

U.S. COAST GUARD RESERVE TRAINING CENTER

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THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20593-0001

In days past, we in the Coast Guard trained our own reliefs - quite literally shoulder to shoulder. Now, we live and serve in a far more complex world. Our equipment is highly sophisticated, our missions are complex, and their effect far reaching.

Formal training, entry level and throughout a Coast Guard career, is an essential ingredient to effective service in today's challenging environment. Recognizing this, the Coast Guard has invested heavily in its training commands and the people who staff them. I am personally committed to quality training.

This brochure will introduce you to the Coast Guard's Training Command in historic Yorktown, Virginia where more than one hundred courses of instruction are offered to thousands of active duty and Reserve students annually. I hope you find it informative and helpful in meeting your own training needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. A. Yost", written over a circular stamp or mark.

P. A. YOST
Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard



AN OVERVIEW

The United States Coast Guard Reserve Training Center (RTC), stands on a small, scenic peninsula formed by Wormley Creek and the York River. Each year thousands of Regulars, Reservists, and Auxiliarists come here to master the latest techniques and applications of the modern Coast Guard. Besides training Coast Guard personnel, the RTC offers

basic and advanced courses to personnel from the other armed services, state and federal agencies, and nations throughout the world. Staffed by both military and civilian instructors, the Reserve Training Center proudly upholds the Coast Guard's motto: "Semper Paratus," graduating students "always ready" to meet today's challenges.

QUARTERMASTER SCHOOL



The Quartermaster basic course teaches trainees not only how to assist in navigation, but also how to function as the visual communications expert aboard Coast Guard cutters. Within the twelve weeks of intensive training is a two-week underway period.

RADARMAN SCHOOL

A Coast Guard Radarman must track both friendly and enemy crafts and must safely navigate ships electronically. Twelve weeks of course study and state-of-the-art radar labs prepare Radarmen to serve on high and medium endurance cutters, vessel traffic systems, and aerostat teams.



OPERATIONS TRAINING BRANCH

NATIONAL AIDS TO NAVIGATION SCHOOL

The safe navigation of American waters applies to all vessels: private, commercial, and military. NATON students learn to construct, operate, and maintain the Coast Guard's more than 46,000 Short Range Aids to Navigation.

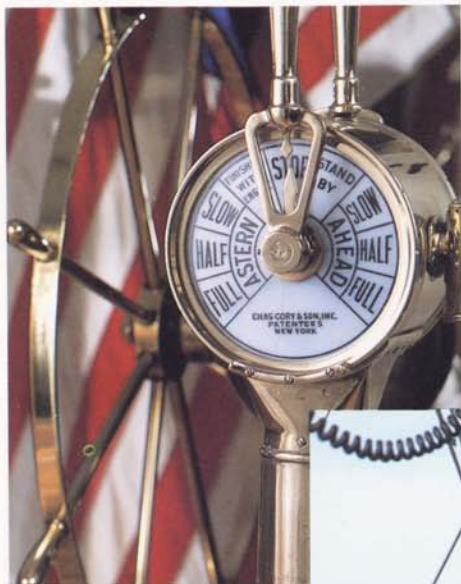


OPERATIONS TRAINING BRANCH



BOATSWAIN'S MATE SCHOOL

The Boatswain's Mate runs the deck on large Coast Guard cutters, commands smaller cutters, and drives the small boats in missions ranging from search and rescue to law enforcement. Basic and advanced Boatswain's Mate courses offer both classroom instruction and underway training on the largest 41-footer small boat fleet in the Coast Guard.



MARINE SAFETY SCHOOL

The Coast Guard must protect our waterways and monitor the vessels that use them, enforcing federal regulations ranging from safety compliance to water pollution to port operations. At the Marine Safety School students learn each facet of the varied marine safety mission.





PORT SECURITY SCHOOL

The Port Security School addresses the Coast Guard's fundamental mission of protecting the nation's ports. Trainees review existing regulations and legislation governing port security and develop law enforcement skills from both classroom and practical exercises.





MARINE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN SCHOOL

The Marine Science Technician School focuses its curriculum on protecting the environment. Basic classroom instruction, sophisticated lab facilities, and modern data systems produce technicians skilled in responding to environmental hazards.



ENGINEERING AND WEAPONS BRANCH



WEAPONS SCHOOL

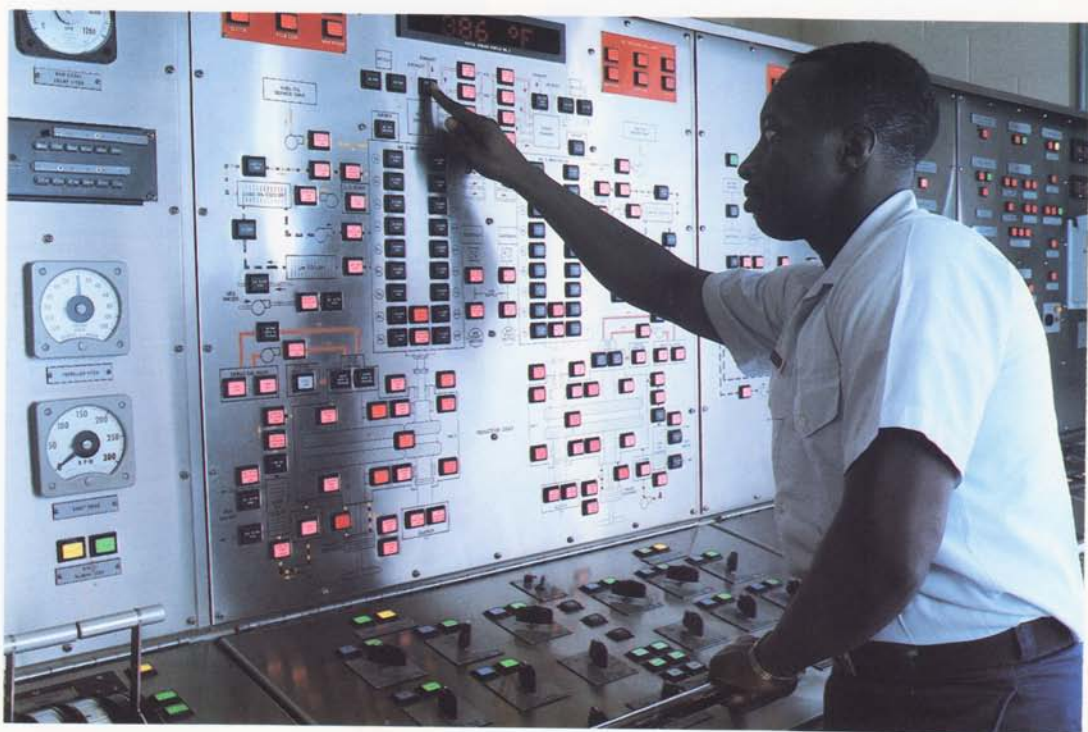
The Coast Guard's expanding role in Law Enforcement and Military Readiness is apparent throughout the Weapons School. Entry level and advanced courses offer Gunner's Mates and Fire Control Technicians extensive hands-on training in all Coast Guard weapons systems, from small arms to large caliber naval guns and their control systems.

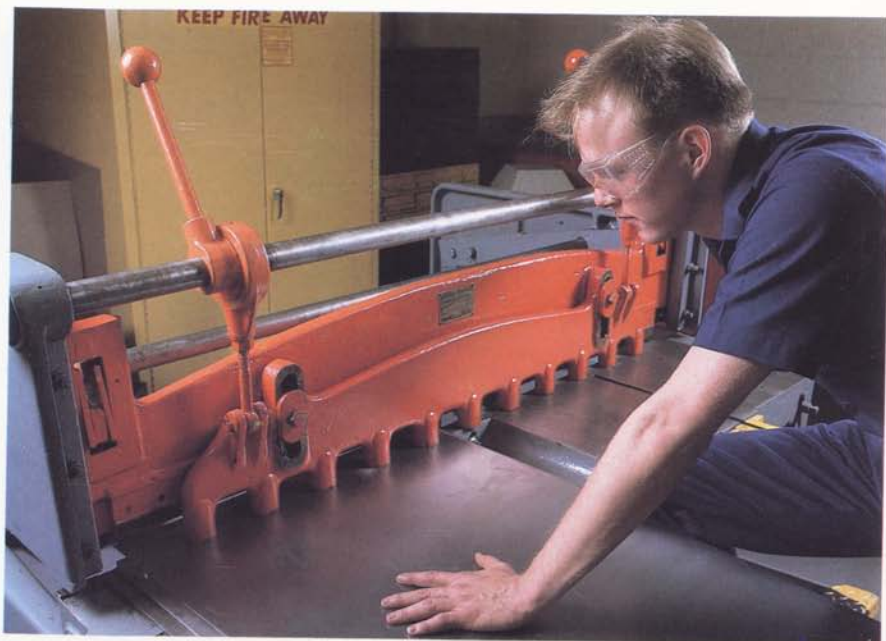


MACHINERY TECHNICIAN SCHOOL



The Machinery Technician School offers extensive lab facilities and hands-on training covering all basic and advanced naval engineering systems and machinery. The curriculum produces qualified, knowledgeable engineers to serve the nation's modern Coast Guard fleet.



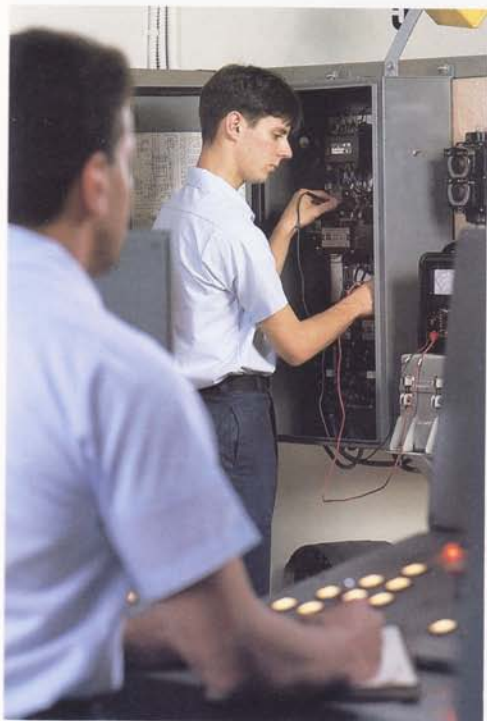


DAMAGE CONTROLMAN SCHOOL

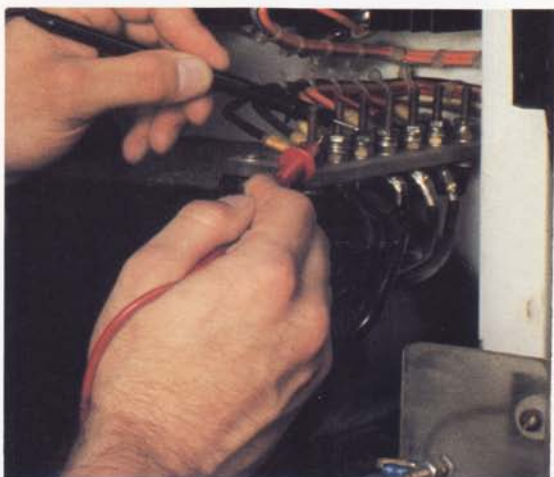
Up-to-date training in well-equipped welding, woodworking, piping, and metal labs prepare Damage Controlmen to serve on Coast Guard cutters, boats, and stations. In both basic and advanced courses, students learn to respond quickly and effectively to fire and collision emergencies ashore and afloat.



ELECTRICIAN'S MATE SCHOOL

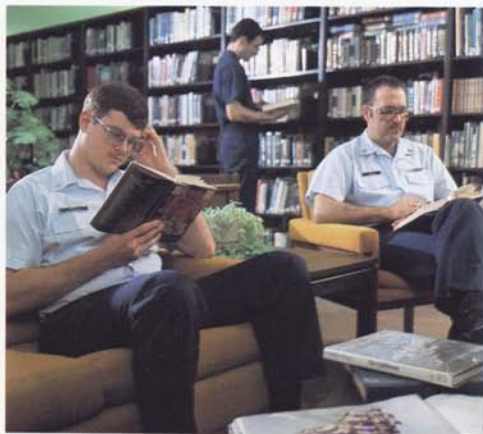


The Electrician's Mate School provides impressive lab facilities and advanced technology to support both basic and senior technician training. Courses range from basic electrical theory to solid state devices to operation of the highly technical machinery control systems used on Coast Guard cutters.



QUALITY OF LIFE

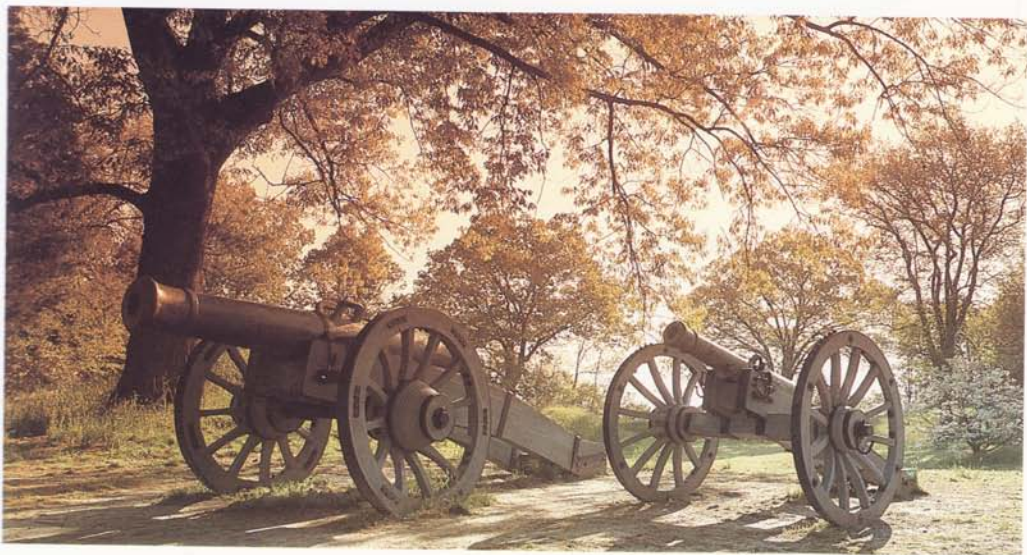
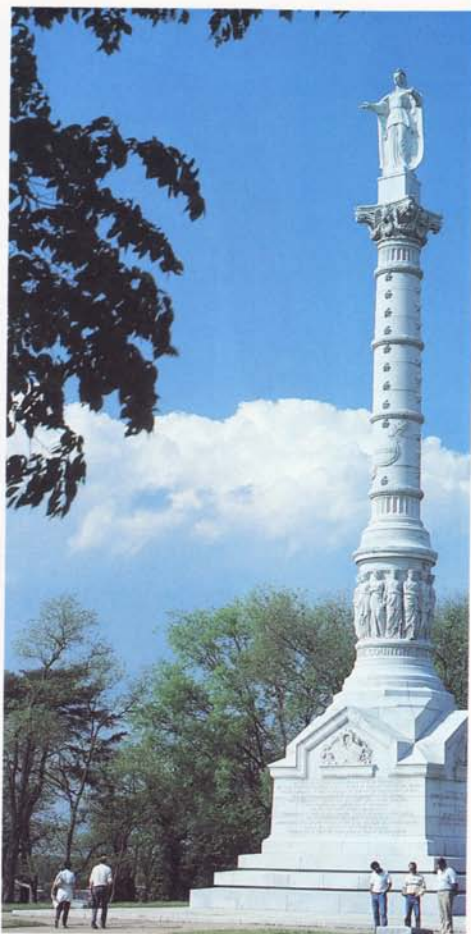
Committed to helping each student achieve his or her full potential, the RTC staff works diligently to maintain and enhance the superior quality of life students enjoy at Yorktown. Comfortable accommodations and unlimited recreational opportunities contribute to a supportive, healthy environment.

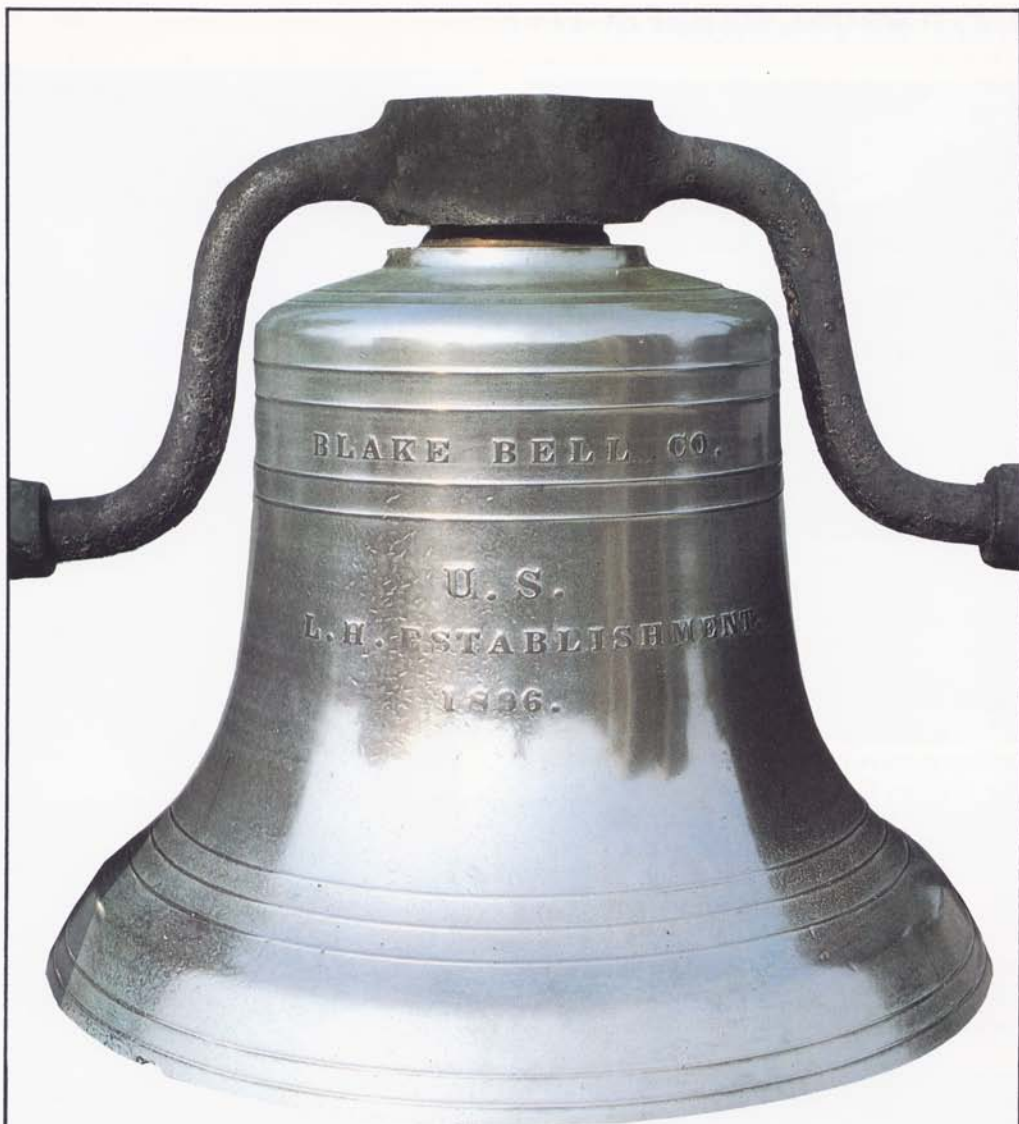


HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE



The Reserve Training Center occupies the easternmost tip of Virginia's "historic triangle," formed by Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown. It is the "place where independence was won," where Cornwallis surrendered to Washington in 1781. It is the place that marks the oldest military grave in this country, that of Major William Gooch. It is a place that has witnessed settlement, war, and progress. Today this peninsula houses the Coast Guard's most extensive training facility. The pride, professionalism, and excellence exhibited here pay fitting tribute to the colonial vision and courage that gave birth to our nation.





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