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**THE RESERVE'S INTEGRAL ROLE IN THE
DEPLOYABLE OPERATIONS GROUP
AND THE DEFENSE OF AMERICA**



The calendar had barely changed to 2008 and we were off and running here at the magazine ... and running fast! As always, there's never a dull moment ... lots to do and lots to report on when working on a pub like *The Reservist*.

As some of you know, RDML Daniel May has taken the reigns as Director of Reserve and Training. He reported aboard Jan. 28, and held an All Hands with the crew immediately. Best wishes to his predecessor, RDML Cynthia Coogan, who has transferred to the position of Deputy Assistant Commandant for Intelligence and Investigation (CG-2D). You can check out all the upcoming changes to the USCG Flag and Senior Leadership positions on Page 11.

2007 was another very eventful year for the Coast Guard Reserve, so I put together a two-page review of some of the highlights starting on Page 16. The commissioning of the Deployable Operations Group (DOG) was one of the highlights. With the commissioning well behind them, it's time for an extensive cover story on what the DOG is all about and how the Coast Guard Reserve fits into the big picture. By the way, hope you like our cover photo. Mascots have a definite place in Coast Guard history — perhaps it's time we give the "Guard Dog" a name. Just a thought.

During 2008, I've started a few new things to keep things fresh. The first is the District Spotlight. Each issue, we will highlight a different district. Our first stop is The Last Frontier — D17 and Alaska! Also this year, we'll be running a series called "Career Speak." This six-part series will give you tips on how to manage your CGR career. I've also continued to work on *The Reservist* e-archive and you can read "From Reservist Archives" each issue this year too.

Now it's time for some CGR birthday fun ... how about testing your knowledge of CGR history by taking the 20-question CGR quiz on Page 28? And, if you're looking for a great opportunity this summer, see the Summerstock 2008 article on Page 29. Finally, congratulations to all who advanced on Jan. 1. The list is huge and starts on Page 34.

Have a great 2008! .

— Ed.

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Citizen-Sailor Kudos

Congratulations on another great Citizen-Sailor edition of *The Coast Guard Reservist*. My active duty and reserve folks alike truly enjoy seeing what excellent work our reservists are doing both on and off duty. I continue to be amazed by the quality of personnel who dedicate their off time to enhancing our great service. Thank you for telling their stories. Bravo Zulu!

— **LCDR Heather Hanson**
Jacksonville, Fla.

Thank you for spot lighting LTJG Sonja Hedrick in the latest issue of *The Reservist*. Her prominence in the feature story on Pages 28-29 were great, and the mention about Sea Partners was appreciated. Thank you for this exposure for our program.

— **YNC Michelle Birchfield, USCGR**
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Washington, D.C.

Thanks for Christmas Tree Story

Thank you for the coverage of my homegrown Norwegian Spruce that became Detroit's municipal Christmas tree this holiday season (Issue 1-08, Page 16 and back cover). I see my name was also mentioned in the "Letter from the Editor." It was also an honor to be mentioned in the Editor's column among those great fellow Coast Guard Reservists!

I truly enjoyed the article and the experience and reading it really made me feel good about the whole event. It was especially gratifying after checking the Detroit web cam recently that looks over the park and seeing that they finally took down the tree. It was great while it lasted, and now I have the magazine article and photos to help remember it all.

I know a lot of people who don't receive *The Reservist* that will want a copy, particularly the two neighbors mentioned in the article and some of my friends and family members. Thanks again!

— **CAPT Dan Croce, USCGR**
Wayne, N.J.



We're Not Warriors Not Surprising

RADM John C. Acton's comments regarding his hearing from reservists about not considering themselves warriors is disappointing but not surprising ("View From the Bridge," Issue 3-07). Most Coast Guard Reservists are not and have not served in a wartime training assignment or atmosphere. As they go about routinely augmenting under such commands as MSOs and SAR stations, they tend to perform mostly regulatory and safety peacetime missions and functions. If the past is any measure of the relative time spent by most CGR personnel in warrior training and preparation, then most reservists understandably would not appreciate their individual readiness requirements especially

given the lack of qualified instructors within regular commands. This has been one of the negative consequences of "integration." The obvious exceptions to this reality are the OCONUS PSUs and those personnel serving at joint service commands.

In the same column, RADM Acton cites the three Coast Guard Reserve missions and firming up a CPRL, a process that has been a seemingly endless search for an understandable Reserve Personnel List. The missions and the personnel list are two separated ends of a planning continuum that needs to be logically connected using a time honored military process so that reservists know where they are, where they are going and why, so that they may achieve warrior mobilization readiness. Generic statements, orders from senior officers and constructing personnel lists from field unit inputs have not and will not cut it.

To connect the dots from missions to personnel requirements both in number and billets, one has to follow the developmental process performed by other military services. Although it took an inordinate amount of time and was met with resistance from some Coast Guard personnel, the Coast Guard actually did follow this process in developing the Reserve PSUs. There was little Coast Guard wiggle room to do otherwise because the mission emanated from the JCS.

The same military process was subsequently detailed for the entire Coast Guard Reserve over 10 years ago, written up in a position paper and offered to the Coast Guard. However, that report with its recommendations was disregarded not unlike the original proposal for a DOG (Deployable Operations Group).

The planning process is no secret or magic formula. Generic mission statements are followed by specified ones, which lead to militarily equipped and organized units with support systems, and finally then to a detailed CPRL. If this process were accepted and implemented, then in a few years all Coast Guard Reservists would

understand that we are all warriors or training to be one.
— **CAPT Joe Manfreda, USCGR(Ret.)**
Chicago, Ill.

Swedish Coast Guard Visit

I just returned from a trip to the Island Gotland off the coast of Sweden. While I was there, I made a stop at the Swedish Coast Guard station in the City of Slite (pronounced "slee-taa"). I introduced myself as a retired member of the U.S. Coast Guard (the Coast Guard t-shirt I was wearing certainly helped, shown in the photo), and was graciously welcomed into their station.



CDR Orjan Samuelsson of the Slite, Gotland-Region East, Swedish Coast Guard (right in photo) gave me a tour of the station, showed me a DVD of the Swedish Coast Guard and we spent close to an hour in conversation exchanging the various components of U.S. Coast Guard life and that of the Swedish Coast Guard. They were very excited to have someone

from the United States Coast Guard visit their unit. As I departed, I gave CDR Samuelsson a U.S. Coast Guard challenge coin and he returned the gesture by giving me several items from the Swedish Coast Guard. It was a unique opportunity for me and I was indeed extremely proud to represent our U.S. Coast Guard in a friendly visit to our Swedish counterparts.

I retired from service in October of 2005 and miss the Guard very much. However, it's the memories and traditions we hold close that keep me so proud of the United States Coast Guard.

— **EM2 Keith Evans, USCG(Ret.)**
Brigantine, N.J.

Third District's First Augmented Unit?

I have read with considerable interest your stories in recent years of "reservists augmenting the regular units." In this regard, I would like to record what might have been the "first" authorization by the old Third Coast Guard District (dcr) — even if only granted locally without HQ knowledge or approval — for reservists on their scheduled drill weekends to train for and augment regular USCG boat crews at the Hampton Bay Coast Guard Station, Shinnecock, Long Island, N.Y.

Ratings approved for this were BM, QM, SN, PS, EN and FN. Arrangements were made with the OIC of the Hampton Bay Station as well as the OIC of the Eastern Long Island Group for the ORTUPS (Organized Training Units Port Security) commanding officer to issue "Orders for Special Training" to specified individuals in those ratings listed above to take small boat training. This request was made because frequent repetition of study and training in the PSU curriculum was not maintaining

the interest, and subsequent reenlistment quotas, that the unit and CGD3 desired.

As a lieutenant commander, I served at ORTUPS (O) 03-82297 from August 1960 until August 1966. This "augmentation" commenced in the summer of 1964 and was continued on a twice-monthly schedule through the time I was relieved as CO by LCDR Ralph W. Brown in 1966. LTJG Jacob Graber and CHBON Penny were the other two officers assigned to this ORTUPS during the 1960-66 years with about 30-35 enlisted men of various ratings.

I believe the CCGD3(dcr) was CAPT Norman Horton, USCGA '41, but I do not recall other officers who might have served in that office. CAPT Horton had been a Coast Guard aviator during most of his career while others in the office were USCGR on active duty recall.

— **CAPT J.R. Hope, USCGR(Ret.)**
Albuquerque, N.M.

Still Writing Coast Guard Lady

I have been donating stamps and exchanging letters with Ms. Bouton "The Coast Guard Lady" ever since you ran the story last year (Issue 2-07). The first donation put me on her "mailing list." My wife and I receive a card for major holidays along with a personal note. I write back, and in turn, include a book of stamps. We enjoy Ms. Bouton's warm and genuine stories about her daily routine.



— **CWO3 Donald J. Rifkin, USCGR(Ret.)**
Miramar, Fla.

Ed's note: If you'd like to drop *The Coast Guard Lady* a note, mail to: Lois Bouton, 1616 16th Street, Rogers, AR 72758. Donations of stamps are always welcome.

Future Ensign Henson?

Attached is a photo of our daughter, Avery Michael Henson, with her dad's (ENS Michael Henson) combo



cover on. He had just returned from ROCI in Sept 2006 and she wanted to wear this. This is a future "Ensign Henson."

— **Kari Henson**
Eagle Point, Ore.



HONOLULU — PS2 Erik Rask, right, of Sector Honolulu's Incident Management Division, and U.S. Navy PO2 Marcus Morris, stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, retrieve line used to hold oil containment boom during a joint-service oil spill exercise at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Nov. 6, 2007. Coast Guard personnel constantly train with local, state and federal partners to better prepare for oil spills and hazardous materials releases. Photo by PA3 Angela Henderson, USCG



ARLINGTON, Va. — MCPO-CGRF Jeff Smith salutes after laying a wreath during the 7th annual USS SERPENS (AK-97) wreathlaying at Arlington National Cemetery Jan. 29, 2008. When SERPENS sank a mile off the coast of the Solomon Islands on Jan. 29, 1945, it was the Coast Guard's largest loss of life during World War II (176 CG Reservists, 17 active duty). The monument marks the site of a mass grave in Section 34. The event is sponsored each year by the DC Chief Petty Officers Association. Photo by CDR Richard Condit, USCG

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Are You “Good to Go?”



By
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John C. Acton,
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The new year has brought with it changes at the helm of the Reserve program. As you may know, RDML Daniel May took over as Director of Reserve & Training (CG-13) recently. RDML Cynthia Coogan has moved on to her next assignment as the Deputy Assistant Commandant for CG Intelligence (CG-2d).

RDML Coogan worked very hard shepherding some important Reserve initiatives ahead, while we simultaneously continued to work through the Commandant’s ongoing efforts to realign the Coast Guard for stronger mission execution. Congratulations and best wishes to RDML Coogan as she moves to her next challenge.

RDML May comes to the Reserve program from his most recent assignment as the Assistant Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. Rear admirals Coogan and Seward, RDML(Sel) Steve Day, MCPO-CGRF Jeff Smith and I will work to ensure RDML May is able to get “underway with way on” quickly as he takes the helm.

In past issues of this column, you’ve heard from your Reserve leadership on a myriad of topics — from lessons learned from OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and Katrina, to updates on major Reserve initiatives and a set of expectations for shipmates. Underlying nearly all of these writings has been a common theme that runs through our blood and is a touchstone for our Coast Guard culture ... that is, a “Guardian Ethos.” It is a sense of duty based on service to others. It requires that we mobilize the right skills, to the right place, at the right time.

Mobilizing the right skills, sometimes with little advance notice, requires sustaining a high level of readiness. We each must be “good to go” when the call comes. As you well know, during the past few years, we’ve experienced major surge mobilizations in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF), ongoing military outloads and Hurricane Katrina. In some instances, we really weren’t “good

to go,” and required a lot of last-minute effort to get our readiness up to speed.

Yes, we have a lot on our plate these days and the Reserve program is touched by some major initiatives including:

- Ensuring Reserve issues are considered in the modernization efforts to stand-up the new Operations Command (OPCOM) and Forces Command (FORCECOM);
- Working to analyze the potential for additional Coast Guard Reserve Units at COCOMs and DHS headquarters;
- Revamping and reinvigorating the Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer (EPLO) program; and
- A senior-level working group with representatives from major government departments is looking into the possibility of legislation that would require the interagency world to train and work together, similar to how the “Goldwater-Nichols Act” required DoD to embrace joint training and operations.

While these important initiatives are underway, we must maintain our focus on strengthening our readiness. Nothing should distract us from becoming a stronger force, ready to mobilize at any time.

A key method for evaluating our readiness and identifying opportunities for improvement are mobilization exercises, or MOBEXs. While PACAREA continues to hold periodic MOBEXs at all levels, LANTAREA will conduct an Area-wide MOBEX this spring in advance of the 2008 Hurricane season, which begins June 1. Details will be forthcoming.

We need to take full advantage of this opportunity — every District, every Sector, every reservist — to take those final steps to ensure we’re “good to go.” When the next mobilization call comes, we cannot be found wanting.

“While these important initiatives are underway, we must maintain our focus on strengthening our readiness. Nothing should distract us from becoming a stronger force, ready to mobilize at any time.”

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Five Coast Guard Commands Formally Recognize Virginia ESGR

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — Five local U.S. Coast Guard commands held a signing ceremony Dec. 18 at the Coast Guard Atlantic Area headquarters in recognition of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR).

As supporting units to ESGR, these Coast Guard commands publicly reinforced their advocacy for all Coast Guard civilian employees who also serve as reservists in the National Guard, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Army. In signing the Statement of Support, they pledged that: employment will not be denied because of the service in the Guard or Reserve; employee job

and career opportunities will not be limited or reduced because of service in the Guard and Reserve; employees will be granted leaves of absence for military service in the Guard and Reserve, consistent with existing laws; and that the agreement with ESGR and its resultant policies will be known throughout our organization.

Special guests participating in the event included: the Honorable Thomas Hall, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs; Col. Thomas Stephen (U.S. Army retired), Executive Director Virginia Committee for ESGR; CAPT Fred Berck (U.S. Navy retired), Chairman of the Tidewater Committee for ESGR; the Coast Guard Reserve's RADM John Acton, Deputy Commander for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs, Atlantic Area; and CAPT Ronald White (U.S. Coast Guard retired), Chief of Staff and Director of Program Integration for the National Committee for ESGR.



USCG photo by PA2 Kip Wadlow, USCG

A statement of support for the Virginia ESGR was signed at the Atlantic Area Command, Portsmouth, Va. Dec. 18. Signing left to right: VADM D. Brian Peterman, Atlantic Area; RADM Fred M. Rosa, Jr., Fifth Coast Guard District; RADM Ronald Hewitt, Maintenance and Logistics Command, Atlantic; CAPT Joanne McCaffrey, Facilities Design and Construction Center, Atlantic; and CDR Jeffrey Novotny, Sector Hampton Roads.

The local Coast Guard commands that signed the Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve (shown in photo above) were Atlantic Area, Fifth District, Maintenance and Logistics Command, Facilities Design and Construction Center Atlantic, and Sector Hampton Roads.

The ESGR is a Department of Defense organization established in 1972 whose mission is to promote cooperation and understanding between reservists and their civilian employers, and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. Now in its 35th year, ESGR operates through a network of hundreds of volunteers throughout the nation, its territories and in Europe. For more information, visit <http://www.esgr.org/>.

— By **LT Rob Wyman, USCG**

Hail to New Chiefs!



Four reservists were among 10 new chief petty officers initiated and honored at Sector Long Island Sound's Chief's Call to Initiation (CCTI) dinner held in November 2007. The four new Reserve CPOs, left to right: FSC Michael Rowan, Station Fire Island, N.Y.; MKC Oscar Perez, Station Eatons Neck, N.Y.; MKC Sean Lynch, Station Kings Point, N.Y.; and MKC John McDermott, Station Fire Island, N.Y.

Photo taken by EMC Sean McSweeney, SFO Moriches

Photo courtesy CWO3 Kenneth McDaniel, USCGR

Welcome Home PSU 308!

GULFPORT, Miss. — Family and friends anxiously awaited the arrival of Port Security Unit 308's return to their home base in Gulfport on Dec. 7 after completing a six-month deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Fifty-four members of the unit were deployed to Joint Task Force (JTF) Guantanamo Bay in support of the Global War on Terror June 1. They expertly provided maritime security and force protection services to help protect one of the largest high profile detainee operations in the Global War on Terror. The detachment overcame significant operational challenges to provide seaward patrols, vessel escorts, anti-terrorism operations, migrant patrols, Marine insert and extracts, and search and rescue operations. They served as exceptional representatives for the Coast Guard in transporting a significant number of distinguished visitors in a high-risk environment.

The JTF command staff welcomed the services provided by this unit and commended the members for the exceptional job performed as a team member in this joint-military environment.

"I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of PSU 308," said CDR Mike Hart, the unit's Commanding Officer. "The detachment performed their mission flawlessly, like the true professionals they are, and the support from home was excellent."

— By **OSC Patricia Geistfeld, USCGR**



Photo courtesy OSC Patricia Geistfeld, USCGR

MK1 Barney Ingram gets down on his knees to propose to his fiancée, Sandy Schulz, at PSU 308's homecoming Dec. 7.

Piped Aboard...



CAPT David Martin, USCGR, is "piped aboard" to take command of Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron 25 in Williamsburg, Va. Dec. 1, 2007. Martin is the only Coast Guard captain currently serving as the Commanding Officer of an NCWS. Serving as "sideboys" were Coast

Guard Reservists MSTCS Greg Lewis, left, and CWO3 Kenny McDaniel, right. Approximately 17 USCGR billets are assigned to each of the Navy's six Naval Coastal Warfare Squadrons.

San Jacinto Unveils Coast Guard Memorial

SAN JACINTO, Calif. — The Coast Guard had its day in the sun here Dec. 8 when the city of San Jacinto unveiled an 18-foot replica of the Fenwick Lighthouse in Druding Park as a Coast Guard memorial. The event, postponed from Veterans Day, drew a large crowd of Coast Guard active duty, retired, reserve and auxiliary members.

Featured speakers at the ceremony included Bill Densmore, a former member of the Coast Guard and Riverside County's veterans affairs director; San Jacinto Mayor Jim Ayres, and CDR Doug Kroll of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Densmore said he has spoken at many events honoring the military, but it was the first time at a ceremony aimed particularly at the Coast Guard.

"The Coast Guard has a lot of names, Shallow Water Navy among them," said Densmore. "But I like to think of ourselves as Guardians of the Sea whose unofficial motto is 'As you're coming in, we're going out.'"

Fenwick Lighthouse was picked as a model for the Coast Guard monument because of its lighthouse aesthetics. But it is historically significant, and its importance in saving lives, ships, and commerce from the treacherous shoals of the Delaware coast make it a perfect representation of the Coast Guard's missions.

The original Fenwick lighthouse was completed in 1859 and it sits right on the eastern edge of the Mason-Dixon Line. In Colonial times, the Mason-Dixon Line was the resolution of a border dispute between British colonies, and later became the line between the northern and southern states.



Photo courtesy YNC Doris P. Telles, USCGR

Above: The new monument is a replica of Fenwick Lighthouse, Del. • Below: Helping celebrate the new USCG memorial in San Jacinto are three World War II Coast Guard SPARs, left to right: Eleanor Ray, Dorothy Grower and Mary Ellen Petersen, along with Coast Guard Reservist YNC Doris P. Telles.

The Coast Guard manned Fenwick Lighthouse from the 1940s until it was decommissioned in 1978.

"Today, the Coast Guard will have their recognition here in Druding Park," Ayres told the crowd. He added that Druding Park now has memorials dedicated to the Coast Guard, Army, Air Force and Navy. A Marine Corps memorial is slated to be unveiled on Memorial Day.

— By YNC Doris P. Telles, USCGR



Photo by Doug Kroll

NCWS Helps Deliver MRAPs

Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron 21 Forward (NCWRONFWD 21), a combined unit made up of Navy and Coast Guard Reservists, played a historic role recently in delivering a vital part of force protection equipment to the theater of operations in and around Iraq.

The much awaited Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) combat vehicles arrived with a mass delivery by water. Previously, MRAPs were delivered to theater in smaller numbers by way of air. This delivery marked the first mass delivery of such

equipment utilizing the Military Sealift Command's contracts with merchant vessels. The surface delivery method is the most cost effective and efficient, delivering the tools to the troops who need them the most.

Navy and Coast Guard units routinely provide force protection to merchant and military vessels transiting in and out of the danger areas. They offer continuous vigilance throughout the area of operations for potential threats to shipping lanes and ports.

— By LT David Milne and PSCS Brad Blatchley, NCWRON 21

GRADUATIONS

REBI Class Romeo 02-08



Photo by Mr. Scott Prince

Congratulations to Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination Class Romeo 10-07 who graduated Nov. 14, 2007, at Training Center Cape May, N.J. Front row, left to right: Company commanders GMCS Don Clayton and AMT1 Christopher Hatch. Back row:

BM2 Dan Carsen, IV3 Joe Mellen, SN Keith Wilson, SN Ryan Storino, YN3 Joe Santos, PS3 Justin Bumgarner, SN Chris Newton, IT3 Brian App, BM1 Eugenio Arencibia, SN Anibal Padilla, SN Ben Ibey, SN Jason Orozco, SN Kris Swearingen, and SN Elena Davies.

PS "A" School Class 01-08



Photo by Mr. Tim Clements

PS "A" School Class 01-08 graduated at Training Center Yorktown, Va. Oct. 26, 2007. Front row, left to right: PO1 Gilbert Guichard, Haitian National Police; SNPS Braxton Kitrell, Sector Seattle; SNPS Matthew James, Sector Houston; SNPS Immanuel Gitamo, ISC Seattle; SNPS Sean Morris, PSU 309; SNPS John Oh, MSST 91103 LA/Long Beach; SNPS Rhett Freeman, MSU Morgan City; SNPS Quint Dow, Jr., MSO Providence; SNPS Matthew Ellzey, Sector Mobile. Second row, l to r: SNPS William Callow, MSST 91101 Seattle; SNPS Jonathan Holland,

PSU 309; SNPS Curtis Adams, PSU 312; SNPS Peter Smith, PSU 313; SNPS Meter O'Donnell, PSU 301; PS3 Lucas Gelin, PSU 312; PS3 David McKay, PSU 312. Third row, l to r: SNPS Orrin Thomas, Sector New Orleans; PS3 Douglas Sulham, PSU 301; SNPS John Havers, Jr., Sector Charleston; Chief St. Elien Plaisir, Haitian National Police; SNPS Randy Hastings, Sector Seattle; SNPS Curtis Hawkins, ISC Seattle; PS3 Matthew Masaschi, Sector Baltimore; PS3 Harrison Davis, PSU 307.

2007 was another eventful year for our Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve. Here are some highlights that were published in *The Reservist* this past year:

• **Boarding Officer Qualification Support Program** — The BOQSP, implemented in September 2006 at the MLE Academy in Charleston, S.C., was upgraded/updated during 2007. The program combines e-learning with practical training to increase the pool of qualified boarding officers. It was featured on the cover of Issue 1-07 of *The Reservist*.



from the Coast Guard during 2007. He was appointed the eighth White House Chief Usher by **President Bush** on March 12, 2007.

• **Record Drug Bust** — Crews of CGC SHERMAN and CGC HAMILTON seized 42,845 pounds of cocaine from the Panamanian-flagged motor vessel *Gatun* off the coast of Panama March 18, 2007. It was the largest maritime drug bust ever for the Coast Guard.

• **IS Rating Launched** — The Intelligence Specialist (IS) rating was launched with a special ceremony at Headquarters April 23, 2007. **ADM Thad Allen**, USCG Commandant, and **Mr. James Sloan**, Assistant Commandant for Intelligence and Criminal Investigations, presided over the ceremony. **Master Chiefs David Rochefort, Brian Lincoln** and **Mark Pearson** became the first IS plank owners of the new rating.

• **New CGR Unit** — A new Coast Guard Reserve unit was commissioned at NORTHCOM, Peterson Air Force Base on April 23, 2007. **CAPT Douglas A. Ash**, USCGR, commands the new unit.

• **Leadership Changes** — **CAPT Andrea Contratto** took the reigns as Chief, Office of Reserve Affairs (CG-131) from **CAPT Dale Rausch** who retired April 26, 2007. **CAPT Steven Day** of Port Edwards, Wis. was selected as a new Reserve flag officer.

• **Office of Reserve Affairs Moves** — The Office of Reserve Affairs (CG-131) moved from the Headquarters Building to the nearby Jemal Riverside Building in late April 2007.

• **Congratulations Graduates** — **Reserve Chief Petty Officers Academy** Classes 22 and 23 graduated at TRACEN Petaluma, Calif. during summer 2007. **Reserve Officer Candidate**

• **CGR Birthday Celebration** — Coast Guard Commandant **ADM Thad Allen** and Vice Commandant **VADM Vivien Crea** cut the cake at birthday party number 66 for the Coast Guard Reserve in the CGHQ cafeteria. Also in attendance was Coast Guard Chief of Staff **VADM Robert Papp, Jr.**

• **New White House Chief Usher** — **RADM Stephen W. Rochon**, a former Reserve Program Administrator, retired

Indoctrination graduated two classes at the CG Academy in New London, Conn. Meanwhile, **Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination** graduated ten classes during fiscal year 2007 at TRACEN Cape May, N.J.

• **Hurricane Katrina Clean-Up** — The Coast Guard Reserve continued to be instrumental in Hurricane Katrina clean-up efforts in the Gulf region (*The Reservist*, Issue 3-07).

• **New Training Initiative** — The RB-S crew member course helps speed up the time it takes reservists to get qualified as RB-S crewmembers. (*The Reservist*, Issue 5-07).

• **Reservists Deployed Overseas** — Yes, there are Coast Guard Reservists serving in the Middle East. **CWO4 George Paidousis** served at the American embassy in Baghdad, Iraq. He was honored at the annual State of the Coast Guard event during 2007 (*The Reservist*, Issue 3-07). Commandant **ADM Thad Allen** paid a visit to Coast Guard members serving in Kuwait with **Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron (NCWRON)-34** during February 2007. Meanwhile, five reservists were part of **RAID Team V**, which returned from Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

• **Guantanamo Bay Deployments and Homecomings** — **PSU 301** and **PSU 308** served at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for six months each. **PSU 301** returned home June 8, 2007, while **PSU 308's** homecoming was Dec. 7, 2007. **PSU 313** is serving there now.

• **Deployable Operations Group (DOG) Commissioning** — The DOG was commissioned Friday, July 20, 2007 at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. The DOG takes the Coast Guard's six deployable special force units and puts them under one command for the first time. These six DSF include Port Security Units, Maritime Safety and Security Teams, National Strike Force, Naval Coastal Warfare squadrons and groups, the Maritime Security & Response Team (MSRT), and the Tactical Law Enforcement Teams (TACLETs). **RDML Thomas Atkin** is the first DOG commander.

• **Cutting Edge** — CGC STORIS was decommissioned Feb. 8, 2007 after 64 years of service. Meanwhile, sea trials began Dec. 4, 2007, for the National Security Cutter BERTHOLF in Pascagoula, Miss.

• **Revised Reserve Policy Statement / Changes to Reserve Mobilization Policy** — The Commandant released the revised Reserve Policy Statement during summer 2007 and the changes to the Reserve Mobilization Policy were published in ALCOAST 381/07. The full text of each document was published in *The*



Reservist's Mobilization & Readiness Guide (*The Reservist*, Issue 6-07).

• **National Headlines (Bridge Collapse and Midwest Flooding)** — **MSD St. Paul** responded immediately when the I-35W bridge collapsed in the Twin Cities Aug. 1, 2007. The Coast Guard established a security zone around the collapsed bridge and maintained a presence for 20 days. Boat crews from St. Louis, Milwaukee, Two Rivers, Wis., Duluth, Minn., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., MSST 91106 (New York), Sector Lower Mississippi River, Sector New Orleans, Station Gulfport and Station Aransas assisted during the three weeks following the bridge collapse. (*The Reservist*, Issue 6-07). • Meanwhile, also during August 2007, **Disaster Assistance Response Teams** from Sector Ohio Valley helped residents following huge rain storms that left intense flooding in Ohio.

• **Capitol Region No-Fly Zone** — Coast Guard Reservists now help staff the **National Capitol Region Coordination Center** in support of the Capitol Region No-Fly Zone. The NCRCC is responsible for coordination of a 3,000-square-mile air security zone for the Washington, D.C. area. (*The Reservist*, Issue 7-07).

• **CGR Web Page** — The Coast Guard Reserve Web page took on a new look during the summer of 2007 thanks to the good "behind the scenes" work of CGR Webmaster, **LT Greg Reilly**.

• **Reserve Awards Presented During 2007** — The CGR Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year for 2006 (awarded in 2007) was **LTJG Nicholas Osborne**, NCWS 34. The Coast Guard Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year was **OS1 Thomas Zeiner**, NCWS 34. **PSU 312** won the Reserve Affairs Family Readiness Award, the **14th District and ISC Honolulu** took the Waesche Award, **Sector San Francisco** earned the Sparks Award while the McShan Leadership Award was presented to reservist **YNC Linda Laswell** of MSU Port Arthur, Texas.

• **Reserve Management Workshop** — Over 60 Reserve Program Administrators from across the nation attended a Reserve Management Workshop in Irving, Texas Sept. 11-13. The conference, believed to be the first of its kind in CGR history, focused on the full-time management of the CGR program.

Photo by PS1 Kevin Rofidal, USCGR



• **Reserve LANT/PAC Chief's Calls** — **MCPO-CGRF Jeff Smith** hosted the first-ever Reserve E-8 and E-9 Chief's Calls for both Atlantic and Pacific

Areas in August and September, respectively. The theme was "The Role of SELRES Senior Enlisted in the Future of the USCGR."

• **Taps** — The Coast Guard lost Coast Guard Reservist **PS3 Ronald A. Gill Jr.** in the line of duty following an accident that occurred March 25, 2007, north of Vashon Island, Wash. **SN Raymond O'Malley**, CGC ESCANABA survivor, passed away March 8, 2007 in Chicago. **BM3 Marvin Perrett**, USCGR, who served during World War II and later as a Coast Guard "reenactor," passed away May 6, 2007 • **ADM Owen W. Siler**, Coast Guard Commandant from 1974-78, passed away July 17, 2007, and was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on Coast Guard Hill Sept. 28, 2007.



• **Keeping In Touch** — The Coast Guard Lady, **Lois Bouton**, who served with the Coast Guard SPARs during World War II, was featured on the cover of Issue 2-07 for her many years of writing letters to Coast Guard units across the nation. No, these are not e-mail letters, but old-fashioned hand-written letters complete with an envelope and stamp.

• **Coast Guard Day 2007 Milestone** — In the Commandant's Coast Guard Day All Hands message (R 022134Z AUG 07), he wrote: "This year we celebrate a remarkable milestone in our history. The Coast Guard has saved more than one million lives since 1790. What could be a greater calling than to save lives? No other federal agency does what we do, and no other service has such a broad array of missions and responsibilities that touch the lives of so many people, all across America, and the farthest

reaches of the globe ... Wherever you are stationed, whatever job you do, and whatever missions you execute or support, you are vital to our success and the people we serve. Every member of the Coast Guard is a lifesaver."

Semper Paratus!

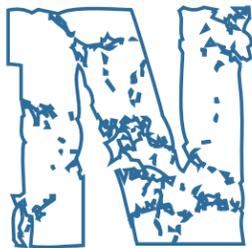
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GUARD DOG

**The Reserve's integral role in the
Deployable Operations Group
and the Defense of America**

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owhere in the Coast Guard is the contribution of the Coast Guard Reservist more visible and vital than in the Deployable Operations Group (DOG), a command established in July 2007 to oversee the USCG's Deployable Specialized Forces (DSF).

The DOG uses adaptive force packaging of assets from its six different types of DSFs to respond to major natural disasters such as hurricanes, terrorist attacks or threats on the high seas and in ports, and to conduct counter-narcotics operations and migrant interdiction operations.

DOG: Ensuring Reserve Readiness

Since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, demands on reservists have expanded markedly. "The DOG, with 1,500 Reserve billets, is now on the leading edge of ensuring readiness levels, training and support to catch up with the heightened expectations placed on reservists," said LT Charles Ellis, deputy of the DOG's personnel support division and a Reserve Program Administrator (RPA).

"The creation of the DOG has not altered the reservist's role, but rather has raised the visibility of the Reserve community and its needs," emphasized LT Joseph

Foley, the DOG's Reserve manager and also an RPA.

"The consolidated oversight is enhancing readiness and training levels for reservists in the four types of DSFs that have Reserve billets: eight Port Security Units, the National Strike Force, 12 Maritime Safety and Security Teams and the Naval Coastal Warfare's five squadrons and two groups," said PSCS Darrell Odom, command senior chief of the DOG's Reserve force.

Odom's billet is a strong indicator of the importance of the Reserve force within the DOG. The DOG is the only USCG command that has a permanent reservist on active duty — the command senior chief billet. This billet is one of only three Coast Guard-wide, active duty enlisted billets that are designated to be filled by a reservist.

Odom works directly with the DOG commander and command master chief to ensure the command understands how DOG issues impact each reservist.

"He was carefully selected — by a board — from a pool of six competitive applicants, and his experience and expertise are invaluable to the success of the Reserve program at the DOG," said RDML Thomas Atkin, the DOG's commanding officer.

Prior to the DOG's creation, DSF operational commanders were responsible for overseeing the human resource needs of reservists in their commands. However, they didn't always have the support structure to handle



BM1 Bryan "Hashmark" Hoffman leads Coast Guard PSU 313 back to their home port in Tacoma, Wash., after conducting a boat tactics exercise during July 2007 in Port Townsend Bay off the shore of Naval Magazine Indian Island. Photo by PA3 David R. Marin, USCG, D13 Public Affairs

the unique needs of reservists in the areas of readiness and training, or even to process Reserve personnel actions. It was often difficult for individual commanders to keep up with the human resource needs of reservists, which impacted the readiness of the reservists under their command.

The strategic intent of the DOG is to have in place Reserve Program Administrators (RPAs), who are military human resource specialists, to provide support to reservists and to educate active duty personnel about the unique needs of reservists. The RPAs also ensure that the Reserve component's needs and funding intricacies are considered in the DOG's planning processes.

As the DOG's Reserve manager, Foley provides support to active duty commanders as they handle reserve human resource issues. He ensures reservists' interests are considered, and he holds both active-duty personnel and reservists accountable during this process.

DOG's Vision: Robust Reserve Footprint

Since the streamlining of the DSFs under the DOG, the command has dedicated more resources to the oversight of Reserve issues, to readiness and training standards and to the needs of families of deployed reservists.

To increase oversight of Reserve issues, the command not only brought in RPAs, but also highlighted Reserve issues at the DOG CO conference in December, which was attended by operational commanders from all the DSFs. "For some commanders, such as the USCG's Naval Coastal Warfare commanders, it was likely the first time they had received such a briefing," said Odom.

To improve Reserve readiness and training standards,

Foley said that the command's vision is to ensure the DOG's Reserve footprint is more robust throughout the DSFs than it is currently. The existing structure is one in which each DSF has assets and training capacities, but they aren't being mutually used by the other DSFs. The DOG is seeking to better define Reserve training requirements and then tap into each DSF's capacities across the DOG to train reservists before and during their assignment to a specific DSF.

The DOG is using its leverage as a sole command over the six types of DSF units to "set realistic expectations for reservists and maximize their opportunities to train and learn," said Odom.

Training for active duty personnel who seek to become part of the DOG includes the assessment and selection program, a rigorous weeklong test of physical strength and mental acuity that also includes specialized training. Right now, reservists are not part of that annual program, but a working group is seeking to standardize Reserve selection and training in a similar manner. "One new requirement that the DOG has in the pipeline is a three-tiered physical training standard for DOG reservists," said Odom.

The third area where the DOG is directing more resources to the Reserve force involves enhancing support to the families of deployed reservists. "To that end, the DOG has consolidated its oversight to improve support and fill in past gaps," said Ellis.

DOG's Consolidation of Key Functions

Of course, the consolidation of the six DSF unit types under the DOG has brought greater oversight to active duty readiness and training as well.

One of nine USCG MSST RBSS' (25-foot SAFE boats) from the San Francisco and LA/LB units, present for Fleet Week Oct. 6, 2007, maintain the security zone and escort corridors for the Parade of Ships entering at the Golden Gate Bridge as one of the Canadian ships arrives. Photo by Linda Vetter, USCG Auxiliary



Based on lessons learned from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the DOG was created to better integrate the DSFs, creating one chain of command instead of the multiple chains that existed in LANTAREA and PACAREA. The single DOG command now organizes, cross-trains and equips units. The DOG consolidates key functions as well — one of which is Reserve management.

Other consolidated functions include administrative and financial, intelligence, logistics, planning, training and exercises and command, control and communications (C3). This consolidation improves C3 interoperability within these units and across the USCG as well as with the DOG's governmental and non-governmental partners at the national, state and local levels.

The DOG's headquarters consists of 102 active duty, reserve, auxiliary and civilian members. Overall, the DOG comprises more than 3,000 personnel.

Three DSF unit types were in existence prior to 9/11: the National Strike Force, two Tactical Law Enforcement Teams and eight Port Security Units.

The National Strike Force (NSF), with 151 Reserve billets, relies on its 30 years of experience to facilitate preparedness for and respond to oil and hazardous substance pollution incidents to protect public health and the environment. The NSF totals over 200 active duty, civilian, reserve and auxiliary personnel and includes the National Strike Force Coordination Center, the Atlantic

Strike Team, the Gulf Strike Team, the Pacific Strike Team and the Public Information Assist Team.

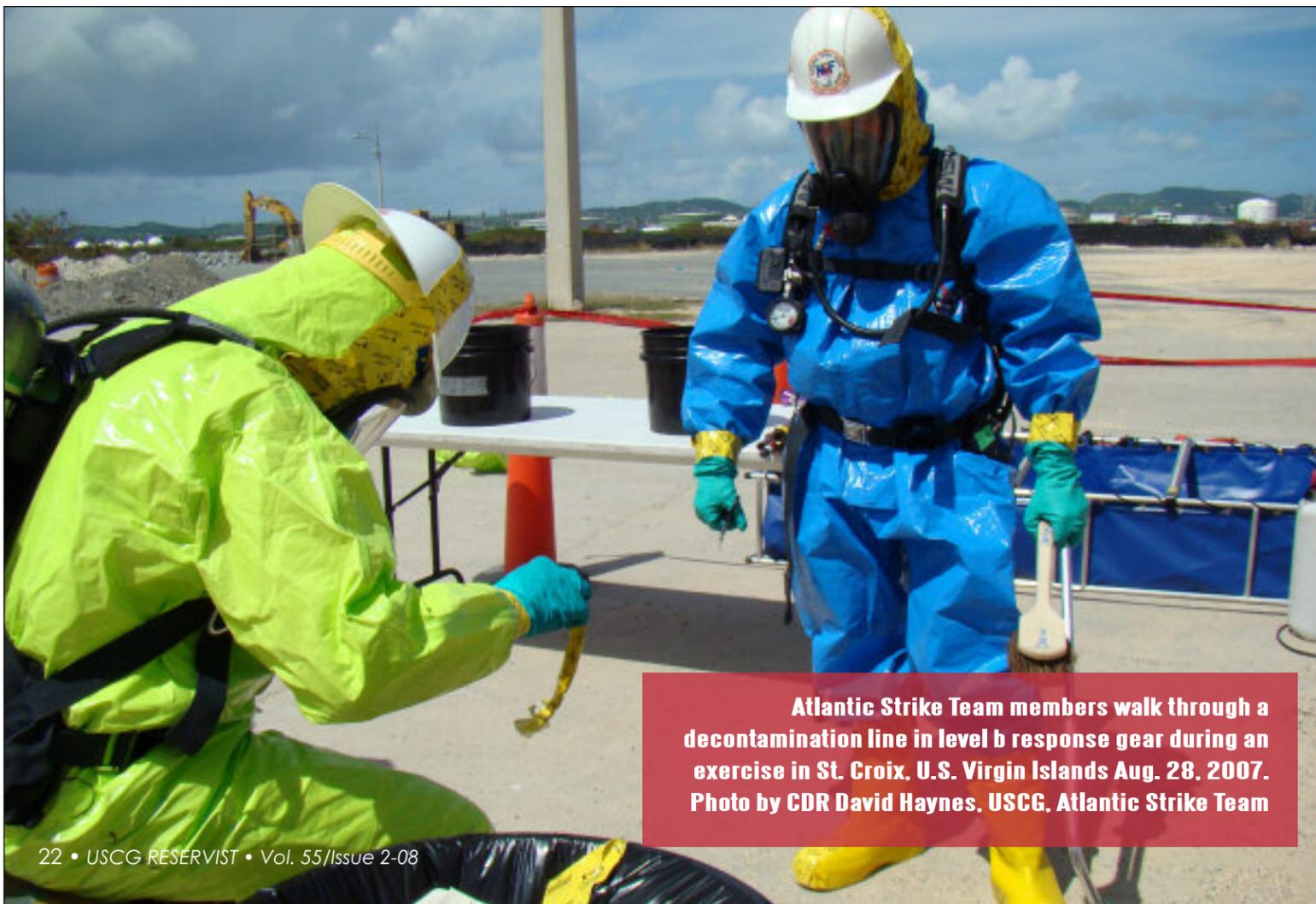
The Tactical Law Enforcement Teams, with more than 20 years of experience, conduct law enforcement operations and deploy aboard Navy vessels to enforce U.S. and international laws. Responsibilities include high-seas interdiction of drug traffickers and smugglers.

The Port Security Units, where more than 1,000 of the DOG's reservists are found, conduct military and defense operations around the world. One operational change that the DOG is pursuing is the concept of selecting one Port Security Unit at a time to serve as a national go-team for a six-month period to respond to CONUS national events and in concert with adaptive force packaging of other assets as needed.

DOG's New Units: MSSTs, MSRT and NCWs

After 9/11, the Coast Guard established two additional commands — the 12 Maritime Safety and Security Teams (MSST) which conduct security and antiterrorism operations and the Maritime Security and Response Team (MSRT), which conducts counter-terrorism and law-enforcement operations. The MSSTs have 99 Reserve billets and possess specialized skills, capabilities and expertise to perform a broad range of port security and harbor defense missions. Modeled after the port security

Boarding Team members from Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team Galveston are hoisted into an HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter after conducting a vertical insertion exercise in Galveston, Texas, Nov. 20, 2007. The unit conducted the exercise with the CGC DAUNTLESS including both day and night events. Photo by PA3 Mario Romero, USCG, D8 PADET Houston



Atlantic Strike Team members walk through a decontamination line in level B response gear during an exercise in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands Aug. 28, 2007. Photo by CDR David Haynes, USCG, Atlantic Strike Team

and harbor defense missions, MSSTs offer a complementary, non-redundant Coast Guard capability with training in maritime law enforcement practices and policies, enabling these teams to augment Coast Guard forces during major marine events, contingencies and other Coast Guard law enforcement operations primarily in ports, harbors, internal waterways and coastal regions. MSSTs are located in strategic U.S. ports near other Coast Guard units and infrastructure.

The MSRT, located in Chesapeake, Va., is a ready assault force that conducts maritime threat response unilaterally or as part of an interagency adaptive force package. It is capable of interdicting, boarding and verifying threats, and when required, engaging in offensive operations against a hostile threat.

The MSRT's direct action section trains to conduct high threat interdiction using close quarters combat techniques to neutralize threats, with training in vertical insertion, tactical boat insertion and urban movement. The special capabilities section conducts technical and tactical operations to identify, isolate and triage chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats, to include operating in contaminated environments. The tactical delivery team consists of small boat crews.

The sixth DSF, the Naval Coastal Warfare squadrons and groups, contain 133 Reserve billets. These Coast

Guard personnel are responsible for the NCW's command and control, communication, computer and intelligence support, serving as the primary communication link between the theater command and deployed NCW units.

Learning from Past But Looking Ahead

The DOG is a result of what the Coast Guard has learned from the past. It is the newest weapon to counter threats against the United States. By combining the DSFs and working with other agencies, the DOG will be better trained, communicate more easily, and be able to respond to any situation faster.

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CGC STORIS heads out into open water as it departs Kodiak, Alaska for the last time March 12, 2007. STORIS served 64 years — longer than Alaska has been a state. Photo by PA1 Kurt Fredrickson, USCG

During 2008, The Reservist plans to spotlight each of the Coast Guard's nine districts with short, informative articles. We begin this series with some northern exposure to "The Last Frontier" – Alaska – home of the Coast Guard's 17th District.

To say the 17th District is large and looming is perhaps an understatement. It is one of only two Coast Guard districts made up entirely of a single state – Alaska. The other, the 14th District (Hawaii) will be spotlighted in the next issue. Alaska, taken from the Aleut word "Alyeska," means "greater land," and it is a great and far-reaching land indeed! At 572,000 square miles of land and 86,051 square miles of water, Alaska is one-fifth the size of the lower 48 states (it would rank 19th largest in the world if it were a nation). There must be a reason the state's flower is the Forget-Me-Not – it may be easy to be forgotten up there.

Though Alaska became the 49th state Jan. 3, 1959, the Coast Guard was here nearly a century prior and

played an important part in its early development. At the Alaska Veterans Memorial on the George Parks Highway, five 20-foot concrete monuments honor each of the Armed Services, including the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard's monument is inscribed as follows: "Coast Guard service began when the Cutter SHUBRICK led a six-vessel expedition coastwise to the Bering Straits in 1865. A permanent presence was founded upon arrival of the first U.S. official, a Coast Guardsman in Sitka on Aug. 12, 1867, two months before the U.S. accepted ownership. The duties and services of the Coast Guard include search and rescue, aids to navigation, law enforcement and marine safety. The Coast Guard will continue to serve Alaskans in times of peace, war and natural disasters."

Alaska Day is a legal holiday and is observed every Oct. 18. It celebrates the formal transfer of the Territory of Alaska from Russia to the United States that took place at a flag-raising ceremony at Fort Sitka on Oct. 18, 1867. Though in American hands for more than 140 years, Alaska remains rugged country and the faint of heart need not apply for service here. With the Gulf of Alaska and the Pacific Ocean to the south, the Bering Sea, Bering Strait and Chuckchi Sea to the west and the Beaufort Sea and Arctic Ocean to the north, the 17th District has an abundance of water for the Coast Guard to perform its multitude of missions. Overall, the coastline is 6,640 miles long, but if you were to walk all

the shoreline, you would cover 33,904 miles.

Here's how the numbers stack up for Coast Guard members serving here: 2,300 active duty, 60 Selected Reservists, 250 civilians and approximately 350 auxiliaries.

The 17th District's Headquarters are in the state capital, Juneau, with RADM Arthur E. Brooks the current D17 Commander. The 17th is further divided into two sectors: Sector Anchorage, to the north, and Sector Juneau, to the south. Three small boat stations service the district: Stations Juneau, Ketchikan and Valdez. There are two Aids to Navigation Teams, two air stations at Kodiak and Sitka, and an Air Support Facility at Cordova. Approximately 15 cutters are home ported in Alaskan waters. Meanwhile, there are six LORAN stations located at Attu, Kodiak, Port Clarence, Shoal Cove, St. Paul and Tok. Support facilities include ISCs Ketchikan and Kodiak, Electronics Support Unit Kodiak, Communications Station Kodiak and Civil Engineering Unit Juneau.

Alaska and the 17th District will continue to be important to the United States and the U.S. Coast Guard in the future. In fact, on Oct. 25, 2007 a Coast Guard HC-130 Hercules airplane successfully reached the North Pole, ushering in a new era of Coast Guard operations in the Arctic. The 2,300-mile flight, which originated at Air Station Kodiak, was the first to reach the North Pole exclusively for the purpose of Arctic domain awareness. This new mission is based on recently observed climate changes that will provide greater maritime access to the Arctic. The Coast Guard is indeed taking Alaska's state motto to heart: North to the Future!

For more information, check the D17 Web site: www.uscg.mil/d17/.



ISC Ketchikan Detachment Juneau (FOT) staff, left to right: Mrs. Janie Pehrson, LT Troy Fryar, YN1 Gail Graham, and SK2 Jomar Dunham. Not pictured: YNC Simon Waldern and OSC Dave Hydock.

ISC Ketchikan Detachment Juneau (FOT), Alaska

Welcome to ISC Ketchikan Detachment Juneau Force Optimization and Training Branch (FOT). ISC Ketchikan is a split command, with the command cadre out of Ketchikan and a 30-person detachment collocated with the D17 staff at the Federal Building in Juneau. The FOT branch is located within the detachment and comprised of a LT, YNC, YN1, SK2, GS-11/ESO and Career Development Advisor (CDA); the CDA position is in Ketchikan. The FOT's primary function is to support the D17 Commander and Alaska commands on all force optimization and training issues concerning district units or resources.

The Juneau FOT office manages 60 Reserve billets for reservists physically located in the largest geographic area in the Coast Guard. Reservists are located in small and remote locations throughout Alaska and other west coast states. However, reasonable commuting distances do exist in Alaska. Under the Sector concept, the FOT, along with the D17 Senior Reserve Officer, reprogrammed all RPAL billets to Sectors Anchorage and Juneau and the D17 staff. Historically, one-third to a one-half of D17's Alaska Reserve force comes from families with an active duty spouse.

FOT Juneau performs the same duties as all FOT's regarding Reserve program management, plus a sizeable list of additional functions that support D17 commands. FOT Juneau manages all emergency leave travel in Alaska, all medical travel for South Central and South East Alaska (except Kodiak), TAD augmentation in and outside Alaska, D17 urinalysis administrator, oversight of field-level training (AFC 30T) for ISC Ketchikan and support for D17's AFC 30T. All of these missions have separate budgets and require timely customer focus and attention to detail.

The FOT lieutenant position assumes "Acting" Detachment Supervisor duties during any absence. The Career Development Advisor is responsible for services to eastern Alaska, including Reserve recruiting coordination in D17. The Educational Service Officer provides a complete educational program for Coast Guard families in south central and southeast Alaska and performs all the Coast Guard Institute and DANTES testing for the seven Coast Guard commands in Juneau.

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Career Speak

Six-Part Series Focuses on Managing Reserve Career

CAREER SPEAK is a six-part series of articles that will appear in future issues of The Reservist in support of a broader Reserve Junior Officer (RJO) Career Management Program initiative. The series will discuss 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.

Part 1:

Are YOU Running Your Career?

By **CAPT Michael Price**
Division Chief, CG Personnel Command
(CGPC-rpm)

No one has published a how-to manual for inexperienced Reserve Junior Officers (RJOs) seeking “best qualified” status as determined at Inactive Duty Promotion List (IDPL) promotion boards. In fact, you will not find textbooks explaining the nuances of successful career management at any Reserve officer level. Lacking formal references or official guidance, Reserve officers are forced to figure things out the old fashioned way ... on the job and by trial and error.

As you know, that can be a prescription for career disaster, not success. You are better than that, and you want a better approach to your career. To seize success, you need to be as passionate and proactive managing your own career as you are about managing your health, family and civilian career.

First and Foremost — Take Control of Your Career!

Let us begin with one of the most basic of all career management questions: “**Who is running my career?**” When was the last time (if ever) that you actually asked yourself that question? Was your answer the Coast Guard? Maybe it was the folks at the Reserve Personnel Management (RPM) Division at Coast Guard Personnel Command? Maybe your servicing Integrated Support Command (ISC)? Maybe no one? If you are stumbling for an answer, then you could be in big trouble. However, if your immediate response was, **I AM**, then there is hope you may reach the rank of commander or captain in 20 years if that is your Reserve career goal coupled together with a real passion to make it happen.

Let Your Passion Drive Success

Let us ask another important question. Does your career plan focus and target your career goals on maximizing professional growth, training and educational opportunities? Does your plan affirm your willingness to be a risk taker? Moreover, does your plan specifically articulate the importance of your reputation, character and values system? Can you create a career plan that addresses so many principles of behavior? Absolutely! This challenge becomes your first step in creating your new career management strategy.

Embedded in your new career image is your personal reputation and how you want senior leadership to view you over the length of your career. Make no mistake about it — articulating and maintaining your personal reputation is a critical element in the success of your career. Once you have established a positive reputation, you must next focus on and package yourself for attaining “best qualified” achievement levels on every task, assignment or challenge put before you. Do not hesitate to seek out opportunities or challenges that others avoid, even if some risk is involved.

Promotion Boards are Neither Mysterious nor Mythical

You’ve heard the old saying about “location, location, location.” Well, when it comes to promotion boards, it’s all about your record, your record, your record! Accurate and timely OERs, resumes and communications to boards are critical. Ask any outstanding RJO and/or any successful Senior Reserve Officer (SRO) that has been through the promotion board process (at least twice) successfully. They get it. **CAREER SPEAK will focus on “promotion boards” in an upcoming article.**

Your Personnel Record is Your Marketing Package

Your next step is to validate the completeness of your personnel record. One quick way to do this is to contact CGPC-OPM-adm for assistance. Additionally, if you are in the Washington D.C. area, contact the Coast Guard Personnel Command and arrange to visit and personally review your record. You would be surprised at the number of records that are found to be incomplete when reviewed before promotion boards. Prior to almost every board, RPM staff members are required to call Reserve officers, or their commands, searching for missing OERs that are critical to the promotion process.

Furthermore, while not required (but strongly recommended), resumes and “communication” letters are often missing. It is well known throughout the Reserve community that for Reserve officers, resumes and letters to the board are highly encouraged. **CAREER SPEAK will also address the importance of complete OERs and supporting documents in an upcoming article.**

The Importance of Mentors/Personal Board of Directors

A key step in building a career plan is recruiting a successful Senior Reserve Officer as your primary career mentor. Then, establish a personal Board of Directors (BOD) to assist you in setting your correct course and speed. Add to that board your spouse (or significant other), a Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer (ROJO), and your most trusted friend who really cares about you and your Reserve career success. Make sure your board members have your permission to properly motivate you if you are slacking off. As a round table exercise, identify those required skills, competencies, education and training targeted to enhance lifelong

career growth. Add achievable timelines and milestones that reaffirm your dedication and commitment. Next, program yourself over the next 24 months to build out pathways to “best qualified” status. Write your Individual Development Plan (IDP) and share it with your BOD. The IDP should be part of your personnel record. **CAREER SPEAK will address the “art of mentoring” in an upcoming article.**

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Finally, Broaden Your Horizons

Try writing a page or two about what you would like to do the rest of your Reserve career. You will open up a new range of possibilities. It is OK to begin to crystallize your dreams and aspirations. You need to choose the road you intend to travel. If your intention is to become a successful Senior Reserve Officer, put into action your personal career management plan. Now feel the release of new energy, passion and optimism — and go for it!

Semper Paratus!

A CGR 67th Birthday Quiz

How well do you know Coast Guard Reserve history? With the 67th birthday of the CGR on Tuesday, Feb. 19, it's a good time for a CGR quiz:

Questions

1. What congressman introduced legislation to create the Coast Guard Reserve?
2. In what city did the first class of Coast Guard Reserve officers graduate in May 1941? Hint: This same city, the oldest in America, hosted a large celebration for the Coast Guard Reserve's 50th birthday in 1991.
3. Where and when was the first Volunteer Port Security Force (VPSF) established?
4. What is the significance of the date July 29, 1948?
5. When and where was the first Organized Reserve Training Unit Port Security (ORTUPS) established?
6. When was the first issue of *The Reservist* published?
7. When was the Office of Reserve at Headquarters established and who was its first office chief?
8. When and why did augmentation by reservists formally begin?
9. When was the deployable port security program initiated?
10. When was the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard established and who was its first director?



11. When did the Summerstock program begin on the Great Lakes?
12. When did Reserve Integration formally begin?
13. When was Reserve Training Center (now Training Center) Yorktown, Va. established? What year was the word "Reserve" dropped from its name?
14. When was the first convening of the Reserve Chief Petty Officers Academy?
15. There have been four Master Chief Petty Officers of the Coast Guard Reserve Force (MCPO-CGRF). Name all four and for extra credit, give the years they held the position.
16. For 27 years, the Coast Guard Reserve has provided waterborne security for what operation?
17. Today, the SELRES has approximately 8,100 members. What is the largest the SELRES has ever achieved? Hint: It was during World War II.
18. Who was the first flag officer appointed in the Coast Guard Reserve? Who was the first woman to hold flag rank in the Coast Guard Reserve?
19. Will the Coast Guard Reserve be involved in the Presidential Inaugural pageantry in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 20, 2009?
20. On what date will the CGR turn 70 and then 75?

For Answers, Turn to Page 31

Attention Reservists: Summerstock 2008

Summerstock is an outstanding opportunity for reservists that are fully-qualified coxswains, boat crew, boarding officers and boarding team members to hone their skills while augmenting stations on the Great Lakes. Summerstock offers an outstanding opportunity to gain valuable experience performing ADSW-AC while both maintaining and improving rate-related qualifications.

Over five million boats are registered in the Great Lakes region, making the USCG's presence paramount to the safety of this diverse and unique waterway. Ninth District stations are billet-challenged due to the "seasonality" of the Great Lakes area.

In keeping with the Commandant's policy on readiness, eligible candidates must have current physical, dental, Annual Screening Questionnaire (ASQ) and National Agency Check (NAC) on record when

submitting requests for Summerstock. If you do not have a current NAC on file, please submit the appropriate paperwork and fingerprint cards to your security office prior to reporting for Summerstock.

Orders are generally authorized for continuous periods of 90 days and are subject to modification to meet operational requirements. Due to the limited funds and availability of billets, personnel are required to have current qualifications, as noted above. Also, we require that you be weapons qualified prior to arriving for Summerstock duty.

Come and join us from May 15 through Sept. 12, 2008 for D9's 36th Season of Service on the Great Lakes! For

more info, including how to apply, contact the Summerstock Coordinator, YNC Patricia Feeney, Monday thru Friday, 6 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 216-902-6095, patricia.feeney@uscg.mil.



How to Apply for Summerstock 2008

- 1 • Prospective Summerstock candidates shall contact the appropriate D9 Sector Logistics Officer through March 31, 2008 to discuss billet availability, their **current** qualifications, length of availability, etc.

Sector Buffalo: CDR Jeffrey Westling, 716-843-9337, Jeffrey.C.Westling@uscg.mil
 Sector Detroit: LCDR Patrick Dozier, 313-568-9551, Patrick.R.Dozier@uscg.mil
 Sector Lake Michigan: LCDR Lucy Bookhammer, 414-747-7163, Lucinda.J.Bookhammer@uscg.mil
 Sector Sault Ste Marie: LCDR Patrick Knowles, 906-635-3207, Patrick.A.Knowles2@uscg.mil

- 2 • If accepted, reservists shall prepare their Request for Summerstock Orders in Direct Access and route it to their supervisor for approval.
- 3 • Sector Logistics Officers notify the Summerstock Coordinator of their selections to fill available Summerstock billets.
- 4 • The Summerstock Coordinator will verify readiness compliance and send a CGMS message containing travel order number (TONO), accounting data, location, dates, etc. to the reservist's unit and Servicing Personnel Office (SPO) to prepare the orders.
- 5 • The reservist's unit prepares the orders and forwards them to the SPO. The SPO reviews the orders for accuracy and forwards the orders to ISC(fot) YN's Worklist for approval. Once ISC(fot) YN approves the orders, SPO prints, signs, and mails them immediately to the member.

6 • No Reservist should report without signed orders from the SPO!

- 7 • The gaining command sends reporting and departure messages.

Ed's note: While The Reservist has had a hard copy archive during its entire 55-year history, the electronic archive is in the works. The e-archive currently includes issues from November 1953 to the late 1960s and 1996 to the present. With two issues being added per workday, projected completion date is sometime during summer 2008. Here's a sampling of what you'll find in the e-archive, which you can check out at: www.uscg.mil/reservist.

• Five Years Ago In The Reservist (January-March 2003) — The Coast Guard's Eighth District along with ISC New Orleans and ISC St. Louis were named 2002 Waesche Award winners and honored at the Coast Guard Congressional Reception in Washington, D.C. Jan. 20, 2003. Also recognized was BMCS Gregory Satchwell, Reserve Recruiter of the Year from Recruiting Office Tampa, Fla., who won this distinction for the fourth year in a row. LT Jill I. Lumpkin of CG Activities Far East, Japan, was named the 20th recipient of the Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer (ROJO) award.

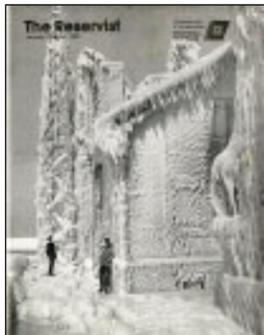
• Ten Years Ago In The Reservist (January-March 1998) — The FY1998 Coast Guard Reserve Budget came in at \$67 million (compare with \$126.9 million for FY2008) • USS MAINE was remembered on the 100th anniversary of its sinking in Havannah, Cuba (Feb. 15, 1898), which eventually led to the Spanish-American War. • LT Kenneth B. Hines was named 1997 ROA Outstanding Junior Officer, while the Thirteenth District won the Waesche Award for the second consecutive year.



• Fifteen Years Ago In The Reservist (January-February 1993) — President Bill Clinton was sworn in as the 42nd president during the 52nd Presidential Inauguration Jan. 20, 1993. More than 60 Coast Guard Reservists served in the Inaugural parade's street cordon, which lined Pennsylvania Avenue from the U.S. Capitol to the White House. • LT John Marks was named Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer of the

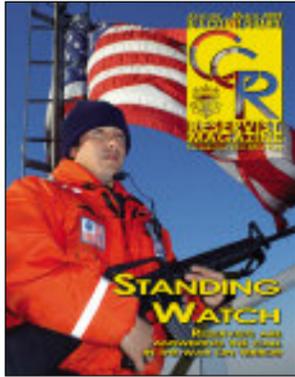
Year for 1992, while South Portland, Maine was named CGR Unit of the Year for 1992 (also known as the Congressional Award Trophy). • CG Reservists from RU MSO Jacksonville, Fla. assisted active duty personnel from MSO/Group Mayport after an explosion and major tank fire along the St. John's River Jan. 2, 1993. It took more than 800 firefighters five days to put out the blaze.

• Twenty-Five Years Ago In The Reservist (January-February 1983) — RADM James C. Irwin, Chief, Office of Reserve, in his "Admiral's Corner" column (now the "View from the Bridge"), encouraged those completing an active duty enlistment to carefully consider the benefits of joining your local Coast Guard Reserve unit. • USS SERPENS, which sank Jan. 29, 1945 off Lunga Beach, Guadalcanal, with the loss of 193 Coast Guardsmen, was remembered. • Coast Guard Reserve



Unit Kansas City displayed its colors at the 57th annual American Royal Parade.

• Thirty Years Ago In The Reservist (January-February 1978) — The 13th CG District Reserve Strike team took part in an emergency oil-spill exercise Nov. 1, 1977 in Puget Sound. • The Reserve pay system had improved during 1977 — December 1977 was the 12th consecutive month in which less than one percent of drilling reservists had pay issues. • The Coast Guard began a three-month operation evaluation of air cushion vehicles for ice breaking on the Illinois River in the Peoria, Ill. area.



• Thirty-Five Years Ago In The Reservist (February 1973) — RADM Arnold I. Sobel, USCGR, was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal by Vice Commandant VADM Thomas R. Sargent for his devotion to the Reserve program. The Chicago industrialist organized and commanded the first VTU and first ORTUAG (Organized Training Unit Augmentation) in Chicago. • Drill charts for Jan. 1, 1973 showed that an E-7 with over 20 years made \$24.89 for one four-hour drill (compare with \$127.57 for 2008) while an O-3 with over 10 years service made \$37.71 per drill (compare with \$171.07 for 2008).

• Forty Years Ago In The Reservist (February 1968) — The Coast Guard SPARs (Womens' Reserve) celebrated their 25th Silver Anniversary in Palm Beach, Fla. at the Biltmore Hotel, site of the SPAR training center during World War II. CDR Eleanor L'Ecuyer served as national anniversary chair and more than 1,000 SPARs attended from across the nation, including the SPARs' first Director, CAPT Dorothy C. Stratton.

• Forty-Five Years Ago In The Reservist (January-February 1963) — Joyce Farugio of Hyattsville, Md., was chosen as the first Miss Coast Guard Headquarters in a beauty contest sponsored by the Coast Guard Enlisted Men's Club. • LT Samuel Cahan, USCGR, Brooklyn, N.Y., was presented with a Commandant's Letter of Commendation by CAPT Victor A.G. Schmidt, Third CG District Director of Reserve, for saving a four-year-old child from drowning in Binghamton, N.Y. • Reservists serving on their two weeks ACDUTRA (Active Duty for Training) at Castle Hill Lifeboat Station in Newport, R.I. received training in boat handling and piloting aboard a 36-foot motor lifeboat.

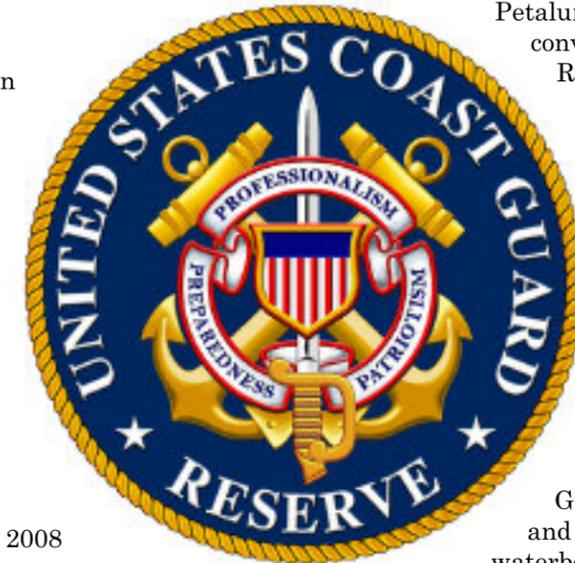
• Fifty Years Ago In The Reservist (February 1958) — November 1957 attendance figures for ORTUs (Organized Reserve Training Units) showed the national average for drilling reservists at 86 percent. The Thirteenth District had the best overall attendance (88.1 percent), the best Organized Reserve Training Unit Port Security was ORTUPS B-934, Seattle, Wash. (98.4 percent), while number one among Organized Reserve Training Unit Augmentation was ORTUAG 03-973 Philadelphia with 96.6 percent. • Reservists were encouraged to "Do Your Part in Recruiting — Bring in a Buddy!"



CGR Birthday Quiz Answers

From the CGR 67th Birthday Quiz Questions on Page 28.

1. Rep. Gordon Canfield of New Jersey. The 77th Congress passed the Auxiliary & Reserve Act on Feb. 19, 1941.
2. St. Augustine, Fla., established in 1565, hosted the first class of Reserve officers who graduated from Flagler College in May 1941.
3. The first VPSF was established in Philadelphia on July 29, 1942.
4. July 29, 1948 is the date Congress approved Public Law 810 allowing retirement pay at age 60 for reservists with 20 years of service. Some consider this the birth of the modern CGR.
5. First ORTUPS was established in Boston, October 1950.
6. The first *Reservist* rolled off the presses in November 1953, making 2008 its 55th year.
7. The Office of Reserve was established in April 1963. RADM Louis M. Thayer was the first Chief, Office of Reserve (G-R).
8. Augmentation was formally established in 1971 to support peacetime missions, while keeping the primary mission of mobilization.
9. 1984, though PSUs were notional and did not deploy until *Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm* in fall of 1990.
10. Congress passed Public Law 773 establishing the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard (SPARs) on Nov. 23, 1942. During World War II, 10,000 enlisted and 1,000 officers served in the Women's Reserve. The SPARs' first director was CAPT Dorothy Stratton, from West Lafayette, Ind. who lived to be 107 until passing away Sept. 17, 2006.
11. 1972. The program is still going strong in D9.
12. August 1994. The Commandant, ADM Robert Kramek, published ALCOAST 078/94 and defined the Coast Guard's desired state as Team Coast Guard.
13. RTC Yorktown was established July 3, 1959. Three Direct Commissioned Officers' Schools were held that summer with 102 officers in attendance. The word "Reserve" was dropped from its name in 1999.
14. December 1993, at Training Center Petaluma, Calif. The course still convenes each summer with Reserve CPOA Classes 22 and 23 graduating in 2007.
15. MCPO Forrest W. Croom, 1991-94; MCPO William C. Phillips, 1994-98; MCPO George P. Ingraham, 1998-2003; MCPO Jeffrey D. Smith, 2003-present.
16. Space shuttle operations. Since the liftoff of the first space shuttle, *Columbia*, April 12, 1981, Coast Guard Reservists have been front and center in serving on its waterborne security operations.
17. During World War II, five of every six Coast Guardsmen were reservists. At war's end, there were 6,800 Reserve officers, 300 Reserve warrant officers and over 135,200 Reserve enlisted. In the post-World War II era, SELRES strength peaked at approximately 17,815 during 1969.
18. RADM Kenneth S. Harrison was the first flag officer in the Coast Guard Reserve, promoted on June 28, 1956. RADM Mary P. O'Donnell was the first woman promoted to flag officer May 2, 2000. She retired June 27, 2004.
19. If history is a predictor, yes! In 2005, Coast Guard Reservists were part of a joint parade route cordon, served as ushers, and at the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (AFIC). In addition, a Reserve marching unit was in the Inaugural parade. See Issue 2-05 of *The Reservist* for a Presidential Inaugural overview.
20. The CGR will be 70 on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011 and turn 75 on Friday, Feb. 19, 2016. It's never too early to start planning though, is it?



In Brief

• ARMED LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS SURVEY — From Jan. 22-March 14, thousands of enlisted men and women will participate in this on-line survey. It will identify the common skills, knowledge and experiences that will help make informed decisions regarding the possible creation of a new rating. All CG active duty and reservists enlisted personnel currently performing armed law enforcement and security related duties, all DSF personnel, and all Reserve Port Security (PS) personnel will receive a direct e-mail, with an embedded link, asking them to complete the survey. If you do not receive an e-mail and you fall within one of these categories, go to www.mtisurv.com/le (password for the survey is enforcement.) The survey, which takes 60-90 minutes to complete, will be available on both the intranet and internet allowing completion using either a CG or home computer system. For more info, please see [ALCOAST 023/08](#).

• FY08 APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR RESERVE READINESS MANAGEMENT PERIODS — ALCOAST 015/08 provides amplifying guidance to the *Reserve Policy Manual* for the FY08 approval and financial accounting processes for Readiness Management Periods (RMPs), with and without pay. RMPs are additional inactive duty periods authorized in excess of scheduled IDT drills.

• RESERVE CWO TOTAL YEARS SERVICE — The USCGR will continue to gradually reduce the number of SELRES CWOs serving with over 30 years service. No annual board will convene for Reserve CWOs with 30 years total service since individual waivers are considered based upon the needs of the service. Calendar year 2008 is the final phase of the drawdown plan. In 2009, a maximum of 30 years total service will resume. For details, see ALCGRSV 001/08 or contact CWO4 Tubbs, 202-475-5440, William.G.Tubbs@uscg.mil.

• MANDATED ELECTRONIC DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENTS — All Active Duty and Selected Reserve Coast Guard personnel who are on an expeditionary deployment for at least 30 consecutive days must now complete pre and post-deployment health assessments electronically. For more info, see ALCOAST 556/07.

• ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS — The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard is now accepting nominations for both the Active Duty and Reserve Enlisted Persons of the Year Awards. Nominations are due **March 7, 2008**. For more info, see ALCOAST 558/07.

• ATTENTION INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN (IT) RATING PETTY OFFICERS — The IT Rating Force Master

Chief is soliciting for IT2/IT3s (or those with “A” School orders) that would like to integrate into the active component. If you are interested, please call your nearest recruiter for information on integrating. If you have further questions, contact MCPO Michael Gentry at: michael.r.gentry@uscg.mil

• DEPLOYABLE OPERATIONS GROUP (DOG) SEEKS RESERVE COMMAND SENIOR CHIEF FOR TWO-YEAR EAD CONTRACT — If you are interested in this position, see the CGPC-epm Special Assignments Web site at www.uscg.mil/hq/cgpc/epm/epm-2/AO_pages/SAAO.HTML. Application deadline is May 16, 2008.

• OPERATION WARFIGHTER AND COMING HOME TO WORK INITIATIVE — ADM Allen discusses two excellent programs and encourages Coast Guard members to utilize them to support our disabled veterans. To learn more, see ALCOAST 008/08.

• RELEASE OF RESERVE OFFICER ASSIGNMENT GUIDES — Three Reserve officer assignment guides are now available for captains, commanders and chief warrant officers on the CGPC-rpm Web page at: www.uscg.mil/rpm/rpm1. Also, see ALCGRSV 057/07.

• PY08 RESERVE LTJG SELECTION BOARD RESULTS — To view the list, see ALCGPERSCOM 002/08.

• ESGR EXTENDED HOURS — Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) has extended its Customer Service Center hours to 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Eastern Time), Monday through Friday (except holidays). ESGR has

added two Customer Service Agents to more effectively answer and resolve Uniformed Service Employment and Reemployment Act (USERRA) related matters. Contact ESGR at 1-800-336-4590, select option 1; E-mail: USERRA@osd.mil; Web: www.esgr.mil.

• 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.



Upcoming Events



MARCH 2008
• COAST GUARD PIPE BAND — The U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band will be performing in the New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Monday, March 17, 2008. For more info, see: www.uscgpipeband.org.

APRIL 2008
• COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN — The 2008 campaign is set for the month of April. Reservists will be contacted during the campaign. However, contributions may be made at any time. For info, call 1-800-881-2462; Web: www.cgmahq.org.



• CWOA ANNUAL MEETING — April 16-19, 2008, at Sheraton South Portland Hotel in South Portland, Maine. For more info, contact Ed Swift, Executive Director, CWOA, 200 V Street SW, Washington, DC 20024; 202-554-7753, cwoauscg@verizon.net.



• LANTAREA & D5 RESERVE ALL HANDS — Saturday, April 12, 2008, 0730-1600, Portsmouth Federal Building, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704. All enlisted and officers of LANTAREA / D5 units are welcome to attend. Uniform of the day is Trops or ODU. Contact CPO McCormack, 757-398-6237, Marianne.McCormack@uscg.mil.

JULY 2008
• U.S. COAST GUARD FESTIVAL — Friday, July 25 – Sunday, Aug. 3 in Grand Haven, Mich., Coast Guard City USA! Parade and fireworks on Saturday, Aug. 2. For info, contact: Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival, 113 N. Second Street, Grand Haven, MI 49417; 1-888-207-2434; E-mail: support@coastguardfest.org Web: www.coastguardfest.org.



AUGUST 2008
• 40th ANNUAL USCG CPO ANNUAL 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/.

NOVEMBER 2008
• 2008 USCG INNOVATION EXPO — Nov. 17-20, at Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, Va. Innovation submissions for the 2008 Innovation Award can be submitted now through March 31, 2008. For more info, contact Mr. Frederick L. Hooghouse, CG-0931, 202-372-4579, FAX: 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 Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

Reunions / Retirements

AUGUST 2008
• POINT ALLERTON STATION-HULL, Mass. — Saturday Aug. 2, 2008, 10 a.m. Contact: CWO4 Robert A. Buotte, 1854 Sun Gazer Dr., Viera, FL 32955, cwo4bob@aol.com, 321-632-4639 or Elmer J. Borsos, 103 County Road 12, Adena, OH 43901, eborsos@aol.com, 740-546-3850.

• RESERVE UNIT SAGINAW, Mich. — Will hold its third annual reunion on Sept. 27, 2008, at RM2 Howard ‘Fuzz’ Walker’s retirement cottage at Skidway lake, Mich.. Contact MKCM James Kozuch, USCGR(Ret.) for additional info, 865-977-1902 (home), 865-368-5550 (cell); E-mail: masterchiefk@charter.net.

Advancements

Reserve Enlisted Advancements effective Jan. 1, 2008 from Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement (ERAA) No. 1-08, ALCGRSV 059/08 (R 211459Z DEC 07):

Boatswain's Mate (BM)

BMCS D E MORRISON
BMCS W P COLE
BMCS G N PAUL
BMC R F KRING
BMC L F OLMO (see photo below)
BMC M S LAROCHE
BMC P W ZARBOCK
BMC K M KNOTT
BMC D N CAMPBELL
BMC M E NELSON

Damage Controlman (DC)

DC1 T E REINKER
DC1 J H ALLEN
DC2 N R KATKA
DC2 M B BOONE
DC2 K K ANDERSON

Electrician's Mate (EM)

EM1 R D LACY
EM1 S O ANDREWS
EM2 S HYLAND

Electronic's Technician (ET)

ET1 B D MEETZE
ET1 T A MAYWEATHE
ET2 Z A COLTON
ET2 C J REICHARD
ET2 W L GARCIA
ET2 J F BURR
ET2 W S MOURINO
ET2 J R HIXSON

Food Service Specialist (FS)

FS1 L R SHORT
FS1 K D MINNICK
FS2 C D OLSZEWSKI

Gunner's Mate (GM)

GMC M S SEIGEL
GM1 J J TEDFORD
GM2 B R ROCKOWITZ
GM2 J D MUKON

Health Services Technician (HS)

HSCS C B CARTER
HSC K A GENO
HSC D A MELLING
HS2 A L ALBRIGHT
HS2 S S ROCHE
HS2 R L FOLKS
HS2 J S COLE
HS2 A F CARLIN
HS2 A C ROBINSON

Intelligence Specialist (IS)

ISCM J D JENSEN

ISCS L R POWALISZ
ISCS R G MCLOUGHLIN
ISC J J BLANCO
ISC C J BINDER
ISC R W THOMPSON
ISC C D TAYLOR
ISC M R SHAW
ISC A D OLSEN
ISC K TOBITSCH
ISC B L BROCKMUELLER
ISC R G CARLYLE
ISC J H MELTON
ISC J W FEIMSTER
ISC P P SCHOCH
ISC B T FRASER
IS2 K P TAMBORELLI
IS2 L J SALIMONE
IS2 E L NELSON

Information Systems Technician

IT2 C J HERNANDEZ
IT2 C D WRAY
IT2 C A LIENDO
IT2 P R RODRIGUEZ
IT2 K J HARRIS

Investigator (IV)

IV1 J E DIGIROLAMO
IV1 R J KEATING

Machinery Technician (MK)

MKCS J P MCQUILLEN
MKCS T R BLITCH
MKCS S J DEANS
MKC J REARDON
MKC T G KEANE
MKC M W CARSTENS
MK2 N E PORTIER

Marine Science Technician (MST)

MST1 Z W AZEVEDO
MST2 C C THOMSON
MST2 R A LAVENDER
MST2 D E VAUGHN
MST2 A J SCHLOSS
MST2 T R JOKI
MST2 J W LEE
MST2 H A NGUYEN
MST2 S R OLSON
MST2 C D LEWIS
MST2 S J LEE
MST2 C B MORRIS
MST2 L A ESTRADA
MST2 B S KASTINE
MST2 T M HOLLAND
MST2 J R SANDERS
MST2 B J COX
MST2 Y D WATSON
MST2 M D OVERSTREE
MST2 N B SMALL
MST2 S M CRUSH
MST2 S L CARDENAS
MST2 Z A DELNERO
MST2 K H SHIH

MST2 H J LAMB
MST2 J W LITSCHER
MST2 C M SMITH
MST2 J R WARE
MST2 K H SOMMERS
MST2 M J TAZAWA
MST2 R J WHITE
MST2 N E PECK
MST2 J R BARTON
MST2 B R GALLUPS
MST2 K L DUNLOP
MST2 F PHIFERSPENS
MST2 M A MADER
MST2 C D BENNETT
MST2 M L PACHECO
MST2 A E VAZQUEZ
MST2 B E SIMONS
MST2 T R MOLINICK
MST2 P M REMENTER
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MST2 N P WILTGEN
MST2 J P WALTHER
MST2 J A BUGG
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MST2 A M LATORRE
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MST2 T J HERRICK
MST2 M BROWN
MST2 K C LA

Operations Specialist (OS)

OS1 P A KRISKE

Public Affairs Specialist (PA)

PACS B A VOULGARIS
PA1 S M BLAKE
PA2 D M DELSIGN

Port Security Specialist (PS)

PSCS W G GILLIS
PSCS T A BEARD
PSC W L DUCK
PSC T A MARTINSEN
PSC J W WRIGHT
PSC R A SCHEFANO
PSC J N DUERER
PSC W R ROWELL
PS1 R J TIGNER
PS1 N G CEA

PS1 B J PETERS
PS1 G M HORNE
PS1 B A WHITE
PS1 J M DOYLE
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PS1 J W ELY
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PS1 A J LEWANDOWSKI
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PS1 R M ONEILL
PS1 D R SHEARMAN
PS1 S F CLEARY
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PS2 J L SIMPSON
PS2 J E SPENCE
PS2 E P LAYFIELD
PS2 D T RANSON
PS2 N E THOMAS
PS2 G V AFLAGUE
PS2 A J FORBES
PS2 K B LAWSON
PS2 G M BARLETTA
PS2 C D MIELE
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PS2 R R SCHORAH
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PS2 J S OVERMAN
PS2 D A DEJONG
PS2 G L ARROJAS
PS2 J L ANDERSON
PS2 W R HUGHES
PS2 J N CONNOR
PS2 K K CLARKE
PS2 M J MAUST
PS2 S M SHOOK
PS2 M A TOBIE
PS2 W B ADAMS

Storekeeper (SK)

SK2 J D BANNISTER
SK2 B J MACKIEWIC
SK2 M T WILSON
SK2 S R KENNEDY
SK2 J F CELATA
SK2 S C LEAPER
SK2 A M WAGNER
SK2 B K HANSHAW
SK2 A H JUWANA
SK2 P J TOMLIN

Yeoman (YN)

YNCS N L SEELY
YNC T V MIRANTE
YN1 C R HOFFMAN
YN1 M W LEAZER
YN1 C R YORK
YN1 J S CLARK
YN1 J MATTEI
YN1 B L CORBETT
YN1 J E DYER
YN1 J W MULLINS
YN2 A E ATTWOOD
YN2 W O HOLCOMB
YN2 N SANTANAROMAN
YN2 J R NAUSS
YN2 J N ARNOLD
YN2 C R WALKER
YN2 S M BARNETT-LAS
YN2 H M SEZGINALP
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YN2 J S PANGAN
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Reservist BMC Luis Olmo, left, receives his E-7 advancement certificate from BMCS Robert Milmoe, Officer in Charge, Station Jones Beach, N.Y., at a ceremony Jan. 9, 2008. Olmo, who advanced to E-7 Jan. 1, has been assigned to Station Jones Beach since 1994 and resides in Merrick, N.Y. Is it initiation time for Olmo?

Photo courtesy BMCS Robert Milmoe, USCG

RET-1 (Retired With Pay)

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CDR BROOKS, DAVID C.
 CDR BROOKS, JOHN G.
 CDR CANORRO, ANTHONY B.
 CDR RANNIK, JAAK E.
 CDR WEHRMANN, GARY R.
 CDR WHITE, KENNETH T.
 LCDR BUTLER, JOHN M.
 LCDR CHILDS, MORGAN G.
 LCDR KNAUER, GREGORY W.
 LCDR MESHAW, NORMAN W.
 LT DILLEY, MICHAEL G.
 LTJG FREMAN, CARL E.
 OCS HALL, GEORGE E.
 PSC MUNOZ, RAFAEL A.
 PSC COATNEY, JAMES R.
 PSC RALSTON, WILLIAM A.
 YNC THOMAS, WELSEY A.
 BM1 BERGERON, ROLAND A.
 EM1 SIERRA, VINCENT D.
 PS1 HURST, CHARLES G.
 SK1 RODRIGUEZ, DAVID A.
 SK1 WATMOGH, GRANT L.
 YN1 FAULK, PEGGY A.
 MK2 OTTARSON, EDWARD P. III

DECEMBER 2007

CAPT MONTFORT, ROBERT W.
 LCDR BRUNS, CLINTON
 LCDR HERITAGE, THOMAS C.
 LCDR PURVINE, STEPHEN P.
 LT SCHELLHASE, ROBERT E.
 EMCM HERWECK, EARL D.
 MKCM WEBSTER, BRUCE K.

HSCS KASZUBOWSKI, GREGORY T.
 OCS BERRY, NORMAN K.
 PSC HODGSON, ROBERT L.
 PSC WILT, NEIL L.
 BMC SANCHEZ, ALLEN J.
 EMC BRYANT, ROY A.
 MKC HICKS, ROBERT A. JR.
 PSC BERUTTI, CLIFFORD P.
 PSC GLENN, WILLIAM A.
 PSC PESSIER, BRUCE W.
 BM1 MCEACHERN, RONALD N.
 IVI PARRY, RUSSELL G. JR.
 MK1 FALOON, RANDALL L. JR.
 MK1 HORN, MICHAEL V.
 MK1 KESSLER, VERNON M.
 MK1 SPRAGUE, ROBERT P.
 PS1 FORD, DAVID W.
 YN1 BLANCHARD, ADLEAN M.
 YN1 CLAY, LYNN R.
 BM2 PROUDFOOT, DAVID L.
 EM2 BARTSTOW, ARTHUR B.
 MK2 CUMMINGS, DANIEL R.
 PS2 JARRETT, JAMES F.
 PS2 RAGAN, MICHAEL E.
 SK2 FERNANDINI, JOSE R.
 SK3 RIVERA, RODOLFO J.
 YN2 RAYMONDSANDLES, MARGIE

RET-2 (Retired Without Pay)

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LT SHAWN MCGLINCHEY
 CWO4 DANIEL J BANNEN
 CWO4 CHRISTOPHER R INAMA
 BMCM RICHARD V LIEBERMAN
 BMCM JOSEPH M SOUTHERLAND

YNCM BONNIE L BERNARD
 MKC JOEL L PATTERSON
 YNC PLEASALA J COLLINS
 BM2 KENJI A SNOW

DECEMBER 2007

CWO4 PABLO A VIVAS
 BMC DAVID W CONNER
 BMC RANDY J LAUER
 YNC GEROD A VICTORINE
 FSCS STEPHEN E BURNS
 MKCS CHARLES R MCCAFFERTY
 PSC COLLINS J HYMEL, JR.
 MKC STEVEN E TRIMBLE
 MKC JERRY L WILLHITE
 MSTC DAVID L BEARD
 PSC ROCCO J CAVALUZZI
 PSC NORMA J AUFFHAMMER
 PSC TYLER T IPPONGI
 PSC ANTHONY B KING
 YNC RANDALL G COOKE
 MK1 DAVID L HARDING
 MK1 ROBERT R SOZA
 MSTI RANDALL R KISHIMOTO
 PS1 GUY L TOWNSEND
 SK1 DANA W WOODHEAD
 ET2 GARTH A LONGTIN
 ET2 ROY F MORRISON
 MK2 STEVEN G ABRAMSON
 BM3 JOSEPH P SHANNON
 BM3 JOSEPH D STEPANOVICH
 MK3 WILLIAM T BRODEUR

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CDR Joan A. Dodds, PSU 312 CO, left, presents CWO4 Christopher R. Inama with his retirement certificate at PSU 312 in San Francisco Oct. 21, 2007. Inama completed 20 years and one month of service in October 2007.



CAPT James O'Connor, left, presents a shadow box to CDR Malcolm C. Veley at Veley's retirement ceremony held at Air Station Miami June 22. Veley served 30 years in the CG and CGR after graduating from the Coast Guard Academy in 1977.

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• **ADM William H. Stewart**, USCG(Ret.), 80, Nov. 30, 2007, in Mobile, Ala. He attended the University of Texas two years before graduating from the Coast Guard Academy in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in marine engineering. He served aboard CGC TAMPA, CGC NEWELL, at the Fifth Coast Guard District in Norfolk, Va., and aboard CGC BLACKTHORN, before



earning a graduate degree in public administration from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. He then served at Headquarters followed by service aboard CGC SEBAGO, at the Seventh Coast Guard District, CGC ANDROSCOGGIN, which served in Vietnam as part of OPERATION MARKET TIME. He then served in the Commandant's Office from 1969-74, in the Fourteenth District in Honolulu followed by a tour as Deputy Chief of Staff at Headquarters. He was appointed to the rank of rear admiral in June 1978, serving as Chief, Office of Personnel until May 1981. He then served as D8 commander in New Orleans before retiring on June 28, 1985. In retirement, he established an annual scholarship for Coast Guard dependents in the Mobile area, and served as the National Director to the Navy League of the United States and the Director for the Alabama Sea Cadet program. ADM Stewart is survived by his spouse, Paulette; a daughter, Karla Bohn; stepdaughters Tamara Shaffer and Jennifer Blye, and grandchildren. Funeral services were held Dec. 6, 2007 at Christ Anglican Church, Mobile, Ala. Interment Magnolia Cemetery, Mobile, with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to either the USCG Academy Alumni Fund, 47 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT 06320-8111 (please designate "for the Class of 1949"), to National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico, P.O. Box 3005, Mobile, AL 36652, or to the Dauphin Island Foundation, P.O. Box 946, Dauphin Island, AL 36528. ALCOAST 551/07.

• **CAPT William E. Cooley**, USCG(Ret.), Dec. 29, 2007, in Ventura, Calif. He is survived by his spouse, Elsa Cooley.

• **CAPT Bert H. Ewers**, USCG(Ret.), Dec. 12, 2007, in Spokane, Wash. He is survived by his spouse, Patricia Ewers. Interment Spokane, Wash.

• **CAPT Frederick H. Salmela**, USCG(Ret.), Nov. 5, 2007. He is survived by his daughter, Corinne Green.

• **CDR Richard W. Mattson**, USCG(Ret.), Dec. 30, 2007, in St. Paul, Minn. He is survived by his spouse, Dorothy Mattson.

• **CDR Edward S. Nance**, USCG(Ret.), Dec. 24, 2007, in Grass Valley, Calif. He is survived by his son, Craig Nance.

• **CDR Gerald R. Skinner**, USCG(Ret.), Nov. 21, 2007, in Ormond Beach, Fla. He is survived by his spouse, Shirley Skinner.

• **LCDR Michael Baker**, USCGR, 41, Dec. 30, 2007, while working as a civilian pilot on a three-person Air-Evac rescue helicopter conducting a search and rescue mission in northwest Alabama when the helicopter crashed. A 1990 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, he served aboard CGC PLANETREE and at Base San Juan, Puerto Rico before going to flight school. He then flew helicopters at Air Station Detroit, HITRON and AIRFAC Waukegan, Ill. He had more than 17 years of service in the USCG/CGR, was currently in the IRR, and was promoted to lieutenant commander in the CGR on Dec. 13, 2007. A joint funeral service was held Jan. 5, 2008 in Muscle Shoals, Ala. for Baker and two other helicopter crew members who also perished in the helicopter crash. Interment at a private family service in late January 2008.



• **LCDR Eugene C. Brandau**, USCG(Ret.), Dec. 2, 2007, in Las Vegas, Nev. He is survived by his son, Daniel, and daughter Nancy Brandau.

• **LCDR Robert Patty**, USCG(Ret.), Dec. 15, 2007, in Valencia, Calif. He is survived by his niece, Marlena Miggs.

• **LCDR William E. Rapp**, USCG(Ret.), 84, Nov. 11, 2007, in Sandusky Ohio. A member of "The Greatest Generation," he served in the U.S. Navy aboard PT boats in the South Pacific during World War II. After the war, he joined the Coast Guard Reserve as a chief petty officer, and was subsequently promoted to warrant officer and then lieutenant. He retired in 1983 as a lieutenant commander while attached to the Erie, Pa. Reserve Unit. He was a member of American Legion Coast Guard Post 1529 in Tonawanda, N.Y.

• **LCDR Horace E. Treadwell**, USCG(Ret.), Dec. 26, 2007, in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. He served with the United States Coast Guard, both active duty and in the Reserve, for 34 years. A World War II veteran who attained the rank of Yeoman Chief, he later received his commission, serving as the first Executive Officer of CGRU Station Port Canaveral, Fla. He retired in 1977. LCDR Treadwell was a life member of the Reserve Officers Association and a Department of Florida Chapter 24 Member, life member and past commodore of Smyrna Yacht Club, life member and past president of the New Smyrna



Beach Kiwanis Club; Masons, Elks Lodge number 1557, and American Legion Post 17. He is survived by his spouse, Jacqueline; a son and a daughter, three stepsons, five grandchildren, and three sisters. Funeral services were held Jan. 3, 2008, at Trinity Lutheran Church, New Smyrna Beach. Interment New Smyrna Beach. Memorial donations to Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 Turnbull Bay Road, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168.

• **LCDR Lewis V. Woodson**, USCGR(Ret.), Dec. 28, 2007, in Williamsburg, Va. He is survived by his spouse, Edna Woodson. Interment Williamsburg Memorial Park, Williamsburg, Va.

• **CWO4 John J. Frackleton**, USCGR(Ret.), Dec. 8, 2007, in Wilmington, Mass. He is survived by his spouse, Sandra Frackleton. Interment Wilmington, Mass.

• **CWO4 Wilbert A. Pina**, USCGR(Ret.), 87, Nov. 20, 2007, in North Massapequa, N.Y. He is survived by his spouse, Agnes M. Pina, a son Russell, a daughter Carolyn LaMorte, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a brother, Robert. CWO4 Pina was born and grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., enlisting in the Coast Guard in September 1941 and serving on active duty until mid-1946. During World War II, he served aboard several duty stations including the Amagansett LBS (1942), Short Beach LBS, USS PRUDENT (PG-96), CGC EASTWIND, and CGC SPENCER. Discharged from active duty in 1946 as a BM1, CWO4 Pina reenlisted in the USCGR in 1958 as a BM1 and advanced through the ranks while serving with several units in the New York City and Long Island area until his retirement. Interment Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, N.Y. on Nov. 23, 2007.



• **CWO4 Alfred Swinburne Jr.**, USCGR(Ret.), Dec. 24, 2007, Scarborough, Maine. He is survived by his spouse, Sylvia Swinburne. Interment Scarborough, Maine.

• **BMCM Wilbert H. Munroe**, USCGR(Ret.), Dec. 24, 2007, in Chebeague Island, Maine. He is survived by his spouse, Marjorie Munroe. Interment Chebeague Island, Maine.

• **HSCS Gerard J. Bransfield**, USCGR(Ret.), Nov. 30, 2007, in Long Island, N.Y. He is survived by his spouse, Dolores Bransfield. Interment Farmingdale, N.Y.

• **PSCS Richard W. Simon**, USCGR(Ret.) Dec. 6, 2007. He is survived by his spouse, Lorraine Simon.

• **BMC Joseph C. Coker**, USCGR, 53, Dec. 1, 2007. A 21-year member of the CGR, he worked for the Henrico, Va. Police Department for 30 years, retiring at the rank of Investigator. In 2003, he joined the Atlantic Area Maritime Law Enforcement Training Team (Axt) under Title 10 orders. During the four years before his death, he trained 4,400 Coast Guard members in law enforcement policies and techniques, including 2,700 personnel deployed to the Arabian gulf as part of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.



“Throughout my 28-year career in the Coast Guard, I have worked with many instructors ... Joe was truly a great [one],” said his supervisor, SCPO John Royal. “When he taught a class, he projected confidence and enthusiasm, which energized his students. ... [W]hen he taught everyone listened. ... Joe eagerly taught everything he knew about law enforcement to thousands of Coasties because he loved doing it.” Royal and Chief Coker’s fellow instructors decided to commemorate his legacy by recognizing others who share the values that he embodied. The Chief Joseph Coker Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement Training will be awarded to the student in each Axt training class who distinguishes him or herself through a demonstrated interest in and commitment to the training as well as the Coast Guard’s core values. Before joining the training teams, Chief Coker’s career was spent at Station Milford Haven, Va. where he was coxswain and boarding team member qualified. He is survived by his spouse, Gwendolyn J. Coker; his mother, Joyce T. Coker; a brother, Steven; and two sons, Joseph, Jr., and Bland. Funeral services were held Dec. 6, 2007 at Urbanna United Methodist Church, Urbanna, Va. Interment Middlesex Memorial Cemetery, Urbanna, Va. Memorial gifts may be made to a college fund account for his two sons, directed to the attention of Wanda Lewter, BB&T Bank, P.O. Box 157, Saluda, VA 23149.

• **BMC Robert M. Wolter**, USCGR(Ret.), Dec. 1, 2007, in Cottage Grove, Minn. He is survived by his spouse, Terese Wolter. Interment St. Paul, Minn.

• **FSC Thomas T. Speer**, USCGR(Ret.) Dec. 31, 2007 in Casa Grande, Ariz. He is survived by his spouse, Donna Speer. Interment Thatcher, Ariz.

• **BM1 Thomas A. McKinley**, USCGR(Ret.), Oct. 25, 2007.

• **MK1 Eugene P. Coakley**, USCGR(Ret.), Oct. 24, 2007, in Oak Park, Ill. He is survived by his brother, William Coakley.

• **PS1 Robert E. High**, USCGR(Ret.), Dec. 1, 2007, in Monticello, Ind. He is survived by his son, Shawn. Interment Monticello, Ind.

• **PS1 Julius O. Salas**, USCGR(Ret.), Nov. 12, 2007, in Exton, Pa. He is survived by his spouse, Carmen Salas. Interment Indiantown Gap Cemetery, Indiantown, Pa.

• **ET2 Clarke D. Tamage**, USCGR(Ret.), Nov. 23, 2007. He is survived by his brother, Terry Tamage.

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New Year Brings Opportunities to Give

Benjamin Franklin once said, “Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors and let each New Year find you a better man.”

Easier said than done, right?

For many, if not all of us, that is saying “yes” to some things and saying “no” to some others — even though that sometimes goes against our grain. It is saying “no you can’t drive your car back to the base” to a fellow shipmate who has had too much drink at a party or at a get together of a few shipmates. Maybe it is saying “yes,” you need to be careful while driving your motor vehicle or motorcycle.

Each year, more Coast Guard members are fatally injured in motor vehicle and motorcycle accidents than in operational and other off-duty mishaps combined. Over the last five years, Coast Guard personnel have averaged seven motor vehicle and motorcycle fatalities per year. The typical active duty members involved in these fatalities are between the ages of 18 and 31. By any standard, these members are too young to have their lives cut short. Who knows what they could have done for the Coast Guard, their country and their families if their lives had not ended early. I am aware that not all motor vehicle accidents can be prevented, but I am also aware that some of the causal factors that lead to an accident can be prevented. Fatigue, speed, distractions and alcohol top the list of factors that most often result in accidents that claim the lives of Coast Guard members.

While we see an average of seven active duty members each year “crossing the bar” due to motor vehicle and motorcycle accidents, we see other losses of life as well. This past year, some Coast Guard members were at a party at a member’s house. Drinking alcohol was part of the activity. The next morning, one member did not wake up. Knowing that your dad, husband, mother, son, daughter or shipmate will not be coming back is something that no one wants to experience.

While not as fatal, in one sense of the word, the Coast Guard’s rate of discharges due to drug and alcohol use is saddening. On the average, the Coast Guard discharges one person every two days for alcohol-related incidences and

one person for drug use every 1.25 days.

The Coast Guard’s suicide rate is also too high. Even if we only have one, that is too high. I have to think that, in most cases, someone noticed a behavior change in that shipmate that chose to end his or her life.

I have a hard time understanding why things are the way they are. I know that our recruiters bring in the very best to our service; the member makes it through recruit training and then goes to their first school or reports to their duty station. At some point, something happens and the member starts making some wrong decisions and those decisions sometimes end their service to their country, to the Coast Guard and sometimes their life.

I know that you are probably saying, “Master Chief Petty you are talking about active duty people and we are reservists.” That is right, but I also know that in many cases, a Coast Guard Reservist knows that member or may even be with that active duty member who is making some wrong decisions. And, let’s not kid ourselves, not all of us reservists always make the right decisions. When anyone of us fails to act, we bear part of the responsibility of what happens next to a fellow shipmate. We, as fellow shipmates, owe it to each other to prevent the fatal tragedies, regardless of whether they are life or career threatening.

We all know the Coast Guard’s core values of “Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty.” While we all want to receive honor, we must remember what President Calvin Coolidge said about honor, “No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.” We must give of ourselves to help others.

As we all face a New Year, we must stop and think what we want to change about ourselves. Do we care more about ourselves or do we care more about others? Caring for others means saying “no” to our own desires and saying “yes” to the needs of others.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we know we could be.”

This coming year, we all have the opportunity to give. May we give the inspiration to others to be what they could be. That is leadership.



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BM2 Lloyd Heflin holds the PSU 308 guidon at the unit's homecoming Dec. 7, 2007, in Gulfport, Miss. PSU 308 deployed for six months to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
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