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AS TORRENTIAL RAINS AND RAGING RIVERS
WREAK HAVOC IN THE HEARTLAND.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to issue number 456 (or thereabouts) of THE RESERVIST magazine. Yes, I recently did a count of all the issues ever produced and I think we're "unofficially" in the 450s. No, I don't have too much time on my hands — I keep busy — but inquiring minds needed and wanted to know.

I think the issue you're holding in your hands holds some very good, very helpful and hopefully some very inspirational information. Let's start with the cover.

As floodwaters continued to rise in the Midwest earlier this summer, the Coast Guard lived up to its motto. Although there wasn't a large Reserve call-up like in 1993, the flooding was significant as was the Reserve's involvement and that's the reason the Midwest floods are back on the cover (as it was in August/September 1993 and May 1997 as well). The Coast Guard made a major contribution, including the rescue of eight people.

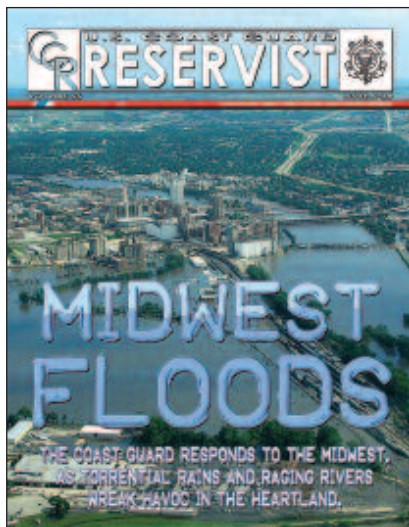
While PSU 307's deployment to Guantanamo Naval Base in Cuba continues, PSU 309 deployed for the Middle East/CENTCOM in late May. Some members of PSU 309 also volunteered to be part of Honor Flight Cleveland, a program that flies World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. to see the monuments. It's a great program and you can read about it and PSU 309's deployment in this issue.

Are you familiar with the name CDR Juan del Castillo, USCGR(Ret.)? Well, you will be after reading about his ground breaking work to feed the hungry. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) honored him recently with a Lifetime Achievement award. LT Rick Howell has captured this year's Williams Award while Sector St. Petersburg took the Sparks Award. PS3 Courtney Greer, USCGR, was recently awarded the U.S. Navy's Expeditionary Warfare Specialist pin. It is believed she is the first Coast Guard petty officer to qualify for this specialty pin. Bravo Zulu to all!

Congratulations are also due to RADM John Acton, who retired from the CGR June 30 after 36 years of service. Also to RDML Steve Day, USCGR, was promoted to rear admiral on June 9. Three cheers are also due MCPO Paul Ladut, author of this issue's "On Deck." He retired July 12, 2008, after 40 years of service. Both the "View" and "On Deck" are farewell columns and lessons learned from two shipmates who served a combined total of 76 years! Wow! Make sure you give both of their columns a read.

D11 has the spotlight this issue as we continue our tour of different districts throughout the year. Meanwhile, our "Career Speak" series continues with number four.

Finally, do you ever get confused using the terms Reserve, reserve (lowercase), reservist and Coast Guard Reservist? You're not alone! End the confusion by reading, "Using terms Reserve, reserve, reservist" on Page 35. It's a great little article and I hope it helps you as much as it's helped me over the years. Based on the article, here's an example of correct usage: Happy Coast Guard Day to all reservists, reserve members and Coast Guard Reservists who serve in our Reserve!



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Coast Guard photo by PAZ Lauren Jorgensen

(From left) The Coast Guard's Enlisted Ancient Albatross, AMTC Peter MacDougall; Gold Ancient Mariner, VADM Robert Papp; Silver Ancient Mariner, GMCS Christopher Kukla; and new Ancient Keeper, CWO4 Kevin Galvin; gather in the lighthouse at Coast Guard Station Point Judith, R.I. June 20, 2008.

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IT Issue: CAC Card Confusion?

Your story on CAC Cards in the 4-08 issue (Page 25) of THE RESERVIST on CAC Cards created more questions than answers. My understanding is that these will replace the existing military ID cards. The article stated that requirements to get a new CAC include: verification of identity, a favorably adjudicated fingerprint check and the initiation of a background investigation. How will this affect retired reservists? Will a current ID card verify identity, can fingerprints be checked at issuance, and will background investigations be required? Will this require more than one trip to the issuing office?

— **CWO4 John Kulma USCGR(Ret.)**
Mentor, Ohio

Ed's note: According to coauthors Mr. Jason Arnold and CWO2 Tina Tennyson, CAC cards are not replacing all ID cards. Retirees and dependents will still be issued the same style cards they currently have. Arnold says the requirements listed do not apply to retirees unless they return to work for the government in the capacity of a federal employee or contractor.

Column Idea: Reserve Myths versus Facts

Hello! I'm a reservist assigned to Sector Portland, Ore. I have a suggestion for a new column that I believe could really help reservists and those that manage and support them. This column would deal with or address reserve myths and discuss the reality or facts.

First, let me give some background info. As my command tries to effectively manage our reservists, questions inevitably come up about what things can be done, when things will happen, etc. We have referred to the various Coast Guard pubs and directives, as well as our supporting FOT, and various program managers. We have found considerable conflicting information and policy interpretations at all levels. We also found occasionally there are no clear answers to the questions. We even find there are people (self proclaimed subject matter experts) who are quick to offer an answer, but when pressed for proof, are unable to backup their positions with hard facts.

I know we aren't the only Coast Guard unit that struggles with trying to find the answers. Toward that end, I have often wished there was a definitive Reserve Frequently Asked Questions forum or some method to publish frequent Reserve questions and their answers so that everyone could benefit. I believe THE RESERVIST magazine might be a great media to accomplish this.

The benefits of this are many. If THE RESERVIST added this column/feature, editors could solicit, research, and discuss Reserve questions or myths, especially those NOT clearly answered. As time goes on, a web page hosted perhaps by CGPC-rpm could collect all the past posts so that anyone could refer to the page in order to find answers and their references. I also think these attempts to clarify myths and answer questions could later be used by CGPC-rpm when it comes time to consider revisions for the Reserve Policy Manual.

Below are some examples of questions I have frequently



this is, with regards to when a reservist must perform their drills, does a reservist have any rights? Is there any policy that governs this?

- When does an IDT drill officially start and end? When Direct Access shows it? Or at 00:01 / 23:59? Or is it when a member departs for IDT and ultimately returns home?
- With regards to being subject to the UCMJ, is there a difference between the active duty and reserve, reserve enlisted and reserve officer? For example, a common claim is reserve enlisted are only subject to the UCMJ when on some type of orders, but reserve officers are subject 24 hours a day.
- Are reservists subject to the UCMJ in-between drills?
- Can a reservist be successfully charged with unauthorized absence for failing to perform a scheduled drill? Why or why not?
- Does a reservist need permission/approval from the Coast Guard, the command, or a supervisor in order to move to another city, state, or country?

Thanks for your consideration.

— **LT Larry Siegle, USCGR**
Sector Portland, Ore.

Ed's note: Great idea and good questions! We'll put it on the planning board for the magazine's annual planning meeting later this year, and perhaps we can implement this idea in 2009! Reservists and all of our readers are always welcome to chime in on this topic and any others as well by sending an e-mail to: TheReservist@uscg.mil.

Appreciated Taps for BM1 Mullen

Please accept my sincere thanks for the tribute THE RESERVIST paid to BM1 Steve Mullen in Issue 3-08 (Page 38). I had the honor of working with BM1 Mullen for almost eight years, and Steve's dedication to and love of the United States

encountered at a variety of Coast Guard units over my reserve career that have generated animated debates at all levels of our organization:

- When a reserve officer with more than 20 years is passed over twice, the officer will be retired immediately. When is immediate? Does immediate mean within the week/month of official notification or the following June?
- When a reservist with 20 good years is promoted (officers) or advanced (enlisted), how long must they wait before they can retire at the new pay grade? Is it one day or two years?
- Can we compel a reservist to perform a drill? If so, how; if not, why not? (I have stated that the act of drilling is voluntary compliance — much like our tax system).
- Can a unit make a reservist perform their drill during the weekdays? Another way to ask

Coast Guard exemplified the qualities that make our service so successful. Steve devoted his life to serving his family, community, and country and your obituary did a wonderful job of capturing the great person and great Coastie that Steve was.

— **LCDR Scott Linsky, USCGR**
USCG Atlantic Strike Team

Fort Dix, N.J.

Thanks for publishing “Taps” for BM1 Steve Mullens. It meant a lot to the Atlantic Strike Team and me. BM1 Mullens was a loyal, dedicated Coast Guardsman. The Atlantic Strike Team sent Lcdr Scott Linsky, BMC Thomas Stolte and me to render honors at the funeral as well as an MK1 and a BM1 from Sector Delaware Bay.

The Pitman, N.J. Fire Department provided a fire truck to take him by his fire station, and sounded a call to a fire. They had his turnout gear on the apron of the firehouse — he did not respond for his last call and they took him to his place of rest on top of a large fire apparatus with the fire chief and two firemen on the end transom of the truck. As we approached the cemetery, there were two ladder trucks with their aerial ladders extended with the national ensign hanging down, a fitting and proper tribute to an unsung Coast Guardsman who gave his all for his family, friends, community and the United States Coast Guard. He was indeed “Always Ready” and ready in all ways.

BM1 Mullens will be missed — rest in peace, shipmate.

— **CWO4 Thomas P. McLaughlin, USCGR(Ret.)**
Hatboro, Pa.

Centurion Coast Guard Reservist!

I would like to recognize my Grandpa Franklin (Frank) Harrison Stallings, who served in the USCGR in 1944-45 as a BM3. Grandpa was and is to this day my inspiration for joining the Coast Guard and my being a part of this wonderful career for almost 23 years, and hopefully more. I always remember Grandpa’s picture from when he was in the Coast Guard and listening to his stories of how proud he was to have been in the Coast Guard Reserve during World War II. Though he was married and had four sons at the time he joined, he felt that he was a part of keeping his country safe from enemy forces off the coast of Miami.

Grandpa Frank turned 100 years old on June 2, 2008. During his birthday celebration, he showed his love of the Coast Guard by proudly displaying his Coast Guard hat. Also the



birthday banner displayed included his picture in his Coast Guard uniform.

— **BMC Troy Stallings, USCGR**
Maritime Force Protection Unit
Kings Bay, Ga.

A Simple Thank You!

Just a simple thank you. At the end of a long one, it made my week to sit down with my latest edition of THE RESERVIST (Issue 3-08) to find it full of good reasons to be so very proud of our organization. In addition to great stories about Coasties in action, it is always a treat to find pictures, stories and news about people I have had the honor of meeting or working with, such as recently retired CAPT Carl Nagata, my friend and very patient mentor, current D13 SRO CAPT Steven Penn, recent Bronze Star recipient CWO4 Jack Brown, whom I met in Kuwait, and last year’s REPOY, OS1 Tom Zeiner (he will confirm I taught him everything he knows — well, maybe at least a little of it).

It was bittersweet, though, to find a great boss, a great leader, and a great 13th District Commander had passed away long before it should have been his time. RADM J. David Spade was a true gentleman and one of the most unflappable senior officers I have ever met. Thank you again for keeping me in the loop.

— **LCDR Cameron Webster, USCGR**
Seattle, Wash.

Calling All Coasties!

I just got a phone call from a Coast Guard buddy I hadn’t seen in years (Thanks Tim!). It was great catching up on families, jobs, old times, and new stations.

After we hung up, I got to thinking that all of us, as members of this great big Coast Guard family, ought to do that more often. It is our friends and shipmates who make a difference in the service that we carry out.

So I’d like to propose that we set aside a special day to call an old shipmate, chat about days gone by, and let them know that they were an important part of our crew, or unit or career. Let them know it was an honor to serve with them.

I know that Aug. 4 is a date that is near and dear to all of us, and so from now on, that’s when I’ll be making my calls. If you get one of those calls, pass it along to another shipmate, and if you don’t, then take it on yourself to make that call. (If you don’t have their phone number, then jump on the internet and track it down.)

— **BMC Matt Varhaug, USCGR**
Houston, Texas

Quick Notes/Corrections

I love that kelly green and mint green used throughout the mag (Issue 4-08). Great job! CWO4 Lavonia Bass, my dear friend, retired on Feb. 28, 2008. She’s a true friend and one of a kind. Her name was spelled like Livonia, Mich. — it should be Lavonia with an “a.”

— **YN1 Patricia Feeney, USCGR**
ISC Cleveland, Ohio

Ed’s note: Sorry about the misspelling of CWO4 Lavonia Bass in Issue 4-08. Tony K. Williams was listed incorrectly as a PS3 in the Retirements section (RET-2) of Issue 3-08. He retired as a PS2. We regret the errors and have republished both names correctly in this issue’s Retirements section.



PORTSMOUTH, Va. — RDML Steven E. Day, right, shakes hands with RADM John C. Acton, left, after relieving Acton as Deputy Commander for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs for U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Area as VADM Brian Peterman presides at a change of watch ceremony June 9, 2008. The position that Day has assumed is one of only two Reserve flag officer positions in the Coast Guard. Coast Guard photo by PA3 Mark Jones, D5 Public Affairs



GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba — Port Security Unit 307's Transportable Port Security Boat escorts the CGC TAMPA through Guantanamo Bay, June 1, 2008. PSU 307, currently deployed to Guantanamo Bay, provides port and maritime security for the water around U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

JTF Guantanamo photo Pvt. Carlynn M. Knaak, USA







BOOTHBAY HARBOR

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BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Maine — The 35-foot lobster boat Perry's Pride III caught fire and sank near Pumpkin Island, Maine, July 5, 2008. One person was rescued from the water, and a boat crew from Station Boothbay Harbor took him to a local hospital. Eight reservists drill at Station Boothbay Harbor. Coast Guard photo by BMC Chuck Chavtur, Station Boothbay Harbor



By
RADM
John C. Acton,
USCGR(Ref.)

Director,
Coast Guard and DHS,
Presidential Transition
Team

“We are all about service to others. For the Coast Guard, this is the foundation of our ethos as “Guardians.” It is deeply embedded in our organizational DNA, it’s part of our culture, and it is simply who we are and what we do.”

“Permission to Lay Ashore?”

After four very rewarding years as a Reserve flag officer, this is my final “View From the Bridge.” On June 9, RDML Steve Day relieved me as the Deputy Commander for Atlantic Area at a Change of Watch ceremony in Portsmouth, Va. I officially retired on Monday, June 30, 2008 in an emotional (for me) ceremony at the National Defense University at Ft. McNair in Washington, D.C. RADM Mike Seward received his second star, and assumed the added title of Senior Reserve Officer July 1.

So my career comes to a close. I’ve been around long enough to be considered “Old Guard” by some, perhaps a fossil by others. When my career in uniform started at the Coast Guard Academy on June 26, 1972, the Dow Jones average stood at 921, the median household income in the U.S. was under \$9,700, the average new house cost \$30,500, a first-class stamp was eight cents, a gallon of gas was 36 cents, and Atari introduced “Pong”! I was issued khakis, trop whites and a slide rule. We navigated with sextants and H.O. 229, along with Loran A and C. At the time, I thought the first bottle of “White Out” I ever saw was an absolute miracle!

Much water has passed under my keel since then, and I’ve learned a few things I now offer for your consideration:

You’re part of an organization of Guardians. I think Albert Schweitzer was on to something when he said, “Only those are truly happy, who have found a way to serve others.” We are all about service to others. For the Coast Guard, this is the foundation of our ethos as “Guardians.” It is deeply embedded in our organizational DNA, it’s part of our culture, and it is simply who we are and what we do. Put helping others ahead of your personal career and you’ll find the rewards can be immense.

This Guardian organization has tremendous leadership capability that the nation needs. It was apparent in the hours after 9/11, during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, and in our response to Katrina and Rita. Continue to have a bias for action, for getting results. I’ve always listened to the Chief’s Mess for a clear way ahead and a seasoned perspective on virtually every problem I’ve dealt with.

Day to day, we tend to focus on our problems, issues and warts — on what’s not going well. I can tell you from my personal experience, however, that throughout our sister military services and other federal agencies, the Coast Guard is recognized for doing a lot of things right. Certainly there’s room for improvement, and I’ve been frustrated at times with the lack of speed and scope of our progress. Nevertheless, we should not lose sight of all that we do well. A balanced perspective is a good thing.

Finally, take pride and remember this; regardless of your political affiliation:

- What the U.S. does in the world is important;
- What our military and the Coast Guard does in the world is important;
- What those of you who have worn the uniform have done was important; and
- What those of you still serving others are doing today is important. It matters.

I can’t recall a stronger leadership team than the Coast Guard enjoys right now. There is a lot of necessary change underway and at times it can feel like permanent white water. I can tell you with confidence that the Reserve Force is in very capable hands under RDML Dan May, RADM Mike Seward, RDML Steve Day, MCPO-CGRF Jeff Smith, and a strong leadership cadre of senior reserve officers and gold/silver badge chiefs. I know you’ll make the best possible speed.

Some of you may know that I’ve already been recalled from retirement to serve for a year to lead the Presidential Transition Team for both the Coast Guard and DHS. It’s the latest in a string of windfall opportunities I’ve been fortunate to receive. As I get smarter about this effort, I suspect there may be meaningful opportunities for some of you interested in serving, at least part-time, on the team. I’ll communicate any needs to the fleet through RADM Seward’s and RDML Day’s networks.

It has been my personal honor to serve with you.

I stand relieved. Semper Paratus.

A Great Coast Guard “Day!”



Photo by Michael Turci

The admiral shoulder boards are placed on Steven E. Day, center, by his daughter, Meghan Leahy, left, and wife, Shari Day, right, during a ceremony in Portsmouth, Va. June 9. Looking on are his son, Brian Day, far left, and VADM Brian Peterman, Commander, Atlantic Area, right. The new Reserve flag officer first enlisted in the USCG in 1967 and hails from Port Edwards, Wis., located about 90 miles west of Green Bay.

LANTAREA Senior Reserve Officers All Hands



Photo by YN3 David Nava

An All Hands meeting of LANTAREA Senior Reserve Officers was held July 1 in Portsmouth, Va. Front row, left to right: CAPT Francis Pelkowski, D5 SRO; CAPT Douglas Ash, CO NORTHCOM CG Element; CAPT Margaret Blomme, EPLO CGHQ; MCPO William Dikun, CMC LANTAREA; CAPT David Martin, D1 SRO; RDML Steve Day, LANT SRO; CAPT Dan Croce, EPLO; CAPT Timothy Crowley, D9 SRO; CDR Barbara

Anderson, DOG SRO; CDR Warren Whitley, SRO for standup of AFRICOM. Back row, l to r: CAPT Jeffrey Anderson, CO TRANSCOM CG Element; CDR Peterson, CENTCOM SRO; CAPT Mike Milkovich, D8; CAPT Scott Ogan, LANTAREA; CDR William Csisar, LANTAREA; CAPT Bruce Bruni, D8; CAPT Scott Beeson, SRO Charleston, S.C.; CAPT Kurt Hinrichs, CO JFCOM CG Element; CAPT Robert Carmack, D7 SRO.

LT Rick Howell is Williams Award Winner 2008

WASHINGTON, D.C. — LT Richard Howell of the Coast Guard Recruiting Command is the 2008 recipient of the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) CAPT Edward R. Williams Coast Guard Reserve Award for Excellence.

“I commend LT Howell for his initiatives and contributions to achieve, value and manage diversity,” said RDML D.R. May, Director of Reserve and Training, in ALCOAST 313/08, which announced this year’s winner. “He has devoted himself to improving diversity recruiting and diversity relations throughout the Coast Guard.”

Examples of Howell’s initiatives and contributions are actively mentoring more than 20 junior officer and enlisted personnel, establishing a mentoring network dedicated to the unique concerns of female and minority officers, and negotiating cost-effective advertising in several publications catering to minority and female audiences resulting in the second highest minority and the seventh



LT Richard Howell

highest female recruitment rates in history. He also led a team of Coast Guard personnel at a major basketball tournament featuring 11 historically black colleges and universities resulting in increased Coast Guard awareness to approximately 20,000 minority spectators over a five-day period. This culminated in the Coast Guard being spotlighted during half time festivities of the championship game. Howell’s work with the Leadership and Diversity Advisory Council has highlighted policy changes that will increase the career success of female and minority members. “This honor is a milestone resulting from years of dedicated service by others I have had the pleasure of serving with,” said LT Howell. “I proudly accept this award on their behalf, and strive to ensure I remain a worthy representative.”

The award will be presented at the NNOA National Conference in Portsmouth, Va. in late July. For more information on the Williams Award, see the Reserve Awards issue of THE RESERVIST (Issue 3-08), Page 26.

Sector St. Petersburg Takes 2007 Sparks Award

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Sector St. Petersburg, Fla. is the FY07 RADM Bennett “Bud” Sparks Award recipient.

This award is presented annually by the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) of the United States to the Coast Guard unit judged to be the most supportive of a totally integrated Coast Guard force demonstrated by its effective use of Coast Guard Reservists as outlined in ALCOAST 134/08.

Sector St. Petersburg demonstrated exceptional Reserve management and readiness by meeting the objective measures and by their concentrated efforts undertaken to improve them. Some of Sector St. Petersburg’s noteworthy initiatives included:

- Active duty and reserve supervisors increased emphasis on operational and administrative readiness. Reserve personnel took ownership of processes that materially benefited the sector with a 400 percent increase in safety and security evolutions, a grade of 100 percent on the Reserve section of the MLCA Compliance Assist Visits that highlighted fully integrated and qualified inspections and investigation teams, boat crews and vessel boarding and safety teams.
- Leveraging of reserve skills throughout the sector for effective mission performance and promulgation of a strategic continuity of operations plan enabling the sector to relocate in the event of catastrophic loss of infrastructure.
- Aggressively securing 970 days of additional active duty time for reserve personnel resulted in an additional 50 personal qualifications being earned.
- Strategically placing reserve personnel in the watch, quarter and station bill, increasing the Sector’s response posture.
- A thorough review of the RPAL enhanced training and administrative readiness metrics with a cross check of CGBI, Direct Access and TMT data on each members service record

resulting in a 10 percent IDT participation improvement, a nine percent improvement in physical exam currency, an 11 percent improvement in dental readiness, a six percent increase in ASQ completion and a boost in TMT data input. Sector St. Petersburg’s integrated Reserve program truly embodies the Team Coast Guard concept and is in alignment with the Commandant’s Reserve Policy Statement.

“Two years ago we looked at our reserve capabilities and mapped out goals and strategies to improve reserve readiness and impact from both a mobilization and an integration standpoint,” said CAPT Joe Servidio, Commander, Sector St. Petersburg. “With the assistance of the District Seven and ISC staffs, and the outstanding initiative and tremendous efforts of our reserve and active duty members, we have been successful in our implementation of the training, administrative, and operational procedures we had identified and developed. Without the talents and capabilities of our reserve and auxiliary members, we couldn’t successfully conduct the ops and manage the risks that we are required to do. I’ve been blessed with a tremendous team here in St. Pete.”

Representatives of Sector St. Petersburg were presented with the award during the ROA 2008 National Convention in Atlanta, Ga. in late June. ALCOAST 265/08 announced the winner.

The award’s namesake, RADM Bennett S. “Bud” Sparks, served in the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve from 1942 until 1989. He continues his strong support of the Coast Guard Reserve since his retirement nearly two decades ago. Originally called the Total Force Award, it was renamed in Sparks’ honor in 1993. For more information on the Sparks Award, see the Reserve Awards story in Issue 3-08 of THE RESERVIST.



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OS2 Stephen R. Demorat, of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 8 (formerly Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron 21), left, receives the 2007 PS3 Ronald A. Gill, Jr. Deployable Operations Group Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year Award from ADM Thad W. Allen, USCG Commandant. The ceremony was held at the DOG's annual Commander's Dinner June 17 with ADM Thad Allen also serving as keynote speaker.



Memorial Bench for PS3 Gill

The family of PS3 Ronald A. Gill Jr. unveiled a granite bench in his memory at Station Point Judith, R.I. May 30. The bench, funded solely through donations, is located on the station's expansive lawn and faces out to sea. Gill, a Cranston, R.I. native and reservist with MSST 91111, died in the line of duty during a security patrol in Puget Sound, Wash. March 25, 2007. The bench's inscription reads: "Think not upon my passing, but remember the glory of my spirit."



Chicago's Long Blue Line...

LCDR Brad Rosello, Senior Reserve Officer at Marine Safety Unit Chicago, leads active duty, reserve, Academy cadets, and auxiliary members representing Sector Lake Michigan in the Chicago Memorial Day Parade. Also participating were an HLS boat from Station Calumet Harbor, an Auxiliary patrol boat, a replica of an 1880 Rescue Boat, and Stations Wilmette and Michigan City, Ind. Chicago's Memorial Day Parade is considered the largest in the nation with an estimated 10,000 participants.

PSU 309 Deploys for Middle East

CAMP PATRIOT, Kuwait — Port Security Unit 309 deployed in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM May 28.

PSU 309's mission is to protect high-value U.S. assets, bringing supplies to troops setting the conditions for security and stability in Iraq. More than 100 Coast Guard personnel from PSU 309 are working with sailors from the Navy Expeditionary Boat Detachments 211 and 411, Portsmouth, Va., to ensure ports in Kuwait are secure. This is the first time the crew of PSU 309 has been fully integrated with a Navy crew during an operation.

“(The integration) gives us a more robust ability to provide waterside protection at a much larger scale than you could with just one port security unit,” said CDR Carl Leonard, Commanding Officer of PSU 309. “You’re able to serve as a force multiplier and handle multiple ports by combining the two units like this.”

A portion of PSU 309's landside security team is also working with the U.S. Army to assist security forces in Kuwait ports.

The unit has six 25-foot Guardian Transportable Port Security Boats with dual outboard motors and support equipment to ensure mobility and sustainability for up to 30 days anywhere in the world, except Polar Regions.

PSU 309, based at Erie Industrial Park in Port Clinton, Ohio, was commissioned June 18, 1995 as a Coast Guard



Members of PSU 309 prepare to deploy for the Middle East from their home in Port Clinton, Ohio, May 28.

rapid-deployment unit for the Ninth District. The unit personnel are trained to perform all aspects of the port security mission both at home and overseas.

There are more than 500 active duty and reserve Coast Guard members serving in Iraq and the Middle East including six patrol boats, several law enforcement detachments, marine safety and support personnel.

— *Story and photos by LT Tony Valentin, PSU 309*

Reserve PS3 Earns Navy Expeditionary Warfare Pin

NEWPORT, R.I. — PS3 Courtney Greer, USCGR, was awarded the U.S. Navy's Expeditionary Warfare Specialist pin at a March 30 pinning ceremony at her command in the Southwest Asian theater. Greer, believed to be the first U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer to qualify for this specialty pin, earned it after weeks of classroom instruction, hands-on practical exercises, and real-world watch standing.

The Navy established this qualification in November 2006 and Coast Guard enlisted personnel serving in Naval Coastal Warfare units (now known as Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadrons) are authorized to qualify for and wear this designator pin. PS3 Greer hails from Richmond, Va. and is deployed with NCWRON21 out of Newport, R.I.

— *By CAPT C.W. Zvara, USCGR*



PS3 Courtney Greer, USCGR, center, displays her U.S. Navy Expeditionary Warfare Specialist pin and certificate, while CDR Thomas O'Malley, USN, CO, IBU21, left, and CAPT Conrad Zvara, USCGR, SRO, NCWRON21, right, look on.

Photo courtesy PSCS Brad Blatchley, NCWRON 21, USCGR



Former U.S. Senator and World War II veteran, Bob Dole, center, meets with other World War II veterans traveling with Honor Flight Cleveland at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

PSU 309 Members Volunteer with Honors Flight Cleveland to Salute World War II Veterans

Story by LCDR Michelle Watson, Photo by LT Tony Valentin, PSU 309

CLEVELAND — Thirteen members of Port Security Unit 309 volunteered to serve as Honor Flight Cleveland Guardians May 19.

Honor Flight is a non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to honoring “the greatest generation” of veterans by flying them from the Cleveland area to and from Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials. Once they arrive at Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) airport, a charter bus transports the veterans to the memorials. All round trips are completed the same day and are free-of-charge to the honored veterans.

Honor Flight Cleveland’s first inaugural flight was in May 2005. Six small planes made the short one-hour flight carrying 12 World War II veterans. In spring 2006, the organization segued to commercial airlines enabling them to accommodate the enormous numbers of veterans wanting to make the trip.

Honor Flight’s popularity has grown through word of mouth and contributions of local affiliate organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. The average age for the youngest members of this generation is 80 so time is of the essence.

Members of PSU 309 first learned of Honor Flight in April, just before their mobilization for their CENTCOM deployment in May 2008. They began working with Honor Flight Secretary, Ms. Jan Merrick, and received all the necessary training and logistics for the flight. Once announced, 13 PSU members graciously volunteered to serve as Guardians and helpers for wheel-chaired veterans.

Guardians were responsible for ensuring veterans were comfortable and escorted. Once veterans arrived at the airport, Guardians ensured boarding passes and IDs were available, moved the veterans through security, and assisted with boarding the plane. From the moment the veterans were in their hands until they were returned to their loved ones, Guardians were asked to treat these heroes as if they were family, and ensured they enjoyed a memorable day. Each one of the PSU 309 Guardians was expected to pay for the trip (\$250), which covers the cost of the round-trip flight and food expenses. Some members were partially funded through local donations from the VFW and American Legion. One of the most junior members was fully funded through donations from the crew of PSU 309.

Volunteers are vital to the success of Honor Flight, and several members of the crew volunteered to remain at Cleveland-Hopkins International. Crewmembers lined the hallways in honor of their heroes as they made their way to the plane. Several members of the Armed Forces were at BWI to greet the veterans as they deplaned.

The PSU 309 members saw overwhelming support from the general public as they left the airport and were met in BWI. It was a surreal and a wonderful experience for all. After more than 60 years of waiting, these veterans finally got to see what was built to honor them — the World War II Memorial in the nation’s capital.

For more information on Honor Flight Cleveland, go to: www.honorflightcleveland.com/

MOBEX 2008

Photo courtesy CDR Steve Shapiro, USCGR, LANTAREA



MOBEX 2008, an Area-wide full-scale mobilization exercise was held this spring, and included ICS 400 training May 8 at ISC St Louis. Students included MOBEX participants and controllers as well as reserve, active, and civilian members from Sector Upper Mississippi River, ESU St. Louis, and RU TRANSCOM. First row, from left: MST3 Joshua McAbee, CAPT John Welch, LT Chris Phelan, CWO Colman Polvado, CDR Steve Shapiro, LT Rob McCaskey, LT Tim Bowlin, LCDR

Maureen Kallgren, Ms. Brenda Walters, and CDR Lane Putala. Second row, l to r: LTJG Ed Porter, LT Joe Frydenger, LT Tim Braun, PS1 Angel Calderon, MST3 William Rogers, MSTC Daniel Asbach, CAPT Jeff Anderson, LT Cliff DeTemple, CWO Brian Moreland, CWO Randall Bucy, LCDR Ben Wetherill, and CDR Tim Scheel. Additional MOBEX controllers and evaluators not pictured: CDR Hawley Waterman, LCDR Jim Herlong, LT Ken Hines, and LT Arleta Craig.

Photo courtesy LTJG Ethan Creps, Sector Honolulu



PSC Darren I. Bullock, left, is congratulated by LCDR Richard Roberts, Sector Honolulu Enforcement Senior Reserve Officer, after Roberts administered the oath

reenlisting Bullock into the USCGR. With 20 years of service under his belt, Bullock currently serves as Sector Honolulu's Enforcement Division Chief.



Brian McDonald, Canadian Coast Guard, left, and LCDR Scott Benson, USCGR, right, discuss ice operations for the 2008-2009 season at the Sarnia, Ontario Regional Operations Center during the Red Bull Air Races river closing May 31. USCG personnel worked with the Canadian Coast Guard to ensure a smooth river closing evolution and that commercial vessel traffic was properly monitored and kept informed. The races were attended by over 750,000 people and were an overwhelming success, due in part to the hard work of Sector Detroit personnel.



MCPO Sam Allred, USCGR, center, and his team, "Sam's Hams" competed in the 16th annual Barbecue Battle in the nation's capitol to ring in summer June 21-22. Allred's sons, Mat, left, and John, right, helped the master chief set-up, cook, and serve barbecue while simultaneously displaying the Coast Guard colors, and honoring POW/MIA's with a special table setting. Allred, whose team finished 20th out of 40, says he likes to bring his grill, "Big Red," wherever he's stationed to keep spreading a taste of southern BBQ wherever he goes.



Showing further evidence why he was recently awarded the national Coast Guard Reserve Junior Officer of the Year award, CWO3 Harold "Monty" Willaford assists the food services staff by tending to some hot dogs at PSU 305's family day May 17. The family day brought in 250 attendees which consisted of past and present PSU 305 members, their families, local Coast Guard personnel, and a division of the local Sea Cadets.



When retired reservists CDR Clyde and MCPO Linda Reid went on a cruise to Alaska earlier this summer, their final port call was Victoria, British Columbia. After going ashore in Victoria, they were surprised and elated to see CGC EAGLE, which was in Victoria from June 27-30. EAGLE's annual summer cadet training cruise took it to 11 West Coast ports, including Mazatlan, Mexico and Panama City, Panama.



Tactical Exercises for PSU 305

OS3 Edward Burns and OS3 Adam Johnson relay commands during PSU 305's Tactical Operations Center Exercise held May 15-16. Members from PSU 305, MSRT Chesapeake, and Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 67, Williamsburg, Va., participated in the training, which included simulating changes in security levels, escorts of foreign vessels, and personnel and equipment casualties in a foreign port.



Family Fun Aboard PSU 305's TPSB

ENS Micah DeYoung, left, his son Caleb, center, and nephew, Jackson Sigler, right, enjoy checking out PSU 305's 25-foot Guardian TPSB at the unit's family day May 17. The family day gave many of the unit's members and their families a chance to meet each other, and enjoy planned activities like touring the boat, a moon bounce, Velcro wall, and dunk tank, which three members of the wardroom manned for the entertainment of the crew.

DOWNTOWN CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, DAMAGED BY THE RISING OF THE CEDAR RIVER. CEDAR RAPIDS WAS JUST ONE OF SEVERAL CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE MIDWEST DAMAGED BY TORRENTIAL RAINS AND RAGING RIVERS.



An aerial photograph showing a city and industrial area heavily inundated with floodwater. A large river flows through the center, with water overflowing its banks and surrounding the city. In the foreground, there are several large circular and rectangular tanks, likely part of a water treatment plant. The background shows a vast expanse of green fields and distant industrial structures under a clear blue sky.

MIDWEST FLOODS

THE COAST GUARD RESPONDS TO THE MIDWEST,
AS TORRENTIAL RAINS AND RAGING RIVERS
WREAK HAVOC IN THE HEARTLAND.

STORY BY PA3 JACLYN A. YOUNG, USCG, D8 PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Coast Guard units from across the nation came together in response to the extensive Midwest flooding this spring.

High-water levels, resulting from massive amounts of rain and saturated ground conditions, caused the Mississippi River, the nation's primary trade waterway, to become a navigational hazard to recreational boaters and commercial vessel traffic while flooding neighborhoods and threatening citizens in their homes.

"The Coast Guard did a great job responding to the Midwest floods," said CAPT Sharon K. Richey, Commander of Coast Guard Sector Upper Mississippi River (SUMR). "Our reservists came to us before we even called them. They keep tabs on what is going on at the Sectors, and are extremely proactive. They plugged right into the command and control before an Incident Management Team (IMAT) had even been set up."

The Coast Guard met with members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and industry representatives during the spring to predict what the weather impact would be this summer. The Coast Guard was prepared for this flood season because it had started planning early for hazardous weather and the potential for floods.

"Our assets trained ahead of time as the season approached and we took extra steps to ensure our Disaster

Area Response Teams (DARTS) were well prepared," said Richey.

DART boats, designed to travel through shallow waters in urban areas, were used to rescue stranded people from their flooded homes after Iowa declared a state of emergency (see DART sidebar).

Because coastal Coast Guard units as a whole typically receive more public attention, many citizens may be surprised to learn the critical role the rivers play in our nation's economy. High-water levels can contribute to vessel groundings, damaged locks and dams, breakaway barges, and river closures, which in turn rely heavily on Coast Guard response. Each Sector in the Eighth Coast Guard District therefore, works tirelessly to maintain safety and security not only for citizens and infrastructure within its own area of responsibility, but also for those affected areas further up and down the rivers in other Sectors.

After the initial request was made for Coast Guard assistance by the state of Iowa, two Coast Guard HH-65C rescue helicopter crews from District Nine, along with a liaison officer from Sector Ohio Valley, were deployed to affected areas. By the end of the second evening of Coast Guard response, three people had been rescued from floodwaters.

As floodwaters began to spread throughout the week, more Coast Guard assets were called to assist bringing in



Photo by PA3 Tim Atkeson, USCG

COAST GUARD DISASTER AREA RESPONSE TEAM CREWMEN, LEFT TO RIGHT, BM3 ADAM WONG, PSCS DAVE WUEST AND BM3 RANDY WAGNER, ALL RESERVISTS FROM MARINE SAFETY DETACHMENT CINCINNATI, PROVIDE DIESEL FUEL TO WORKERS TO KEEP A GENERATOR RUNNING AT A WATER PUMPING STATION HERE, JUNE 18, 2008. THE WATER PUMPING STATION PROVIDES APPROXIMATELY 40,000 PEOPLE IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH DRINKING WATER. DART CREWMEMBERS DELIVERED MORE THAN 900 GALLONS OF FUEL TO KEEP THE GENERATOR RUNNING.

RESIDENTS AND TOWNS WEREN'T
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DART RESERVISTS HELPS PROVIDE WATER TO FLOOD IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

BY PA3 THOMAS ATKESON, D8 PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Without the assistance of a Coast Guard Disaster Area Response Team (DART), based over 400 miles away in Cincinnati, Ohio, 40,000-people in communities near Oquawka, Ill. may have been without drinking water.

A pumping station was 6-feet under water along with its main power supply. Electricians determined it was too dangerous to keep the electricity flowing and were forced to turn the power off. Pumping station personnel were forced to run the station's 1,000-horsepower generator, which was located just a few feet above the flood waters, in order to keep water flowing from the Mississippi River to a water purification plant, which provides nearly 40,000 local residents with drinking water.

When the generator's diesel fuel tank began to run dry on June 17, DART members were tasked with delivering fuel from trucks to the generator located nearly 200-yards from the new shoreline created by the extremely high waters on the Mississippi River.

The seven DART members drove nearly 86 miles towing their three flood boats, four engines, and a full contingent of gear, to complete the mission.

The DART arrived at approximately 11 a.m. and immediately launched two of their three 16-foot flood punts and began loading gas cans into the boats. Five-gallon gas cans were filled with fuel from supply trucks and 15 cans were loaded on each boat.

"It took a few trips in hot weather to get the job done, but it feels good to help people with these types of operations,

helping to provide something essential to life," said BM3 Randal Wagner, of Marine Safety Detachment Cincinnati.

To get to the pumping station, the DART members had to navigate down a tree lined road covered by up to six-feet of water. Upon arrival, members knew the trees could have snakes in them and that locals had already rescued various animals from the flooded area including pigs and cows.

"I hope our efforts made a difference to someone in need and in the end, made their loss a little easier to deal with," said BM2 Billy Cline of Sector Ohio Valley in Louisville, Ky.

DART members are trained to a Coast Guard-wide standard, which makes it possible to place members from different units in the same DART. The standard training helps everyone work as a cohesive unit.

All DARTs are equipped with three 16-foot flood punts, four 20-horsepower engines and seven crew members especially trained in shallow, flood water operations as well as other lifesaving and safety equipment.

"When we are deployed it gives us all a chance to see how much our training pays off," said BM3 Adam Wong of MSD Cincinnati. "A member from another unit was brought into our team and there were no problems in the way we completed our mission. Standardization was a key to our success,"

By 5 p.m., the generator's fuel tank was full and the floodwaters began to subside. The reserve members of the DART had accomplished a mission to give 40,000 people one of the most important necessities of life — water!



Photo by PA3 Tom Atkeson, USCG

A COAST GUARD DISASTER AREA RESPONSE TEAM (DART) SITS ON A GRAVEL ROAD AMIDST CORN FIELDS AS ANOTHER VEHICLE SCOUTS FOR POTENTIAL LAUNCHING POINTS IN CASE NEARBY LEVEES ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER BROKE. COAST GUARD DARTs CONSIST OF THREE 16-FOOT SHALLOW WATER BOATS KNOWN AS PUNTS AND SEVEN-MEMBER CREWS ESPECIALLY TRAINED IN FLOOD OPERATIONS.

**BM3 JOEL BRADLEY, USCGR,
FROM MARINE SAFETY
DETACHMENT CINCINNATI, PICKS
UP A FUEL CONTAINER BEING USED
TO TAKE DIESEL FUEL TO AN
EMERGENCY GENERATOR USED TO
POWER A PARTIALLY SUBMERGED
PUMPING STATION.**



Photo by PA3 Tom Aikesson, USCG

not only active duty members but many reservists and auxiliaries as well.

The Coast Guard remained actively engaged in search and rescue operations for more than three weeks as rainfall continued to impact the Midwest. The Coast Guard saved eight lives total during the overall response.

“There was so much Coast Guard involvement in every aspect that pulled together for an effective response,” said LCDR LaDonn Allen, Chief of Inspections at SUMR. “The most important factor became our engagement with the community and industry.”

The Coast Guard stood up a Marine Transportation System Recovery Unit (MTSRU) to assess the economic impacts after closing the St. Louis Port became a concern. The MTSRU provided not only situational awareness but operational awareness too.

“Flooding of this magnitude does not happen often,” said Allen. “To shut down the hub of the Midwest is of huge significance to our nation.”

According to Richey, the Western Rivers are essentially a liquid highway for commerce and closing the port severely affected the entire Mississippi River.

After closing the port, the largest impact in St. Louis was on the fleeting areas. The MTSRU was able to identify several critical infrastructures in all affected areas including approximately 767 bridges, 18 locks, 16 cargo facilities, five shipyard and repair facilities and eight fleeting areas. MTSRU members communicated daily with facility managers to gather complete and essential elements of information regarding economic impact. Most facilities were not able to dock barges due to high-water levels as the flood surge progressed down river.

The water levels were monitored everyday and Coast Guard and industry leaders referenced the Waterways Action Plan (WAP) to best determine future stages of the incident.

“The WAP is a very useful plan that brought all key parties together to prepare for the impact on the Western Rivers,” said Richey. “The plan allowed us to know certain areas of concern on the river would need additional action. The plan benefited everyone involved, giving industry representatives a guide so that they could plan for barge movements and vessel restrictions.”

Throughout the response, the Coast Guard worked closely with federal, state, and local agencies and industry representatives.

“The Coast Guard’s response was greatly enhanced by our ability to work with the local and state agencies,” said CDR Mark Cunningham, Deputy of SUMR and Incident



COAST GUARD DISASTER AREA RESPONSE TEAM CREWMEN, FROM LEFT, MK2 JEFF TERRY AND BM3 JOEL BRADLEY, FROM MARINE SAFETY DETACHMENT CINCINNATI, PROVIDE DIESEL FUEL TO WORKERS TO KEEP A GENERATOR RUNNING AT A WATER PUMPING STATION.

Photo by PA3 Tom Atkeson, USCG

Commander to the Midwest flooding response. “Each state affected by the flood waters came together and was able to work equally well with operations.”

Now that the water has started to recede, the Coast Guard has placed focus on the recovery operations for aids to navigation and safety of the river channels. Coast Guard SUMR Waterways Management Division assessed that 1,801 aids to navigation along 757 miles of federal waterways were located in the effected areas.

During the recovery stage, Coast Guard Buoy Inland River Tenders are vital assets in marking hazardous areas

in the river and ensuring safety on the navigable waterways.

“The Coast Guard’s response to the Midwest floods this year has been excellent because of the coordination between District Nine, District Eight, the Atlantic Area and all other units,” said Richey. “The quick response from reservists and auxiliaries was outstanding and the Coast Guard relies heavily upon their support. Our relationship between active duty members, reservists, and auxiliaries is seamless. They are an integrated part of our boat forces and command. We could not have done it alone.”

MIDWEST FLOODS OF YESTERYEAR

The Midwest floods of 2008 were some of the worst on record. However, Midwest flooding has been reported in THE RESERVIST on several occasions, including 1973, 1993 and 1997. Here are some headlines and highlights from Midwest floods of yesteryear:

THE RESERVIST, MAY 1973

Headline: “Coast Guard Reservists Activated for First Time to Aid in Containing Flood-Swollen Rivers in Second District.”

Coast Guard Reservists were called to involuntary emergency active duty for the first time April 4, 1973, and joined regular Coast Guard and National Guard forces in battling the swirling floodwaters of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers that covered more than seven million acres from Iowa to Louisiana April 4. Reservists helped evacuate families from homes along the river systems. CGR personnel were deployed in West Alton, Arnold, South St. Louis county, Cape Girardeau and St. Genevieve, Mo. Reservists also assisted in manning oil control booms and supervised oil clean-up after flood waters emptied a 10,000-gallon waste oil storage pit. Transportation Secretary Claude S. Brinegar authorized the call-up after receiving approval from President Nixon to activate three Second District Organized Reserve Training Units. The action was taken under a law approved in October 1972 permitting Coast Guard Reservists to be involuntarily recalled to assist in operations made necessary by natural disasters or emergencies such as that created by the floods. In all, authorization was approved to activate 143 reservists, but the Second District recalled only 53 reservists from the two St. Louis units for duty in the St. Louis area. Reservists also assisted in Yazoo City, Miss. after a dike gave way on the Yazoo River, and in Louisville, Ky. to assist a traffic control system for towboats operating on the Ohio River.



THE RESERVIST, JULY 1973

Headline: “Reservists Recalled for Second Time in Flood-Ravaged Mississippi River Valley.”

When more heavy rain hit the Midwest, it brought about more extensive flooding. On April 24, for the second time in a month, a recall of 81 reservists was initiated for emergency active duty. Operating 18 flood punts and a “Miami Surfer,” the group conducted 1,270 sorties. Over 2,500 persons were transported to safe locations and 157 persons were evacuated from flood-endangered locations. Many residents of the flood-ravaged areas had never heard of the Coast Guard — and many never thought the Coast Guard existed in the Midwest. One humorous note: When the Coast Guard stopped to evacuate two elderly ladies, they insisted on waiting an extra 10 minutes before being evacuated — their cake was almost done. A few

minutes passed before the Coast Guard rescued two women, three dogs, and one fresh cake.

THE RESERVIST, AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1993

Cover Story Headline: “Helping in the Heartland.”

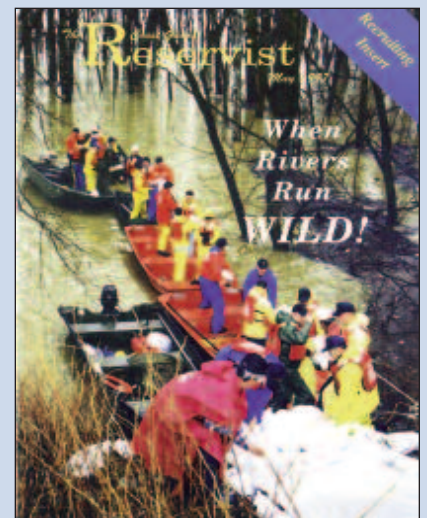
Nearly 200 Coast Guard Reservists were recalled to active duty in mid-July 1993 when parts of nine Midwestern states were devastated by record-level floods along the Mississippi River and its tributaries. On July 12, Second District Commander, RADM Norm Saunders, requested authority to involuntarily recall up to 120 Ready Reservists under provisions of 14 U.S. Code 712. Saunders later requested authority to recall up to 330 additional Ready Reservists for a total of 450. Nearly 1,200 miles of Midwestern rivers were closed to navigation by the Coast Guard. Base St. Louis was forced to evacuate by mid-July due to the rising river. Members of all three Strike Teams also provided assistance.



THE RESERVIST, MAY 1997

Cover Story Headline: “When Rivers Run Wild: Coast Guard Teams up to provide flood relief in Ohio River Valley, Upper Midwest.”

Team Coast Guard and teamwork were the buzz words during the March 1997 flooding in the Ohio River Valley. The flood, generally considered the worst to hit many areas since 1937 and 1964, resulted in over 150 reservists being called up. The Coast Guard played an important part by assisting over 800 people. Fifty-six reservists assisted at Paducah, Ky.; 23 at Louisville, Ky. and 14 reservists helped at Huntington, W.Va. In mid-April, the Red River flooded in the North Dakota/Minnesota area and 29 Coast Guard Reservists assisted as needed.



During 2008, *THE RESERVIST* is spotlighting each of the Coast Guard's nine districts with short, informative articles. Districts featured so far include D17, D14, and D13 — now the spotlight shines on D11.

Eleventh Coast Guard District

The 11th Coast Guard District, commanded by RADM Craig E. Bone, includes the states of California, Utah, Nevada, and Arizona. District 11's area of responsibility also encompasses 3.3-million square miles of the Pacific Ocean, extending 1,000 nautical miles offshore south to the Colombian and Ecuadorian border.

Field units are spread from the Redwood forests of Northern California through the busy San Francisco Bay and surrounding waters, to San Diego and the Mexican border. Coast Guard men and women here also keep watch over Lake Tahoe with partner agencies, and maintain long-range navigation stations in California, Nevada and Arizona.

Until 1987, the area was actually two districts. The 12th District was located in the San Francisco Bay, while the 11th District was located in Los Angeles. That year, District 12 was decommissioned and the District 11 Command was moved to Alameda, Calif.

The district command headquarters is located on Coast Guard Island in Alameda, and employs more than 1,800 active duty, approximately 1,000 Selected Reservists, and 111 civilian personnel. More than 4,000 auxiliaries volunteer, assisting with vessel safety checks and patrols of safety and security zones. The D11 Command Master Chief is Patricia A. Stolle, the Reserve CMC is MCPO Forrest Adams, while D11's Senior Reserve Officer is CAPT Steve Ohms, who relieved CAPT John Leyerle July 1, 2008.

Coast Guard Island, originally called Government Island, was formed in 1913 from a dredging project that extended the Oakland Estuary to San Leandro Bay. The Coast Guard moved in 13 years later and established a base. After the Lighthouse Service merged into the Coast Guard in 1939, a training center was soon established on the island. Beginning in 1942 and for the next 40 years, the island served as the Coast Guard's West Coast boot camp. Then in June 1982, Support Center Alameda was established and the island was renamed Coast Guard Island. That same year, the 12th District, PACAREA and MSO San Francisco moved onto the island.

Currently, there are two towns within D11 designated during this decade as "Coast Guard" cities — Eureka, Calif., (2000) and Alameda, Calif. (2006). Both were designated in recognition of

the close relationship between the cities and the men and women in the Coast Guard who serve and live in each community.

District 11 is made up of three sector commands, San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco; one group command in Humboldt Bay; and five air stations, one in each of the previously mentioned cities, and one in Sacramento. There are also 13 patrol boats (87 foot), four aids to navigation teams, three long range aids to navigation stations, two vessel traffic services, two buoy tenders and 13 small boat stations.

Three of the five busiest ports in the United States — Los Angeles, Long Beach and Oakland, respectively, as well as the ports of San Diego, San Francisco and Stockton, fall under the watch of the 11th District.

The waterways management and aids to navigation personnel maintain 73 navigable waterways with 1,200 aids to navigation, 23 lighthouses and 578 bridges.

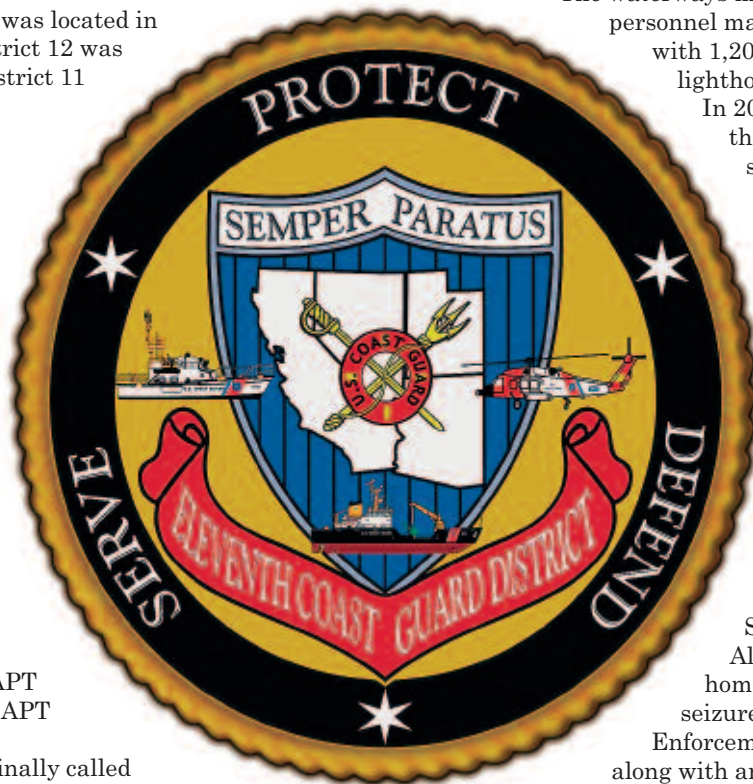
In 2007, personnel responded to more than 2,700 search and rescue cases, saving 475 lives and over \$171 million in property.

Working with PACAREA, D11 and U.S. Navy assets oversee the patrol of the Eastern Pacific drug routes. District personnel coordinated seizures of approximately 200,000 pounds of cocaine and more than 12,000 pounds of marijuana during 2007. The largest maritime cocaine seizure occurred in early 2007 from the motor vessel *Gatun* in which 38,000 pounds of cocaine were seized. The crew of CGC *SHERMAN*, homeported in Alameda, and the CGC *HAMILTON*, homeported in San Diego, made the seizure in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration. That seizure, along with another bust on the same patrol, resulted in more than 44,000 pounds of cocaine being seized in a single patrol. During FY 2007, law enforcement patrols occurring in District 11 accounted for 88 percent of the total cocaine, and 99.5 percent of the total marijuana seized by the Coast Guard.

Personnel helped keep waterways safe by conducting more than 6,000 commercial vessel inspections and 2,300 port state control boardings, and by issuing over 3,700 merchant mariner documents and licenses.

The professionals who work for the 11th Coast Guard District are dedicated to maintaining the Coast Guard's position as a premier military, maritime, multi-mission component of the armed forces.

— *By PA3 Kevin Neff, D11 Public Affairs*



ISC ALAMEDA (fot)

Welcome to ISC Alameda's Force Optimization and Training Branch on beautiful Coast Guard Island in Alameda, Calif. The island provides a unique situation collocated with PACAREA, MLCPAC, District 11 as major commands, and CEU, NESU, ESU, Pacific JAG, MSST, part of Sector San Francisco, CGIS Western Region, PAC TRATEAM, and three cutters (CGC MUNRO, CGC SHERMAN, CGC BOUTWELL). It is also the homeport for the first National Security Cutters (CGC BERTHOLF, CGC WAESCHE and CGC STRATTON).

The ISC Alameda (fot) branch provides services to reserve and active duty members in California, Utah, Nevada and Arizona. The Educational Services office operates in the VADM Harvey E. Johnson Jr. Learning Center, the first of its kind in the Coast Guard. Some of the

ISC(fot) functions include assignment of reserve members, coordination of reserve berthing, processing training requests, working with recruiting, and developing manpower strategies with area commands. ISC(fot) has three Career Development Advisors; one active duty and two reservists (one in Alameda and one in San Pedro).

There are approximately 1,000 reservists in the 11th District assigned mainly to the four Sectors (San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Humboldt Bay), several high priority units (PSUs, MSSTs, MSRONS, MSGRUs), as well as staff positions (PACAREA and MLCP).

Something that is probably unique to the ISC Alameda (fot) shop is its members stand rotating base security, CDO and OOD duty. Two members are on the ISC Alameda Honor Guard.



Photo by YN2 Mario Mendez, ISC Alameda SFO

ISC Alameda(fot) staff, front row, left to right: Mr. Gary Beutler, LCDR Sarah Reed, CWO2 Beverly Rodgers. Back row, l to r: MST2 Narrmayet Taonus, YN2 "Sonny" Vida, YN3 Ray Attaway, Mr. Monte Asche, YNC Daniel Silva and YN2 Kathleen Thompson. Not pictured: YNCS Ronald Fitch, Mr. Michael Franceschina, Mr. Jason Robertson, Ms. Carmen Dillard and Mr. Gary Erickson.

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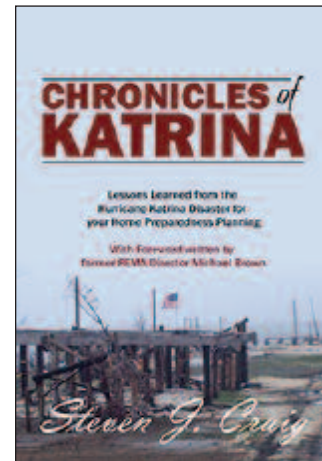
Chronicles of Katrina

Lessons Learned from the Disaster for Your Home Preparedness Planning

By CDR Steven Craig, USCGR

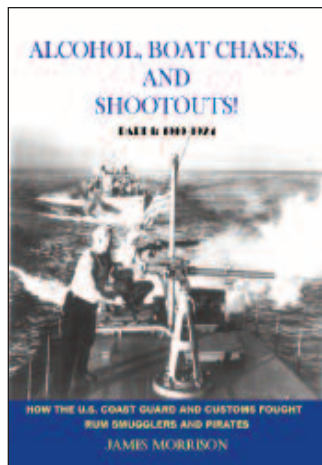
America, in particular the Gulf Coast area, was ill-prepared for Hurricane Katrina when the storm struck in late August 2005. Sent to the area five times to assist with recovery efforts, author Steve Craig spent considerable off-duty time researching and reviewing lessons learned that would assist in future home and business preparedness. Upon release from active duty, he compiled these lessons into an informative book that not only relates these observations, but takes it a step further by outlining specific preparedness programs all Americans should undertake. One of a handful of Certified Emergency Managers in the Coast Guard and employed as an Emergency Coordinator in Oregon, Craig's expertise will assist anyone interested in being prepared for the next disaster.

Chronicles of Katrina is 200 pages, 6x9-inch paperback and hardcover, contains black and white pictures. Published by Outskirts Press in October 2007, \$10.95 paperback, \$21.95 hardcover. Further information can be found at his Web site www.stevencraigauthor.com or at www.amazon.com. ISBN 978-1-4327-1405-5.



Alcohol, Boat Chases, and Shootouts!

Part I: 1919-1924
By James Morrison



This book is the first in a trilogy covering the Prohibition Era. Author Morrison says it's the first book in over 40 years on the Prohibition Rum War (the last was Malcolm Willoughby's *Rum War at Sea* in 1965). In an age when transporting and selling alcohol were illegal, someone had to stop rum smugglers and pirates. These are true stories of how the Coast Guard, Customs, Prohibition Agents, and police attempted to enforce prohibition on the water.

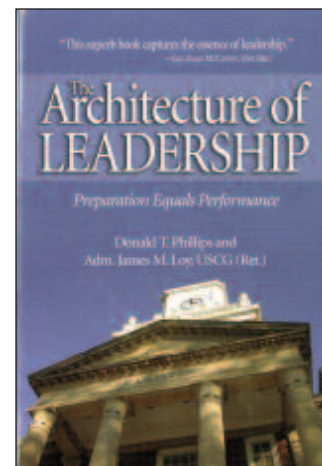
Alcohol, Boat Chases and Shootouts! Part I: 1919-1924, is a 329-page paperback with black and white photos, and includes endnotes and index, \$29; printed by Royal Exchange Books, 1643B Savannah Highway, Box 104, Charleston, SC 29407; E-mail: staff@royalexchangebooks.com; 1-888-866-6752; Web: www.boatchases.com. Also available at Amazon.com ISBN 978-0-9800516-0-5.

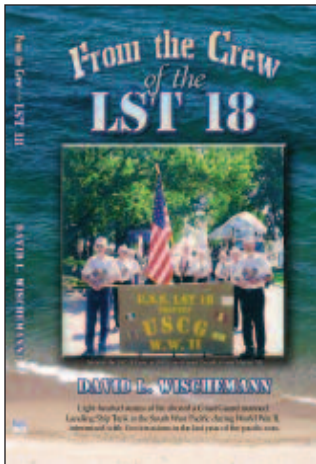
The Architecture of Leadership

By Donald T. Phillips and ADM James M. Loy, USCG(Ret.)

Co-authors Donald Phillips and ADM James Loy, USCG Commandant from 1998-2002, capture the essence of good leadership in this book, with the main theme being, "preparation equals performance." Using the elements of architecture, they begin with a foundation of character and values, move to the drive to achieve and capacity to care, and continue with the framework of innate traits and acquired skills to the ceiling of opportunity and the roof of performance. Supporting it all are the pillars of honesty, integrity, courage, respect, commitment, trust, ethics, and hard work, resulting in a simple but effective tool kit for would-be leaders.

The Architecture of Leadership is 120 pages, paperback, available in June 2008, \$16.95; published by U.S. Naval Institute Press, 291 Wood Road, Annapolis, MD 21402; 1-800-233-8764, 410-268-6110; Web: www.NavalInstitute.org. ISBN 978-1-59114-474-8.





From the Crew of the LST 18

By CWO David L. Wischemann, USCGR(Ret.)

This book is a group of light-hearted, semi-satirical shipboard stories intertwined with five invasions in the Southwest Pacific during the last year of World War II. Coast Guardsmen manned the Landing Ship Tank-18. Wischemann says he wrote the book to honor the surviving members of the LST 18 crew and to help Americans of today understand the importance of the Naval Amphibious Force of World War II.

From the Crew of the LST 18 is a 6x9-inch paperback, published by PublishAmerica.com in December 2006, \$21.95; available through BarnesNoble.com, Amazon.com, and PublishAmerica.com. For a signed copy from the author, send e-mail to: LST18@sonic.net. ISBN 1-4241-4842-1.

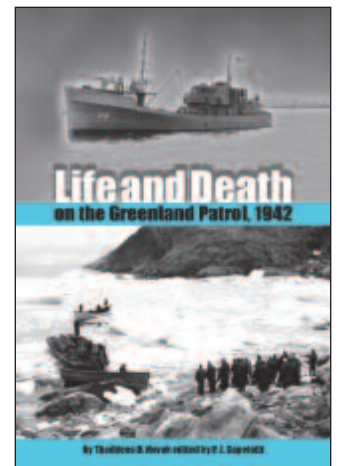
Life and Death on the Greenland Patrol, 1942

By Thaddeus D. Novak, Edited by P.J. Capelotti

The Foundation for Coast Guard History Web site says this is, “the best book on the U.S. Coast Guard ... a marvelous glimpse into life on the Greenland Patrol through the eyes of a young, scared, lonely, non-rate.”

This is one of the untold stories of World War II, the guarding of Greenland and its coastal waters. Author Thaddeus Nowakowski (now Novak) kept a personal diary, the only known diary of an enlisted Coast Guard sailor to emerge from World War II. Capelotti, who edited the book, is a master chief in the USCGR and lecturer in anthropology and American studies.

The book is 240 pages, 6x9, printed by University Press of Florida, 2006, \$59.95. To order see the University Press of Florida Web site: <http://www.upf.com/book.asp?id=CAPELF05>. ISBN 13: 978-0-8130-2912-2.

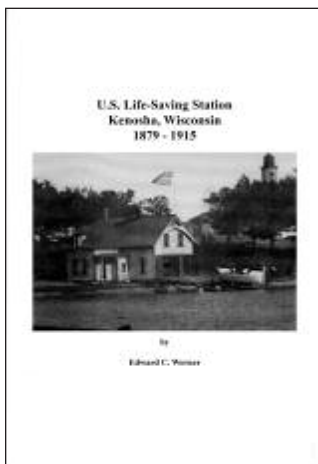


U.S. Life-Saving Station, Kenosha, Wis. 1879-1915

By LCDR Edward C. Werner, USCGR(Ret.)

According to the author, the purpose of this book is to inform the reader of the important work done so many years ago by the men who manned the Kenosha Life-Saving Station in Wisconsin. He does this through recounting the more important events that the lifesavers of yesterday experienced, and that were published in the local newspapers. The station was located on the shores of western Lake Michigan between Chicago and Milwaukee.

U.S. Life-Saving Station, Kenosha, Wis., 1879-1915, is 96 pages, 6x9-inch paperback, contains black and white photos, released in 2006, \$17.95 with a \$5 handling and shipping charge; published by Leitch Printing Company. To order a copy, contact the author at: LCDR Edward C. Werner, USCGR(Ret.), 8302 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53143, 262-694-8968; E-mail: ewerner2@wi.rr.com.



Coast Guard Reading List: *The Coast Guard Reading List provides recommended books related to leadership. The list is not all-inclusive; the goal is to provide a starting point or expand existing knowledge and skills. The list is updated annually and released in August to coincide with Coast Guard Day. To check out the latest recommended books, go to: www.uscg.mil/readership/reading/*

CAREER SPEAK is a six-part series being published throughout 2008 in *The Reservist* in support of a broader Reserve Junior Officer (RJO) Career Management Program initiative. The series discusses successful career strategies and important how-to's in managing your Reserve career. Enlisted members are also encouraged to read this series to gain insight, especially if considering the Selected Reserve Direct Commission program in the future. CAREER SPEAK Part 4, published here, focuses on how two of our distinguished Reserve admirals evaluate many of the most important characteristics that will help guide each Coast Guard RJO to a successful and rewarding career.

Part 4: Reserve Admirals Outline Keys to Successful Reserve Junior Officers' (RJO) Career

By LT Sandor Schump
Coast Guard Personnel Command (CGPC-rpm-1)

Author's Perspective as an RJO

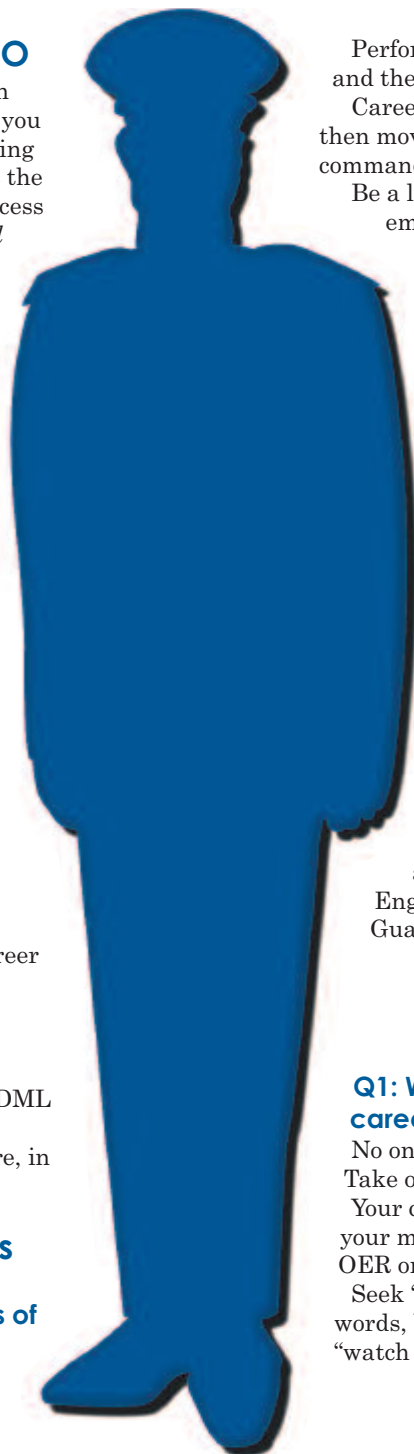
In order to be a successful junior officer in the Coast Guard Reserve, from the moment you put on the rank of ensign, you should be taking charge of your career by first learning about the Officer Evaluation System process. This process is detailed in Chapter 10 of the *Coast Guard Personnel Manual*. In addition, you must become very aware of the Reserve Officer Promotion Board process, which is described in detail in Chapter 14.A.3 of the same document. These two resources have proven to be invaluable since I became a Reserve Program Administrator (RPA), and as a result, I have learned the intricacies of Reserve officer management. By applying time and effort in researching these manuals, I have become much more knowledgeable. I am proud to serve as a junior RPA in the Reserve officer corps.

Please remember that proactive career communications to the promotion board are highly recommended for each Reserve junior officer prior to coming before IDPL promotion boards. Please contact CGPC-rpm-1 for detailed guidance and templates to assist you in preparing for your promotion boards. Chapter 5.A.4.E of the *Personnel Manual* describes the comments that can and cannot be used in the letter. Remember no one cares more about your career than you!

In CAREER SPEAK, Part 1, by CAPT Michael Price of CGPC-rpm, he states that Reserve officers must "take control of their career." Both RDML Michael Seward and RDML Steven Day offer their keys to success to a productive Reserve junior officer career. Here, in Q&A format, are those keys to success.

RDML Seward's Comments

Q1: What are the most important items of Reserve career management?



Performance on the job: What you do, how well you do it, and the impact it has on the Coast Guard.

Career Diversity: Make a difference where you are at now, then move on and embrace new challenges in a new command in a different mission set.

Be a lifelong learner: The culture, climate and mission emphasis is constantly changing within and outside the Coast Guard. Be change-centric and "know your stuff."

Q2: What are the keys to success for a Reserve junior officer?

Know your job, take care of your shipmates, and embrace our core values both on and off watch. It's not just about you. Seek out leadership activities and remember: Leadership is a verb. You can't make it happen on one weekend a month and two weeks a year. Real time engagement is a must.

Q3: What are the key things Reserve junior officers should know and focus on in their first 10 years of service?

Qualify in a mobilization billet and earn an insignia such as Boat Forces, Marine Safety, Port Security Badge, etc.

Expect a mobilization; No notice call-up. Have an individual mobilization plan that includes family and civilian employment issues.

Engage your family and civilian employer in your Coast Guard career, early and consistently.

RDML Day's Comments:

Q1: What are the most important items of Reserve career management?

No one is more concerned about your career than you. Take ownership!

Your command should not have to chase you down to keep your metrics in the "green" and to get you to submit your OER on or before the due date.

Seek "leadership and learning opportunities." In other words, be the person who "makes things happen," not "watch things happen," or worse, being the person who

says, “what the heck happened?” That idea is a quote from VADM Johnson, USCG(Ret.) to the Executive Leadership Class 15-19 OCT 07.

Your command is responsible, through the Reserve Policy Statement, but you as well as all Selected Reservists, as RDML Seward states, “Are a national asset ready to answer the call in 24 hours or less.”

Q2: What are the keys to success for a Reserve junior officer?

Lay out five-year plan segments over a 20-year period. Know and plan for in advance when the promotion opportunities will arrive. Within each of those five-year segments, plan a period of being in the “Blue Suit,” “Purple Suit,” “SRO,” and “Senior Reserve Assignment.”

Continue to apply for boards and service schools. Investigate opportunities to serve not only “purple” DOG or DOD, but also DHS or interagency. Take on those “project officer” jobs that represent excellent training tools/opportunities for planning and leading.

Focus on your mobilization requirements, ensure your metrics are always “green” and challenge your shipmates to be the same. If you have attained and are able to maintain your mobilization requirement with extra time to spare, then advise your command of your availability to assist where you will add value.

Q3: What are the key things Reserve junior officers should know and focus in on their first 10 years of service?

You can’t “lead if you don’t read.” Take a look at the

Commandant’s Reading List. Continual learning means not just the first 10 years, but forever.

No one should have to tell you to do things you were taught in boot camp, ROCI, OCS, or the Academy.

No one should have to tell you to get your metrics “green.”

Have your personal effects in order, including family, and employer. The possibility exists over a 20-year period that you could expect to be recalled at least three or more times based on the Global War on Terrorism within the three functions listed in the Reserve Policy Statement.

In Summary

To summarize, know and utilize your available administration resources. In particular, CGPC-rpm-1 has a full-time staff that is ready, willing, and able to assist you through the promotion board process. The CGPC-rpm Web site is <http://www.uscg.mil/RPM/rpm1/>. Remember, as RDML Seward states, “You are a national asset ready to answer the call in 24 hours or less.”

Semper Paratus!

About the Author: *LT Sandor Schump is the Board Coordinator for the Reserve Personnel Management Division within the Coast Guard Personnel Command (CGPC-rpm). As Board Coordinator, he establishes all IDPL boards and panels selecting the future of the 1300 Reserve officers. He enlisted in the active duty Coast Guard in 1998, was selected for the Selected Reserve Direct Commission program and attended ROCI in 2003, and subsequently selected as an RPA in 2006.*

Using terms Reserve, reserve, and reservist

By CAPT Roger Pike, USCGR(Ret.),
reprinted from November 1994 RESERVIST

The use of the terms “reserve” and “reservist” seem to cause considerable confusion. “Reserve” (note upper case) refers to one of the seven Reserve components — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Air Guard. A “reservist” (note lower case) is a person who is a member of one of those components.

If you say, “Three reservists are drilling this weekend,” you should expect to see three people show up. But, if you say, “Three Reserves are drilling this weekend,” then you should anticipate hosting a rather large crowd, possibly numbering in the hundreds of thousands.

If you use the term “the Coast Guard Reserve” or, simply, “the Reserve,” the word is being

used as the name of an organization and should be capitalized as a proper noun. On the other hand, in uses such as “both active duty and reserve personnel were present,” the word is a common noun and need not be capitalized. With rare exception, “reservist” is almost always a common noun and would not be capitalized. The most common exception is when the term is used as a title, as in, “she is a Coast Guard Reservist.”

Ed’s note: *CAPT Pike served as a Reserve Program Administrator before his retirement in January 1991. He “wordsmithed” many congressional budget statements/hearings while working in the Office of Readiness & Reserve at Headquarters. At last check, he was enjoying retired life in Sequim, Wash.*





In Brief

• **PRESIDENT SIGNS NEW POST-9/11 GI BILL** — On June 30, 2008, President Bush signed into law the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. This program is for military personnel (active and reserve) who served a minimum of 90 days of active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001. The benefits will depend on the amount of time served on active duty. This program does not take effect until Aug. 1, 2009. Benefits are only payable for training pursued on or after Aug. 1, 2009. Any training prior to that date will not be paid through the Post-9/11 GI Bill. USCG policies and procedures will be disseminated as soon as they are developed, and they will be in conjunction with the DOD and VA. Until specific Coast Guard guidance is available, visit the VA Web site at: www.gibill.va.gov/, which includes a Frequently Asked Questions section. The current VA programs, MGIB-SR and REAP, are still in place. Check out REAP rate increase at: www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/rates/CH1607/ch1607rates080108.htm effective Aug. 1, 2008.



• **IMPORTANT CGR WEB UPDATES** — The Reserve Web site (www.uscg.mil/reserve) will be undergoing changes to conform to the mandatory Department of Homeland Security template that can be viewed on www.uscg.mil. The navigation of the Reserve Web site will remain largely the same but you may notice some differences. You can expect this update to happen to all Coast Guard web pages on or around Aug. 1, 2008.

• **NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY RATING** — ADM Allen discussed the establishment of a Coast Guard enlisted rating involving law enforcement & security duties in his June 23, 2008 ALLHANDS. As part of the new rating, the Port Security Specialist (PS) rating will be integrated with the new rating. This integration will provide an active duty counterpart for the legacy Reserve-only rating. The ALLHANDS stated that, “Members of the law enforcement & security rating will have the opportunity to serve in a broad range of operational assignments. These will include stations, sectors, cutters, Coast Guard police departments, and Deployable Specialized Forces.” The time required to establish a new rating is approximately 24 months. The way ahead includes announcing a first law enforcement & security rating Force Master Chief before the end of 2008, followed by an identifying manpower requirements determination. This determination will help scope the size and location of the new rating billets. Routine updates will be published via future ALLHANDS and ALCOAST messages. For more info, go to: www.uscg.mil/comdt/mcpocg/ under Current Events.

• **ODU SALE** — To pave the way for the un-tucked version of the Operational Dress Uniform, the Uniform Distribution Center (UDC) is offering certain sizes of the current ODU at two for the price of one. For more information, visit the UDC Online Store at: www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wp/udc/ODU_Sale.html or call 1-800-874-6841.

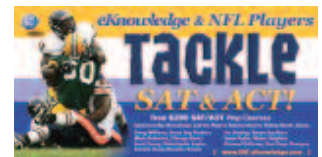
• **NAVY KNOWLEDGE ONLINE** — Navy Knowledge Online or NKO is a tool available to the Coast Guard. NKO provides access to both training and educational information. One key benefit it provides is an abundance of education-related materials, such as CLEP practice tests, journals, periodicals, and the ever-popular

Cliffs Notes. All Coast Guard active, reserve, retirees and their dependents (if enrolled in DEERS) are eligible for NKO accounts, as well as Coast Guard civil service/contractors/NAF employees. You must register for access to NKO and set your own password. The NKO Web site is: <http://www.nko.navy.mil/>.

• **HURRICANE KATRINA PATCH & COIN** — When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast Aug. 29, 2005, over 500 men and women, active and reserve, formed the Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) for Sector Mobile, Ala. They assisted in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina for the states of Alabama and Mississippi. To commemorate this event, PSC Kenneth A. Harris Sr. has spearheaded a logo patch and coin with the creative assistance of PA1 Susan Blake, both Coast Guard Reservists. The following is a description of the logo: American flag and eagle, representing the USCG overseeing all aspects of the vessel and debris recovery mission; two green states, representing Alabama and Mississippi, the operational focus area for Sector Mobile; a vessel, representing hundreds of vessels recovered, destroyed or returned to their rightful owner throughout the operation; white satellite image, representing Hurricane Katrina; blue color, representing the waters of the Gulf of Mexico; front end loader, representing one of many highly utilized pieces of equipment used during the mission; braided ropes, representing unity and integrity of the team. For further information, contact PSC Ken Harris at kennethharris@yahoo.com. (The U.S. Coast Guard does not endorse these products; this is published as a service to our readers.)



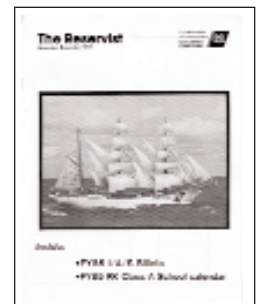
• **SAT/ACT POWER PREP PROGRAMS** — For the fourth consecutive year, a group of NFL football players, in conjunction with eKnowledge Corp. and the Department of Defense, are sponsoring several million dollars worth of SAT and ACT test prep programs. These programs are available for every interested family in the U.S. military (all branches — active, reserve and retired — including the Coast Guard Reserve) for the 2008-09 school year. To date, \$16 million worth of these SAT/ACT test prep programs have been shipped to more than 90,000 U.S. military members and their dependents worldwide. To request a program (a \$200 value), complete an online request form at <http://eknowledge.com/military> or visit the Department of Defense Web site for more details (<http://militaryhomefront.dod.mil>, go to “Special Offers” tab). Copies can also be requested by calling eKnowledge Corp., 951-256-4076, or via e-mail at: support@eknowledge.com. (The U.S. Coast Guard does not endorse this product/program; this is published as a service to our readers).



• **ELECTION YEAR REMINDER** — ALCOAST 020/08 outlines the “dos and don’ts” that Coast Guard members should be aware of especially during the 2008 campaign/election year. As a matter of long-standing policy, the Coast Guard does not engage in, or support any activities that could be interpreted as associating our service with any particular candidate, political party, organization or partisan political issue. Please see ALCOAST 020/08 for details.

• **BACK ISSUES ARCHIVE UPDATE** — An archiving project has been underway for quite some time to place all issues of THE RESERVIST on line. The project is moving toward completion with approximately 400 issues currently online from 50 out of the publication's 55 years online (1953-1990; 1996-2008). However, the editor has identified gaps in the magazine's hard copy archive and is looking for the following issues: March-April 1984, September-October 1984, March-

April 1985, September-October 1985, November-December 1985, and all issues from 1987. If you have any of these back issues that you could temporarily loan to the magazine, please contact the editor at: TheReservist@uscg.mil, 202-475-5457.



Upcoming Events

AUGUST 2008

- **PORT HURON COAST GUARD DAYS** — Aug. 15-17, Port Huron, Mich. For details, call 810-650-9960, Web: www.porthuron.org.
- **40TH ANNUAL CPO CONVENTION** — Aug. 17-22, Marriott Houston North at Greenspoint, Houston, Texas. Contact: AETCM Tim Sheffler, 67 Flowerwood Drive, Falling Waters, WV 25419, 504-232-7856, cpoa.conv@yahoo.com. Web: www.uscgcpoa.org/.
- **MCPO-CGRF SENIOR ENLISTED CALL** — Aug. 22-24, Sheraton Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. Anticipated guest speaker is Commandant of the Coast Guard, ADM Thad W. Allen. For details, contact MCPO Mark Allen, mallen@sgt-inc.com.



SEPTEMBER 2008

- **COAST GUARDSMEN OF YESTERYEARS BREAKFAST** — Saturday, Sept. 6, Chincoteague Elementary School, 6078 Halie Whealton Smith Drive, Chincoteague Island, VA. Coffee and fellowship begins at 0700 with breakfast served shortly after 0800. Guest speaker is MCPOCG Charles "Skip" Bowen. Ticket cost in advance or by RSVP will be \$6. For tickets or more info, contact: CWO4 David Lewis, USCG(Ret.), 757-336-5144, 757-894 4095 (cell); BMC Jerry Tarr, USCG(Ret.), 757-336 1204; BMC Wayne Meritt, 757-894-8240 (cell).
- **TWIN CITIES JOINT MILITARY SERVICES RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY** — Saturday, Sept. 27, Mystic Lake Casino, 2400 Mystic Lake Road, Prior Lake, MN 55372. All retired military personnel are welcome. Registration deadline is Aug. 31. For information, call 612-727-2854 or write: Retiree Activities Office, Navy & Marine Corps Reserve Center, 6400 Bloomington Road, Fort Snelling, St. Paul, MN 55111.

OCTOBER 2008

- **RESERVE SERVICE WIDE EXAM** — Mark your calendar if you're

planning to take the test. This year's date is Saturday, Oct. 18. For more info, see ALCGRSV 015/08.

NOVEMBER 2008

- **USCG FLAGS VETERANS DAY EVENT** — The DC CPOA invites all Coasties and their families nationwide to the 10th annual USCG Flags Across America Veterans Day event at Coast Guard Hill, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. on Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m. The group will be placing USCG flags on the graves of Coasties throughout the cemetery, and has been doing this every year since 1999. For info, contact BMC Mark Allen, mallen@sgt-inc.com or CWO3 Ed Kruska, Edward.J.Kruska@uscg.mil; Web: www.uscgflags.org.

- **2008 USCG INNOVATION EXPO** — Nov. 17-20, at Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, Va. For more info, see ALCOAST 264/08 and/or contact Mr. Frederick L. Hooghouse, CG-0931, 202-372-4976, Frederick.L.Hooghouse@uscg.mil.



DECEMBER 2008

- **CGC WHITE ALDER MEMORIAL SERVICE** — Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008 will mark the 40th anniversary of the CGC WHITE ALDER tragedy (it collided with the Formosan freighter Helena and 17 of the 21 crew were lost in the Mississippi). MSU Baton Rouge, La., would like to host a memorial service and needs to locate all families of the 21 crew aboard CGC WHITE ALDER. If you have any info, please contact MST3 Robert F. Feus, Jr., 225-298-5400, ext. 227, Robert.F.Feus@uscg.mil or MSTC Matthew Valenti, 225-298-5400, ext. 235, Matthew.J.Valenti@uscg.mil, or write Commanding Officer, MSU Baton Rouge, 6041 Crestmount Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

Reunions

SEPTEMBER 2008

- **USCGC CAMPBELL ASSOC. W-32 & W-909** — 23rd annual, Sept. 8-12, Stonecastle Hotel, Branson, Mo. Contact Gordon Bell, 723 Spring Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446, 215-393-6195, CaptBell@comcast.net or USGCCAMPBELLW32@comcast.net. Web site: www.campbellw32w909.org.
- **WORLD WAR II CG-MANNED LANDING SHIP TANK 18** — 12th annual, Sept. 21-25, Hampton Inn, Duluth, Minn. For info, contact: Orland Spielman, ospielma@presenter.com; Dave Wischemann, LST18@sonic.net, 707-823-5535.
- **RESERVE UNIT SAGINAW, Mich.** — Will hold its 3rd annual reunion on Sept. 27 at RM2 Howard "Fuzzy" Walker's retirement cottage at Skidway Lake, Mich. Contact: MKCM James Kozuch, USCGR(Ret.), 865-977-1902 (h), 865-368-5550(cell); masterchiefk@charter.net.

OCTOBER 2008

- **THE LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION-INT** — 10th reunion, Oct. 16-18, Hyannisport, Mass. For more info, contact Dennis M. Cosmo Jr. at: wlv613@hotmail.com.

NOVEMBER 2008

- **CANAVERAL COAST GUARD REUNION** — Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008, Fishlips Waterfront Restaurant, 610 Glen Cheek Drive, Port Canaveral, Fla. Social hour begins at 4 p.m.; dinner at 5:30 p.m., \$20 per person. Please send checks payable to: Bob Merrilees; 1735 S. Shelter Trail; Merritt Island, FL 32952 no later than Oct. 30, 2008. Reservations required for planning purposes. For info, contact Bob or Bev Merrilees, 321-452-5426, E-mail: bmerrilees@cfl.rr.com.



Medals & Awards

MSTC John Hart, USCGR, right, is presented with a Coast Guard Commendation Medal by CAPT James Rendon, outgoing Sector Northern New England Commander, May 30, 2008. The award was given for Hart's work from January 2004 to May 2008 while assigned to MSO Portland, Maine and Sector Northern New England.



Photo by MCPO Ron Latronico, CMC, USCG Sector Northern New England

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

CDR David L. Teska, CGRU USTRANSCOM

Meritorious Service Medal

CDR Harold R. Barringer, CG-131
 LCDR Joseph Althouse, D5
 LCDR Jennifer Grzelak-Ledoux, CG-131

Joint Service Commendation Medal

LCDR Joseph Althouse, D5

Coast Guard Commendation Medal

LCDR Lisa Schulz, CG-131
 LT Greg Reilly, CG-131
 LTJG Jay Katz, Sector Guam
 CWO4 Stephen C. Friday, Sector San Fran
 HSC Victor M. Ramirez, MSU Port Arthur, Texas
 MSTC John F. Hart, Sector Northern New England

Army Commendation Medal

LTJG Brian W. Dudley, Sector Jacksonville

Coast Guard Achievement Medal

LT Larry E. Siegel, Sector Portland, Ore.*
 * Gold star in lieu of fourth
 LTJG Victoria L. Taylor, CG-5331*
 * Gold star in lieu of third

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

CGRU USTRANSCOM

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

CWO2 William S. Gardner, LANTAREA RAID

Meritorious Team Commendation

LANTAREA RAID Team Detachment

U.S. Navy Expeditionary Warfare Specialist Pin

PS3 Courtney Greer, NCWRON 21*
 * (see story on page 17.)



Photo courtesy LT James M. McLay, USCG DOG

RDML Thomas F. Atkin, Commander of the Deployable Operations Group (DOG), left, awards PS2 Marcus Cady from PSU 313 a PSU pin June 6, 2008.

PS1 Bradley Clair, right, receives the Sector Detroit Reserve Petty Officer of The Year Award certificate and plaque from the Sector Detroit Deputy Commander, CDR James Jenkins, at an awards ceremony April 12, 2008. PS1 Clair, who advanced to E-6 Jan. 1, 2008, has been assigned to Sector Detroit since June 2003 and resides in Lincoln Park, Mich.



USCG Photo



Photo by SKI Kevin Pancec, PSU 301

CDR Peter Conley, CO of Port Security Unit 301, right, presents Mrs. Carey Dickson with a Certificate of Appreciation during Ombudsman Appreciation Week earlier this year. Mrs. Dickson's spouse is BM3 Nicholas Dickson, USCGR. Ombudsmen are volunteers who serve as a link between Coast Guard units and families.

Retired Reserve Commander Honored With Lifetime Achievement Award

We've all heard the phrase "feed the children," but how many of us can actually say we've done it?

CDR Juan del Castillo certainly can! The work he did 40 years ago continues to help feed millions of people around the world daily, which no doubt has saved millions of lives.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) honored del Castillo recently with a Lifetime Achievement award. The award was presented for his work in developing a low cost, high-nutrient food used to feed millions of the world's hungry children for the past 40 years.

An entrepreneurial food scientist and retired Coast Guard Reservist, del Castillo worked on and developed Corn-Soya-Milk (CSM), a high protein soy and milk product. Once tested and approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 1966, CSM became a staple product in the U.S. Food for Peace program, the U.S. humanitarian international food aid program. During the 1960s and 1970s, del Castillo traveled throughout the developing world to demonstrate how CSM could be used as a component of locally popular foods like polenta, chapatti, tortillas, empanada, and all kinds of soups.

Then, in 1970, he created a rice substitute out of sorghum for USDA and USAID feeding programs. Again, he traveled to seven Asian countries to conduct taste tests to demonstrate there really was no difference between the taste of rice and sorghum grits. USDA approved del Castillo's idea to incorporate soy grits into USAID feeding programs in 1973, and they have been in use by USAID feeding programs ever since.

"He is self taught," said Mary del Castillo, one of his six daughters. "From experience and observation, he produced results that no commercial food manufacturer could duplicate. In fact, one time the chairman of a major milling company asked Dad at a meeting, 'How did you develop CSM with no lab and no staff when we spend lots of money on food scientists and labs,' to which my Dad responded that the chairman was wasting corporate money."

After his work with CSM, del Castillo went to work for the Food and Nutrition Service as the National Director of Food Distribution. Projects at that time included the food stamp, school lunch and Women Infant Child (WIC) programs. Later, he worked for the USDA Office of Inspector General until his retirement in 1994.

Born Dec. 28, 1921, in New York, N.Y., del Castillo entered the United States Coast Guard a few months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, June 13, 1942. He attended schools at the Coast Guard Academy and Naval Communications School at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. Among his many duty stations were CGC UNALGA, USS PC469, USS Albuquerque PF7, and U.S. Naval Air Station Quonset Point, R.I. After World War II, he continued to serve in the Reserve, before retiring as a commander in 1981.

He is currently residing in Potomac, Md. with his wife of 56 years. In addition to feeding the masses, he knows about feeding a family as well as he has six grown daughters, six



sons-in-law and 19 grandchildren. Many of them were present when USAID's Administrator Henrietta Holsman-Fore presented del Castillo with the Lifetime Achievement award at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. Jan. 30, 2008.

USAID, started by executive order in 1961, is an independent federal government agency that receives foreign policy guidance from the Secretary of State. It has been the principal U.S. agency to extend assistance to nations recovering from disaster, trying to escape poverty, and engaging in democratic reforms. To learn more, see: www.usaid.gov.

Now, even at age 86 and a lifetime of achievement behind him, del Castillo presses on, continuing his work looking for additional economical, highly nutritious and culturally acceptable foods. His legacy lives on, as more than four million men, women and children worldwide benefit everyday from the food products he developed. Bravo Zulu to Citizen-Coastie CDR del Castillo!

Advancements

Reserve Enlisted Advancements effective June 1, 2008 from Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement (ERAA) No. 6-08, ALCGRSV 017/08 (R 221520Z APR 08):

Boatswain's Mate (BM)

BMCM T M JASINA
 BMCS J D KATCHKO
 BM1 M C ROSEMEYER
 BM1 R C KILPATRICK
 BM1 W B OVERTON
 BM1 S R EVANS
 BM2 A C UPHAM
 BM2 C C MAUCK
 BM2 R S THOMAS
 BM2 B S VANDERPOL
 BM2 W P PROCTOR

Food Service Specialist (FS)

FS2 T S HALL

Health Services Technician (HS)

HS2 J L ADAMS

Machinery Technician (MK)

MKCS W H ROBINSON
 MKCS J R PECK
 MKC H W HOBDY
 MKC A K TERRY
 MKC T F DREW
 MKC D E COMSTOCK
 MK1 B T WILLIAMS
 MK2 A W MOORE
 MK2 J S SPEARS
 MK2 K E REDD
 MK2 B S KING

Marine Science Technician (MST)

MSTCS B KHODADAD
 MSTC B R HARDEE

Port Security Specialist (PS)

PSC J E COLEMAN

Yeoman (YN)

YNCS L D LASWELL
 YNC T M BENAVENTE
 YNC S E DORSEY

Reserve Enlisted Advancements effective July 1, 2008 from Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement (ERAA) No. 7-08, ALCGRSV 020/08 (R 201548Z JUN 08):

Boatswain's Mate (BM)

BMCS J R OSTROWSKI
 BMCS W T WILKINSON

BMC P W ELLIS
 BMC J B MARGHERONE
 BM1 D S TILLMAN
 BM1 K A CUPPLES

Electrician's Mate (EM)

EMCS M P SEWELL
 EMC G F WHEELER

Food Service Specialist (FS)

FSC W L WILLIS
 FS2 L A GEORGE

Health Services Technician (HS)

HSC K P WILES

Intelligence Specialist (IS)

ISCS J J ROGERS

Machinery Technician (MK)

MKCS M R ONEILL
 MKC D A NOE
 MKC E T HARDING
 MK1 W D BRENNAN
 MK1 D S PITTS
 MK2 N L COOPER
 MK2 N R HERRING
 MK2 M A MERCADOBETANCO
 MK2 B I DEMARCHIS

Marine Science Technician (MST)

MSTCM R A COLLINS
 MSTCS A S JAEGER
 MSTC J W REICHERT
 MSTC K P MORRIN

Operations Specialist (OS)

OS1 B MCINTYRECOBLE
 OS2 M J MEALEY

Port Security Specialist (PS)

PSCM M J DUBRO
 PSCM K C HUTCHERSON
 PSCM D C ODOM
 PSCS J D TURNER

Storekeeper (SK)

SKC P JOHNSON
 SKC V E DRAYTON

These ERAAs, including unit designations, are available on PSC's Web site: <http://cgweb.psc.uscg.mil/adv/eraa-web.xls>. Questions should be directed to YNC Rony Harden, 785-339-3410, rony.harden@uscg.mil.



Photo by Andrea Ruppert, MCPO Jasina's sister

Coast Guard Reservist Timothy M. Jasina, center, is advanced to BMCM at USCG Station Saint Clair Shores, Mich. June 2, 2008. Pinning on the E-9 anchors are his brother, James G. Jasina, left, and Jasina's wife, Sarah S. Batzer, right. The new Reserve master chief has served in the CGR 25 years and at Station Saint Clair as Reserve Department Head since 2001.



Photo by SNOS Marshall Hall, Sector Jacksonville, USCGR

Levi B. Porter, center, is advanced to OS3/E-4 by MCPO Gail Owens, left, and CDR George Boyle, right, at Sector Jacksonville, Fla. Feb. 10, 2008.



Photo by PA3 Mark Jones, LANTAREA/D5

Son gives Mother "First Salute!"

MST2 Brendon McNelis, left, gives the first salute to his mother, CWO2 Marianne McCormack, USCGR, right, following her commissioning ceremony at LANTAREA, Portsmouth, Va. on May 1, 2008. LT Lisa Garcez administered the Oath of Office, while daughter Erin McNelis and McCormack's fiancé Robert Greene placed the shoulder boards. The new Reserve warrant officer will be assigned to Personnel Service Center in Topeka, Kan.

Retirements

RET-1 (Retired With Pay)

FEBRUARY 2008

CWO4 LAVONIA BASS

APRIL 2008

LCDR THOMAS L. GUTHRIE
 LCDR ROBERT J. LEBLANC
 LCDR LINDA L. SAUNDERS
 LT HENRY G. TUCKER
 MSTCM ARTHUR H. ISAACS
 MSTCM RICHARD SELPH
 BMC STEVEN E. NELSON
 ETC JAMES M. WELKER
 MKC DONALD L. BLEVINS
 YNC PLEASALA J. COLLINS
 YNC VEDAA MERRITT
 BM1 THOMAS J. VALERI
 IV1 JOHN D. BRUNSLIK
 MK1 RICHARD R. BENTZ
 MK1 RONALD A. RECKTENWALL
 MST1 CONSTANTINO G. PEREZ
 YN1 LORRAINE A. CARVALHO
 BM2 TERRY B. PEABODY
 GM2 LESLIE D. MCMILLAN
 DC3 ARYEHROBERT MANDEL

MAY 2008

CAPT WILLIAM J. HERBERT
 CDR JOSEPH P. CAIN
 CDR SHARON CHRISTOPHESON
 CDR THEODORE B. ROYSTER
 LCDR JOHN C. FOX
 LCDR ROBERT W. PETTIS
 LCDR THOMAS A. SANCHEZ
 LCDR MARK P. TROSETH
 LT MATHEW R. BLOW
 CWO2 TERRY A. DOWDY
 ETCM GEORGE E. SMITH
 PSCM GREGORY W. FISCHER
 PSCM LAWRENCE J. PITULA
 BMC WILLIAM T. ALLEN
 BMC WALTER C. BARNARD
 BMC DAVID W. GREGORY
 PSC LUIS CARRASQUILLO
 PSC JOHN DOMINGUEZ
 PSC MICHAEL J. HOLLAND
 PSC JEROME E. PERLMUTTER
 PSC PRIDE P. SHEAHAN
 EM1 THOMAS E. SMITH
 MK1 JAMES D. KARNs
 MST1 THOMAS M. BONAROTI
 MST1 JOSEPH G. DAHLEM III
 PS1 MICHAEL H. STALLINGS
 SK1 NICHOLAS D. MATVIENKO
 SK1 RICHARD M. RYERSE
 YN1 ROBERT E. HOVER
 PS2 JUAN HERRERA
 FS3 DOUGLAS B. SPIOTTA

RET-2 (Retired Without Pay)

JANUARY 2008

PS2 TONY K. WILLIAMS

APRIL 2008

LCDR ANTHONY G. DEANDA
 PSCM CHARLES W. FLEMING
 PSCM RONAN A. GIEHL
 BMCS BRIAN K. PRETTY
 BMCS RAYMOND M. ROCHER
 DCCS MICHAEL C. KELLEY
 MKCS BORIS O. VONSTRITZKY
 MKC ANTHONY C. BONDI
 MKC RONALD J. VANDISSEL
 OSC PATRECIA F. GEISFELD
 PAC CHARLES WULLENJOHN, JR.
 PSC EUGENE W. BEACH
 YNC HELEN L. MCDOWALL
 BM1 SCOTT C. REED
 ITI STONEY STROTHER
 MK1 JIM R. KARLE
 SK1 KEITH R. ALBRECHT
 PS1 EDWARD J. DANISON
 ET2 MARTIN N. MAREK
 FS2 BRUCE W. KUBIK

MAY 2008

CDR RICHARD L. DECHANT, JR.
 LCDR JAMES A. CULLINAN
 CWO4 HARVEY N. HONIG
 BMC ROBERT B. HOLLOWAY
 MKC CLINTON L. BEYER
 MKC RICHARD H. WHITE
 MSTC DON A. BALL
 MSTC DENNIS D. DODGE
 BM1 EDWIN S. HILL
 IT1 CHRISTOPHER HOWE
 PS1 JOHN R. MIKWOLD
 YN1 BILLY W. EASON
 YN1 DIANE L. LIDDELL
 BM2 STANLEY N. FUKUDA
 BM2 STEVEN M. SEMLER

Source: Ms. Linda Frank, Personnel Service Center (ras)

CDR Paul Smith, left, presents LCDR Brett Linden the Coast Guard Achievement Medal during his retirement ceremony May 17, 2008. Linden served four years of active duty and reached the rank of Chief Machinery Technician before receiving his commission as an ensign in July 1994. He served 28 years as a reservist, spending most of the last 10 years with port security units. He recently served as the executive officer of PACAREA's PSU 312.



CAPT Jeff Saine, left, presents CWO Leonard Woolard his certificate of retirement at a ceremony on Coast Guard Island, Alameda, Calif. May 17, 2008. Woolard spent 24 years as a reservist, first entering the Reserve as a PS3. He has served active duty assignments in support of OPERATION DESERT STORM and the Sea Marshals program. He most recently served in PACAREA's Port Safety and Security Branch.



- **CDR Raymond I. Hall, USCGR(Ref.)**, May 11, 2008, in Effingham, Ill. He is survived by his daughter, Diana Metcalf of Potomac, Md. Interment Casey Cumberland Cemetery, Casey, Ill.
- **CDR Raymond W. Muniz, USCGR(Ref.)**, May 24, 2008, in Miami, Fla. He is survived by his sister, Carolyn McClaney of Miami.
- **CDR Edward J. Rice, Jr., USCGR(Ref.)**, June 2, 2008, in Holiday, Fla. He is survived by a daughter, Susan Shively; a son Edward Rice III. Interment Cape May Court House, N.J.
- **LCDR George W. Schultz, USCGR(Ref.)**, May 16, 2008, in Flagler Beach, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Schultz of Flagler Beach. Interment Long Island, N.Y.
- **CWO4 Henry O. Lutsche, USCGR(Ref.)**, May 16, 2008, in Glen Burnie, Md. He is survived by his daughter, Charlotte Thompson of Farmingdale, Conn. Interment Crownsville Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville, Md.
- **PSCS Richard O. Bendel, USCGR(Ref.)**, May 2, 2008, in Citrus Heights, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Jean Bendel of Citrus Heights.
- **BMC Howard "Howie" C. Marshall, USCGR**, 52, May 30, 2008, of Lombard, Ill. died suddenly in Lake Station, Ind., when his vehicle was struck from behind by a tractor trailer. He was making final preparations to deploy with PSU 309 at the time of the accident — it would have been his sixth OCONUS deployment. A 1973 graduate of Willowbrook, Ill. High School, he was employed by the Village of Bloomingdale, Ill. Water Department for 23 years. Chief



"Howie" served with pride and a sense of responsibility to the Coasties he loved and trained for the safety and security of his country. He earned 48 awards during his 30-year career including three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, one Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation, one Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, one Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Saudi-Kuwait Liberation Medal, The Navy and Marines Overseas Ribbon and many others. He is survived by his mother, Ramona; his sister, Pamela Phelps of Arizona; his brother, Perry, of Elmhurst, Ill.; his brother-in-law, James Judson of Glendale Heights, Ill.; six nieces and nephews; four great-nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles. Visitation was held June 7-8 at Brust Funeral Home, Lombard, Ill. Funeral services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Villa Park, Ill. on June 8, 2008. Interment Arlington Cemetery, Elmhurst, Ill. with full military honors including participation by the USCG Honor Guard from TISCOM Alexandria, Va. (see photo below). Memorial donations in honor of BMC Howard "Howie" Marshall may be made to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 610, Arlington, VA 22203-1804, 1-800-881-2462; www.cgmahq.org/.

- **FIC Joseph J. Daniel, USCGR(Ref.)**, May 4, 2008, in Radcliff, Ky. He is survived by his wife, Doris Daniel of Radcliff. Interment Vine Grove, Ky.
 - **FSC Jim E. Richardson, USCGR(Ref.)**, May 6, 2008, in Vancouver, Wash. He is survived by his daughter, Julie Villanueva of Suisun City, Calif.
 - **MKC Marvin Eskew, USCGR(Ref.)**, April 27, 2008, in Carrollton, Ga. He is survived by his wife, Etta Eskew of Bremen, Ga. Interment Lithia Springs, Ga.
 - **MKC August W. Smith, Jr., USCGR(Ref.)**, May 8, 2008, in Sandia, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Patsy Smith of Sandia.
 - **PSC Robert N. Moe, USCGR(Ref.)**, May 6, 2008, in Milwaukee, Wis. He is survived by his wife, Marion Moe of Milwaukee. Interment Brookfield, Wis.
 - **TCC William A. Peterson, USCGR(Ref.)**, June 4, 2008, in Newport Beach, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Darlene Peterson of Newport Beach.
 - **SS1 Charles W. Garbarino, USCGR(Ref.)**, April 23, 2008, in Canton, Ohio. He is survived by his daughter, Marylee Brown of Massillon, Ohio.
 - **MK2 Raymond F. Coffey, USCGR(Ref.)**, May 18, 2008, in Gainesville, Fla. He is survived by his stepdaughter, Kimberly McGraw of Newberry, Fla.
- Note:** *The Reservist publishes "Taps" based on Personnel Casualty Reports and input received from the field. If you would like to see more information in future issues on a specific shipmate or family member who served in the Coast Guard Reserve, please e-mail the editor at: TheReservist@uscg.mil.*



40 Years In Review: From Boot Camp to Retirement

Having served 40 years in the United States Coast Guard makes me realize how quickly time passes. My career began on June 17, 1968 with Recruit Company Charlie 64, followed by Boilertender "A" School in 1969. After BT "A" school, I transferred to CGC LAMAR in Monterrey, Calif.

I was fresh out of "A" school as FNBT when I reported aboard CGC LAMAR. On CGC LAMAR, it was independent duty, and I was given responsibility and earned respect from the crew. My primary duty was to keep one scotch marine boiler operating. Without steam, there was no cooking, no hot water for showers, or steam for the scullery. EN1 Clarence Metcalf took me under his wing and taught me how to operate and maintain the boiler. He passed the fuel, oil, and water king duties to me and trained me to qualify as throttle man.

I remember refueling at a fuel dock in Richmond, Calif. San Francisco Bay was rough that day, and I had a bad feeling about taking on fuel. I was taking multiple fuel soundings on the midship fuel tank, and the sounding tube was located in the wardroom. All of a sudden, the fuel mark jumped inches on the sounding tape. The diesel fuel gushed out of the sounding tube and drenched me from head to toe. I alerted the crewmember manning the sound power phone to secure fueling but it was too late. The wardroom carpet was soaked in fuel. I thought I was going to be put on report and not advanced to third class petty officer. I explained the incident to the chief and engineering officer. Several weeks later, I advanced to boilertender third class. Because of this incident, I believe in second chances.

In 1970, I transferred to the CG TRSUPCEN Alameda, Calif. and then served on CGC TANAGER from 1971-1972. At the end of my enlistment, I advanced to BT1. I had already made friends that I will never forget. These first four years of my career are the reason I stayed with the Coast Guard.

In 1972, I joined the Coast Guard Reserve in New Orleans. Shortly thereafter, in 1974, the Coast Guard merged the engineman, machinistmate, and boilertender rates to machinery technician — so I went from BT1 Ladut to MK1 Ladut.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, I volunteered for deployment at Camp Blanding in Stark, Fla. where port security unit personnel were being trained to relieve those already deployed to the Middle East theater. After training, the second Port Security Unit 301 was formed to relieve PSU 301 in Al Jabail, Saudi Arabia in support of OPERATION DESERT STORM. Upon returning, our unit participated in the ticker tape parade in New York City and the welcome home parade in Washington, D.C. in June 1991.

DESERT STORM brought out the best in leaders. A leadership style I respected was that of BMCM Tom O'Neill. He was the Command Enlisted Advisor for the second PSU 301. Because of his leadership, I was encouraged to join PSU 308 in September 1997. It was my duty as a master chief to step up to the plate, help build a new unit, and serve as the unit command master chief for five years.

During my tour at PSU 308, I applied for the Coast Guard Eighth District Reserve Command Master Chief position. RADM Roy Casto selected me for the position while I was deployed to Bahrain with PSU 308 in 2002. After Hurricane Katrina hit in August 2005, I was recalled to active duty in support of recovery operations. During this time, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Eventually, I required surgery and it was a success. After surgery, I started exercising and volunteered for overseas deployment with the Redeployment Assistance Inspection Detachment (RAID) Team V from September 2006 to February 2007. Under the supervision of LCDR Ephraim Garcia, the team went through a rigorous pre-deployment combat skill training and later deployed to Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Returning home in February 2007, I was feeling fine, but by June, cancer had returned. So from June to August, I had 38 radiation treatments. Since the therapy was done in New Orleans, 80 miles from home, The American Cancer Society's Patrick F. Taylor Hope Lodge provided free lodging while I was going through treatment. I am grateful to the lodge director, Ms. Darlene Santana, and their staff — wonderful people. They made me feel at home during my stay. I am feeling great, exercising, staying busy and volunteering at the lodge. The Coast Guard taught me courage — to never give up or surrender. I will beat this disease.

There are many many people who have affected my life and career. First and foremost, I want to thank my wife Patricia; she was always there to say good-bye and most of all to welcome me home. Thank you to RADM Joel Whitehead, RADM Robert Duncan, RADM John Acton, MCPO Carlos Najera, MCPO-CGRF #3 George Ingraham, MCPO Gary Petty, MCPO Scott Krehmeier, MCPO-CGRF #4 Jeffrey Smith, MCPO Joe Valdez, MCPO Joe Pasqua, MCPO Felipe Martinez, and MKC Eddie Spann.

On June 16, 2008, I was relieved of watch for the D8 RCMC position by PSCM John Lachman. I wish him well in his new position. Meanwhile, my retirement ceremony is set for July 12, 2008 at Station New Orleans. I am forever grateful to all of you for 40 great years in the United States Coast Guard and Reserve. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to reminisce and I hope you enjoyed my boot camp to retirement journey.

Semper Paratus!



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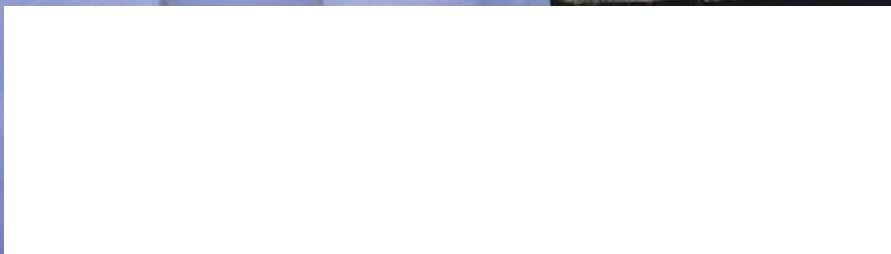
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