumbers, electricians, doctors, lawyers, college professors, teachers, TV reporters, photographers, nurses and salesmen, police officers and firefighters.

But now, here I am aboard a Coast Guard C-130, heading home, while these people are bound for two more days of training and final processing at Camp Perry, before deployment to the Middle East. There’s an inescapable feeling aboard the plane...the combined wish that this whole scenario in the Middle East had never happened.

But, it did, and now they’re ready to do their duty to assist their country in any way that they can. Words that sometimes seem old fashioned — words like honor, duty and devotion — are not old-fashioned at all.

That’s what these Coast Guard Reservists feel. They don’t talk about it, but you know it’s there. You know they will do their country, and the U.S. Coast Guard proud. Because when the call came, they were ready. And for the past 200 years, that’s what we’ve been saying: we’re “Always Ready.”

And these Great Lakes reservists have lived-up to that motto in the highest tradition. They’re ready!

— *By PA1 Mike Price, USCGR*
November 1990 Reservist

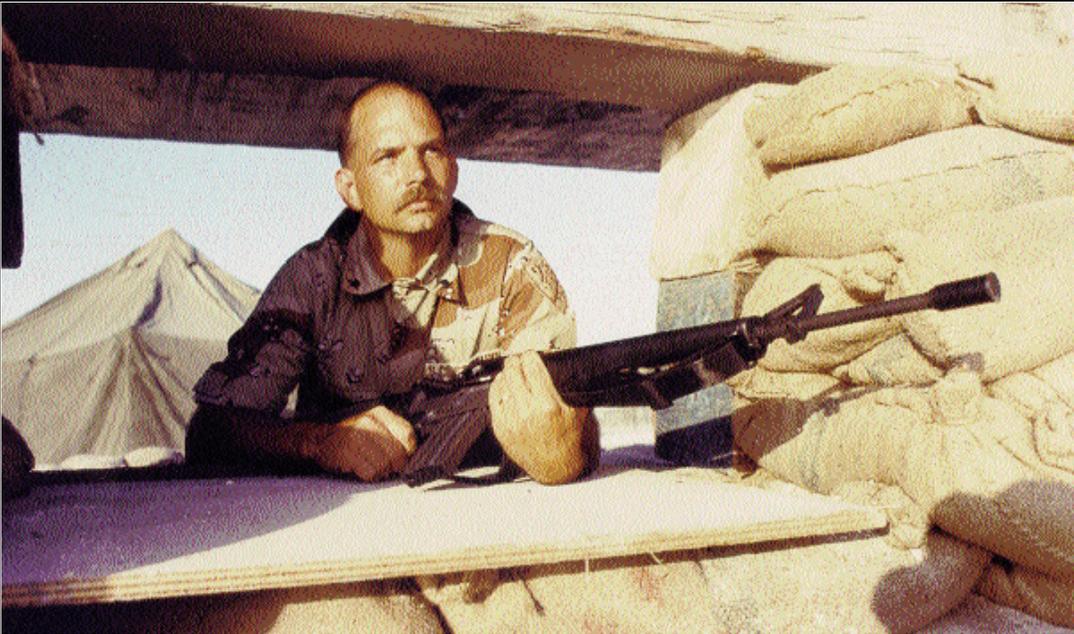
Ed’s note: An Ohio historical marker was placed at Camp Perry in 1995 that reads in part: Additionally, in 1990, United States Coast Guard Reservists trained here in preparation for the Persian Gulf War.

CDR Dan Gregorio, right, says farewell to his son, SS3 Joel Gregorio, as he prepares to board a C-130 bound for Camp Perry.



Photo by PA1 Mike Price, Reserve Group Buffalo

IN THEATER:



USCG photo

A Coast Guard Reservist stands watch during the Persian Gulf War.

CG RESERVISTS IN MIDDLE EAST: WE CAN BE VERY PROUD!

PERSIAN GULF — Port Security Units from Milwaukee, Buffalo and Cleveland are performing their port security functions in conjunction with Navy Mobile Inshore Underwater Warfare Units in three separate ports in the Persian Gulf.

As of early January 1991, they had intercepted hundreds of boats in these port areas and had seized a small number of those vessels acting on behalf of the host nation. Many vessels have been escorted in and out of the harbors as well.

In addition to their traditional duties, personnel are assigned to barracks watches, as water truck drivers, and as guards on local supply runs. Medical and subsistence personnel serve side-by-side with other Department of Defense personnel in field kitchens/galleys and dispensaries as part of the support for all the forces assigned to each port area. Security watches are stood at the waterfront and in the compounds by MARSEC personnel. Living conditions, while sparse, are adequate with barracks provided in secure compounds.

“Our Service’s reputation is being enhanced daily half a globe away,” said CAPT C.C. Fitzgerald, Chief of D9 Reserve. “We can be very proud of them.”

— *By CAPT C. C. Fitzgerald, D9(r)
January 1991 Reservist*

OPERATION DESERT SHIELD UPDATE

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA — The Oct. 28, 1990, unclassified version of the Commander in Chief Central Command (CINCCENT) comments on the Coast Guard was received from the Joint Information Bureau in Riyadh. The CINCCENT comments on the Coast Guard read as follows:

“The U.S. Coast Guard operating with the U.S. Navy continues to make a significant contribution to the maritime intercept operations and port security harbor defense. Currently, there are 250 Coast Guard personnel operating in the AOR. Although the Coast Guard is the smallest U.S. force deployed to the Middle East Theater, their contribution has been substantial. Their maritime expertise has been invaluable. There are nine law enforcement detachments (LEDETS) embarked in U.S. Navy ships. [The] Coast Guard team has been the main stay in maritime interception operations in support of the U.N. Security Council’s economic sanctions against Iraq. To date, the Multinational Maritime Interception Force have conducted more than 300 boardings and nearly 3,000 intercepts of suspect merchant vessels. The U.S. Navy / Coast Guard team has boarded more than 230 ships and completed over 2500 intercepts. The Coast Guard, working side by side with her sister service, is doing a superb job in support of Desert Shield Operations.”

— *Courtesy of CAPT Henry Plimack, USCGR,
CG Liaison Officer
Office of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
January 1991 Reservist*

EYE OF THE "STORM"

EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA — It could be any military camp in Saudi Arabia. Large green tents are covered with camouflage netting and ringed by sandbags. From lookout bunkers on top of the seawall, watchstanders keep a sharp eye out for anything out of the ordinary.

The dead giveaway at this camp though, is the large Coast Guard flag flying over the tents and the gray-hulled speed boats in the harbor. This is where the crewmembers of Port Security Unit 301 from Reserve Group Buffalo have spent more than half their time in Saudi Arabia.

"We've come a long way since we first hit the beach," said CDR Scott McCone, the commanding officer. "The first day we launched three boats and put up one tent 16 hours after arriving. Every day we did a little bit more."

Since first arriving in late September, they've added home touches to the campground. First and foremost was the flag that flies over the compound. "That flag was the first thing we put up," McCone said. "It was given to us by the Master Chief of the Coast Guard. When we are finished here, our master chief is taking it down and presenting it back to the Master Chief of the Coast Guard as a token of our being in Saudi Arabia."

On top of the seawall at the pier, bunkers face out to sea. One of them, Bunker 11 is at the pier. Another, Bunker 12, sits near the fence line that divides the compound from the harbor where the fishing boats tie up. Concertina wire along the fence and bunker separates the world of tranquil fishing from that of the military.

While the forces in the desert are fighting an everyday

battle against the fine-grained sand, the Coast Guard PSU members have to fight against the sand and the salt water. In stark contrast to their world at the pier is the compound where the crewmembers stay. The crewmen stay in houses, though cramped as they may be. Sometimes, there are 10 or 11 crewmembers in one house. Bedrooms are full, so people set up cots in the living room. But with part of the PSU down at the pier on any given day, not everyone is at the house at once.

Mail, as always, is a big morale builder. The radiomen take it upon themselves to sort out the truckloads of mail. They dump it in the middle of the living room floor and throw it into the boxes of each house. Even before the mail is sorted, word has spread around the camp that mail has arrived and someone from each house is knocking on the door to get their mail.

FTCM Bill Vahey brought his barber equipment with him and doesn't charge anything for a hair cut.

"The reason I brought all the barber equipment was so I could talk to each one of the members of the PSU on a one-to-one basis," he said. "The guys may complain a little about the compound, but it is far from a prison," Vahey said. "Who came to Saudi Arabia thinking they would have air conditioning?"

— *By PA1 Chuck Kalnbach, USCG
February/March 1991 Reservist*

PSU REPLACEMENT TRAINING

CAMP BLANDING, FLA. — The first of three groups arrived here Jan. 6, 1991, for PSU replacement training in support of *Operation Desert Storm*. Approximately 110-120 per group are expected to go through the intense six-week training at Camp Blanding, a Florida National Guard base located southwest of Jacksonville.

Over 800 CG Reservists volunteered for the training from across the country with only 350 selected.

"The willingness of all 800 CG Reservists to go was greatly appreciated and they helped earn respect for the Coast Guard Reserve," said CDR Thomas M. Kulick of Headquarters Reserve Training Division. "It is unfortunate that we could only select 350 for the training."

These selections were based on rate and qualification code as well as operational experience. Age was a consideration in the selection process.

The training came to a close in late March, with two of the three newly trained PSUs (301 and 303) deploying to Saudi Arabia, taking the place of the original PSU 301 and PSU 303. As the final replacement unit (302) completed its training March 27, 1991, it was determined they would not be deployed.

Camp Blanding was the site of the largest boot camp during World War II with over a million soldiers passing through its gates.

— *By PA2 Lionel Bryant
and PA2 Edward Kruska, USCGR
February/March 1991 and April 1991 Reservist*



A PSU Raider boat crew talks with members from a foreign small boat in the Middle East.

PSU 303B Raider boats on patrol in a Mideast port during Desert Storm.



Photo courtesy CAPT David L. Powell, USCGR(ret.)

CG PORT SECURITY BOAT FIRST INTO REOPENED HARBOR IN KUWAIT CITY

On April 21, 1991, a Tactical Port Security Boat (TPSB) of PSU 301, stationed in Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia, was the first boat in the newly reopened harbor, Mina Ash Shuwaikh in Kuwait City, Kuwait (see front cover). The harbor at Kuwait City, having been closed since the Persian Gulf War because of mining and oil pollution, was to be reopened by a multi-national flotilla.

Because of certain security concerns, a determination was made to send one of the 22-foot Raider boats belonging to PSU 301 and armed with .50 caliber and M60 machine guns, to lead the procession into the harbor and provide security for the festivities. On April 20, a contingent of six Coast Guard personnel, led by LCDR M.S. Zecca, Executive Officer of PSU 301, along with MKC R.S. Grinnell, BMI M.C. Emond, PSI R.P. Robertson, MK2 J.J. Ford, and BM3 N.D. Bradley, left base Al Jubayl for Kuwait City.

Although sporadic small arms fire had been reported along the route traversed by the group, they arrived in Kuwait City later that same day. Prior to the festivities, the boat crew, with LCDR Zecca aboard, conducted a patrol of the area. During the patrol, booby traps were discovered in two of the buoys in the harbor, and it was discovered that a number of buoys had been deliberately moved as a tactical diversion. After the correction of these various problems, the USCG TPSB led the procession of multinational vessels into the harbor, and the festivities, attended by U.S. Secretary of State James

Baker, occurred without incident.

— *By LT Ronald L. Davis, PSU 301, USCGR
September/October Reservist 1991*

USCG HEADS OIL-ASSIST TEAM

Throughout the crisis in the Gulf, the Coast Guard has added its particular expertise to *Operation Desert Shield* and now *Desert Storm*. Now the Coast Guard is lending its extensive knowledge of oil-spill cleanup to the effort.

U.S. reconnaissance aircraft spotted a massive oil spill in the Persian Gulf just two weeks after the war began. Though no military advantage could be gained from the spill, the source was clearly a group of tankers and pumping stations off the Iraqi-held Kuwaiti coast.

Soon after the spill was discovered, President Bush directed the Coast Guard to head a team of experts who would travel to the region and advise the Saudi government in their clean-up efforts. The team, headed by Coast Guard CAPT Don Jensen, arrived in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Jan. 28. The oil spill assist team will consult with Saudi officials to assess their existing clean-up resources. It will identify additional resources from the United States or the international community which would complement the Saudi capabilities. Also, the team will provide technical assistance for developing a response procedure to minimize the environmental damage resulting from the slick and one that is applicable to the unique circumstances associated with the Gulf spill.

— *By Coast Guard Public Affairs
February/March 1991 Reservist*

COMING HOME:

THE CELEBRATION BEGINS!

CAMP SPRINGS, MD. — Whether by coincidence or divine plan, the homecoming for members of a Milwaukee Coast Guard unit was a prayer service in a Hardee's restaurant.

It may have been upstaged some by the return of the prisoners of war a few hours later at nearby Andrews Air Force Base, just outside Washington. But for the 15 members of the Port Security Unit 303, newly arrived from duty in the Persian Gulf War, it was a moving experience Sunday morning [March 10] as they bowed their heads over their biscuits, eggs and sausage and listened to Elder Willie Bannister of the Living Praise Christian Assembly Church pray over them.

He called them heroes and thanked God that they were able to come home and see the bright sunshine of a Sunday morning in the United States.

"Bless them and keep them, Lord," Bannister prayed. "They are the victorious and not the victims."

Bannister was convinced that the Lord had led him and the Rev. James Wright, another minister from his nearby church to the restaurant. He said they saw the troops getting off their bus, so they stopped at the Hardee's, across from Andrews Air Force Base. They found the 15 members PSU 303, still wearing their camouflage desert uniforms, ordering their first real American breakfast since they went to Saudi Arabia on Sept. 18.

After chatting individually with some of the troops, Bannister and Wright conducted an impromptu prayer service to thank God for their safe return. Bannister even added prayers for President Bush and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The 15 members of PSU 303, all but one a male, had arrived at Andrews aboard a *World Airways* chartered DC-10 from Bahrain via Sicily and Shannon, Ireland. The route was particularly meaningful for PSC Dan O'Toole of Germantown, Wis. His wife is of Sicilian extraction and all of his grandparents came from Ireland, he said.

They were greeted at Andrews by ADM J.W. Kime, Commandant of the Coast Guard, RADM John N. Faigle, Chief, Office of Readiness and Reserve, MCPO-CG Jay Lloyd and CAPT James G. Goode, Chaplain of the Coast Guard.

At Andrews, they boarded a chartered bus for a five-hour ride to Governors Island, N.Y., where they were to undergo military processing before returning home.

LT George Kantz of Marshfield, Wis., the senior officer, said the Coast Guard had ordered the group assembled to go home first as representatives of all of the port security units deployed in the Gulf. The other 93 mem-



Photo by PA2 Dave Santos, USCG

ADM J. William Kime, left, greets QM3 William E. Berndt of PSU 303 as he returns from the Persian Gulf. Kime was Commandant during Desert Storm.

bers of the Milwaukee-based PSU 303, the first Coast Guard Reserve unit activated in 50 years, returned on March 13 and joined them on Governors Island.

"How does it feel?" Kantz said. "I thought about supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. I always wondered if I'd ever feel that way, and this it is."

— *By Frank A. Aukofer, The Milwaukee Journal
April 1991 Reservist*

PSUS RETURN TO CHEERS AND TEARS IN CLEVELAND, MILWAUKEE AND BUFFALO

Jubilation and overflowing patriotism reigned at port security unit homecomings recently in Cleveland,

Milwaukee and Buffalo.

"When I left, there was such sadness. But these tears are filled with sweetness," said PSC Mike Winston while embracing his 4-year-old daughter, Carly, for the first time in nearly six months. For the Winston family it was a private moment — even amid the chaos of families and friends reuniting all around them.

For Winston and the other 85 members of Cleveland's PSU 302, April 23 was an emotion-filled day that they won't soon forget. In a celebration reminiscent of scenes from V-J Day, the members of PSU 302 were greeted at Burke Lakefront Airport with red roses, marching bands, limos and enthusiastic flag-wavers. The excitement was three-fold for EM1 George Dotson. His wife, Terri, was in labor on the tarmac when he returned (see Page 24).

They were all welcomed home by RADM Gregory Penington, 9th District Commander, Michael White, Cleveland's Mayor, and state and county representatives.

They even received a special welcome home message from President George Bush.

It was a day long in coming as all the pent-up fear and anxiety of the past months washed over the runway in shouts of joy and tears of relief.

"You're never leaving me again," one woman sobbed to her husband over and over again as they tightly held each other. The desert fatigue-clad Coast Guard Reservists of PSU 302 had left in November destined for war — now they returned as triumphant heroes.

ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET IN MILWAUKEE

Only five weeks before, on March 15, the District's first deployed port security unit, Milwaukee's PSU 303,

returned to similar jubilation at Wisconsin's Mitchell Airport.

Before a crowd of several thousand people, including families, relatives and friends, the two Coast Guard C-130s carrying the members of PSU 303 rolled to a stop before a deafening roar of cheers and patriotic band music. They were given the royal treatment as red carpets were rolled out to the planes and everyone in the unit was greeted with hearty handshakes from Coast Guard and state officials as they stepped off the planes.

After falling into what would be their last formation as an active duty unit, welcoming remarks were read by CAPT Donald Ramsden, 9th District Chief of Staff and Tommy G. Thompson, Governor of Wisconsin.

"God love you, thank you for doing the job you've done and welcome home," the Governor said.

With the close of the remarks, PSU 303's commanding officer turned to his unit and gave the order to "Dismiss!"

The tarmac instantly became a flood of humanity as loved ones rushed each other for long-awaited embraces. For some, it was the end of what seemed like a long dream.

JUBILATION IN BUFFALO

Now with PSU 303 safely home in Milwaukee, a rush of anticipation raced through the 9th District and gripped Buffalo, N.Y. — the home of the second port security unit deployed. The families of the Buffalo-area reservists knew it wouldn't be long before they, too, would be reunited with their loved ones. As a matter of fact, the first Syracuse and Niagara-area members of Buffalo's PSU 301 had arrived home March 13, and carried word that the rest of their unit would soon follow.

Seven days later, their words rang true as crowds

In Cleveland, PSC William M. Winston, right, is reunited with his parents and daughter for the first time in five months after serving in Desert Storm.



Photo by PA3 Bruce Billow, D9 Public Affairs

flocked to Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base to await the arrival of their Coast Guard warriors.

Even though threatening dark clouds gathered overhead and a western New York chill whipped through the air, nothing could cool or dampen the spirits of those who stood in silent vigil on the tarmac.

Shortly thereafter, a ray of sun pierced the ominous clouds, glancing off the fuselage of an approaching aircraft. Like the beacon of a lighthouse reaching across the waves, the beam of light seemed to guide Buffalo's long-distant voyagers on the final leg home.

A roar went up from the crowd and tears swelled in their eyes as the lone C-130 dipped toward the ground in a low-level flyby.

On the aircraft, in what would become a homecoming trademark, crewmen stood atop the aircraft proudly displaying the National Ensign and Coast Guard Standard — a sign that the unit did its job and did it well.

After the customary greetings, complete with red roses and welcome home remarks from CAPT Ramsden, it was time for PSU 301 to get reacquainted with their families and share their Persian Gulf experiences. Then it was off to a reception of free food and beverages.

For the three 9th District port security units, the deployment and subsequent involvement in the Persian Gulf war was the ultimate test of their training and preparedness. The PSUs wrote themselves into the annals of the Coast Guard by being the first Reserve units activated in Coast Guard Reserve history. It was a fitting tribute then, that just such an accomplishment was achieved during the Reserve's 50th anniversary — yet an accomplishment that, hopefully, will not soon be repeated.

— By PA1 Frank Jennings, USCGR
May/June 1991 Reservist

A STARK CONTRAST

Outside the military air terminal March 15, at Norton Air Force Base, Calif., the predawn was cold and windy with a light rain falling. But the wintry weather could not spoil the warm welcome awaiting two of the first Coast Guardsmen to return from Saudi Arabia.

LCDR Bob Goetz and LTJG Tom Barnes, two Southern California Reservists deployed to the Middle East with Navy harbor security units, were greeted with hugs and kisses, champagne, yellow ribbons and a sea of smiling faces.

The two men had survived Scud missile attacks and Army field rations during their six-month odyssey. Now they were beginning the last left of a long journey homeward.

"It's good to be back," Goetz said. "We brought everybody back who went. That's the important thing."

Goetz and Barnes were Coast Guard liaisons with Navy Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Units (MIUW) 103 and 105, based in San Francisco and Long Beach.

"After 13 months in Vietnam, I remember what I came home to," said CDR Greg Shapley, chief of the 11th District Reserve Branch. "This is in stark contrast to that experience. These guys won a lot more than a war



Photo by PA2 Dave Santos, USCG

Terry Dotson, wife of PSU 302's EM1 George Dotson, awaits her husband at Cleveland's Burke Lakefront Airport while in labor April 23, 1991. Once off the plane from the Middle East, EM1 Dotson rushed his wife to the hospital and Ashley Elise was born a few hours later.

for our country. You can see that in the spirit and enthusiasm here."

As he hugged his wife and daughters, Barnes summed up how he felt about being home again.

"It's going to be nice to sleep a night without a Scud missile landing. It's going to be nice to eat a regular meal. It's good to be back in the United States," said Barnes. "Underline that."

— By YN2 Robert T. Hanley, USCGR
April 1991 Commandant's Bulletin

A NATIONAL VICTORY CELEBRATION!

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Coast Guardsmen from across the nation convened on the Nation's Capital June 8, to participate in the National Victory Celebration, commemorating the Allied victory in the Persian Gulf War. The celebration included the largest U.S. military

parade since the end of World War II, military hardware display, USO sponsored entertainment, a huge picnic and fireworks extravaganza. CG parade units included the color guard, CG Band, PSU replacement troops who had just arrived back from the Middle East, some of the original PSU members, LEDET members, and a Raider boat. Over 400 Coast Guardsmen marched from the National Mall near the Capitol, down Constitution Avenue to the Pentagon before thousands of cheering onlookers. Two days later, a similar celebration was held in New York City.

— By PA2 E.J. Kruska, USCGR
July/August 1991 *Reservist*

THE STORM'S AFTERMATH....

Many items were produced to commemorate the Persian Gulf War. In 1991, then-LTJG Darrell Orwig, USCGR, captured the war via 16 paintings that are now part of the Coast Guard art collection. A special pin was designed by the CG Reserve and Auxiliary in the 9th District for CG Desert Storm veterans. A 45-minute video, *Into the Gulf*, was produced by then-BMC Tom Reilly and PAC Mike Price. Reilly also produced *The Tradition Continues*, a short documentary on PSU training at Camp Blanding, Fla. *Reservist* John Garofolo produced a 10-minute video saluting the Coast Guard's involvement in the war entitled *The U.S. Coast Guard in*

the Persian Gulf War. *The Reservist* magazine published articles on the war in the following issues: October 1990, November 1990, January 1991, February/March 1991, April 1991, May/June 1991, July/August 1991, September/October 1991. The Southwest Asia Service Medal is also a reminder of those who served in theater as was the "Ensign Opus" poster, shown below.

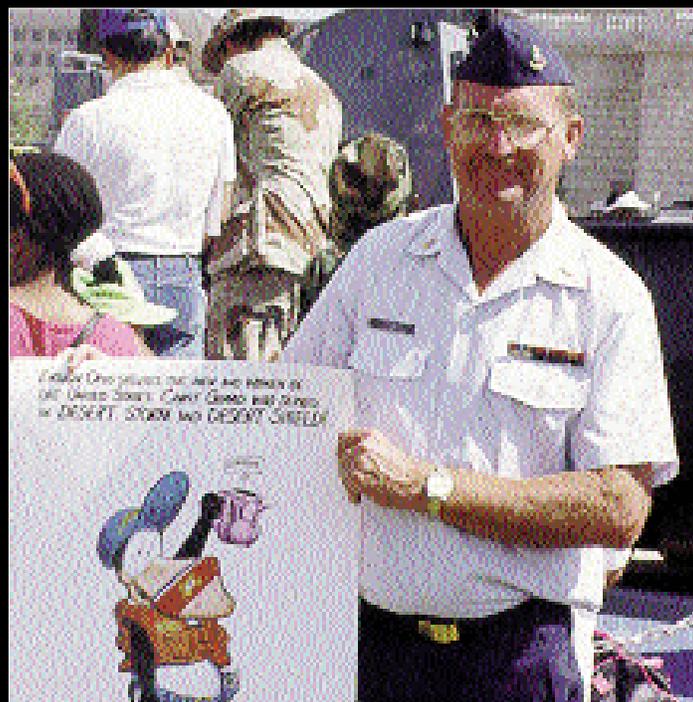


Photo by PA2 Ed Kruska, USCGR



Photo by John Stuart, CG Auxiliary

Above: In Buffalo, a welcome home banner awaits PSU 301 March 20, 1991. • Right: In Milwaukee, it's thumbs up for LT Steve Day of PSU 303 and his 8-year-old son, Brian, after dad's arrival in the Badger State March 15, 1991. • Above right: In Washington, D.C., at the National Victory Celebration June 8, 1991, a Coast Guard Reservist displays an ENS Opus poster saluting the USCG in Desert Storm and Desert Shield.



Photo by Tim Koesstring, Group Milwaukee

Desert Storm Statistics

Reservists called-up for Desert Shield / Storm by District

1st.....	42
2nd.....	87
5th.....	418
7th.....	332
8th.....	210
9th.....	242
11th.....	201
13th.....	90
14th.....	27
17th.....	0
TOTAL.....	1,649

Coast Guard Reservists called-up for Desert Shield / Storm by State

Alabama.....	11	New Hampshire.....	5
Arizona.....	2	New Jersey.....	23
California.....	191	New Mexico.....	1
Colorado.....	5	New York.....	38
District of Columbia.....	1	North Carolina.....	194
Delaware.....	5	North Dakota.....	1
Florida.....	211	Ohio.....	98
Georgia.....	46	Oklahoma.....	3
Guam.....	10	Oregon.....	3
Hawaii.....	15	Pennsylvania.....	34
Idaho.....	1	Puerto Rico.....	8
Illinois.....	37	Rhode Island.....	1
Indiana.....	15	South Carolina.....	80
Kansas.....	3	Tennessee.....	20
Kentucky.....	5	Texas.....	179
Louisiana.....	15	Utah.....	6
Maine.....	1	Vermont.....	1
Maryland.....	37	Virginia.....	130
Massachusetts.....	8	Virgin Islands.....	2
Michigan.....	12	Washington.....	89
Minnesota.....	8	West Virginia.....	4
Missouri.....	3	Wisconsin.....	83
Nebraska.....	1		
Nevada.....	3	TOTAL.....	1,649

These stats reflect CG Reservists that have been or are currently on active duty since Operation Desert Shield began in August 1990. State are current as of 4/10/91. Source: G-RSM-1

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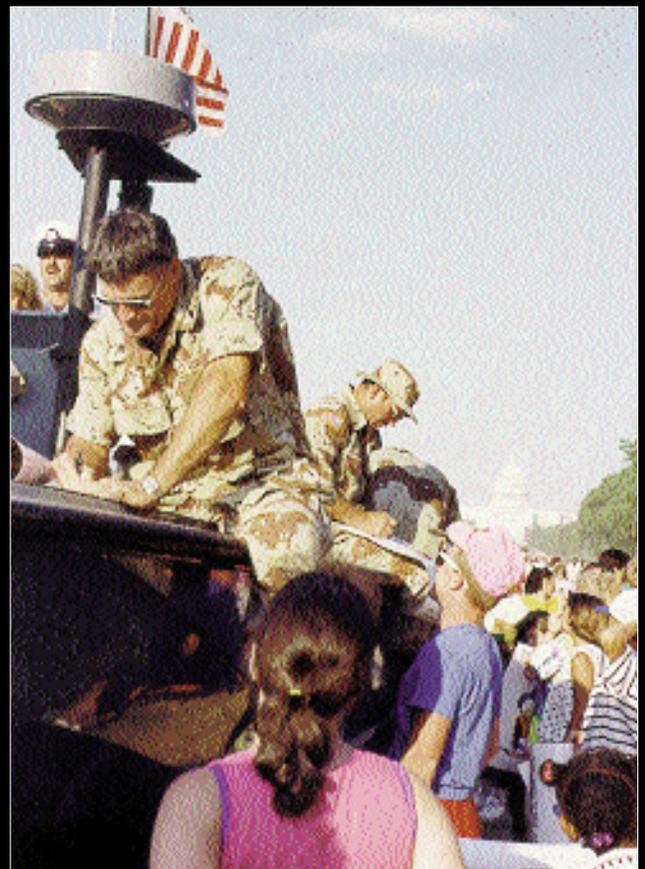
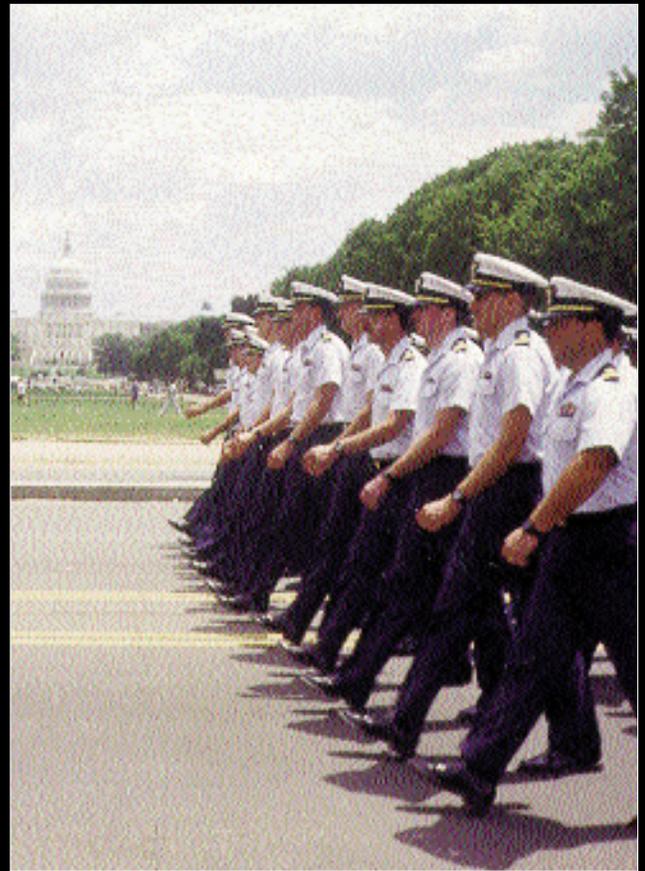


Photos by PA2 E.J. Kruska, USCGR



RATION CONTINUES:

Clockwise from right: USCG PSU members and LEDETS march in front of the U.S. Capitol down 7th Street during the National Victory Parade in Washington, D.C. June 8, 1991. • PSU members autograph ENS Opus posters on the Mall in D.C. • (below top) PSU members in “Chocolate Chip” cammies march in the D.C. National Victory Parade. • (below bottom) Coast Guardsmen march in the Pittsburgh Victory parade in 1991. • A Raider boat makes its way up Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C. • LEDETS make their way across Memorial Bridge in D.C. with the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument in the background. • PSU members march in the D.C. parade. • A grateful nation cheers on Coast Guardsmen as they march by on Constitution Avenue.





DEAR DIARY:

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RESERVISTS WHO WERE THERE

We queried our readers for their personal memories of the Persian Gulf War. Whether reservists were serving stateside or in theater, they all have a story to tell.

CLEAR IMAGES, THEN AND NOW

Looking back 10 years, I realize that several images from *Desert Shield* and *Desert Storm* remain as clear to me now, as then.

First, there was all the “stuff” we got over there. By *stuff* I mean equipment (arms, dress, and accouterments), supplies (food, fuel, ammunition), assorted this-and-that, and probably even a few gimcracks and gew-gaws. In other words, all the beans, bullets and black oil. Parks of it; piles of it; mountains of it. To consider

that virtually none of it had been in Saudi Arabia or Bahrain when Iraq rolled into Kuwait only five months before the *Storm* began in January of 1991, made the sight even more remarkable. By we, I mean the United States in general and our logisticians in particular. I was not a logistician in *Desert Storm*. But I certainly could admire their genius, an American genius — when focused — to organize and pull off huge undertakings. More than once I found myself nodding in agreement with the old adage: “Amateurs talk strategy; professionals talk logistics.”

Second, there was the revealed truth regarding the difference in attitude and aptitude between active duty members and reservists who were called up to serve.

The truth was: There was no difference. Yes, those arriving from the part-time military world faced a steep learning curve in the beginning. But the vast majority of the active and reserve members who arrived on scene came with a superior attitude; they were ready to learn or do whatever was needed to get the job done. Reservists simply needed to shift their language, thought, and skills from a part-time military mode to a full-time one. Americans are a problem-solving people. Some of us solve problems full time as civilians, and some full time as military. In *Desert Storm*, once the uniform was put on, the marriage between the two was exceptionally talented.

Third, there was — and is — the enduring nature of at least part of the threat to which we were responding. By this, I am referring to terrorism. This was a part of the *Storm* not particularly well-known or understood. This was the part in which the Coast Guard performed its mission of port security (among others). We Americans tend to prefer our missions clear-cut,



Then CDR Tim Riker, USCGR, during Desert Storm with Kuwait oil fields behind him. Riker retired as a rear admiral July 14, 2000.

Photo courtesy RADM Tim Riker, USCGR(ret.)

short-term, and with abundantly measurable results. Then we want to move on to other things. It is not surprising, then, that in the minds of many Americans, *Desert Storm* fit some preconceived classic formula: invasion (the bad guys march in); response (the good guys throw them out); celebratory parades, and then it was all over. But it wasn't really over, and it won't be over for the foreseeable future. Terrorism and the threat of it remain. Despite all the materiel accumulated, and the overwhelming force applied — all of which ended in an unsurprising result — terrorism remained as significant a threat when the cease-fire was declared, as before the *Shield* was even raised.

Terrorists can be smart and lethal. They understand that successes may be more easily achieved not by direct confrontation, but by a series of pin-pricks on the margins. A media-saturated world that can easily magnify losses far beyond actual numbers. Thus, an Air Force barracks bombing in Saudi Arabia only a few years ago. Or a federal building in Oklahoma, City, Okla., deep within our borders in 1995. Or a *USS Cole* incident within the last year. So we must continue the day-to-day routine of risk assessment, planning, patrolling, and responding to alarms — false or otherwise — over there and here at home.

Finally, in 1991 there was the great privilege of seeing firsthand what America means to this planet. Regardless of how we came to assume our role on the world stage — or even whether we wanted to assume this role — the fact is that America's presence encircles the globe. It is good for humanity that it does. Given our Declaration of Independence, a magnificent statement of our aspirations as a people, and the Constitution — likewise a magnificent statement of the processes by which we seek to achieve these aspirations — we ought to be proud of the role we are called upon to perform. And with unbending resolve, we should continue to perform the role as we did in *Operations Desert Shield* and *Storm*.

— By *RADM J. Timothy Riker, USCGR(ret.)*
Cincinnati, Ohio

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WAR BONDS

Ten years ago, in May 1991, I returned from the Gulf War. In looking back at it now, I have a lot of thoughts about the time that I spent there, the people that I met and worked with as part of PSU 303 from Milwaukee. Also, I think of the job we had to do there and people back home who supported us.

I asked myself, "Is there anything good about a war?" And I have to say, yes.



USCGC photo

CWO2 Ed McCall, USCGR, signs some paperwork while with PSU 303, Milwaukee unit, while in the Gulf. McCall and CWO4 Jim Roberts became fast friends from their war bonds formed during Desert Storm.

Why, you ask, would I say something like that when we all know the horrors of war? Some of us were there in person, or we see it in the movies, or have had a family member or a friend who was there.

So what is the good? It's the people working together as if their life depended on it. As a medical officer, I was everywhere, 24 hours a day, watching, talking and listening to the people as they went about their tasks. What I saw and heard were a lot of different people with varying backgrounds and skills working together as a team. They worked and lived as one, helping and supporting each other as never before in their life.

I made a lot of friends during the Gulf War who I will remember the rest of my life. Under any other circumstances, we would've met and gone on with our own lives. But the bonds that you make with a person in a time of war are something more than just passing. For myself, I would like to thank each and every member of the Milwaukee PSU 303 for being there and for a job done second to none. Each and every man and woman did their part and a whole lot more.

The Gulf War also put me in the same place with a man who I knew very little about before the war. However, after working side by side with him, day and night, seven days a week, he has become a steadfast friend that only something like a war could bond. So in closing, I want to say thanks to CWO4 (MED) Ed McCall, USCGR, for his help in the dark hours of the war and for being there even 10 years later.

— *CWO4 James C. Roberts, USCGR*
Whitefish Bay, Wis.

“HIGHWAY OF DEATH” TO HOMECOMING!

I was the Commanding Officer of PSU 303 (2nd company). We replaced the original Milwaukee contingent



CAPT Dave Powell, left, LT Jon Wood, USCGR, far right, with some Syrian soldiers in the “Valley of Death,” also called the “Highway of Death.” Both Coast Guardsmen were deployed with PSU 303B.

after seven weeks of intense PSU training at Camp Blanding, near Starke, Fla. My unit was the first from Blanding to complete training and deploy overseas. We were assigned to the King Abdul Aziz Port of Dammam in Saudi Arabia.

Many spontaneous *Desert Storm* recollections come to mind immediately including:

- The 110 patriotic and dedicated Coast Guard Reservists from PSU 303B who sacrificed the personal comfort and security of their families, homes, and civilian jobs to help guard an ally's coast and aid in rebuilding another's homeland.

- A hot, harsh, oily smoke-filled desert environment steeped in the Islamic culture, all of which seemed hostile and foreign to our American way-of-life, yet it was emotionally painful for me to leave when our deployment ended.

- In late March of 1991, I was assigned to lead a team of Coast Guard and Navy officers to assess the port security needs for the re-opening of the Port of Kuwait in Kuwait City. At that time, Kuwait City was a chaotic, explosive scene with bands of unidentifiable, armed men controlling the area, and hundreds of burning oil wells turning high noon into midnight. I witnessed firsthand the depredations of Kuwait from the Iraqi invasion and occupation. I also had the opportunity to witness the devastating effects of the American and Coalition Forces military might in the region at the “Highway of Death,” Iraq's infamous route of retreat from Kuwait. The strength of American and Coalition airpower was clearly evident

in the mangled armored column that seemingly stretched from horizon to horizon along the Iraqi line of retreat. A poignant moment for me was the sight of baby dolls, stripped hastily from Kuwaiti children, littered among the thousands of scattered rounds of Iraqi ammunition along the highway and the air pungent from the lingering odor of unseen, decaying Iraqi corpses. Another interesting moment in the same locale was our friendly encounter with Syrian soldiers, part of the Coalition Forces marshalled against Saddam Hussein. Interestingly, several months earlier, they were considered potential enemies as military forces from a country sponsoring terrorism against the U.S.

- The professional and personal privilege and satisfaction of being part of the vanguard for Coast Guard involvement in expeditionary port security and harbor defense.

- The taxing, emotional roller coaster ride of experiencing a half-dozen alerts and preparations for redeployment of PSU 303, or elements thereof, to other ports or missions within the Kuwait theater of operations.

- Our moving homecoming highlighted by grand celebrations and parades in New York City and Washington, D.C. These warm, public receptions contrasted sharply with my return from two tours in Vietnam in 1968-69 and 1971.

- For nearly half of our deployment, the Port of Dammam was, as ordered by the U.S. Army Port Commander from the 7th Transportation Group, to THREATCON CHARLIE, the second highest state of readiness for terrorist attacks. Early in our deployment a memorable incident occurred on the port which caused us to increase our unit readiness and heightened local tensions. An unguarded U.S. Army amnesty box for con-



Photo courtesy ENS Kevin Fernandez, USCGR

Lance Cpl. Kevin Fernandez, USMC, served as a field wireman during Desert Storm with the 8th Communications Battalion, 2nd Marine Division. He is now an ensign in the CGR. See “Semper Fidelis to Semper Paratus,” opposite page.



Official graduation unit photo of PSU #1 in training at Camp Blanding, Fla. The unit deployed to Saudi Arabia as PSU 303B.

traband weapons and munitions had been raided one night and completely emptied. Suspicious civilians had been observed in the vicinity by Saudi civilian stevedores. Hundreds of Iraqi automatic weapons, mines, and grenades had disappeared from the box into the Dammam community. The Saudi Frontier Force, the combined equivalent of our Coast Guard and Border Patrol, normally kept strict control of the local population through draconian measures. This however, was the only time during our deployment when I sensed that they were seriously concerned about the terrorism threat, principally from a nearby fishing village. Fishing boats from there routinely attempted to penetrate our security zone. The modern boats had speeds equal to, sometimes superior to, our Raiders.

• The recently approved PSU qualification pin was designed by the very talented SK2 Terry Jelcick of PSU 303B. I developed the letter proposal and submitted it to Commandant while we were still in Saudi Arabia in April 1991. It amazes me that it took nearly 10 years to be approved!

— CAPT David L. Powell, USCGR (ret.)
Frostburg, Md.

SEMPER FIDELIS TO SEMPER PARATUS!

I deployed to the Middle East during *Operation Desert Shield/Storm* from December 1990-91. I served with the 8th Communications Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, as a lance corporal (E-3). As a field wireman, my job entailed setting up communications for the infantry, so I moved around quite a bit. After *Desert Storm* ended, I served in the USMCR until my discharge in January 1994.

Then, last year, I decided I would like to go back into the military and applied for a Reserve commission. Once accepted to attend Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination (ROCI), I officially joined the Coast Guard

Reserve. I've always heard a lot about the missions of the Coast Guard and I really thought it would be great to be part of an organization that actually gets involved in serving the community and your country at the same time.

But it's more than that. Living on Long Island, I know first hand the contributions the Coast Guard has made, and wanted to be part of that. Besides, I thought the Coast Guard was providing a great service to people, compared to the Marines where we were always training for war. Please don't take that comparison the wrong way though — once a Marine always a Marine, and I love the Corps, especially what it did for me. I've done things I will probably never do again, met great people, and experienced many things. The experience [of Desert Storm] made me a better person and my time as an enlisted Marine gave me a good foundation to become a good leader. Thus, I hope I'm given the opportunity to positively contribute and become an effective junior officer in the Coast Guard Reserve.

— ENS Kevin Fernandez, USCGR
Franklin Square, N.Y.

A NEAT MOMENT

During *Desert Storm*, I was on active duty at my normal duty station, Station Mare Island, in Vallejo, Calif. Part of our duty was to patrol the munitions loading at the Concord Naval Weapons Station and then provide escorts with our 41-foot UTB for the vessels as they transited out of San Francisco Bay. One particular day that I was boat coxswain, we had an escort. The pilot on board the ship was the first female Bar Pilot, Nancy Wagner. The radio operator at Group San Francisco was also a female. All radio traffic to get this vessel underweigh and escorted out of the Bay was being done by women! It was kind of a neat moment.

— BMCS Jane Piereth, USCGR
San Rafael, Calif.

PSU 302 DEPLOYMENTS

The unit I served with that deployed to support military actions in the Persian Gulf during *Desert Shield/Storm* was Cleveland's PSU 302. The local Cleveland media coverage of the unit while we were deployed was fantastic, or so I have heard. Upon our return, there were busloads of Westlake school children waiting to greet us at Burke Lakefront Airport. I was totally overwhelmed by the response of the community to our service. Those children now are in their senior year at Westlake High School or in their second year of college. What a memory to cherish!

The unit again was deployed in support of *Operation Restore Democracy* during the fall of 1994. You may recall that this operation was to stabilize the political climate in Haiti.

Just this year, the same Coast Guard Port Security Unit, now named 309 instead of 302, had teams of boat crews and security personnel serving in the Arabian Gulf providing the same type of security we did during the last two deployments. The area commander in chief of military forces has specifically requested port security experts to be on scene since the bombing of the *USS Cole*.

So, in the last 11 years, this reserve unit was deployed to serve our country's needs three times to date. In between the real world calls for duty, the unit is deployed around the world to participate in military exercises involving Naval Coastal Warfare. Before *Desert Storm*, the last time Coast Guard Reservists were deployed was during World War II.

— CDR Mike Milkovich, USCGR
Westlake, Ohio

A REMARKABLE TIME...

During *Desert Shield* and *Desert Storm*, I was an active duty Navy H-3 SAR pilot and flew off the *USS Tripoli* (LPH-10), *USS Ogden* (LPD-5), and *USS Tarawa* (LHA-1). I'll never forget this time:

- Finding out that the air war began while we were stationed off Oman doing a pre-invasion exercise
- Flying over towns in Saudi Arabia which had been heavily damaged during fighting a few weeks before
- Standing on a pier at Al Jubayl and watching a SCUD missile crash harmlessly into the desert nearby (the warhead missed the *Tarawa* by 400 feet I was told)
- Seeing an old contact mine (it looked like something right out of the *Gilligan's Island* episodes in which a World War II mine floated into the castaways' lagoon) float past the *USS Ogden*
- Standing on the *Ogden's* flight deck and watching fighters from nearby carriers fly overhead into and out of Iraq
- Seeing the returning fighters line up 10 deep behind an orbiting KC-10 for fuel on their return legs from Iraq
- Being on the *Ogden* as 1,100-plus Iraqi prisoners were flown by Marine Corps CH-46 and CH-53 helicopters from Faylaka Island to the *Ogden* for eventual transport to a Saudi Arabian POW camp
- Flying through Kuwait City the day the civilian population was allowed back to the city. I was struck by how much the city resembled a scene from a "Mad Max" movie.

I was relieved to see that none of the weapons the repatriated Kuwaitis shot into the air in celebration were aimed at us! During the many port visits we made to Bahrain, Dubai, and Abu Dhabi after the hostilities ceased, I was very surprised while talking to some of the locals in those places to find most people greatly appreciated the U.S. effort to liberate Kuwait. Yes, it was a remarkable time indeed....

— LT Brian Warn, USCGR, PSU 313
Seattle, Wash.



Photo courtesy CAPT David L. Powell, USCGR(Res)

PSU 303B's Maritime Security Team Quick Reaction Force after they made their debut with three Humvees in the Gulf.

IN HARM'S WAY

During *Desert Storm*, the 9th District Command Center watchstander would talk to the deployed PSUs almost every morning to coordinate logistics and personnel. As a lieutenant who worked there, I remember talking to then CDR Dan Zedan of PSU 302 one morning while *Cable News Network (CNN)* played in the background. *CNN* then reported a SCUD missile launch. Almost immediately, CDR Zedan indicated that the warning alarms were going off and he had to leave — now! This definitely brought home the fact that people I knew were in harm's way.

— CDR Vince Weber, USCGR
Washington, D.C.

GRATEFUL NATIONS HOME AND ABROAD

In the fall of 1990 I was contacted by an officer from 7th District who inquired if I was interested in possibly deploying with a future PSU to the Middle East. At the time, two PSUs were already deployed and, as a BM3, I felt I was being left out of the action. Of course, I wholeheartedly volunteered and anxiously awaited word. In December 1990, I received the call that I was to report to Camp Blanding, Fla., for PSU training, with a possible chance of deployment.

In January 1991, I reported to Camp Blanding and discovered a very sparse training facility but one that was full of enthusiasm. Through the six-week training program, we were transformed from the lifesavers to war fighting Coasties.

We finally deployed to Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia and relieved PSU 301. During our deployment, we had a chance to see a new land and go on a cultural tour to the Kuwaiti border to see what effect the war had on the Kuwaiti people. A young family, returning to Kuwait, could not stop thanking us and the United States for forcing the Iraqis out and allowing them to return home.

Then in June, we returned home in time for the grandest homecoming anyone could imagine. We were

treated to a great week in New York and Washington, D.C. by the citizens of both areas. We marched in parades in both cities. During our brief stay in Washington, William "Stretch" McGuire and I had to do our laundry and the hotel was not helpful, so we went searching for a Laundromat. A local fire chief drove us to a fire station to do our laundry. The crew was very friendly, fed us dinner, and refused to allow us to pay. We exchanged stories and when finished with our laundry, we asked for directions back to the hotel. They refused to tell us and drove us back in a fire truck. Throughout our stay and travels in the Washington and New York areas, we encountered nothing but appreciation and support from everyone we encountered.

— *Special Agent Chris McCoy*
CGIS, Miami, Fla.

During *Desert Shield/Desert Storm*, three events occurred on Governors Island that I'd like to share. During December 1990, I returned from the Persian Gulf War to recover from surgery, having no idea what I'd be doing on the Island. While there, I had an opportunity to get to know a lot of Coasties and appreciated their concern and energy level.

In late December 1990, I returned to the Gulf for the duration of the tour. When we returned from the Gulf, I was elated to find we would be mustering out through Governors Island. We arrived at the Island to a heroes welcome. We had fresh home-made baked goods, a hospitality room, and socialized with the school children before being reunited with our families.

Then, New York City threw a giant ticker-tape parade as our official welcome home. It was with mixed emotion that I marched across the red carpet at the start of the parade, waded through the mountains of ticker-tape and enjoyed the hospitality. I knew this was probably one of my last functions in the Coast Guard.

— *BMC Gary Bublitz, USCGR(Ret.)*
Sturtevant, Wis.
From December 1997 Reservist



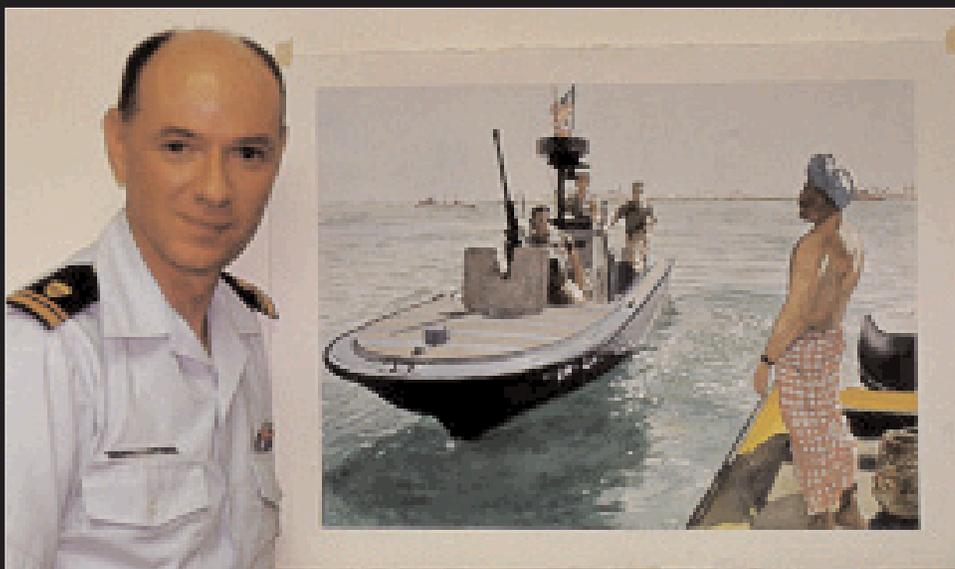
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CDR D. Edling, CO of PSU 301B, right, presents a CG ensign to LCDR M. Zecca to be flown from the mast of a Raider boat during festivities to reopen the harbor in Kuwait City (see front cover). Also shown, l to r, BM3 N. Bradley, MK2 J. Ford, BM1 M. Emond and MKC R. Grinnell.

When my husband, MKCM Paul Ladut, returned from *Desert Storm* in 1991, I met him in New York City for the "Welcome Home Parade." I had never been to New York, and had eagerly awaited this trip. I wasn't disappointed...though I only spent a short time on Governors Island, the memories will always be very special.

Upon arrival at Governors Island, we were treated like royalty for several days. While there, we were invited to a barbecue where we watched the fireworks from what seemed to be our own private island overseeing the Manhattan skyline. My husband and I watched the boats in the water and the Statue of Liberty light up everytime a rocket went off. I'll always remember that evening, and how I was in a military family on a special little island away from the whole world. I felt like this was the best place to be on such a special evening.

— *Patricia Perez Ladut*
Meraux, La.
From December 1997 Reservist



Then LTJG Darrell Orwig displays one of his *Desert Storm* paintings. Orwig produced 16 paintings in 1991 that are now part of the Coast Guard art collection.

Photo by PA2 E.J. Kruska USCGR

Ed's note: In honor of those who served in Desert Storm, we planned to publish the following story on Coast Guard Reserve PSU 301B member BMCS Mel C. Emond. It is with regret that we announce that as the issue was going to press, BMCS Emond succumbed to lung cancer on June 13. In honor of Senior Chief, we're running the article as originally published in the May issue of Coast Guard magazine. The thoughts and prayers of the staff of The Reservist magazine are with the Emond family.

OUT OF THE FRYING PAN...

AFTER THE WAR, HIS BATTLE HAD JUST BEGUN

**BY PA3 TOM SPERDUTO,
D1 PUBLIC AFFAIRS SOUTH**

"You go through every emotion you can think of...and when you find yourself going down that mental slide...you just suck it up and say nope, I'm going to survive."

*— BMCS Mel C. Emond, Jr.,
USCGR*

Coast Guard Senior Chief Mel C. Emond Jr., a Reserve special projects officer at Coast Guard Group Long Island Sound, is no stranger to life or death situations. In 1991, Emond was the Raider boat coxswain of the first American boat into Kuwait harbor with the mission of sweeping for mines and booby traps during Desert Storm. During the 1960s, he served two tours (1966-67 and 1967-68) in Vietnam with the Navy.

Emond began fighting another enemy in 1999 that on average claims the lives of 15,000 Americans every day: Lung Cancer.

While serving on active duty the last week of September 1999, Emond, known for his high-energy level, was struck with extreme fatigue. Even the simple task of walking up and down stairs left him exhausted and panting. Encouraged by his shipmates, Emond scheduled an appointment with his family doctor. He was diagnosed with lung cancer and had a collapsed lung and a tumor.

Emond began his Coast Guard career in May of 1983. He has been involved in many Coast Guard missions including OPSAIL 1986, OPSAIL 1992, presidential security off of Martha's Vineyard 1993 and the World Special Olympics in 1995. He has also been serving as a small arms instructor at the East Haven, Conn. firing range since 1993. Three days after being diagnosed with can-



Photo by PA3 Tom Spurduto, USCG

BMCS Mel Emond and wife, Alberta.

cer, exhausted and physically ill, Emond was on his way to the range to see if he could help.

"I knew I had a collapsed lung with a tumor, but I also knew there was a range date and they needed help," Emond said. "I got to the range and I almost collapsed."

Those who know the feisty senior chief were probably not surprised by his dedication. Known for his passion for the Coast Guard, the salty 55-year-old boatswain mate has spent countless personal hours doing what he loves: Training members seeking to become coxswains or crewmembers at Group Long Island Sound.

"I don't know where he gets his energy level, he comes over and drills without pay," said Senior Chief Robert G. Jefferey, command senior chief for Group Long Island

Sound and Emond's friend since February 1987. "He is the pulse that keeps things going around here."

Drilling without pay and being the first one to throw on coveralls whenever needed, Emond always provides a friendly face and is the first to take a new member under his wing, Jefferey said.

Emond's wife of 34 years, Alberta, a cancer survivor herself, says the Coast Guard is more than a passion for Emond. It has become a part of their family.

"He was made for the boats," she said with a smile. "He has always done extra drills...he often missed family functions because he knew the guys needed him. When Mel became a coxswain, he became a father to his boat-crews."

When Emond began major surgery in November of 1999, the crew of Long Island Sound returned his service by supporting him when he needed them the most.

"They were just unbelievable, they called so much I had to finally tell them to just e-mail," said Emond. "When I was in the hospital, five to six people would call on the speakerphone cheering and encouraging, they knew if they called individually I couldn't handle the calls."

After a six-hour intense surgery, Emond was unconscious for four days and placed on life support machines to help him with his breathing. Emond now had to wait to find out if the surgery had removed the cancer from his body.

Once home from the surgery, Emond was quickly on his way to thank the crew at Group Long Island Sound for their support.

"The first day back (to Long Island Sound) after the major surgery, we weren't sure if we would be able to stay because it was so emotional," said Alberta. "People could not believe he was there, he still had staples in him from the surgery."

Though Emond was there to thank his fellow crewmembers for their support while undergoing surgery, he also had an ulterior motive.

"He was picking up files to work on a upcoming RFO inspection," said Alberta while shaking her head.

The surgery was unsuccessful removing the cancer. Emond was told his only hope for survival would be radiation and chemotherapy. At the end of November, Emond began the grueling procedure that eventually would save his life. After receiving 4,000 units of radiation, about 1,000 units a week, the cancer was still present. Emond's doctor recommended another 1,000 units.

Due to the amount of radiation, Emond's weight of 165 quickly dropped to 118 in six weeks. According to Emond, the normal amount of radiation for a cancer patient is 4,000 units. After 5,000 units, Emond was still fighting for his life.

"The doctor told me, 'I know I'm asking a lot of you, but if you can take another 1,000 units...I think I can cure you,'" Emond said. "It's seldom done in the country; but I've been taught to just go for it, what was I going to do, sit down and die?"

While fighting cancer may be a personal battle for many, the crew at Long Island Sound was persistent in letting the Emond's know they cared and could be count-

ed on for any support.

"We flooded them (Emond and Alberta) with e-mails, phone calls, flowers and cards," recalled Jefferey. "We even had one of those Furbys go to all the offices and leave messages," he said with a laugh.

The level of concern and the outpouring of generosity were almost overwhelming for the Emonds.

"They even offered to come up and go shopping with Alberta just to carry the bags," said an emotional Emond.

The support did not stop there, nor was it limited to just the members of Long Island Sound. Emond began receiving get well cards and gifts from Coast Guard members from as far away as Puerto Rico. Alberta received flowers and daily phone calls from friends at Long Island Sound offering to help with everything from household chores to yard work.

"Everyday somebody called from the Coast Guard," said Alberta.

Even when Emond was unable to answer the phone, frequent messages were left saying "Senior Chief I know you can't answer the phone but we are thinking of you."

With the support of family and friends, Emond endured the 6,000 units of radiation and then began the process of chemotherapy. After all he has been through, the cancer is now in remission.

"I remember getting my first haircut...this might sound funny, but sitting there with the cloth on, and seeing that first lock of hair fall down, made me so happy," said Emond. "Until something like this happens...you take a lot for granted, it's a shame something like this has to wake you up."

Emond is the first person to admit the reason for his struggle and hopes his story can be an example to others. He feels a certain responsibility to young Coast Guard members and hopes his experience will make them think carefully about their choices.

"Two doctors have told me the reason for my cancer was smoking," Emond said.

Before the cancer, Emond was a cigarette smoker for over 30 years.

"I breathe better now with one lung than I did with two when I was smoking," said Emond.

As Emond continues to gain his strength back and returns to routines and everyday life, he says he is living with a new perspective and a new respect. Respect for the simple things like a sunset or a friendly conversation. He also says he has a new respect for the Coast Guard.

"I...can't put into words how I feel about my Coast Guard," said Emond. "When I fell, they picked me up. It would have been a hell of a fight without them."

IN MEMORIAM

• **BMCS Mel C. Emond, Jr.**, USCGR, 55, of Wolcott, Conn., passed away June 13, 2001 in Bristol, Conn. He served two tours with the Navy Seabees in Vietnam from 1966-68 before enlisting in the Coast Guard Reserve in May 1983. He served with PSU 301B during *Desert Storm* and was Reserve Special Projects officer at Group Long Island Sound. As a civilian, he was in the family painting business and later was small arms instructor for the Southington, Conn. Police Department. He is survived by his wife, Alberta; father, Melvin; a daughter, Christine Moreau; a son, Melvin Emond III; brother, Gary; sister, Kathy Sturgeon; one grandchild, Morgan Lynn. Funeral services were held June 18, 2001, at St. Aloysius Church, Plantsville, Conn. Interment at South End Cemetery, Southington, Conn. with military honors. Donations in his memory may be made to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, Commandant(G-ZMA), USCG Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20593-0001.

IN BRIEF

• **ADDITIONAL CARDS** — CGR recruiting cards are reprinted in this issue with updated phone and Web site. Please use them in conjunction with ongoing CGR recruiting efforts.

• **ADDITIONAL PAID DRILLS** — ALCOAST 216/01 (R 101222Z MAY 01) authorizes four additional paid drills (IDT) per member in FY01 for all Selected Reservists. Expeditionary units are authorized 64 vice 60 drills in FY01; all other members are authorized 52 vice 48 drills. ALCOAST 498/00 increased the maximum number of IDT retirement points to 90 points per anniversary year. Questions can be directed to CDR Vince Weber, Commandant (G-WTR-3); Phone: 202-267-0549, 1-800-842-8740, ext. 70549; E-mail: vweber@comdt.uscg.mil

• **ATTENTION FIREFIGHTERS** — The theme of *The Reservist's* 8th annual citizen-sailor issue is "Citizen-Sailor Firefighters." If you're a firefighter, we'd like to hear from you. Submit 100-200 words about your job as well as an action photo, if possible. Electronic text submissions are preferred, but hard copies by regular mail are perfectly acceptable. Prints, slides or high resolution digital images are acceptable (no polaroids, please). **Deadline Aug. 1, 2001 for publication in a fall 2001 issue.** Submit to: Commandant (G-WTR-2), USCG Headquarters, 2100 Second St., SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, ATTN: Citizen-Sailor Firefighters

• **CGMA NEWBORN LAYETTES** — Coast Guard Mutual Assistance has teamed with Kids Wear of Nordstrom to provide a Layette package (containing a receiving blanket, outfits and other items for a newborn baby) to the family of junior members of the Coast Guard community when they have or adopt a baby. This package is a gift from CGMA to active duty and Selected Reservists E-3 and below, civilian employees GS-4 and below, or CGES employees NF-2 and below. Eligible members should contact their local CGMA representative for additional information. For more information on this and other CGMA programs, contact your local CGMA representative or visit CGMA's web site at: www.cgmahq.org or call 1-800-881-2462.

• **COMMISSARY BENEFITS** — Though most reservists have commissary privileges allowing them to shop 24 times a year, as well as when serving on active duty, not all are taking advantage of this benefit. The Defense Commissary Agency's Market Basket Price Comparison Study revealed commissary shoppers receive an overall savings of 29.2 percent. A family of four who shops there regularly can save more than \$2,300 a year. The commissary benefit is an important part of a reservists compensation package. Commissary Privilege Cards are issued to reservists each December for the following calendar year. Commissaries were first authorized by the U.S. Congress in 1867 as a way to supplement military pay. There are now 300 U.S. military commissaries around the world. Web site: www.commissaries.com

• **CWO INDOCTRINATION COURSE (CWOI)** — The CWO Indoctrination course is available to all Chief Warrant Officers — active duty and reserve. CWOI courses have always been fully integrated, and reservists are encouraged to attend. Students gain valuable insights into how they fit in as an officer; improve and hone leadership, professional, and personal skills; develop camaraderie; and become part of a network that will endure throughout a career. CWO Indoc convenes two-week and three-week courses at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New

London, Conn. Two-week courses are intended for graduates of the CPOA Academy. Your servicing ISC can assist with funding for the three-week course. Contact the CWOI Program Manager, CWO Doris Hull, Phone: 202-267-2461, E-mail: dhull@comdt.uscg.mil. For CWOI curriculum questions, contact CWO Greg Hunton, USCGR, Phone: 860-701-6837; E-mail: ghunton@cga.uscg.mil. For class convening dates and more info, check out the CWOI Web site at: www.cga.edu/lcd/cwoi/cwoimain.htm

• **HQ VACANCIES** — Commandant (G-WTR-1) is looking for two individuals (E-6, E-7) to serve on ADSW-RC at Headquarters in Washington, D.C. through the end of FY01 with possibility of one or two more years. Major job responsibility will be developing program to increase number of active duty RELADS to join SELRES. See MLCPCAC 1105-01 (R112144Z MAY 01) and/or contact LT Dave Roberts, G-WTR-1; Phone: 202-267-1919, 1-800-842-8740, ext. 71919; E-mail: droberts@comdt.uscg.mil

• **JOINT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE COLLEGE** — The Joint Military Intelligence College (JMIC), within the Department of Defense (DOD), is the nation's only accredited college awarding the Master of Science of Strategic Intelligence and the Bachelor of Science of Intelligence degrees. The main campus is located at the Defense Intelligence Analysis Center on Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., while a satellite campus is located at Fort Meade, Md. The program is open to members of the U. S. Armed Forces — active duty and reserve — or who are civilians serving in the Federal Government. The academic schedule mirrors usual reserve duty schedules, with students attending weekend classes one weekend each month, plus a two-week full-time study program in June. CGR officers, O-2 through O-5 (not in zone for O-6), must be selected for admission to the program. Commandant (G-WTR) will convene a board to select up to two candidates for admission. Selectees will be required to give up their current RPAL billet and will be placed in a temporary billet so that they may attend the College in a pay status. Point of contact for the Coast Guard is ENS Nelson Santiago, Phone: 202-267-0553; E-mail: nsantiago@comdt.uscg.mil

• **JTRU VACANCY** — The Coast Guard element of the Joint Transportation Reserve Unit, U.S. Transportation Command, at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., is seeking an SKC/SKCS to fill a vacant SELRES billet. For further info, contact CDR Tim Aines, Phone: 312-961-4338; E-mail: taines@prodigy.net

• **MILITARY LEAVE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES** — In the past, when Federal employees who are also reservists took military leave, every day of their military duty was counted against their military leave balance of 15 days per year — including weekends, holidays, and other non-work days such as regularly scheduled days off. So, for 12 days ADT, many Federal workers were being charged a full 12 days of leave (because of the weekend) even though only 10 of those were regular work days. That has now changed. According to Public Law 106-554 signed Dec. 21, 2000, only actual workdays are charged for military leave — not weekends and holidays. Reservists should ensure their Federal civilian employer is aware of this change. For more info, see www.opm.gov/oca/leave/html/military.htm

• **PAY INCREASE** — Pay increased for targeted military members on July 1, 2001. Complete Active Duty and Reserve monthly drill pay tables can be found at the following Web site: www.dfas.mil/money/milpay/pay

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **COAST GUARD RESERVE 60TH BIRTHDAY** — Is being commemorated across the nation all year long! Send us stories and photos from your local event and we'll publish them in "Spirit of the Sixtieth" throughout 2001.

JULY 2001

- **INDEPENDENCE DAY** — Wednesday, July 4. This year marks the nation's 225th birthday!
- **RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION 75TH NATIONAL CONVENTION** — July 4-7 in Albuquerque, N.M. Contact ROA, 1 Constitution Ave. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002; Phone: 202-479-2200; FAX: 202-479-0416; Web: www.roa.org
- **JUNIOR OFFICER SEMINAR** — The third annual Junior Officer Leadership Development and Training Seminar (JOLDTS) is set for July 3-7, 2001 in conjunction with the ROA National Convention in Albuquerque, N.M. It is open to reservists in pay grades O-1 to O-3 and W-1 to W-2. The fee is \$250. Online info is at: www.roa.org/joldts.asp
- **ANNUAL CG INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** — This year's tourney is set for Daufuski Island Resort, S.C., July 4-7. Participation is open to all components of Team Coast Guard and, if space is available, their guests. Reservations on a first come, first served basis. For info and an entry form, contact Dr. Mike Parnarouskis, Phone: 703-368-7049; E-mail: mikep1121@worldnet.att.net or CAPT John Gentile, Phone: 757-856-2995; E-mail: jgentile@tcyorktown.uscg.mil
- **BOY SCOUTS NATIONAL JAMBOREE** — July 23-Aug. 2, 2001 at U.S. Army Reservation, Fort A.P. Hill, Va. CG Reservists will be on-hand as volunteers. For more info, contact PSCS Douglas E. Yeckley, USCGR(Ret.), 1426 Crabhouse Road, Lusby, Md. 20657, Phone: 410-326-4291; E-mail: dey1@erols.com
- **COAST GUARD FESTIVAL** — July 27-Aug. 5, in Grand Haven, Mich. This year's theme is *USCGR: Sixty Years of Service to America*. For info on marching in this year's parade, see page 13. National Memorial Service, Friday, Aug. 3, 4 p.m.; Grand Parade (noon) and fireworks (dusk), Saturday, Aug. 4. Contact: U.S. Coast Guard Festival, P.O. Box 694, Grand Haven, MI 49417; Phone: 616-846-5940 or 1-888-207-2434. Festival Web site: www.grandhaven.com/ghcgfest

AUGUST 2001

- **COMMISSIONING OF CGC SPAR** — Friday, Aug. 3,

10:30 a.m., Cargo Pier, Base Kodiak, Alaska. Reception to follow; Coast Guard Day will be celebrated Aug. 4, and *CGC SPAR* will get underway Aug. 5 with former SPARs as guests of honor. For more info contact YNC Jamie Rambo, Phone: 202-267-2349; E-mail: jrambo@comdt.uscg.mil or CWO Laura Pearson, Phone: 202-267-6223; E-mail: lpearson@comdt.uscg.mil. Web: www.uscg.mil/reserve/SparCommissionInvite.html

- **COAST GUARD DAY** — Is Saturday, Aug. 4! What event is your unit planning to observe this special day? USCG is 211 years old this year. For a listing of Coast Guard Day picnics across the nation, check Fred's Place Web site: www.fredsplace.org. To have your picnic listed, e-mail Barb Chiles at: barb@fredsplace.org
- **CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS CONVENTION** — 33rd annual, Aug. 20-24, at Holiday Select, Tulsa, Okla. For info, contact Convention Chairman CPO Dick Wells, Phone: 918-457-3463; E-mail: bdtlc@aol.com or CPO Association, 5520-G Hempstead Way, Springfield, VA 22151-4009, Phone: 703-941-0395; E-mail: cgcpoa@aol.com. Web: www.uscgcpoa.org

SEPTEMBER 2001

- **OLD TIMER'S PICNIC** — Saturday, Sept. 1, 23rd annual, sponsored by CPOA Mobile Chapter, at Walter's Park (ATC Mobile), Mobile, Ala. Contact BMCS Jack Crowley, USCG(Ret.), Phone: 334-649-8800; E-mail: jjccc99@aol.com
- **COAST WEEKS AND COASTAL CLEAN-UP** — Saturday, Sept. 15. Help kick off Coast Weeks (Sept. 15-Oct. 6) by cleaning up your local beach. Interested units may call 1-800-CMC-BEACH. They will put you in touch with a local clean-up coordinator. Web: www.cmc-ocean.org. We'd like to hear how your unit participated!

OCTOBER 2001

- **RESERVE SERVICEWIDE EXAM** — Is Saturday, Oct. 20. Mark your calendar if you plan on sitting for this year's exam! See March/April 2001 *Reservist* for an SWE article, page 32-33, and this issue for an article on "SWE Variable."

NOVEMBER 2001

- **SPARS 59TH BIRTHDAY** — The Women's Reserve (SPARS) was formed Nov. 23, 1942. This year, their birthday falls on Friday, Nov. 23, the day after Thanksgiving.

REUNIONS

- **CGC ROCKAWAY (WAVP-377)** — If you served on *Rockaway* in the mid-1950s, your buddies are looking for you. Contact Chuck Harris, SOCM (ret.) on the Rockaway Web site at: www.ccnnews.net/rockaway

AUGUST 2001

- **CGRU CHATTANOOGA** — Cookout on Saturday, Aug. 25. Family and friends welcome. Contact MCPO B.J. Williams, Phone: 615-365-8981; E-mail: bjwilliams1@tva.gov or YNC Earlene Houston, Phone: 413-365-9295; E-mail: eligon@vol.com

SEPTEMBER 2001

- **USTRANSCOM JTRU** — Past and present members of the USCG element at JTRU, USTRANSCOM, Scott AFB, Ill. are invited to attend a Sept. 28-30 reunion at Scott to commemorate the 10th year since the JTRU's establishment. Whether you plan on attending or not, if you have *ever* served with TRANSCOM, please update

your contact info so you may be invited to this fall's and future events. Contact: CDR Tim Aines, USCGR, Phone: 312-961-4338; E-mail: taines@prodigy.net

OCTOBER 2001

- **USS SPENCER** — CG-W-36 Association and WMEC-905, Oct. 11-15, Williamsburg, Va. Anyone who served aboard the 327 or 270 is welcome. Contact: Jack Shampine, Secretary-Treasurer, 7398 Route 31, Cicero, NY 13039, Phone: 315-699-3127 or Hank Rogers, 32 Freedom Court, Baltimore, MD 21220, Phone: 410-335-6826.
- **USNS SAMUAL MOORE (DD-747)** — Oct. 17-21, LaQuinta Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas. Contact: Donald W. Rank, 17568 Frondell Court, Eden Prairie, MN 55347, Phone: 612-975-0374; E-mail: dd747@juno.com

UNDERSTANDING ADVANCEMENT VARIABLES

By LT Dave Roberts (G-WTR-1)

In the March/April edition of *The Reservist* magazine, MCPO James Connolly wrote an excellent Servicewide Exam (SWE) article. He provided some great SWE preparation tips as well as some excellent test-taking tips. He also explained the SWE process and timeline beginning with May 31, when evaluations are due, and ending with December, when the SWE results are usually published. My purpose in writing this article is to pick up where MCPO Connolly left off by explaining some of the processes that take place before an advancement is authorized.

You took the SWE in October, you're looking at the results, which were published in December, and you're asking yourself, "Why is the cutoff three and not 23?" and, "What factors determine if personnel below the cutoff will be advanced?" These are both very good questions with an explanation provided below.

Cutoffs: Coast Guard Personnel Command (rpm) establishes the advancement cutoffs after considering many factors which include: historical trends, approved retirements, number of enlisted personnel accepting commissions, reprogrammed billets (added/deleted), number of enlisted personnel approaching age 60, number of personnel approaching over 30 years service, to name a few. Once all the data is reviewed, cutoffs are established based on the information available at that time. Personnel who place above the cutoffs are guaranteed advancement and do not have to re-compete. However, all is not lost for those below the cutoff. As we proceed through the year and additional information materializes, additional advancements may occur. For example: if the cutoff for DCC was established at three in December, but in February two DCCs decide to transfer to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), and another DCC executes an Extended Active Duty (EAD) contract, there will be additional advancement opportunities. These transfers to the IRR and the EAD contract are information that could not have been known in December when the cutoffs were established. So, it is possible to advance even though you might be below the cutoff.

Advancement Scenarios: Let's use the DC rating to illustrate how an advancement occurs. The DC rating is authorized billets as follows: Three E-9, six E-8, nine E-7, 83 E-6, 116 E-5 and 38 E-4. In a perfect world, the DC rating would look like this:

	<u>E-9</u>	<u>E-8</u>	<u>E-7</u>	<u>E-6</u>	<u>E-5</u>	<u>E-4</u>
Authorized Billets	3	6	9	83	116	38
Number of Personnel	3	6	9	83	116	38

If a DCCM is scheduled to retire on July 1, 2001, that retirement would generate five advancements. One DCCS would advance to DCCM, one DCC would advance to DCCS, and so on. In addition to the five advancements, the DC rating would have a vacancy at the E-4 level. An "A" school graduate, an "RK" or a striker could fill that vacancy.

Now let's look at the same scenario as the one above except that at the same time the DCCM retires, a DC1 on active duty RELADs and enters the SELRES. In this instance, a DCCS will advance to DCCM, a DCC will advance to DCCS and a DC1 will advance to DCC. However, because the DC1 who RELADs and enters the SELRES fills the DC1 vacancy, there will not be an advancement to DC1 or DC2 and we will not have a vacancy at the DC3 level. A similar situation arises when someone in the IRR enters the SELRES. Advancement opportunities are eliminated as petty officers enter the SELRES.

Remain Eligible: From the time you are recommended to take the SWE until you are actually advanced, it's imperative that you remain fully qualified and eligible for advancement. To list a few items: retain your CO's recommendation; receive evaluations which qualify you for advancement; be in compliance with all Coast Guard regulations, especially Coast Guard Weight Standards, COMDTINST M1020.8(series).

Advancement Opportunities: The majority of ratings have significant advancement opportunities at the E-5 and E-6 level. The chart on the opposite page shows SWE data for the FY99, FY00 and the current year, FY01. The Delta represents the number of additional advancements that could occur had more individuals participated in the SWE.

Now is great time to set your SWE study plan in motion. Start by re-reading MCPO Connolly's article in the March/April 2001 *Reservist* to get some good SWE preparation tips. Stay committed to your plan, try to study a little each day and focus on your goal of advancing. Good luck!

To educate yourself further regarding the enlisted advancement process, review the *Reserve Policy Manual*, COMDTINST M1001.28, Section 7.C, and the *CG Personnel Manual*, COMDTINST M1000.6A, Chapter 5.C.

RESERVE SERVICEWIDE RESULTS

E-4 through E-6

1999-2001

PY	Rate	Vacancies	Tested	Advanced	Delta	PY	Rate	Vacancies	Tested	Advanced	Delta
BOATSWAIN'S MATE (BM)						MARINE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN (MST)					
PY99	BM1	98	7	7	91	PY99	MST2	0	0	0	0
PY00	BM1	91	12	12	79	PY00	MST2	51	4	4	47
PY01	BM1	91	17			PY01	MST2	51	3	3	48
PY99	BM2	139	7	7	132	PY99	MST3	0	0	0	0
PY00	BM2	138	11	11	127	PY00	MST3	40	0	0	40
PY01	BM2	138	29			PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST (PA)					
DAMAGE CONTROLMAN (DC)						PY99	PA1	3	0	0	3
PY99	DC1	21	6	6	14	PY00	PA1	3	1	1	2
PY00	DC1	21	9	9	12	PY01	PA1	3	4		
PY01	DC1	21	3	3	18	PY99	PA2	3	0	0	3
PY99	DC2	30	2	2	28	PY00	PA2	3	2	2	1
PY00	DC2	29	9	9	20	PY01	PA2	3	2	2	1
PY01	DC2	29	7	7	22	PORT SECURITY SPECIALIST (PS)					
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE (EM)						PY99	PS1	47	66	32	15
PY99	EM1	14	4	4	10	PY00	PS1	54	29	29	25
PY00	EM1	12	2	2	10	PY01	PS1	59	57		
PY01	EM1	14	4	4	10	PY99	PS2	86	16	16	70
PY99	EM2	23	2	2	21	PY00	PS2	67	8	8	59
PY00	EM2	23	2	2	21	PY01	PS2	67	81		
PY01	EM2	23	1	1	22	PY99	PS3	0	0	0	0
FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST (FS)						PY00	PS3	0	2	2	0 (+ 2)
PY99	FS1	6	0	0	6	QUARTERMASTER (QM)					
PY00	FS1	0	7	7	0	PY99	QM1	13	2	2	11
PY01	FS1	6	8		0	PY00	QM1	13	1	1	12
PY99	FS2	26	0	0	26	PY01	QM1	13	2	2	11
PY00	FS2	26	1	1	25	PY99	QM2	15	3	3	12
PY01	FS2	26	2	2	24	PY00	QM2	8	2	2	6
GUNNERS MATE (GM)						PY01	QM2	7	2	2	5
PY99	GM1	9	0	0	9	TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST (TC)					
PY00	GM1	8	3	3	5	PY99	TC1	0	6	6	0 (+ 6)
PY01	GM1	8	1	1	7	PY00	TC1	15	4	4	11
PY99	GM2	11	6	6	5	PY01	TC1	15	3	3	12
PY00	GM2	12	0	0	12	PY99	TC2	22	2	2	20
PY01	GM2	12	0	0	12	PY00	TC2	25	5	5	20
HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIAN (HS)						PY01	TC2	25	3	3	22
PY99	HS1	10	2	2	8	PY99	TC3	0	0	0	0
PY00	HS1	9	1	1	8	PY00	TC3	13	0	0	13
PY01	HS1	9	5	5	4	TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN (TT)					
PY99	HS2	14	2	2	12	PY99	TT1	3	1	1	2
PY00	HS2	14	4	4	10	PY00	TT1	2	2	2	0
PY01	HS2	14	3	3	11	PY01	TT1	2	1	1	1
INVESTIGATOR (IV)						PY99	TT2	3	0	0	3
PY99	IV1	7	9	9	0 (+ 2)	PY00	TT2	3	0	0	3
PY00	IV1	9	1	1	8	PY01	TT2	3	0	0	3
PY01	IV1	12	5	5	7	PY99	TT3	1	0	0	1
PY99	IV2	13	0	0	13	PY00	TT3	1	0	0	1
PY00	IV2	13	5	5	7	YEOMAN (YN)					
PY01	IV2	13	17			PY99	YN1	37	7	7	30
MACHINERY TECHNICIAN (MK)						PY00	YN1	5	47	47	0
PY99	MK1	86	14	14	72	PY01	YN1	18	39		
PY00	MK1	64	17	17	47	PY99	YN2	44	6	6	38
PY01	MK1	77	12	12	65	PY00	YN2	17	55	55	0
PY99	MK2	116	8	8	108	PY01	YN2	47	18	18	29
PY00	MK2	115	6	6	109	<i>Source: Commandant (G-WTR-1)</i>					
PY01	MK2	115	12	12	113						
PY99	MK3	64	0	0	64						
PY00	MK3	0	4	4	0 (+ 4)						

THIS YEAR'S SERVICEWIDE EXAM IS SATURDAY, OCT. 20, 2001



BM1

9 TOLBERT G M STA PANAMA CITY
 10 PETERS S C MSO PITTSBURGH
 11 VARGO M E CGC OSAGE
 12 LANGEFELD E M PSU 309 - PORT CLIN
 13 GREINER N ACT SAN DIEGO
 14 GARRISON J R MSO LOUISVILLE
 15 PRINCIOTTA W J GP/AIRSTA ATLANTIC
 16 FITZPATRICK K R STA MANASQUAN INLET
 17 IRHAZY M D STA SEATTLE
 18 HAGGSTROM E STA MERRIMAC RIVER
 19 WOLF B C STA BARNEGAT LIGHT
 20 FREIDNER C C PSU 309 - PORT CLINTON
 21 THOMAS K E STA CASTLE HILL
 22 STANESSEWSKI R A STA SAND KEY
 23 MCCHESENEY J P STA MANASQUAN INLET
 24 AICEGA C M CGC POINT BROWER

BM3

13 LITTEN W A CG ANT POTOMAC
 14 SHANNON J P STA JONES BEACH
 15 KENYON R W STA CASTLE HILL
 16 THOMPSON J L STA BELLINGHAM
 17 DOWD T J STA PORTSMOUTH

GMCM

1 KLAUSING B A TRACEN CAPE MAY

GMCS

1 OKELLY P S GP BUFFALO

GMC

1 HARTMAN F O PSU 309 - PORT CLIN
 2 FREEMAN C A GP BOSTON
 3 COGER T J CGRU HDCU 201

HSC

1 WETZSTEIN D W CGC WYAONDA
 2 BROWN M B CG YARD

IVC

1 ROBERSON E C CGIS DET ST LOUIS
 2 VALLONE F C CGIS NORTHEAST REG
 3 NEW W F CGIS CHESAPEAKE REG.
 4 LEIGHTY J M CGIS NORTHWEST REG
 5 FREDERKING C R CGIS DET ST LOUIS
 6 MOSS M D CGIS LONG BEACH
 7 ZEAGLER D S CGIS DET SAN JUAN

MSTCM

1 VALDEZ J L MSO CORPUS CHRISTI

MSTCS

1 DISTEFANO M J MSO PHILADELPHIA

MSTC

1 BARGER R L MSO PADUCAH
 2 JAEGER A S MSO MILWAUKEE
 3 FRUTIGER D J MSO PUGET SOUND
 4 ERICKSON W MSO PHILADELPHIA
 5 KOBYLANSKI K F MSO BUFFALO

MST1

8 PEREZ C G MSO CORPUS CHRISTI

PAC

1 WILSON J D TRACEN YORKTOWN

1 POMROY P S
 2 NORTH W A

3 FISHER K C

1 LARKIN D K
 2 MINARD R J
 3 WILDER D D
 4 NYGREN M E

26 NAKAMURA C R
 27 DONOHUE D K
 28 BESHEARS M S
 29 BARRERA H E
 30 ARMAS R J
 31 MORE J A

32 HANDY R
 33 RENNAN T T
 34 MERRITT F R
 35 GALLEY P J
 36 CARRILLO A
 37 BROWNE C L
 38 HARRE D C

39 MATYNKA R W
 40 MULLINS C A

41 LAWSON D J
 42 HENDRIX J T
 43 IMURA G J
 44 POSTLETHWAITE C
 45 WAUGH C R

46 BALTAR J R
 47 KNOX J O

48 GREGANTI H S
 49 VOJNIK J P

50 CASTELLANO M A
 51 QUINLAN P L

52 DAVIS C E
 53 WINE J D
 54 LAMB R T
 55 ROWELL W R
 56 BARTON B C
 57 VASQUEZ K G

26 STERNER P J
 27 GARRY T M

28 SWIFT D E
 29 POLITE A

30 MEERSCHIEDT J J
 31 PINEIRO P A

32 HAY K A
 33 DUDLEY C L

34 BURT J G
 35 OWENSBY B D

36 EMILE G E
 37 HAMEL K W

38 HICKS K J
 39 BRADY T D

PSCM

MSO HONOLULU
 MSO PUGET SOUND

PSCS

PSU 309 - PORT CLIN

PSC

PSU 313
 MSO TAMPA
 CGRU HDCU 206
 MSO SAN FRANCISCO B

PS1

ESD SAN PEDRO
 CG YARD
 PSU 308 - GULFPORT
 MSO CORPUS CHRISTI
 PSU 311 - LONG BEAC
 PORT SECURITY UNIT
 MSO CORPUS CHRISTI
 PSU 311 - LONG BEAC
 MSO SAVANNAH
 STA BUFFALO
 RUITOFF GREENSBORO
 PSU 308 - GULFPORT
 MSO ST LOUIS
 GP/AIRSTA ATLANTIC
 MSO TAMPA
 PSU 308 - GULFPORT
 MSO SAVANNAH
 PACAREA ARMORY SAN

PSU 313
 CG GI CAREDET

MSO SAN JUAN
 MSO MOBILE
 MSO MEMPHIS
 CGRU HDCU 111

ACT NEW YORK
 ACT NEW YORK

CG PSU 305 - FORT EUST
 MSO SAVANNAH

ACT NEW YORK
 PSU 308 - GULFPORT

ISC ST LOUIS
 PSU 311 - LONG BEAC

PS2

PORT SECURITY UNIT
 PORT SECURITY UNIT
 PSU 313

GP/MSO LONG ISLAND
 GP CORPUS CHRISTI
 ACT NEW YORK

MSD EUREKA
 MSO TAMPA

MSD BATON ROUGE-SUP
 PSU 311 - LONG BEAC

CGD EIGHT ASP
 MSO PORTLAND

PSU 308 - GULFPORT
 MSO WILMINGTON

40 ROSS S N MSO BOSTON
 41 VANLEEUEWEN S C PSU 311 - LONG BEAC
 42 ROUSE M M MSO JACKSONVILLE
 43 FITZGERALD J W PSU 309 - PORT CLIN
 44 ROTHROCK M I ACT NEW YORK
 45 KEATING R J MSO BOSTON
 46 WYATT M C PSU 305 - FORT EUST
 47 BOZEC J J PSU 308 - GULFPORT
 49 NAKAMOTO R T CG RUITOFF NORFOLK
 50 TARRANT A J MSO DETROIT
 51 ROGERS B D STA PORTLAND
 52 BARBATO M L ACT NEW YORK
 53 SOSA D A MSO MIAMI
 54 PEDRE J C MSO MIAMI
 55 ESTEBAN P R MSO SAN FRANCISCO B
 56 QUEVEDO G G ACT NEW YORK
 57 MCCLINTOCK M MSFO CAPE COD
 58 OUTLAW M D MSO SAN DIEGO
 59 POST K R ACT NEW YORK
 60 FUTCH B G PORT SECURITY UNIT
 61 PAIS T J PSU 305 - FORT EUST
 62 PECO V J PSU 308 - GULFPORT
 63 BRENNAN M K PSU 311 - LONG BEAC
 64 SURBER F J ACT NEW YORK
 65 FLEMING E E ACT NEW YORK
 66 OREILLY R J MSO PROVIDENCE
 67 CRABTREE M W PSU 305 - FORT EUST

2 BENETE J

1 LIEBERMAN R V

1 TRACY J F
 2 CONNER D W

1 DUPONT K L

1 THOMAS C

1 ROE M C
 2 CLINTON C C
 3 VENTURA D M

1 BEBOUT B J
 2 KENTCH L S
 3 PRIESTMAN A M
 4 HARRISON J C
 5 EZELL L M
 6 GRAVISS J D

2A LIMAS P
 19 ISAAC D J
 20 NEUBECHER K J

PS3

CGRU HDCU 201

QMCS

CGC COWSLIP

QMC

GP PORTLAND
 PSU 308 - GULFPORT

SKCS

GP/MSO LONG ISLAND

SKC

CG MLCLANT

TCC

GP HONOLULU
 CG TISCOM
 CGRU US TRANSCOM

YNC

CGD NINE
 MSO ST LOUIS
 CGD ONE
 MSO PORTLAND
 ISC ST LOUIS
 CG ICC

YN2

CG RUITOFF SANDIEGO
 CG LANTAREA
 GP MAYPORT

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MEDALS & AWARDS

CG COMMENDATION MEDAL

LCDR Gregory V. Guenard, MSO Duluth

CG ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

LCCR Joseph Fischetti, D1 Public Affairs
 Lcdr Robert P. Forgit, MSO Anchorage
 (gold star in lieu of 5th)

LT Daniel V. Venne, USCG Marine Safety Center
 Special Agent Christopher S. McCoy, CGIS SE Region

COMMANDANT'S LETTER OF COMMENDATION

LT Daniel V. Venne, USCG Marine Safety Center
 BMC Mark H. Allen, Commandant(G-WTR)

MILITARY OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE

MKCM Guy F. Pasco, NESU Honolulu
 MKC Brian L. Siperly, NESU Honolulu

SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICE RIBBON*

Special Agent Luis J. Sierra, CGIS SE Region
 Special Agent Ismael Crespo, CGIS SE Region
 Special Agent Floberto Ortiz, CGIS SE Region
 Special Agent Christopher S. McCoy, CGIS SE Region
 * For OPSAIL 2000

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MARCH 2001

CAPT Seth J. Hudak, D5*
 CDR Richard P. Perez, D8
 LCDR George E. Morash, D1*
 LT Jon S. Taylor, D11*
 CWO4 Charles W. Buckman, D11*
 CWO3 Deborah S. Carlson, D7
 CWO2 Curtis W. Gray, D9*
 PSCM Raymond M. Sullivan, D11*
 SKCS Donald R. Vinyard, D8
 BMC Thomas M. Reilly, D1*
 BMC Vernon H. Wescott, D9*
 DC1 Brian L. Ahlin, D9
 IV1 Joseph J. Delmarmol, D11
 MK1 Robert L. McFeaters, D8
 MK1 Steven S. Spillman, D7*
 MST1 Jerry W. White, D8*
 PS1 Joseph E. Gibbons, D7*
 PS1 Wayne P. Grossnickle, D5
 PS1 Gasparo J. Lepore, D1*
 HS2 Sanford R. Wagner, D7*
 MK2 Daniel R. Cummings, D9
 MK2 Dave M. Stafford, D11
 MST2 Robert A. Thomas, D11
 DC3 Robert L. Shoemaker, D7
 MK3 Robert R. Nash, D5
 PS3 Clayton F. Clark, D7

ALL HANDS "ON DECK"



Photo courtesy YN1 Gail E. Owens, USCGR

YN1 Kathryn Matthews, front and center, was acknowledged by Station Brunswick Coasties for her 25 years service in the Reserve at the recent All Hands weekend. Matthews was a plankowner in the St. Simon, Ga. Reserve Unit established in 1978 and also for Station Brunswick in September 1995. She was activated for the Cuban Boatlift in 1980 and for Desert Storm in 1990.

APRIL 2001

CAPT Anthony E. Castberg, D14*

LT Lawrence T. Nash, D5*
 MK1 Mickey R. Reid, D8*

* *RET-1 (Retired With Pay); all others are RET-2. Source: HRSIC (ras)*

T A P S



- **CDR William T. Allen**, USCGR(ret.), of Kingwood, Texas, passed away May 13, 2001, of heart failure in Huntsville, Texas. He retired from the CGR on July 9, 1977. Interment Huntsville, Texas.

- **CDR Edward D. Fullerton**, USCGR(ret.), 85, of Walpole, Mass. and formerly of Dover, Mass., passed away April 23, 2001. He first enlisted during World War II, and served on *CGC Mohawk* and then an Army freighter in the Pacific. He served a total of 31 years. As a civilian, he was an industrial engineer. He is survived by his wife, Ardelle (Moseley); four children, Susan Ware; Ardelle Legg; Rebecca Omerhi; and Mary Fullerton; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Private family services were held at St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley, Mass. on Friday, May 11, 2001. Donations in his memory may be made to the Dover Conservation Commission, Dover, MA 02030.

- **CDR Laura F. Lawrence**, USCGR(ret.), 90, CG Spar, passed away May 6, 2001. She served during World War II and at CG Headquarters during the Korean and Vietnam wars. A full military honors funeral was held at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. on May 24, 2001. Interment Arlington National Cemetery.

- **CWO4 Charles P. Dondero**, USCGR(ret.), of Hyattsville, Md., passed away March 24, 2001.

- **CWO4 Maurice L. White**, USCGR(ret.), passed away March 19, 2001. He retired from the CGR on Nov. 3, 1989.

- **HMC Charles K. Garmon**, USCGR(ret.), passed away April 8, 2001. He retired from the CGR on April 18, 1981.

- **DC2 Larry E. Miklas**, USCGR, 49, of Bethlehem, Pa., succumbed to cancer May 6, 2001, at LeHigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, Pa. His military career included service in the Marine Corps in Vietnam, Marine Corps Reserve, Army Reserve, Air Force Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve where he served at the Atlantic Area Strike Team, Fort Dix, N.J. As a civilian, he was self-employed in maintenance and had owned and operated a coal delivery business in Nazareth, Pa. He is survived by his mother, Lulu; brother, Richard. Military funeral services were held on May 10, 2001 with interment at Greenwood Cemetery, Nazareth, Pa.

Astonishing

Sea Stories

Art and story by P.A.S. Ron Spellman
Color by P.A.I. Dave French,
Coast Guard Academy

NEW YORK HARBOR, 1927- ENSIGN CHARLES DUKE, ABOARD THE 36-FOOT PICKET BOAT CG 2327, SPOTS A SUSPICIOUS VESSEL...

HEY! THAT OLD RUSTBUCKET LOOKS LIKE IT'S TRYING TO SNEAK PAST CUSTOMS! I'LL BET IT'S A RUMRUNNER!

AHOY! THIS IS THE COAST GUARD! STOP YOUR ENGINE!



NO ANSWER! WELL, THESE WARNING SHOTS SHOULD GET THEIR ATTENTION!...

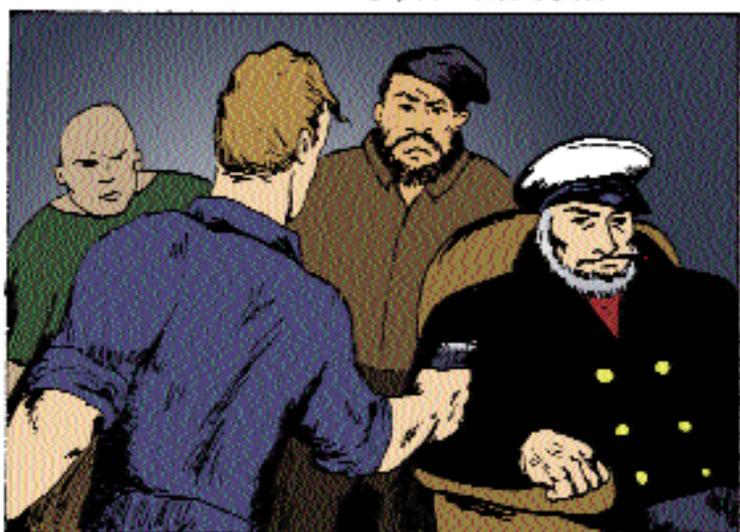


NO DICE! THEY'RE NOT STOPPING! WELL, HERE GOES NOTHING!



HEY! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING!?!

DUKE QUICKLY FOUND THE SHIP'S PILOT-HOUSE AND ORDERED THE CAPTAIN TO STOP THE BOAT!



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BACK TO BATAR — TEN YEARS LATER!

About a year ago, *The Reservist* editor and I were talking when we realized 10 years had slipped by since the Desert Shield/Desert Storm adventure of 1990/91. Almost exactly 10 years later, I watched members of PSU 309 Detachment Bravo deploy for the Middle East after the *USS Cole* incident. It was just before Christmas. Then I watched the MARSEC Detachment Delta deploy in January 2001.

I had mixed emotions.

I felt sad that I was unable to go with them. I was glad that the Coast Guard Reserve and the PSU community were once again on the tip of the spear for a real-world operation. With a strong presence of “veterans” from Desert Storm and Haiti, I knew they would do an outstanding job. I had packed my desert cammies away never thinking I would have another chance to wear them. Then, in March 2001, I was offered the opportunity to fly over to the Middle East with the replacement unit (Detachment Charlie). It was a combined unit made up of personnel from PSU 309 and PSU 307.

I accepted the invitation. We boarded our MAC charter flight in Norfolk, Va. It was 25 hours long with five stops. While that seems like a long time, it was much better than the flight in 1991 aboard the C-141. That flight was about 35 hours long, with three stops, and was far less comfortable. We had sling seats for 100 and we had 117 aboard — elbow to elbow and knee to knee, and no flight attendants to bring us meals or peanuts. We only had an MRE (Meals Ready to Eat) passed at strategic times along the way. By contrast, this year’s flight had windows and the flight was non-smoking!

Arriving in country this time, I found the sky was blue and clear — a strange color. All I remember about the sky from 1991 was a constant overcast from the smoke cloud blowing down from Kuwait. There were times that the sun was barely visible — even at noon! There has been quite a bit of growth over the past 10 years. Areas that were water or open land now have high-rise buildings on them. Also, it has more of a westernized feel to it than I remember. Cell phones and e-mail make the present day deployments much better.

I was unable to get into Saudi Arabia to see my old “home” in the Port of Ad Dammam, but I did get to see it from the air as we flew home. As I looked down from about 7,000 feet, it was strangely empty. I remember

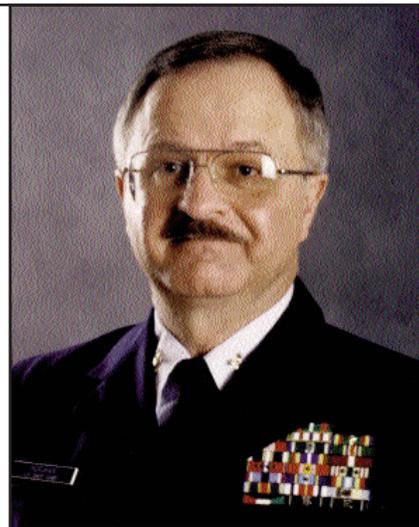
all the berths being full of ships — Military Sealift Command (MSC) ships waiting offshore, and the piers being full of ammunition, tanks, and people.

In 1991, we were still novices in the PSU business and it took some time to get up to speed in country. This time, I was amazed how quickly the changeover went with the detachments. Within a short period of time, the new detachment had taken over and was doing the mission. It spoke volumes on how the program has progressed preparing for real-world scenarios. The pride and professionalism of our units was noted by the Navy, Marines, and the MSC communities.

In this column, I have pointed out the many differences in comparing the Middle East 10 years after Desert Storm. One thing is unchanged — the “care packages” via “snail mail” are still very welcome. On a personal note, there are similarities one being that this trip and the Desert Storm adventure of 1991 will forever be high points of my life. Also, when I got home this time I said the same thing I did in 1991 — “It is great to be home and God Bless America!”

To all those who have deployed, past and present, thank you for what you sacrificed for our country. Bravo Zulu on a great mission. You are my heroes! Thank you for allowing me to share part of it.

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Ten years ago, the men and women of the Coast Guard Reserve answered the call, and helped liberate a country thousands of miles from home. For their honor, respect and devotion to duty, the staff of The Reservist salutes and says thank you.

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